THEATRES

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sketch in "It Happened in Topeka."
After the always excellent work of Mr.
Bell, Mary Cecil marked talent and
Miss Mignon Leris, who comes new
to the role of the excitable little French
wife, was clever, altho a trifle nervous

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madiy encored several times when she
sang the "Mellow Melody."

AT THE PRINCESS

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IN "OFFICER 666"

Thus the Harmson Interest.

Harmson Make Places

Ha "Officer 666" may well take its place with such good standard farce comedies as "Betsy" or "The Private Secretary," or such a recent success as "Seven Days" or "Brewster's Millions." It has all the ingenuity and snap of the French and German school of dramatic construction, and the unities of time and place are observed with classical reverence. The plot is so reasonable that the mind of the audience is left entirely free to enjoy the delightful absurdities of the situation, and there is a consistency in the story and a mellowing touch of human nature about it that make the laughter that rang thru the house all last night in the Princess, so good-natured and so hearty that everybody came out smiling and delighted, and not wondering why he had been laughing as he did. "It seems as if it couldn't happen except in a play," says Helen (Elise Glynn) at the close. "Believe me, dear, it couldn't," is the assurance of Travers Gladwin, who is the millionaire hero, and who is fitted up by Edward Abeles with all the coolness.

Famous New England Play at the Grand Last Night

Denman Thompson's pretty drama of New England life is the offering at the Grand this week, and at the openwas taxed to its capacity. Altho not to be taken as a model of dramatic construction, and of little moment from the viewpoint of little moment from the viewpoint of literature—to which it should be said in justice that it does not pretend—"The Old Homestead" has not pretend—"The Old Homestead" has that atmosphere of human kindness, that same and healthy outlook upon that same and healthy outlook upon the western city that associations

Ontario Farmer Got 75 Cents a Barrel, and Winnipeg Consumer Paid Just \$5.75.

PROVINCIAL POLICE **DOING GOOD WORK**

Annual Report Shows That Less Cases Were Handled This Year Than Last.

Most Advanced Legislation of Its Kind is Being Copied By Many Police

No Lights and Bad Roads Cause Residents to Kick

CONCEALED WEAPONS Members of North Earlscourt Ratepayers' Association Made Vigorous Protest to York Township Council, and Their Grievances Will Be Righted-Leaside Plans Presented.

The meeting of York Township Council yesterday afternoon was rather a quiet one, save when the members of the North Earlscourt Ratepayers' force the Town of North Toronto, or Association appeared on the scene and made things lively for a short time. They stated that they purchased lots from the Dovercourt Land Co. and the Robins, Limited, built their homes and now that the weather is bad, they are confronted with worse than no road at all, and they claimed that as the council accepts the taxes, have approved.

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