

SPLENDID PROGRAMME

MUSICAL SOCIETY TO BRING NOTED ARTISTS

Ellen Terry, Liza Lehmann, Josef Hofmann and Mischa Elman—The Annual Meeting

The Victoria Musical Society, in common with all musical and dramatic enterprises on the Pacific coast, experienced a bad season last year, and only owing to the determination and courage of its officers, with the strong financial backing of its friends, was it enabled to carry out the year's work.

Having weathered the storm, the society emerges strengthened and at the annual meeting held in the Lyriah hotel on Thursday evening was able to lay before music lovers of Victoria a programme for the coming season far more ambitious than any it has yet attempted. Of special interest is the engagement of Miss Ellen Terry, England's most renowned actress, whose name, together with that of Sir Henry Irving, her fellow-worker for many years, will be handed down from generation to generation. The guarantee demanded for her visit here was so big that only through the enterprise of the society was it possible to give Victoria an opportunity of seeing and hearing this talented artist. Victoria is one of only five cities in western America who will be privileged to meet her. She will appear here in December.

Mme. Liza Lehmann, foremost of England's famous song-writers, will open the season in November. She will be assisted by four eminent European soloists selected by her, who will render her own compositions. Mme. Lehmann presiding at the piano. As a composer, Mme. Lehmann's work is full of strong expression, moving pathos, and when she feels so moved, an irresistible and dainty humor, everything she writes bearing the stamp of a strongly marked and intensely artistic nature. Her music touches all chords, from grave to gay.

In the cycle of "Nonsense Songs," from Alice in Wonderland, Mme. Lehmann has provided a treat as rare as it is delightful, and so aptly has she caught the spirit of Lewis Carroll's immortal work that music and book might almost have been written by the same person. But it is by her wonderful setting for the selection from the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, "In a Persian Garden," that Liza Lehmann is best known. Many lengthy and critical analyses have been written of this composition, which must be considered as a musical classic of supreme importance, in every way worthy of the celebrated poet that inspired it.

Josef Hofmann, the noted pianist, comes in March. Hofmann has the compelling personal magnetism, sincerity, fire and electric power of Rubinstein, who has his master. From the beginning Rubinstein recognized his strongly-marked individuality, and made no attempt to divert it from its natural channels. Hofmann's warm and impassioned nature is tempered by a more perfect or mental poise than Rubinstein possesses. He always retains control of his fiery steed and in depth, breadth and height of his musical power is said to surpass all pianists of the day. Hofmann is very widely known through his clever and pithy weekly magazine contributions.

Mischa Elman, the youthful violinist, will bring the season to a close in April. Mischa Elman had no greater admirer in all Europe than the late King Edward and Queen Alexandra, who frequently commanded him to appear before them. Moments from the late King, now highly prized by young Elman, are a scarlet pin, presented to him three years ago, and on one occasion when he was presented with a ring in the form of a lion's head, the eyes being diamonds. The presentation was made at Buckingham Palace after a musical given in honor of the present King of Spain. Elman's first series of recitals in London were given under royal patronage, and his audiences are the most fashionable to be seen at any recital. Twenty-one shillings, or a little over five dollars, is the fee one pays for seats to hear Elman when he gives a recital in London. Many Victorians will remember Elman's visit to Vancouver a year or two ago. The whole seating capacity of the opera house was sold out long prior to the date of the concert, and many people were unable to secure admission.

The committee in announcing the engagement of these artists, remind patrons that in order to raise the necessary guarantee tickets for any one entertainment may be subscribed for in advance at \$4 each. Five hundred season tickets, entitling holders to one seat for each of the four entertainments, will be issued at \$8 for the course. Applications should be addressed to the honorary secretary, Clifford Denham, at the box office, Victoria theatre. The box office will be open to subscribers one day in advance of the general public for each event.

The prices of boxes for the season are as follows: No. 1, ground floor, 4 seats, \$50; No. 2, ground floor, 4 seats, \$50; No. 3, ground floor, 3 seats, \$37.50; No. 4, balcony, 6 seats, \$50; No. 5, balcony, 6 seats, \$50; No. 6, gallery, 6 seats, \$30. The balcony and gallery boxes will be sold to bona fide musical students at half price. Applications for same must come through teachers.

The officers of the society for the following years have been elected as follows: Patron, His Excellency Earl Grey; honorary president, Henry T. Patterson; president, J. Herrick McGregor; vice-presidents, J. C. M. Keith and E. E. Billingham; concert director and treasurer, George Phillips; auditor, J. S. Floyd; honorary secretary, Clifford Denham.

