



AT THE THEATRES

At the Royal Alexandra.
In response to a general request, Mr. Forbes-Robertson's appearance in "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" next week will commence in the evening at 8:30 and on Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 2:30. The advance bookings for the last week of the great actor's season in America have exceeded all expectations at the Royal Alexandra and have easily beaten the previous records recently established at Montreal, where between \$10,000 and \$12,000 was taken.

As early as 6 o'clock on Thursday morning a small crowd had collected outside the theatre waiting for the quest, which assumed enormous proportions, while long before 9 a.m. the extraordinary demand for seats so late in the season may indeed induce the famous actor to re-open in Toronto in the fall on his return from England before resuming the run of "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" in New York, as the scenery and accessories are being stored in this city, while some of the company remain in Canada. Mr. Forbes-Robertson himself returns to the theatre on Friday, May 11, for a rest of some four months at home.

It is particularly gratifying that Mr. Forbes-Robertson has seen his way to accept the hearty invitation extended to him by his friends and admirers of the Press Club for Tuesday evening before the performance, while on Friday night after the play he is to be entertained by members of the Arts and Letters Club.

At a supper given in honor of Forbes-Robertson at the Lotus Club in New York, when many of the leading citizens assembled to do him honor, the veteran dramatic critic and writer, William Aldrich, made one of his most successful and happy contributions to the evening. "The dramatic artist," said he in the course of a brilliant speech, "whose range is so wide that it extends from Chastelard to Scarpia, from Zerkow to Arthur Dimmesdale, from Buckingham to Benedict, from Lyander to Leonora, from Orlando to Romeo, and from Mercutio to Hamlet—the dramatic artist who has played all these parts and many others—playing all of them thoroughly

well and indeed greatly, needs no assurance from any source that he stands in the front rank of intellectual actors."

"The Easiest Way"
Many comments have been made on the striking realism of the interior used in the second act of "The Easiest Way," in which Miss Frances Starr appears at the Royal Alexandra Theatre week of May 9, which depicts one of those equally second story back rooms frequented by the "down and out" members of the theatrical profession in New York.

At the Princess.
Chauncey Olcott's play, "Ragged Robin," contains many novel features, including fairies, wishing wells and Banishes, and several new songs specially written for this engagement. The role of Ragged Robin is the most congenial Mr. Olcott has ever had. Ragged Robin is of gentle birth, and after his father dies, he becomes Sir Robert Harcourt. But previous to that he has been unjustly driven from home, and tramps the king's highway as a tender minstrel. One night he sleeps by the side of the fairies' well, and they awaken, they spy him and take him under their protection. When daylight comes, and the fairies disappear, Robin takes a drink and goes his way singing a song, carelessly leaving his cape behind. Then appears from the cottage a pretty collier, charmed with his song. But the maiden is betrothed to a neighbor's son who does not believe in fairies, but whose father owns certain adjoining lands the girl's father covets. So despite all the fairies can do, she is forced to marry. At a supper back to the road again, the fairies stick around and the famine comes and lays the countryside waste. The doubling husband dies. Then the girl looks back and the fairies again appear to show him the way to find his sweetheart.

Miss Billie Burke's First Visit to Canada.
Miss Billie Burke in "Mrs. Dot" will be the attraction at the Princess Theatre for the week beginning Monday evening, May 2. She is an American girl—she was born in Washington, D. C., in 1886—who made her first appearance on the stage in London when she was seven years old in musical comedy. She left the musical stage to become Charles Hawtrey's leading woman, Charles Frohmant's star, and then immediately engaged her as John Drew's leading woman in "My Wife."

Her success in that place was phenomenal and the following season Mr. Frohmant made her a star, presenting her in "Love Watches." That was only last season but Miss Burke is one of the most popular stars in America.

"Three Weeks" at the Grand.
Much has been said and written upon the subject of the play "Three Weeks," which is booked to appear at the Grand Opera House next week. No book has been so widely read or discussed, not only in this country but in Europe, and it is a fact that perhaps a majority of those who have read the book, have done so with the one idea of whetting their appetite for sensationalism. If there are any unpleasant scenes or suggestions in the book, there are absolutely none in the play. Only the plot has been used in the drama, and the play is as far from unpleasant suggestion as that great masterpiece, "Romeo and Juliet."

New Majestic Music Hall.
Manager William Morris promises a vaudeville bill bristling of breezy and varied entertainment for next week at the New Majestic Music Hall. The bill will be headed by Miss Gladys Van der Grinten, the dainty delight of the Grand Opera House next week. No book has been so widely read or discussed, not only in this country but in Europe, and it is a fact that perhaps a majority of those who have read the book, have done so with the one idea of whetting their appetite for sensationalism. If there are any unpleasant scenes or suggestions in the book, there are absolutely none in the play. Only the plot has been used in the drama, and the play is as far from unpleasant suggestion as that great masterpiece, "Romeo and Juliet."

