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# DRAMA AND MUSIC

### BRIAN BORU.

The sale of seats begins on Monday morning for "Brian Boru," which is to be presented by the Whitney Opera Company at the Grand the last half of next week. It is said to be the greatest operatic success of the season, and will be given here exactly the same as in New York. The libretto is by Stanislaus Stange, while the score is by Julian Edwards, who will be remembered as being instrumental in the production of "The Goddess of Truth," "Madeleine" and "Friend Fritz." The field of music covered gives full scope to the author, it is said, and admits of the introduction, not only of the real Irish jig, but also of the monotonous melodies characteristic of the Emerald Isle. The first act takes place in the Wicklow Hills, a romantic, picturesque spot, the scenery used in the presentation of which being one of the best efforts of the artist. The second act takes place in the old, historic Dublin Castle, and the third in a dense wood in the neighborhood of Dublin. The New York Herald says: Arouse your imagination and look back centuries. Ireland is in her glory; she is respected by all. Her champion is Brian Boru, who is betrothed to Erina, but is enthralled by Elfrida, an English Princess, who tries every feminine art to further the cause of England in Ireland. First we see a ballet of fairies led by the guardian spirit of Ireland. At this juncture, O'Hara, a foster brother of Brian, appears upon the scene, and is presented with a magic fiddle, which has the power of winding out a tune which makes anyone hearing it jig. A peculiarity about this fiddle is that it can only be played when Ireland is in danger. By Elfrida's intrigues Brian is lured into the power of his enemies, and is on the point of being thrust into a dungeon and his followers captured, when O'Hara, with the aid of the magic fiddle, forces all the English into a lively enchanted dance till he here has safely escaped. The English are baffled; Brian, restored to his senses, leads his army against them, and is crowned in Dublin King of free Erin. The cast is exceptionally strong, and is made up as follows:

—Irish Characters.—

Brian Boru, Ireland's champion.....Max Eugene
O'Donovan, his foster brother.....
.....Samuel I. Slade
O'Connor, his standard-bearer.Bruce Paget
Erina, O'Connor's sister.....Grace Golden
O'Reilly, an Irish chieftain.....
.....Fred M. Marston
Johnny Dugan, O'Hara's rival.....
.....H. C. Slavin
Baby Malone, the child of the giant..
.....Amelia Somerville
Mona, O'Connor's betrothed.....
.....Helen Brackett
Fairy Queen, spirit of Ireland.....
.....Lottie Margot
Banshee.....Annie Cameron
Pat. O'Hara, Brian's henchman.....
.....Thomas F. Leary

—English Characters.—

Elfrida, an English Princess.....
.....Amanda Fabris
Lord Edward, Commander of English forces.....George O'Donnell
Esther, Edward's envoy.....A. N. Lyman
Fitz-Stephen, an English Knight.....
.....Tom Ricketts
Father Oswald, a monk..Fred Summerfield
Herald, bearer of standard.John Hendricks
Athelstane, a messenger.....Ole Norman

### AUDITORIUM MUSIC HALL.

The management of this favorite temple of amusement announce a very strong combination of artists for next week, commencing on Monday afternoon with the usual matinee. The organization is headed by the celebrated cosmopolitan trio, Arthur Yule (tenor), Adele Reno (contralto) and William Galpen (baritone). This trio have recently left the operatic stage, and, like many other noted artists, have adopted the vaudeville branch of their profession. This will be their first appearance in Toronto, and their performance should prove a great treat to all lovers of good singing, comedy and mimicry. Besides these three clever people, a number of other variety stars will also appear at each performance, such as Lee Ingham, the great equilibrist and hand-leaper; the Brahams, versatile sketch artists; Martin and Durand, comedians, vocalists and dancers; McCarty and Reina, in their laughable sketch, entitled "Coonville Courtship," replete with afro-Dickenson, songs and dances, and other not as well known actors. As in the past, two performances will be given daily, at 2.30 and 8.15 p.m., and at the moderate prices of admission in use at this house, the attendance should be very large every afternoon and evening during the week.

