

The Shamrock and Rose.

The thrilling play entitled the "Shamrock and Rose," was presented in Anderson's Hall, Head St. Peter's Bay, by the St. Peter's Amateur Dramatic Association, on Monday evening the 16th inst. Following is the cast of characters: Barney O'Boyle (an Irish Bouchal), Dougal McInnes, Squire Fitzgerald (Rose's Father), Ban O'Hanley (an Outlawed Patriot), Arch. McInnes, Shaun Carey (a Spy), George Doyle, Capt. Beck, Lieut. Douglas, Thornton (of the King's Yeomery), Barney O'Hanley, Ambrose Somers, Frank McMillan, Rose Fitzgerald (The Rose of Wicklow), Miss Angelina Somers, Ileen O'Boyle (Barney's Shamrock), Miss Minnie Lewis, Nana Desmond (John's Sister), Miss Mollie Lewis.

For amusement the different performers acted their parts splendidly, and elicited abundant and deserved applause. The hall was packed to its utmost capacity, and the development of the plot aroused the keenest interest and produced much merriment. The play was intensely enjoyed by all present. The entertainment was under the auspices of the parish, and under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. R. J. Gillis. In addition to the play vocal and instrumental music was furnished between the acts. Andrew Lewis, Esq., presided, and appropriately explained in his opening address, the scope and object of the entertainment. Some excellent singing was furnished by Rev. Dr. Morrison, Rev. Fathers Gillis and McLean, and Mrs. Fraser. The instrumental music was furnished by Miss Eilie Sullivan and Mrs. Fraser. The Gramophone also furnished some very interesting selections. It was skillfully manipulated by Rev. Father McAlachy. Not the least interesting feature of the programme was the splendid dancing—Strathpey and Sword Dance—by Miss Eilie Gillis. The final number of the programme was the sale of a number of well-filled baskets. The sale of baskets was excellently conducted by Mr. C. E. Pratt. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to over one hundred dollars.

The Markets.

There was a noticeable decline in the price of almost everything yesterday. Oats for which buyers have been paying 32c. all winter dropped to 30c. yesterday. Potatoes, which have been very scarce on the market were bought up yesterday for 15c. a bushel. Pork has also taken a decline—6c. being the highest price paid. There were considerable quantities of hay in which brought from 45c. to 50c. per cwt. Straw was about the same as last week—25c. per cwt. Butter is down again to 22 and 24c. Eggs are selling at 10 to 12 cents a dozen; the supply is said to be short and dealers expect a decline to 12c. by the end of the week. Following is a summary of the prices of yesterday's market: Butter (cream) 22 to 24, Butter (salt) 20 to 21, Beef (small) per lb. 0.05 to 0.07, Beef (quarter) per lb. 0.05 to 0.07, Celery per bunch 0.00 to 0.10, Cabbage 0.05 to 0.08, Calf skins 0.08 to 0.10, Ducks 0.10 to 0.12, Eggs per dozen 10 to 12, Wild Geese 0.75 to 0.80, Hides 0.45 to 0.47, Hay per 100 lbs. 0.45 to 0.50, Lard (per bushel) 0.05 to 0.06, Mutton, per lb. 0.05 to 0.06, Mangles 0.10 to 0.15, Oats 20 to 25, Oatmeal (per cwt) 0.80 to 0.90, Pork (small) 0.05 to 0.07, Sheep (per lb) 0.10 to 0.12, Straw (cwt) 0.00 to 0.25, Cheese (lb) 0.12 to 0.15, Turkeys (lb) 0.08 to 0.09, Turnips 0.12 to 0.14.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The lobster fishing season reopened on Friday.

Boots were selling in Dawson City last month for \$1.75 a dozen.

Dr. Allan Haley, Liberal, M. P., for Hants Co., Nova Scotia died at Ottawa on Monday morning.

RICHARD CANN, aged 64 died suddenly at Yarmouth, N. S., on Saturday from heart failure brought about by cycling.

MR. G. WHEATLEY, of this City, shipped by the Princess last Wednesday, two carloads of cattle and one carload of horses for the Sydney market.

The hospital ship Maine arrived at Southampton, Eng., on Monday from South Africa, and the wounded were removed to Netley Hospital.

The Island boys who left here several weeks ago for the Northwest have formed a football club, and recently defeated a team made up of men from the barracks.

The steamer Halifax sails from Boston on May 5th on her first trip to Charlottetown. She will be due here on Monday, May 7th, and will sail the following day on return.

The big steel bridge of the Quebec Central Railway which crosses the Etchemin river, at St. Anselme, Que., was carried away by ice on Thursday afternoon last. The loss is very heavy.

