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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

TONIGHT'S GOOD BILL AT THE OPERA HOUSE

The vaudeville programme at the Opera House tonight includes Dawne June, the famous underwater girl; Lane and Waite, in a snappy comedy skit with songs and eccentric dancing; Barnes and Berner, in a comedy magical feature; Selma Corbett, in blackface character comedy; Ribunoff, Italian violinist; and the thirteenth chapter of the serial drama, "The Woman in the Web." This evening at 7.30 and 9; Monday afternoon at 2.30 and Monday evening, which will be last time for this good programme.

"PALACE HAS BIG SHOW MONDAY."

On Monday and Tuesday the Palace Theatre will present an exceptionally good programme, "The Lion's Claws" serial, episode No. II, and Handsome Monroe Salisbury with Ruth Clifford in "The Guilt of Silence," a vivid love story of the frozen north set in dazzling gems of wondrous scenery of Alaska. Good music on the bill. "Don't miss it."

PANTRY SALES TODAY

The Girls' Association of the St. John Stone church are holding a tea and pantry sale this afternoon, in the schoolroom of the church. The proceeds are to be used for the funds of the association. The members of the society are waiting on the table. Mrs. G. A. Kuhring and Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley preside. Solos will be given by Mrs. G. K. Bell, Miss Parlee and Mrs. Stanley Harrison. Each of the tables were decorated with yellow and white flowers.

The members of the Minnie Robertson Mission Circle of the Queen Square Methodist church held a pantry sale today in the lobby of the Lansdowne house. The proceeds are for the mission work that Miss Robertson is carrying on in Japan. The members of the circle waited on the tables, which were laden with attractive and dainty home cooking.

INTER-CHURCH MEET

An inter-church athletic meet is in progress in the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon. Teams of five boys from eight city churches are entered and keen competition for the honors was expected. The churches represented are: St. Andrews, Trinity, St. David's, St. John's, St. Paul's, Exmouth street, St. Jude's and Queen Square. The events include standing broad jump, standing hop, skip and jump, potato race, running high jump, five man relay race and five man swimming race. The events are being carried out under the supervision of the Y. M. C. A. staff, assisted by men from the various churches and points were to be awarded according to the C. S. E. T. basis.

Western Hockey

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15—Victoria defeated Seattle eight to two in a hockey match last night.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

DEATHS

KELLY—At her home in Fairville on Saturday, Feb. 15, Ellen, widow of John D. Kelly, aged 73 years, leaving two daughters, three sons and two sisters to mourn.

Notice of funeral later.

REID—At her residence, 341 Union street, on the 14th inst., Eleanor O., beloved wife of J. Albert Reid, leaving her husband and two children to mourn.

Funeral on Sunday afternoon. (Private.)

McDERMOTT—On Feb. 15, 1919, George, son of Andrew and the late Jane McDermott, of Barnesville, Kings county, aged twenty-four years, leaving his father, four sisters and four brothers to mourn.

Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 from Fitzpatrick's Bros. Friends invited.

MERRIMAN—On Feb. 15, 1919, Annie J., widow of Henry Merriman, leaving one sister to mourn.

Funeral on Monday morning at 8.30 from her residence, 114 Charlotte street, to the Cathedral for requiem Mass. Friends invited.

GARNETT—At her late residence, 14 Summer street, West End, Maude Ella, wife of Private Gordon Garnett, aged nineteen, leaving her husband, father, three sisters and one brother to mourn.

Funeral Sunday afternoon at four o'clock from her late residence.

COLWELL—Suddenly on the 14th inst at the St. John Infirmary, Mildred V, Colwell, aged thirty-two years, daughter of the late Charles T., and Louise Colwell, 105 King street, West Side, leaving five brothers and six sisters to mourn.

Funeral private.

LARSON—On the 14th inst., at her father's, 3 King street, West, Carla Fredericka Larson, aged eighteen years and ten months, leaving her father, stepmother, one sister and one brother to mourn.

Funeral Sunday afternoon at 2.30.