### M'KEE RANKIN'S NEW PLAY.

Mr. McKee Rankin, who will appear at the Toronto Opera House next week, has evidently not lost his old trick of presenting heart-wringing-pathos. He can draw tears from his audiences to-day as easily as he did ten years ago when the women used to go to see him in the "Danites." If we can judge from the descriptions and criticisms of his latest new play, "True to Life," which was written by himself and produced and made a hit in New York City, they say that in "True to Life" the pathetic note rings true, that the appeal to the heart always reaches the spot, that you are deeply interested in the characters and their woes, that the people in the drama are men and women you meet in real life. "There is no strain on the imagination," writes Alan Dale of The New York Journal, "the play simply shows the hungering of a father for his daughter's love, that daughter's jealous adoration of her own child, with her resentment against her mother, who has neglected her from birth, and her unspeakable horror when she finds that the father whose picture she has reverenced all her life is an ex-convict. All these are real emotions of the nineteenth century, that we can understand, even if we have never been in th same position as

either the father or daughter. We may not be convicts or neglected daughters, but if we are normal men and women, our heartstrings have been strained with the same kind of emotions, though under different conditions. We can feel in our breasts an echo of the desperate misery of the convict and the bitter desolation of the girl, as they feel that there is nothing but bitterness and despair in the world for them. These expressions have been used so often that the tale of human suffering has become an old story, but it is not threadbare. It will never be, so long as clearly-wrought plays with the heart-trials of plain people for a theme are written, and Mr. Rankin undoubtedly has written a play that will be a credit to himself as an actor and a playwright."

### THE VARSITY CONCERT.

The Horticultural Pavilion contained a large and fashionable audience last night, the occasion being the annual concert of the University of Toronto Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club, and the College of Music Ladies' Mandolin and Guitar Club. The beautiful music furnished by both the organizations was a much appreciated portion of the program and the students were ably assisted by Miss Jessie Alexander, elocutionist, Miss Frances Worth, soprano; Miss Edith J. Miller, contralto; Miss May Dickenson, soprano; George Smedley, banjo, mandolin and guitar solo; Master H. S. Mackay, Varsity Glee Club; Paul Hahn, 'cello soloist, and Miss Shipe, accompanist.

Society was well represented, the lady patronesses being Lady Gzowski, Mrs. Mulock, Mrs. Montizambert, Mrs. Adam Wright, Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Cosby, Mrs. Denison, Lady Meredith, Mrs. B. E. A. Macdonald, Lady Meredith, Mrs. B. E. Walker, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Lash, Mrs. Torrington, Mrs. O. H. Gooderham, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. G. W. Ross.

All of the numbers on the program were well executed. Miss Frances Worth sang "I Love You, Dear," beautifully, but in her encore song, "Annie Laurie," it was painful to be noticed that she was suffering from a severe cold. She was unable to appear in the second portion of the program. Miss Jessie Alexander's readings were rendered in her usual charming style and elicited much applause. The prettiest song of the evening was the "Gay Tomtit," which was one of the numbers Miss Edith J. Miller sang in a most catchy manner. Miss May Dickenson sang "La Paloma," a pretty Spanish ballad, very nicely, being assisted by the Ladies' Mandolin and Guitar Club. George Smedley's mandolin work was one of the most popular parts of the program. He was accompanied on the piano by Mr. J. S. Martin, '97. The work of the combined clubs of the University and College of Music was very clever and pleasing. The ladies looked charming, and played their instruments exceedingly well. The program closed with a characteristic conglomeration of descriptive life on a plantation in slavery times by the Banjo and Mandolin Club.

An amusing incident of the entertainment was the ludicrous way in which the usher boys mismanaged the presentation of bouquets. A little chap named Mullington made at least four trips up the aisle with a beautiful bouquet of roses for one lady while she was singing, but in each case his heart failed him, and he would return to the door, eventually being too late to catch the performer. Then he and his brother ushers would clap their hands vigorously for a further appearance in order to get another chance to deliver the flowers. When the performer would return the boy was invariably too late to accomplish his object. This happened with more than one of the singers, and the lad's chagrin created much amusement for the people in the galleries.

### TORONTO OPERA HOUSE.

The engagement of the Black Patti Company close with the usual performance to-night, and if the audience is as large as those of the preceding nights, over 25,000 persons will have witnessed the entertainment during the week.

### THE BIJOU THEATRE.

The long-headedness of the Bijou Theatre management in providing high-class and expensive vaudeville entertainments for its patrons, at bargain prices of admission, is working its own good results in the large-and ever-increasing attendance of people who go away well pleased and come again. For next week some clever people have already been engaged, among them being Cross and Holden, the naval school cadets, singing, dancing and broad-sword combat; Gertie Herrington, banjo specialty and negro melodies; Mr. Farnham, novelty dancer; Fisher and Walton, in an original comedy flash entitled "Cheek." In addition to these the Motograph will present a number of new pictures, among them being one of an English cavalry charge, and also "The Bowery Dancers."

