



That distinguished little comedienne, Miss Hope Booth, made a pronounced hit at the opening performances at the Savoy Theatre yesterday. She appeared in the title role of one of George Cohan's latest playlets, "The Little Blonde Lady," and she filled it most acceptably. Miss Booth made a charming type-writer, of the type that make their employer's wife jealous and she acted with rare skill and feeling. Her work as the temporary amanuensis of Mr. Hammer, "the dramatic critic of the Blade," had all the earmarks of a finished actress, and it elicited loud applause. The work of Mr. Charles F. Gibney, as Mr. Hammer, and Francis Fay, as the office boy, was also good—the trio did full justice to the sketch. Mr. Gibney's voice was a little weak at the matinee performance—it was hard to hear him at the rear of the house, but perhaps he realized that real newspaper men are never "loud." The sketch is one of the cleverest satires from the pen of young Mr. Cohan that have been seen here. It deals with a certain class of newspaper writers found so largely in the big cities, but who are not entirely unknown in these parts. There is a real plot in the play, but it hangs by a very slender thread.

Another strong act in the bill is provided by Julian Caicedo, who is billed as the king of the wire. Caicedo gave the most daring performance seen on the tight wire at the theatre this season. He turned somersaults, gracefully alighting on the wire, while holding a 20 foot pole, and did other stunts of a sensational character. His act is one that cannot be described in cold type; one must see it to appreciate it. George H. Evans, programmed as the original "Pork Chop," sang some good songs and parodies, and told stories like a real burnt cork artist. The rest of the bill was made up of fairly good acts, as follows: Kreisel's dogs and cats, the former introducing a novelty in the shape of a bag punching act; Dill and Ward, singing and dancing artists; Hallen and Hayes, eccentric dancing and talking comedians; Alburus and Altus, comedy jugglers, and new motion pictures.

In connection with Miss Hope Booth's engagement, the management has arranged for a blondes' matinee on Thursday. All native blondes, not over five feet three inches in height, will be welcomed at this performance as guests of Hope Booth. Miss Booth is a charming blonde herself, and just three inches over five feet in height. Miss Booth expressed a desire to meet some of the pretty blondes of Hamilton, and the manager arranged the matinee. She will hold a reception for the blondes on the stage after the performance.

A Delightful Ibsen Play. Admirers of Ibsen were given a treat at the Grand last evening, when his subtle, sociological drama, "A Doll's House," was presented by Miss Jane Corcoran, ably supported by James M. Brophy and a capable company. Of the author of this drama it may truly be said that "Not only did he reinterpret what knowledge of human nature he had already been conquered, but he extended the boundaries of his knowledge by boldly marching into and taking possession of what was feared as an unknown territory." This modern dramatist, who many considered the master dramatist of the nineteenth century, places less stress apparently on those cardinal passions which have long monopolized the stage, and more on a discriminating analysis of motives which must play a vital part in expanding life.

In "A Doll's House" the folly of false education is shown. Through the perpetuation of sentiments which insist on making women mere beautiful toys, with which men may be entertained, society defeats the end of true education, which makes both men and women wise, noble, sympathetic and self-reliant. Miss Jane Corcoran, in the role of Nora Helmer, the coquettish, ignorant, silly, child-like wife of Torvald Helmer, is admirably cast. Her interpretation of the part is artistic, because natural. As Nora she apparently makes no effort to show the effects of influences at work on her life, but seeming to live the character she portrays, one feels the injustice which false education compels her to suffer. Through suffering her true education begins, and this leads to her final declaration of independence, which is the climax of the play.

James M. Brophy, as Torvald Helmer, the narrow, selfish, egotistical, autocratic husband; Frank B. Hersome, as Dr. Rank, a friend of the family, and John Elwyn, as Nils Krogstad, the lawyer, who is trying to retrieve a lost reputation, deserve commendable mention for their able support. Master Stephen Davis, as Ivar Helmer, evidently has begun his stage career at an early age, but his success portends for him a great future.

The drama is in three acts. The action takes place in three successive days, in Helmer's house, hence there is no change of scene. At Bennett's Theatre. Last night was Woodmen of the World's night at the Bennett Theatre, held in connection with Miss Lewis' hospital scheme, and there was a large turnout of members of the order. The officers of the local lodges occupied the boxes, which were nicely decorated. The programme presented was of a high order, and was very strong in comedy. The premier funny act was provided by Clarence Wilbur and his big company. It was entitled "The New Scholar." The act was one long laugh, the scene of action being in a class room of a ladies' seminary. There was a teacher, a janitor and six or seven lady pupils. A member of the Board of Education paid a visit to the class, and then the fun began. Mr. Wilbur played the part of Mary Wise, the new scholar, and he proved himself to be a comedian worthy of a better vehicle. A number of real good specialties were introduced by members of the company. One of the most artistic numbers were choruses by the six "musicians," who were the pupils in the act.

