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STAGE-SETTINGS OF PROVINCIAL DRAMA

Throne, Sergeant-at-Arms,
Speaker, Colors, and the
Chorus of Flying Pages

Press Gallery, Legislature, Toronto,
March 1.—No stage set for a
half so picturesque, so
colorful, movement, dramatic
as is the Legislature Cham-
ber of the Provincial House, when
Parliament is in session. And the
drama which is then played out upon
those historic boards is one at which
all Canadians, and particularly all
Ontarians should delight to sit as
audience. It is the living drama of
our country's weal or woe.

To the south of the Chamber, in a
sort of shell-like enclosure, much
carved and ornamented in wood, and
beneath a bas relief of the great coat-
of-arms of the British Empire, stands
the chair of the Speaker, who acts to-
ward the Legislative Assembly as the
vibrant representative of the Throne.
That chair, raised on a series of
semi-circular steps, and illuminated at
either side by branched electric lights,
even when unoccupied, is an imposing
spectacle, and when graced by the
august and imposing figure of the
Speaker himself, it may be said to
take on a truly regal aspect.
In front of the Speaker's chair, and
running away northward from it, right
down the centre of the Chamber, a
broad strip of crimson velvet carpet
gives a grateful note of color to an
otherwise rather dull and heavy ground
floor. This carpet stretches under the
great table at which sits the clerk of
the House, past the seats of the mem-
bers, which are ranged in rows parallel
with it, and out at the entrance door,
concluding finally at the spot where
every member, both upon entering and
upon leaving the chamber, makes his
bow to the Throne.

The Officials.

Near this northern door is the desk
of the sergeant-at-arms and his seat,
when he is not occupied with official
duties, and at that door, too, stands
the sergeant-at-arms' assistant, and
also the group of pages, who do the
messenger business of the House.

As the hands of the goodly-faced old
brown clock, over the Speaker's gal-
lery, progress toward the appointed
hour, the Premier and the leader of
the Opposition having, without any
more ceremony than that assumed by
ordinary members, taken their places,
the sergeant-at-arms, in full regalia,
and bearing the glittering mace on
high, enters the auditorium from the
ante-chamber. And back of the ser-
geant-at-arms walks the Speaker.
Slowly the two progress, until the
Speaker mounts the dais; the ser-
geant-at-arms places the mace on the table,
and the House is declared opened.

The Speaker, in his long black robe
of state, a robe which falls full around
his form and trails away behind him
on the polished floor, in his white
gloves, his white neckerchief, and his
old-fashioned cocked hat, is a striking
figure, and one which by its quanti-
ties alone would command attention.
When, however, to that quaintness
of costume, that ceremonial pose and
department, are added the splendid
height and the massive head and
shoulders of the Hon. J. W. St. John,
attention which is attracted is firmly
held.

Of McKinley Type.

The Hon. J. W. St. John is a man
somewhat (or so it looked from the
Visitors' Gallery) of the McKinley
type, but more pronounced in features,
even, than the late President. He is
also a man of superior height and more
solid build, though his exact avoirdupois
may not be greater. All this,
taken in conjunction with the solemn
black of his rich, silken robe, and with
Continued on Page Five.

MILDER.

Observatory, Toronto, March 1, 8 p.m.—
The storm has passed over Newfound-
land during to-day and cold weather
has set in over the maritime provinces.
Snow flurries have occurred in Ontario,
but elsewhere in Canada the weather
has been generally fair.

Local Temperatures.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 19 below—4; Atlin, zero—26; Vic-
toria, 32—48; Vancouver, 31—47; Kam-
loops, 24—42; Calgary, 16—28; Edmonton,
12—34; Qu'Appelle, 2 below—20; Winni-
peg, 14—29; Port Arthur, 18—28; Parry
Sound, 2—24; Toronto, 10—21; Ottawa,
zero—16; Montreal, zero—16; Quebec, 8
below—10; St. John, zero—10; Halifax,
6—14.

