SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION

First Night of Erminie Scores a Hit

Big House Witnesses the Tuneful opera—Artists Aquit Themselves Splendidly

Easterners who remember Aronson's Casino and the triumphs therein of Lillian Russell, Pauline Hall, Marie Cansen, Francis Wilson and a score of other opera bouffe artists could almost have been reminded, with a little imagination, of home in the presentation of "Erminie." In all the five operas that have now been produced by the operatic society there is not one that has been given on the first night with the snap and ginger of that of last night. And what is more surprising is that it was unexpected by those who are taking part. The dress rehearsal held Saturday evening did anything but augur well for the initial production, quite a few of the principals being far from up in their lines, and it was feared that Monday evening would witness a repitition of former efforts when the opening night was pretty much to the bad. The house was packed and there was no lack of enthusiasm which may have acted as an inspiration to the singers.

One thing should be criticized principally because the condition calling for such is so unnecessary. The chorus does not produce half the volume it ought to considering the number it contains and the only reason is because the singers do not let their voices out. They have been in the habit of practicing in a small room with but a piano alone with the result that when they get in what Dawson is pleased to call a large theatre and an orchestra of eight pieces is accompanying them the volume so noticeable during rehearsals is missing. There was a great deal of nervousness noticeable last night, particularly from the front of the house, and a great deal of prompting was necessary which now that the premier has been given will not be apparent at the subsequent performances.

A word of praise is due the orchestra which is laboring under a handicap that can not be appreciated by anyone other than a musician. On account of the failure of the Orchestration to arrive in time each one of the eight musicians in the orchestra is compelled to read from a piano score, and as each score is identical with the other the harmony of sounds is dependent wholly upon the musicianly sense of the players. With the reeds and brass every note of the opera has to be transposed from the key in which it is written.

The stars of the opera are easily the two thieves impersonated by H. D. Hulme and D. S. W. Barwell, the parts made so famous by Wilson and Jeff De Anglis. They are the comedians of the plot and their lines have not a prosy sentence in them. Their makeup is excellent and the characters as presented by them are among the rarest bits of humor ever seen on the Dawson stage. The repartee and love making between the Baron Bonny (Hulme) and the Princess (Fred Atwood) is a deliciously refreshing piece of character work. Though the Princess does not make her appearance until the second act the part in Mr. Atwood's hands is really quite a star part. The dear old lady's tout ensemble, as it might be called, is such as leaves nothing wanting.

Mrs. Herbert in the title role made a very pretty appearance and sang well. Being a very pretty woman her beauty was only all the more enhanced by the exquisite gowns worn. A well deserved encore was taken in the "Lullaby." Another very pretty number was the duet between Erminie and Eugene (Mr. Cowan) "There is a Sweet Remembrance of the Past."

Three others of the ladies took honors with Mrs. Herbert and were worthy of the highest encomiums. Particularly is such true of Mrs. Frank Malthy who appeared as Marie, a peasant girl. She it was who always led in the attack by the chorus, quick at picking up cues and the freshness and purity of her voice was made all the more refreshing by the girlish beauty of its owner. The solo of Marie with the accompanying dance Mrs. Malthy executed so well that an encore was insisted upon.

Mrs. Mullen as Javotte, the maid was heard to excellent advantage her jealous pranks with Simon being perfectly ingenuous, so much so that a crusty old bachelor who sat in the front row was heard to say "Just like a woman." Mrs. Mullen has a splendid contralto and is perfectly at ease before the footlights. Mrs. J. Langlois Bell played the role of Serise, companion of Erminie, and added not a little to the general picture of beauty presented when all were on the stage.

Mr. R. L. Cowan as usual took the leading tenor role, that of Eugene, secretary to the Marquis. He was in good voice and acted with the complacency with which he is becoming so well known. His love making scenes being the perfection of art, showing extensive practice and much conscientious study in that most difficult task. His solo "Darkest the Hour" was so well received that an encore was demanded. Mr. Geo. Craig made an admirable Marquis de Pontvert, dignified, stately and possessing a voice suitable to the part. His several numbers were quite enjoyable.