SILLIPHANT—In this city on the 13th inst., Angeline, beloved wife of William Silliphant, aged 61 years, leaving her husband, one son and five daughters and six sisters to mourn.

Funeral from her late residence, 155 Chesley street, Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

TIGHE—At his late residence, 23 Douglas avenue, on the 12th inst., Patrick Francis Tighe, leaving his wife, two sons and three daughters and two grandsons to mourn.

(Boston and Lowell papers pleace copy.)

Funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Friends invited.

IN MEMORIAM

FRASER—In loving memory of Minnie C. Leetch, who departed this life, February 16, 1905, beloved wife of E. E. Fraser.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. S. F. Matthews wishes to thank all her friends who were so kind in her recent sad bereavement.

LOCAL NEWS

Keep the Kindergartens Open.

See R. M. Tobias' ad. for bargains.

Elocution—Amelia M. Green. 'Phone 2386. 94183-2—22

Daniel Mullin will give a half hour talk in the G. W. V. A. hall, Wellington Row, at four o'clock Sunday, February 16. Public and war veterans invited.

Miss Driscoll and Miss Mitchell of the Marr Milinery Co., Ltd., who have been in New York attending the milinery openings for the last two weeks, have returned to the city.

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LOCAL 810 I. L. A.

Special meeting will be held tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at 52 Germain street. All members requested to be present. All work suspended. By order of president.

Bridge and dance, St. Monica's Society assembly Monday, March 3, K. of C. hall. Procure tickets as early as possible from Amelia J. Haley, secretary. 'Phone 1318.

ANNUAL SERVICE

The Knights of Pythias of the city will hold their annual church service in Centenary church tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at four o'clock. There will be special music by a large choir and Rev. H. A. Goodwin will preach. The entire offering as usual will be given to the Protestant Orphans' Home, and the public are invited to the service.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday evening, February 16, seven o'clock, memorial service will be held in Fairville Baptist church in memory of Mrs. C. P. Baker, who passed away February 6.

Canada's Exhibits To Go From Lyons Display To Italy

Government and Three Railways to Exhibit—70 Booths From Producers —To Be Massed in Group

Paris, Feb. 15—Preparations are well advanced for adequate representation of Canada at the Lyons Fair, which will open on March 1, and lasts for fifteen days. This is the trade fair organized early in the war to supplant the great fair formerly held at Leipzig, which latter was always largely attended, and at which sales to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars were made.

For the coming fair the dominion government, through the department of trade and commerce, has made extensive arrangements, and exhibits of the various products of Canada will be made on a considerable scale. Though this is not in strict conformity with the plan of the fair which aims at grouping exhibits by classes, the Canadian authorities have succeeded in having all exhibits from the dominion massed in a group, thus securing a much more impressive showing than would otherwise be possible.

The government itself is making small simple exhibits of agricultural, fishery, mining and forestry products. The three great Canadian railway systems will also be represented by attractive exhibits. In addition to these there will be some seventy booths which will be occupied by Canadian producers, or their representatives with samples of goods and catalogues. Interpreters will be provided to facilitate the exchange of business.

Continuous Movies.

Adjoining the exhibits there will be a continuous cinema display in a large hall of Canadian views, including scenery, methods of transportation, agricultural, mining, fishing and forestry operations, and displays of natural resources, particularly the water powers.

The Lyons Fair is not so much an exhibition as an agency for selling goods by bringing buyers and sellers together. Manufacturers and re-producers display samples, distribute catalogues, answer inquiries, and supply prospective customers with trade information, terms of delivery, and routes of traffic. Sales can thus be made for future delivery. One of the great purposes of the fair is to establish personal relations between traders of different countries.

The Canadian exhibits have been carefully selected with a view of the suitability of the products shown for the French, Belgian and Italian markets. Subject to this limitation, the Canadian exhibit will be a thoroughly representative one. At the close of the Lyons fair it is intended to remove the Canadian exhibits to Italy and display them there at some convenient centre.

