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THE MOVIES THE PLAYERS

Who's Who and What's What in the Picture World and on the Stage---Favorites and What They Say and Do.

ECHOES OF THE MOTION PICTURE CONVENTION.

That a very notable gathering was held lately in our city there is no doubt. There were assembled in St. John lately seventy-five exhibitors from the three provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. These are the men who purchase the pictures so we name them first. There were invited to attend this meeting also, in order that they might discuss problems which affect them, many film exchange men. Here, too, were the men who say what pictures the public shall see—the censors, those people whom some think so unnecessary and of whom others say "we must have them."

One can hardly think of pictures without actresses and we had with us Miss Rose Tapley and Miss Belle Bruce. Miss Tapley is too well known to describe, she came and conquered, and Miss Bruce is a dainty little actress of much ability. Then another side of the business was represented, the men who write about the pictures, and here to speak to us were W. Stephen Bush of the Exhibitors' Trade Review; Merrick R. Nutting, editor of a Canadian trade journal, which is becoming very popular; Sam Spedon of the Moving Picture World, and G. H. Donaldson of the Billboard (to say nothing of some here at home, for it is not modest to mention ourselves).

In F. H. Richardson of the Motion Picture World there is one who knows the right way to show a picture and perhaps even better still, the way to show another fellow how to rightly show his picture—in other words an authority on projection.

There are, however, even more sides to the fifth greatest industry in the world—the exhibitors as a body—and we had to talk to us and a very eloquent spokesman he proved to be, Charles C. Pettijohn of New York, general manager of the American Exhibitors' League.

Now you can see with this many sided business what possibilities there were for discussion and may we say for heated discussion? Yet the sessions were calm and all the questions settled in the most friendly spirit or left till more thought could be put upon a solution of the difficulty. Though it is an Exhibitors' League the film men were invited to be present and were only asked to retire during a very short period. It struck me as rather wonderful, almost idealistic.

One question which came up was, I thought, settled in a wise manner. At the first annual convention, among the business which was left unfinished was the motion to join the Motion Picture Exhibitors' League of America. This came up again this second convention and it was decided by vote that in the existing state of tension among the Leagues in America it would be best not to affiliate with any organization until the next annual convention of our own League of the Maritime Provinces. With those representing the rival camps, so to speak, present, it was an interesting question and the decision seemed to satisfy both the Canadian members and their guests from over the border, both of whom had made such a good impression on the local assembled motion picture men.

Of our own speakers I think we were justly proud. The retiring president, W. H. Golding, can always be trusted to make an address couched in terse language with his own picturesque way of expressing himself. He had some things to say there about fancy prices being asked for and the wrong of increasing the price asked for amusement in war time that were clear common sense forcibly spoken.

The new president, N. V. Gastonguay, is a jolly good fellow and will show us if Nova Scotia can do even better than St. John in the way of energy and activity.

Those who brought up the matters of business difficulties, such important things as standardized contract, the improvement needed in the shipment to Canada of better films (newer and cleaner), national censorship, advertising the picture and other subjects, spoke straight to the point and stopped when they were finished—an art to be learned by many platform lecturers.

That the Empire is at war was not forgotten for we are proud of the assistance being cheerfully given at all times by our Canadian theatres and the matter of showing food films to help along the thrift campaign was at once made the text of a resolution pledging those present to join with the Dominion government in this excellent idea.

And we had a good time too. We had little dinners and little suppers, too. We saw some new pictures, we got some new ideas, many of them. I know one person who was so touched with the kindness of her reception that she forgot all her carefully prepared speech and could only say "thank you all."

It remains for all members of the League to stand by the new officers and to stand together against any unnecessary or unfair measures which may be taken against the trade, to be loyal to one another and to make the next year even more successful than the past.

ALICE FAIRWEATHER.

"THE GIRL WITHOUT A SOUL."

In the Metro drama of the above name Viola Dana is seen in the dual role of twins (who said I was Irish?) One twin is good, a dear little girl, and the other is inclined to let her fancy rove after a fascinating Russian, who tells her tales of how famous she might become through her music. There is some stolen money, a trial a confession and the quite satisfactory punishment of the aforesaid Russian person.

The place of the story is a country village and the picture is sweet and pretty.

In addition to the World Tours, which were taken in Burges, Belgium, French West Africa and France, the Imperial not by a happy coincidence but by a long-planned design, showed a comedy taken some years ago in which Miss Tapley has a part. Also in the picture "A Regiment of Two," which caused much amusement, were Sidney Drew, Harry Morley, Anita Stewart, Edith Story, Kate Price and other Vitagraph favorites. This is a re-issue and except for the reality of some incidents today, is a very funny comedy.