Probabilities.

LOWER LAKES: INCREASING
EASTERLY AND SOUTHEASTERLY
WINDS. MILDER, WITH LOCAL
FALLS OF SLEET OR RAIN.

London's Temperature.

Local temperatures. The highest and
lowest readings of the thermometer at
the Observatory on Thursday, March 1,
1906, were: Highest, 23 above; lowest,
15.5 below.

ASTRONOMICAL.

Sun rises, 6:53 a. m. Moon rises, 10:45 a. m.
Sun sets, 6:05 p. m. Moon sets, 12:55 a. m.
Day of the year, 61st.

SUFFERING UNEMPLOYED

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 1.—Something of the distress of the unemployed
was revealed by the medical examination of those desiring to leave
Leith for Canada.

Thirty-one adults and six children passed the rigid inspection and
were found well developed, but suffering in some cases from lack of
food.

It is thought that half of the unemployed are physically unfit for
the arduous life of the Canadian West.

Plans are being discussed with the view of training them on farms
at home before a large immigration is attempted.

The Dundee distress committee is also considering the immigration
to Canada as the solution of the problem.

They have decided not to assist any married man to go unless he
takes his wife and family.

ESCAPE IN A LAUNCH FROM CHINESE FURY

Nanchang Magistrate Wound-
ed During the Dispute
Succumbs to Wounds

Shanghai, March 1.—The Nanchang
magistrate who was wounded during
a dispute with Catholic missionaries
recently, resulting in a riot and the
killing of several missionaries, is dead.

An account of the attack says:

Fifteen Methodist, twelve English
Protestants and fourteen French
Catholic missionaries were in the city
last Thursday night when the French
Catholics had a quarrel with an of-
ficial over a suit for the possession
of property.

Great excitement prevailed on Fri-
day. A mass meeting was held on
Saturday and was followed on Sunday
by a riot, during which the property
of the Catholics was burned. The
Protestants took refuge in the ad-
joining house of Mr. Kingman.

The house was burned and six
priests and two members of the
Kingman family were killed. The
Chinese governor attempted to check
the riot and rescue the missionaries.
The men of the Methodist mission
aided by Chinese soldiers took their
schoolgirls to Chinese homes in the
city and brought Miss Hoyt and Miss
Kahn from a hospital.

ALL TOOK REFUGE IN MID-
RIVER IN A LAUNCH WHICH WAS

FURNISHED BY CHINESE OF-
FICERS. The launch waited until
Chinese soldiers brought the remain-
ing missionaries at daylight on Mon-
day. The launch reached Kukiang
on Tuesday. The wounded Kingman
girl died on the way. Chinese could
have blocked the passage of the
launch during the twelve hours jour-
ney down the river, but they were
friendly.

Rev. A. P. Quirnbach, of the Metho-
dist China Inland missions, remained
at Nanchang to care for property. He
is under the protection of the govern-
or and is probably safe.

Rev. Spencer Lewis, superintendent
of the M. E. mission at Chung King,
wired Consul-General Rodgers at Shang-
hai on Sunday, warning him of the
disaster and wired the facts to Bishop
Bashford at Shanghai. On Monday
Capt. Fletcher, commanding the Amer-
ican ships, had the location of every
American missionary in the Yangtze
Valley. After consultation on Mon-
day Capt. Fletcher ordered the gunboat
El Cano from Nanchang to meet the
fugitives at Kukiang or Poyang Lake.

They were met at Kukiang. The
cause of the riot was local. Serious
blame attaches to the French Catho-
lics. Chinese friendly to the mission-
aries object to priests exercising civil
functions.

There is much dissension through-
out China, but there is no indication
of a general uprising against for-
eigners.