A musical and novel act was "In Africa," presented by the four Rianos.

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TIMES REBUKED OVER THE KAISER'S TWEEDMOUTH LETTER.

Lord Rosebery Thinks the Nation is Making Itself Ridiculous—Mr. Balfour Endorses Policy of the Cabinet—Sensational London Papers Lecture Times for Its Sensationalism.

London, March 9.—The Government has decided to keep private the personal letter written by Emperor William to Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, in which it was charged by the London Times that His Majesty had attempted to influence legislation in the matter of the naval estimates of Great Britain. How this decision, which was announced in both Houses of Parliament this evening, will please the country remains to be seen. Since Mr. A. J. Balfour, speaking for the Opposition, endorsed the policy of the Cabinet, it may be predicted that the public may consider the incident closed.

The remark made by Lord Rosebery that the nation was making itself ridiculous over this affair finds much support. The discussion to-day was brief and dry. All the participants proceeded as if they were walking on eggs, for criticism of the ruler of another nation is a delicate business. In the House of Lords, Lord Lansdowne twitted Lord Tweedmouth with not being able to keep his own secrets. He said that about as much privacy appeared to have been attached to this correspondence as usually was attached to the private view at the Royal Academy of each season, but he said he had no idea of pressing the First Lord of the Admiralty to depart from his decision not to make the letter public. He thought the letter might be regarded as the kind of communication that could pass verbally at a meeting between a foreign sovereign and a British Minister without any suggestion of impropriety.

The feature of the session in the House of Lords was a speech by Lord Rosebery, who had the Prince of Wales in a seat behind him. The former Premier made an attack upon the "yellow" journalism of England, with special reference to the inferences drawn by the London Times from the letter. "We have witnessed," Lord Rosebery said, "the whole world drawing the absolutely insane inference that the German Emperor was attempting to influence Lord Tweedmouth to cut down the naval estimates and check the increase of British armaments. This country has been placed in an unbecomingly and ridiculous position, and I am quite sure the idea mentioned never entered Emperor William's head or the head of any educated person entitled to remain outside of a lunatic asylum."

An amusing feature of the affair is that all the sensational newspapers of London are lecturing the Times for its sensationalism in exploiting the story.

Times Seeking Notoriety.

Berlin, March 9.—The relations between Germany and Great Britain are absolutely undisturbed in consequence of the Tweedmouth affair. This was the assurance given the Associated Press at the German Foreign Office this afternoon, and the statement is borne out by despatches from Count Metternich, German Ambassador to Great Britain, to Chancellor von Bülow, and by other messages from Sir Frederick Lascelles, the British Ambassador to Berlin, to the Foreign Office at London. A prominent German official asserted to-day that the agitation, which is one-sided, soon would die down, and if Emperor William's letter was made public the London Times would be the only sufferer. The desire of the Times to obtain notoriety, second, to bring about the downfall of the Liberal Government, and third, to embarrass Germany, but even the Opposition party in England did not support the Times' method of agitation.

Hard Time Party.

Unique Event at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

Last evening a most enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, 59 Mulberry street, when they gave a hard time party in honor of Mrs. Meisner, a guest from Detroit. There was no end of merriment as the costumes and decorations were very unique and laughable. Mrs. J. Morris, who made a charming hostess, received at the entrance in an extremely decorated costume which called forth peals of laughter. The dining room was artistically decorated with white batting producing a snowy effect which blended nicely with the unique costumes. On the centre of the table was a small keg upon which was situated one little lonely candle. Knowing of the inviting beverage contained in this keg, preparations were hastily made for the table which was laden with all kinds of goodies. A typical Dutch dinner was served. A few of those present contributed musical numbers for the entertainment of the guests. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Lazarus, Mr. and Mrs. M. Raphael, Mr. and Mrs. A. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goldberg, Miss Selina Harris, Miss Minnie Levy, (Buffalo), Miss Bertha, Honey and Gussie Morris, Miss Lena Levy, Mrs. Freidlander (New York), Mrs. S. Meisner (Detroit), Messrs. J. Harris, I. Harris, J. Strauss, M. Vineberg, and M. Kauffman.

Roller Skating Races.