The Queen appears to be greatly enjoying her visit to Ireland. Each day she takes a two hours drive through the streets of Dublin. It is said that her Majesty intends to visit Ireland once a year for the remainder of her life.

The report that Private Reginald Cox, of the Island contingent left Cape Town on March 6th, for Netley Hospital, England, proves to be incorrect. His mother has received a letter from him dated March 16th, at which time he was in excellent health.

The cigar makers strike in Montreal was declared off at noon last Wednesday, a compromise having been reached. Both sides refuse to disclose the terms, but it is understood that they give the men a substantial victory, the number of apprentices being reduced to the union rank and the union therefore inferentially recognized.

The Stanley which left on Thursday for the Magdalen Islands returned Sunday evening. She carried a large amount of freight for the Island. The only trouble the Stanley had with the ice was ten miles off Entry Island Friday night, where she remained stuck till the following morning. All the passengers speak in the highest terms of the Stanley's behavior in the ice. She carried the mails both ways.

The death is announced in American papers of Hugh Ramsay, a retired shipbuilder, and a native of this Province. He dropped dead while returning from church with his wife in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Says the New York Mail and Express: "He was 67 years old and went to Perth Amboy from Charlottetown, May 31 years ago. He built a number of small gunboats for South American countries. A widow and eight children survive him."

His Worship Mayor Warburton has received the following answer to the telegram sent to General Buller on March 1st, congratulating him on the relief of Ladysmith: "LADYSMITH, March 5, 1900. DEAR SIR.—I have to thank you for your telegram of kind congratulations. I can assure you that no one in Natal is more truly glad that Ladysmith is relieved than I am. Yours truly, RAYMOND BELL, Mayor of Charlottetown."

A heavy storm of thunder and lightning struck Charlottetown on Sunday the 22nd inst. James D. Mason, in the 74th year of his age, leaving two sons and two daughters. Deceased had 60 bushels of his grippe, but had so far recovered so as to be about as usual on Saturday. About noon on Sunday, as he was in the act of dressing he was suddenly stricken with fatal illness and died immediately. Mr. Mason was at one time a member of the firm of James Dunlop & Co. and subsequently conducted business on his own account. He was an old and well known resident. Although of Scottish origin he was a native of England.

A fine specimen of horsedesh passed through the city yesterday. It was the pure bred Clydesdale stallion, named Lad, five years old on Tuesday, and weighing 1900 pounds. He was purchased from Nelson, Ont., by John Wilson, Esq., of Andrew Dunlop, of Upper Hantsville, York County. Lad is a beautiful dapple bay, with very heavy mane, with perfect action and pleasant expression. He is the heaviest horse ever raised on the Island, though heavier ones have been imported. Mr. Dunlop took the stallion to Fredricton, where he will remain for the summer.—St. John Sun.

There were men arrested at Thorold, Ont., for attempting to blow up one of the locks of the Welland Canal on Saturday night. The names of two of the men are: John Walsh, of Washington, D. C., aged 28, and John Nelson, of Philadelphia, Pa., aged 50 years, the third man who was arrested later positively refused to give his name, and would not reveal his identity. The men had been seen loitering around the steel arch bridge for several days previous to the outrage. Part of the gates of the canal are badly damaged and hundreds of dollars worth of window glass was broken through the town. Dynamite was used. The outrage has caused great excitement in departmental circles at Ottawa. The motive of the deed is not known.

The following appointments in the militia have been gazetted at Ottawa.—Major Staff: H. D. Johnson, M. D. Charlottetown, to be Captain, Royal Regiment, Canadian Contingent, Second Battalion, special service Battalion; Capt. S. J. A. Denison, Quartermaster, is gazetted for duty on the staff of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, commanding the British forces in South Africa, 31st January. To be Quartermaster, Capt. W. A. Weeks, vice S. J. Denison, gazetted for staff duty. To be Captain, Lieutenant H. E. Borall, vice W. A. Weeks, appointed Quartermaster; H. A. MacDonnell, vice H. M. Arnold, died of wounds received while on duty in South Africa. To be 1st Lieut. J. A. McDonald, eighty-second Queen's County Battalion of Infantry, vice H. E. Borall, promoted.

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THE WAR!

