# GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY

## AGAINST PATRON MEMBER CURRIE'S MEASURE

**To Restrict Their Patronage Privileges—Aliens May Vote in School Elections—Mr. Haycock and Railway Passes—Gas Company's Suit—Board of Control—Election of County Officials.**

There are many evidences that the present session of the Local Legislature is drawing to a close. The members, like school boys just before the long summer holidays, are exhibiting very exuberant spirits. They joke across the floor, laugh, pound their desks, and generally fail to conduct themselves as members of an august legislative assembly. It is now expected that the House will conclude its business this evening, and prorogue on Tuesday next.

Yesterday's session proved rather an interesting one. A number of important measures were dealt with, but not without much wordy warfare arising.

**Aliens May Vote.**

When the Hon. Mr. Ross moved the third reading of his Public Schools Bill, Mr. Whitney moved that the measure should be so amended as to provide that none but British subjects shall have the right to vote in school trustee elections.

The Attorney-General thought there was no reason for alarm because aliens who paid taxes in this Province were allowed to vote in school elections.

The Hon. Mr. Ross pointed out that it would be nothing new to allow aliens to vote at these elections, for in the old days school trustees themselves were not required to be British subjects.

On a division of the House Mr. Whitney's amendment was defeated by a majority of 39 and the bill was read a third time.

**County Councils.**

When Mr. Hardy moved the third reading of his bill to reduce the number of County Councillors, Mr. Whitney moved the six months' hoist, contending that the measure was unnecessary.

Mr. Whitney's motion was lost by a vote of 54 to 28.

**Cumulative Voting Goes.**

Mr. Meacham moved that the bill be so amended as to do away with the provision for cumulative voting which it contains.

Mr. Hardy said that this provision for cumulative voting was the essential feature of the measure. It was intended to protect the weaker municipalities.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Reid (Durham) moved in amendment that reeves of municipalities be the sole representatives on the County Council Boards. The motion was declared lost.

**The Bill Made Compulsory.**

Mr. Kerns moved further in amendment the insertion of a clause providing that the bill should not come into force in any county until the municipalities therein should have voted in favor of it.

This amendment also was defeated by a vote of 53 to 35 and the bill was read a third time.

**Gas Suit Costs Again.**

The third reading of Mr. Crawford's bill respecting the City of Toronto was moved by the author, and Mr. German moved that the measure be so amended as to more closely bind the city in its responsibility for costs in Mr. Johnston's suit against the Consumers' Gas Company.

Mr. Whitney said this action was now in the Court of Appeal. Why should the City of Toronto pay Mr. Johnston money which this court might decide he had spent foolishly?

The bill was read a third time, which means that Mr. Johnston may carry on the suit at will and that the corporation must be responsible for all costs he incurs.

**No Female Inspector of Prisons.**

In reply to Mr. Garrow, the Hon. Mr. Gibson stated that it was not the intention of the Government to appoint a female inspector of prisons, but a female inspector of other institutions would be appointed.

**Election of County Officials.**

Mr. Caven, the Patron member, moved this resolution: That in the opinion of this House all county officials paid by the county, except County Judges, should be elected by a direct vote of the municipal electors, the existing system of Government inspection being continued, and office held during efficiency and good behavior, and that when incompetency or irregularity occurs in any office, the inspector shall lay his complaint before a nonpartizan tribunal, to be specified by an act of this Legislature, who shall have power to act.

Amid cries of "lost," Mr. Caven said he was willing that the motion should be declared "lost on division," but Mr. Whitney objected and the resolution was voted down by a vote of 70 to 16. The Patrons stood almost alone.

**T., H. & B Railway.**

When Mr. Middleton's bill regarding the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Co. was taken up in committee, Mr. McKay of Oxford moved in amendment that the bill should not go into effect until such time as the railway company should satisfy certain claims for moneys due to contractors.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) said the contractors were protected by a Dominion act, and he objected to the clause being tacked on to the bill.

The amendment was lost and the bill was reported.

**The Aqueduct Bill.**

In order to facilitate business Mr. Howland, at Hon. Mr. Gibson's request, consented to the Georgian Bay Ship Canal and Aqueduct Power Co. bill being read a second time. Mr. Howland specially bespoke the privileges of opposing the measure on its third reading, stating that he considered the interests of the city of Toronto were not yet, despite all amendments, sufficiently guarded in the bill.

**Lord's Day Observance.**

In Committee of the Whole House at the evening session, Mr. Ferguson's bill to make the Act to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day apply to farmers as well as to other classes was considered.

Hon. Mr. Gibson stated that the Legal Committee of the House were opposed to the measure, but had thought it best to send it on to the House.

Mr. Balfour thought that the bill, if passed, would prove no hardship to any one.

Messrs. Haycock and Whitney said the measure was a reflection on the farmers of the province.

The bill passed the committee stage.

**Mr. Haycock Backs Down.**

When the second reading of Mr. Haycock's bill respecting the granting of passes or other special privileges to members of the Legislative Assembly was reached, Mr. Haycock said he would move the second reading of the measure were it not that he understood the Government had entered into negotiations with the railways to obviate the necessity of the measure. He would, therefore, ask the Minister of Public Works if he understood aright.

Hon. Mr. Harty stated that negotiations were on foot which would likely be satisfactorily concluded before the next session of the House.

Mr. Haycock said that he would, therefore, withdraw his bill, though he did not go back on the principle laid down in it. (Laughter.)