### A FOOL OF FORTUNE.

The very pronounced success which William H. Crane met with in New York in his new play, "A Fool of Fortune," seems to be following him on the road. During the fortnight that it claimed attention in Philadelphia, the Chestnut-street Opera House, in which it was presented, it is said was not large enough to hold all of the people who desired to see it. Both from an artistic as well as a financial standpoint the comedy seems to be one of the plays of the year that will go down into theatrical history as a great success. It will no doubt be pleasing intelligence to the theatre-goers of Toronto to know that Mr. Crane is under contract to present the play here with the cast that won so much favor in New York.

### LITTLE EGYPT COMING.

At a late hour last evening Manager Robinson of the Bijou Theatre wired the local management that he had secured for next week Little Egypt, the celebrated Oriental dancer.

### IT'S MONDAY NIGHT.

The arrangements for the Young Liberals' minstrel entertainment in the Princess Theatre on Monday night are now almost completed, and everything points to the show being the most successful and best amateur minstrel performance ever put on the boards in Toronto. All of the jokes to be used are entirely original, and the songs and specialties are all the very latest. Society people have signified their intention of being present, and tickets have been purchased for several theatre parties. There is no doubt that the entertainment will draw a crowded house, and will be worthy of it.

### Want to Prolong Their Jobs

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 26.—A bill introduced in the Legislature to prolong the life of the Provincial Parliament to five years, instead of four, was given its second reading in the House of Assembly to-day. The session of the Legislature will close to-morrow or Monday.

### The James' Bay Railway.

Among the delegates who waited upon the Hardy Government to ask for aid to the James' Bay Railway were Mr. William Robertson, Reeve of Dunchurch, and Mr. William Hurd of the Township of McKellar. These gentlemen were inadvertently omitted from the list of delegates published in The World.

At midnight it was reported that there was a slight improvement in the condition of Mr. James Austin, president of the Dominion Bank, who is seriously ill.

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# IS MR. LAURIER A MASON?

## A Story About the Visit of Bishops to Rome.

## IT COMES FROM MONTREAL

## And is Said to Have Been Brought From Rome by Abbe Proulx.

**The Prefect of the Propaganda Wanted to Hear Mr. Laurier's Version of the Manitoba School Trouble—An Editor of The Herald Said to Have Been Stumping for Conservatives—Chevalier Drolet Appears Not to be in Good Humor—Other Items From Montreal.**

Montreal, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The Signal publishes the following story about the visit of several Quebec Bishops to Rome, after the general election, stating that when the brief relating to the Manitoba schools had been read the perfect of the Propaganda remarked that it would be well to have Hon. Mr. Laurier's version of the story. Thereupon a number of protests were raised, which, however, did not prevent Cardinal Ledochowski from insisting on the necessary document being got for the accused. A brilliant thought struck the mind of Mgr. Grand, Bishop of Nicolet. "Your Eminence," said he, addressing the cardinal, "the faithful are under the impression that Catholics alone are admitted before this tribunal."

"They are right," replied the Perfect of the Propaganda.

"Do you admit a Free Mason?" asked Mgr. Gravel.

"A Free Mason! Never," replied the Cardinal.

"Now, Mr. Laurier is a Free Mason," cried out Their Lordships the Bishops. "He does not perform his Easter duties."

"Such is the version," says The Signal, "that has been vouched for, referring to the affair, and that is how it happened that in the Eternal City, the seat of Christendom and the hope of Catholics, the name of Mr. Laurier figured on the black list of Free Masons. Nevertheless we are asked to accept a judgment based on such allegations. No, no; against the dictate of the Liberals will suffer for a long time before they submit to such mockeries."

It is stated that this story was brought from Rome by Abbe Proulx.

### A PECULIAR LIBERAL.

A sensation has been created by a leading writer of The Montreal Herald making a speech in favor of the Flynn Government. It will be remembered that Mr. T. St. Pierre has been writing a series of letters to The Herald, advocating educational reform in this Province, and he is a leading spirit in the labor organizations no little attention has been given to the agitation. Mr. St. Pierre has also been doing editorial work for The Herald, and last evening he appeared at Aid. Martineau's meeting in St. Mary's division and declared that Hon. Mr. Flynn was the first Premier Quebec has had possessing courage enough to grapple with this question of education, and for this reason he intended to vote for the present Government.