Mr. Frank Johnson made his operatic debut in Dawson as the Chevalier de Brabazon, ably taking the part. Mr. R. A. Blondin played Simon, the waiter, Mr. Halfdan Grotchier made an ideal Dufois, landlord of the Lion d'Or, Mr. Ralph Torry was seen as Captain Delaunay, and Mr. P. X. Genest as the Vicomte de Brissac. One of the best numbers in the opera was the concerted piece in the third act sung without accompaniment. On account of yesterday being Victoria day the performance did not begin until 9 o'clock, but tonight as well as tomorrow and Thursday evenings the curtain will go up promptly at 8:30 o'clock. The following is the complete cast:

Marquis de Pontvert, Mr. Geo. Craig
Eugene Marcel, his secretary, Mr. R. L. Cowan
Ernest, Vicomte de Brissac, Mr. P. X. Genest
Captain Delaunay, Mr. Ralph Torry
Sergeant, Mr. Chas. Shannon
Dufois, landlord of the Lion D'Or, Mr. Halfdan Grotschier
Simon, waiter of the Lion D'Or, Dr. R. A. Blondin
Henri, Mr. S. G. McLellan
Pierre, Mr. John McMeekin
Robert, Mr. Fred Forrest
Benedictine, a waiter, Mr. J. S. Cowan
Chevalier de Brabazon, Mr. Frank Johnson
Ravennes and Cadeaux, two thieves, Mr. C. S. W. Barwell and Mr. H. D. Hulme
Cerise, Arcel, Erminie's companion, Mrs. J. Langlois Bell
Javotte, Erminie's maid, Mrs. P. Mullen
Marie, a peasant girl, Mrs. Frank Malthy
Celestine, Miss Belle Craig
Clementine, Mrs. C. D. Macaulay
Princess De Gramponeur, Mr. F. X. Atwood
Erminie, the Marquis' daughter, Mrs. W. S. Herbert

OBSERVANCE OF VICTORIA DAY

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is actually but one team in the city, the Hardwares, and they have corralled all the best players so that in order to get up a game yesterday that would be at all presentable it was necessary to divide the Hardwares and then take on such other players as could be induced to take part. Two halves were played with 35 minutes between the teams being manned by A. W. Owens and Tom Watts, Andy Smith officiating as referee. Each side scored a goal in the first half, one by Billy Muir for the Hardwares and one by Alex McDonald for the Maple Leaf aggregation. In the last half the Maple Leaf players took two more goals, the score at the call of time being two to favor of the Maple Leaf crowd.

Though it was announced on the ground that the stage driving contest would be postponed until after supper, it was brought on just as soon as the crowd arrived up town. Originally there were four entries, a rather long outlay and they so did others, but at the last they all passed out with the exception of the N. C. Co. The latter had to get a team drawn to travel together and their team was made up of the three dentist teams hitched together. The White Pass people had intended a big go, but neither their stages nor their stock arrived on time. In order that there might be a contest the Dawson Transfer Company rigged up an outfit similar to that of the N. C. Co. The course was laid out covering a part of two blocks, the drivers being compelled to manipulate their horses that the vehicle would pass through two flags at each turn without knocking them over. The first prize was won by the N. C. Co.

The horse and bicycle races were run after supper, resulting as follows:

Quarter mile bicycle race—G. H. Debtard first, W. O. Peterson second, W. R. Sherwin third. The same three won the half mile race in the same order.

Quarter mile dash, horses, open—Joe Boyle's "Modoc" first, Dave Sicklesteel's "Blossom" second. Same winners in the same order took the half mile race.

Quarter mile pony race, open—Sicklesteel's "Susie" first, Joe Nee's "Billie" second, J. R. Hamilton's "Dick" third.

"Consolation" race—Nee's "Billie" first, Reardon's "Soreneck" second.

Several Indian races were run, Silas being the winner in the bucks event with Isaac second and Jim third. In the squaws' race Annie carried off first money, Lizzie second and Gladys Gwendoline third.

The prize offered by Frank & Vesco for the athlete winning the greatest number of first prizes was awarded to George McLeod.

That for the best decorated building went to the Dawson Hardware Company.

Opera "Erminie" at the Auditorium for four nights, commencing Monday, May 25th (Victoria day). Prices of admission: General admission, 75c; orchestra stalls, $1, $1.50 and $2.00; balcony, $1.50 and $2.50; boxes, 4 seats, $10.00, 6 seats $12.00 and $18.00, 8 seats $20.00 and $24.00, 10 seats $30.00.

