

ORATORIO "ST. PAUL" SCORES GREAT SUCCESS

Credit Due to Conductor and All Taking Part in the Production.

First Presbyterian church was well filled last night when Mendelssohn's finest oratorio, "St. Paul," was presented by a chorus of 120 voices and local artists under the direction of Victoria's veteran conductor, J. G. Brown. Promptly at 8.15 the large chorus were seated quickly and in perfect order. From the opening strains of the instrumental introduction to the final chorus, those present enjoyed a musical treat all too rarely offered nowadays. The magnificent singing of the chorus must be given the palm. A better balance of parts has seldom been heard, and only in one or two choruses were there any particular hesitation or uncertainty. The attack came with clockwork precision, which would delight the heart of any conductor, and each part was as good as the other. The quality of tone was far above the average, and notwithstanding the strain on the sopranos, they were apparently as fresh at the finish as at the beginning. The alto, too, maintained their reputation as readers, and the rich quality of their voices was pleasing to listen to. It is usual to have a weak tenor part, but not so last night. The tenors were equal to any of the other parts, and but seldom failed in their leads. The basses were magnificent, and gave that solidity and sonorosity which makes the success of any chorus.

The best of the numbers by the chorus were the opening number, "Lord, Thou Alone Art God," "Stone Him to Death," "Sleepers Awake," "O Great is the Depth," "How Lovely are the Messengers," "The Gods Themselves," "See How He Loves," and "Only Unto Him," the latter the concluding number. The soloists acquitted themselves in a manner befitting the support of such grand singing by the chorus. The two quartets, "To God on High" and "To Thee O God," were gems of finished singing, the voices of Mrs. Hicks, contralto; Mrs. Gregson, soprano; J. Fitch, tenor, and R. Morrison, bass, blending beautifully. The quartets by Mrs. Gregson, Miss Harris, Miss Cooker and Mrs. Hicks, was sung with exceptional taste, the voices also blending well. The duet for two basses, "Verily Have Heard" by R. Morrison and W. McDonald, although short, was well given, the rich heavy voice of the latter making a splendid combination with the lighter voice of Mr. Morrison. The chief solo in "St. Paul," and the only one in the work for contralto, is "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own," and from the first note of the recitative preceding, Mrs. Hicks gave token of the great talent which she possesses, a deeply sympathetic singer, and a description of her singing of this lovely solo cannot do justice to her effort. Mrs. Gregson, in her recitatives and solos, scored another triumph in this line of work, and her singing of "Jerusalem, Thou That Killst the Prophets," and "I Will Sing of Thy Mercies," stamp her as an artist in an oratorio. Her pure and brilliant soprano charmed all who heard her. J. Fitch, who made his initial appearance in oratorio, is possessed of a good voice, but lacking in that power and breadth necessary for works of this kind. Especially was this noticeable in his upper notes, where the voice was strained and hard, but his singing of "And They Stood Him" and "And Saw His Face No More" was especially good, as was also the duet with Mr. Morrison, "Now We Are Ambassadors," which was well done, except that it was a trifle low.

R. Morrison, who also made his first appearance in oratorio, has both the power and the quality required for the exacting work demanded of the leading character in "St. Paul." His opening solo, "Consume Them All," did not indicate his ability to the same extent as later solos. How different was his rendition of "O God Have Mercy." There was a grasp of the subject and a depth of feeling wanting in part in the first number. This also was manifested in succeeding numbers, particularly in "For Know Ye Not." Mr. Morrison's final appearance in oratorio was certainly a good one, and with a more extended study of its characteristics he will make a splendid soloist. He has the voice, presence, and as was shown last night the power of interpretation without which oratorio singing is colorless. The duet by J. Fitch and R. Morrison was splendidly given, and the voices rang out as brilliant and full in this duet as could be desired.