### DEATH OF FATHER HUDON.

This morning Rev. Father Hudon of the Society of Jesus, died at the Jesuits' establishment, Rachel-street. Father Hudon was born in 1822 and was graduated at St. Anne's College, Kamouraska, of the late Hon. Luc Letellier De St. Just.

### TO VISIT OTTAWA.

On Monday next a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce of this city will proceed to Ottawa to urge upon the Government the desirability of extending the Intercolonial along the south shore from Point Levis to Montreal.

### CHEVALIER DROLET NOT PLEASED.

Chevalier Drolet has returned from Rome, evidently ill pleased with the result of his mission, as he had prepared a manifesto saying hard things about the Bishops and clergy. It is now known that a request was made for the appointment of a papal delegate to Canada.

# A SPLENDID GATHERING

**Was That of the Loyal Orange Lodges East of the Don Last Evening—Grand Master Wallace's Address.**

The Loyal Orange Lodges east of the Don combined last night to spend a social evening in Poulton's Hall, corner of Queen-street and Bolton-avenue. The brethren had provided turkey and other popular viands to satisfy the inner cravings of their guests, together with all kinds of innocent drinks to wash it down. It is uncertain though whether this physical feast was not outdone by the more intellectual repast which followed. The brethren, in short, had a most extraordinary list of talent, such as regards speakers and other entertainers.

Mr. George W. Dies, W.M., of L.O.L. No. 455, was in the chair and he had at his back Hon. N Clarke Wallace, M.P., G.M. of British North America; William M Fitzgerald, G.M. of the Loyal True Blues; George Vennel, W G Barchard, W G Stewart and W J Chick. In the audience sat some 300 ladies and gentlemen, composing as fair an assemblage as old East York ever gathered together.

Among the prominent gentlemen who wrote signifying their regret at being absent were Messrs John Ross Robertson, M.P., W F Maclean, M.P., E F Clarke, M.P., and Grand Secretary Robert Birmingham.

### THE PROGRAM.

Dinner was served at 8.30 o'clock and after ample justice had been done to it, the intentions and their guests turned their chairs around and faced the platform to watch proceedings, which had begun there. The program, which though long was enjoyed till the end, was made up of solos by Miss Gilby and Miss May Watson, songs by Messrs H Gilby, John E Humphrey and the inimitable Ed Piggott, and mandolin and guitar duets by Messrs Nelson and Babcock. Miss Pendrith acted acceptably as accompanist.

The speeches had the true "no surrender" ring about them, and many of them contained hints that the lesson taught on June 23 last could be given again if circumstances required it. Among the speakers were Hon N C Wallace, M.P., Messrs Thos Crawford, M.L.A., Dr Ryerson, M.L.A., W Longford, M.L.A., Rev P C Parker, Rev J Coburn, W M Fitzgerald, John McMillan and George Purvis and Miss McCallum, Grand Mistress of the Lady Orange Lodges of British North America.

### MR. WALLACE'S REMARKS.

Grand Master Wallace, in the course of his remarks, paid a little attention to Archbishop Langevin. The rev. prelate had been taught the lesson in June last that interference with the wishes of the people of Ontario would not be tolerated. But the Roman Church, as usual with them, had not let the matter drop. They were still carrying on the fight, but not as openly as before. Orangemen had nobly safeguarded the liberties of the people at the last crisis, but there was one thing they were watching with suspicion even yet. They had seen the leaders of one political party trying to sell out to the Church of Rome and espouse a cause which was not in accordance with the party traditions, and they had also seen that those leaders did not gain anything by it. (Cheers.) But another thing they did not like was to see the present Government sending Mr. Fitzpatrick to Rome to ask the papal sanction to the settlement. A bill with a preamble signifying the endorsation of the Pope of Rome would not be tolerated. The Grand Master concluded his remarks by presenting on behalf of the brethren of his lodge a Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. G. Barrett, P.M. of L.O.L. No. 111.

The success of the affair was largely due to the joint committee, composed of Bros C G Barrett, Robert Woodcock, Washington and Gilby of L.O.L. 111; Bros G W Dies, W M Fitzgerald, W G Barchard, W G Stewart, George Vennel and W J Chick of L.O.L. No. 455; Bros E Martin, S Crotners, E Perkins and J W Stewart of Star of the East L.O.L.; Sisters Mrs Hilton, Mrs Dodier Mrs Fitzgerald, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Williams of Lady Vernon Lodge, and Sisters Mrs Stokes, Mrs Hall and Miss Hall of Lady Orange Lodge.