At Shea's.
For next week at Shea's Theatre, Manager Shea has arranged another big vaudeville bill, headed by Will H. Murray and Blanche Nichols in "The School of Acting." Mr. Murphy, the all-in-earliest teacher, a broken down

actor, and Miss Nichols in her ridiculous makeup, are one long laugh. The special extra attraction is Stepp, Mehlhinger and King, who are called vaudeville's cleverest entertainers. Mr. Stepp is the banjoist, Mr. King the pianist, and Mr. Mehlhinger supplies genuine comedy and interprets in an inimitable way the best of the popular songs.

At the Gayety.
The attraction which comes to the Gayety Theatre next week will be the Phil Sheridan big new "Marathon Girls" Company. The opening is called "A Run for Your Money," an up-to-the-minute musical travesty, with clever burlesques on the big show hits and topics of the day. The Beauty Chorus consists of a pretty group of young and handsome girls, who can sing, dance and pose; while the comedians include Billy Welp, Claire Evans and Jack Flynn, the closing of the entertainment has just enough story to allow the introduction of the many musical numbers and display a handsome chorus not overlooking the beautiful scenery and costumes.

The extra added attraction is Amos Haman, troupe of fifteen Arabian whirling dervishes, the most marvelous act in burlesque or vaudeville. Charming little Babetta will add the big sensational, artistic, and novel, the new Hula Hula dance, of the Samoa Islands.

At the Star.
"Shad" Link, the famous wrestler, will be the extra-special attraction at the Star next week where he will meet all comers. If anyone can stay with him for 15 minutes the management will give him \$25. He will be seen in conjunction with the famous burlesque troupe entitled "Morning, Noon and Night." This same piece, with the same cast of principals, last season played high-priced houses and was declared a success by both press and public.

Among the cast is Teddy Burns who was a number of years one of the principal comedians with "Happened in Nordan" Co., and who has a part in this show written around him and one that he fills to perfection. He is a little fellow, who for the past few years has been with Henry W. Savage and late with "Mayor of Tokio" Co., portrays the leading female role, her singing and dancing is said to have received great praise last season wherever she appeared. Sid. Brahm, Walter Johnson, The Minstrel Four, and a big beauty chorus make up what should be a strong combination.

Entertainment at St. Albans.
The cathedral branch of the Girls' Auxiliary gave a splendid entertainment in St. Albans' crypt Thursday evening before a large and delighted audience. The musical program consisted of songs by Miss Black, Miss Amenden and Miss Clark. The vocalists were assisted by a quartet of four girls, who sang in a most pleasing manner. Refreshments were served after the entertainment to those taking part.

Week-end Trips.
are always looked forward to by those who enjoy a short outing after their week's work is over. Commencing Saturday, May 7, the Grand Trunk Railway System will issue round tickets at single fare, with ten cents added, to a great many points in Ontario, good until Saturday or Sunday, valid returning Monday following date of issue. For full information call at city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets, Phone Main 4209.

LONGSHOREMEN STRIKE AT SARNIA.
SARNIA, April 29.—One hundred and twenty-five union longshoremen employed by the contractors at the Northern Navigation Co.'s dock here, have gone on strike as the result of the importation of about 20 Italian laborers from Toronto.

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ST. JOHN, N.B., April 29.—(Special.)—Chancellor Jones of the University of New Brunswick has been asked by the committee of the proposed British Columbia University.

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ORGANISTS TO ARRANGE SERIES OF CONVENTIONS

For Discussion of Topics of Interest to Their Profession—Proceedings at First Gathering.

