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MERCIER ORDERS A MAN TO OTTAWA TO LEVY TOLL.

A Confidential Epistle Written Only a Week Ago Comes to Light—The Proceedings Before the Royal Commission Saturday—Mr. McShane's Evidence Respecting Contractors' Subscriptions.

QUEBEC, Feb. 28.—Here is a copy of one of Count Mercier's confidential letters which has just come to light and which shows up that apostle of purity in his proper light:

(Strictly confidential.)

CLUB NATIONAL.
MONTREAL, Feb. 18, 1892.

DEAR MR. CHARLESON,—Go at once and see Mr. Hurdman of Ottawa, lumber merchant, about personal subscription he promised me. See also for same purpose one of the sons-in-law of Mr. McLaren. I forget his name, but Mr. Hurdman will be able to give it to you. See them at once for me. Must have money. Cost what it may we must be victorious.

Destroy this letter. Yours,
HONORE MERCIER.

ROYAL COMMISSION.

Mayor McShane Might Have Received Money from Contractors for Election Purposes—"Nothing Unusual in That."

MONTREAL, Feb. 28.—The Royal Commission resumed its labors in Montreal Saturday morning. The witnesses were called, and it was found that Mr. J. A. Mercier and P. Vallieres, who had been subpœnaed, were not present, and Mr. Belleau said that they proposed to ask for an order to compel their attendance.

Mr. E. A. Macdonald of the Intercolonial Railway was the first witness put in the box. Witness had personal knowledge of payments made by J. J. Macdonald to Pacaud to the sum of $18,500. Afterwards the two became intimate and did their business direct. However, he knew indirectly that other payments were made.

Jimmy Baxter Testifies.

Mr. James Baxter was next sworn. He did not pay $3000 either to Mr. McShane or Mr. Mercier in 1887 at the request of Mr. J. P. Whelan. At the time of the Ottawa county election, in the autumn of 1887, he received a message from J. A. Mercier, after banking hours, asking if he had $3000. He did not have it, but went to the Government office, where he met with either Hon. Mr. Mercier or J. A. Mercier, and he promised to try to get the money, which was wanted for the election. He succeeded in getting the money and was afterwards repaid by a draft on Quebec. He was given a voucher in the shape of a check, the signer of which was either Hon. Mr. Mercier or Hon. Mr. McShane.

Nothing Unusual in That.

Mayor McShane testified that at the time of the Ottawa election Mr. Whelan frequently offered money. He was not present when Mr. Baxter made the advance of $3000. He never made any requests for money to Mr. Whelan, but the latter frequently offered money. He was very generous and gave money to both parties. He published a letter in the papers saying that he had never received any money from Mr. Whelan and he did not receive any for himself. He had knowledge of the payment of $2000 or $2500 by Messrs. Ford and Whelan for the Laprairie election. He also understood that Mr. Whelan gave $500 to help to pay a dinner on St. Patrick's Day given by him. Mr. Whelan was always pressing money on everybody. He gave $100 towards the election of Mr. Poirier in Montreal. He might have received money from contractors for election purposes; there was nothing unusual about that. He himself had subscribed money to the Conservative fund in 1890. He might give the names. He did not receive money from Charlebois in 1887.

In answer to Mr. Macmaster, witness said that he never had any relation on money matters with Mr. J. A. Mercier. He never had anything to do with Mr. Pacaud. He had always kept clear of all irregular transactions, and he intended continuing on the same path for the rest of his life.

Mercier's Private Account.

Mr. Demartigny of the Jacques Cartier Bank next produced Mr. Mercier's account at his bank in February, 1891, which showed that in the week of Feb. 16 to 24 $40,000 were placed to his credit, among which were the $25,000 from the Langlais transaction. After these $25,000 had been transferred to Mr. Geoffrion, Mr. Mercier had a balance in the bank of $10,700.

Mr. Pendergast of the Hochelaga Bank was again called and reiterated the statement that the product of Breton's letter of credit was paid to Ald. Joseph Brunet upon his signing the discount slip.

The Commission then adjourned to Monday, at 10 o'clock, in this city.

Hon. Daniel Dougherty, supported by Toronto's leading citizens, to-night.

The Fischer Grand.

[*From The Musical Courier, August 26th, 1891.*]

Reference has been made in these columns in an incidental manner to a new Grand Piano, the product of the firm of J. & C. FISCHER, recently placed upon the market and offered for judgment to the trade and the musical public. Months ago it had passed its experimental stage, but the demand that has sprung up for the instrument makes it apparent that what was at first stated by us in reference to this Piano has been amply endorsed by the firms who have left their orders for the same, and particularly by those who have already disposed of many of these Grands and are now anxious for duplicates.