# BIG FIRE IN BRANTFORD.

**A Blaze Which Destroyed Property to the Value of Eighteen Thousand Dollars or More.**

Brantford, Feb. 26.—About a quarter to 5 this morning fire was discovered in the Burnley building on Queen-street. In a moment it was seen that the fire was of unusual proportions. The firemen responded promptly and soon had streams of water pouring on the burning building from both front and rear.

From the roof of the Burnley building, where the fire first started, it traveled eastward on to the roof of the building occupied by Messrs. Clifford, furniture factory and show room. The roof caught first and the fire began to eat its way along despite the determined efforts of the firemen to check it. They did check the flames before they had traveled half the length of the roof, but they had to pour an enormous quantity of water upon them before this could be done. On the other side of the Burnley building were the Caudwell stores. The store furthest west is built right up against the Burnley building and is only separated from it on the roof by a wooden partition.

The loss from water was, of course, very severe. Clifford's stock of furniture and their upholstering room were drenched and of course badly damaged. Some of the articles of furniture in the upper storeys got burned and scorched, but the greatest amount of damage was done by water.

The fire traveled into the top storey of the Caudwell building through the partition. It found a quantity of old paper, invoices, books and other inflammable material. The flames traveled forward and backward, burning the roof golden and sundry other little things, but the fire was checked before it could burn the roof.

The store nearest to Burnley's got the greatest amount of water, but the one farther east got its share. The Burnley building was pretty well gutted. It and the Clifford buildings run clear through from Colborne-street to the lane at the back. The fire in the Burnley building was found to be burning well over the entire structure from floor to ceiling. The roof was completely destroyed, and the roof of the Clifford building partially so.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

The total loss by fire and water will easily reach $18,000. The loss knocks out Brantford's average fire loss of $2000 or so per annum, and puts in one more strong claim for the safety of the "law of average."

So far as can be ascertained in a rough-and-ready calculation the loss is made up as follows:

Burnley building, $6000; plant and machinery, $1500; building insured in the Keystone Company of St. John, N. B., for $2500, and the plant for $1500 in the Aetna.

Caudwell's building, $500; loss on stock, $6000; insurance on stock, $12,000, and on building $4000, all in the Union Insurance Company.

Clifford's stock, $2000, fully insured; the building, which belongs to Mr. Tisdale, will suffer a loss of $2000.

Miss Dunn, dressmaker, who lives upstairs in the Clifford building, lost about $200; uninsured.

# ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE.

**The Annual Conversat at Whitby Surpassed Those of Former Years—A Most Enjoyable Time Distinguished Guests Present.**

Whitby, Ont., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The annual conversazione of the Ontario Ladies' College was held to-night and was successful beyond compare with any of the former brilliant functions given by the young ladies of that renowned institution. The outside world was a veritable blizzard, but this did not deter some five hundred of youth and beauty from gathering in the college halls to spend the evening with music and promenade.

### DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Among the invited guests were: Senator and Mrs Geo. Allan, Toronto; Mr and Mrs Dr Dewart, Toronto; Rev Dr and Mrs Potts, Toronto; Rev D C and Mrs Macdowell, Bowmanville; Rev Dr and Mrs Briggs, Toronto; Rev Dr and Mrs German, Toronto; Rev Dr and Mrs Galbraith, Toronto; Mayor Warring Kennedy, Toronto; Mr and Mrs W E Wellington, Toronto; Mr and Mrs R C Hamilton, Toronto; Mr and Mrs R J Score, Toronto; Elton Charles and Mrs Drury, Barrie; Mr and Mrs T Barclay, Whitby; Mr and Mrs H B Taylor, Whitby; Mr and Mrs J S Smith, Whitby; Mr J S Barnard, Whitby; Mr and Mrs W Adams, Whitby; Mr and Mrs J L Smith, Whitby; Mr and Mrs C A Ross, Whitby; Mr and Mrs William Ross, Port Perry.

A special train left the Union Station, Toronto, at 6.30, carrying three cars crowded with students from the city colleges and friends of the institution. Some of those on the train were Mr and Mrs R C Hamilton, Miss Murphy (Ottawa), Mr and Mrs H C Cox, Miss Bogart, Mr Frank and Miss Potts, Rev Dr and Mrs Dewart, Rev Dr and Miss German, Mr J S Loudon, Mr Frank Lillie, Mr Cleve Hall, Miss Fuller, Mr and Mrs E M Blight, Miss J Score, Miss Armstrong.