Tickets at Cribbs', First avenue.

FIRST BOAT ARRIVES

Sybil Ties Up at W. P. Dock This Morning

La France in From Selkirk—Sails for Duncan's Landing Tomorrow.

The steamer Sybil, the first of the season to arrive from the upper river, tied up at the White Pass dock at 10:30 this morning, her officers being Captain Bragg, master, Captain Frank Murray, pilot, and A. Haynes, purser.

Of the delay to the Sybil in getting through owing to several ice jams the readers of the Nugget are familiar. The last jam which was a few miles above Selkirk and at Hellgate broke at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon after which the Sybil lost no time in getting through.

The Sybil brought in ten sacks of mail. The following is her list of passengers: H. Rosenthal, Win Gentel, Capt. Hubbard, Stewart Menzies, Capt. J. T. Gray, Wm. McKinnon, Thos. C. Hayes, W. Sanford, Chas. La Boyteaux, M. Gillespie, C. A. Boomer, R. Newcombe, J. Stonkers, Wm. Hall, C. G. Daniels, F. Rossick, Mrs. Chas. Worden, Miss Dall, Alvah Smith, R. Rigger, F. S. Eldridge, James Eldridge, Geo. Gray, Jas. Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntyre, Falken, Joslin, E. Luckter, Lord, Geo. W. Dell, W. M. Neron, F. Barnette, John Gilson, D. C. Christensen, J. Maklasen, S. Kind, Sam Mrs. L. Brown, Capt. Bob Revell, Mr. W. McLeod, Mr. A. Ritter, J. Sarond, Frank Mortimer, L. La France, W. McCarty, T. Fahs, Tom McDonald, Ed. Shaw.

Her cargo consisted of 75 packages N. C. Co., 5 packages, Northern Commercial Co., 37 packages, Dawson Hardware Co., 18 packages and 17 bale of hay, Alvah Smith, 37 packages, N. A. T. & T. Co., 20 packages, Rothschild, 12 packages, P. H. McDet, 2 packages, F. A. Meyer, 2 packages, Whitley & Co., 32 package.

The boat of La France of the Mendenhall line arrived at Carcross the morning, bringing over her passengers and some freight and baggage. The La France has 75 tons of freight for Dawson and will leave for Duncan's Landing and Stewart River points at 8 o'clock this Wednesday morning. Captain Murray will be in command of the La France this season. Mr. A. M. Thornburg, one of the owners, is in town and will be associated with Manager Cuddihead in the dispatch of the company's steamer, the La France, which will leave at 8 o'clock this Wednesday morning for Duncan's Landing and Stewart River points. Attends to the dispatch of the La France this Wednesday morning.

The Prospector will leave for Duncan's Landing and Stewart River points Wednesday evening with freight and passengers.

Seattle No. 3 will leave for Tanana and Fairbanks on Wednesday.

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SUMMER BEVERAGE

The Time for Switching to Milder Drinks Now at Hand

With the coming of mild weather comes the time for breaking away from the straight goods and toning up the system with a mild tonic. Lemps' draught beer is today the greatest summer beverage known and for the first time this year in Dawson it was put on tap today at Butler's Pioneer where sparkling and foaming it is being served to the many patrons of this popular house.

The Pioneer is admirably fitted and furnished for the comfort of beer drinkers in that its rear room contains tables, chairs and other comforts for its patrons. The house has ever lead all competitors and in the matter of fresh beer on tap it is still first and foremost.

The names "Butler's" and "Pioneer" are synonymous in Dawson for "first class in every respect" as cheap grades of goods are never kept at this resort. Case goods for a few and stark naked hootch for the many is not Butler's motto, but all are served with the very best, none other being kept in stock. Call and try his fresh draught Lemps' beer.

HAS BOX PARTY.

The Commissioner the Host at the Theatre.

Commissioner Congdon was the host at a box party given last night at the Opera house, occasion being the birthday of his daughter, Miss Congdon. The box was decorated with flowers and large center piece of roses was presented to the birthday girl. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Congdon, Miss Congdon, Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Mr. W. [illegible]

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