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HAMILTON NEWS

MRS. FARR'S NECK BROKEN

St. Catharines Lady Met Death in a Peculiar Way While on a Visit to Her Daughter.

HER FOOT SLIPPED AND SHE FELL.

Two Youths Went Out Skating and It is Feared They Are Drowned —General News Notes.

Hamilton, December 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Eliza Farr of St. Catharines met her death last evening very suddenly. She was on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Donald Hodd, 135 West-avenue north, and went into the yard to gather some clothes from the line. While doing so her foot slipped and she fell, her head striking on a pail. Mrs. Hodd heard her moans and hurried to her side, but she died almost immediately. Dr. Bangle who was called, found that Mrs. Farr's neck had been broken by the fall. Deceased was 50 years of age.

Perhaps They're Drowned.

Two youths, John Higham and Albert Smith, employed at Fearman's factory, are missing and it is feared they have been drowned in the bay. They went on the bay to skate yesterday afternoon and were seen by a man who was erecting a fish hut, skating westwards towards Carroll's Point. They were warned that the ice was unsafe, but they kept on. They had not been heard of to-day and it is thought they have fallen into one of the ice holes.

Infirmary for Incurables.

The eighth annual meeting of St. Peter's Infirmary for incurables was held this afternoon, John M. Burns presiding. According to the treasurer's report the income was $2,161:62, leaving a balance of $6.06 on hand. The Warden, Rev. Thomas Geoghegan, reported that 29 persons had been cared for during the year. P. Bonney was elected secretary, T. B. Martin, treasurer, and the following were appointed the committee of management: C SWilcox, J J Mason, Adam Brown, Mesdames Stuart, Martin, Lottridge, M Wright, P D Crerar, McGiverin, Misses Brown, Chowne, Domville and Whitcomb.

Entertainments.

Prof. C. Astronomical Johnson addressed the Human Nature Club this evening in the Victoria Yacht Club on "The people of Mars." His lecture was the funniest thing that has been sprung on an innocent audience here for a decade. James Hengan, Grand Luminary of the Club, presided. J. V. Teetzel, Q.C., spoke.

The members of the Germania Club held their annual Christmas tree entertainment to-night. After each child present had received a gift the floor was cleared and dancing was indulged in.

Minor Matters.

Judge Snider this morning dismissed the action brought by William Fowler against James Wilson of Strabane, for false arrest.

Rev. Father Mahoney was last evening presented with a gold-headed cane by the members of the Leo Literary Society.

A number of newsboys have been summoned on the charge of selling Buffalo papers on Sunday last.

Richard Nichols committed for trial today by the magistrate on the charge of receiving stolen property.

Last evening, at Immanuel Church, Joseph Tait was married to Miss Eleanor Kersall Cartmell, daughter of Henry Cartmell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Watson.

IS FRANK PHALEN CRAZY?

Supposed Demented Man, Coming From Lakefield, Wandering About Barefoot.

CONSTABLE TIDSBERRY HAS A CHASE

Captures the Man About Two Miles Above Wexford After Two Hours' Run.

East Toronto, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The village had a treat of rather an exciting character this morning, in the form of a steeplechase between Constable Tidsberry and a half-demented creature, who was classed on the program as "unknown." The constable won the race, and managed to land the unknown, who turned out to be, as he claims, Frank Phalen of Lakefield, which is nine miles north of Peterboro.

Phalen was first noticed at the Harris glue factory about 7 o'clock this morning, and as he became obnoxious, Constable Tidsberry was summoned. When the constable arrived on the scene, about 9 o'clock, Phalen had made tracks to the northward. The fugitive had got out of range by this time, but the constable started out in pursuit on foot, and at times was able, by following the tracks in the snow, to catch an occasional glimpse of the fleeing freak. Phalen, like the famous Lochinvar, "Stayed not for brake, and stopped not for stone,"

but continued in his northward direction, over the ice and through the brush, until he was finally captured by the constable about two miles above Wexford, after a chase of over two hours.

Phalen, shoeless and stockingless, when overtaken, presented a pitiable sight. His clothes were torn by the barbs on the wire fences, and his feet were a bloody spectacle, with not a particle of skin on the soles. He was taken before Magistrate Ormerod and remanded for a week.

The prisoner claims to come from Lakefield. He is about 27 years of age. He is clean shaven, and, at the time of his capture, wore a brown suit and a black fedora hat.