To prevent disappointment early application for the season tickets should be made to the hon. secretary, Clifford Denham, at the box office, Victoria theatre, as the number is limited.

The Pacific covers 86,000,000 miles; the Atlantic 30,000,000; and the Indian Ocean, Arctic and Antarctic 42,000,000.

CARRYING EXPLOSIVES FOR RAILWAY WORK

Amur Making Special Run to Alberni With Dynamite and Powder

(From Saturday's Daily.) Steamer Amur left last night for Alberni with a cargo of explosives, consisting of ten tons of powder from Departure Bay, 1,000 cases of dynamite, and 640 cases of powder from Telegraph Bay. This was delivered by the little freighter Oscar. The explosives will be used on the construction work of the Alberni railway.

When the Amur was at Prince Rupert and was moving from the Morrow wharf to her other berth she picked up Mr. Williams, a Prince Rupert realty broker, whose canoe had upset an hour before in the harbor. He was taken ashore and was none the worse for his extremely cold bath.

Among the passengers south from Queen Charlotte Island was Mr. Davies, the purchasing agent for the British navy, who was out looking for some good grade of spruce lumber. Some suitable to his purpose was found at Queen Charlotte, but not all he wanted. Quantities of spruce are being shipped to the Old Country regularly for naval purposes, much of it coming from Swains Bay.

Owing to the fact that the trip was made so quickly the Amur was impressed into the West Coast service for many days, she will return in time to leave according to schedule on Monday.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR NEW HOSPITAL

Work on Building at Chilliwack Will Commence in the Near Future

Chilliwack, July 22.—Preparations for the construction of Chilliwack's new hospital are growing apace. The contract has been awarded and actual work on the building will commence in the near future. The whole building will not be occupied immediately upon completion nor will a full staff of nurses and physicians be engaged at the start. Until such time as a larger force is required it is the intention of the gentlemen who have had the matter in hand to engage a couple to care for the premises for their house, and to employ trained nurses only when their services are required.

The dimensions of the main part of the building, exclusive of a large living room built at the front, porch, kitchen, boiler room, etc., will be 25 by 28 feet, the ground floor of which will be divided into a large living room, a dining room, two sleeping rooms for nurses, a surgeons' consulting room, bath, etc. At the front of the main part of the building, and immediately at the entrance, is a large reception and waiting room connected by a hallway with the living and dining rooms. The surgeons' room also adjoins the reception room with the nurses' apartments are at the rear.

The kitchen, boiler room, sheds, etc., are practically a separate structure, three stories in height and connected with the main building by a hallway. The kitchen is 11 feet by 13 feet 9 inches with a large pantry and a laundry adjoining.

The second story of the main building is taken up with four wards for patients, operating room, linen closets, bath, etc. Three of the wards are 12 by 11 feet 3 inches, the other being a trifle smaller. The operating room is at the front of the building over the reception room.

There is not yet sufficient money in the treasury to complete the building and a public meeting will be held soon to devise ways and means to raise the necessary funds.

PROPOSED PUBLIC PARK AT LADYSMITH

Committee of Council Will Investigate—Laundry Proprietors Must Obey Law

Ladysmith, July 22.—Mr. Wilson, secretary of the Citizens' League, was present at the last meeting of the council by request, and was asked to explain matters pertaining to the suggestions made by the league with regard to the park and wharf questions. Mr. Wilson spoke briefly on the matter of the park, and pointed out the advantages of such a place. With regard to the wharf question, several matters had arisen since the last meeting of the league and Mr. Wilson suggested that the matter be laid over for the present.

Ald. Michie was in favor of a park but suggested that such a place should be on this side of the harbor, where pedestrians could gain access to it.

Ald. Weir spoke along the same lines as Ald. Michie and suggested that could the market square be converted into money, it could be spent in securing a site for the park with water frontage, close to town.

Ald. Bryant spoke strongly in favor of a natural park and suggested an ideal spot that would in his opinion be an ideal spot for the park.

Ald. Weir moved and Ald. Bryant seconded, that the matter be left in the hands of the committee already appointed.

The subject of the laundries was again discussed. A month ago the council ordered the laundries to be made to conform with the by-laws and gave them until the 15th of the present month to do so.

After a great deal of discussion Ald. Michie moved, and Ald. Bryant seconded, that the sanitary inspector be instructed to investigate and see who the owner of the laundry was, and if not the desired changes had been made and if not, that the parties be prosecuted.