Some of those from Whitby were: Mr and Mrs J Waugh, Mr and Mrs Tamblyn, Mr G Martin, Rev Mr and Mrs Abraham, Mr and Mrs W H Bewell, Rev J S and Mrs Ironshall, Dr G A and Mrs Carson, Rev J S and Mrs Clarke, Judge and Mrs Dartnell, Mr J H and Mrs Greenwood, Rev Mr and Mrs Gold, Mr and Mrs J H Hogarth, Mr G M Jones, Mr and Mrs Howden, Mr and Mrs Charles King, Mr and Mrs J H Long, Dr and Mrs Meldrum, Dr and Mrs Mcgillivray, Mr B W Robertson (Kingston), Rev T and Mrs Manning, Mr and Mrs S M Newton, Sheriff and Mrs Paxton, Mrs J Richardson, Mr and Mrs T. G. Whitfield, and a goodly number from Oshawa and the surrounding towns.

The scene in the conversat and dining halls, which were thrown into one for the occasion, was a most beautiful one. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers, and that with the happy and beautiful face of the young promenaders, made the sight a pleasing one. The college is an excellent place for such a function, with its numerous and spacious halls, parlors and alcoves, all of which were thrown open for the enjoyment of the guests. The architectural design of the college was made by Mr. G. M. Miller, and showed the master's hand.

### THE CONCERT PROGRAM.

During the evening the following musical program was given:

Organ Solo—Overture "Semiramide,"
.....Rossini
Mrs. H. M. Blight, Toronto.
Promenade .....
Chorus—"The Old Brigade".....Barrie
Glee Club, Victoria University.
Promenade .....
Vocal Trio—"Forest Greeting".....Rust
Misses Taylor, Thomas and Hill.
Promenade .....
Instrumental—"Amorita Waltzes".Le Harge
Mandolin Club, Victoria University.
Promenade .....
Song—"The Bandoleer".....Leslie Stuart
Mr. A. E. I. Jackson, Victoria University.
Promenade .....
Vocal Trio—"Over the Waves".....Rotman
Misses Greenwood, A. Wilson and McCarty.
Promenade .....
Chorus—"Whitby Reminiscence".....
Glee Club, Victoria University.
Promenade .....
Song—"Hungarian Love Song".....Raeckel
Mr. H. M. Blight, Toronto.
Promenade .....
Instrumental—"A Jolly Sleighing Party"
.....Rueffer
Mandolin Club, Victoria University.
Promenade .....
Vocal Duet—"The Fisherman".....Gabussi
Misses James and Hill.
Promenade .....
Chorus—(a) "The Long Day Closes,"
Sullivan; (b) "A Catastrophe".....
Glee Club, Victoria University.

# HAMILTON NEWS

## CROW'S NEST PASS RAILWAY

## Government Asked to Build and Operate It.

## HAMILTON BOARD OF TRADE

## Speaks to That Effect Through Its Executive.

**Resolution Will be Wired to the Premier at Once—Civic Finance Committee Re-enacts the Tax Exemption Bylaw After Hearing Leading Manufacturers Argue the Matter—Mr. Harcourt's Bill Satisfies Neither Liquor Men Nor Temperance People—Hamilton News Generally.**

Hamilton, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The Hamilton Board of Trade, as the result of its sitting to-day, President Robinson presiding, will wire Prime Minister Laurier as follows:

Resolved that the Council of the Hamilton Board of Trade consider that the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway at the earliest possible moment is of the greatest importance. At the same time it is of the opinion that it will be in the general interest of Canada for the Government of the Dominion to build, construct, control and operate the line.

The resolution was proposed by Messrs. J. Proctor (J. Proctor & Son, Railway Supplies) and W. H. Gillard (W. H. Gillard & Co., wholesale grocers), and carried unanimously.

A communication from the Trades and Labor Council asked that the board do what it could to get one of the Technical Schools established in the city. The board will ascertain if the Provincial Government will legislate in the matter of Technical Schools, and if favorable to it will use its endeavors to bring such a school to Hamilton.

With regard to the protest of the board against the raising of G.T.R. rates on the Northern Division, General Traffic Manager Reeves writes, asking for a conference in the matter.