Five Men Discharged.

The Grand Trunk management have discharged five employes as a result of the big accident at Havelock, which occurred a day before the disaster at Murray Hill. The men are T. Cushing and J. Connolly, Smith's Falls, despatchers; S. Ashdown, operator, Toronto Junction; Engineers Findlay and McInerny and Conductor Thompson.

DEATH ROLL.

Herr Christian Diden, one of the oldest members of the German Reichstag, died yesterday at Berlin in his 89th year.

Robert V. Robertson, formerly a well-known Chicago newspaper man and founder of The Nugget of Placerville, Cal., is dead. He was one of the most widely known journalists on the Pacific Coast.

Augustus W. Peters, president of the borough of Manhattan, N.Y., died suddenly yesterday of heart disease. He was a native of Halifax, N.S.

Frederic Chalmers, a partner in the banking firm of Brown, Shipley & Co. of London, Eng., died suddenly yesterday. He attended the bank Wednesday, and was in good health.

MOORE, THE "BADGER."

Sent to prison for nineteen years for practising the "badger" game on a New York hotelman.

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GRENADIERS DO 'THE GRAND'

The Pavilion All Aglow With Youth and Beauty Last Night at Their Annual Ball.

PRESENCE OF PROMINENT PERSONS.

The Music Was Excellent—The Floor in Slippery Shape—All Went Merry as a Marriage Bell.

The gallant Grenadiers did themselves proud last night at their annual ball. Their scarlet uniforms lent a gorgeous tinge to the occasion, and harmonized perfectly with the beautiful costumes worn by the women fair. But, it was not all scarlet, for the officers of other regiments and the Government party lent a more subdued color to the occasion.

Among others present were: Major and Mrs Cartwright, Commander and Mrs Law, Capt H M Mowat (A.D.C.), Lieut Elmsley (R.C.D., A.D.C.), Lieut.-Col. Otter and Mrs Otter, Lieut.-Col. Lessard (R.C.D.), Lieut.-Col. Denison and Mrs Denison, Lieut.-Col. Cosby and Mrs Cosby, Lieut.-Col. Delamere (Q.O.R.), and Mrs Delamere, Lieut.-Col. Mead (T.F.B.), Lieut.-Col. McLaren and officers of the 13th; Lieut.-Col. Graveley, Major Young (R.R.C.I.), and Mrs Young, Major Denison (R.R.C.I.), and Mrs Denison, Major Macdougall and Mrs Macdougall, Surgeon-Major Nattrass (R.R.C.I.), and Mrs Nattrass, Vet-Major Hall (R.C.D.), and Mrs Hall, Capt Forrester (R.C.D.), and Mrs Forrester, Capt Fiset (R.R.C.I.), and Mrs Fiset, Mr. Sutton (R.C.D.), and Mrs Sutton, Capt MacLean (R.R.C.I.), Mr C T Van Straubenzie (R.C.D.), Mr Burnham (R.R.C.I.), and Mrs Burnham, the Hon The Premier of Ontario and Mrs Hardy, Lady Kirkpatrick, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs Grasett, Capt and Mrs Barlow Cumberland, Rev A H Baldwin (Chaplain R.G.), President of St. Andrew's Society and Mrs Cockburn, Commodore of the R.C.Y.C. and Mrs. Jarvis.

When the throating bugles of the Grenadiers sound the "assembly" the line is complete. Last night at the Pavilion the opening dance was held, and by 10 o'clock the floor was a gay scene of swaying couples, in numbers just large enough to be nice, the floor not too slippery, the music and supper excellent. The Grenadiers' Band furnished the former and Albert Williams the latter, leaving both needless of comment.

A Brilliant Scene.

The striking feature of the decoration was flags—bits of red and blue and white and gold, and all the assembled colors. They hung from the roof in a drooping cross-shaped design, clustered on the pillars, yacht pennants hung their graceful selves, and the electric lights gleamed red and blue and black through the bunting. The sight was very pretty, as those in the gallery vowed, looking at those on the floor. The rendezvous were companies of the regiment, and a bugle warned everyone to prepare for the next dance. An unqualified success, free from any crush, is the verdict of the large number attending.

Some of the Gowns.

