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touch, and treat their subject over-scientifically.

Doctor Doughty has put the warmth of life into his pages, and lavishly interspersed them with color plates showing the very people about whom he speaks. In its present limited form it can scarcely reach many children in schools. Where it should find an audience is around the fireside, where, read aloud, its simple, even style will attract curious little ears, and little eyes will grow big with interest as each evening the wonderful story of Canada is unfolded.

HEAR the long sought, permanent building for the National Gallery of Canada may come into being upon Green's Island in the Rideau River at the point where it is spanned by the Minto bridges. The site has been officially settled. It remains for the building itself to be designed and construction undertaken. The improvement is one for which there has been much agitation, official and unofficial. It will be another important step in the beautification of Ottawa. It should involve, too, the adequate display of the Canadian War Memorial Collection, which the National Gallery has had in its keeping.

The Gallery's latest acquisition, an ecclesiastical portrait by Jean Prevost, a painter of the 15th and 16th Centuries, presented by the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Harry S. Southam, is being put into a brass casket. The Gallery has developed a unique method whereby paintings are preserved from the deteriorating action of the atmosphere by the use of metal containers, hidden by the frame and fitting snugly to the back of the panelling of the picture, upon which the plate glass is hermetically cemented. The air, sealed within, can never become too damp or too dry, for the changing humidity of the Canadian atmosphere is very hard upon old paintings from overseas; there can be little fluctuation in temperature; and oxidation of paint surfaces, which has a darkening effect, is prevented. It is the first time this has ever been done in an art gallery, and it is a system that is being rapidly copied elsewhere.

THE Minto Club will not likely stage another carnival next winter. Participation by the club stars in national and international competitions should be of prime importance next winter. Reappearance of the Minto Club in championship ranks is predicted. Frances Claudet and Guy Owen are younger skaters in whom much

confidence is placed, while Chauncy Bangs is taking a renewed interest in his skating and may soon in singles add to the wide and popular reputation he has achieved in pairs. Melville Rogers and his wife are, of course, the present stars of the club. They did well in the world's championships in New York and received an ovation at the Toronto Carnival.

Under the tutelage of Douglas Blair, who has taken a great deal of trouble in organizing their playing and practicing, the club's juniors have been making great progress, and among them much promising material is developing. Harry Cartwright, a professional, left last March to finish up the season skating in Glasgow, for figure skating has become more popular in the old country of late years, and it is expected he will be offered the post of club instructor again next year.

Although Ottawa endures—and really, enjoys—one of the longest and coldest winters of any city in Canada, it has been too short and too unreliable for figure skating on natural ice. Artificial ice has been largely responsible for the tremendous success achieved by Toronto, and if the Minto is to re-establish itself it will have to install equipment. Reliable ice during a longer period would do much to increase the interest of members, and afford the better skaters ample opportunity for practice.

The Minto's new slate of officers is as follows: Colonel S. H. Hill, president; Mr. D. P. Cruickshank, vice president; Melville Rogers, Chauncy Bangs, Lawrence Burpee, Major C. E. Steeves, Charles Hall, Group Captain E. W. Steadman, Douglas Blair, and Colonel Duguid, directors; Kenneth Matheson, honorary secretary; Harold McDonald, honorary treasurer; Mrs. Melville Rogers, convener of the ladies committee.

Shortly after the return of These Excellencies from the West, the household at Rideau Hall will be increased by another A. D. C. taking the place of Capt. R. T. W. Fiennes who has returned to England to take over the duties of adjutant of his regiment, the Royal Scots Greys, stationed at Telworth. The newcomer is Captain R. V. Brinckman of the Grenadier Guards, son of Sir Theodore Brinckman, Bart. In June, sometime, the Governor General and Lady Willingdon will move to Quebec to take up residence in the vice regal quarters in the Citadel for two months.



Right: Mrs. L. Lohead, of St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, enjoying the sea breezes on the deck of the Empress of Scotland, during a Mediterranean cruise