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HAMILTON NEWS

OLD MRS. PARROTT HAS DIED

And the Vicious Son is Now Held With a Charge of Murder Over Him.

THE CULPRIT DENIES THE CRIME.

Educational and Other Matters of Local Interest—General News of the City.

Hamilton, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Benjamin F. Parrott, jr., is a matricide; his mother died shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. Parrott was brought before the Magistrate and formally remanded until next Tuesday, when he will be tried on the charge of murder. Prisoner appeared quite indifferent. On the way to the police station from the jail he chatted freely with Patrol Driver Fenton. He at first denied striking his mother; but afterwards said he did strike her, it served her right; adding that he had said that such a thing would happen some day.

Coroner Griffin called an inquest, and the jurors met at the City Hospital at noon, Mr. J. A. Cox being chosen foreman of the jury. After viewing the remains, the inquest was adjourned until to-morrow evening at No. 3 Police Station.

While it is expected the defence will be insanity, most of those who know Parrott believe he is nothing more than bad-tempered, with too strong a desire to imbibe strong liquors. He was seldom sober, and the carters on the stand he used say Parrott was not known to drink water, tea or coffee. Owing to his great dislike for his mother, Parrott lived in a room he had fixed up in the barn behind his father's house on Steven-street. He cooked all his own meals, and was not satisfied with ordinary food, buying turkeys, chickens and similar delicacies.

Yesterday morning the Main-street carters say he told them when he came on the stand that he had already drank a quart of brandy, and he had more liquor during the day.

The terrible result of last night's quarrel is no surprise to the father, who had frequently told the police he feared that something of the kind would happen during the too-frequent quarrels in the Parrott house.

Want to Be on the Board.

The City Clerk has received the following communication from the Local Council of Women: "In view of the amendment to the Hospital bylaw, passed about two years ago, permitting the appointment of an Advisory Board of ladies, and as no action has yet been taken in the matter, the Local Council of Women respectfully begs your consideration of the appointment of the following ladies: Mrs. A. T. Wood, Mrs. H. McLaren, Mrs. John Eastwood, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. T. H. Pratt, Mrs. F. W. Fearman and Mrs. John Billings."

There is nothing in the bylaw to provide for such a board.

Sheriff Middleton.

James T. Middleton, ex-M.L.A., for one term East Hamilton's representative, and once within one vote of being M.P. for South Wentworth, has received his reward. He is now Sheriff of Wentworth County. Mr. Middleton went before Judge Snider this afternoon, and was sworn in.

The fight for the office was on for several months, Sheriff Middleton's most persistent opponent being Mr. James Dixon. Mr. Dixon is now pondering deeply on the thinness of politicians' promises, and is not disposed to give any more money or work to help the Liberal cause.

Minor Matters.

W. F. Miller of the Inland Revenue Department has decided to appeal the case of Miller v. John McQuillan. McQuillan was charged with breaking the Inland Revenue Act, and the Magistrate dismissed the case.

William Martin, East Cameron-street, was thrown from a horse to-day, and one of his legs was broken.

"Yankee Doodle Dandy," the brilliant extravaganza from the New York Casino, will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House to-morrow evening and Saturday, with matinee performance.

Some of the aldermen want to take steps to retain the Canada Life headquarters in Hamilton.

Board of Education.

The Board of Education met this evening and passed the estimates submitted by the Finance Committee. They show an expenditure of $125,000 for Public schools and $32,600 for the Collegiate Institute, requiring a municipal grant of $130,300, necessitating a rate of 5 mills. No reference was made to the overdraft of $39,000 and the finance chairman said the matter would be considered later, when, he thought, the Council would have to be asked to issue debentures to wipe out the overdraft.

Big Four At Home.

The Big Four—Conductors, Brakesmen, Engineers and Firemen—Association held its annual at home in Thompson's Hall to-night. There was a large crowd of railway men and their friends present, and William Pitt, president, was chairman. A long program of vocal and instrumental music was carried out. A supper followed the concert and preceded dancing. Lomas' Orchestra supplied the dance music.

Musical Indians.

A choir of Indians from the Grand River Reservation gave a concert in the James-street Baptist Church to-night. An appeal for money for the Indians' church was made by Rev. Mr. White. J. Brant Sero, Indian chief, also spoke.