We believe we called it a superb instrument, and we reiterate now that in every particular this FISCHER Grand is a superb example of the piano-building art, for first and foremost it is endowed with musical quality; its tone is pure and noble and attracts the musician because of its essential musical attributes. For a pianist the instrument possesses that rare distinction known as the pianistic touch. It responds instantaneously, and at the same time sympathetically, and the action is regulated skilfully and scientifically.

In short, the FISCHER Grand is one of the latest and most agreeable surprises in the evolution of piano manufacturing, and it will add fame and renown to its makers.

The FISCHER house has been doing an enormous trade during the past decade, placing about 50,000 pianos in the homes of the American people during that period. Much as this brings lustre to the makers of the instruments, for this fact alone constitutes a great endorsement of the piano, the production of this FISCHER Grand Piano will mark a new era in the progress of the firm and the history of its development.

The enterprising firm of Gourlay, Winter & Leeming control the agency of these celebrated Pianos, and invite purchasers to inspect their stock of Fischer, Gerhard, Heintzman, Karn, Weber and Sohmer Pianos.

Hon. Daniel Dougherty at the Pavilion to-night.

Hear the silver-tongued orator to-night.

Closing Out Prices.

White shirts, $1.25 goods for 50c; umbrellas, $1.50 goods for $1; rubber coats, $10 goods for $6.75; Scotch underwear, $1.10 each piece; fancy night shirts at any price; fancy scarfs, 2 for 25c. The goods must be sold. A. White, 65 King-street west.

Toothache cured instantly by using Gibbons' Toothache Gum.

HER FATHER'S CRIME.

A Shocking Case Reported From the County of Glengarry.

CORNWALL, Feb. 28.—The result of the coroner's inquest at St. Raphael led to the arrest of the man Flaro and his daughter Josephine and their subsequent commitment for trial at the spring assizes in Cornwall. The girl, Josephine Flaro, who is but 16 years of age, lives about two miles west of St. Raphael's church and has been attending school at the above place. Last week she complained to the teacher of feeling unwell and retired from her studies. About 20 minutes later she returned and took her place in the class and remained till school was dismissed, when she walked home, a distance of about two miles. It afterwards transpired that a little infant body was found in the outhouse adjoining the school. A coroner's inquest was immediately held by Hon. Senator McMillan and it was proven that the child had been born alive. Suspicion pointed very strongly to Josephine Flaro and her arrest followed. Subsequently she confessed to the whole affair and stated on oath that her father was the father of the child. The father strongly denies his guilt.

A Brother Remembered.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 28.—Mr. G. D. Mackenzie of Kingston, Ont., has donated $500 to the Winnipeg General Hospital as a memorial of his brother, the late Fred Mackenzie, who was for many years leader of the Manitoba bar.

Edmonton's Curative Springs.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 28.—In Edmonton district wonderful mineral springs have been discovered which promise to rival those at Banff for curative powers. If half the cures reported to have been made by this wonderful spring have been really made it is a most valuable discovery.

Fled With $50,000 and a Woman.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Feb. 28.—Commission Agent James Eager is reported to have fled to America with a woman, and he is charged with misappropriating £10,000. Although the warrant for his arrest mentions £10,000, it is said that a much larger sum of money was taken. Detectives have been sent to the United States.

Local Jottings.

Dr. Fulton was the preacher at the anniversary services at Beverley-street Baptist Church yesterday.

Elijah Middleton, who has no home, was arrested on Saturday charged with not supporting his wife.

Mr. S. H. Blake gave a stirring address to a crowded hall in the Canadian Temperance League building yesterday afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Fulton lectured yesterday afternoon in Broadway Hall on "The Liquor Fetter; Why Worn and How Broken."

Parliament-street Baptist Church, an account of the re-building of which has appeared in The World, was opened for service yesterday.

Yesterday at 9.40 a.m. a slight fire occurred at the Parkdale Hotel in Queen-street west, caused by an overheated stovepipe. The damage was $25.

There were reported to the Medical Health Officer last week 30 cases of diphtheria, 21 scarlet fever and 2 typhoid. The births and deaths were equal—68.

Rev. George Tomkins of London, England, spoke at the Auditorium yesterday afternoon and last night on the life of Prince Albert Victor and Mr. Spurgeon.

Surrogate proceedings took place Saturday in these estates: Miss Mary Kalaher $603, Thomas Kennedy $24,187, John McCreight, Markham, $27,055.

Robert Best, 56 Mansfield-avenue, is in custody charged with highway robbery. He was arrested on Saturday night by P. C. Kennedy. He is charged with having knocked down George Bennett, 40 McCaul-street, trying to rob him.

The Temperance Reformation Society meeting on Saturday night was addressed by Messrs. A. Chamberlain, W. H. Bondfield and B. Spicer. Mr. J. Marshall and Mr. Malcolm Gibbs spoke at the meeting yesterday afternoon.