RAILWAY-MEN STARE DEATH IN THE FACE

Enter Open Switch at Terrific
Speed, But Escape Death
by Few Inches

Brantford, March 1.—(Special.)—A
railway catastrophe was narrowly
averted on the T. H. and B. at noon
here to-day. The regular passenger
train due from Hamilton at noon
was diverted from the main track by
an open switch onto the glue factory
siding just outside the city. It was
traveling at the rate of 45 miles per
hour and only the prompt action of
Engineer McNamara in reversing the
lever as soon as the engine crossed
the switch saved the train from dash-
ing headlong into some empty cars
at the end of the siding. As it was
the engine came to a standstill within
two feet of the nearest car.
After reversing the lever he jumped
from the cab, followed by Fireman
Surt. Both were seriously injured.

Earlier in the morning a wreck
occurred in the Grand Trunk yards
near the Clarence street subway. The
rear end of the through freight from
Toronto to London broke away and
the front end of the train afterwards
backed into the detached cars. One
refrigerator car took a roll down the
bank and two other empties were
shattered. No one was injured. A
great delay was caused in the block-
ing of the line.
The Hamilton auxiliary crew assisted
in clearing the tracks.

LAD KILLS SELF

Kills Calf and Gashes Himself, Cau-
sing Death.

Port Hope, March 1.—A youth
named Grant, 16 years of age, met
with a fatal accident yesterday
afternoon at Port Britain, three miles
west of Port Hope.

In killing a calf for Mr. J. Nichols,
his knife slipped in some way and the
sharp blade entered a network of ar-
teries in the right thigh, about four
inches above the knee, inflicting a
nasty outward and backward wound
about three and a half inches deep.
The wounded youth was immedi-
ately brought to Port Hope, and the dif-
ficult operation of cutting and tying
the lacerated arteries was successfully
performed by Dr. G. A. Dickinson, as-
sisted by local surgeons.

The unfortunate young man rallied
nicely after the operation, but about
five this morning death resulted from
a clot of blood entering the heart.

TEMISKAMING ROAD EARNED \$113,948.05

Annual Report of Commission
Shows 99,192 Tons of
Freight Carried in '05

Toronto, March 1.—(Special.)—The
annual report of the Temiskaming
railway commission was laid on the
table in the Legislature by the pro-
vincial secretary.

The cost of road and equipment to
December 31, 1905, was \$7,475,473.34, less
proceeds from sale of wood, car rental
and interests on deposits, \$38,870.85,
leaving \$7,436,602.49.
There was expended on the James
appropriation, \$4,461.25; chief engineer's
account, \$2,771.00; cash in bank, \$32-
605.71; total expenditures, \$7,476,441.35.
The liabilities are given as follows:
Loan from province, \$5,840,004.00;
Advances from province, \$1,686,164.27;
Unclaimed wages, \$273.08;
A total of \$7,476,441.35.

The revenue was: Passenger earn-
ings, \$108,681.76; mails and express,
\$7,804.85; freight earnings, \$121,530.46;
telegraph, \$4,897.07; miscellaneous,
\$11,066.41; gross earnings, \$253,720.55.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of
way and structures, \$25,072.89; main-
tenance of equipment, \$12,533.68;
conducting transportation, \$88,823.52;
general expenses, \$13,823.52; total op-
erating expenses, \$139,720.50.
Net earnings: \$113,948.05.

Per centage of operating expenses
to gross earnings, 55.
The passenger train mileage was
45,538; freight trains, 21,050; mixed,
52,197; total of 118,815. Passengers
carried numbered 86,648. Average
amount received from passengers,
\$1.25. Tons of freight carried, 99,192.
Average haul, 48 miles. Of freight car-
ried, lumber and square timber
amounted to 27,822 tons.

At the end of the year the Boston
Creek trestle was being erected at the
41st mile of the second division. Track-
laying will proceed rapidly northward
and should reach the Black River, 75
miles north of New Liskeard, by June
1. From that point to the end of the
present contract, the grading should be
completed in time to allow the laying
of track to the junction of the Black
and Abitibi rivers next fall.