An enthusiastic meeting of a large number of the most prominent organists of the city and province was held at McConkey's. The gathering was representative of the most active and strongest influences in the musical life of Ontario. The dean, Dr. J. Humphrey Anger, F.R.C.O., occupied the chair, and after the banquet, in an eloquent speech, introduced the various speakers of the evening. Dr. A. S. Vogt and T. J. Palmer delivered addresses on the subject of "Organ Construction," the former contending that the present day tendency towards ultra refinement in the voicing of American and Canadian organs at the expense of nobility and solidity of tone should be discouraged by the guild. Dr. Edward Broome spoke on "American Guild of Organists of the United States and Canada," giving some interesting details regarding his recent visit to New York and Boston. The opinion was expressed that the guild contained within its membership the strongest and most influential association of organists in the world. The topic of "Organ Playing," the first named speaker expressing his gratification at the public's gradually improving appreciation of serious organ music. Mr. Hewlett warmly defended organ "arrangements," the better class, his arguments being ably supported by Mr. Tattersall. Mr. G. D. Atkinson, Dr. T. Alex. Davies, and James Galloway, F.R.C.O., delivered addresses on "The Organist and Chordmaster," and able papers on the topic of "The Pastor and Organist" were read by Edmund Hardy, Mus. Bac, T. C. Jeffries, Mus. Bac, and Rev. Dr. Hazelwood, the newly appointed chaplain of the Ontario Chapter Methodists. The report of the registrar, W. C. Fairclough, F.R.C.O., and of the treasurer, H. A. Wheldon, Mus. Bac, F.R.C.O., were read and adopted.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted: Dean, J. Humphrey Anger, Mus. Doc, F.R.C.O.; sub-dean, Edward Broome, Mus. Doc, secretary, T. J. Palmer, A.R.C.O.; registrar, W. C. Fairclough, F.R.C.O.; treasurer, H. A. Wheldon, Mus. Bac, F.R.C.O.; auditor, Richard Tattersall; auditors, Dr. T. Alexander Davies and Dr. W. Norman Anderson; councillors, Edward Broome, Mus. Bac, and James Galloway, A.R.C.O., G. D. Atkinson, Mus. Bac, and T. C. Jeffries, Mus. Bac, and W. H. Hewlett, Mus. Bac. It was decided to hold a number of gatherings during the coming year, when papers of interest would be read and discussions bearing upon them arranged for. An impressive and interesting program of organ music was rendered by Messrs. Fairclough, Hewlett and Tattersall.

The greatest interest which is being felt by the profession in the work of the guild, it might be mentioned, is the subject of admission to membership in the guild. The organists are constantly being received by the secretary, and that for the first time, the Ontario Chapter Methodists, for Ontario, a surprisingly large number of candidates have entered.

SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. Henry Savage of Orangeville announces the engagement of her youngest daughter, Clara Leise, to Herbert L. Bauch of Toronto, formerly of Port Huron. The marriage will take place in Orangeville on June 1.

The regular weekly dance under the direction of the Balm Beach Club officers was held as usual in the club house. The summer dance, which heretofore have been somewhat overcrowded, will be restricted to the coming season to members only and their friends. The present week the present were: Misses White, DeLaPlante, Bell, M. Walker, Crawford, Williamson, Ogden, Medge, Shaw, Knott, Rousley, Rehn, Knox, Marlati, Nelson, Edna Sinclair, Ruby Sinclair, Seton Neal, Cronin, Bell, Clary, Pitney, Toimie, Kerr, and Mrs. H. Badger. The committee are: Merrick, Munloy, Williamson, Jones, McGreggor, Riley, Lauder, Badgley, Watson, Brandham, Addison, Bell, Leise, Borge, Garlick, Skene, S. Coleman, W. Coleman, England, Argles, Dinforth, Harris, Mehrtens, Hall, Ross, Bellman, Currie, Neil, Melville, Gardiner.

The engagement is announced of Florence Neila, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Neila, of Brantford, to Samuel Whitmore, fell off the bank into seven feet of water. He had gone down the second time when Mary Jane Watson, a 15-year-old girl, fishing nearby, ran to his assistance. Just as she started, a fish caught her hook and her scream for help and the swimming of the fish around the boy's submerged arm, saved his life. The line became entangled around his hand and arm and she dragged him against the swift current, to safety. It was some hours before he was brought around again.

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Liquor & Tobacco Habits

A. McKinnon, 125 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario. References as to Dr. McKinnon's professional qualifications and integrity permitted by: Sir W. R. Meredith, Chief Justice, Ontario; Hon. J. W. Ross, ex-Chief Justice, Ontario; Rev. N. Burwash, D.D., President Victoria College; Rev. Father Feeney, President of St. Michael's College, Toronto; Right Rev. J. F. Sweeney, Bishop of Toronto. Dr. McKinnon's vegetable remedies for all sorts of liquor and tobacco habits are legal, safe, inexpensive home treatments, free of time from business, and a certain cure. Consultation or correspondence invited.

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MONTREAL GIRL MURDERED

Shot and Killed by Her Jealous Soldier Lover.

BURLINGTON, Vt., April 29.—Jealous because Jessie Lebar, the girl to whom he was to be married, was receiving attentions from his companion-in-arms, Wm. West, first sergeant of Troop K, Tenth United States Cavalry, a colored regiment stationed at Fort Rensselaer, shot and killed her at her boarding house place in Winoski to-day, and then rode back to the fort and gave himself up. The soldier girl was of such light complexion as to pass for a white woman. She was 22 years old, and came from Montreal about three months ago.

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FISH SAVES BOY'S LIFE

Tangles Fish Line Around His Arm and He Is Dragged to Shore.

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She Broke Out in Song.

FREEMONT, Cal., April 29.—Ethel Boylin aged 15 years, detained in the county jail for alleged incoherence, yesterday sang herself to freedom. Her voice so appealed to the assistant district attorney that he made a plea to release her on parole, saying, that he believed the girl would win fame as a prima donna if her voice were trained.

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