The usual quota of boys and girls gathered at Richmond Hall last night to enjoy the free supper. They were addressed by Mr. W. H. Frost of the China Inland Missions and by Rev. J. A. Turnbull of the Church of England Temperance Society of the Church of the Ascension.

Mrs. Robb, wife of James Robb, grocer, who lived at the corner of Robert-street and Sussex-avenue, died very suddenly at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. She was all right on retiring at 10 o'clock the night before. Heart failure is the supposed cause of death.

Joseph Wills, 175 Front-street east, is an Italian. Unfortunately for both he is married to an elderly woman from the "Emerald Isle." They cannot agree and had a bigger row than usual on Saturday. Mrs. Wills says that Joseph "hit her a smash on the mouth," and she forthwith had him arrested for assault.

An Orangemen's service was held yesterday afternoon in the Leslieville Presbyterian Church. A large number of members of Lodges 111 and 455 met at Dingman's Hall and from there, wearing badges, marched to the church. An interesting sermon was delivered by Rev. William Frizzell.

Rev. Dr. Moffatt of England spoke to the men who had come to partake of the free breakfast at Richmond Hall yesterday morning. Rev. H. C. Dixon has received a $2 bill from a man who used to partake of the breakfasts. He has got work now and thanked Mr. Dixon for the bodily and spiritual good he had received.

The service yesterday morning in St. Paul's Methodist Church was of unusual interest. Rev. E. A. Telfer of London, Eng., and a thousand and one other places, he having traveled twice around the world, preached an admirable sermon. This evening in the lecture hall of the same church he will deliver his celebrated lecture, "Crotchety Grumblers."

Hon. Daniel Dougherty, New York's Silver-Tongued Orator, at the Pavilion to-night.

Personal.

Dr. W. Denton, Philadelphia, is at the Palmer.

Dr. C. H. Ziegler, London, is registered at the Palmer.

Dr. John W. Turner, Woodbury, N.J., is staying at the Rossin.

H. McKenzie, M.D.A., East Lambton, is registered at the Walker.

Dr. Scherk, Sault Ste. Marie, is at the Queen's. He is accompanied by his wife.

John T. Towers, St. Catharines, a prominent Conservative, is staying at the Walker.

Thomas Baker, a widely known lumber merchant of Gravenhurst, is registered at the Walker.

R. W. Leonard, Brantford, the well-known manufacturer of agricultural implements, is at the Walker.

Eva Mountford, New York, who will appear at the Toronto Opera House during this week in "East Lynne," together with several members of her company, is staying at the Rossin.

Mr. W. Code, chief of the Winnipeg Fire Department, who has been visiting Ottawa and Montreal, will spend some days in Toronto. Yesterday he visited the Lombard-street Fire Hall.

The World congratulates Mr. O. R. Jacobi, president of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, on this his eightieth birthday. Mr. Jacobi came to Canada in 1862, having been commissioned to paint some points of interest, which pictures were presented to the Prince of Wales. He has remained in Canada ever since.

Hon. Daniel Dougherty, the eloquent advocate of the American Bar, to-night.

A $100,000 Failure at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 28.—The well-known firm of R. Henry Holland & Co., 340 and 342 St. Paul-street, have assigned at the demand of George Kemp, with liabilities of over $100,000.

For coughs, colds, sore throat, etc., try Watson's Cough Drops. 135

Hear Hon. Daniel Dougherty on "Orators" at the Pavilion to-night.

CRUEL SAXON OFFICERS.

TORTURE OF SOLDIERS EXPOSED BY PRINCE GEORGE.

One Private Made to Go Through the Manual of Arms 1889 Times—Practising the Double-Quick Step at Midnight Clad Only In Their Shirts—Made to Bend the Knee 1800 Times.

DRESDEN, Feb. 28.—Since the organization of the German army after the Imperial coronation in Versailles no military announcement has created such a sensation as the order of Prince George of Saxony, heir to his uncle's crown, regarding the cruelties in the army. Coming as it does from a Royal prince and the commanding general of the Saxon army corps the effect of the exposure is all the more startling. The report discloses a state of things in the army which taxes credibility and almost persuades the reader that he is perusing an account of Siberian abuses and atrocities.

The reports show that recruits, many of them old men, have suffered chastisement regularly for months, every week and even every day. They have received, "as a means of discipline," as many as 50 blows; they have been forced to bend their knees, present arms or hold out the "schemel" (a heavy three-legged chair or stool) at arms' length so long that they have fainted from exhaustion. Such instances have occurred with especial frequency in the Regiment No. 12, Foot Artillery, and Infantry Regiment No. 1050. The following instances will give an idea of the extent of the cruelty and lack of human feeling:

"Sub-Sergeant Hoffman (of the First Company of the same regiment) ordered the man Dobert, in company with another, almost daily to receive as many as 150 blows with a boot or the hilt of a sword, and to practice drilling for long intervals. Once when he had gone through the manual of arms 1889 times, counting aloud each time, Dobert became unconscious, and had to be taken to the hospital for treatment.

