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SMASHED \$30,000 WORTH FURNITURE

Wally Reid Very Strenuous
in the Sumptuous Picture
"The Affairs of Anatol"—
Imperial Turned People
Away Last Night.

Securing \$30,000 worth of furniture for a single interior setting and then smashing the outfit before the camera produces photoplay realism, but at a high prohibitive cost. Yet that is what Cecil B. DeMille did in his Paramount production, "The Affairs of Anatol," which is being shown at the Imperial Theatre just now, opening yesterday to tremendous business.

The setting in question serves as a background for a part of the story portrayed by Wallace Reid, Gloria Swanson, Elliott Dexter, Bela Daniel, Wanda Hawley, Theodore Roberts and other all-star players. It is an ultra-luxurious apartment and Howard Higgin, production manager for Cecil B. DeMille productions, was instructed to spare no expense.

The result was an attractive suite—designed by Paul Iribie—furnished with approximately \$30,000 worth of furniture. This included a valuable set of Louis XVI chairs, a magnificent carved photograph case of unique design, a grand piano, lamps, mirrors, tables, set, lounge, pictures and bric-a-brac.

At the climax of this episode, Wallace Reid was instructed to run amok and smash everything breakable in the set. The orders were comprehensive and he obeyed them to the letter. Not a stick of furniture remained in its original shape when the vandalism was complete. Using the small pieces of furniture as building blocks, Reid shattered everything in sight while the camera flicked just out of range of his blows. Mirrors, lamps, chairs, phonograph and piano were demolished one by one. An explosion to the scene, the husky star dashed the huge overstuffed divan and hurled it bodily through the French doors at one end of the set.

In a like manner—that is manner of prodigality—the whole production of "The Affairs of Anatol" was lavishly done. The costumes, the house settings, the marvelous cabarets, roof gardens, ballets, etc. The last word in toilet parades, comfort furniture, negligee and all that sort of thing. It was "ultra" in very truth, so "ultra" that it will take the real thing as portrayed in this picture. This kind of investiture with such an array of picture-lovers proved such a lure to picture-lovers that the Imperial was literally jammed with patrons all afternoon and for the both evening shows.

"The Affairs of Anatol" is running again tonight and tomorrow, the third day. It was a foregone conclusion that such a magnificent production should run more than the ordinary life of a picture at the big theatre. To see "Anatol" is to have witnessed the most extravagant tastes of the most prodigal producer in all movieland. It is also to see together in the same story all the really big stars of the Paramount forces. It is unique in these regards, the story's a bit piquant—of a tobacco sauce—but it is not naughty.

THE SCHOOL BOARD GETS 100.16 ON THE DEBENTURE SIXES

The school board at its regular meeting last night accepted the tender of Thomas, Armstrong and Bell, Limited, for the \$157,000 issue of debentures at six per cent, the tender being the exceptionally high one of 100.16. The architect of the new school in the North End, which has been named "Lorne," recommended the payment of \$9,762.13 above the contract price for the new school in lieu of unexpected excavation expenses due to the soft nature of the soil at one end of the site. This recommendation was referred to the finance committee with power to act. Arrangements were made to have the chairman of the board, Judge McKeown, lay the cornerstone of the new school on Nov. 19 at 2.30 and to send a delegation to the school trustees convention in Fredericton. Reports were received of the recent fire in St. Joseph's school and of the arrangements for carrying on the classes while repairs are made.

An application for a position on the teaching staff was received from Jenny P. Jardine. Applications for the position of janitor were received from Clifford Titus and James F. Mowry.

A letter from the grand secretary of the Masonic order in New Brunswick informed the board that the grand master felt that he could not ask the grand lodge to take part in an outdoor ceremony so late in the season and therefore must decline to officiate at the laying of the cornerstone of the new school in the North End.

The Royal Trust Company, acting for Miss Irene M. Simonds, asked for payment for the property taken by the board as a school site in the North End. On Mr. Lewin's motion it was agreed that a payment of \$6,600 should be made to Miss Simonds on receipt of the approved deed.

Neil Brodie's request for \$2,300 on account of services as architect to the new school was ordered to be paid. Mr. Brodie sent an architect's order approving the payment of \$7,212.13 beyond the contract price of the school. This was to cover cost of

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excavations made necessary by the condition of the soil at the swamp end. In excavating first mould, then quicksand, then wet clay below sewer level had been met with. It had been necessary to strike down to rock bottom. The additional cost was accounted for as follows: 421-1-3 yards concrete, \$5,998.86; excavating earth, \$3,790.50; reinforcing rods, \$200.05; less \$108 credited to drain tiles not needed, making a total of \$9,762.13.

This communication was referred to the buildings and finance committees, meeting jointly, with power to act. Minutes of committee meetings which were approved told of the naming of the north end school "Lorne," of authority given for repairs to the roof of the High school annex, the asphaltizing of St. Joseph's school yard, the acceptance of B. Mooney and Sons' tender for removal of rock in the Dufferin school lot, and the

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FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN EAST ST. JOHN

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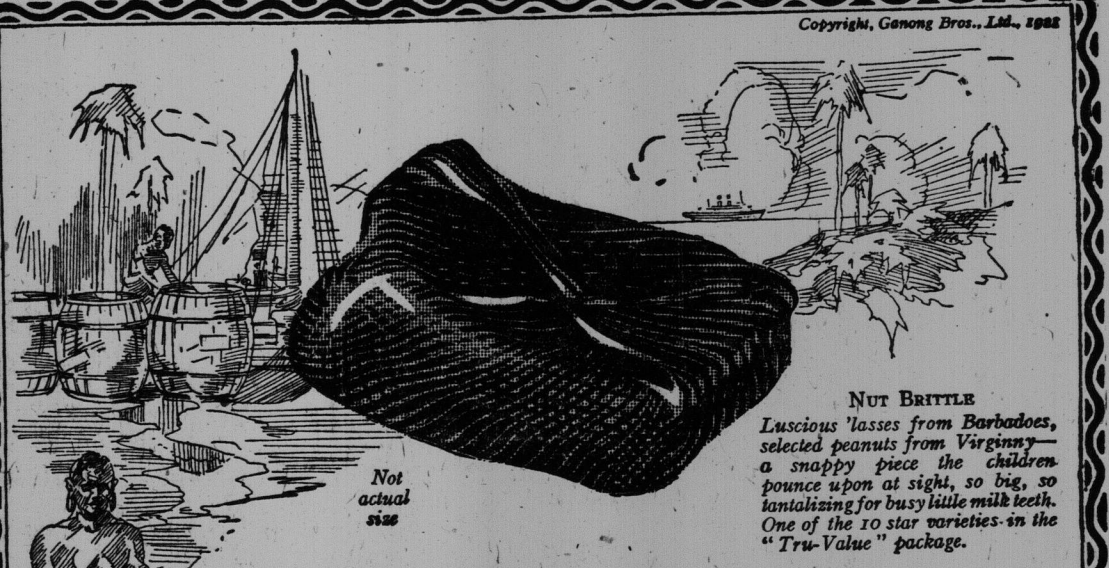
At the conclusion of the business discussions an interesting address was delivered by A. M. Belding. A short musical programme was then given by Messrs. A. Murphy, J. Simpson, J. Murphy, W. Brindle, and J. Pong. Following the entertainment, refreshments were served by the ladies of the club. Among the visitors at the meeting last evening were several members of the Little River Community Club, who were the guests of the East St. John Club, and these representatives were invited to attend the meetings regularly.

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