

Atlantic States to work out various problems relating to the lobster, shad and other anadromous fishes of our coastal waters; be it further

Resolved, That in considering means of improving fishing conditions we particularly indorse and recommend any and every action that may be taken to subserve the welfare, comfort and material success of the commercial fishermen.

THE LAKE PLACID MEETING OF THE METRIC ASSOCIATION

NEAR our office in New York is the statue of Marquis Lafayette, beneath which is carved, "As soon as I heard of American independence, my heart was enlisted." Thousands of American and Canadian men and women are now enlisted in the campaign to secure the advantages of the general use of the same metric weights and measures which Lafayette used. These are hereby called together to review the progress of the metric campaign and take counsel on important matters. With the help of Dr. Melvil Dewey, a pioneer of the movement in America, the Metric Association has arranged for a meeting at the Lake Placid Club, Essex County, New York, beginning at 10 A. M., on Friday, July 10, 1925, and extending to July 12. Sessions will be held on Friday and Saturday morning from 10 to 1. The remaining time will be left open for conferences and recreation.

The Lake Placid Education Foundation invites those attending to a Boston Symphony concert, a metric dinner, a 70-kilometer automobile ride through some of the famous Adirondack passes and a trip on the lake. Among the speakers expected are George F. Kunz, Harvey W. Wiley, Eugene C. Bingham, Arthur E. Kennelly, Theodore H. Miller, Frank Crane, Irving Fisher, Henry D. Hubbard, F. J. Schlink, W. P. Wilson and Aubrey Drury. We hope also to hear from several of the ladies who are to attend.

One party will leave Grand Central Station, New York, at 1:25 P. M. (daylight saving time), on Thursday, July 9, to arrive in Poughkeepsie at 3:14, where they are invited to inspect the De Laval Separator factory. This is one of the large factories that has successfully changed to the metric system. Those going directly from New York to Lake Placid may leave on the 8:10 P. M. sleeper. Reservations may be made in car No. 139. This train leaves Poughkeepsie at 10:21 P. M., and arrives at Lake Placid at 8:15 A. M. Those desiring to attend are asked to notify the Metric Association, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, telephone Chelsea 9970. Information regarding the program, accommodation, trains, etc., will be promptly given.

HOWARD RICHARDS,
Secretary

FIELD WORK OF THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL MUSEUM

EXPLORATIONS and field work are being undertaken by the Victoria Memorial Museum at Ottawa as follows:

Dr. R. M. Anderson, chief of the division, expects to spend the latter part of the summer and early fall in biological reconnaissance work, principally in collecting mammals and birds in eastern Ontario and eastern Quebec south of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Mr. P. A. Taverner, ornithologist, will spend the months of June and July collecting specimens along the Red Deer River in Alberta with a view to clearing up doubts as to the breeding forms of the localities traversed and particularly to study the red-tailed hawk. He will be assisted by Mr. C. G. Harrold who, during the months of April and May, was engaged in southern Manitoba in securing for the museum specimens of migrant blue geese.

Dr. M. O. Malte, chief botanist, with Mr. W. R. Watson as assistant, is spending the summer in the foothills area of the Province of Alberta from the international boundary north to the Yellowhead Pass. His work is being done with a view to consolidating the botanical knowledge of the region in question which so far is comparatively vague.

Mr. C. H. Young is engaged in the collecting of material for the scientific staff of the museum in selected localities in the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and Mr. C. L. Patch and others will make short collecting trips from Ottawa in the interests of the museum.

Mr. Hamilton M. Laing, through the courtesy of the Mount Logan Expedition of the Canadian Alpine Club, was allowed to accompany it for the purpose of collecting natural history specimens. The area to be traversed is one from which we possess no material and concerning which we have but very vague knowledge.

Mr. J. D. Soper, in the summer of 1924, was despatched as naturalist by the museum with the expedition sent to Baffinland by the Northwest Territories Branch of the Interior Department. He wintered in the north and it is expected he will return to Ottawa when the Interior Department's boat makes its prospective trip during the summer of 1925.

Mr. W. S. Odell will, as opportunities present themselves, collect mushrooms and fungi in the vicinity of Ottawa.

Dr. E. Sapir, chief of the division, after completing some work in the office, plans on engaging in research on Athabaskan and Haida linguistics at the Hupa Reserve, California, and Queen Charlotte Islands.

