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CANADIAN WINE.

Public Amusements

"Devil's Auction" at the Grand.
Manager Charles H. Yale has secured for his 20th edition of "The Devil's Auction" a most clever feature in the engagement of Bush and Gordon, the comedy acrobats. These artists are not only acrobats of the highest order but are immensely funny besides. They offer a most sensational finish to their



Scene from the "Devil's Auction." act, when one of the team ascends to the height of about thirty feet and drops backward, turning a number of somersaults to the stage below. "The Devil's Auction" is the attraction at the Grand Opera House next week, and the spectacle is said to contain many of the latest novelties in the vaudeville world. During the engagement matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday.

"A Gambler's Daughter." A thrilling and sensational melodrama of absorbing interest, will be at the Toronto Opera House next week, and, as it is a place that has proven a tremendous hit throughout the country, will surely attract immense audiences here. The original company, which scored the first success of the piece, will produce it here. It is headed by Miss Edith Crescy, one of the best known leading women of the American stage. The part of the adventures in the piece is taken by Miss Camilla Crume, also well-known and a popular favorite, while Miss Tricie Lewis is the charming ingénue. Delicious and clever Zog Farnsworth is the comedian. The male characters are assumed by such able and prominent actors as E. Laurence Lee, who last season made so good a hit in "The Village Parson," C. W. Goodrich, who created the famous role of the vicious Italian in "Kidnapped in New York," Frank E. Mitchell, the imitable comedian; John E. McDonough, who in "A Gambler's Daughter" plays the part of "Bill Malone," a character almost identical with that of brutal Bill Sykes in Dick-

best comedy sketch ever presented in a vaudeville theatre. McCarthy's dogs and monkeys will be another pleasing feature on the program and one that will surely attract a large number of children, and at the same time please the grown folks. Frank Lincoln is the name of a new entertainer, who will make his first public appearance in Toronto on Monday. Mr. Lincoln is known as the "globe-trotting humorist," and will offer the entertainment that he has presented in many cities. He has a melange of songs and stories and musical sketches. It is said of him that his gift of mimicry runs to languages, and that he has successfully mimicked a language which he was unable to speak or understand. Thomas O'Brien and Clara Havel will be seen in their own creation, entitled "The Newsboy and The Maid." This sketch gives Mr. O'Brien an opportunity to show his ability as a tumbler. Other good acts on the bill include the famous Jennie Eddy trio and Rausch, who impersonates famous men of the world.

The Paderewski Program.
Mr. C. A. Ellis telegraphed yesterday to Mr. Stewart Houston the Paderewski would play the following numbers on Wednesday evening, Mar. 3. The character of the program is, doubtless, increase the desire to hear this remarkable artist with whom it has been the same tale in every city houses sold out and hundreds turned away unable to obtain admission. The program is as follows: Schumann: Beethoven: "Songs Without Words," Mendelssohn: Etudes Symphoniques, Schumann: Nocturne, Chopin: Etudes, Chopin: Mazurka, Chopin: Polonaise, F sharp minor, Chopin: Polonaise, F sharp minor, Chopin: Etude de Concert, Liszt: La Campanella, Paganini-Liszt.

A Stage Apple Orchard.
A detail of the new play that is to come to the Princess Theatre next week, "Lovers Lane," is not uninteresting, and this is the orchard scene. In removing the real apple trees used in the play from the Manhattan Theatre to the Theatre Republic, New York, last spring they were stripped of bushes and leaves and blossoms, and suffered other damage, which it took 10 hours to repair. This experience inspired William A. Brady to a train of thought, which results in his devising a scheme by which the trees were to be taken apart for travel and transfer, and each brought to the stage in a special crate. When their destination is reached, they are put together in section. Mr. Brady has applied for a patent on his invention. Two complete sets of trees are required for the orchard scenes in "Lovers Lane," one showing the fading tints of autumn and the other the full bloom of spring, with its pink and white blossoms. Each leaf and flower is wired separately to the rest of the tree. The work of making these two orchards was tedious and costly, and each complete set of six trees involved a disbursement of over \$1800.

Military Play at the Princess.
The Royal Grenadiers are making unusual preparation for the production of the military drama and entertainment at the Princess Theatre three nights, beginning Monday, Mar. 3. The play of Paderewski is of intense interest, as well as patriotic, interest. Mr. H. N. Shaw is to be the stage manager, and his well-known ability in this line of work is an earnest of the success of the dramatic presentation. The cast will include, besides Mr. Shaw, Messrs. Bert Harvey, C. Leloy Kenney, Ivan L. Wright, Frank Morgan, Clifford Scott, Misses Pearl O'Neill, Teresa O'Neill and Marie Davidson, all well-known and successful professionals. The military effects will be given by the Royal Grenadiers' Band and a regiment in khaki, which will include some of our South African heroes. The bivouac promises to be of unusual interest, and as the Grenadiers are famous for their discipline and readiness, the whole affair will be entirely successful.

Next Week at Shea's.
There will be a number of excellent features on the bill at Shea's next week, and it is a difficult matter to determine just which is entitled to the place of headliner. Several excellent acrobatic troupes have been at Shea's recently, and the great Florenz Troupe is announced for next week. This group of gymnasts is said to excel all others and to do some difficult tricks which have never been attempted by other acrobatic acts. Young Alfredo Fiorini, a small youth, does what is called "double twist" somersault, alighting on the shoulder of his father. There are many other difficult and dangerous exhibitions performed in this act. With Mr. Cressy and his band will be seen in Mr. Cressy's latest and best sketch entitled "A Village Lawyer." Mr. Cressy carried for this act all his own special scenery and light effects, and it is said to be twenty minutes uninterrupted humor. In Buffalo, where the act was shown this week it was pronounced by all the papers to be the

St. Scholastique, Que., Feb. 28.—Jas. Flaherty was acquitted by the jury last night of the charge of murdering Frank Blais, who was killed in a quarrel at Flaherty's house last August. After the verdict, Flaherty's wife was put in the dock on a similar charge, but as the Crown announced there was no evidence to offer, she was also acquitted.

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