Some of the frocks worn were:

Miss Mowat, pink satin; Mrs. Cattanach, pale lavender silk with real lace and diamonds; Mrs. Bruce Harman, black brocade; Mrs. H. D. P. Armstrong, black moire with long sleeves of chiffon and diamond ornaments; Miss Helen Armstrong, pink silk, veiled with white gauze and touches of black; Mrs. J. Staunton King wore the toilet of the evening, a combination of white trimmed with stripes of black velvet, and pink roses. Mrs. Alfred Cameron, pale blue Duchess satin, over dress of rich lace; Mrs. Willie Brouse, white brocade with flounces of yellow chiffon and trimmings of turquoise blue; Mrs. Galbraith in white satin; Mrs. Alf. Wright, toilette of black and white; Mrs. Charley Temple in yellow and blue; Mrs. Herbert Cawthra, white satin, trimmings of green velvet, diamond ornaments; Miss Laura Bain, pale green brocade, flounces of white net, violets on the shoulder; Miss Evelyn Cox, pink brocade and trimmed with garlands of roses; Miss Scott, white satin; Miss Buck, yellow with trimmings of white chiffon; Mrs. James Rogers, turquoise blue silk, trimmings of spangled net; Miss Dwight, pure white satin; Miss Georgy, pink satin, veiled with point d'esprit; Miss Mae Foster, pink organdie with black touches; Miss Matthews, pink silk organdie, pink rouchings; Miss Elsie Lockie, pale blue; Miss F. Chapman, white silk, blue feather in the hair; Miss Ashworth, pale green; Mrs. Dr. Pyne, pink silk; Miss Fleshe Hamilton, white silk; Miss Winnifred Paulin, white silk; Miss Ethel Hughes, pale blue organdie, trimmed with black.

The Invited Guests.

The invited guests were:

Mr and Mrs H P D Armstrong, Miss Armstrong, Mr and Mrs Douglas Armour, Mr C D Archibald, Mrs Norman Allen, the Misses Alexander, Capt G J Ashworth, Miss E Ashworth, Capt Armstrong (36th), Mr W B Anderson, Mrs Arnold, Miss Arthurs, Mr and Mrs Gibson Arnold.

Major and Mrs Bruce, Mr and Mrs J W Beatty, Mr and Mrs W H Beatty, Mr and Mrs H W Beatty, Mr D Bremner, Mr W D Beardmore, Mr C W Bell, Capt Brock (R.G.), Mrs Brock, Capt Boyd (R.G.), Mr C A Beene, Mr E Burns, Mr T P Burchall, the Misses Bain, Mrs Botsford, Dr Herbert A Bruce, Miss Buck, Mr S G Becket (36th), Mr R A Brock (G.G.B.C.), the Misses Brock, Mr and Mrs Hedleigh Bond, Mr Geroge Broughall, Mr C A B Brown, Miss Marion Barker, Mrs Bruce, the Misses Booth, Mr W L Brock, Miss Brouse, Mr R B Beaumont, Dr and Mrs Geoffrey Boyd, Miss Florence Baird, Miss Begg, Mr J L Biggar, Mr D G Boyd, Mr H J Brookes (48th).

Capt Cameron (R. G.), Mrs Cameron, Capt Cartwright (R.G.), Mr Craig (R.G.), Mr. Carlon (R.G.), Mrs Carlon, Capt Churchill Cockburn (G.G.B.C.), Mr and Mrs W H Cathra, Mr and Mrs A H Crease, Miss Crease, Mr J B Clarke, Mr and Mrs E S Cox, Miss Cox, Mrs Cattanach, the Misses Cattanach, Mr and Mrs R J Christie, Mr and Mrs James Crowther, Miss Cochrane, Miss Clarke (St. Catharines), Mrs W Cummings, Mr T E Champion, Mr R L Cowan, Mr E H Cave (Brown Cave), Mr J C E Chadwick, Dr and Mrs Coleman, Miss Chapman, Mr and Mrs H Cawthra, Miss Cawthra, Mr George Carruthers, Capt Carpenter (R.R.C.I., London), Mr J T Cairns, Mrs Cozens, Norman Cosby, Mr D Coulson, Miss Coulter, Mr Gordon Clark, Miss K Crawford, Mr James Carruthers, Mr J Bedford Campbell, Mr W E H Carter.

Mr and Mrs W J Douglas, Miss Alfred Denison, Mr F C Daniel, Mr Dalton Davies, Mr W L Dugan, Miss Helen Douglass, Miss Delamare, Miss E Defries, Mrs E H Duggan, Mr R Drummond, Mr Vivian E Denison, Miss Linda V Denison, Mr A Denny, Mr Robert Defries.

