

AT THE THEATRES

"The Flirting Princess"
The Royal Alexandra Theatre will house all next week with usual and special Good Friday matinee that clever comedian, Harry Bulger, in his newest edition of the musical success, "The Flirting Princess." This is a musical comedy of the latter-day period and marks a new departure of the clever Bulger, who was last seen in Toronto as Blue Jay in Henry W. Savage's wonderful production of "Woodland." It is said that Bulger has never had a part that fits him to such a nicety as in "The Flirting Princess," which is styled a "nonense farce."

"The Princess"
The Princess Egyptian girl with just enough of an adventurous spirit to enjoy the flirtations of her would-be wooers, who she is seeking for the man who would care to kiss for the second time. Her experience proves the first kiss is disastrous to any further enchantment. She surrounds herself with a mysterious atmosphere and finds enjoyable recreation among the guests of the Hotel Claremont, where the author, Adams Hough and Howard, see fit to let everything happen. Several things do happen and in rapid succession between six o'clock on a summer evening and the wee small hours of the next morning. The time allowed is sufficient to bring forth seventeen musical numbers of the whitest variety, and gives the audience an opportunity for three hours of his inimitable style of fun-making. Bulger is surrounded by an exceptional cast, including Helen Darling, Ellen Sheridan, Irwin Hardy, Dale Fuller, and the prettiest and most vivacious chorus that has come out of the east in many a day. "The Flirting Princess" is aptly styled a terpsichorean carnival, as it simply teems with unique dances in the presentation of the "Oogie" and "Gloomy Glooms" dances, and the latest sensation which society is only now taking notice of, the "Egyptian Turkey Trot." Seats are now on sale.

Important Seat Sale Notice.
And now for Richard (himself) Carle who is finally to pay this city a visit. This celebrated comedian is announced to appear at the Princess for one week with a special matinee on Good Friday in his latest success, "Jumping Jupiter," which makes no higher pretence than to amuse, and as it provides manifold opportunities for laughter it certainly can be said to be a real treat. It is claimed for it, no comedian of the present day excels Mr. Carle in the humor of his pantomime, the quaintness of his drollery and the grotesque grace of his skillful dancing. Edna Wallace Hooper (especially engaged for Mr. Carle's support) has a dainty personality that finds a charming setting in the role of an ex-model. Her gown is said to excite the admiration of the fair sex. Karl Hoehne's music in "Jumping Jupiter" has the same melodic lift and charm that distinguishes all his compositions, and the big song "I Love You," is now the most popular ballad of the day. The seats will go on sale to-day for the entire engagement.

Hanson's "Fantasma"
Hanson's Famous "Fantasma," new in everything but the name, is to be seen at the Grand next week. This famous production is on a more elaborate scale than ever this year, and in its present form is said to be a wonderful combination of spectacle, farce, musical comedy, pantomime, extravaganza and opera. There is a new book by Herbert Hall Winslow, and now new music of the whistling kind has been introduced. The Hansons have provided all new illusions and tricks and in its new dress "Fantasma" is guaranteed to delight and charm more than ever before. The production was staged under the personal supervision of the Hanson Bros. In the cast will be seen such well-known players as Frances Lee, a soprano with a remarkable voice, Clara Thorpe, a dancing little soubrette, who does an extremely funny specialty, Geo. Hanson, Jr., and John A. Alexander. A special matinee will be given on Good Friday.

Emilio Puyans With Tetraxini.
Emilio Puyans, who occupied the position of first flute in the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (director, Emil Paur), is a young artist of the first rank and like the rare distinction of being winner of the first prize for flute in the Conservatory of Paris, July 25, 1908, has the honor of playing the flute accompaniment to Tetraxini at Massey Hall on Tuesday, April 10.

His playing shows the true musician and a fire and dash underlying the exquisite feeling that is a characteristic of this young virtuoso.

Mr. Puyans met with great success in Paris, Berlin, Brussels, London (where he had the honor of being heard by King Edward himself in Belgium, Italy, and, above all, in Germany, where he is very highly appreciated. The press of that country has deep enthusiasm for him. The Berliner Morgenpost says after having mentioned the qualities of this wonderful artist: "Puyans is the Pagan of the flute," and it is well deserved, for a flute player who displays such life, intensity, art, perfect power and a generous tone, has seldom if ever been heard.

Puyans will be a decided treat to our public, for they are looking for something new, and we have not so many flute virtuosos that our appetite for them is by any means certain.

Puyans has great genius, is a wonderful performer and is certain to score a marked success this season. The plans and subscription lists for Tetraxini's concert are now open at the Bell Piano Rooms, 146 Yonge-street.