The work of Mrs. Lewis Hall at the piano was praiseworthy indeed. Every number that she essayed was faultlessly given, not a note missed or blurred, and the necessary support at all times being given to the soloists. Mrs. Hall had an arduous task and she performed it without a flaw. J. Jennings Burnett, whose work lay more particularly with the recitatives, gave every satisfaction.

As a conductor Mr. Brown is a success. He has the magnetic quality largely developed, and his work last night stamps him as far above the rest of the profession. His beat is reliable, and he is always anticipating the lead of the parts, a slight nod here, a hand there, and when working his chorus up to a climax, does not unnecessarily exercise his body. There was not a single hitch in any of the multitudinous arrangements connected with such a big undertaking, and it speaks well for the administrative qualities of the conductor, who was also organizer and secretary as well.

It is suggested that such a body of singers should not be allowed to disband, but that regular rehearsals be kept up during the winter at some work or another. The St. Andrew's Society will hold the monthly concert and dance on Tuesday night next at 8 o'clock in the A. O. U. W. hall.

MISSING PROSPECTORS LAST SEEN IN JUNE

T. R. Wilson, Who Took Horses to Hazelton, Calls on Supt. Hussey.

Thomas R. Wilson, a prospector who is at present residing at Oak Bay, yesterday called on Superintendent Hussey and told him he was one of the two prospectors who had been given charge of the horses and effects of the two English prospectors, Harry Phipps and Matthew Trimmon, who are supposed to have lost their lives by drowning in the Findlay river, about twenty miles from Fort Graham. He bears out the statement of the Hudson's Bay Company's agent as given in the Times two days ago. Mr. Wilson and his companion, while prospecting in the neighborhood, discovered the men's camp and took the effects into Fort Graham, where they were given charge of the four horses and saddlery, as well as the two kit bags. The latter contained papers, bank books and personal effects belonging to the missing men, and were taken by Mr. Wilson and his companion, with the horses and equipment to Hazelton, where they handed them over to Mr. Vailant, the Hudson's Bay agent there. One of the horses was lost about six miles from Hazelton, while the others were sold at auction with the saddlery.

While prospecting about August 5th the two men were on their way from the Ingonika country to Hazelton, via Fort Graham. They had seen nothing of the missing men, though they had been told of their passing Fort Graham on June 8th. At Hazelton Mr. Wilson met Mr. Perry, who told him he had seen the men about fifty miles up the Ingonika river about June 18th, and that they were then short of provisions. He gave them a rough map of the country, showing them they were forty miles from McConnell creek. From all the information to hand this is the last that has been heard of the men. They, however, have never reached McConnell creek or returned to Fort Graham, and are thought to have either perished in the immediate neighborhood or to have met their death by drowning in the river, as they could not have gone far with the scanty supply of provisions in hand at the time of meeting Mr. Perry. While at Fort Graham he learned that Mr. Fox, the agent there, was prepared to send out an Indian to search for the missing men.

GROWTH OF CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE

New White Star Liners of 14,000 Tons to Be Placed in Service.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The expansion of Canada's foreign trade is seen in the preparations now being made by the White Star line to place two new steamships of 14,000 tons register on the Canadian route, says the Standard of Empire. The first of these, the Laureus, has been already launched and is approaching completion, and the sister ship, the Megantic, will be launched shortly. The Continental North Atlantic Shipping line have also decided to organize a service of cargo steamers to Canada, under an agreement with the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railway systems. During the last two years (1898-1906) there has been a remarkable expansion in the foreign trade of Canada—namely from \$289,000,000, in 1898 to \$627,700,000 in 1906. The total trade of Canada with Great Britain in the same period has risen from \$35,500,000 to \$220,500,000. The exports of Canadian produce to this country have risen from \$62,700,000 to upwards of \$126,000,000. The railways carried 63,985,183 tons of freight, as against 24,500,000 in 1906, and the country added no less than 6,000 miles to its railway system.

