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NORTHERN COMMERCIAL COMPANY

NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL OPENS

Five Rooms Contain an Enrollment of 156 Pupils.

Staff Will Consist of a Principal and Four Instructors - Another Teacher to Be Chosen.

The beautiful new school house which has recently been erected by the government was thrown open this morning and for the first time was occupied by a troop of noisy youngsters. The absence of suitable playgrounds and a proper place for recreation during the winter is something that is worrying Principal McKenzie not a little. Next summer the grounds adjacent to the school house will doubtless be cleared and made into an attractive little park, but just now they are a mass of rubbish and niggerheads and worthless for any such purpose. As there are three of the rooms upstairs vacant Mr. McKenzie will endeavor to have one of more of them used as a playground during the short recesses when the weather is too severe for the children to play with any degree of comfort out doors.

Since the convening of school this fall, September 16, the sessions have been held in Masonic hall and Salvation Army barracks adjoining. The quarters in both places were badly cramped and as there were few if any of the conveniences so necessary in an institution of learning it was with a very great sense of relief that the great sense of relief that the old able feature of the new building is the abundance of light in each room. The windows are tall and with four in every department, there need be no undue strain of the eyes of the students. The building throughout is lined with outside lumber oiled down and varnished so the walls glisten as a polished mirror. Blackboards surround all four sides of the rooms. The halls are spacious, stairs leading to the upper story wide and of easy ascent and the exits are both large and numerous, precluding any possibility of a panic in case of a fire. Heat is supplied by a hot air furnace and the rooms were quite comfortable today, though whether they will be

equally so with the thermometer 60 below remains to be seen. All the rooms are provided with the regulation school desks graduated in size according to the occupants.

The enrollment this season is very satisfactory, there being 156 present today. A comparison with the beginning of the school year last fall shows a very marked change. Last year at this time there was but one teacher employed, Miss McCrea. This year in addition to Mr. G. P. McKenzie, the principal, there are three lady teachers and another will be secured at once. In the kindergarten, under charge of Miss Edwards, there were 12 little tots today, a number that is expected will be greatly increased before the week is finished. Miss Keys is the teacher of grades one and two and has 50 pupils, the largest number of any of the rooms. All the seats are full and it will be necessary to install more. Grades three and four were registered today, 39 in number, but as they had no teacher the pupils were dismissed until one is selected. A great many applications for the position are on file and as the additional instructor has been allowed it only remains for the selection to be made. Miss McCrea is in charge of grades five and six with 30 in attendance. In Principal McKenzie's department are grades seven, eight and nine with 25 pupils. The last named is the most advanced and from their studies might properly be considered in their first year of high school.

In addition to the four schoolrooms upstairs, but one of which is at present occupied, there is a library which will soon be well stocked with suitable books of reference. With the grounds adjacent in proper condition Dawson's public school building will be a credit to any city in the Dominion of twice its population.

Exodus of Degradation.
Within the past week many of the women of Klondike City and West Dawson, as well as their male progenies, have left for the outside. It is said there now remains but about twenty-five women in Klondike City and but four or five in West Dawson. Eight men who were known to live from the earnings of these women left on one steamer a few days ago.

George Butler has a new supply of the "Flor de Manoa" - a big 25c cigar.

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BENEFIT LAST NIGHT

Robert Lawrence Given Grand Send-Off by His Friends.

If theatrical managers, and particularly those who have in charge benefits, only knew what an everlasting bore it is to an audience to be hemmed in and penned down in a seat for three or four mortal hours during a performance, they certainly would curtail their programs and let people go home before midnight and not keep them until after 1 o'clock, as was the case at the Lawrence testimonial at the old Savoy last night. Then, too, it will perhaps always be a mystery why every hamfatter and every amateur is accorded a place, when by taking "only the cream, the best of those who volunteer their services, a program of reasonable length would be had and the audience would go home satisfied instead of being surfeited. If it is necessary to have a program of interminable length a long suffering public will call him blessed who shall be the first to have the temerity to cut out needless encores, restricting the artists appearing to one turn or one song only.

An excellent house greeted Mr. Lawrence last night, a fact which must have been gratifying to him in more ways than one. All the boxes and the entire lower floor was comfortably filled, and stranger still, nearly all remained through the wearisome program to the last. One of the best, if not the best, features of the evening was the work of the orchestra. There have been larger ones together on several occasions, but never have they played so well, there always being a weakness on certain instruments, notably the strings, which destroyed the effect of ensemble work. In last night's orchestra there were but eleven men, but every man played his part and Mr. Fremuth had them well under control. Suppe's overture "Pique Dame," and also "William Tell," both standards, were excellently handled, the oboe and flute duet in the latter played by Messrs. Miller and Stewart, clarinet being used in the absence of an oboe, being a joy to listen to. Other orchestral numbers were "Mikado," played very indifferently, and a medley conglomeration of claptrap in which red fire, anvils and pistol shots were predominating features. The personnel of the orchestra was

Messrs. Friemuth and Davis, violins; Ernest Miller and Alex. Brown, clarinets; Sidney Stewart, flute; E. P. Lopez and Chas. Rennie, cornets; Martin Hobbs, trombone; Thos. Rennie, bass; C. F. Quigley, piano, and H. J. Wilkerson, tympanies.