At eight thirty Miss Belle Bruce appeared upon the stage in person and made a very unaffected natural little speech which pleased the large audience assembled greatly. Miss Tapley, who was the bright particular star of the convention, gave her excellent advice to the public as to their share in the elevation of the moving picture in her bright and witty way and instantly made friends with those present as she does everywhere she goes.

MONCTON EXHIBITORS INDIGNANT AT NEW TAX.

The Moncton exhibitors are indignant over a new tax which has been recently levied by the city council. This new tax makes the exhibitor pay four cents a month on every seat in his house or 48 cents a year in addition to his theatre tax. The tax on vaudeville is one dollar a day.

The seat tax in St. John, a city of four times the population of Moncton, is 30 cents a year for each seat only.

The exhibitors in the city of Moncton naturally feel that this is unfair, and it is expected that every effort will be made to have this new decision changed.

UNIQUE.

"The Fatal Ring."

"You have got to hand it to Pathe for serials," said an exhibitor to me not long ago, and it is certainly true. The Unique theatre was filled to capacity last evening to witness the beginning of the Serial "The Fatal Ring," featuring an actress who though she has never appeared in St. John, we may well call "our Pearl," for we have watched her through many perilous happy adventures.

In "The Fatal Ring" Pearl White plays the part of Pearl Standish, a rich girl. A demand is made on her by a man named Nicholas Knox, for the violet diamond, which he claims her father bought after it had been stolen from the Sacred Order of the Violet God. Pearl disclaims any knowledge of the diamond, and the followers of the Violet God begin forthwith to make life interesting for her. She is given fifteen days to live if she does not return the diamond, but before the days pass she has become so involved in the affairs of the followers of the Violet God, in the villainies of Richard Carslake and the adventures of Tom Carlton, a newspaper man, that her waking and sleeping hours consist of dodging death at the hands of the Order of the Violet God and Richard Carslake.

Her career was followed last night with the most lively interest, and there is every indication of a fine serial following. I left Pearl swinging on a chandelier to which she had just leaped from a breaking stair rail.

The Arlington Orchestra are being heartily welcomed back to St. John. They have lots of new music which they play with a swing.

Miss Tapley and Miss Bruce's appearance is announced for this evening at the Unique and Lyric.

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MISS TAPLEY GUEST OF HONOR AT LUNCHEON.

At the iSgn o' the Lantern tea rooms yesterday Miss Rose Tapley and Miss Belle Bruce were entertained at luncheon by Miss Alice Fairweather, Motion Picture Editor of The St. John Standard. To meet Miss Tapley were invited representatives of the societies interested in the betterment of conditions and in the artistic side of life. The table was decorated with garden hydrangea, and the place cards bore a small portrait of the guest of honor.

Those present who enjoyed meeting Miss Tapley and Miss Bruce, were Mrs. Kuhring, president of the Women's Canadian Club; Miss Grace Leavitt, vice-president, of the Local Council of Women; Mrs. H. A. Powell and Mrs. Leonard Tilley, vice-presidents of the Women's Canadian Club; Mrs. W. E. Raymond and Mrs. Silas Alward, officials of the St. John Art Club; Mrs. Lawrence, a member of the National Council of Women; Mrs. James F. Robertson, of the Canadian Club and a member of the Library Board, and Mrs. Richard Hooper, of the Women's Suffrage Club.

This morning a motor trip is planned for Miss Tapley and Miss Bruce so that they may see the beauties of the Kennebeccasis River. After that with Mrs. Kuhring they will visit the Red Cross, in which they are deeply interested.

Miss Tapley is a cousin of Captain Bartlett, the well known explorer, and happened to have with her some interesting pictures of this famous traveller. She described some incidents which had come to her first hand from the trips to the Arctic regions.

PERSONALS

H. H. Hatfield, of Hatfield & Scott, Hartland, was in the city yesterday. He came by motor and is en route to the North Shore in connection with the firm's potato business.

Mr. and Mrs. Alen Johnston left yesterday on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Alen T. Chisholm, at her summer home, Falmouth, Maine.

Charlie Porter, of Yarmouth, arrived in the city on the steamer Empress and has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Lamereaux, West St. John, prior to going to Mount Allison College in Sackville.

LOYALIST DESCENDANT DEAD.

At Buctouche on Sunday last James Henry Powell, a merchant of that place passed away. Mr. Powell and his brother George are probably the only surviving children of a Loyalist in the province of New Brunswick. Mr. Powell's father, Thomas Powell, formerly judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Kent, was born in Peekskill, N. Y. in 1777, and came to St. John with his father, Solomon Powell, grandfather and several uncles in 1784. The family settled at Gagetown, but Solomon and three of his brothers removed to Richibucto where they engaged in the lumbering and fishing business. The firm Powell and Pagan was the largest in the county of Kent in early days. Mr. Pagan was also a member of the Pagan firm of St. John, St. Andrews and Quebec.

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