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A MILLER BILL COMPROMISE NEW LAW TO BE STRICT

Handbook To Be Banished, Publishing or Selling of Tips Is Forbidden, and Meets Restricted to Seven Days May Pass This Session.

Ottawa, April 14.—A compromise will be settled for many years to come. The handbooks will be suppressed both by the prohibition of the transmission of information to them, and by altering the wording of the statute so that the police will be able to prosecute the offenders without having to prove that the alleged handbook maker was standing still. The other concessions which the racing men have granted are very considerable, and are the strongest testimony of the fact that the racing men of Canada are really anxious to preserve racing as a bona fide sport, and are anxious to assist in the suppression of the evil which for so long have been attributed to racing.

The compromise which has thus been reached will be ratified by Parliament this session. When that is over the question of race-track legislation will be settled for many years to come.

EARTHQUAKE IN COSTA RICA DAMAGE GOES INTO MILLIONS

Thirty Shocks Occur in the Space of a Few Hours and Immense Amount of Property Destroyed at San Jose.

San Jose, Costa Rica, April 14.—A series of earthquakes varying in intensity has swept over Costa Rica during the past 24 hours, doing damage, the extent of which can only now be estimated at more than \$1,000,000. So far there has been no report of loss of life, but the people in the cities are panic-stricken, and are abandoning their homes for the hillsides.

In all there have been more than 30 shocks, ten of these occurring between 12 o'clock last night and 3 o'clock this morning. Property in San Jose to the value of several hundred thousands of dollars has been destroyed, but it is feared that it will be far more than this, as the vibrations of the earth have not yet ceased.

Today the Government ordered a suspension of general business until such time as safety is assured. The banks and public institutions have closed, and trade and commerce are at a standstill.

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ONTARIO TRACKS ALLOT MEETINGS

Threatened Split Is Averted by Compromise Between the Factions.

WINDSOR IS GIVEN TWO

Bangtails There July 14 the First Time and Aug. 27 the Second.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Ont., April 14.—The most important meeting called by the Canadian Racing Association since the formation of that body, was held in Toronto today, the object being to allot dates for the various meetings to be held this summer. Those present were: Joseph E. Seagram, Ontario Jockey Club; Sir Montague Allan and Colin Campbell, of the Montreal Jockey Club; Judge Monk, of the Hamilton Jockey Club; G. M. Hendrie, of Windsor; and J. H. Madigan, of the Niagara Racing Association.

It was decided that the association would abide by the amendment submitted by Mr. McColl to Parliament on Monday, April 11, and confining the meetings to eight days' racing in the spring and in the autumn.

The Schedule.
Toronto—Eight days between May 20 and 28.
Montreal—Eight days between June 2 and 10.
Hamilton—Eight days between June 16 and 24.
Port Erie—Eight days between June 30 and July 8.
Windsor—Eight days between July 14 and July 22.
Toronto—Eight days between July 28 and Aug. 6.
Hamilton—Eight days between Aug. 11 and 19.
Windsor—Eight days between Aug. 27 and Sept. 5.
Montreal—Eight days between Sept. 8 and 17.
Port Erie—Eight days between Sept. 22 and Oct. 1.



The Liberal Minstrels.

The Liberal Minstrels scored last night at the Grand, when they put on one of the finest entertainments of the kind witnessed here in some years.

A large house was not slow in showing its appreciation of the fine singing, and the clever jokes of the amateurs, and it can safely be said that many professional troupes have offered less than the local burnt-cork artists.

The only criticism that might be offered was that they tried to give too much. The programme was, as a rule, a trifle long, but it was enjoyable, and would be improved if shortened. The first part of the entertainment was the usual minstrel portion. There were many choice songs in this, and the jokes were high-class. The effects were carefully considered, and the picture presented when the curtain went up was a most pleasing one.

The vocal programme was very fine. Among the ballads given were "My Way to Heaven Is Through Your Love," "Sweetheart," by Fred Gill; "Garden of Roses," by H. S. Walker; "In the Gloaming," by Charles Martin; "Song of the Gulls," by Fred Doyling; and "Land of Hope and Glory," by E. O. Clement. Seldom have so many really fine songs been given in one programme. Fred Gill, a youngster, surprised all by his excellent singing, while the others, all artists of proven ability, made scores of friends by their rendition of the songs given them.

The end songs were also of a high order of merit. Among them were "Who? Me?" by Geo. Fraser; "I'm Going to Change My Man," by "Society"; "Nobody Knows Where John Brown Went," by Jack Robinson; "Keep Your Feet on the Soft, Soft Peddle," by "Stables"; and "What a You Get for Gettin' Married," by George Henry. All made big hits, and the artists were compelled to sing many encores. In the course of the evening there were many local hits in the songs, and they were all enjoyed.

Then followed a burlesque, "The New Temperance Hotel," and it was very funny. The dialogue of the piece was clever, while the acting was good. Today Joe Morano made a great hit with the Cubanella Gilda. The quartette sang well, and the flute one of the musical treats of the show.