A Shirt Tale Parade.

"Sergeant Zehme of the First Company of the same regiment, in January, 1890, forced his men to get up in the night, put on their helmets and side-arms, and otherwise clad only in their shirts, practice the double-quick step for half an hour. The same sergeant gave his men lighted cigars, and then ordered them to continue the double-quick step while he counted fifty, requiring that the cigars be entirely smoked up at the end of that time. Once again, while Zehme ate his supper, he ordered his men to bend their knees 1800 times, at the same time requiring them to hold the schemel in their outstretched hands.

"Sub-Sergeant Liebing, while still in bed one morning, commanded the recruit Bischof to practice with the schemel, holding it arm's length and then drawing it towards the body before him. He boxed his ears when he went too slowly. After the practice had been continued for almost an hour and Bischof was almost exhausted, Liebing poured a pitcher of cold water over him, struck him on the head with a leather belt, causing bloody wounds and then continued his chastisement with a whip until it was broken and Bischof's legs were swollen and covered with sores. In consequence of this treatment, Bischof lost his senses and was taken to the hospital.

Clubbed With a Gun.

"Sub-Sergeant Lohel of the Fourth Company of the 105th Infantry Regiment becoming angry because the recruit Neubert failed to hold his gun properly, struck him with the gun so hard on the shoulder that his collar bone was fractured. The bones in his arm became so swollen that he could not use it for a long time. Lohel prevented for several days the announcement of Neubert's injury, and in order to forego the impending punishment attempted to kill himself. Despite the wound inflicted upon himself he struck the hospital servant Ritter, who discovered the cause of Neubert's sufferings, a number of times in the face.

Boxing the Ears of the Awkward Squads.

"Sergeant Pflug of the Seventh Company of the 104th Regiment is in the list of under-officers who have specially distinguished themselves by misusing their soldiers. His troops, during almost the whole time that they belonged to the 'awkward squads,' had their ears boxed either by himself or at his orders. Often he obliged them to spring upon their trunks or chests and then practise the bending of the knee. They received blows in case they did not get up rapidly enough. Once when inspecting the clothes of the troops he found shoes which he believed were too greasy. He had the faces of the owners rubbed with the shoes. At another time he forced them to place their dirty stockings in their mouths and chew upon them for four or five minutes."

After recounting a number of other astounding instances of outrage and cruelty, the Prince's report declares that the subofficers who have been punished have been dealt with much too leniently. Weise, he adds, had been degraded from his rank and sentenced to only two years in prison; Hoffman had been sentenced to two years and three months' imprisonment; Zehme to three years and disgrading; Geilsdorf to four and one-half years, and Pflug to five years. The Prince condemns their actions —"contrary to every human and military law"—in the highest terms, and declares that they destroy the spirit of obedience and devotion in the army and cause discontent.

In ending his remarkable paper, Prince George calls upon all men to aid him in bringing about the reforms which he has undertaken, and to raise the standard of the army. He declares that further disregard of the army rules and inhuman treatment by officers of whatever rank will be followed by the severest punishment allowed by the law.

ANXIOUS TO BE EXECUTED.

The Murderer of Baroness Dellard Stricken With Remorse.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Lieutenant Anastay, who murdered the Baroness Dellard in the Rue du Temps, was to-day found guilty and condemned to death.

In reply to questions put to him by the judge he said that he had spent 200 francs more than his pay justified on a ballet girl at the Bellecour Theatre. He said he imagined he would find 20,0000 francs in the house of the murdered woman. He knew the money was represented by scrip and bonds, and he had arranged for their sale by means of the financial journal, L'Impartiale.

He entered the house of the Baroness and chatted with her a while before striking the fatal blow. Continuing, he said:

"You do not know what it is to have struck your fellow creature with a knife. That woman's face is always before my eyes. I have committed a crime, not only a fault as an officer, but a crime against society. I demand to expiate that crime. I accept the responsibility and I wish to mount the scaffold."

This speech caused a profound sensation in court and the judge sketched the remaining incidents of the crime, to all the details of which the prisoner assented. He had found his victim alone, and as she went before him into her son's room, he rushed upon her from behind, cut her throat, and then, after searching her pockets for her keys, he rummaged the wardrobes and drawers to find money, but the servant, Delphine Houbre, suddenly entered the room. Anastay rushed upon her and began sawing at her neck, but her long hair protected it, and, thinking that she was dead, he went quietly away.

