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## A French Statesman.

Physically, M. Briand resembles strangely Mr. Lloyd George; the same prominent nose, the same long hair combed back, the same active eyes, the same gripping and persuasive eloquence. As a matter of fact they are relatives, at least in so far as the Welsh and the Bretons are related, and when they are together they chat with each other like cousins. There are moments when their jokes become sharp, says Stephane Lausanne in the North American Review.

"How is it," Mr. Lloyd George asked recently, "that the Bretons fought so well during the war?" "Because," replied M. Briand with the utmost seriousness "they continually imagined that they were fighting against the Welsh!"

One day in the Chamber of Deputies M. Maurice Barres cried out to him, half in anger and half in admiration: "You are a monster of flexibility!" ("Vous êtes un monstre de souplesse.") The world needs such monsters. One can not always govern with a closed fist and a threat on the lips. The world can not be built of iron bars alone. There must be oil to ease the turning of the cogs of the immense machine; a careful and expert hand must pour it on the right spot; and an experienced and calm eye must watch over the ensemble of the factory.

M. Aristide Briand has all of that. And he has also the courage of knowing how to make enemies in order not to abandon a friend—which in politics is the most useful and rarest courage.

To some political followers who came to see him one day to declare that they approved of his theories, he replied:

"I am glad that you like my principles, but I would prefer that you like me for myself!" M. Briand can rest assured. He is liked for himself.

Reminiscences of  
a Popular Play.

## AND OF THE PLAYERS.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—I notice, from recent items appearing in the daily papers, that the B.I.S. Dramatic Company, under the direction of Mr. P. F. Moore, are about to stage that old-favorite melodrama "Under the Gaslight." It is now over thirty years since it was first performed by the above company in St. Patrick's Hall, the time being November, 1891, or in other words, "the year before the fire." The piece, up to that period, had never been attempted by an amateur company, and was at first thought, by some of the troupe, too heavy to touch; but Mr. T. M. White, the manager at the time, thought otherwise. He knew what his available talent was capable of, and finally decided to stage the play, which he did with splendid results.

For three successive nights, "Under the Gaslight" attracted the largest audiences that ever assembled in St. Patrick's Hall, and on each occasion the whole cast was brilliantly sustained by the different performers. The scenic effects are an important feature, especially the railway tableau, which is one of the most thrilling and interesting incidents during the performance. It is certainly worth seeing when the time again arrives.

There were three members of the cast, I remember, that won due praise from the audience, during the performance for the masterly way in

which they portrayed their respective roles, namely:—Messrs. T. H. O'Neill as "Justice Bowling" and the "Signal Man"; T. W. Cragg as "Snorker," and the infatigable Philip F. Moore as "Bernudas." I also remember, on the second night of the play, hearing a business man, who had been travelling for a Manchester House, remark that he had seen the same drama some five weeks previous in an English city, but said what he had witnessed that evening in the B.I.S. Hall, surpassed it in good rendering.

As the cast, no doubt, would be a matter of interest to many old-time play-goers, I thought it worth appending. The following are the names taken from an old programme:—

Ray Trafford—W. E. Hasey.  
Snorker—T. W. Cragg.  
Byke—T. M. White.  
Judas—Geo. F. Power.  
Justice Bowling—T. H. O'Neill.  
Counsellor Splutters—John M. Brown.

Bernudas—P. F. Moore.  
Peanuts—Master W. Hand.  
Sam, a servant—J. L. Rann.  
Rafferty (nee Rafferty)—J. Whelan.  
Signal Man—T. H. O'Neill.  
Laura Courtland—Miss M. McGrath.  
Pearl Courtland—Miss M. Viguers.  
Peach Blossom—Miss K. Jordan.  
Miss Van Dam—Miss M. Callahan.  
Sue Earle—Miss H. Wadden.

A month or so previous to production of "Under the Gaslight," the troupe had successfully staged two other plays, those of "Nevada" and "The Octoroon." The company was organized by the late Mr. John T. O'Mara, the

then President of the B.I.S. in conjunction with Mr. T. M. White, the latter being still active in the work.

Yours truly,

M. J. O'M.

Jan. 11, 1922.