Mr. Harlan I. Smith will have as his principal work the direction of work intended for the preservation of totem poles in the Skeena River district, B. C. This work is being financed by the Department of Indian Affairs and the Canadian National Railways are cooperating in the work. Mr. Smith will incidentally carry on archeological and ethnological work as opportunities present themselves.

Mr. W. J. Wintemberg is engaged in archeological reconnaissance in the provinces of Saskatchewan and

Alberta, the tentative route laid out for him extending from Estevan, Saskatchewan, to Edmonton, Alberta, to Macleod, Alberta, and from thence easterly along the international boundary to the western boundary of Manitoba.

Dr. C. M. Barbeau is engaged in intensive study of the folk technology and colonial arts and crafts of the ancient French colony of Quebec and vicinity. The headquarters for this work will be on the Isle of Orleans.

Professor L. Bloomfield will be engaged in a study of Cree linguistics for a period of three months. His work will probably be carried on in the Province of Saskatchewan.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROFESSORSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

At the one hundred thirty-seventh convocation of the University of Chicago, held in Hutchinson Court on June 16, Professor Albert A. Michelson was appointed to the first of the distinguished service professorships established as a result of the present \$17,500,000 program of development.

In raising new endowment of \$6,000,000, the university has sought to obtain special funds in sums of \$200,000, the income from which could be applied to the salaries of scholars of high rank, either already members of the faculty of the University of Chicago or men called from other institutions. This would establish virtually on a ten-thousand-dollars-a-year salary basis such distinguished service professorships, and would confer a special distinction upon those appointed, in addition to the increased income. The plan is considered also to be a recognition of scholarship which will encourage young men to enter the teaching profession.

"It was considered fitting by the university trustees," said Vice-president James H. Tufts, "that the first of these professorships should be awarded to a member of the present faculty, and that the choice should fall upon Professor Michelson, who has not only gained world-renown by his studies of the velocity of light and other problems of physics, but for years has been an inspiration to students and men with the spirit of discovery.

"This distinguished service professorship comes about as another instance of the generosity of Mr. Martin A. Ryerson, of Chicago, formerly president of the board of trustees, donor of Ryerson Physical Laboratory, and consistent friend of the university."

The presentation of this honor to Professor Michelson, head of the department of physics and winner of the Nobel Prize, the Copley Medal and other distinctions, comes on the eve of his departure for California where he will continue his remarkable investigations of the velocity of light.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

In connection with the forthcoming meeting of the International Astronomical Union at the University of Cambridge, it is proposed to confer the honorary degree of doctor of science upon the president of the union, President W. W. Campbell, of the University of California; also upon Professor F. Schlesinger, director of Yale University Observatory; Professor W. De Sitter, of the University of Leyden; Professor B. Baillaud, director of the Observatory of Paris, and Professor H. Nagaoka, of the Imperial University, Tokyo.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY has conferred the honorary degree of doctor of science on Professor W. J. V. Osterhout, formerly of the department of botany in the university and now a member of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, and on Dr. John Jacob Abel, professor of pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University.

YALE UNIVERSITY has conferred honorary doctorates of science on Dr. Donald Dexter Van Slyke, research chemist at the Rockefeller Institute, and on Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan, of the California Institute of Technology.

FRANK B. JEWETT, vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and a past-president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science by New York University at the commencement exercises held on June 10.

DR. JOHN VAN WICHERIN REYNDEERS, of New York, president of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, delivered the commencement address at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, on June 19, and was awarded the degree of doctor of engineering by the institute.

DR. GELLERT ALLEMAN, professor of chemistry in Swarthmore College, received the honorary degree of doctor of laws from Gettysburg College on June 10.

COLONEL JAMES I. BRENNAN, M.E., city efficiency engineer and managing engineer of the city water supply system of Pittsburgh, has received the degree of doctor of science from Duquesne University.

DR. CHARLES ALBERT BROWNE, JR., chief of the bureau of chemistry in the Department of Agriculture, has received the honorary degree of doctor of science from the Stevens Institute of Technology.

DR. FRANCIS C. WOOD, director of the Crocker cancer research fund of Columbia University, has had conferred upon him by Tufts College an honorary Sc.D. degree.