The judge noted the cold-blooded manner in which Anastay left the house after the murder, and also his impassibility when arrested and asked him what had induced him to confess his crime. His answer was: "My conscience. It was impossible for me to live any longer with that secret on my mind. I almost regret having made a confession, because it may be looked upon as an extenuating circumstance, but do not forget that you have not only a prisoner before you but an officer."

The death sentence was then read to the prisoner, who listened quite unmoved.

A Hangman Drops Dead.

VIENNA, Feb. 27.—Franz Schneider and his wife Rosalie, who were recently convicted of murdering a large number of servant girls in the suburbs of this city, whom Schneider also criminally assaulted, and sentenced to death, may after all escape the gallows, notwithstanding the diabolical atrocity of their crimes, as the Emperor has refused to sign the death warrants. No woman has been executed in Austria since 1808.

The lower orders in Austria believe that Schneider possesses magic powers. The official hangman, Rudolph Seidfried, visited the condemned man's cell, in order to secure some idea of his weight, for the purpose of calculating the extent of drop necessary. Three hours afterwards he dropped dead.

Since the trial it has been developed that for three weeks, while the police were searching high and low for Schneider, he was concealed in the mansion of the Baroness Faulke, a leader of the nobility, and in which his wife was employed as a servant. He shared his wife's bed at night and hid under it during the day.

THE NEW FRENCH CABINET.

M. Loubet Gets Together a Ministry Which Includes Five Who Resigned.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—M. Loubet succeeded in forming a complete cabinet to-night, M. Cavaignac accepting the Ministry of Marine and M. Ricard that of Justice. The new ministers were presented to President Carnot at the Elysee to-night. There is but little public confidence in the stability of the Cabinet, which is not considered truly representative of any combination of factions capable of commanding a majority in the chambers.

The Cabinet is as follows: M. Loubet, President of the Council and Minister of the Interior; M. DeFreycinet, Minister of War; M. Ribot, Minister of Foreign Affairs; M. Bourgeoise, Minister of Public Instruction and the Fine Arts; M. Rouvier, Minister of Finance; M. DeVelle, Minister of Agriculture; M. Roche, Minister of Commerce; M. Ricard, Minister of Justice and Public Works; M. Cavaignac, Minister of Marine.

MM. DeFreycinet, Ribot, Bourgeoise, Rouvier, DeVelle and Roche were members of the former Cabinet, in which they held the same portfolios which they will hold in the new ministry. The new Prime Minister is a staunch moderate Republican.

Imperial Parliament.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—During the debate in the House of Commons last night Mr. Balfour said he accepted the principle of a proposal to allow schools to be used for the holding of political meetings. He invited the Opposition to introduce a bill dealing with the subject, on the grounds that the Government was overworked already. Later, in response to pressure, he agreed to add such a clause to another bill.

The Times comments with pity on the fact that the Government displayed indecision in the matter. "It is not in an edifying spectacle," the paper says "to see ministers slowly making up their minds in public under pressure from a House which they are there to lead.

Mrs. Osborne's Case.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Sir Charles Russell, after Mrs. Osborne pleads guilty on her trial on March 7, will appear in court to deal with the case under the First Offenders Act, which will enable the judges to release the accused under bond to reappear and undergo sentence. There is a question whether the act applies to this case. Legal opinion is that, although the charge against Mrs. Osborne is not included in the act, the judges have power to apply the principle.

Indignation in Bulgaria.

SOFIA, Feb. 28.—The death of Dr. Vulkovich, the Bulgarian agent at Constantinople, who was stabbed by an unknown assassin Wednesday night in that city, has caused a great sensation here and throughout Bulgaria. Prince Ferdinand has given orders that the court fetes be cancelled. Great indignation everywhere because of the assassination.

No Statue to Newman.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Duke of Norfolk, the chief Roman Catholic nobleman of England, has written a letter to the committee having the memorial of Cardinal Newman in charge, saying that in his opinion it would not be respectful to the memory of the cardinal to proceed with the erection of the proposed statue at Oxford University in view of the violent opposition raised against it. The project will therefore be abandoned.

The Queen Views Victor's Coffin.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Queen and Princess Beatrice drove at noon to-day from Windsor Castle to the Albert Memorial Chapel, where the remains of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale are interred, and spent a quarter of an hour viewing the coffin in which the body rests.

The Victims Number 14.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Fourteen persons lost their lives by the sinking of the steamer Forest Queen, which was run down by the steamer Loughbrow off Flamborough yesterday.

Many Fishermen Drowned.

OPORTO, Feb. 28.—A terrific gale is raging in this vicinity. Many boats have been wrecked and it is feared that a large number of fishermen have been drowned, the number being placed as high as 200.