Amelia Stone and Armand Kalisz Coming.
Manager Shea has booked for Shea's Theatre next week a bill of all-star acts. Chosen to head the list are Amelia Stone and Armand Kalisz, who are presenting their musical romance, "Mon Amour," the beauty prepared by Edgar Allan Woolf and the music and lyrics by Mr. Kalisz.

The special attractions for the week are Will M. Cressy and Blanche Dayne, in their comedy, "One Night Only." This act has been seen by Shea's goers but once before, and it is full of funny lines and situations. Frank Fogarty, the Dublin minstrel, is booked for next week's big bill.

Other features included in next week's bill are Little Bill No. 1, Robert and Laurence Ward, The Three Vag-

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"Wireless" De Forest Arrested.
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Saskatoon's Municipal Abattoir.
SASKATOON, March 27.—The city council is preparing a bylaw for a municipal abattoir at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars.

DR. THORBURN DIED AT GUELPH

Well-Known Toronto Practitioner Failed to Rally From Shock of Operation for Appendicitis.

Following an operation for appendicitis, Dr. J. D. Thorburn of 223 Bloor-street, died on Tuesday night, at Guelph. Very little hope was entertained for the doctor by the attending physician and his demise was not entirely unexpected.

He was a son of the late Dr. James Thorburn, who held the chair of materia medica in the College of Physicians.

The Ginger Girls.
The sensation of the season at the Gayety Theatre will be offered next week, when Ed Lee Woods and the "Ginger Girls" will make their season's call at that playhouse. The most prominent feature will be "Purity Wins," absolutely the most amazing, stirring and bewildering spectacle ever seen in this city. The original twenty-minute vaudeville sketch will be presented as a complete running play, with a brilliant and a comedy vein identical with first-class burlesque attractions. "Janitor Higgins" will likewise pay his respects in an entirely new make-up. The star is cleverly supported by a company of sixty people, of which twenty take part of the many mechanical devices in the great racing scene, in which several thoroughbred horses furnish the realistic background.

DICKENS FELLOWSHIP.

The first of three performances of "Our Mutual Friend" will be given to-night at the Conservatory of Music Hall. The demand for seats has been very great, but the executive report that there are a few remaining, which may be obtained from Nordheimer, or at the hall this evening. Among those in the cast are: John Rokesmith, R. Wilton, Mr. Boffin, George Sampson, Belle Wilton, Mrs. Wilton, Lavinia Wilton, Mrs. Boffin, Mr. Charles McHenry, Mr. E. T. Whil, Mr. W. J. Westman, Mr. C. H. Duncun, Miss M. Stocks, Miss W. Parker, Miss O. M. Seeley, Miss M. Bengough.

All indications point to an excellent performance. The curtain will go up promptly at six.

Rev. R. H. Mathews Fined \$150 for Taking Business for Unlicensed Companies.
Rev. R. H. Mathews, an American divine, pleaded guilty in the police court yesterday morning to having written illegal insurance policies. The minister, it appears, has written 49 insurance policies in Ontario for companies without charters for the province. This is illegal. The minister claimed ignorance of the law at his defence, but Col. Denison merely said it was a poor excuse and fined him \$150, with the option of one month in jail.

Mathews had not got the money and asked for time to pay. The magistrate could not see fit to let him out of the court for fear he might make his way across the border. Finally Rev. T. Albert Moore went bondsman until the fine is settled.

SINS OF COMMISSION?

Public Accounts Committee Investigates Charges Against Marine Dept.

OTTAWA, March 27.—The public accounts committee today probed a charge laid by R. C. Miller, former president of the Diamond Heat and Lighting Company of Montreal, that extensive commissions had been paid to the marine department to get business for the company.

J. R. Bain of Montreal, secretary of the company, testified that the company had received business from the department to the extent of \$119,278 between 1907 and 1911. No tenders, he said, were called for, but the company was asked to quote prices. He said that the new board of directors, which took office in June, was suing Miller for a statement of where \$42,000, which had been appropriated to get government business, had gone. Since the money was set aside for the purpose, \$117,000 worth of business had been secured.

"I protested to Miller regarding the disposal of the money," said the witness, "but he said that it costs money to do business with these fellows."

Mr. Miller was called, but with no response. The session was then adjourned, and the matter will be taken to have Miller in attendance.

REVELL INQUEST OPENED

Body Was Exhumed and Enquiry Will Continue Next Tuesday.

After having been buried in Norway Cemetery since Nov. 4 of last year, an inquest opened at the morgue yesterday on the remains of John Revell, or Spurr, under the skeleton of the crown attorney.

