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Board of Works Calls for Tenders to Get Information.

The Board of Works have decided to call for tenders in connection with the proposed paving of Dundas street, between Adelaide and Colborne streets. The material to be used has not yet been decided upon, and consequently the tenders will include bitulithic, asphalt block and sheet asphalt. The tenders will give the Board of Works the required information as to cost. Then the material decided upon.

Permission was granted the East End Baseball League to use the Queen's Park baseball diamond on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. A cedar path will be laid on the east side of Park avenue, between Dufferin and Central avenues.

In regard to the W. J. Reid fence dispute which has been hanging on for some time, the board referred the Council to the former settlement, namely, the city pay Mr. Reid the sum of \$600.

CANADA'S FLAG.

The veterans of 1866 at their last gathering passed a resolution that said:

The flag of our country being the emblem of Britain's might and glory. It ought, whenever and wherever displayed, to evoke feelings of patriotic pride in every British subject, but this association views with regret the prevalent and increasing custom of making it the medium of calling attention to auction sales and otherwise using it for advertising purposes, demeaning the flag and taking from it the respect with which it ought to be viewed. Resolved, therefore, that the president appoint a committee to act with kindred associations or otherwise in endeavoring to secure a discontinuance of the practice of using the British or Canadian flags for such purposes.

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CITY NEWS

Mrs. Duncan, of Waterloo street, who is at Ottawa for the opening of the House, was "at home" to her friends at the Russell on Friday last.

Mr. W. J. Stanley, foreman with the Bell Telephone Company at Chatham, has been promoted to the position of district foreman with headquarters here.

The quarterly board of Charles Street Church, Ingersoll, has extended an invitation to the Rev. A. I. Snyder, of Princeton, to become their pastor at next conference.

Services preparatory to the communion will be held in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church this evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Anderson, late of Scotland, will preach.

Mr. Kennedy, manager of the Merchants' Bank at West Lorne, recently entertained the members of the whist club prior to the departure of Mr. Fox for this city, where he has secured a good position.

An employee of the Columbia Handle Company, Wm. Pratt, had his hand so badly lacerated by a machine as to require him to remain idle for the next month at least. Dr. W. J. Stevenson dressed the wound.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Little and officers of the band of the 7th Regiment Fusiliers will render the following programme at the Armories to-night: March, "The Regular," Heed; medley overture, "Popular Jingles," Recker; waltz, "Naturalsinger," Ziehrer; selection, "National Melodies," Winterbottom; intermezzo, "Anadora," Aschen; waltz, "Wedding of the Wings," Hall; medley, "1863," Calvin. God Save the King.

According to the recent statement of the provincial board of health one would think that the local hospitals would be in a bad way for ice this summer. Mr. Heard, superintendent of Victoria Hospital, has sent a sample of water from a pond near Mount Brighams to the provincial analyst. Mr. Heard states there is enough ice there to supply the wants of London for a whole summer. Arrangements are being made so that, in the event of the water being pure enough, the supply of ice for Victoria will come from this pond.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Kilwinning Lodge Has Great Celebration in Masonic Temple.

With a membership of 194 and 50 years of history behind it, Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., celebrated its golden jubilee last evening in the Masonic Temple. Social intercourse, a programme, dancing and dinner contributed to make the time big.

W. Bros. Keyes and Flock gave opening addresses. Among those who took part in the programme were: A. Cortese, Mrs. C. W. Wheeler, Miss Mowatt, Miss Farrar, Miss Robson, and Mr. C. E. Wheeler.

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WILFRED CLARKE, HEADLINER

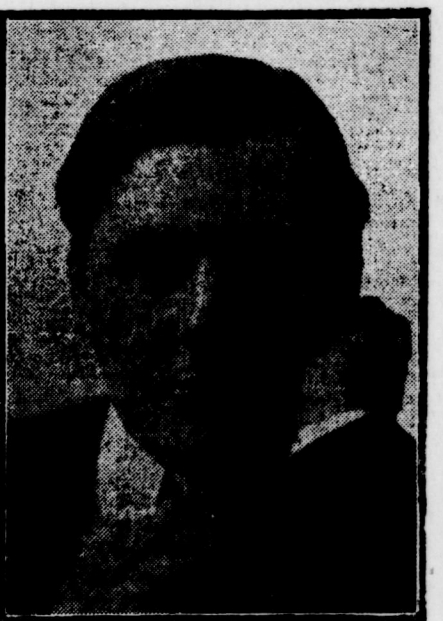
Nephew of Edwin Booth Coming to Bennett's.