An Armory Raided.

DUBLIN, Feb. 28.—A raid was made on the Galway armory last night and all the naval reserves rifles and cutlasses in the building were stolen.

Foreign Notes.

Discount was easy in London during the week. Financial houses now assume the certainty of cheap money in all the leading markets of the world throughout the spring and summer. On the Stock Exchange business was exceedingly quiet.

Taps from the Telegraph.

Jay Gould is ill again.

Terence V. Powderly is on the sick list.

New York reports additional cases of typhus fever.

To-night at the Pavilion, the peerless Daniel Dougherty.

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KEENE AND THE STUDENTS.

HOW THE JOLLY COLLEGE BOYS HONORED THE ACTOR

And the Rattling Good Speech He Made Them in Return—He Says Torontonians Are Good to Him—He Drew Packed Houses and Excelled Himself—The Attractions This Week.

The Grand.....The Two Orphans
Jacobs'.....East Lynne
Academy.....O'Dowd's Neighbors
The Musee.....The Den of Lions

Never was the Grand Opera House thronged with such an intellectual crowd at both matinee and evening performances as on Saturday last to witness the two closing performances of Thomas W. Keene. Money had to be refused and several hundreds were unable to obtain admission. The plays were "The Merchant of Venice" in the afternoon and "Richard III." at night. As Shylock the great tragedian was at his best, and at night, though suffering from hoarseness, he was very successful. The students, who had given Mr. Keene a great ovation at the Rossin House after the matinee, were out in full force again at night. They were as jolly and noisy as ever. In response to repeated calls, Mr. Keene appeared before the curtain at the end of act 3 and said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—Pardon me if I only say a few words, but in duty bound I must thank you. You cannot expect me to say much, for I find myself rapidly becoming hoarse. Probably it arises from drafts; some of you may know something about draughts. [Laughter.]

I have traveled much in the last 20 hours; in Rome, playing Marc Antony, through France as Cardinal Richelieu, through Italy as Shylock, and now through England as Richard III. That is a great deal of work in 20 hours. Hence, pardon my making a speech. I will say one or two words to express my great regard for the people of this city. Since last August I have visited every important town and city in the British possessions of North America, except Quebec. I have been in Victoria, Vancouver Island, and next week I will be in Montreal. That is a good space of ground to travel. I have been received everywhere in the most gratifying manner, and my banker's account is a good deal heavier. [Applause and laughter.]

Gratifying as it is to me to say how I have been received through the length and breadth of the British possessions, yet to-day I experienced one of the brightest moments of my life. I will tell you the circumstance. I had left the theatre and had returned to my hotel when I was waited upon by 200 of the students of Toronto. I faced those boys! [Laughter.] I have been calm in the presence of audiences that numbered thousands, but those boys got the best of me. [Applause.] I was so nervous that I could not command one sentence. However, I am in better form to-night. Is there any one of those boys here to-night? [Cheers which showed that the whole 200 were in the gallery.] I have been a boy myself. As they stood in front of me I said to myself, "I am looking upon a future age—upon those who in the next century will be the citizens, the philosophers, the scientists, the physicians, the statesmen of this great country." [Loud applause.] And to-night I thought, judging from their performances, there might be some opera singers amongst them. [Loud laughter.]

Well, I can only say with Richelieu, "I love the young." One thing more I will say, the boys sang to me the accompanying words of a toast I have heard all the way from England to California, "For he's a jolly good fellow." I hope I am "a jolly good fellow." [Cries of "You are."] Well, I trust that with a little more hard work in the near future I will be a jolly good actor, too. [Applause.]

Ladies and gentlemen of Toronto, one little expression will convey all I want to say of you; in the lines of the immortal Dickens, "He was always good to me." You have been and I hope you always will be "good to me," your humble servant.

Then the boys in the gallery and the whole audience sang with lustre, "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." In reply to the question, "What's the matter with Keene?" came the clanging response, "He's all right."

"O'Dowd's Neighbors" To-Night.

This is the great attraction at the Academy of Music this week. It is a well known play, very popular in Toronto. The Baltimore American says of it: "It is a very good and a very funny show, with pretty music and dancing. Lottie Gilson has a beautiful voice, and she has proven her self to be a fascinating and capable little artist. Charles Eastwood's presentations of Pat Emmett's specialties were so natural that one imagined that Emmett had come to life again. Thomas F. Watson, as Hannora Grady, full of love's young dreams, is a funny character of the show. So is Robert W. Broderick as Clinch, a descendant of Shakespeare." The following telegram was received on Saturday from Cleveland, Ohio: "To Philip W. Schuyler, agent "O'Dowd's Neighbors" Company. Gilson recalled dozen times; made big hit; house packed.—FRED H. WHIPPLE."