Sir George Foster, under whose general direction the work of preparing these exhibits has been carried on, will attend the formal opening and will remain there for some days.

NOW ARMY QUARTERS

To conform to the legal phraseology of the Prince William Apartments purchase papers, the Salvation Army officials today assumed control of the well-known private hotel at high noon. Brigadier Barr and Ensign Condie and wife represented the Canadian command in assuming the ownership. It will be several days yet before the Prince William street hostel—the name by which Salvation Army soldier homes are known—will be ready for lodgers. While it is partially furnished, as by the terms of purchase, there are many items of furniture yet forthcoming. Ensign Condie and his officer wife will be removed from the citadel corps, Charlotte street, to the management of the hostel, and Adjutant and Mrs. Ursaki will be the new officers for the corps.

No Visitors will be allowed in the General Public Hospital until further notice.
(Signed),
H. HEDDON,
Superintendent.
2-12-15-19-22.

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FORTY HOURS A WEEK MINIMUM WAGES OF $5 A DAY

Suggested Canadian Movement—A Word of Caution by Minister of Labor

Toronto, Feb. 15—On the ground that it would be the most effective means of solving unemployment situation, special representatives of the trade unions who met last night resolved that the dominion government should be requested immediately upon the convening of parliament to enact a law to the effect that the miximum working week should be forty hours, with a minimum wage of $5 a day.

The resolution was passed in the presence of Senator Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, and he responded by cautioning the trades unions to use moderation, "or he felt that if too strong demands are made upon industry at this time, their demands are apt to return in the form of a bomerang."

"In my opinion," he said, "$4 a day should be the minimum wage."

CATHOLIC GIRLS' GUILD HOLD VALENTINE TEA

Pleasing Function This Afternoon In Y. M. C. I. Auditorium

A valentine tea and sale is being held in the Y. M. C. I. auditorium this afternoon under the auspices of the Catholic Girls' Guild. The large hall has been artistically decorated and presents an attractive appearance. This morning the ladies were actively engaged making preparations and the outlook was that the event would be a grand success under the direction of Mrs. F. J. Power as convenor.

The supper table is in charge of Mrs. H. C. Grout, who is being assisted by Mrs. William Donohue, Mrs. F. J. Power, Mrs. C. J. Kane, Mrs. M. Kane, Mrs. Frank I. McCafferty, Mrs. P. J. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. E. Haney, Mrs. John Connor and young lady members of the guild.

Those in charge of a candy table are: Miss K. E. Lawlor, Miss Elizabeth Maguire, Miss Florence O'Neill and Miss Nora Brown.

Mrs. M. J. McGrath, Mrs. John Stack and Miss Evelyn McGrath are looking after a home-made preserves and pickles booth.

Apron and fancy tables are in charge of Mrs. Louis Owens and Mrs. M. E. Finnegan, Mrs. T. Fox and Mrs. John Owens.

A fortune telling booth is in the capable hands of Mrs. I. J. D. Landry, while Miss Josephine Connor is caring for palmistry.

The G. E. Barbour Co., Ltd., donated the tea used and also sent a competent hand to make the brewing.

PREDICT NEW ERA IN CIVIL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Ottawa, Feb. 15—The following was issued last night by the officers of the Civil Service Federation of Canada:

"The next convention of the Civil Service Federation of Canada will be held at Ottawa, March 17 to 22, 1919.

"The number of members, the number of associations, and the number of cities represented in the ranks of the federation is now so large that this convention will be truly representative of Canadian government employes, and it will mark the beginning of a new era in civil service organization."

FUNERALS

The body of Mrs. Carcilla Melvin was taken to Lepreaux this morning for interment. A short service was held at the residence of her son, Guilford street, last evening by Rev. Mr. Jenner.

The funeral of John B. Charters was held this afternoon at 4.30 from his parents' residence in St. George street. Rev. Mr. Holmes conducted the service, after which the body was taken to Welsford for interment.