YACHT CLUBS ARE STILL AT DEADLOCK

Possibility of No Race for Canada Cup Next Year.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The misunderstanding between the Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto and the Rochester Yacht Club, over next summer's international races on Lake Ontario continues and may end in no race. The Canadian club seems to be willing to race if the winner of the international series, the Seneca, is not raced again. They want to leave the eligibility of the Seneca to race, and the terms of the deeds of gift of the Canada cup, the race trophy, to a committee.

At a meeting of the Rochester Club had added this telegram sent to the Canadians: "Telegram received. You have misunderstood our letter of November 30th or else have purposely added an additional question to be submitted to the Yacht Racing Union. Our offer was to refer to the Yacht Racing Union only the question of the eligibility of the Seneca under its Rules. We refuse to submit to that association any question other than the construction of its own rules."

CHINESE GOODS ON AKI MARU

TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT BOYCOTT IS AT AN END

Valuable Silk Cargo is Being Rushed Through to New York.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The Aki Maru, one of the big steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, this morning brought tangible evidence that the boycott by the Chinese against the Japanese goods is being dropped, for the vessel had 500 tons of Chinese goods among her cargo, and also reported having carried another 500 tons from Shanghai to Kobe. There was also one Chinese passenger aboard. Some months ago a dispatch from the East stated that the boycott was at an end, and the information brought by the Aki is that the boycott is still being continued among a certain class of Chinese, but that among the wealthier and better educated people it is over.

The Aki Maru brought over a valuable consignment of silk, valued about \$750,000. It consisted of 1,444 bales, mostly raw material, which will be hurried across the continent. Five tons of the other being held in readiness at Seattle to carry it on the first passenger train. Besides the silk the Aki had a large consignment of oranges for the Christmas market, part of which was landed at this city, the remainder being taken to Seattle. She also brought matting, rice and numerous other Oriental goods. Five hundred and thirty tons were unloaded at the wharf in all. Three gales were encountered on the trip across, but only one was a severe one. Fortunately it was from the West, so that it did not delay the ship, although it rolled her about, and washed her decks. It is an extent that the captain became anxious for the valuable cargo which he carried.

There were in all 55 passengers, most of whom were Japanese. A Withers, a retired military officer who has come with the other members of his family on this coast, and H. Fuse, landed here. The other passengers for Victoria were four Japanese and one Chinaman. One of the Japanese was returning to the other three were women coming to join their husbands. The Chinaman was also returning from a visit. In the saloon for Seattle were five Japanese, one a missionary, Rev. H. Shimizu, who for the past fifteen years has been doing work in Tokio, and has come over to take charge of the missions among his own people on the Pacific coast. He was in Vancouver ten years ago. The others were Mrs. Wm. Hughes, of 233 Hochelaga street, Hochelaga, Montreal, says: "I suffered from blind, itching and protruding piles for years. Sometimes they were so bad that I could hardly bear to move about. For as many months I tried everything which I thought would give me ease, but in the end, dispirited and still suffering, I gave in."

ZAM-BUK AS A CURE FOR PILES

IMPRESSIVE CURES OF WOMEN SUFFERERS.

Our Readers Should Note These Cases.

Wherever there is suffering from piles, Zam-Buk should be applied. The reason of this is, that in practically all cases of piles where the use of Zam-Buk is persevered with complete cure—not mere relief—is the result. Mrs. Wm. Hughes, of 233 Hochelaga street, Hochelaga, Montreal, says: "I suffered from blind, itching and protruding piles for years. Sometimes they were so bad that I could hardly bear to move about. For as many months I tried everything which I thought would give me ease, but in the end, dispirited and still suffering, I gave in."

Then it was she heard of Zam-Buk, and she said: "Although I feared Zam-Buk would be like the ordinary remedies—useless—I am glad it was not. It soon proved itself to be very different. It rapidly gave me relief, and after a time cured me completely. I would like to let all sufferers from piles know what a grand thing Zam-Buk is."

