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LANGUAGE STUDY IN HIGH SCHOOLS

THE PREDOMINANT second language in the high schools of every one of the provinces other than Quebec is French, and considering them all together, more than three-fourths as many high school students are studying French as English. The proportion is as high as two-thirds in every province. That this situation is essentially Canadian, influenced in large measure by the place of the French language in the life of the Dominion, is suggested by the fact that in the United States less than one-eighth of high school students study French, and that only in one-fifth of the individual states is French the second language.

With Latin as with French, the proportion of pupils studying it has always been higher in Canada than in the United States. The most recent records show that almost exactly 50 p. c. of Canadian high school students study Latin. This was about the proportion in the United States between 1900 and 1910, but a steady reduction since then has brought the percentage down to less than 20 p. c. It has been declining in Canada too, during this time, but obviously not at as fast a rate.

German easily comes next in number of students after French and Latin, but is far below either of them. It forms an optional part of high school programme in six provinces—Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Quebec excepted—and claims its highest percentage, 6.85, in Nova Scotia. In Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan the percentage is between four and five; in Alberta and British Columbia it is less than one. For the eight mainly English-language provinces as a whole, students of German represent slightly less than 4 p. c. of the enrolment in English, as compared with 2.6 p. c. in the United States.

Spanish is a subject of long standing on high school courses of the United States, but not in Canada. It made its first appearance here in Ontario in 1919; was authorized in Nova Scotia in the 1920's; and is now offered also in British Columbia. It has not yet found a large following in any of the three provinces.

Classical Greek still appears on the high school programme of all except two provinces, but its total enrolment amounts only to some 500 students. Nearly all of these are in Ontario. Most of the universities make provision for beginning the study of classical Greek after matriculation, and the affiliated theological colleges do similarly for Biblical Greek.

BRITAIN'S POLICY UNCHANGED

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION to negotiate for an exchange of commercial attaches with rebel Spain was never reached on the idea that it would not be criticized. For the chronic critics who wish to see it, and make sympathetic propaganda out of it, as Government aid to the insurgents, no other explanation will do. But for all their railing the fact remains that such appointments do not constitute recognition, and need not alter Britain's neutral position one degree in either direction. If it were possible to reason with such people it could be pointed out that Britain has retained full diplomatic relations with the loyalists, and no one but the rebels and their sympathizers has believed the connection favored Valencia.

If the decision permits of any speculation, it is on the ground that the British Government sees a Franco victory in prospect. There is much material evidence to support it. The rebels are certainly in a stronger position that ever before. Press correspondents with the loyalist forces on the Aragon front have cabled uncensored reports that even the Government militiamen speak openly of a rebel victory. The loyalist morale is known to be low.

On the other hand, that of the rebels is flushed with victory, and the heavy harvests in Franco territory have done a lot to solve the supply problem, while, temporarily at least, ironing out many of the wrinkles in civil administration. If the failure of non-intervention has not aided Franco more than the loyalists on the matter of supplies, it has enabled him to gather a much superior army, which for the first time is now to be concentrated on the major objectives.

It should also be realized that, if Britain has been neutral to the war, she has never ceased to trade with Spain. Unfortunately for the loyalists, most of the territory where the produce comes from now belongs to the Franco armies. The Government's critics appreciated that fact six months ago when they accused it of subsidizing Franco to the extent of \$15,000,000 by continuing to buy from insurgent-held territory. And it was the same group of critics who hoped that Franco's threats of cutting off iron exports to Britain would persuade the Government to forget neutrality, and in retaliation support the loyalists.

In denying that the step meant diplomatic—even de facto—recognition Mr. Chamberlain did not deny that politics are to some extent involved. That has been too obvious for too long. In fact they have been fairly well defined by the size of the Italian forces fighting in Spain and Mussolini's pledges that they are not there for the purpose of securing a Mediterranean deal. Nevertheless, no one, not even the most pro-Fascist, can pretend that their services will not be paid for. It is to Britain's interest, both as a neutral and as a neighbor, to see Franco is not overcharged.