The funeral of John A. Hayes was held this morning to St. Peter's church at 8 o'clock. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Healey. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

"GRANDMOTHER" MAKES PLEA FOR RUSSIA

Washington, Feb. 15—Catherin Breshkovsky, "grandmother of the Russian revolution," stood before the senate propaganda inquiry committee yesterday and pleaded earnestly that the United States send machinery and other materials to Russia at once to aid in an industrial reconstruction, which, she said, would result in aiding the nation of the Bolshevik burden. Allied troops, she said, would be effective against the "brigand bolsheviki" only if augmented and sent on the offensive.

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65c. tin Lunch Tongue	53c.
25c. tin Chip Beef	21c.
25c. tin Shrimps	21c.
15c. pkge. Cornstarch	12c.
15c. pkge. Macaroni	11c.
55c. Pure Raspberry Preserves	45c.
1 lb. Lipton's Tea	53c.

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Time used is Atlantic standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Feb. 15.

Coastwise—Str Frances Boutilier, from Centreville, NS, Captain Charles R Teed.

No vessels cleared at the customs house this morning.

Arrived.

S S Trident, from London via Halifax, in ballast.

OTHER PORTS

Boston, Mass., Feb. 14—Arrived, schooner Elizabeth, (British), Clark's Harbor (N. S.)

New York, Feb. 14—Arrived, Str. Maskinonge, (British), Sydney (N. S.)

Boston, Mass., Feb. 14—Arrived, steamer Sagamore, Halifax (N. S.)

MARINE NOTES.

The Frances Boutilier is a new steamer and has been placed on the St. John-Centreville route in place of the steamer Centreville, which did service for more than twenty years. Captain Teed, who is in command of the new vessel, was formerly captain of the Centreville. The Frances Boutilier is ninety-eight feet long, nineteen feet wide and is fifty tons net register. She has modern accommodations for passengers as well as ample space for freight. She is owned by A. Boutilier & Co. of Centreville and was launched on Dec. 17. The steamer made eleven and a quarter miles an hour on her trial trip. Last night coming across the bay there was quite a storm, but the steamer behaved well and came right along.

The Donaldson liner Dell, 4,366 tons, has arrived at Halifax from St. John for bunker coal. She is in command of Captain Charters, and is bound to Falmouth with a general cargo.

The C. P. O. S. liner Tunisian is due to sail for Liverpool this evening with a large cargo and a number of passengers.

SMOKE MACDONALD'S INDEX

OFFERING FOR LAST TIME TONIGHT

Many men have already taken advantage of the big shirt sale now going on at Oak Hall. This is an exceptional offering coming, as it does, just before the showing of new spring lines which are considerably advanced in prices over the previous season. Oak Hall having made this opportune spot cash purchase have been giving their friends and customers full benefit of the saving to be had, but the end is now at hand, today is the last day for these low prices, so do not delay but buy a supply of these before 10 o'clock tonight.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Walter E. Foster is in Toronto visiting Mrs. Charles Easson.

Mr. Stanley Elkin expects to leave Liverpool for home on Feb. 18 on the steamship Scotian. Mrs. Stanley Elkin, who has been visiting relatives in Sydney, will arrive in the city today.

Miss Audrey Ross left last Saturday for Montreal and afterwards for Detroit, where she will spend six weeks.

Mrs. Alban Sturdee expects to leave Monday next to attend the dog show in New York. She will take with her two former prize winners to compete at the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. White expect to leave on Monday for Saranac Lake to spend some weeks.

Miss Mary Parlee and Frank Skinner have returned after a buying trip to New York, Toronto and Montreal.

G. H. Arnold left last evening for Montreal, Toronto and New York.

C. Avard White, of Shediac, is in the city today and is registered at the Royal.

J. W. Baker, of Berwick, N. S., is the guest of his brother, Dr. I. W. N. Baker, 55 Waterloo street.

Plumbing in Your Home

The main trap in the drainage system, its object is to prevent foul air or sewer gas from the main sewer in the street from entering the drainage system in the house. Is there one on the plumbing in your home. Let us look it over and see that it is properly installed. Best be sure than sorry. Most sickness is due to faulty plumbing and sewer gas coming from work that is not properly trapped.

