

taneous in expressing their pleasure at the visit. By the way, it was facetiously remarked that the Board of Trade should have been on hand with their petition for harbor improvements. This petition has been presented to every public man in the Canadian departments who has visited here for the last five years, and why an American citizen has been permitted to escape persecution in this respect seems to be a fit subject for investigation by a Royal commission.

Patrons of The Victoria have a grievance, and Manager Jamieson has made up his mind to do all in his power to redress it. Companies travelling to the Sound arrange with the Sound steamer to hold over till eleven o'clock so that the actors can leave for Seattle or Tacoma immediately after the performance. This necessitates a cut in the last act of the performance, which very often spoils the whole play. Take the case of the Mark Murphy company. From the rise of the curtain in the last act of the play until the drop only five minutes elapsed. Several of the best specialties were cut out. Manager Jamieson, to avoid this in future, will insist on a clause being inserted in the contract providing for the entire performance, otherwise no combination will be accepted. As a general rule, Victorians patronize the theatre liberally, and they should not be asked to pay full prices for a half performance.

Marmaduke Wood, the one time king of the Delmonico Music Hall, is now secretary of the Victoria Club, an institution lately organized in Chicago. This club has been established expressly for the accommodation of visitors to the World's Fair. Gentlemen belonging to recognized clubs in England, Paris and American cities can become members of the Victoria Club, without ballot, by sending their names to the secretary. The club house is located on the most fashionable part of Michigan Avenue, and furnished with all the modern improvements for the comfort of members. It contains the usual club accommodations, including reception, reading, billiard, card and smoking rooms, telephone, telegraph, livery, etc. The cuisine, Marmaduke alleges, is under the management of an experienced chef, and the choicest wines, cigars,

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etc., are provided at moderate prices. The Hon. Marmie writes that he is "fearfully important as secretary of the club."

Complaints as to the misbehavior of certain young men who frequent the Gorge of late have been numerous. It is alleged that these illbred people make night hideous with their yells, and that many women have been compelled to listen to words which find no place in the dictionary. The Gorge would seem to have been provided by nature as a place for the enjoyment of the human family as a whole, but the design of nature will have been defeated if brutes persist in behaving

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