There will be the usual matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

Eva Mountford in "East Lynne."

At Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House the attraction offered certainly possesses the quality of attractiveness, as the following notice from The Rochester Herald certainly attests: "The Academy was packed yesterday afternoon; and in the evening! There were about 60 people seated on the stage at the second performance of 'East Lynne' at Mr. Jacobs' theatre yesterday and the orchestra was out of sight. Sir Francis Levison and the officer picked their way through the audience to get to the centre of the stage. And Madame Vine died among quite a host. It was a curious mixing up of things and a state of affairs seldom brought about." The engagement will begin this Monday night and continue for a solid week, with the usual matinees Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The Lion Tamer.

Colonel Edgar Daniel Boone's first demonstration in the city of man's supremacy over the brute creation will be greeted, no doubt, by large crowds at the Musee to-day. Mr. Boone will exhibit in the Lecture Hall his troupe of performing lions (which is said to be the finest in the world) and perform some of the most wonderful tricks ever taught to a beast, such as banner holding for the leaping hound Saxon, playing see-saw, riding bicycle, turning somersaults, etc.

Thousands have witnessed this interesting attraction in Europe. In London, England, where Colonel Boone exhibited his pets, the performances were crowded daily, and during the period in which he has given these exhibitions no accident of any kind, however trifling, has ever occurred. This is due to the wonderful control which he exerts over the Kings of the Forest. Miss Carlotta, who is justly styled the Lion Queen, will assist the lion tamer at each performance. Sir Walter Wentworth and Ella Grantly will be seen in the same department.

Crimmons & Gore's Wild Wave Novelty Company will hold forth in the theatre.

On Friday next, March 4, the first article towards a ladies' complete work box will be given to every lady visiting the Musee. An article will be given on each succeeding week until the work box is complete.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal.

A hearty welcome awaits the Kendals and their English company, at the Grand Opera House next Thursday. They are favorites here, and deservedly so. Their present visit is announced as their last professional one to this country. It is fitting, therefore, that in a theatre hallowed by many pleasant memories they should be seen in their farewell performance. The selection of the plays they have made for their brief season is an agreeable one, consisting of "Still Waters Run Deep," "Katherine Kavanagh," "The Ironmaster" and "The Squire." The sale of seats begins to-morrow morning.

The Orphans at the Grand.

The famous melodrama "The Two Orphans" will be produced at the Grand Opera House to-night by Kate Claxton, who is supported by Charles A. Stevenson and an excellent company. Kate Claxton is pronounced one of the greatest successes of modern time. The management sends Miss Claxton on tour with elaborate scenery, rich and handsome stage accessories and supporting company of acknowledged excellence.

An absolute cure for indigestion, Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti Gum. Sold by all Druggists and Confectioners; 5 cents.

For $1 you can buy a shirt, lined front and back, which is no equaled in the trade at Treble's, 53 King-street west.

ARRIVED ON TIME.

An Ottawa Annual Fire Turned Up Sunday as Usual.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—About 1 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the Brown block in Sparks-street. The block was an old one, adjoining Devlin's new building, and was occupied by a cigar vendor named Daney, R. Uglow, stationer, McGiffin, gents' furnishings; Kenny Bros., tailors; E. A. Selwyn, insurance agent, and Allan Ingalls, patent solicitor. The building was fairly gutted, the loss being about $8000, covered by insurance. This is the fourth annual fire in the same block about the same time of the year.

The Hawkeye Burned Out.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 28.—The Burlington Hawkeye building was completely gutted by fire yesterday. Loss $12,000.

BIRDS OF THE AIR HAVE NESTS.

But This Son of Man Had No Place to Lay His Head.

SARNIA, Ont., Feb. 27.—James Butler, who had been in Sarnia for years and on whom liquor had taken such a hold that he had become almost worthless, fell into the fire hold of the ferry Conger while at the Port Huron dock yesterday and broke his neck. He had no place to sleep and in the early hours of the morning had gone on the ferry to find a place to lie down. He has relations in Chicago who are in good circumstances.

Did They Go Over Niagara?

NIAGARA FALLS, Feb. 28.—All sorts of wild rumors were floating about town yesterday that two men in a boat had been seen to pass down the rapids and over the falls, but Benjamin Bigelow, a hack driver, who was driving a party of strangers around Goat Island, made the statement that while thus engaged he met a man and his wife, who told him in an excited manner that they had seen two men in a boat shoot down the river beyond the Three Sister Islands.

Another sightseer also claimed to have seen the boat and the men in it going toward the Horseshoe Falls. The park policemen were notified, but they were unable to find any trace of a boat below the cataract. The whirlpool will be watched to-day.

To Build a Big Paper Mill.