Colors for Boys' Brigade.

In the Central Presbyterian Church lecture room colors were presented to the Boys' Brigade of the city by Mrs. W. H. Draper. Adam Brown read an address and a program of music was carried out. W. H. Draper was chairman.

A bayonet, single stick and fencing class has been formed among the members of A. Company, Q.O.R.

THE CANADA LIFE COMPANY

Deputation Waited on the Finance Committee to Talk About Its Rumored Removal

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CHOSEN

To Find Out the Facts—Other Matters Concerning the Assessment Dealt With.

Hamilton, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—A large number of deputations waited on the Finance Committee this evening One of the principal concerned the Canada Life Co. A request was made that the committee grant a rebate on $164,907, which the company claimed was over-assessment last year. City Solicitor Mackelsan spoke strongly against the request, and said it was strange the company should take such a stand for 1898, when for years it had paid taxes on not more than one-tenth of its income.

Mayor Teetzel referred to the rumors that the company was about to remove to Toronto, and suggested that a committee be appointed to wait on the directors and ascertain the facts. The Mayor and Ald. TenEyck, Wright and Burkholder were appointed the committee.

The committee decided to fix the assessment of the Greening Co. at $30,000 for ten years. The Hamilton Cash Register Company assessment was fixed at $48,000 for ten years. The Bell Telephone Company asked the committe not to join with Brantford in asking for an amendment of the Assessment Act to tax wires, poles, etc., as a going concern instead of scrap. The committee agreed to support Brantford in its petition. The Steel Railway Company asked for a rebate on personality and realty of $64,610. No action was taken. The Mayor, Ald. Ten Eyck, Wright and Kerr were appointed a sub-committee to meet the representatives in regard to the Distillery Company's request regarding its assessment. A deputation of foundry men asked the committee to endorse a bylaw to exempt the plant and machinery of manufacturers from taxation. It was decided to recommend a bylaw exempting them for five years.

At midnight the financiers were hard at work going over the various appropriations, it being understood the rate would be fixed at 20 mills.

Pianos to Foreign Countries.

A visit to the custom house a few days ago revealed the most interesting fact that the Gerhard Heintzman Company are exporting pianos to Chili, South America. This being an item of considerable importance to Canadian commerce, a Globe representative called on Mr. Gerhard Heintzman to gain some information regarding this far-off market for these famed instruments. Some months ago a merchant prince of Valparaiso, Chili, visited the United States and Canada on a purchasing trip, and among other lines he was looking for a high-class piano. Visiting Toronto in the interests of his business he made inquiries as to pianos. The Gerhard Heintzman being most highly spoken of as a high grade piano, he visited the immense plant of the Gerhard Heintzman Company, and, although he had had the privilege of inspecting other pianos and factories in Toronto and some of the recognized standard piano factories of New York he was so well satisfied with the thoroughness of construction in the Gerhard Heintzman pianos and with their superior tone quality that the result was a large contract for an assortment of these pianos. Mr. Gerhard Heintzman naturally feels proud of this stroke of business, and it is certainly a distinct triumph for Canadian art and enterprise, and opens up a new market for Canadian products. Gerhard Heintzman pianos have also a market in Bermuda, where the superior material and workmanship are proof against that most trying climate. They have also shipped several instruments to the United States lately, all of which point to a progressive and well established business.

Globe, Feb. 7, 1899.

LOCAL TOPICS.

Cigaret machines reduced to five cents each.—Alive Bollard.

The Toronto Humane Society meets today at 4.30 p.m.

John Mills, milkman, of 316 Sackville-street, was thrown out of his wagon yesterday morning by a jolt from a trolley.

"Billy" Ross has taken hold of the project and will issue a year book for the class of '99. He has already met with encouragement.

A regular meeting of the Cartwright Club will be held at the club rooms, 1206 West Queen-street, this (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Fitzgibbon will read a paper entitled "Letters from Newark, 1792 to 1800," at to-morrow night's meeting of the Canadian Institute.

Mr. Thomas Kerr will read a paper this evening entitled, "A County Derry Celebrity," at the meeting of the Irish-Protestant Benevolent Society.