Mr and Mrs D C Edwards, Mr Sherwood Emsley, Miss Elmsley, Miss Elmsley, Mr J D Eddis.

Mr A E Finucane, Miss Mae Foster, Miss Fuller (Hamilton), Mr C L Foster, Mr F J Fox, Mr Andrew Frame, Miss Fuller, Miss Falconbridge.

Mr and Mrs R T Gooderham, Miss Ada Gooderham, Capt Gooderham (R.G.), Mrs Gooderham, Mr C E A Goldman, Mr John A Gunn (Q.O.R.), Mr A Courtney Gillespie, Mr and Mrs George Gooderham, Miss Goodwin, Mr and Mrs W G Gooderham, Mr and Mrs Ross Gooderham, Mr W H Gooderham, Miss Aileen Gooderham, Capt A C Gibson, Mrs Gibson, Dr and Mrs Grasett, Mr and Mrs Arthur Grasett, Mr and Mrs W Galbraith, Miss E F Goldman, Mr George E Gooch, Miss Gordon (Cooksville), Mrs W Gwynne, Mr and Mrs T Percy Galt, Miss Goodday, Mr and Mrs G H Gooderham, Mrs Greenshields, Mr E H Gunther, Miss George.

Mr Colin Harbottle (48th), Miss Harrison, Miss Hart, Mr V J Hughes, the Misses Hughes, Dr J M Henwood, Miss Harvey, the Misses Haines (New York), Mr Murray Hendrie, Miss Maud Hedley, Mrs Hodgins, Mr Bernard Hughes, Miss Ethel Hughes, Mr Harry H Hay, Mr and Miss Bruce Harman, Mr Arthur Hills, Mrs Hills, Miss Hills, Miss Hughes, Mr Harris, Mrs Stuart Heath, Mr J Castell Hopkins, Miss Florence Hamilton, Mr D Burton Holland, Miss Hellwell, Mr P Hardisty, Mr A E Hillyard.

Mr Mark H Irish, Mr George Ince, Miss Irving.

Hon and Mrs Melvin Jones, Miss Melvin Jones, Mr and Mrs Jackes, Mr H Jemmett, Miss Lillian Jackes, Miss Edith Jones, Mr F B Johnston.

Surgeon Major King (R.G.), Mrs King, Mr Walter Kingsmill (R.G.), Mr Arthur S King, the Misses Kingsmill, Mr W F Kearney, Mr A A M Kirkpatrick, Mr T L Kennedy, Mr and Mrs G S Kirkpatrick.

Mr and Mrs William Laidlaw, Mr Ernest M Lake, Mr and Mrs W H Lee, Miss Leys, Mrs Leverich (New York), Miss Leverich (New York), Mr C O DeLisle, Mr F W Lane, the Misses Lockhart, Miss Lillie Lee, Mr and Mrs S H Lee, Miss Laidlaw, Mr E M Lockie, Miss E Lockie, Miss Law, Miss F Lamport.

Lieut.-Col Mason (RG), Mrs Mason, Capt Mayers (RG), Capt Montgomery (RG), Mrs Montgomery, Mr Mason (RG), Mr Charles Mitchell, Miss Annie Mitchell, Miss Mossom, Miss Inez Mitchell, Miss Merritt, Mr. Fred Martin, Miss Martin (Hamilton), Mrs W D Mitchell, Lieut-Col and Mrs Merritt, Miss Freda Montizambert, Mr and Mrs A Lyman Massey, Miss Michie, Miss Mildred Montizambert, Miss Miller, Miss Muriel Massey, Mr Robert Martin, Mr H J Minty, Mrs Mitchell, Mr W H Morrison, Miss Olive Matthew, Miss Daisy Monahan, Mr W H Montizambert, Miss Louis Matthews, Mr H S Mara, Mr C A Moss, Miss Effie Michie, Mr Percy Manning.