### TAX EXEMPTIONS.

**The Finance Committee Heard Manufacturers and Re-enacted the Bylaw.**

Hamilton, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held to-night under Chairman Carscallen to deal with much important business. A number of manufacturers appeared to ask for remissions from taxation on plant and machinery, amounting to $523,540, in view of the approaching expiration this year of the bylaw exempting them. President Robinson, of the Board of Trade, speaking for the stove founders, said that if machinery was taxed they might as well stick up a board framed in black with the words, "Going, going, the ruin of Hamilton, Ontario." The city could do without another retail store, but not without a single manufacturer. On account of the payment of heavy taxes many had been unable to write off the wear and tear on machinery.

W. J. Copp, stoves and agricultural implements, said if the manufacturing interests of the city were crippled there would be crippled likewise. The imposition of the school tax last year had caused much bitterness. Every branch of business was suffering and additional burdens should not be made. He was now paying $7 a day in taxes.

### THE OTHER SIDE.

Ald. McAndrew remarked that Montreal and Toronto did not exempt as Hamilton did. He believed that if they exempted one business after another they would get no money to run the city with. The Legislature should put all on an equal footing.

Ald. Watkins said if the city were paid the $523,540 it could get the good streets now called for. The merchants and professional men of the city felt the burden quite as much. The manufacturers wanted police and fire protection and water privileges, and they should pay for them. Industry and pluck made success and not exemption to the tune of a few dollars.

Ald. Baugh placed appreciation in the value of the machinery.

Chairman Carscallen asked if the city had not suffered by refusing exemption of taxes to the Stuart foundry.

On the motion of Ald. Baugh and Griffith, a resolution was put through re-enacting the bylaw for five years.

### BECKETT-DRIVE PROPERTY.

City Engineer Barrow submitted an exhaustive report on his examination of the Beckett drive property, which, together with a park and quarry, the Hamilton, Ancaster and Chedoke Electric Railway Company wish to hand over to the city in return for a bonus of $18,000, paid in yearly instalments of $1000.

On the motion of Ald. Emery and Griffith, a resolution was passed, offering a bonus of $12,000 in yearly instalments of $1000, provided that the road is extended to the village of Ancaster. The company will announce its decision as to acceptance on Wednesday next.

### BUREAU OF INSURANCE.

Ald. Hannaford's motion to establish a municipal bureau of insurance was not gone into. Chairman Carscallen produced an array of figures showing the large surplus of the companies doing business in the city. During the 12 years from 1885 the loss on buildings and their contents has been $453,266; insurance on buildings $24,500,000; insurance on contents $21,000,000; total annual premiums $189,000; commissions, etc., $18,900; average annual loss $3,772; net annual profit $132,328.

The question was laid over.

### LABOR'S REQUESTS.

Secretary Obermeyer of the Trades and Labor Union asked for the maintenance of the standard rate of wages of the Typographical Union by having their labels appear on all city printing.

Chairman Carscallen said he went with organized labor, and most of the committee agreed with him, but the lateness of the hour prevented a vote.

### A BARBER IN TROUBLE.

E. Ward, a Belleville barber, who gave his name as Wilson, was arrested this afternoon by Detective Coulter for being in possession of a lot of cloth of which he could give no account. This evening Drygoods Dealer T. C. Watkins identified the goods as having been taken from his store.

### FURIOUS RUNAWAY.

A horse attached to a wagon of Geo. Cranston, potter, 210 Garth-street, took fright this evening at Locke-street and, breaking loose from the wagon, dashed along King as far as James-street, with the broken shafts dangling from the harness. The beast was going at a terrific rate, clearing all before it, when Constable Fuller pluckily dashed out and stopped its mad career.

### SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

A large audience was present at the concert given by St. John's Presbyterian Church Choir in the church to-night. The choir was assisted by a selected orchestra. The soloists were Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. H. Bremner and Mr. S. Siddall, Miss Macdonald and Miss A. Mann were the accompanists. Mr. H. A. Stares was musical director and Rev. J. Young, B. A., was chairman.

### DAFFODIL BALL.

There was a big crush of guests at the daffodil ball held at Newport's, King-street east, to-night, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Refreshments were served during the evening. F. Taylor, W. Smith, J. Duncan and T. French were the committee. Anderson's orchestra supplied the music.

Large crowds are witnessing the animatograph exhibitions, given here every afternoon and evening in the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

### BOTH SIDES DISSATISFIED.

Hon. Richard Harcourt's bill amending the Liquor License Act has aroused the saloon keepers here, who say that it compels them to carry unnecessary hotel accommodation, and also gives them the difficult job of guessing whether a customer is 19 or 21 years of age. A meeting of the Hotelkeepers' Protective Association is called for Monday next to discuss action in the matter.