At the Alexandra on Thursday evening at nine o'clock there will be a series of races, including a match race between Geo. Crispin, of London, the champion of Canada, and E. Hawley, Hamilton's great speed skater. This race is for a fifty dollar side bet and will be very fast and exciting from the start. Added to this there will be a ladies' half mile race, open to all, and two open races of one and two miles for gentlemen. These will bring together all the fastest skaters in the city as there are already a number of entries in. There will also be a match race between G. Rigg and W. McMichael, for a prize, and it will be a fast one. Skating will be started at 7:30 as usual and there will be a band in attendance until 9 o'clock, when the races start. Entries for the open events close on Wednesday night, at the rink.

Mr. Newrich—I never knew such a profane fellow. He can swear in six different languages. Mr. Newrich—Let us engage him as chauffeur for our automobile trip abroad.

Buy your towel supplies now and save 1-3

The Right House

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

Great 5 days' Sale of towels save 1-3

Special spring opening announcement

We will hold our spring opening Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week: We cordially invite you to attend

Thousands of towels in a great five days' underprice sale: You save a full third

THE sale continues to-morrow and for all this week. Hundreds of dozens of good huck towels go out on sale again to-morrow and for all this week at an average of one-third below their real value. Housekeepers, boarding house keepers and hotels—ATTENTION! Think of buying these staple good towels, that you need every day, at an average of a third less than regular value. Worth while, isn't it? Better supply every towel need for many months ahead and share the savings.

Pure linen Irish huck towels at lowered prices for five days only

Hemmed huck towels of pure linen straight from a great Irish manufacturer who is famed for the quality of his productions. Medium to large sizes in splendid absorbent weaves, self and colored borders. Good hardwearing qualities that will give every satisfaction. Note the savings.

15c, real value 18c 19c, real value 28c 25c, real value 35c 33c, real value 45c
18c, real value 23c 20c, real value 30c 28c, real value 40c 35c, real value 48c

Fancy hemstitched linen huck towels

FANCY hemstitched pure Irish Linen Huck Towels. Damask borders. Some have Damask all over patterns. Very superior absorbent qualities in medium to large sizes. Here are price reasons that will send them hustling out. Secure your share early.

37½c, value 50c 43c, value 75c 33c, value 45c

Plain huck hemstitched linen towels

VERY absorbent, good wearing qualities in medium to large sizes for any use. Pure Irish Linen Huck with neatly hemstitched ends. No housekeeper will wisely miss laying in a supply of these while the underprice advantages are all in your favor. Three specials—

30c, value 38c 40c, value 50c 45c, value 55c

New spring dress goods

Corner King East and Hughson Sts.

THOMAS C. WATKINS

Hamilton Ontario

New spring costumes

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER SCHEME

Estimates Supplied by Commission to the Various Municipalities.

Toronto, March 10.—A return was yesterday made to the Legislature in answer to the question of Hon. A. G. MacKay, which practically summarized the work of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. It was shown by the return that the municipal corporations which have applied to the commission for power have been: Ammanville, Acton, Berlin, Brampton, Brockville, Belleville, Brantford, Bayfield, Brantford township, Chatsworth, Cliford, Collingwood, Dundas, Deseronto, East Toronto, Elmira, Guelph, Galt, Gosfield North, Glencoe, Guelph township, Hespeler, Hamilton, Harriston, Hay township, Ingersoll, Kingston, London, Leamington, Lucan, Laurel, Lawton, Milton, Maitland, Mersea town-ship, Mount Forest, Mono, Norwich, New Hamburg, Ottawa, Orangeville, Port Arthur, Preston, Paris, Parkhill, Port Perry, Richmond Hill, Rochester township, St. Thomas, St. Mary's, Stratford, Simcoe, Stanley, Steelton, Strathroy, South Dumfries, Toronto, Tavistock, Tillsonburg, Toronto Junction, Theedford, Tilbury, Thamesville, Uxbridge, Waterloo, Woodstock, Walkerton, West Lumbro township, West Luth.