Captain MacKay (RG), Mr MacInnes (RG), Miss McArthur, Mr J W McCullough, Dr G R McDonagh, Mr D H McDougall (48th), Misses McDougall, Mr J A Macdonald, Mr J S McMurray, Mr L L McMurray, Mr L S McMurray, Miss McMurray, Mr and Mrs W F Maclean, Miss MacDonald, Mr J Gordon Macdonald, Miss Macdonald, Major MacDonald (48th), Mrs MacDonald, Miss Llele MacDonald, Mrs J D McMurrich, the Misses McArthur, Mr George B McKay, Miss Amy McDonough (London), Mrs McKinnon, Mrs and Miss McBeth, Dr and Mrs McArthur, Mr C H McArthur, Miss MacInnes, Mr I McMurrich, Mr F C McGuire, Mr O C McGin, Mr H C McGill, Miss McMurtry.

Captain O'Reilly (RG), Miss Osler, Mr Gordon Osler.

Dr. and Mrs R A Pyne, Major Pellatt (QOR), Mrs Pellatt, Miss Antoinette Plumb, Miss Pemberton, Miss Perkins, the Misses Phillips, Mr P L Paterson, the Misses Prairie (Quebec), Miss Perrin, Mr F B Polson, Mr Heber Phillips, Mr B F Pack, Mr J H Patterson, Mr J H L Patterson.

Deputy Surgeon-Gen Ryerson, Mrs Ryerson, Mr C A Ross, Dr and Mrs J F Ross, Mr and Mrs J Ross Robertson, Mr S A Rowbotham, Miss Jessie Rowand, Mrs James Rogers, Miss Mabel Rae, Mrs Rutan, Mr John Y Reid, Miss Robertson, Miss Edith Roger, Mr and Mrs D A Rose, Miss H C Rae, Mr L Reinhardt, jr, Mr J H Roaf, Miss Louie Roy.

Lieut-Col and Mrs Smith, Miss Smith, Mr E F Seagram (Waterloo), Mr and Mrs G B Smith, Mr George R Sweeney, Mr W P Sloane, Mrs Sloane, Mr S F Sloane (RG), Captain Stimson (RG), Mr Shanley (RG), Mr Colin J. Sewell, Dr and Mrs Sprague, Miss Seymour, Miss Scarth, Mr Sanford F Smith, Miss Florence Saunders, Miss Stanway, Mr A M Stewart, Miss E Smith, Miss Scott, Miss Sheppard, Miss M Steele (Hamilton), Miss Amy Street, Mr James Scott, Mr F J R Siver, Dr D K Smith (48th).

Dr W B Thistle, Captain Tassie (RG), Surgeon-Lt Temple (RG), Mrs Temple, Mr A Percy Taylor, Lady Thompson, Misses Thompson, Mr John Thomson, Mr Joseph Thompson, Miss Amy Eaton Thompson, Thompson, Miss Temple, Miss Temple, Mr W B the Misses Temple, Miss Temple, Mr Reginald Temple, Taylor, Miss Taylor, Mr Reginald Temple, Mr R Percy Vivian, Miss Florence Vivian, Mrs J H Vivian, Mr F H Vercoe (RMC), Mr. C S Wilkie (RG), Mr A A S Wilkins (RG), Mr Robert Wood (RG), Mr J M Woodbridge (48th), Dr and Mrs A H Wright, the Misses Wright, Mrs Wyatt, Miss Wyatt, Captain Wyatt (QOR), Mr and Mrs Wilson, Mr Charles J. Wisner, Mr John M Wilson, Miss Enid Worum, Miss Wellington, Mr Darrell Warren, Miss Wisner, Cadet A R Wintle, Miss A R Williams, Mr Campbell Wellbridge, Miss Wallbridge, Mr James H Woods, Miss White, Miss N E White, Mr and Mrs Alfred Wright, Mr T E Wright, Mr W M Whitehead, Mr J B Watson, Mr W D Wilson, Mr H M Wylie, Miss Wylie, Mr F S Winans.

Mr and Mrs Young, Miss Young.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Dr. Guay, M.P. for Levis, was last night reported to be sinking fast.

The ice bridge at Montreal is rapidly forming, and some people have crossed it.

Mr. E. B. Osler, M.P., is mentioned as likely to be asked to act for the Grand Trunk Railway in the coming arbitration with the telegraphers.

According to the reports of Bellevue Hospital, insanity is increasing in New York at a remarkable pace. The race for a living turns many a poor brain in that city.

John Williams of Amaranth Township, who was found frozen to death a day or two ago, was a miser. He had got together $40,000. The coroner's jury found that the miser died from exposure and want of food.