Mr. A. M. Campbell, treasurer of the Children's Aid Society, acknowledges the receipt of $2.50 from the employees of the E. B. Shuttleworth Company, Limited.

A Grand Trunk train of eight cars went off the track yesterday at Port Dover diamond, Woodstock. The spreading of a switch was the cause of the mishap.

In the Division Court yesterday Eugene Collins, formerly manager of the Metallic Monument Company, sued the company for $4150 wages due him. Collins got judgment for the full amount of his claim.

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THE BUDGET BROUGHT DOWN

Treasurer Harcourt Says the Province Must Raise More Revenue.

BUT WHAT ON IS A SECRET AS YET

Col. Matheson Criticizes the Figures and Suggests That Money Goes for Bribery.

Business commenced in earnest at the Legislature yesterday. When the session opened, shortly after 3 o'clock the galleries were filled with party supporters and friends of the legislators, present in the expectation of the budget speech. Their expectations were realized and Hon. Mr. Harcourt contributed a survey of figures showing the present condition of the finances of the province.

He attributed the deficit, which the Government has to explain to the people, mainly to the falling off of the revenue of the Crown Lands Department, and he promised the introduction of measures that would increase the revenue sufficiently to offset the losses that have accrued thereby. He was very guarded in his speech as to what these remedial measures would be, but there is a substantial impression around the buildings, which is not absolutely denied on the Government side of the House, that the wherewithal to meet the deficit will be forthcoming by a tax on the capital, whether productive or unproductive, of loan companies, trust companies and banks. The earnings of such corporations will not be taxed. Banks outside of Ontario cannot be taxed on capital, and that will give them an advantage over local institutions.

Mr. Harcourt's address lasted two hours and a half, and he dealt with all the financial problems before the Government.

Col. Matheson opened the debate in the evening in an hour's speech, in which he charged the Government with extravagance, objected to the way in which, for the misleading of the public, they presented the statement of public accounts, and urged that there would be no deficit if strict economy were exercised. Severely he condemned the mission of corruption of the Government officials during the recent bye-elections, and made an earnest plea for a better policy on the development of Ontario's mineral resources.

Mr. Conmee will continue the debate.

At the opening of the afternoon session a number of petitions of minor importance were presented.

MR. HARCOURT'S BUDGET.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt then rose to make his annual statement. There were many reasons, he said, why he need not occupy the attention of the House in generalities. The financial issues had been all gone over in the general election on March 1 last, in the press fully into the subject, and which had also been threshed out in nine subsequent bye-elections. He then proceeded, without further introduction, to discuss the leading items. The first and largest, the gross receipts, $3,647,000, which in December were estimated at $3,313,000, leaving, therefore, an excess of $333,981 over estimates. Over 1897 we have an excess of $722,000; in 1896 the excess was $192,000. This frequently-occurring and large excess helps to explain the delusions of my honorable friend from South Lanark, who evidently fears an enormous deficit. He confuses the actual receipts with the estimated receipts.

Important Receipts.

A most important receipt last year is that of the subsidy from the Dominion Government, remaining at the same figure. The next item requires a word of explanation, namely interest. In 1898 we received $304,083, in 1897 $247,435, in 1896 $260,544. This large interest receipt is composed almost entirely of three items: (1) Interest on capital sum, which the Dominion holds in trust, $272,414; (2) interest from deposits in banks $17,730; (3) interest on drainage debentures $13,631. It is manifest that the Dominion Government won't pay this interest unless we have somewhere the capital to yield the interest, which amounted to these figures: 1897 $212,000, 1896 $211,000, 1895, $202,000, 1894 $310,020; and it is worthy of particular note that that last sum in 1894 represents the sum that would be paid in the items, school lands, trust funds, U.C.C. building fund, U.C. Grammar School fund, placing $2,848,000 to the credit of the province by the Dominion, through what is known as the Tilley Act. Only in 1894 did we get an exact payment instead of an approximate payment. In 1897 I explained to the House the variation in the receipts, and it must be borne in mind that this province owes the Dominion a considerable amount of money, and before the Dominion sends us this sum they deduct the interest, sending us the net interest. Therefore, it must be gratifying to the House to know there is that large sum of interest constantly due to us.

Crown Lands.