Having viewed the body, which was in a white coffin, and heard the evidence of Undertaker Ranks, who told of the funeral last fall, the jury retired until Tuesday of next week. Dr. Silverthorne and Archibald will perform a post-mortem examination.

Revell died under peculiar circumstances at the Empire College, and Dr. Evans and Harvey, proprietors of that institution, are now lying in the jail, charged with forgery in connection with Revell's will.

WIDOWS GET AWARDS

Mrs. Samuel Curtis Given \$1750 and Mrs. Tillie Spence \$1500.

Mrs. Samuel Curtis, whose husband was killed while working on a G. T. R. train last August, received a ratified settlement of \$1750 from Judge Middleton.

A like settlement of \$1500 was made to Mrs. Tillie Spence and her two young children. The head of the family was electrocuted by a Bell Telephone wire on Chester-street last July.

METAL TRADES COUNCIL.

An organizing campaign will be entered upon shortly by the Metal Trades Council to secure a fifty-hour work week in Toronto, including a half holiday on Saturday.

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CLIP THE COUPON TO-DAY

FOR BETTER CARE OF PLAYGROUNDS

City and Association Will Co-operate—Many Applications for Positions of Supervisor.

At a meeting of the Playgrounds Association in the city hall yesterday afternoon Mayor Geary suggested that there should be some co-operation between the playgrounds under the supervision of the association and those which were maintained by the city.

The association were of the same opinion, and to facilitate the grant of \$6000, which was placed in the estimates for playground purposes, the association consisting of G. F. Beer, C. J. Atkinson and F. G. Osler, who were called upon to draft an agreement with the city.

The report was adopted which proposed to expend \$300 to provide a course of lectures for the instruction of prospective playground supervisors. There have been 80 applications received for these positions, and it is expected that when the course begins this number will be increased to 150. The lectures will be held in the King Edward School on Bathurst-street.

The association are desirous of getting into communication with the owners of vacant land who would be willing to allow their property to be used for playground purposes. The vacant land of colleges and churches could also be used in this way.

WILL SHORTEN WELLAND CANAL LOCKS REDUCED FROM 25 TO 7

ST. CATHARINES, March 27.—(Special.)—Plans for the new Welland Canal have been completely extended from the field notes of the corps of surveyors, who have been at work for the past three years, and are now to be seen in detail at the canal office in this city.

They show that, instead of a stretch of about twenty-six and a half miles from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario as covered by the present canal, no more than twenty-four miles will be covered by the new structure. Moreover, instead of twenty-five small locks there will be only seven, but these will each contain a lift of twenty-six and a half feet. They will be eight hundred feet long and eighty feet wide, and will have a depth of thirty feet.

The bottom of the canal proper will, as announced, be only twenty-five feet, but provision will be made for deepening to a full depth of thirty feet when ever circumstances require it with comparatively little additional expenditure. From now on J. L. Weller will devote his entire attention to the new project, handling over the management of the present canal to W. H. Sullivan, who has been second in charge for some years, and who is well acquainted with the work.

At the Lake End.
The Lake Ontario end of the canal will be but a mile or so to the east of the present canal at a point where the Little Ten Mile Creek now enters the lake. The spot is already being termed "Lake End" as a grove near the location was formerly called by that name. Lock one will be at the end of the new harbor, near what is now known as Lake Shore-road. The second lock will be at a point where the route will cross Carleton-street. The canal

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CUSTOMS HOUSE NEW BUILDINGS

Location Has Been Decided on, But Will Not Be Announced Until the Deal is Completed.

The site for the customs examining warehouse has been decided upon, but as the negotiations for its purchase are now being conducted, no announcement has been made. The Dominion Government has granted \$600,000 for the erection of the building and the cost of the location and the board of trade were consulted before it was decided to buy the property.

If the government devotes the customs buildings to examining purposes, then another building will be erected in the Federal-square, for collecting and entry departments.

Boundary Bill in Manitoba Legislature.
WINNIPEG, March 27.—The bill to extend the boundaries of Manitoba was introduced in the legislature this afternoon by Premier Roblin and will be the first time. The second reading will be moved by the premier to-morrow.

TAXATION SENT

Bills Introduced Given Second All Info

Of such importance was the taxation reform bill introduced yesterday that the committee to investigate the matter the only duty ports for and against importation and a reply to the legislature when this bill was introduced by N. W. the opposition, and West. The bill was the exception that legislation aimed to a reduction of as large, while the buildings to were was much doctrine. In fact, it was taken up, and it was attacked many times laid down by also chastised Jones phia. When the bill explained his bill.

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"A large amount in this province," said Mr. Billie. "Nothing—there are all their neighbors are of idle land and whom my bill is to some share of it."

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