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## LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss Mabel Busby has accepted a position as head milliner with a Walkerton millinery establishment.

—The appeal of Mr. G. W. Armstrong against the decision of Judge Macbeth in the case of Ald. Garratt will be heard on Saturday.

—The many friends of Miss Flossie Lang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lang, South London, will regret to learn that she is seriously ill at Victoria Hospital.

—The carnival at the Jubilee Rink did not materialize owing to the mild weather. The management stated this morning that the ice will be torn up today and that the rink will be in shape for roller skating at the earliest possible date.

—The remains of Mr. George Elkington, who died on Sunday, at the age of 84, were interred yesterday at Woodland. The funeral was held from the residence of deceased's son, Mr. John Elkington, 99 Cartwright street, and the services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Perdue, of St. Paul's.

—At the ninth division court yesterday, before Judge Edward Elliott, the Northwest Steam Heating Company sued O. N. Cambridge, of Rectory street, for \$112, the balance due on a furnace. The plaintiff had paid \$100 on the contract, but declined to pay the balance, claiming that the furnace was defective. After hearing considerable evidence the judge adjourned the case until March 27.

**WEEK OF PRAYER.**  
The first of a series of meetings in connection with the week of prayer was held in Somerset Hall yesterday afternoon. Various topics were discussed and the meeting was made very interesting.

**FARMER KICKED BY HORSE.**  
William McNeill, a well-known farmer, who resides near Fernhill, was Monday morning kicked by a horse while he was hitching it up. His left elbow was badly smashed, and he was otherwise badly injured. McNeill was first taken to Stratford, where Dr. McKay attended to his injuries, but later the physician found it necessary to send him to Victoria Hospital, this city. McNeill last night was very restless, but his recovery is looked for.

**INDUCTED AT WARDVILLE.**  
With due ceremony and in the presence of a large congregation, Rev. Henry A. Thomas was Monday evening inducted rector of the parish of Wardville and Newbury. The official service took place in St. James' Episcopal Church, and was performed by Ven. Dr. Richardson, archdeacon of London. Messrs. C. Henderson, of Wardville and Armstrong, of Newbury, as wardens, delivered the church keys into the hands of the new incumbent. Rev. E. C. Dymond, rector

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of Glenora, read prayers, and the archdeacon preached a practical and suggestive sermon on public worship, in the course of which he spoke in terms of praise of Mr. Thomas, who has already become very popular with his new congregations. They recognize in him an able and devoted minister.

**LECTURE-RECITAL**  
Pleasing Programme Rendered at First Presbyterian School Room.

Considering the excessively bad weather, a good audience was present at the lecture-recital at the First Presbyterian lecture-room last night. The programme was the joint arrangement of Mr. Alfred Dunn and Mr. George C. Phelps, organist of the church, and consisted of a lecture on Scottish songs by Mr. Dunn, with some of the songs themselves interspersed. Between the parts of the lecture, a group from the choir of the church rendered Old English part songs.

The lecture was clear in plan and, considering the disabilities of time, complete in range of the subject. Mr. Dunn has the art of succinct expression, coupled with a style almost epigrammatic. He did not have any difficulty in holding attention throughout the evening. He succeeded, too, in making those who were not Scotch just as interested in the old tales of the border, as those whose own ancestors perhaps took active part in the stories he was narrating.

The songs were in the hands of Miss Nina Taylor, a young soprano of South London; Miss Rosada Taylor, contralto; Mr. McLachlan, baritone, and E. S. Crawford, the bass soloist of the church, as well as in the hands of Mr. Dunn himself. Mr. McLachlan, himself a recent arrival from the old land, had the real flavor to his accent, and the others, if not so fortunate in the matter of birth and environment, had the "spirit" and sang into the sympathies of the audience, as well as in harmony with the letter and spirit of the lecture.

Misses Green, Scott, Mona Fitzgerald, Hayes, Southam and Reid, and Messrs. Anderson, Young, Crawford, W. H. Phelps and F. N. Phelps, of the choir, rendered "Ye Little Birds," "Mopsa," and "Come To Me, Gentle Sleep," unaccompanied part songs. The old English type, with spirit and finish. This is a style of music little heard in London, and of a class rich in some of the finest gems of part writing. These songs gave just the touch of variety necessary to make the evening wholly artistic. After joining in "Auld Lang Syne," the audience dispersed after a pleasant, instructive evening.

## INJURED BY RUNAWAY

Louis Sylvester Thrown From Rig, and Has Arm Fractured.

Louis Sylvester, a peddler, of 96 Clarence street, was so seriously injured in a runaway accident yesterday afternoon that it was necessary to remove him to Victoria Hospital.

Sylvester was driving on Clarence street, when the horse took fright, and threw him from the rig. He alighted on his head and shoulder, and was badly stunned. His right arm was also fractured above the elbow. This morning he is reported better, and his physician, Dr. Healey Williams, says he will be around again shortly.

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## A MUSICAL TREAT WAS AT GRAND

"The Girl and the Bandit" Proved to Be a Pleasing Light Opera.

Miss Viola Gillette appeared before what was only a fair audience at the Grand last night in "The Girl and the Bandit," a very pleasing light opera, which was worthy of better patronage. The title of the production no doubt led many people to believe that it would be a rip-roaring succession of burlesques, with the matter of music crowded away in the background, to make way for slapstick comedy. On the contrary, however, "The Girl and the Bandit" proved to be a real musical treat, with far more attention paid to melody than to funniness, though certainly the latter was not neglected. The piece abounded in melodious choruses and sweet lyrics, and the company proved itself capable of interpreting them to the satisfaction of the audience.