Mrs. Lewis, wife of A. E. Lewis, the Montreal lee who disappeared so mysteriously early this year, is in Vancouver, and will leave on the Oriental steamship next month to join her husband, who is now residing in China.

Bodies of the United States officers and soldiers who were killed and buried at Santiago, Cuba, Ponce, P.R., Manila and Honolulu, are to be removed to the United States and re-interred, by order of the War Department.

Three of the convicts who escaped from prison, at Ionia, Mich., on Monday night, have been recaptured, and officers are hotly pursuing the other three. Those recaptured are: Frank Edison, Lewis Ferguson and John Hubbard.

There is some anxiety at Washington lest the Philippine insurgents may rebel against the American military government, and show fight. There are said to be 10,000 insurgent troops in and about Iloilo, while the Americans number only 2500.

The Wells-Fargo Express Office at San Antonio, Texas, is said to have been robbed on Wednesday of $60,000 in currency and $600 in gold. The driver of the delivery wagon, who was entrusted with the money, is missing, and his horse and wagon were found in the suburbs.

A delegation representing Protestant churches waited upon President McKinley yesterday, with a petition asking for a reduction of armaments, and also for arbitration in settling international disputes. The petitioners, however, congratulated the President on the "rightful war recently waged by the American people in the cause of justice and humanity." The President replied cordially, but promised nothing.

Local Briefs.

A "tag" social was held by the Y. M. C. A. last night.

Right Rev. Bishop Sullivan remains in the same serious condition.

Alfred Mason, Lamoroux, Ont., writes stating that he is running for Reeve of Scarboro Township.

Rev. J. E. Lanceley, pastor of Parliament-street Methodist Church, is confined to his home with an attack of la grippe.

Mr. Peter Corridi of 78 College-street, who was rendered unconscious by a fall on the sidewalk Wednesday night, is improving at the Emergency Hospital.

The Church of the Ascension Sunday School held their annual Christmas festival and presentation of prizes last evening in the school house, on Richmond-street west.

John McLellan of 52 Kensington-avenue slipped on the wet sidewalk on Spadina-avenue near Queen-street, and broke his arm. Dr. Cotton of Spadina-avenue attended to his injury.

The annual Christmas festival of Grace Hospital took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by all the convalescent patients. All the inmates received presents.

The second and last production of "A Confederate Spy" by the St. Clement's Club took place in St. Patrick's Hall last night and was, if possible, an improvement on the performance of the previous evening.

The Great Fur Sale To-Morrow.

The gigantic auction sale of over $20,000 worth of elegant and up-to-date furs will be continued to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 and in the evening at 8 o'clock at the showrooms of Messrs. Cummings & Sellers, No. 244 Yonge-street, corner of Louisa-street. Some rare bargains were obtained at the sale yesterday and greater ones will no doubt be got to-morrow as the sale is positively unreserved. Mr. Charles M. Henderson is conducting the sale.

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ON AND OFF THE STAGE

A Clever Romantic Actor.

Robert B. Mantell's appearance at the Grand Opera House next week will inevitably bring together a large concourse of this favorite actor's admirers in this city. The new play, "A Secret Warrant," by A. W. Tremayne of Montreal, has everywhere taken a deep hold on the fancy of theatregoers, and the critics are unanimous in their verdict that it provides Mr. Mantell with a character which is in every way worthy of his splendid ability as the foremost exponent of the romantic drama in this country. Mr. Mantell is this season under the personal management of popular Mart. W.

Hanley, who has surrounded his star with a supporting company of exceptional excellence. "A Secret Warrant" tells an exciting story of France, under the regime of the recent Due d'Orleans. The hero, Louis De Beaumont, impersonated by Mr. Mantell, figures in a series of thrilling scenes, all of them absorbingly interesting and effective. Mr. Mantell is an actor who always holds his audience in suspense from the first to the last scene and in his new play he is said to have opportunities for consummate emotional expression, in every way worthy of his finished and polished art. He is unquestionably an actor of great natural gifts, which have been trained and cultivated by long and zealous years of study. Mr. Mantell's program is as follows: Monday and Saturday matinees and Wednesday night, "A Secret Warrant"; Monday and Thursday nights, "The Face in the Moonlight"; Tuesday night, "Monbars"; Wednesday matinee, "Romeo and Juliet"; Friday night, "Hamlet"; Saturday night, "Othello."

At the Toronto.