Next, regarding Crown lands, there was received $1,112,000, $162,000 beyond the estimates, and less than the year before. Going back to Confederation, the average for the 30 years is $949,000; therefore, last year's receipts were nearly $150,000 larger than the average. Under the different heads there were received from woods and forests $981,000, mining lands $63,000, sales of Crown lands $42,603. The receipts from mining lands this year was abnormally large.

Liquor Licenses.

From liquor licenses was received last year $277,000. This receipt is shrinking, as we expect it to do, as fewer licenses mean lesser revenue, and 212 fewer licenses were granted than the year before. During the last five license years the following licenses were granted: 1893-4, 3270 licenses; 1894-5, 3151 licenses; 1895-6, 3132 licenses; 1896-7, 3006 licenses, 1897-8, 3064 licenses. The constant shrinkage gives evidence of the survival of the fittest. The License Law amendment in 1897 had the effect of lessening still further the number of licenses. That law was partly in operation May 1 last, with the result that during 1898 100 licenses were cut off. The amendment will be fully in operation next May, and 50 licenses more will go. Quebec received $540,000, twice as much as Ontario, and since five years ago the immense sum of $2,783,864 was received from liquor licenses. In Ontario this was $1,348,000 less than Quebec. In the last four or five years we have given back to the municipalities $13,444,851; Quebec retained all its license revenue.

There was very little interest taken in the liquor option, only six votes being taken, an ineffectual attempt, and two licenses only being reduced in consequence throughout the whole province.

Province Getting Better.

The number of committments to jails for drunkenness is growing noticeably less, 1707 last year, and 10 years ago 4097. The figures were quoted from 1893 to 1897 respectively. In Ontario, in 1897, there was one conviction to every 919 population; in Quebec, one for every 407; Nova Scotia, one for 381; New Brunswick, one for 262; Newfoundland, one for 337; British Columbia, one for 239. Therefore, under the license laws of Ontario, the rate is less than one-half of other provinces.

Succession Duties.

The aggregate receipt since 1892 from succession duties was $1,073,832, every dollar of which has been applied to purposes of public charity. [Government applause.]

From succession duties we received, in 1898, $206,185. Strictly speaking, the amount is somewhat less, as one estate the solicitors made a cash deposit instead of fyling bonds. This large receipt comes from only 435 estates. In no other conceivable way could so large a sum be brought into the treasury without diverse criticism. The Surrogate Courts, in 1898, passed upon 4625 estates, but only 86 were found to be dutiable; for every one estate that paid duty 51 escaped out of the 29,205 estates throughout the whole province. In 16 out of 44 counties not a single estate was held to be dutiable.

Mr. Harcourt then said: An important statement to be made in this connection was that York and Frontenac have paid, since 1882, $207,740 more than all the other provinces put together, showing that those paid who were most able to pay.

Mr. Whitney: It only proves that the estates were poor.

Sale of Annuities.

A much commented upon item, continued Mr. Harcourt, was the sale of annuities last year, amounting to $128,417. We were forced to sell annuities since 1884; in 88-90 we didn't sell any; in five years, since 1884, we have met extraordinary expenditure without referring to annuities, although authorized to do so. He was glad to be able to announce that the sale will be less this year still by $12,000 or $15,000. Prices last year were also better than any other year, and every railroad so aided has received the sanction of the entire House. One million has been paid more than was received and also less had been spent in public buildings since 1884, and surely that was a special expenditure, the amount being $5,707,009, a like feat could not be pointed to in any other country in the world.

The Casual Revenue.

The casual revenue was a growing receipt last year, amounting to $146,578, $22[illegible] coming from the Provincial Secretary, and $24,000 fees paid for charters of incorporation, of which The London Times says: "No better indication of recurring prosperity than the large receipts from charters can be asked for."

The insurance receipts actually received from the two departments were $28,000.

Deficit is in Crown Lands.

Coming to Crown lands, Mr. Harcourt said: The whole deficit of 1898, compared with '97, is accounted for by the deficiency in Crown lands receipts. Had our Crown lands receipts kept up to the preceding year our receipts of last year would have been exceeded; the total receipt last year was larger than any three years previous. The expenditures of the province totalled $3,802,941. An honest, earnest, successful attempt had been made to curtail the expenditures of the province.