Mr. Wilfred Clarke, who heads his own company at Bennett's Vaudeville next week, is interesting, not only because he is a nephew of the late Edwin Booth, the great tragedian, but because he is an accomplished gentleman. His mother, Mrs. John S. Clarke, was a sister to the great actor and like him a Baltimorean.

Mr. Clarke was born in Philadelphia and was educated in London and Paris. His first appearance was at the Strand Theatre in London in 1885.

Later he became a member of Barry Sullivan's company, and for three years played comedy parts in the productions of that eminent English tragedian. He then returned to this country and was associated in comedy roles with his brother, Creston Clarke. He afterwards joined the celebrated company of Booth and Barrett and appeared with them in the "Merchant of Venice," "Hamlet," and other Shakespearean tragedies and comedies. He was with his uncle and Mr. Barrett for two seasons. Later he was with Julia Marlowe and afterwards starred for three years under the management of the late John T. Ford.

In 1896 he began engagements at the Strand Theatre, London, which lasted for nearly a year. Later he became a member of the late August Daly's company, Vaudeville, loved, and last year he and Miss Theo. Carew were in Ada Rehan's company as leading woman and leading comedian. This delightful one-act comedy playlet now being presented is composed of four people and will no doubt more than create favorable comment. The vaudeville management deserves much credit in procuring such high grade artists.



DEL HENDERSON,
A St. Thomas Boy, Who Appears Here on Saturday in "Over Niagara Falls" at the Grand Opera House.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Wilson Barrett's impressive and powerfully constructed religious drama, "The Sign of the Cross," which was presented at the Grand Opera House this evening, is full of striking contrasts. The scene is laid in Rome in the extravagant and tyrannical rule of Nero. The gorgeousness and wanton luxury of the Roman court is shown in broad colors. The advance sale of seats portends a big house.

"Over Niagara Falls," with its wealth of magnificent scenery, wondrous effects and superb cast, will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House to-morrow, afternoon and evening, at bargain prices.

One of the most notable attractions booked for the local theatrical season will be the presentation in this city at the Grand Opera House on Monday evening next of the musical success, "Little Johnny Jones." The St. John (N. B.), Globe says of the Bostonian Sextette, to be heard at the Grand Opera House Tuesday next, under the patronage of the Women's Music Club: The concert at the Institute Thursday evening, by the Bostonian Sextette, was one of the most delightful ever given in this city. The Sextette played all their numbers with the most charming smoothness, precision, and beauty of tone, excelling in the ballet music of Gounod's "Queen of Sheba," and in the selections from Herbert's "Fortune Teller."

DIED OF APOPLEXY.

Toronto, March 1.—(Special).—Samuel M. T. y. of the firm of Grand & Toy, stationers, died of apoplexy at 2 o'clock this morning. He was 43 years of age and leaves a widow and three children.

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COMPROMISE PLAN SPOIL UNIVERSITY

Dr. Ferguson Shows Queen's and McGill Owe Success to Non-Church Effort

Editor Free Press: The University question is one which appeals to every progressive and intelligent citizen. The present crisis will make or unmake the city educationally. The establishment of an up-to-date, well equipped university will put our city in the front rank as an educational centre, the lack of such an institution will hamper our entire educational machinery. A strong university is the keystone that is needed to give our otherwise excellent educational edifice symmetry and completeness.