All other news from South Africa has been cast into the shade by the publication of a despatch from Lord Roberts, which severely criticises the tactics of Generals Buller and Warren, Col. Thornycroft and others, in the operations along the Tugela during the attempted relief of Ladysmith by Gen Buller's army. The despatch from Lord Roberts is dated February 13, and it submits Gen. Buller's despatches, describing the Spio's Kop and other operations from January 17 to January 21. Lord Roberts deals very severely with Gen. Warren and some others. Even Gen. Buller does not escape. This despatch has been in the hands of the War Office for five weeks. Just when it is published now, in the middle of the campaign, is not understood, unless it is expected that Gen Buller and Gen. Warren will ask to be relieved of their commands. It is also believed that it is preliminary to a wholesale shake-up of the command in South Africa, of which the retirement of Gen. Gatacre was but a commencement. Lord Roberts is, indeed, a stern critic. His comments are incisive and severe. He censures Thornycroft for ordering the retreat in the middle of the campaign, and characterizes his action as inexcusable. He charges Gen. Warren with errors of judgement and lack of administrative capacity, and blames Gen. Buller for neglecting to exercise supreme authority and for failing to find out what ought to have been done. These strictures excite much surprise, but are accepted as just and unanswerable by military critics.

According to a despatch from Ladysmith, dated Thursday, the Boers are much disconcerted by the present condition of affairs. Their fortifications and forces, numbering about 15,000 men, are spread over ridges in contemplation of a British advance through the Waschbank valley, north of Ladysmith, which has not been occupied. The Boer patrols are very active, and are constantly laying traps.

Col. Crofton, who was in command at Spion Kop from the time Gen. Woodgate was wounded until Col. Thornycroft was appointed to the position, and whose heliograph messages to Gen. Warren caused Gen. Buller to appoint Thornycroft to the command, was placed on half pay on Wednesday.

According to a despatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenzo Marquez, nearly half the members of the Chicago ambulance corps, when ordered to march on their arrival at Pretoria, tore off their Red Cross badges. Adeline S. Hay, U. S. A., notified the Transvaal government that she must report the circumstances to Washington.

A Bloemfontein despatch of the 19th inst. says:—During the last ten days there has been constant rain, and an enormous quantity of water has fallen. These conditions, although extremely unfavorable to the Boers, are not, however, so concerned, have had their advantages, for every dam in the country round about is filled and the question of water, which hitherto has been one of great difficulty, is now practically solved. The troops will be able to move in any direction with a certainty of finding a sufficiency of water. The whole regular and volunteer drafts have arrived, and the Highland Brigade is now at its full strength. Lady Roberts and her daughters have arrived at Bloemfontein.

A despatch from Pretoria dated April 23rd says:—The Government has asked Roberts to allow members of the Boer captives to go to St. Helena for the spiritual benefit of the Boer prisoners there. Roberts is also requested to appoint a neutral person to consult with the Boer authorities concerning the safety of St. Helena prisoners at American consular offices for the British prisoners here.

Major General Schalkburger has been gazetted vice president (in succession to the late General Joubert) and General Louis Botha has been gazetted acting commander-in-chief, succeeding General Joubert in command of the Transvaal forces.

A Bloemfontein despatch of the 23rd inst. says:—The Boers continue their fighting tactics, but the general impression in the British camp appears to be that the burghers will make no determined stand south of Brandfont. Fighting reported in the neighborhood of Boshof has been the view expressed by military experts that the Boers are determined to offer Roberts the most vigorous resistance of which they are capable.

The War Office has issued the following despatch from Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Monday the 23rd: "D. C. aged 28, and John Nelson, 11th Division under Pole Carew and two Brigades of cavalry under French from this point to assist Bunde. The force reached Karriefontein without much opposition. Casualties reported are: Weir regiment, private killed and Captain Probert mortally wounded and seven men; Yorkshires, eight wounded; 8th Hussars, one killed, one wounded; Royal Artillery, two wounded; 7th Dragoons, Lieut. Jenkins and ten men missing. Capt. Bolton, Royal Artillery, broke an arm by a fall. Pole Carew's mounted infantry sieged Leeuw Kop, a high hill a few miles north of their last night's position. The enemy evacuated the waterworks, leaving some rifles and ammunition. Bunde reports that twenty-five men of the 1st Worcesters are missing. Fifty-three were sent out with word to an outpost after dark, and only 18 returned.

Col. Alderson's corps of mounted infantry, consisting of the first and second of the first and second Canadian regiments of Strathcona's Horse was engaged in the operations of Gen. Pole Carew and French. Alderson had undertaken to drive the Boers from their line of defenses south of the waterworks. Canadian sustained heavy fire. The Boers shelled Alderson, who made a marching movement around Leeuwkop on the extreme left of the Boer position. When the British artillery opened fire the Boers removed their guns. Leeuwkop was found evacuated; in the morning Dickens Cavalry Brigade which made a wide detour to the left, found its further progress debarred by a strong Boer position.

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