STAR PITCHERS ASK FOR INCREASED PAY

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Manager Chance isn't the only one of the Cubs insisting on more pay for his next season's work. All of the champs are after higher stipends, hot and heavy. Unless the ante is raised in the case of Mordecai Brown and Orvie Overall, the two star pitchers of the team, they are pretty certain not to play. Brown has been offered \$20,000 by the proprietor of one of the local semi-professional clubs to take charge of that team and manage its affairs, just as James Callahan handles the Logan Square team. The whole amount will be in the bank for Brown any time he will consent to sign. To pay such a sum would be a risky business move, but a celebrity like Brown is probably worth it. You are full of people every Saturday and Sunday. As the other expenses would be trivial the club with Brown at the head of it might be a financial winner as well as an artistic success. Practically the same kind of an inducement has been held out to Overall, and the popularity of the big Californian undoubtedly would make him a drawing card.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPEROR'S FUNERAL

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full imperial power. The people regard him as the emperor de facto. His enthronement will take place at the end of the period of mourning, and all officials will then make to him the same obeisance that they have already made to the late emperor. An edict recently promulgated by the throne put an end to the ceremonies that have been performed from time immemorial every time there was an eclipse of the moon. The nature of these repeated edicts, issued in the name of the Dowager Empress, shows that she is holding her position as head of the imperial family in the conduct of palace affairs.

GREAT VALUE OF WATERPOWER

Winnipeg, by Completing New Plant, Will Have City Beautiful and Industrial.

What has the development of electric power in the Niagara district in Ontario done for that section of Canada? Within the range of distribution of the Niagara and St. Catharines generating stations, 39 cities and towns will have secured actual and not theoretical results for manufacturers by a reduction in power cost under that of the Niagara district. In addition the smoke nuisance and fuel supply problem will be definitely and satisfactorily solved. If as large a saving can be made where facilities for getting coal as fuel for manufacturing, what will be the result in Winnipeg, where the ad- vantages in transportation tie-ups prevail? asks the Winnipeg Tribune. No sooner had the hydro-electric commission offered the individual municipalities in Ontario lower rates than Toronto, London, Guelph, Berlin, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Ingersoll, St. Mary's, Preston, New Hamburg and other towns took action, and have as a result been granted the same advantages before manufacturers who may be seeking a location. Toronto in 1907 passed a by-law authorizing the incoming council to enter into a contract with the commission for a supply of 15,000 or more continuous horse power at a maximum charge of \$18.46 per horse power per annum, delivered at their distributing stations, 28 miles in length, at the rate of \$24.00; St. Thomas 1,500 at \$28.50; and other towns including St. Mary's closed contracts at \$28.50. The transmission power lines of the Ontario government, 298 miles in length, are now under construction by the F. H. McGuigan Co., the contract price for the undertaking being \$1,270,000. The first was turned on November 16th last.

During the construction of the hydro-electric power commission in Ontario a good deal was heard about producer gas as against hydro-electric power, and meetings were held in different parts of Ontario, and were addressed by men interested in the promotion of producer gas. The hydro-electric power commission then got up a report on producer gas plants and engines in Canada, and the United States and also on steam plants. The gist of this report was that although great economy could be secured from producer gas over that of steam, it was not absolutely safe, and was not presented to call for serious consideration. The question of cheap power has been the subject of much discussion in Ontario in the past two years, and has resulted in proving that electric power is the most economical, efficient, convenient, flexible and reliable force for operating manufacturing plants; and it has been further shown that flowing water is the cheapest source of power by which that energy can be generated. The question of transmission distances is forcibly brought out by the fact that away back into the Sierras of California, with the waters of the Kern river harnessed, and a conduit eight miles long blasted through granite rock, and which now carries the flow that charges down upon the turbines of the power house that feeds the electric energy to the city of Los Angeles.

By the completion of Winnipeg's plant at Point du Bois on the Winnipeg river, we may expect as a result a city beautiful as well as industrial.

