

ANNOUNCEMENT is made by the Dominion Government that the Federal Fisheries Department is about to establish a new biological station at Prince Rupert, B. C. It will be utilized for research work in connection with the fisheries of the coast, and also for the dissemination of information of educational value.

The British Medical Journal writes: "The munificent gift made by the Rockefeller Foundation to University College, London, and its Medical School, will not have been forgotten. It has been, however, long understood that the foundation did not intend to limit to London the financial assistance it would give to medical educational institutions in Great Britain. We understand that the foundation has for some time been making inquiries in Edinburgh, and is about to provide the cost of a clinical research laboratory there; it is also considering the endowment of a chair in clinical surgery."

THE twenty-fourth biennial edition of the directory of the Washington Academy of Sciences has been issued. This contains the names and addresses of members of the academy and of each of the sixteen affiliated societies. A list of the scientific and technical societies of Washington which are not affiliated with the academy, and of national societies having headquarters or offices in Washington, is also included.

By the provisions of the will of the late Dr. William Johnson Walker two prizes are annually offered by the Boston Society of Natural History for the memoirs written in the English language. For the best memoir presented a prize of sixty to one hundred dollars may be awarded; for the next best memoir a prize not exceeding fifty. The subject for 1924 is any work in the field of botany, for 1925, any work in the field of geology or mineralogy.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE College of Forestry of Syracuse University has received as a gift from Charles Lathrop Pack, of Lakewood, N. J., a tract of 1,000 acres of Adirondack forest land at Barber Point, Cranberry Lake. It will be known as the Charles Lathrop Pack Demonstration Forest.

ACCORDING to an announcement from Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, a fellowship in metallurgy of the value of \$750 has been established by the department of metallurgical and mining engineering, for which an appointment is to be made immediately. The first problem to be studied under the fellowship is "an investigation of the effects of small

percentages of phosphorus on the physical properties of low carbon steel especially under alternating stresses and shock."

LADY RODDICK has given \$50,000 for the erection of an entrance to the grounds of McGill University in memory of her husband, the late Sir Thomas Roddick.

DR. ORLANDO H. PETTY, physician in charge of the Department of Metabolism of the Philadelphia General Hospital, has been appointed professor of the diseases of metabolism in the graduate school of medicine of the University of Pennsylvania.

DR. DAVID P. BARR, assistant professor of medicine at the Cornell University Medical College, has been appointed Busch professor of medicine by Washington University, St. Louis.

DR. H. C. HOWARD, formerly research chemist on the staff of the B. F. Goodrich Co., is now assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Missouri.

DR. FAY-COOPER COLE, assistant professor of anthropology in Northwestern University and curator in the Field Museum of Natural History, has been appointed to give instruction in the department of sociology and anthropology at the University of Chicago.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE UNIFORMITY IN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To close the discussion, may I say that Mr. Russell's statement in *SCIENCE*, November 30, 1923, pp. 442-3, needs careful reading. He says:

The Troy pound (which is Mr. McAdie's another kind of pound) was abolished as a legal weight in the United Kingdom eighty years ago and the Troy pound is likewise entirely obsolete in the United States. There is accordingly only one pound weight in the United States and United Kingdom.

This conveys the impression (while not explicitly saying so) that the Troy pound *has been legally abolished* in the United States and is entirely obsolete.

On the contrary the only authorized material standard of weight in this country is the Troy pound at the Mint (if we except Kilogram No. 20, delivered at the White House January 2, 1890). Moreover if one asks for a pound of gold at the Mint (we have no present intention of doing so) he will get 12 ounces, 5,760 grains. But the farmer who sells a pound of golden butter must give 16 ounces, 7,000 grains, or go to jail. Some day some farmer Senator will discover this and use it as campaign ammunition.

Mr. Russell says "the long ton is obsolescent." Uncle Sam then must be sound asleep, for the United States Government requires in fuel deliveries 2,240