NIAGARA FALLS, Feb. 28.—The largest paper and pulp-making plant in the world is to be built on the Niagara tunnel. The Niagara Falls Paper Company will be the style of the owners. This company was formerly known as the Soo Paper Company. The company has signed a lease for 3000 horse-power to be furnished this fall. The lease extends to the year 1936. As the tunnel will be completed by July, the power will be ready for them then. The plant will consist of 20 large buildings and will occupy 11 acres of ground. The cost will be about $5,000,000. This company has in contemplation the use of underground chambers for grinding purposes. The wheel pit will be 140 feet deep and 14x40 feet wide. It will be connected with the big tunnel by a tunnel 500 feet long, 10 feet high and 12 feet wide.

Wiles of the Lottery Men.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—"The Lottery Company's move in obtaining a charter or concession from the Government of Nicaragua is simply a preparation for possible defeat at the next Louisiana election," said J. B. Planquet of New Orleans to-day. "If the next Legislature should wipe out the Louisiana concern the lottery officials would run the Central American institution. It is not intended to do business of any amount in Niaragua. The United States and Canada are the lottery's friends. It will merely use Nicaragua as a fulcrum on which to rest the lever with which it will continue to raise the money out of the pockets of its American dupes. If the Louisiana Legislature can be 'handled' as usual, business will be continued at the old stand, New Orleans, and the Central American scheme will be utilized to pull in more cash by the sale of stock, just as the alleged Mexican Lottery was used some months ago, when shares were advanced from $40 to $400 in two months."

A New Immigration Scheme.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—Mr. Richard Seeman and Mr. F. H. Brydges, secretary of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Company, had an interview yesterday with the Deputy-Minister of the Interior Department in reference to the settlement of a large number of immigrants from North Germany along the line of the railway. Mr. Seeman has had great experience in locating immigrants under an agreement with the Brazilian Government, and claims to have transported nearly 50,000 persons from various European countries to Brazil in five years.

A Terrible Death.

CHATHAM, N.B., Feb. 28.—A terrible tragedy occurred at the pulp mill Friday morning. Gustav Anderson was sent into the blow-off tank of one of the digesters (boilers in which puly is cooked in a chemical solution) and Stephen McDonald, who was sent to turn steam into another digester, blunderingly opened the blow-off valve of the one connected with the tank in which Anderson was working. The boiling pulp and acid burst in on him under a pressure of 70 pounds of steam and at a temperature of 280 degrees, choking and cooking the life out of him instantly.

Next Winter.

It's like looking a great way ahead, but it pays to look ahead.

The fur garment that you can buy at Dineen's Fur Clearing Sale this week will last years. You might put off buying until next winter, but far-sighted people don't skip an opportunity where perhaps 50 per cent. or more can be saved on the price of a fashionable fur garment. That's the inducement which you will find at the Great Clearing Sale of Ladies', Misses', Children's and Gentlemen's Fur Garments at Dineen's all this week.

The prices are just what the furs originally cost us as manufacturers.

If our fur stock contains what you want it will pay you to secure your choice this week, or have it laid aside for a future call. W. & D. Dineen, Toronto's fashionable furriers, cor. King and Yonge-streets.

Hear the Silver-Tongued Orator at the Pavilion to-night.

Campbellford's Peculiar Accident.

CAMPBELLFORD, Ont., Feb. 28.—Last evening while leaving the Bethany Church in Seymour West Mrs. John Blakely stepped off the platform and fell a distance of four feet, breaking her left arm. The peculiar circumstances are that it is the first time in 20 years that Mrs. Blakely has been able to attend services.

Hon. Daniel Dougherty, America's greatest orator, on his greatest theme to-night.

In Greatly Improved Health.

OTTAWA, Feb. 29.—R. Machray, broker, has returned to the city from New York in greatly improved health.

Hon. Daniel Dougherty of New York at the Pavilion to-night. Admission only 25, 50 and 75 cents.

Cornwall Weavers' Strike Over.

CORNWALL, Ont., Feb. 28.—The striking weavers in the Canada Cotton Company's mill have decided to return to work, their demands having been complied with.

BIRTHS.

SHEERIN—On Feb. 21, at 232 Palmerston-avenue, the wife of D. P. Sheerin of a daughter.

CHIT-CHAT OF THE CAPITAL.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S RECEPTION LARGELY ATTENDED.

The New Insurance Bill—Mr. Laurier Better but it is Doubtful if he Will Appear in the House To-day—The Liberal Leaders Beginning to Arrive.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—Hon. J. A. Chapleau is expected to return from Florida on March 14.

The Governor-General's reception in the Senate Chamber last night was attended by over 400 people. The scene was quite brilliant, Lady Stanley stood at His Excellency's left hand while about him stood seven