The characters in the burlesque were: "Landlord," Frank D. Sharnan; "W. H. Seabird," W. S. Corbin; "Miss May Bud," Kenneth Ingram; "Pailson man," J. Benetti; "The Mail Man," "Show Agent," Jack Robinson. It was good, and to be fully appreciated must be seen.

Frank D. Seabird gave a couple of whistling solos in his very best style, and received a flattering encore.

The show was concluded with another burlesque in three acts—"The Buckskin." This was most enjoyable, and in many particulars the best part of the entertainment.

The characters were: Chas. Smith, W. H. Seabird, Gordon Erskine, Stanley Keyes, W. S. Corbin, W. T. Lawrence, Starter at the Race Track, F. D. Sharnan, J. Benetti, Ed. Walker, Lily White, Geo. Fraser, Stub, Alex. Calder, Ephraim, Chester Butler, Jeff, Lui Paladino, Washington, Joe Morano, Banana Man, Ralph Benetti, Book Makers, Sid Little, Wood Leonard.

Deacon Perry, Geo. Henry, Pete, Jack Robinson, Joe Morano, and the "Jim-a-da-Jeff" and "The Peanut Man." These boys were extremely funny, and kept the audience in a roar continually. They were immense.

It will be remembered that George Seabird got his start in minstrelsy while a bellboy at the Tecumseh House. Fred Gill, the young lad who made a big hit at the Grand, present time a bellboy at this hotel, and with his talent should make good in the same line of endeavor.

The conductor, Mr. A. Eldon Westman, should not be forgotten when credit for the show is being given. He had a splendid orchestra under his direction, and the chorus work was really excellent. Mr. Westman has shown his ability before this to conduct choruses of magnitude, but he never shows to such advantage as last night.

Mr. Jack Robinson, the stage director, showed marked ability in his work, and in addition, did excellent service on the end.

Mr. H. D. Somerville was manager, and his close attention to the details did

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Second Tenors—Fred H. Doyling, E. Robinson Leonard, E. Atkinson, P. D. Sharnan, W. S. Corbin, D. E. Kent, S. J. Irvine, A. Craig, K. Ingram, Fred E. Hess, E. Hamberlain, E. Noddy, H. Fitzmaurice.

Alto—Fred Gill.

Second Tenors—Joseph M. Maloney, Jack A. Roy, Frank Doyle, Thomas J. Phelan, T. M. Mocker, Christopher P. Mocker, Bernard L. Mocker, Jack Pugsley, James D. Jones, Arthur A. S. Segar, Jack S. Mackleod, Charles B. Stephenson, M. J. Desbush, M. C. Culbert, A. S. Goldsmith, Lui Paladino, E. Walker, Harry Henderson, Cliff Gibbick, A. H. Francis, J. Barkin, Bert Ball, Sidney Keyes, Wm. T. Lawrence.

Bartones—Charles Pugsley, Paul A. Casullo, John Chiera, Edgar S. Little, Wood Leonard, Charles S. Martin, T. Charles Strongman, W. Lyons, C. E. M. Easton, Henry J. Fraser, Fraser, Chester Butler, Alex. G. Calder, W. H. Stollard, J. T. Robinson, Ralph Benetti, J. Benetti, Joe Casullo, H. J. Gorman, Roy Hill.

Whistler—Frank Nickle.

Bones—T. J. Robinson, 2 W. H. Stollard, 3 Major I. Leonard, 4 Lui Paladino, 5 George Fraser.

Tambors—Geo. Henry, 2 Alex. Calder, 3 Bruce Fraser, 4 Ralph Benetti, 5 Chester Butler.

The performance will be repeated to-night at the Grand, and already there is a great demand for seats. Tickets as if the whole house will be sold out.

LONDON WAS INTENDED TO BE METROPOLIS

Little History of Winnett's Island and the Visit of Governor Simcoe in 1793.

A number of people, after reading the account in The Advertiser, that the island at the rear of Victoria Hospital might be used as a campus for the Western University, came to the conclusion that the island was the famous one discovered by Governor Simcoe and Col. Talbot in 1793, which they came here to choose the site of London.

This is not the case, however, as Winnett's Island, as it is called, is an artificial island. Some 30 or 40 years ago it was a peninsula, and was used and owned by Gen. Renwick, one of the heroes of the Crimea, for a cattle ranch. One day he decided to dig a ditch across this neck of land. He did so, and the water rushed in with such force that it tore a channel a hundred feet wide, forming the island.

Action for Damages.

This caused the water to strike Mr. Henry Winnett's place, damaging it considerably. An action for damages was brought, and for some years Mr. Winnett and Gen. Renwick were involved in litigation. Mr. Winnett finally succeeded, and was awarded damages. Later the city was compelled to construct a breakwater at a cost of \$1,500 or more to protect Mr. Winnett's property.

Interesting account is given in Judge Ermatinger's book, "The Talbot Regime," of the discovery of the island thought by some to be Winnett's Island, but it is undoubtedly the island between Kilworth and Delaware.

Some History.

Major Littlehales, in describing the site, says: "We struck the Thames at one end of a low, flat island, enveloped with the sea on three sides."

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