The expenditure for agriculture and arts last year exceeded any previous year by $15,000, and it was evident that the House was ready to foster this branch. The question was asked which of the grants would be cut off, poor schools, Public schools or High schools? The speaker considered instead of the Minister of Agriculture explaining his $4000 over-expenditure, he might ask for more, the large sum of $19,289 being spent on the San Jose scale alone.

Educational expenditures were increased to aid and increase the usefulness of the schools.

A New Item.

A new item was $15,091 for the Public school leaving examination. School inspection cost $53,280, Normal schools $46,000, High schools $106,000. Secondary education must not be discouraged by meagre grants. Nine per cent. of all educational moneys expended was paid to superannuated teachers.

Public Institutions.

The province spent last year to maintain public institutions $885,745, about 21 per cent. of total expenditure. The daily average of the number of insane cared for by the province in the seven insane asylums has steadily increased from 2006 in 1878 to 5004 in 1898. There is a similar alarming increase in other countries, and Mr. Harcourt quoted statistics. He compared the cost of similar institutions in the United States and the manner of conducting them, demonstrating that the Ontario system was far preferable, and that the ratepayers were relieved of a large burden.

Our capital expenditures alone have been enormous in connection with these institutions, and the Opposition had in addressing audiences in the country pretended to explain the exact financial standing, but had not pointed out that large permanent investments in erecting public buildings had been made, nor the amounts expended in providing accommodation for and maintaining the afflicted, thus relieving municipalities. Since the Mowat Government first assumed office there has been expended $3,104,616 for buildings alone for the insane and idiotic, not including buildings for the blind or deaf and dumb.

In addition to the erection of buildings large sums have during recent years been expended on improvements and extension of provincial institutions at Mimico, Brockville, London, Hamilton and Kingston. The Government desired from time to time to make further improvements, and Mr. Harcourt instanced new hospital buildings at Queen-street and London Asylum, costing $30,000 each; a chapel and recreation room at Brockville, costing $5000, and a spray bath at Kingston Asylum. Additional accommodation was still being demanded, and he must at this session ask for a grant to furnish the attics of the Brockville cottages and make room for sixty new admissions. He urged the necessity of special provision for epileptic patients, and there is still a pressing need for more asylum accommodation.

Maintaining the Insane.

Mr. Harcourt dwelt at length on the asylum question, and said that all things considered the Government could not with either profit or advantage depart from the present system.

"We spent last year in the maintenance of our asylums $626,141. Quebec spent only $205,000. During the last five years the cost of maintenance in Ontario has been $2,903,989; for Quebec, $1,454,875, a difference of $1,539,114 or $307,821 a year. The Quebec Government has no reformatory prisons or lunatic asylums, and does not maintain public institutions in the sense in which we maintain them.

Mr. Harcourt went thoroughly into the Quebec system.

Pauperism is Shown.

"Of the 5000 patients in Ontario asylums only 770 contribute anything toward their own support. We received from paying patients during the last year $15,805.

"The total expenditure for asylums since Sir Oliver Mowat became Premier has been no less than $10,760,229, or about 10 per cent. of all the expenditures of every kind in the province."

"The honarble gentlemen will observe that we have kept our expenditures for the year within the main appropriations for civil government, administration of justice, public buildings and public works.

"Our miscellaneous expenditure, though kept within the vote of the House, is the largest of any year since Confederation. It amounted to $208,000, but of this sum no less than $90,000 was spent in connection with the general elections held during the year, the contested elections and voters' list revision. These same three items in 1894 amounted to $88,944.

There was an over expenditure in connection with legislation, chiefly due to the items, viz., stationery, printing and binding and indemnity to members. The holding of an extra session of the House in August last of course partly accounts for this over expenditure.

Mr. Harcourt urged the Printing Committee to lessen the expense of printing and binding.

The Minister went into figures, stating that the year was commenced with a credit cash balance of $905,849. The total revenue for the year was $3,647,353. Expenditures were $3,803,081, so that the cash balance was drawn on during the year to the extent of $155,728.

"It must be very gratifying to the whole House to know that we closed the year with a credit cash balance in our banks amounting to $450,121," said Mr. Harcourt.

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ON AND OFF THE STAGE

Mrs. Fiske's Support.