BUTTE DROPPED FROM NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE

Six Club Circuit Named—Portland Ball Team Gets Franchise.

Seattle, Dec. 9.—At the annual meeting of the directors of the Northwestern Baseball League, yesterday, in this city, Portland was unanimously admitted to membership and Butte was dropped. The circuit for the season of 1909 will consist of six clubs: Portland, Tacoma, Spokane, Aberdeen, Vancouver and Seattle.

W. H. Lucas was unanimously re-elected president, secretary and treasurer. The directors increased his salary from \$2,300 to \$2,400, and adopted a resolution thanking him for his good work in advancing the interests of baseball in the Pacific Northwest. The Butte question was settled by paying Russ Hall \$1,000 for his franchise, although the league put up \$2,100 to clear the affair of the Butte club when he took control. In addition Hall was permitted to dispose of his players as he saw fit. He sold to Geo. Shreder, owner of the Tacoma club, the following men, which is the largest sale ever made in the Northwest League: Pitches, Claffin and Samuels; catchers, Spence and Bender; first baseman, Bill Hurley; second baseman, Stis; third baseman, Cartwright; centre, Earl Swain; right fielder, Irb; Although it is a private matter, it can be stated officially that Shreder paid \$1,500 for the lot.

Of the remaining players owned by Hall, Spokane took the entire lot, consisting of Pitches Buck Finney, Joe Thomas and Jack Myers, outfielder Ellis and infielder Ed Hickey. Hall says that he has not made arrangements to manage the Tacoma Club and does not know what he will do. He cleaned up \$2,500 for the day's work and got his money. He has one other restaurant where liquor is one business proposition. In despite of his statement it is believed that he will accept a proposition to look after the interests of the Tacoma Tigers. In admitting Portland Judge McCredie was made a director. The other new officer was vice president, which fell to Walter Macfarlane, president of the Aberdeen club. Helena made application, but the dropping of Butte settled any chance Helena had.

Bob Brown, manager of the Spokane club, traded Caines Kreits and Outfielder Lynch, whom he secured from the Chicago City League, for Dick Boettiger, the Aberdeen catcher. Joe Cohn, owner of the Spokane club, said after the meeting that he was perfectly satisfied with the results of the meeting, and that there was not a row. The only uprising was when Bob Brown and Dugdale were discussing the trading of Fug Bennett to Spokane. Dugdale wanted Altman and the trade fell through. The schedule question was not discussed. An important industry of Paris is the manufacture of toy soldiers from sardine cans and other tins that have been thrown away.



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HEAVY EASTBOUND TRAVEL ON ATLANTIC

Empress of Ireland to Carry 1615 Passengers to England for Xmas.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The largest number of passengers ever carried from Canada on any one vessel will leave St. John to-morrow afternoon on the Empress of Ireland for Liverpool. This is the Christmas sailing, and the rush for accommodation has been so great that the boat is sold out and special trains will be necessary to carry passengers to the ship's side. No less than 1,615 passengers have already been booked. Of these 1,000 are steerage, while the balance is divided between second and third class.

Many of the passengers are well-to-do people from Ontario and western Canada who are going to England for the Christmas holidays. The Allan line also reports a large Christmas trade.

LICENSED PREMISES STRICTLY OBEY LAW

Inspector Reports to the Commissioners—Transfers Granted.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The board of license commissioners met yesterday afternoon and heard a number of applications for transfers of licenses and extensions of permits. The three members—Mayor Hall, Alderman McKewen and Lawrence Goodacre—were in attendance, and these were also present Chief of Police Langley, License Inspector Handley and City Solicitor Mann.

Inspector Handley submitted a very satisfactory report on the condition of the licensed houses and their observance of the law. His attention having been called to some grocers holding licenses selling liquor in smaller quantities than one pint, he had reminded them all of the penalties for this infraction of the law. Some of those who were offending immediately on receipt of his notice, withdrew all the small bottles and otherwise disposed of what they had on hand. He believed they were now all conforming well within the meaning of the act.