The live question at present is, How to establish a first-class university in London, and whether it shall be under church or civic control. The whole history of denominational universities in Canada argues against a church university. Queen's was a church institution up to the time of the union (1874). So slow had its progress been that at the time of the union the church declined to adopt it as a church institution, and not until ten years later, when its constitution was so broadened as to admit on its board representatives of every denomination, did Queen's begin to move rapidly forward. From that time she has gone ahead by leaps and bounds. Consequently the Presbyterian body, which frequently held her aloof, at a recent assembly at Vancouver took her under its foster care and agreed to add half a million to her endowment. Queen's attained her present enviable position, not as a church university, but practically as an under-nominal institution, Victoria and Trinity, after a long struggle, relinquished their church status, and took shelter under the wing of the provincial university. McGill was a starryling while under the control of the Church of England, and not until she became undenominational did the best quests begin to flow into her coffers, which have enabled her to develop into an institution of world-wide reputation. Those who were present at the opening of the arts department of the Western University, some years ago, will remember how the vice-chancellor of McGill University, in his address on that occasion, implored the authorities of the Western to broaden their foundation, and make the university non-denominational. Nor has the history of the Western itself in the past given hope of any sanguine expectations as a church university. True, it is proposed now to re-vitalize its foundation, and make the university a direct charge upon the diocese.

Even so, can the parishes of Huron Diocese adequately support a university in addition to their other burdens? And in any event, will not the development of such an institution be on narrower lines, and enlist the cooperation, not to say the enthusiasm, of only a limited constituency? The position taken here is that it would be prejudicial, if not fatal, to the future success of the Western university to re-organize on denominational lines. As to the "compromise" proposition, viz.: Part church and part civic control, such a plan would be impracticable in operation and enlist neither the loyalty of the church, nor the enthusiasm of the citizen, and would inevitably lead to complications and clashing in the management.

Again, a mere college, affiliated to Toronto University, would not be any solution of the financial problems involved, nor would such a position of subordination appeal to civic enterprise. From the viewpoint of the student, such affiliation would be expedient only on the assumption that a Toronto University Degree would continue to command a superior commercial and educational value. But unless a degree from the New Western could be made as desirable and valuable as a Toronto degree, then such a university would have failed in its aims and standing. The university itself says that Canadians are its merits warranted, and a first-class institution in the heart of Western Ontario would not suffer from lack of students.

R. FERGUSON.
South London, March 1, 1906.

WHERE CANADA LACKS

Has No Highly Qualified Military Officers Like England's.

The Canadian Military Gazette, in its issue of the February 6, speaking of the wholesale importation of British officers, whom the militia council intend bringing over from across the sea to be given contest of all important appointments in the Canadian militia, says that Canadians are not qualified for want of competency status.

One appointment has been made to the inspection staff; this is the appointment for three years of a technically qualified inspector of small arms to inspect in behalf of the Government the arms presented for sale in accordance with their contract by the Ross Rifle Company.

There is not at present in Canada any officer who has been through a course of instruction in small arms inspection, and it is but a reasonable precaution when a contract involving hundreds of thousands of dollars is concerned to appoint a fully qualified officer to protect the public.

By the time his appointment will have expired we may hope to have trained a Canadian officer to take his place.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 1.—W. B. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, to-day issued the official call for a special national convention to convene in this city on March 15.



This Year to Be Our Biggest We Have the Goods to Make It

We've started on our 7th year and started well. Yesterday our store was a scene of great activity—it was our birthday—and if the sales can be taken as a guide this year's business should be half as big again as those of last year. Then the expressions of good will from the large concourse of visitors bespoke advance. Everybody seemed pleased, and many spoke in appreciative terms of our splendid stocks and fair way of dealing. The bargains of yesterday will be duplicated in all departments.

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JOHN HENRY MAKES GOOD AT GRAND

Farce-Comedy, With Charley Grapewin in the Leading Role, Scores Hit

Everybody went away with a smile from the Grand Opera House last night. That is, everybody in the very fair-sized audience in attendance. They had witnessed the production of "It's Up to You, John Henry," had enjoyed its able presentation, its unique and pretty features, its bright, clean lines, its real comedy, its music—and Charley Grapewin.