The starring system must certainly be censured for one growing evil. Everyone knows the inadequacy of the average traveling company which appears in support of a prominent star. Occasionally, however, there comes a star of sufficiently keen artistic perception to realize that an all-round performance of even excellence is far more to be desired than the brilliant work of the single star, flashing out on a background of mediocrity. Mrs. Fiske, who is shortly to play an engagement here, is among the few who shine. Mrs. Fiske's supporting company is now generally known as the equal, if not the best, of any traveling organization. Frederic de Belleville, with the record of 100 successes on the American and English stage, is Mrs. Fiske's leading man. John Jack, a veteran of matured art and unctuous personality, who shared early honors with Joseph Jefferson and Edwin Booth, is another leading member. Mrs. Mary E. Barker, for a decade of years leading character actress with Dion Boucicault; Sydney Cowell, Olive Hoff, Gertrude Bennett and Gertrude Norman are well known to theatregoers. The sale of seats is now in progress, the scale ranging from 25 cents to $1.50. Good seats can be reserved at 50c, 75c and $1.

At the Grand.

"Modjeska's" trunks were sent to a belated unpacking last night. The consequence was that the top gallery had a chance to circulate its stiffened blood in stamps and clapping. In equal ratio did the ardor of the less demonstrative pit warm with expectancy and with opera cloaks and overcoats. The curtain rose a half-hour late, and then wintry apparel had to do its best alone for at least an act for both. It rose non the still small voice of great Modjeska, too still, too small at first. It rose upon something of a disappointment in appointments too, but Modjeska was only starting in. The first act was not advantageous for her. It revealed "Mary, Queen of Scots" the downcast victim of Elizabethan policy and caprice. Next came her rival in the splendor of her court ascendant. Then the meeting of the Queens in the park, Leicester's treachery and successful shuffle, finally Mary led to the death she did or did not deserve. Leave that to history, this is drama. Frederick Schiller, the playwright or was it Anna E. Proctor, the personation gives Elizabeth a shade the worst of it. Miss Proctor had all the Elizabethan attributes excepting perhaps that she lacked a little dignity. She exalted here caprice and she did justice to her vanity. It was a splendid scene when she and Modjeska met. The proud Mary's knee was loth to bow; imperious Elizabeth demanded the supplication. They concluded by unmasking and casting off the veneer resort to epithets and recrimination. The scene was splendidly worked out. It was aided by a wealth and exactitude of costume, and was the most noticeable of all. Modjeska herself was not declamatory. She preserved a quiet force throughout, and her efforts had not opportunity to stand out in relief from those of her capable support.

"That Man," a Funny Fellow.

The offering at the Grand Opera House, beginning next Monday, will be Mme. Chartres' exquisite farce, "That Man." The central theme of the comedy rests upon a man, who, coming to New York without friends, without money or prospects of any kind, hits upon a novel method of earning a livelihood. He is drawn in contact with several families, whose husbands have reached the neglectful state, and insist in spending more time abroad than at home. Jealousy on the part of the wives is the natural result, and "That Man" at once jumps into the breach and passes as one who comforts neglected wives and guarantees to arouse jealousy in the husbands. All the entanglements and misunderstandings that arise from the combination of things are most humorous, but at the same time, are treated with a strict regard for probability. The cast is a strong one. Mr. Reuben Fax retired from "On and Off" to assume the character of "That Man," whose specialty is comforting discarded wives.

The Princess Next Week.

Manager Cummings and Mr. Louis Fettscenic artist of the Princess Theatre, returned yesterday from Boston, Mass., where they had been inspecting the scenery and preparing for the presentation of "Cyrano de Bergerac" the week after next. In the meantime, that is next week, the company will represent "Mixed Pickles," a comedy that J. B. Polk wrote and made his own for three years, reaping a fortune thereby. It is in three acts and never ceases to fun from the rising of the curtain in the first act to the falling of the third or last act. Mr. Cummings, always on the look out for novelties, brought with him from New York, a set of electric bells, which will be placed throughout the theatre, and which will play frequent tunes between the acts giving the effect of xylophone solos. These bells have been introduced into the leading theatres of New York and have proved a splendid success.

Massey Hall To-Night.