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OUR OUTLOOK IN TRADE LINE

Exports of Wheat, Especially May be Needed in Northern Europe

U. S. Supply Southern—Germany's Needs May, After a While, be in Part Supplied by Us

(Toronto Globe.)

Ottawa, Feb. 9—When peace is declared and Germany stands once more amid the society of nations will Canada once more strive to sell to Germany the wheat, reaping machines, asbestos, canned lobsters, barley, fresh apples, hay tedders and presses, which made up the bulk of her exports to Germany in the year 1913? In that year we sold Germany $15,293,000 worth of these commodities, and we bought from her commodities totaling in value $14,408,000, made up as follows:—Malleable iron girders, $664,000; raw fur skins, $637,000; unrefined sugar, $630,000; cotton stockings and socks, $592,000; axles and parts of railway wheels, $583,000; woollen tissues in suitings, etc., $393,000; rolled or drawn iron tubes except spiral pipes, $414,000; toys, $374,000; wholly or partly dressed fur skins, $365,000; woollen clothing for women and girls, $360,000; fine cutlery, $340,000; malleable iron in bars, $261,000; cotton lace, $219,000; close-woven tissues wholly or partly of silk, $208,000; cotton gloves and hair nets, $199,000; coal-tar dyes, $193,000; silk gloves, $159,000; woollen knitted and net wares, $159,000; cotton tissues, woven in colors, dyed, printed, $145,000; galvanized iron wire, $143,000; embroidery on non-silken foundation, $134,000, and china tableware, $132,000.

Our Exports Grew Faster.

These exports of Germany to Canada had increased from $5,907,000 in 1909 to $14,408,000 in 1913, while ours increased in the same period from $1,997,000 in 1909 to $15,293.000 in 1913. We had an increased export of all the commodities mentioned in the first sentence of this article during these five years, but that Canadian wheat was the article most in demand and that this wheat was growing in favor is shown by the following figures, showing the value of German wheat imports from Canada: 1909, nothing; 1910, $685,000; 1911, $3,394,000; 1912, $11,013,000; 1913, $12,324,000.

So far as our former German imports are concerned there is little doubt that every effort will be made to buy the same commodities from manufacturers and merchants of the British Empire, where that can be done as advantageously and if Canadians cannot make them in their own factories. No doubt a permanent trade with Germany would entail return cargoes to Canada, so that ocean freight rates from Canadian ports to Germany might be kept at a reasonable figure. That would not be feasible as the majority of Canadians will not want to buy German made goods because of feelings of antagonism which will long outlast the war.

Food to Northern Europe.

The situation, however, now exists that the British Isles have a shock for some months of wheat, flour and pork products and of many other things. The allies are making arrangements by which they will secure the cheap wheat of the Argentine and Australia. Germans and Austro-Hungarians have to be fed as well as other European countries, and it would seem to be the opportunity of Canada and the United States to send their surpluses to these countries at the prices which now obtain on this continent. It is reported here that some such allocation of territory for the wheat-growing nations is being considered, and that Canada's claims to supplying the North European nations have been considered and recognized.

The Market in Germany.

It becomes important, therefore, to understand just how large a market Germany offers for our wheat and other cereals. Her wheat imports in the years 1909 to 1913 ran from $89,791,000 to $108,637,000, according to the surplus needed above her own domestic crops. From Russia her imports of wheat dwindled during those five years from $56,721,000 to $19,466,000. She spent $11,332,000 for Roumanian wheat in 1912, and $3,825,000 in 1913. Her wheat imports from Argentina fluctuated between twelve and twenty-six million dollars' worth, and from Australia from two to six million dollars. She took from one to three million dollars' worth from India, and $39,243,000 worth from the United States in 1913. Supposing that the German domestic wheat production has increased considerably, there should still be a market at present prices for from thirty to forty million dollars' worth of wheat from Canada alone, and an even larger amount from the United States. Canada's market in Great Britain promises to be smaller than usual for Canadian wheat for some years because of the greatly increased local production in wheat, as well as in other cereals.