Preparations are being made to es-
tablish a train service over the first
30 miles of the second division, a tele-
graph line is erected, and two sta-
tions partially constructed.

A second report on the electrification
of the road has been prepared by an
expert and laid before the Govern-
ment for final consideration.

MAYOR OF QUEBEC.

Quebec, March 1.—Mr. George Gar-
neau has been elected mayor of Quebec.

ABSCONDING TELLER PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Edwin Banwell, Charged With
Stealing \$40,000; and Wife
in Dramatic Court Scene

Toronto, March 1.—(Special.)—Edwin
St. George Banwell, the young Crown
Bank teller who married under the
salary limit and absconded, taking
with him, it is charged, notes and cash
to the total value of over \$40,000,
sprang a surprise on the authorities
by pleading not guilty in his prelimi-
nary examination before Police Magis-
trate Denison here to-day. He elected
trial by jury.

Banwell is now in jail and his wife,
who is charged with using stolen
money, was allowed out on \$5,000 bail.
On their arrival here from Jamaica
in the custody of the police, both of
the young prisoners were noticeably
calm and optimistic.

What Was Expected.

The authorities at police head-
quarters evidently expected Banwell to
follow the one taken by him this morn-
ing. It was thought that he would
plead guilty and, if possible, exonerate
his wife. The fact that he did not do
this is construed as meaning that he
seeks whatever leniency may come
from a life's presence with him.

The story told by the two prisoners
is that Mrs. Banwell knew nothing of
the taking of the money until Banwell
met her at McConkey's and told her
what he had done, and that he was
going to flee.

She said: "Then I will go with you,"
and from that time she cast in her lot
with him. The two went to Ryrie's and
bought \$3,500 worth of jewelry, and
afterwards left for Hamilton, where
they spent an hour. From there the
trip was to Buffalo, where Banwell
and the girl Norah Hector were mar-
ried. Mrs. Banwell carries the certifi-
cate of this with her.

Then came New York, St. Louis,
Memphis, New Orleans, Jacksonville,
Havana, Santiago, and finally King-
ston, Jamaica.

The Banwells arrived on the Cana-
dian Pacific express, due at the Union
station at 7.25. A large crowd, which
the authorities expected would gather
at the station, arrangements were made
for the Banwells to disembark at the
Don station, and they were driven
thence in a cab to police headquarters
in the city hall.

See Their Relatives.

There Mrs. Banwell was met by her
father and brother, and Banwell by
his brother. Banwell held his nerve,
but Mrs. Banwell for the first time
since the officers have had them in
charge broke down. Even then, she did
not melt until her father, who was
speechless with grief, sobbed, and she
burst into tears.

Banwell's mother and sister, too,
came in, and he was not prevented
from seeing them. Mr. E. A. Du-
Vernet, who had been retained to de-
fend Banwell, saw him in the cells.

There was a great rush to get into
police court to see the Banwells, but
the officers on the outer doors held up
business there, and kept them out. Even
at that, the court room was crowded.
Those who could not get inside the
police department crowded the city
hall windows until Inspector Davis
and a squad of men turned them out
of doors.

Banwell sat in the dock for ten
minutes before his counsel appeared. Few
recognized him before he was called.
He is a slim youth, with no particular
claim to distinction, either in build or
face. He was clad in a blue suit, and
looked not unlike a couple of other
young men who were on charges of
theft, but he was more nonchalant
than some who were up on less
serious charges.

When his name was called in court
Banwell rose and leaned over the
dock. On his arm he carried his
light coat, and a new grey fedora hat
was crushed in his hand.

Fashionably Dressed.

Mrs. Banwell was fashionably ar-
ranged in a long light cloak, brown
dress, brown veil, and a cream col-
ored hat with plumes.

During the reading of the charge
Banwell assumed an air of nonchal-
ance, smiling slightly when His Wor-
ship came to the grand total.

Mrs. Banwell glanced once at her
husband with a faint but noticeable
smile, but Banwell at this time was
gazing at the rim of his hat.