Grant that Italian and German aid would be responsible for the victory, and it remains that Italy or Germany has nothing to give to the business of economic reconstruction. For that Franco's or any other Government must look to Britain, and possibly France. And Franco's or any other Government cannot overlook the fact that almost 75 per cent of Spain's exports go to Britain, from whom she takes less than 22 per cent of her imports. If politics dictate that Britain now recognize these mutual interests, that does not imply an unholy alliance.

ONLY WOMAN

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Miss Lottie Austin, of Mabou, is the only woman agricultural representative in Canada.

PROMINENT

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one of them would care to rake off his lawn on a Saturday afternoon. The best leaves will be shown across Canada.

FORMER RESIDENT

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Trites (nee Gladys Frizzle) are well and favorable known in Wolfville, where a host of friends will wish for them abundant success in their new sphere of activity. — Wolfville Academician.

Mr. Trites is well known in Fredericton, where a few years ago he attended U. N. B. and resided on Lansdowne street.

DIED

STONE—Passed away at Saint John, N. B., Nov. 12, 1937, Ruby Olive Stone, wife of Cyril Stone, Devon, at the age of 25 years.

The funeral will take place Sunday, Nov. 14, with prayers at the home, Devon, at 2:30 p.m. The service will be conducted at St. Mary's Anglican Church at 3 o'clock by Rev. H. E. Dysart. Interment will be made at Lower St. Mary's.

Snapshots

Wouldn't the Devon folks feel heavily if they were linked up with the Celestial City. We might have Bob Tweedie or Pete Watson for Mayor of Fredericton, or perhaps Mayor McEvoy would preside over our affairs at City Hall.

Joking aside the amalgamation of the two adjoining places—Fredericton and Devon would be of mutual advantage to all.

The sun is supposed never to set on the British flag. But the moon does not set on the one on the City Hall. Some times it floats all night.

Where were the police at between two o'clock and three o'clock this morning when a lady called up in regard to a disturbance in her neighborhood? No person answered the phone. What would have been the result had it been a murder?

Alas, if a man doesn't come home with a good alibi when he wanders in after midnight, his wife thinks he's guilty; and if he does, she thinks he's lying. So what can the poor boy do?

Nature has never yet produced a creature without first providing for its needs; man's greatest fault has always been too much preaching and not enough work.

A statue of Britannia, the work of Felix Desruelles, a Parisian sculptor, is to be set up at the port of Boulogne-Sur-Mer as a symbol of Anglo-French friendship. It was at this town that the first British troops landed on August 12, 1914. This picture shows Mr. Desruelles with his statue at his Paris studio.

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Modern Home Lighting Provides For Everyone's Comfort

In this charming living room, cove lighting at the ceiling combines with lamps and wall fixtures to provide proper seeing conditions for every member of the family.

By Jean Prentice

WHEN homes were lighted with candles and gas jets, there was some excuse for glare spots and dark corners. Today, with the cost of electricity coming down all the time, and with the improvement in electric light bulbs and lamp designs, there is no reason for any family to cheat their eyes of the light they really need.

Proper home lighting today supplies light for seeing as well as decoration, providing for the eye tasks of every member of the family. Dark shades are definitely a thing of the past and many little colored shades are being combined to fixtures that are used only for decorative purposes.

In general, the new lamps have greater height for better spread and utilization of light; their shades have white linings for greater efficiency and increased quantities of useful light; their shades are open at the top to contribute larger amounts of illumination throughout the room. These virtues combine to help achieve softness in lighting result.

Perhaps most noteworthy of the features of these new lamps is the diffusing glass bowl, which provides better quality and control of light, permitting some of the light to go downward to the book, newspaper or sewing, and the remainder upward into the room where it helps to illuminate the area surrounding the chair, desk, or divan.

Cove lighting is becoming increasingly popular, particularly in new homes. Here the light comes from a cove or trough built around the ceiling, with concealed, bulb shedding a soft radiance throughout the room. When combined with appropriate floor and table lamps, a lighting flexibility that assures maximum eye-comfort and convenience is obtained.

No room can rightfully call itself a living room—in the fullest sense of the term—unless every chair has a lamp either directly beside or nearby it. For perfect comfort depends upon the ability to see without eyestrain, and good seeing is impossible without good lighting.

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