The commission gave an estimate, as shown in the table attached, of the cost of power delivered to the municipalities ready for distribution. The form of contract was not required to be submitted until after the by-law had been passed. The estimate was as follows:

Minimum and maximum prices of continuous power, quotations made to November 29, 1906:			
	H. P.	Price per H. P.	H. P.
	Consumption.	Min.	Max.
Berlin	3,000	\$17.85	\$20.83
Waterloo	3,000	19.02	22.01
Guelph	3,000	18.01	20.79
Hespeler	750	19.02	21.81
Preston	800	19.00	22.00
Galt	2,500	17.37	20.07
Paris	1,000	18.16	20.90
S. Dumfries	3,000	16.63	19.37
St. Thomas	1,200	21.10	23.76
London	10,000	17.49	20.28
Tillsonburg	1,000	21.00	23.70
Ingersoll	1,350	19.02	21.79
St. Mary's	2,000	19.85	22.52
Stratford	5,000	17.84	20.49
Woodstock	1,200	18.95	21.73
Brantford	3,000	16.87	19.50
Brantford Tp.	300	16.87	19.50
Hamilton	15,000	13.97	16.25
Dundas	3,000	15.87	18.25
Toronto Junc.	10,000	14.56	16.90
Toronto	30,000	14.16	16.61

Quoted on December 1, 1907:

Brampton	1,200	20.93	23.03
Milton	500	28.86	22.06
Acton	800	21.12	23.22
Orangeville	1,000	22.65	24.95

On November 19, 1907, the towns of Kingston, Belleville and Deseronto were quoted prices for power.

The commission did not furnish each corporation with any estimate regarding cost of construction of buildings, machinery, poles, etc.

A by-law favoring the scheme was passed in 21 of the municipalities mentioned. Only one contract, which was with the city of Ottawa, was entered into by the commission.

The remaining half dozen questions regarding any other municipalities which had made applications were all answered in the negative, showing that the commission had done little or nothing more.

HIS LIFE IN HIS HAND.

King Alfonso Leaves on Visit to Barcelona.

Madrid, March 9.—King Alfonso left for Barcelona shortly after 6 o'clock this evening. He will spend two days there, it being decided at the last moment that he should leave Barcelona at 5:30 on Wednesday afternoon, instead of on Thursday morning.

Some of the Spanish Ministry were opposed to his going, while others were of the opinion that the dangers of the visit had been greatly exaggerated. The King himself was not to be dissuaded, expressing the belief that this evidence of his determination and courage would be appreciated by his subjects and that the visit to Barcelona would be of great political advantage.

Queen Victoria remained in Madrid, but all the members of the royal family accompanied the King to the railway station. Large crowds assembled on the streets through which he passed and cheered him enthusiastically.

At Barcelona every precaution within the powers of the civil and military authorities has been taken to safeguard the King during his brief stay.

All the houses along the streets through which the King will pass have been searched and will be guarded from this on.

A despatch has been received here from the Spanish Minister to Switzerland, saying that the Anarchists of Geneva have decreed the death of King Alfonso and Premier Maura, who accompanies the King to Barcelona.

A DUEL IN PRISON.

The Combatants Had Stolen Money to Come to Canada.

Marseilles, March 9.—Two Turks, who were arrested for stealing money to go to Canada, were placed in the same cell. During the night they quarrelled and fought a duel. In the morning one of them was found stabbed to the heart.

Old Lady Badly Burned.

Vancouver, March 9.—This morning Mrs. Gibbs, over 70 years old, was taken from a burning cabin by an employee of the Heaps Lumber Company in a dying condition. A coal oil explosion occurred while she was lighting the fire.

AT KELVIN.

Former Hamilton Couple Celebrate Their Diamond Wedding.

Mr. Percy Potts and wife have moved on his uncle's farm here.

Mr. J. E. Potts has sold a small tract of land to Mr. Charles Munn, of this place.

A cheese meeting was held in the village here on the 5th ult. Quite a number attended.

Mr. A. Kelley sold one of his thoroughbred Heston cows the other day, to a gentleman in Norwich, for the handsome sum of \$300.

Several from here attended Mr. John V. Durham's auction sale near Vanessa on Tuesday last.

Rev. C. Cookman preached at the three appointments on the Teeterville circuit last Sunday.

A grand concert will be given here on Monday night. First class talent will take part. Admission 10 cents. It is for a good cause.

The Ladies' Aid met at the parsonage on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Midwinter celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, the 4th. They were married 60 years ago, in England, and sailed for Canada shortly after their marriage, and located in Hamilton, Ont., and about 50 years ago they moved to the township of Burford, settling on the farm they now reside on. There were 35 guests present, including their three daughters and their husbands and children; their two sons were unable to attend. The oldest son resides in Missouri, U. S. A., and the youngest in Winnipeg. A very pleasant day was spent by all present. Rev. C. Cookman and Rev. Mr. Coates, of Kelvin, made very appropriate speeches for the occasion.

THE ARMY AT DUNNVILLE.