United States' Opportunity.

The United States' opportunity is rather to ship cotton to Germany, and in southern and southwestern Europe her wheat could find a market. It is said that the United States is willing to undertake the supplying of that territory with wheat. In considering the German market for wheat it must be remembered that Germany cannot look to Russia for her former supplies, nor to Roumania or the Balkan States, and that the supplies of Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, British India and other far-away countries are being bought up by Great Britain, France and Italy.

Germany's Imports.

Germany bought nearly four times as much barley as wheat from Russia in 1913, more than $77,000,000 worth. If she still wants barley in the same quantities she must go to other sources. Here is a list of 1913 imports of Germany, which no doubt she will want again, and which Canada could supply in part whenever she has a surplus: Wheat, $99,319,000; barley, $92,911,000; crude copper, $79,794,000; cattle and buffalo hides, $76,564,000; fur skins, $44,701,000; wood of conifers, sawn, $32,199,000; lard, $28,300,000; butter, $28,250,000; horses, $27,683,000; rough wood of conifers, $23,077,000; calfskins, $22,527,000; meats, $22,310,000 (probably much more needed now because of the depleted live stock situation); cattle, $20,775,000 (a good demand probable); and other imports valued at from $20,000,000 in a descending scale to $9,000,000, in the following order: Machinery, common fresh fruits; sheep, lamb, goat and kid skins; oats, fresh fish, intestines and bladders and stomachs of cattle; raw, cleaned, steeped and broken flax; salted herring, clover seed, rye, and wood for the manufacture of pulp or cellulose.

Our Home and Export Production.

As Germany's exports for the future will be greatly decreased because her foreign trade has been partly displaced during the war, her imports will show a like decrease, but she will have urgent need, it is expected, for a while, of many food commodities, and in order to regain her former position will have to get good supplies of her old imports. Germany's old markets she will try to regain. Canada has already taken, and will doubtless take more of her share of the pre-war German trade with the overseas dominions of the British Empire. In the first place her aim is to manufacture as much at home as possible of what she formerly got from Germany, and then to export a surplus to countries formerly supplied by Germany. These cover a tremendous number of products either grown or manufactured already in Canada, and others which could be developed here in the course of time.

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Troops In Charge of Belfast Light Plants

Machine Guns Command Entrances; Lloyd George Somewhat Anxious Over Situation in England

Belfast, Feb. 15—Troops took possession of the gas works and electric power stations in this city early this morning. The mayor, in a proclamation, says it is now assured that military support will be given the authorities and asks for volunteers to carry on municipal services.

Belfast, Feb. 15—Gas and electric service, which had been cut off for three weeks because of strikes, was resumed today under military protection, the troops having taken possession of the gas works and the electric power stations early in the morning. Infantry was stationed inside the plants with machine guns commanding the entrances. Most of the workers who had been ordered out by the strike committee were back at work by noon. The sudden change in the situation passed off quietly.

Lloyd George Anxious.

London, Feb. 15—The industrial situation is marking time, pending a meeting to be held on Tuesday by the consultative committee of the laborite triple alliance—the Miners' Federation, the Railwaymen's Union and the Transport Workers' Federation. At that meeting, it is understood, there will be a discussion of the question of common action.

Premier Lloyd George is anxiously interested in the situation, realizing that labor troubles may seriously retard national reconstruction and trade development. For this reason, it is understood he will probably prolong his stay in England instead of returning almost immediately to Paris.

The latest outbreak of discontent is among the employes of the post office and the telegraph and telephone services, all of which are in a state of unrest.

Shipbuilders and engineers at Mersey side have voted by a big majority against striking to enforce a reduction in working hours. The men favor remaining at work pending negotiations.

