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'MALE AND FEMALE' ST. JOHN'S PROBLEMS IS A FILMED MASTERPIECE

Sir James Barrie's Admirable
Crichton Under New Name
in Wonderful Movies at the
Imperial.

"Ah, how could you and I with Fate
conspire
To grasp this sorry scheme of things
entire,
Would not we shatter it to bits, and
then
Remould it nearer to our heart's desire?"

So Fate seized them—a snobbish family of British blue-bloods. Cast them on an island where the voice of the world was lost. Tumbled them, lord and out-let, lady and scullery maid, into a common mass of males and females. Laughed at their former glories, their former handiwork. Pointed to an untamed jungle, ruled only by wild beasts, and said: "Now we shall see who rules."

Then the butler, because he was a man, became a king; and the great lady who once disdained him, served, loved him—fought with a slave for his kiss!

One day a ship! Rescue! Home! The old world and its old ways. Its pride, its conventions, shallow distinctions. Did the true love, the true leadership, of the wilds hold then? The story tells you.

A romance that searches deep into human hearts. A picture, poignant, powerful, tremendous in its scope, superb in its artistry—such was "Male and Female," the superpicture at the Imperial yesterday, which opened for a four-days run and which crowded the big house both afternoon and evening.

"Male and Female" combines the luxuriousness and spectacular beauty of "The Woman God Forgot" with the dramatic strength of "The Whispering Chorus." The opening scenes, in the London home of Lady Mary, are the last word in luxury. Gloria Swanson has never been more wonderful than ever, and the settings, down to the tiniest detail, are in keeping with the storied characters.

Then there is the Babylonian episode—short, but thrillingly beautiful. Here is the spectacular, if you like, combined with the exquisite. Thomas Meighan, who plays Crichton, is the king in this episode. Gloria Swanson, more beautiful than ever in the barbaric splendor of the Babylonian costumes, is the untamed slave. In the end she is thrown to the lions—and they're real lions, too.

As everyone knows, J. M. Barrie wrote the play, "The Admirable Crichton," from which "Male and Female" is adapted. Sir James is one of the last authors to allow his works to be filmed. The story has not been changed in the least. The cast headed by Thomas Meighan, who duplicates his excellent work in "The Miracle Man," and Gloria Swanson, is uniformly excellent. Theodore Roberts, Lila Lee, Raymond Hatton, Mayne Kelso, Robert Caine and Edward Burns are some of the big names in it. Jeanie Macpherson wrote the scenario.

In referring to "The Miracle Man" in the last paragraph, let it be said "The Miracle Man" is the only picture in memory with which "Male and Female" can be compared. "Male and Female" is an unusual production, one of the greatest pictures yet made, the crowning achievement of Mr. De Mille's career.

CAT DISCLOSES BOOZE
New York, March 16.—A revenue agent saw a big cat reeling and staggering down Forty-fifth street. He followed. The cat entered a saloon at Sixth avenue, rolled down the cellar and was immediately greeted by a dozen other hilarious felines. All were lapping up a dark brown fluid. The proprietor and bartender were arrested.

TEN MILES FOR COAL
London, Eng., March 16.—An illustration of the coal shortage in some parts of Dorsetshire was given at a meeting of the Wimbourne Urban District Council when it was said that an old lady walked ten miles to get coal so that she could cook the Sunday dinner.

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Real Estate Man's Article on
Transportation to Outlying
Parts—Street Railway Extension.

(Written By S. H. Taylor, for the Business Review and Maritime Retailer.)
With conditions long since normal, that is to say, on a pre-war basis, the real estate situation in St. John gives promise of great things for 1920. To appreciate the full significance of this one must understand that values stood the test of war time in excess of all expectations. There were many, and we still have some with us, who talk much of fictitious values, or perhaps "inflated" would better express it, consequently St. John has had to contend, principally, with our own people. It argues well, however, that these "doubtful Thomases" are few and far between and they are being convinced even against their will.

There are some obstacles, however, that must inevitably be cleared away in order to put us on the same footing with other large cities in Canada in the matter of development. The most outstanding, and apparently the most difficult to deal with, is transportation to the outlying parts. The street railway, already insufficient in the city proper, must be extended to the outlying districts. To discuss this situation in the frankest possible manner is the one way to ameliorate it.

St. John is fast becoming congested and must, in fact, be reaching out to the splendid country about it. It is with difficulty that our own people are becoming separated from the idea of "central location." How often are we asked for this very thing. They are gradually, however, realizing that this city is growing by leaps and bounds and it is, therefore, becoming more and more difficult to live in close proximity to the office or place of employment. Surely the best way to obtain relief is, as previously stated, to spread out. But we return again to the getting out and, of course, back. To look about at the localities to be served by an up-to-date street railway is to understand the magnitude of the task. But surmount it we must—if not by the present Street Railway Company, then by the city taking over the system. The possibility for development, as told, is great, but with proper facilities, could be enormous.

During the discussion of the housing problem by the press and citizens generally we went to some little trouble to size up the situation—to study the ways and means of relief. We went so far as to interview some of the little trouble-makers, the real estate men, and sent representatives to St. John. Many choice districts were looked over and abandoned. The question asked in each case was, "How are you going to get it?"

In other words, what is the use of talking of building houses when those occupying them have no means of getting back and forth? The surprising thing about it all was suggestions of this and that one of some place or site with apparently no consideration of this same transportation problem. In leaving this subject might we respectfully recommend to those actively engaged in building many things for civic betterment that they tackle this, the biggest of all, at once. So many of the worthy objects in view could be the more readily obtained. Take two, for instance, an athletic field and a ball park.

Another drawback in the way of development is the small amount of building in progress or promised. This, though, will correct itself with the easing off of lumber cost and building materials in general, and with a readjustment of the industrial situation, a new impetus will be lent and a consequent general movement and increased activities.

Many large public works here in connection with the port have necessarily been abandoned during the period of the war, but with a return to commercial pursuits it becomes essential to at once proceed with the same undertakings in order to equip this one of our great ports of Canada for the already increased trade of the country that must find an outlet here. Even now the winter port season this year has evidence that we are far from being prepared for the export business flowing this way.

We have constant inquiries from large business houses in Ontario and Quebec with a view to establishing themselves here—also from private individuals who desire to buy or build houses, all of which makes it evident that St. John is looked upon as not only a good place to live in, but also in which to do business.

It has been said that "A prophet has no glory," etc. This might be changed to read "A city has no glory among its own people." There are many big projects in view for St. John and opportunities for many more. With this thought let us, in conclusion, urge our own big business men to show their faith by declining to let opportunities go to outside capital. There are dollars to be made in real estate right here.

Don't let the other fellow get the lion's share.
Prof. J. H. Lindsay of Eastport, has been appointed director of music for the Halifax School for the Blind.

TENANTS CHARGED FOR SUN AND AIR BY LANDLORD
Jersey City, March 16.—Harry Drainow, a landlord, is charging his tenants for sun and air, according to a report made to Commissioner Nathan. The landlord has notified his tenants that they must each pay \$1.50 a month for hanging out their washing on a pole in the backyard. Mr. Gannon in writing Drainow characterized him as "the meanest and cheapest landlord yet." He added that if the landlord continues petty larceny practice, accept my surance that your personal assets will be what it should be instead what it is." And the pole of the 1

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By "BUD" FISH