In respect to restaurants licensed to supply liquor with meals, the inspector pointed out the difficulty of getting a conviction under the law governing hotels and restaurants. As frequent complaints had been made about certain restaurants supplying liquor without meals he had informed the proprietors of the law. Some of those who were offending immediately on receipt of his notice, withdrew all the small bottles and otherwise disposed of what they had on hand. He believed they were now all conforming well within the meaning of the act.

Princess saloon, from Francis Ledingham to George Stokes. Ship Inn saloon, from Robert Finlayson to John Viara. White Horse hotel, from James Griffin to Nels Hansen and Hans Klesow. Colonial hotel, from Thomas Hunter and Joseph Giachero to Thomas Hunter and Ernest Alexander Ferguson. Grand Pacific hotel, from John Viara and Virginia Bargetto to Virginia Bargetto and Joseph Giachero. The following temporary permits were extended until the March sitting: St. George's hotel, transfer by permit from estate of late Thomas Griffiths to Mrs. Alice Griffiths. Garrick's Head saloon, transfer allowed from W. H. Bell to Arthur Knowles Vaughan. Imperial hotel, licensed in the name of J. D. Norrish, executor of the estate of the late D. C. McKinnon.

The big three-masted barque Glory of the Seas, which is engaged in the coal carrying trade between Nanaimo and Seattle, is lying at the coal company's wharf in the former city, awaiting the loading of a cargo of coal. In the South of France women are employed on the railways at level crossings and at warlike stations, as signallers.

WARLIKE ACTION IN CARIBBEAN

DUTCH CRUISER SEIZES VENEZUELAN CAPTAIN STUFFS Country's Flag in His Pocket.

Wilhelmstad, Island of Curacao. The following detailed story appeared on Saturday last by the Dutch coastguard ship Alix, by Dutch cruiser Curacao, was on this morning from an officer of the cruiser. At 6 o'clock on Saturday morning the Gelderland was steaming slowly a short distance off the Puerto Cabello, she noticed the coming in, and after taking up a position that prevented the passage of a smaller boat, she ordered her to stop and sent a boat to search the vessel. It was discovered that the captain of the Alix had hidden his Venezuelan pennant in his pocket, and the vessel was ordered to stop. A passenger on board the Alix, however, declared to the officer that the Alix was a coast vessel. A search was then made and the flag was found in the pocket of the Alix, his vessel was ordered to stop. The crew of the Alix were given a choice of coming to Curacao or ashore at Puerto Cabello. They preferred the latter course, embarking on their own boats and pulling the harbor.

The Venezuelan gunboat Restas was at Puerto Cabello, and the Gelderland could see her. She was ordered to stop, and she was ordered to stop. She was ordered to stop, and she was ordered to stop. She was ordered to stop, and she was ordered to stop.

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GERMANY TO MAKE OVERTURES TO CANADA

Wants Improved Trade Relations—Modus Vivendi Be Found.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The German press is awaiting the result of the debate in the French senate on the proposed Franco-Canadian commercial treaty. Should the treaty be rejected, it is believed that Germany will try and come to arrangements with Canada. It is believed that, supported by Wilfrid Laurier, the present Canadian government will accept the commercial interests of Germany.

MURDER MYSTERY

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Brandt, widow of a former police officer, was found dead in her kitchen on Saturday. The case is a mystery, as the body was found to have been robbed, and the knife which was used to cut the throat and enter the neck, that it is not possible to have been self-inflicted. The woman was 58 years of age and had been in the kitchen for some time. She was found by a neighbor who reported the case to the police.

MRS. EDDY'S HEALTH

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Eddy's attendants to-day, who had been in her usual room, said she was to be attended by writing and other engagements. She is to be attended by writing and other engagements. She is to be attended by writing and other engagements.

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