Films as is the plot, the thread of the story is always kept in view. The music was laid in Venice, opening up with an evening carnival introduced by the company in "Moonlight Lagoon." Miss Gillette appeared as Marchesa di Santa Melina. In love with her is a hot-headed young swain, Mr. Fred Knights. His jealousy arouses her anger, and she resolves to pique him. Daniel Clancy, a part taken most acceptably by Sam Mylie, is introduced, and she allows Clancy to pay attention to her. Clancy, being a widower, is well up to the game. After many amusing complications, the scenes are shifted in the second act to a bandit's retreat in the Austrian Tyrol, where everything ends well.

The staging was beautiful, but not extravagant, and in the last act it was very plain. But it is not on mechanical effects that "The Girl and the Bandit" depends for its success. The presence of a lady of charming presence, with a splendid voice. Several of her numbers were enthusiastically encored. "Dreamland," and "In a Garden One Day," made especial hits.

In the part of Muraldo, leader of the bandits, was Mr. George J. McFarland, a Montreal man, who is rapidly making a reputation for himself in light opera. He is the possessor of what is undoubtedly the finest baritone voice heard in light opera here in many years. His clearness of enunciation, depth of tone and magnificent range won him encore after encore for every number. His favorite song was a plaintive, love ballad, "My Sweet Venetian Rose."

Mr. Sam Mylie, in the part of Clancy, kept the funny end of the opera going in good style, and he was ably assisted by Miss Leonie Pam, a bewitching little sprite, who made good in a sort of Eva Tantriquy role.

Though not strong in numbers, the choruses lacked nothing in musical quality, and a number of pony ballets were introduced which were worthy of much praise. Manager Bowers should have had a better house, though undoubtedly the bad weather kept many people at home.



FLORENCE LITTLE, With "Lovers and Lunatics."

The sparkling musical comedy, "Lovers and Lunatics," with Joseph Morris and a clever company of forty people, will appear at the Grand tonight and Thursday night. The play is one of the light, pleasing forms of entertainment, with just enough of a story to form a vehicle for a rapid whirl of catchy music, bright witticisms, graceful dances, pretty girls and numerous kaleidoscopic color effects which furnish an evening of pleasant enjoyment. Popular prices will prevail.

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## PREMIER MAY COME

Hon. J. P. Whitney Invited to Canadian Club Banquet.

The dinner, music, programme and finance committees of the Canadian Club held a joint meeting last night and decided that the first annual banquet shall be held on Tuesday, April 2nd.

An effort is to be made to have Premier Whitney speak at the dinner. Mr. F. D. Monk, K. C., M. P., Montreal, and Mr. Thomas Martindale, of Philadelphia, formerly of London, have accepted invitations to deliver addresses on the occasion.

## W. A. M. A. CONVENTION

Miss Halsion Gives Address on the Work of the Dorcas.

The Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association of the Diocese of Huron held the first session of its twentieth annual convention in Cronyn Hall yesterday afternoon, when the attendance of delegates was possibly the largest on record, indicating an increasing interest in the work.

The afternoon meeting was given over almost entirely to arranging preliminaries for the sessions of today and tomorrow. In the evening, an informal gathering was held, at which Miss Halsion gave an address on the work of the Dorcas Society, of which she is the general secretary.

## THE FINEST IN LAMBTON

New Central School for Petrolia — St. Clair River Ice Moves.

Sarnia, March 12.—St. Clair River is filled with ice as far north as the old Dunford & Alverson dry dock, but there are crossings at Port Huron, St. Clair and Marine City. The ice moved down about three-fourths of a mile in the vicinity of South Park yesterday.

Petrolia claims that the new central school is the finest in Lambton County. This afternoon the building was thrown open to the public, and the trustees were busy showing the citizens through the modernly-equipped rooms. In the evening the town hall was packed with people to listen to speeches in connection for the formal opening from the following gentlemen: Hon. W. J. Hanna, J. E. Armstrong, M. P.; W. D. Sulzby, chairman of the public school board; Dr. McAlpine, Inspector Barnes, Canon Craig, John Fraser, ex-M. P., and Mayor Grant. The mayor of Petrolia occupied the chair.

## HOCKEY.

FAT AND LEAN MEN PLAY.

Clinton, March 13.—The fat and lean men of Clinton played hockey here on Monday night, the score being 4 to 4. The line-up:

Leans—Goal, George Barge; point, A. J. Grigg; cover, J. Wick; center, N. Fitzsimmons; rover, W. C. McConnell; left wing, Paul Freeman; right wing, W. J. Turner.

Fats—Goal, J. Leniton; point, H. Fitzsimmons; cover, B. Fitzsimmons; center, James Welse; rover, A. J. Holloway; left wing, Summerhayes; right wing, James Mann.

**FALLS WON BY A GOAL.**  
Simcoe, March 12.—The Niagara Falls hockey team came here last evening by special train, along with about a hundred supporters, and played an exhibition game with the Simcoe seven, which they won by a score of 8 to 7. The half-time score was 4 to 4.

The line-up and officials were: Simcoe—Goal, Coates; point, J. Andrews; cover, Chrysler; forwards, Cratt, Platt, Mason and G. Andrews. Niagara Falls—Goal, Broughton; point, Logan; cover, Erkhart; forwards, Shea, McCarten, Spick and Keeley. Referee, "Humpty" Hager. Wolland; timekeepers, W. L. Munro and J. Battenberg; goal umpires, E. King and J. Emes; penalty, E. Ramey.

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