The Ryerson School concert, which takes place in Massey Hall this evening, promises to be a big success. The superb program provided is as follows:

PART 1.

Organ ..... Flat Lux ..... Dubois
Mrs. H. M. Blight.
Elsa's Dream ..(Lohengrin) ..... Wagner
Miss Margaret Huston.
'Cello ..... Simple Confession ..... Thome
Mr. Paul Hahn.
If I could Do That Too.....
Mr. James Fax.
Silas Wegg ..... Dickens
Miss Jessie Alexander.
'Cello ..... Gavotte ..... Popper
Mr. Paul Hahn.
Irish Folk Song ..... Arthur Foote
Miss Margaret Huston.
—PART II.
The Coming of the Bagpipes to Lucknow (with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Blight)..... Morford
Miss Jessie Alexander.
Sandy McClusky .....
Mr. James Fax.
(a) Broken Melody..... Van Biene
(b) Minuet ..... Marie
Mr. Paul Hahn.
(a) Dream .....Bartlett
(b) I'm Wearin' Awa' ..... A.L.
Miss Margaret Huston.
Odd Types from Life (first time rendered in Toronto) ....Jessie Alexander
Miss Jessie Alexander.
Schneider's Band .....
Mr. James Fax.

Banda Rossa Coming.

The Banda Rossa, the famous band from Italy, has been reorganized, and is playing with tremendous success in the States. The criticisms of the papers in the cities where they have played teem with expressions such as "a remarkable organization," "criticism that admits of praise only," and that certain numbers were a "revelation to hear it played by this band." Manager Suckling has arranged an engagement of this magnificent organization for Massey Hall early in next month.

Only those who have had experience can tell the torture corns cause. Pain with your boots on, pain with them off—pain night and day; but relief is sure to those who use Holloway's Corn Cure. ed

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Mr. Stewart Murray has been appointed general freight and passenger agent for the Northern Steamship Company, to fill the place made vacant by Mr. J. M. Borte. Mr. Murray will have his headquarters at Buffalo.

In the Surrogate Court yesterday he will of the late William McDavitt of York County was entered for probate. It disposes of an estate valued at $3086, of which $4600 is in real estate. The whole is left to his children.

"Active Socialism in England" will be the subject of an address by ex-Ald. J. H. Beever of Halifax, Eng., a member of the Fabian Society, and ex-president of the Trades Council of Halifax, before the Social Reform League, in Guild Hall parlor, McGill-street, on Friday evening.

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Met Yesterday and Elected Officers for the Current Year.

The annual meeting of the Shire Horse Breeders' Association was held yesterday morning at the Albion Hotel. Among those present were: President H. N. Crossley; John Gardhouse, Highfield; John Davidson, William Linton, William Snell, Clinton; W. E. Wellington, Toronto; T. Royalton, James Leask, Taunton; A. Johnston, Greenwood, and J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield.

The annual report presented by Secretary-Treasurer H. Wade shows a decided increase, both in registrations and membership. There is a balance of $52.68, with which to begin the year.

A resolution was passed to the effect that horses should be admitted to the United States on presentation to the customs authorities of properly accepted registration certificates. Messrs. H. N. Crossley and H. Wade were appointed to attend to the matter.

The officers elected are: President, H. N. Crossley, Toronto; vice-president, W. E. Wellington, Toronto; directors, John Gardhouse, Highfield; James M. Gardhouse, Highfield; William Hendrie, jr., Hamilton; William Wilkie, Toronto; H. J. Smith, Highfield; George Garbutt, Thistleton; Thomas E. Kinner, Mitchell; delegates to Industrial Exhibition, Thomas Gardhouse, Highfield; delegates to Western Fair, H. Wade, Toronto; and Thomas E. Kinner, Mitchell; delegates to Ottawa Exhibition, Thomas Gardhouse, Highfield; delegates to Horse Breeders' Association, H. N. Crossley and W. E. Wellington; judges recommended for Spring Horse Show, R. Gibson, Delaware, and Dr. K. P. Ebernker, Springfield; other shows, R. Gibson, J. Y. Ormsby, John Gardhouse and Thomas Kinner; Committee on Book, H. N. Crossley, John Gardhouse and H. Wade; auditor, C. M. Compiin, London.

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