If the combination of a great piece, magnificent stage setting, and a popular actor supported by a strong company count for anything, the Toronto Opera House will be crowded next week. John Griffith, with a powerful company in "An Enemy to the King," with all the Lyceum Theatre scenery, built expressly for the play, is the announcement that the theatre manager makes to please his New Year week patrons. The play is well known. R. L. Stephen's, the author, has never written anything better. Its heroic and more tender passages are treated in a masterful way; it gives a picture vivid and interesting of the days three centuries ago when men fought and died for conscience sake, and it presents a series of pictures historically correct in a manner unique. Mr. Griffith, who returns to Toronto bearing lightly the new laurels he has this season won in the new play, is expected to give something which will be a surprise even to those who declare that his Mephisto in Faust was ideal and that the role was his forte. He brings with him as his leading support, Miss Katheryn Prunesi, an actress who has a reputation for great ability and beauty, and of whose acting in the exacting role of the heroine much is expected. The rest of the company is strong. If the promises made in regard to the scenic part of the play are kept, and there is every reason to believe they will be, something well worth seeing will be presented. The Toronto Opera House stage will be completely stripped of all its scenery, and that brought from the Lyceum Theatre, which was expressly painted for the play will be used. The advance sale indicates a bumper week. A special matinee will be given on Monday.

Moths at the Princess.

"Moths," Ouida's great play, will be the next attraction at the Princess Theatre, opening on New Year's Day and continuing for the week. It has been some years since "Moths" has been seen in Toronto, yet its great popularity is probably just as fresh to-day as ever, for everybody has read the book and is familiar with this powerful story of Russian life. "Moths" is another instance where the play excels the book, not alone in its dramatic strength, for the play has its comedy side, as well, which the book has not, and it is considered one of the very best plays of the stage. The Cummings Company will be further strengthened next week by the addition of Miss Eleanor Browning, who makes her first appearance with the company as "Vera." Miss Browning comes here, bearing splendid recommendations for her achievements in other cities. She is as pretty as can be, and bears a most striking resemblance to our Miss Julia Arthur. Indeed one might easily, from her appearance, her intensity and magnetism, imagine oneself in the presence of Miss Arthur. Miss Browning is said to be quite as clever as she is pretty and her advent at the Princess should be a pleasant one, for she is sure to please. Vera should suit Miss Browning splendidly. Mr. Wright Huntington appears as Lord Jura, Mr. Glazier as Zourof, Miss Marshall as the Duchesse and Miss Lillian Andrews as Lady Dolly, in which role this popular member will appear in a gown worn recently by the Princess of Wales, and which Miss Andrews obtained in London during a visit home this last summer. "Moths" will be given an exceptionally pretty staging, and this strong play should prove one of the Princess' most attractive offerings. The sale of seats opens this morning. Election returns will be read from the stage election night.

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The Six Great Concerts.

Even in New York the Massey Hall course of concerts has attracted attention, as the following letters received yesterday by Mr. Suckling testify. Mr. Vert, the foremost concert impressario of England, and probably of all Europe, wrote: "Your list of attractions for the coming season is truly great and I wish you all the success your enterprise deserves"; and from Mr. Sanford Innce, Nordica's manager, the following was received: "Let me congratulate you on what I consider one of the best "concert courses" I have ever heard of. Such an array of distinguished artists has rarely been gotten together in a course of this kind. Massey Music Hall should be crowded to the doors at every concert." Of course every person of musical education or culture in Toronto can readily estimate the high artistic value of these six great events, but it is by no means unpleasant for Toronto to have men of such standing in their business to go out of their way to show their appreciation of Toronto's enterprise and advancement. Over $2000 worth of seats were subscribed for yesterday and the events may be considered, even now, as emphatically successful.

The Popular Bijou.

The excellent show at the Bijou Theatre this week is without a doubt, the best high-class refined vaudeville and comedy show ever seen in Toronto, and is drawing large audiences. Yesterday there were several box parties. The Sidmans are great cards, as well as nine other numbers on the superb program. Two shows daily, afternoon and evening. Next Sunday evening a grand sacred concert will be given.

To a Correspondent.

In answer to a correspondent, let it be known that the law states that a person, being a British subject and a resident ratepayer or farmer's son, may be elected a school trustee of a rural section.

MRS. W. A. E. MOORE.

The woman who goes on trial again in New York next week for alleged partnership in the "badger" game.

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