"We elect," said Mr. DuVernet, "to
be tried by a jury."

"Do you plead guilty or not guilty?"
"Not guilty."

"Are you ready to go on with your
trial?"

"We are ready."

"I will be ready on Monday," said
Crown Attorney Curry.

Mr. DuVernet applied for bail for
Mrs. Banwell. No application was
made on behalf of the teller.

"Can go down."

The prisoner descended to the cells
with a short, cheery "good-bye" from
his wife. Mrs. Banwell, pending the
arrival of Mr. Albert McMichael, one
of her bondsmen, was allowed to sit
at the Crown Attorney's table, with
her feet around her, and the police
made no objection.

Have Not Confessed.

According to Sgt. Duncan, Banwell
and his wife have said nothing in the
line of a confession.

If the former teller persists in de-
manding a trial, the Crown will bring

MRS. M'ARTHUR IN GALT WITH FATHER

Was Not in London She Met
Patterson, But She Will
Make Him Pay

Galt, March 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Jen-
nis McArthur, widow of Neil McAr-
thur and plaintiff in breach of promise
suit against W. J. Patterson, general
superintendent Union Life Insurance
Company, lives in Galt with her aged
father.

Seen to-day she said: "I met Mr.
Patterson, not in London, but in this
very town two years ago this month.
After keeping company with me for
some time we became engaged. But he
kept putting off marriage from time
to time till I began to grow suspicious.
What finally opened my eyes to his
treachery was in last October when
he left town to take another position
with the company. He promised faith-
fully to write to me, but did not keep
his promise."

"I wrote to him, though I didn't know
his address. I just sent the letter in
care of the company at Toronto. Then
he came up to Galt at new year's and
I made it a point to hunt him out and
tax him with unfaithfulness. He made
all sorts of excuses. I went to Toron-
to and consulted Mr. Heyd, whom I
have known for many years. We tried
to arrange matters, but Patterson fail-
ed to come to time. Now I see Mr.
Heyd has the law after him."

"Any chance of making up?" the
reporter asked.

"No, indeed," was Mrs. McArthur's
declaration, her eyes flashing. "I
wouldn't marry him now if he was the
last man on top of earth; but I mean
to make him pay for spoiling my life
if justice is to be had in Canada."

Did he exclaim, say why he was so
tardy in "making up" his mind to
set the wedding day?" asked the inter-
viewer.

"Never gave a bit of reason. Only
just put it off, thinking he could throw
me down, and I won't stand for it.
But he has found his match this time.
There is probably nobody knows him
in this town but knows that he has
been going with me regularly for two
years. I defy anybody to say a word
against my character, but I wonder if
he can do the same thing."

The lady smiled, knowingly, and
there was a whole volume of meaning
in her tone.

"It's just as I've said," she went on.
"I can stand it if Patterson can."

Mrs. McArthur made reference to
the fact that Mr. Patterson had his
little eight-year-old boy in keeping in
Galt and wondered what was going to
become of him.

"She's had other chances than Pat-
terson," explained Mrs. McArthur's
father. "But she declined them to take
him."

"I hope she will make him pay for
deserting her," he added fervently.
And Mrs. McArthur nodded her head
in acquiescence.

PHILLIPS UP TO-DAY

York Loan President Will Face the
Magistrate.

Toronto, March 1.—Joseph Phillips,
York Loan president and manager, was
again in Magistrate Denison's court
this morning and again remanded, this
time, however, for one day only.

The case was set for his day per-
emptorily, but J. S. Jones, acting for
Phillips, could not be present, and
Crown Attorney Curry had agreed on
another day's stay.

"Well," said His Worship, "this case
stands from week to week and day by
day—when will we get through?"

Mr. Curry assumed all responsibility
for the extra delay, and the case went
over.

"It Might Very Well Stand Longer."

he said, "as I have not got the infor-
mation I wanted from the people who
are going over the books. I will go on,
though, in the meantime."