The town of Dunnville has been much stirred of late by a contingent of the Salvation Army having opened fire upon it in the Oddfellows hall, which has been taken by them for twelve months. The meetings have been packed to the doors and very great interest taken in them, and altogether about seventy-five converts have come publicly out to give themselves to God and His service. The meetings on Saturday and Sunday last were led by Envoy Wilshaw, of Hamilton. Great crowds listened inside and out and four good cases were the results.

THE APRIL SMART SET.

Beatrice Demarest Lloyd has written several novelettes for the Smart Set, but her latest story, "The White Stain," will undoubtedly prove the most popular of them all. Caroline Duer, who never fails to write an entertaining story, is at her best in the April number with a contribution called "The Little Ways." "A Coup d'Etat," by Dorothy Canfield, is a charming story of a summer colony; "The Pink Carnation," by Timothy Quares, will hold the most jaded reader's attention; "A Call for the Author," by L. H. Bickford, will please everyone who cares at all for the theatre; "The Parable of the Sack," by John G. Neihardt, is an unusual allegory.

SCHOOLS IN CANADA.

M. McKenna Will Inquire as to Allocation of Rates.

London, March 9.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Reginald McKenna, President of the Board of Education, informed Mr. W. Redmond that he did not think the Canadian system, under which rates were allocated for educational purposes between public and denominational schools, would solve the difficulties in Canada. He promised, however, to secure information on the point.

No matter how beautiful the rhinoceros may think himself, he doesn't blow his own horn about it.

BEAMSVILLE

Mrs. Franklin Walsh had a ham and side of pork removed from a barrel in the summer kitchen, where she kept it, during her absence of two weeks at the bedside of her sick mother in Lynden, who took the meat was kind enough to leave her the other ham and side.

Mr. George House, who has been on an extended visit at Mattawa, has returned home again.

Invitations are being sent out daily for the reunion, and there is no doubt a great many surprises will await the old boys and girls when they see the changes in old Niagara Peninsula. The dates are Sept. 28, 29 and 30.

Rev. G. B. Brown filled the appointment at the Methodist Church at the Lake shore on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. R. Davey occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church both morning and evening. The pastor of the church, Rev. Judson Truax, preached anniversary sermons at Smithville.

There were a number of baptisms in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening. William Pierson, traveller for a western wholesale furniture company, gave A. B. Thiffault a friendly call on Thursday.

During the last month a large number of people have been laid up with grip, which seems to be of a very severe type.

Mrs. William Andrews had the misfortune to be thrown from her rig, receiving a cut above the right eye which required three stitches. Automobile 2816 is said to be the cause of the accident by not giving the right of way to the lady who was driving the rig.

The Village Council meets in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the 10th of March, at 8 o'clock. Regular monthly meeting.

It is said the new reservoir is filling with the heavy freshets, and is getting within a few feet of the top.

George Smith, coal dealer, is getting everything ready to erect a brick dwelling on William street, and will move from his farm in Clinton and become a resident of the village.

Sylvester Konkle, it is reported, will put another dwelling house on his lot on William street this spring.

Grimsby and Beamsville hockeyists will play here on Tuesday night at the rink.

STONE CREEK SCHOOL.

The names appearing on the honor roll for February are as follows:

Fifth class—Hazel Corman, Pearl Glover, Winnifred Thompson, Ella Corman, Emma Jones.

Senior fourth—Stewart Felker, Evelyn Dewey, Kathleen Green, Pearl Wyse, Violet Storch.

Junior fourth—Violet Dunham, Gerald Nash, Agnes Black, May Corman, Frank Timms.

Senior third—Eva Sifton, Maud Sifton, Maude Secord, Clara Carpenter, Hilda Green.

Junior third—Mary Harrigan, Lorne Lee, Charlie Boden, Dorothy Williams, Mabel Boden.

Senior second—Tommy Parker, Gladys Millen, Willie Boden, Muriel Secord, Ella Ker, Charlotte Jones.

Junior second—Theodore McCombs, Maggie Davis, Hazel Timms, Bessie Selby, Basil Hopkins.

Part two—Neil Hopkins, Boyce Davey, Wesley Wyse, Muriel Thompson, Lorne Killman, Dolly England.

Part one—Clarence Nash, Roy Nelson, Gladys Bodfish, Lily Nash, Vera Springstead.

Names on register, 166. Average attendance, 138.

Municipal Ownership at Sherbrooke.

Sherbrooke, Que., March 9.—The electors of Sherbrooke to-day approved of a by-law for the city to take over the plant of the Sherbrooke Power, Light & Heat Co. by a majority of 291.