Temperance people here, on the other hand, say that the bill does not go far enough, either in regulating the number of liquor places or as regards the time allowed those to be abolished.

### HAMILTON GENERAL NEWS.

**The Mayor Asked to Bounce a Tax Collector—Police Items.**

Hamilton, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—County Councillor Pettit is at the American while speaking to The Herald Mr. Pettit said that a special sitting of the council would be held shortly to take action with regard to the decision of the Railway Committee in the spur line difficulty.

Mayor Colquhoun has received a letter from Lawyers Scott, Lees & Holison, objecting to the further employment of Tax Collector George Hunter. The letter refers to the scrap which Hunter had with Ald. West and says there are other complaints.

W. Babcock of the Bell Organ and Piano Company was thrown out of his rig yesterday at Bullock's Corners and was painfully with internal injuries to a neighboring hotel.

A large class in domestic science at the Y. W. C. A. listened to an interesting lecture on milk and egg dishes this morning by Miss Watson of Philadelphia.

Robert Bolton, 70 Peter-street, went to H. Gilbert's shoe store on Tuesday and bought a pair of shoes for his little brother. While the clerk wrapped them up he picked up a pair of shoes for his sister's baby and never bothered to enquire their price. Lawyer Carscallen made an able defence and Bolton pleaded a number of beers on the occasion of the store, but the stipendiary Jelfs gave him two weeks in Bartonstreet jail.

Hotelkeeper Fahey of the Imperial House is slightly better to-night and has regained his reason.

Alice Cunningham, a young girl, charged with vagrancy, has been sent to the Rescue Home.

Four thousand dollars has been spent by the Board of Works in giving jobs to 400 unemployed.

F. R. Close, chairman of the Pure Food Show, which is shortly to be exhibited at the drill hall, has the big project well in hand. The affair promises to go with a rush.

The senior basket ball players of the Y. M. C. A. won their game at Brantford by a score of 15 to 9.

St. Mark's Women's Auxiliary has elected the following officers for the year: President, Mrs. E. Martin; vice-president, Mrs. Counsell; recording secretary, Miss Bowditch; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. Wright; treasurer, Mrs. Bates; members of Board of Management, Mrs. Hancock; auditors, Miss Hutton, Miss E. Counsell; delegates, Mrs. W. Brown, Mrs. Slater.

The local building contractors are calling on members of the Bricklayers' Union to either retire from the union or cease taking contracts.

The primary class in the Collegiate Institute has contributed $5.35 to the famine fund.

### No. 5 Co., York Rangers, Dine.

The annual smoker and at home of No. 5 Co., York Rangers, was held in the sergeants' mess, 480 Queen-street west, on Thursday. The large turnout, including representatives of the G.O.R., 48th H.G.'s, 57th, Dufferin Rifles and other corps, testified to the high regard entertained for the popular Capt. Curran and his company. Col.-Sergt. Mowat made an excellent chairman. The following contributed to the evening's entertainment: Messrs Porteous, Cox, Day, Dodge, Logian, Wilson and Chambers (sparring), Tyner, Mack, Hy Bennett, Twining, Walsh and Duggan. The Quarrington orchestra supplied the music.

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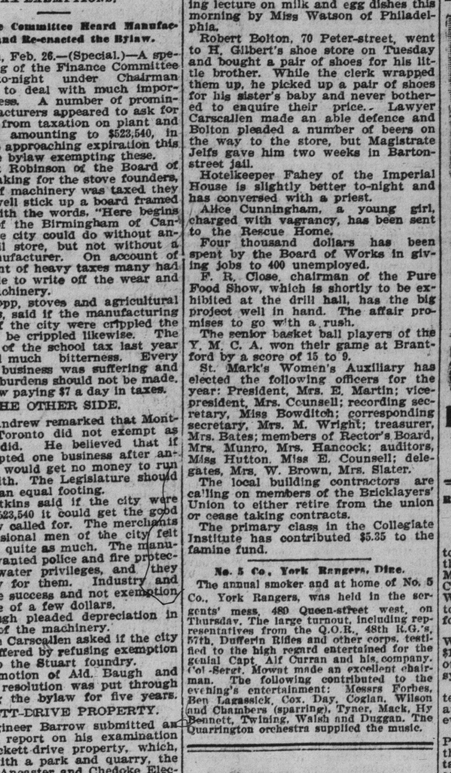

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