S. P. DYKE IS CHOSEN AS RHODES' SCHOLAR

Claims of Six Candidates Considered by Selection Board Last Evening

Sidney P. Dyke, of New Westminster, was chosen Rhodes' scholar for the year in British Columbia at a meeting of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, School Superintendent Argue of Vancouver, and Supt. Paul of Victoria. This was held in the office of the education department last evening.

The claims of six candidates were considered, and the selection of Mr. Dyke, who is now in his twenty-fourth year and graduated from the University of Toronto last year, was made after a very careful study.

The candidates were A. E. Boak, Vancouver; S. P. Dyke, New Westminster; H. C. Holmes, Victoria; Thomas A. Davidson, Victoria; D. W. Abercrombie, Mission City, and W. E. Meredith, New Westminster.

The three judges were all agreed upon the foremost position of Mr. Davidson so far as athletics are concerned.

VETERANS OF RAID

Men Who Helped to Repel Fenians Will Interview Sir Wilfrid

A number of veterans who, when living in eastern Canada, aided in repelling the Fenian raids, met Friday evening in the office of H. A. Trean, in the McGowan block, and discussed the advisability of meeting Sir Wilfrid Laurier when he comes to Victoria and urging that the veterans of these campaigns throughout Canada be given land scrip.

Mr. Trean was in the chair and others present were: John Franks, W. Wilson, Capt. Clark, J. D. Fraser, H. Shrapnell, W. J. Handley, W. Gerrie, Wm. Jones, George Tite, Geo. Black, W. Davis and Isaac Sumner.

Acting on the decision of the meeting a deputation waited on the minister of inland revenue this morning and asked his assistance towards arranging for an interview. Mr. Templeman promised to do so. The premier is to visit.

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ASKS FOR VOTE OF GRAND TRUNK STRIKERS

Minister of Labor Writes to Representative—Wants Statement From President

Ottawa, July 23.—The Minister of Labor to-day made another effort to get President Hays and the G. T. R. strike committee to unequivocally accept the principle of the arbitration of their differences by a board "mutually acceptable."

In reply to a communication received yesterday from Mr. Murdoch on behalf of the strikers' general committee stating the committee's instruction, from the men were to accept only arbitration by the board by which standardized rates in eastern American roads, Hon. Mr. King wired to-day asking Mr. Murdoch to take a poll of his committee and ascertain whether they are not now willing to accept the Government's suggestion of a board to be mutually selected by the men and the company.

A further reply was received this afternoon from President Hays in reply to Hon. Mr. King's second request yesterday asking if the former would accept arbitration by a board "mutually acceptable." Mr. Hays is still hedging a little and is practically adhering to his former declaration in favor of a board of expert railway men. Then Mr. Hays again wired to Mr. Hays this afternoon for a clearer statement of his position.

At that the situation rests for the moment, but Hon. Mr. King believes that progress is being made toward the end he has in view, namely, either unconditional acceptance of each party of the proposal to arbitrate or else a clear statement from one or other of the parties showing who is responsible for refusal.

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ANNUAL FAIR AT PRINCE RUPERT

Steps Taken to Organize Association—Committee Named to Arrange Details

Prince Rupert, July 21.—The idea of a permanent fall fair in this city has been taken hold of very heartily by the citizens and there can be no doubt of its being made a grand success and a means of attracting to the city a vast crowd of visitors. This year, with but a short time to get ready there will be no attempt made to put on a very elaborate show. The organization is to be effected and a start made in what will become henceforth an annual event of importance to the whole of Northern British Columbia.

A public meeting was held in the rooms of the board of trade, called at the instance of that organization for the express purpose of going into the whole question and deciding upon what should be done.

A. J. Morris, president of the board of trade, who has been deeply interested in the movement, and was one of the most ardent supporters of having a fair put on here, explained at some length the whole situation and the position in which matters stood at the present time. He said that the board of trade had taken this matter up a year ago. It was thought that the time was too short then for doing anything and it had been laid over for a year. An earlier start was made this year, and considerable interest had already been aroused not only in Prince Rupert, but also in the surrounding districts.

The board, however, thought that this was really work for the board but that the affair should be vested in a separate society that could deal with the whole subject. The committee of the board that had gone into the question of the cost had reported at a recent meeting. He gave the figures which that committee had reported as necessary. It represented about three or four thousand dollars. Of that

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