## Glencoe's Passengers.

The following passengers arrived at Argentina yesterday by S.S. Glencoe from the Westward:—T. Pike, P. Chafe, J. W. Rose, L. Green, F. Tibbo, J. Thornhill, T. Blagden, W. Critchell, R. J. Quinton, J. Murray, V. Parsons, Mrs. Bishop, Miss E. H. Hallett, Miss G. Moseley, R. Reddy, Miss M. Hodge, Rev. Dr. McGrath, L. L. Courtenay, J. Roberts, H. E. Pettie and wife, W. Skinner, Miss M. Rodgers, F. Lake, C. Rose, T. J. Parsons, T. J. Aylward, H. Tarrant, P. J. Kelly, R. Marshall, Miss Bishop, Miss H. Cheeseman, Miss M. Dobbin, E. Reddy, Miss M. Reddy, T. Lefevre, A. Lefevre, G. Lefevre, L. Grant, S. Maskovich.

## Firemen Called Out.

Last evening the Central and West End Fire Companies were called to the Franklin Agencies Office, Water Street, where a slight blaze was in progress. The use of chemicals subdued the flames without much damage. The fire originated from a stove igniting some woodwork.

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## Law Society Benchers.

At a meeting of Barristers on Monday, January 9th, the following were elected Benchers of the Law Society:—Messrs. J. P. Blackwood, K.C.; J. A. Clift, K.C.; C. O'N. Conroy, K.C.; John Fenelon, William R. Howley, K.C.; P. J. Summers, K.C. and William E. Wood, K.C. The Benchers, ex officio, are the Rt. Hon. Lord Morris, Hon. Donald Morrison, Sir R. A. Squires, Rt. Hon. Sir W. F. Lloyd, Secretary, A. B. Morine, and Hon. W. R. Warren, Hon. J. A. Clift, K.C., C. B. E., is the President. We learn that Mr. Clift, who has been at Battle Creek for some months, is now homeward bound.

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## New League and Colours.

A meeting of the Committee of the Dunfield Club was held last evening when the colours for the Club were decided, these being Black and Amber. The Club has decided to ask the other C. of B. Boy's Parish Clubs to co-operate with them in the formation of a league for sports. A series of games will be played which will no doubt prove of great interest to the public in general. We understand that the Club will take up not alone hockey, but football, cricket, rowing and also running. It is hoped that some of the city sports will get together and present trophies and so make the games more interesting.—Dunfield Club Reporter.

## College Hockey.

GIRLS TAKING UP GAME. All the college hockey teams are now hard at work in preparation for the coming series of inter-collegiate games. Every day the various suburban ponds are the scene of keenly contested practice games, and from all outward appearances, college hockey will be well worth seeing this year. Yesterday afternoon a hockey game was played in the rink between junior teams from St. Bon's college. Even girls are taking a keen interest in hockey these days and are getting plenty of practice. Bishop Spencer College has engaged the rink for an hour of four days of the week for practice skating and hockey.

## Encouraging Shipping.

The following bit of home news from abroad appeared in the Halifax Chronicle of January 4th. That it will prove of interest to those who have small craft under construction we have no doubt. As an encouragement to replace lost tonnage nothing could be more calculated to do so than the bounty offered, but where is the money coming from? "St. John's, Newfoundland, Jan. 3.—The Newfoundland Government has decided to pay a bounty of \$50 per ton on all schooners over twenty-five tons and up to and including fifty tons register, built on the Island this winter and fully equipped and ready for sea by July 1st, 1922. Vessels now building, whose keels were laid after October 14th, will be eligible for the bounty. The Government's object is to assist the fishing interests to replace the numerous vessels lost last year and to provide employment for those out of work."

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Subject of Banks  
Heatedly Debated.

Should Newfoundland have her own banks, her own banking system? Should there be local banks? Would the establishment of local banks be more beneficial than are Canadian banks? This was the interesting subject which Cathedral Men's Debating Club had set for itself for last night's session in Synod building. A hot debate ensued. The resolution itself read as follows:—"That local banks would be of greater benefit to the trade than are Canadian banks." The leaders were: affirmative, J. R. Small-

wood, and negative Lawrence Cullen. The second speakers were: H. Harcourt and H. Hooker. The vote resulted in a majority of one for the negative side. This shows how close the sentiment ran. Even at that it was closer, for this one member wished to refrain from voting, and was persuaded by the negative side to stand up and vote for them. The chairman turned out later to have favored the affirmative. The speakers from the floor were: Conrad B. Hefferton, Harold Hawkins, Rev. J. Brinton, James Jacobs, Wilfrid Furneaux and Hubert Gardner.

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