Ralph Cummings acted as master of ceremonies, introducing each turn. The first number was Noel, the female impersonator, followed by Harry Sedley in what was announced as a monologue. Mr. Sedley gave a dialect story in rhyme, "The Controversy of the Nations," as an encore. Next came a very wise young man with a Bowery walk who was announced as Master Robert Harris. After taking a fall or two out of the orchestra he warbled something about "Mid the green fields of Virginia." The Dulcie Sisters followed in "L'estudiantina," arranged as a duet. Jack Williams appeared in a monologue, his "thank you" at every bit of applause making quite a hit. Rooney & Forester in black-face specialties, Billy Mullen in Irish parts, and Paula Cordero, a pretty Spanish dancer, followed a quick succession. Carrie Winchell sang a couple of ballads and Kate Rockwell introduced a new song, "Mr. Volunteer, you're not one of the Regulars." Roy Southard was heard in several coon songs and Dolly Mitchell did a neat song and dance. Katherine Krieg and Flora D'Epia sang a duet from "Maritana," the former also rendering later by request Gounod's "Ave Marie." Bessie Pierce contorted, and the long show came to an end by Mason and Evans in exercises on the horizontal bars.

Want Their Money.

Mr. O. W. Hobbs left on the Prospector Saturday night for Whitehorse en route to the outside and, notwithstanding the fact that he assigned his property over to Miss Ruth Howard for the benefit of his creditors previous to his departure, a number of them visited the police court this morning intent on having the manufacturer brought back. They were told that capias are issued from the territorial court. One creditor emphatically declared that unless the assignee done something for him by this evening he would endeavor to have a capias issued for Hobbs's detention. Hobbs was quite sick when he left on the boat Saturday evening.

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The "Flor de Manoa" at George Butler's.

MCGRADE AT THE BAT.

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certainly conspiring and agreeing together to defraud the said McGraide and the other creditors of the said Edward McConnell with intent to extort and gain from the said Luella Day McConnell the sum of ten thousand dollars, and with intent to gain and extort from her the said sum, threatened to burn the said hotel building and proceed to Seattle in the United States of America to murder said Edward McConnell, unless said sum was at once paid him, the said McGraide, and upon such complaint and charge procured the said police magistrate to grant, and the said police magistrate did accordingly grant his warrant for the apprehension and bringing the plaintiff before the said police magistrate or some justice of the peace in and for the said Yukon territory to be dealt with according to law for the alleged offense, and the defendant under and by virtue of the said warrant procured the plaintiff to be arrested and to be imprisoned in the police office and afterward brought in custody before the said police magistrate, who, having heard the said charges, dismissed the same and discharged the plaintiff out of custody. The plaintiff therefore claims the sum of \$10,000 damages.

for the said malicious prosecution and wrong imprisonment.

In the summons which was served upon Mrs. McConnell she is given eight days in which to appear and file her answer. On account of the case having been brought during the long vacation no further progress can be made before February 1, at which time McGraide will be back over the ice.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Tom Chisholm Dined and Wined by Friends.

A supper was given at Andie McKenzie's cabin yesterday evening in honor of Thos. Chisholm, the occasion being the anniversary of his birth, whether the 33rd or 66th Thomas saith not. Ed Hook, late chef on one of the big river steamers, had charge of the supper, the menu of which embraced everything from turkey to canary tips, and from forty rod rye extract up to Pomroy See and Mumm's Extra Dry, the whole comprising an elegant and elaborate repast as has ever been served in Dawson. The guests, having taken their knit-

ting, spent the entire evening with the host, when the latest croquet designs were intelligently discussed. Mr. Chisholm was so touched by the courtesies extended him that he has and there promised to have another birthday in the near future and when the turkey stock is exhausted. Those present were - Andie McKenzie, Joseph Drumhull, Geo. Sedley, Gustafson, M. Conley, Ed. Hook, Colin McDonald and Thos. Chisholm.

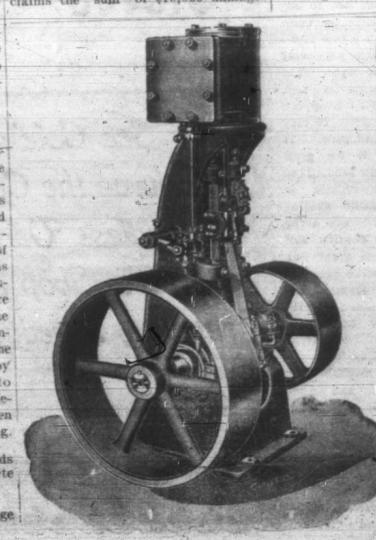
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