It does not happen every day that a show of the entertaining characteristics and the evenly-balanced performers join hands to the one end, as is the fact in "It's Up to You," etc. The company comprised twenty people. Everyone fitted into his or her place, and no one was particularly better or much worse than the other—except it be Charley Grapewin, with his easy mannerisms, his infectious laugh, his quiet, effective ways of making love and cracking a joke and singing a song.

The staging of the farce comedy was of itself out of the ordinary, and worth talking about, especially that of the second and third acts. The former presents the front of a dainty New England villa, with doors that open and windows that go up and down from which the housemaids call to the stable hands. The third act presents a railway station in the country, with its waiting Pullman and its waiting footmen.

Several catchy songs were given. The St. Cecilia quartette sang to a recall, and Miss Chance, in "Aristocratic Annie," "Strolling" (given with Mr. Grapewin) and "My Lonesome Little Louisiana Lady" was always pleasing. A song and dance by members of the sheriff's posse was most amusing.

It was up to John Henry, and he made good.

At the close of the performance the orchestra of the Grand, under the able leadership of Mr. James Creswell, played the Canadian national chant, "O Canada." This beautiful selection is rarely heard outside of the Province of Quebec. Manager Turton intends to have it played as an exit march after every performance. It is by Calixte LaVallee, and is published in Montreal.

THE PANAMA CANAL

Famed Lecturer Brings Big Ditch in Close View.

Another of the Y. M. C. A. course numbers was given at the Auditorium last night before a large audience. It comprised a lecture, with moving pictures and lantern slides, by Mr. Edward Burton McDowell, a widely-known traveler and lecturer. Dr. McDowell's subject was the great Panama canal, and its squandered millions. Of a most instructive as well as entertaining character, the lecture proved a real treat, and was enjoyed from beginning to close. The slides were of a very high order, and were from photos in instances of great value. The development of the big ditch that some day is to join the two oceans and be the highway of countless commerce was brought home to a London audience with intense realism.

NOTHING DOING.

Toronto, March 1.—The board of control to-day decided not to take action in regard to the petition, received from Messrs. Buckner and Gunn, London, asking the city to operate with that municipality in petitioning the Legislature for wider powers in dealing with transient traders. The petition alleges that at the winter season Toronto and Montreal merchants use London and other small cities as a dumping ground for their goods, which are sold there at auction to the detriment of the local merchants.

EXTEND THE LEAVE

Librarian Blackwell Seriously Ill—Board of Trade Rooms.

The public library board last night decided to extend leave of absence to Librarian Blackwell until April 1. As is generally known, Mr. Blackwell is seriously ill. The board had given him a holiday until Feb. 1, and owing to his continued illness has now granted him an extension. It is understood that Mr. Blackwell's condition is not improved.

The request of the board of trade for permission to use a part of the library for their purposes was considered, and referred to the finance committee. The board wish to secure the rooms for the cost of heat and light, and there may arise some difficulties with other tenants. The committee will confer with members of the board of trade.

FOR THE POOR LEPERS

Mrs. Watt, in Knox Church, Speaks on Eastern Problem.

Mission work with the lepers in the far East was the subject of an address given by Mrs. Watt in Knox Church, London South, last night. Rev. Dean Davis occupied the chair. Mrs. Watt dealt with the work of the society in India, Java and the Eastern countries, describing very graphically the pitiful condition of the lepers. No cure is known to modern science for this horrible living death. The disease can be stamped out, however. This having been accomplished in England two or three hundred years ago. Mrs. Watt closed by asking a generous contribution to enable the society to conduct the work.

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MEGAN THE MAN.

Toronto, March 1.—(Special).—Mr. F. P. Megan has been appointed editor of Industrial Canada, published by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. He is at present editor of The Dry Goods Review. Mr. Megan is a native of Stratford and a university man.

MONEY IN WALL STREET.

New York, March 1.—Having accumulated a fortune estimated at upwards of \$1,000,000 by investments in Wall street, Thomas M. Hilliard, for many years manager of the Waldorf-Astoria, has severed his connection with that hotel and retired from business life.