ONTARIO MENACED BY FEEBLE-MINDED

Striking Figures Given at Enquiry By Mr. Justice Hodgins

Canadians Normal—Children of Foreigners Show Higher Percentage of Deficients

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

An investigation into the problem of feeble-mindedness in Ontario, which will supply the data to guide the provincial government in framing legislation that will effectively meet the situation, was opened by Mr. Justice Hodgins at the parliament buildings yesterday. The first day's sessions covered a good deal of ground, including consideration of the work of the juvenile court, the examination of pupils in the public schools, and the work of the provincial institutions.

During the hearing reference was made on more than one occasion to the lack of equipment in the juvenile court. Dr. C. H. Hincks of the city department of public health, said the first thing necessary to make an efficient juvenile court was a good judge and wise officials. He saw no reason for complaint in this respect, so far as the department's dealings with the Toronto court were concerned. It was, however, expected to do the impossible when it was not given the proper equipment to deal with youthful offenders. "It has never been given half a chance," he said. Dr. C. K. Clarke also stated his belief that the equipment of the court was not adequate.

In giving evidence of his observations in the public school, Dr. Hincks stated that he had examined some 10,000 children, and of these approximately two per cent were not fitted for ordinary public school classes. In the junior classes the percentage was from three to three and one-half per cent owing to the fact that the feeble-minded children could not pass into the higher grades.

Dr. Hincks said that the children of some foreigners were exceptionally bright, but that speaking generally they were poorer mentally than Canadian children. He told of an interesting test made with four groups of children; one made up of children of fifteen nationalities, one of children of English immigrants, one of the children of Canadians in professional occupations, and the fourth the children of Canadian mechanics.

The latter group showed the lowest percentage of sub-normal children with only 1½ per cent. The children of parents in the professions had a slightly higher percentage, the English children 3½ per cent and the foreign youngsters 5 per cent.

Dr. Hincks spoke of the necessity for extending the work in the schools. He suggested that there should be an ungraded class where mental defectives could be taught. This he preferred to isolating them. There were, however, some children who were a menace to their associates when dismissed from school and they should be removed and cared for in training schools.

A proper detention home was necessary, said the witness, to make the juvenile court a success. The Children's Aid Society was doing good work, but it was not the kind of detention home the city needed. There should also be paid officers to keep in touch with children after they leave the detention homes. The menace of feeble-mindedness was strikingly shown by figures secured in the juvenile court. In a period of two and a half years there were 761 feeble-minded children convicted of theft, 234 unmarried mothers who were mentally deficient, and 231 others guilty of immoral practices, 86 of whom were under fifteen years of age.

The need for more paid workers was emphasized by Mrs. Mary E. Laughton secretary of the Big Sister Association. Much more could be accomplished, with government assistance.

The influence of inter-marriage upon mentality will be investigated by the commissioner. Evidence along this line was submitted by Col. Farewell, crown attorney for Ontario county, who spoke of one section where a few concessions were the source of more crime than three ordinary townships. The commissioner remarked that he had heard of a similar condition in the Kingston district.

A good deal of the afternoon was taken up with the evidence of J. . Downey, superintendent of the Orillia Hospital for the Feeble-Minded. He was closely questioned by the commissioner as to the accommodation of the Orillia institution, and while he would not say that it would be equal to the care of all the feeble-minded, it was able to take care of those seeking admittance. There was some accommodation available at present and it would be increased when the military authorities gave up the Whitby asylum and permitted patients now at Orillia to be returned to Whitby.

Mrs. A. M. Huestis, president of the Toronto branch of the Association for the Care of the Feeble-minded, advocated medical examination of emigrants to Canada before embarking.

WOULD BAR ALL UNDER FIFTEEN FROM MOVIES.

Quebec, Feb. 15—According to a bill which Hon. Walter Mitchell has presented in the legislature children under fifteen years of age would in the future be debarred from attending moving picture theatres whether accompanied by their parents or not.

Up to the present time children under fifteen years of age have been admitted when accompanied by their parents or guardians.