MILLIONS STILL IN YUKON

Edmund Bristol, M. P., Op-
timistic Mental Miner

After Recent Trip

Toronto, March 1.—(Special.)—Last
summer Mr. Edmund Bristol, M. P.,
took a trip to the Yukon, and to-day
he told the Empire Club some of his
observations and impressions.

He advised his hearers to take the
trip if they wanted to get a proper
idea of the extent and resources of
Canada. For scenery and comfort in
travel and exhilaration of climate he
could think of nothing to equal the
trip through the Rockies and up the
island-studded coast and over the
White Horse Pass and down to Daw-
son.

The exhilaration of the climate at
Banff was nothing to that of the Yu-
kon. They grew there the most won-
derful vegetables in the world, such
as cauliflowers and celery.

The explanation was that it was a
great forcing house, where during the
summer the sun shines twenty hours
a day and the frozen earth beneath
sent a constant supply of moisture to

an uncommonly rich surface soil.

It had been said that the Yukon
had been worked out, having yielded
\$120,000,000, but in Mr. Bristol's opin-
ion it had only been scratched.

The mossy surface when removed
allowed the topsoil to show in bedrock,
and the application to dredges on the
hillsides, he believed, would yet yield
millions of dollars in gold.

Besides, that, the most wonder-
ful deposits of silver, gold and copper
and been discovered in Southern
Yukon.

As to the government of the Yukon,
Mr. Bristol believed they had reached
the period of time that it would be
fair to give them representative gov-
ernment.

"The men in there are the finest
type of manhood that you find any-
where, and I believe it would be great-
ly in the interests of that country
that they should be given responsible
government."

Transportation is hampered by cus-
toms delays and high charges over the
White Horse Railway, but he believed
the former would be remedied this
year, and the latter might be taken
up jointly by the Railway Commis-
sioners of Canada and the United
States.

CUTTING OUT GRAFT HANNA WIELDS AXE ON MANY OFFICIALS

CASES

In one case the salary was
\$450, but employee had seven
members of his family living out
of the supplies. Instructions had
been sent out limiting the time
of visits of relatives. Very often
officials would invite relatives to
stay for weeks.—From Debate.

A PRINCE

Toronto, March 1.—(Special.)—
With a view of making prelimi-
nary arrangements for the
visit of Prince Arthur of Con-
naught, who will be in Toronto
from April 21 to 26, Col. H. Au-
brey Williams and Under Sec-
retary of State Pope called on the
Lieutenant-Governor was also
visited.

Mr. Whitney stated that un-
til the latter should have made
an announcement as to plans for
entertaining, the Government
would not begin to consider just
what steps to take.

COMMERCE TREATIES FOR FIVE COUNTRIES

Austria-Hungarian Tariff, Rail-
roaded Through, Binds
These Two 12 Years

Vienna, March 1.—The new com-
mercial treaties between Austro-Hun-
gary and Germany, Italy, Russia and
Belgium, and also the new Austro-
Hungarian autonomous tariff, on
which the treaties were based, became
effective to-day.

The tariff increases duties not only
on manufactured goods, but also on
all sorts of provisions. The treaties
will hold Austria-Hungary together,
at least economically, for the period
they are to endure, twelve years.
Trade between the United States and
Austria-Hungary continues under the
treaty of 1829, under which the United
States gets the most favored nation
treatment.

The treaties were put through with-
out giving the Hungarian deputies a
chance to occupy themselves with
the matter. They were simply signed by
the Austrian and Hungarian ministers
as imperative state business. This
action is part of what is declared to
be the Crown's absolutism in Hungary,
which is daily taking more extreme
forms.

The street sales of all newspapers
have been forbidden.

FIRE IN MONTREAL

Fifty Thousand Dollars Damage Done
on St. Paul Street.

Montreal, Que., March 1.—Loss es-
timated at fifty thousand dollars was
caused by fire which broke out to-
night in the building No. 381 St