**Government Patronage Abuses.**

Mr. Currie, the Patron member for West Simcoe, moved the second reading of his bill providing that, "No person shall be eligible to be appointed to any office, commission or employment, permanent or temporary, in the service of the Government of Ontario, at the nomination of the Crown, or at the nomination of any of the members or officers of the Government of Ontario, to which any salary, fee, wages, allowance, emolument or profit of any kind is attached, while he is a member of the Legislative Assembly, or during the term for which he was elected, or until at least one year has elapsed since the dissolution of the Legislature of which he was a member."

In doing so Mr. Currie made one of the best speeches of the session. He said that the bill struck at a grave abuse—the system of appointing members of the House to offices within the gift of the Government. One side of the House had developed into an air line to office. (Laughter.) It had become a sort of half-way house to office. When the party in power had such a strong following of office-seekers, Parliamentary Government became a farce. In order that there might be a real supremacy of Parliament over partyism, he hoped the House would support his measure.

Mr. Conmee took the stand that the bill was a reflection upon honorable gentlemen.

Mr. Haycock said this bill seemed to put into effect the verdict of a commission which cost the provinces $15,000.

**Hon. Mr. Ross Replies**

Hon. Mr. Ross said the bill would be justifiable, no doubt, if it were shown that the exercise of patronage by the Government, or the appointment of members of the House to office had led to any abuses or to the instalment in important positions of incompetent men. There was no evil to remedy. The measure, he said, reminded him of the physician on whose tombstone was written the inscription, "I was well. I wanted to be better, and here I lie." In allowing the existing system, the Government simply took as a model the English patronage system, and this measure was a reflection on the British Parliament, as well as on honorable gentlemen of the House.

Mr. Whitney said he was not in favor of the bill as it stood, but believed it might be made of some effect if given a second reading, so that it might be amended in Committee of the Whole House at a later stage.

**A Close Division.**

A division was taken on the reading with the result that the Government had the closest call of the session. The Conservative and Patron members voted almost as a unit in favor of the measure, and two supporters of the Government, namely, Messrs. McPherson and Garrow, bolted. As a result, the Government was able to defeat Mr. Currie's bill only by a very small majority. The division list showed a majority of only nine against the measure. The vote stood:

Yeas: Beatty (Leeds), Bennett, Brower, Bush, Carnegie, Caven, Crawford, Currie, Dynes, Fallis, Gamey, Garrow, Haycock, Hiscott, Kerns, Kidd, Langford, Little, McCallum, McDonald, McLaren, McNaughton, McNeil, McNichol, McNish, McPherson, Magwood, Marter, Matheson, Meacham, Preston, Reid (Addington), Reid (Durham), Ryerson, St. John, Shore, Tucker, Whitney, Willoughby—39.

Nays: Barr, Baxter, Beatty (Parry Sound), Biggar, Blezard, Bronson, Burt, Campbell, Carpenter, Chapple, Charlton, Cleland, Conmee, Craig, Dana, Davis, Dickenson, Dryden, Evanturel, Ferguson, Field, Flatt, German, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Harcourt, Hardy, Harty, Hobbs, Loughrin, McKay (Oxford), McKay (Victoria), McKee, McLean, Middleton, Moore, Mowat, Muttrie, O'Keefe, Pardo, Paton, Richardson, Robertson, Ross, Smith, Stratton, Taylor, Truax—48.

**Separate Schools.**

Mr. Reid (Addington) moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Separate Schools Act so as to lessen the distance pupils shall have to travel to school, but on being informed by the Hon. Mr. Ross that the measure was ultra vires of the House and that if passed it would be disallowed by the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, he withdrew it.

**Board of Control.**

A long discussion occurred over Mr. Hardy's motion for a second reading of his bill entitled "the Municipal Amendment Act, 1896." The following clause was struck out:

Provided further that any such city may, upon the recommendation of the Water Commissioners, under a by-law or by-laws, to be passed by a vote in favor thereof of three-fourths of all the members of the Council, and without the consent and approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council thereof, raise by the issue of debentures of the municipality in any year or years, to be applied exclusively for the extension and improvement of such waterworks as mentioned in article 3 of this section, the sums following, that is to say: Any city with a population of 30,000 or less, a sum not exceeding $5000 per annum. Any city with a population of more than 30,000, a sum not exceeding $10,000 per annum.

Mr. German moved an amendment, to make the cumulative system of voting apply to the election of the Board of Control by the City Council.

After an hour's warm discussion, Mr. German withdrew his amendment.

**No New Year's Day Elections.**

Mr. Chapple moved that the clause providing for the holding of municipal elections on New Year's Day be struck out.

Mr. Marter said the privilege to hold the municipal elections on New Year's Day had been asked for by the Toronto City Council, the Board of Trade and the labor organizations of the city.

Hon. Mr. Ross said the passage of the clause would interfere with the enjoyment of the day as a holiday.

Mr. Crawford said the clause would give the city a chance to reduce the election expenses by using public school buildings as polling booths.

The clause was struck out, and the bill reported.

Mr. Hardy's Assessment amendment Act was amended so that the goods of of a third party may not be seized for taxes.

**Supplementary Estimates.**

The Government laid on the table and had passed the supplementary estimates for the ensuing financial year. They include the following among other items; improvements to and new farm land for Hamilton Insane Asylum, $8700; improvements to Kingston Insane Asylum, $3000; new chemical laboratory at Guelph Agricultural College, $10,000; addition to North Bay Jail, $4000; Port Arthur Mining School, $5000; dividing of counties under the County Councils Bill, $4000; Canadian Historical Society, $1000.

**George Brown's Statue.**

A curious item in these estimates reads: Removal of Hon. George Brown's statue $250. The monument, which has for so long stood in Queen's Park behind the Parliament buildings, will be moved out in front of the Legislative pile.

## CAN'T DAM THE HUMBER

**Without Building the Whole Georgian Bay Ship Canal.**

At a special meeting of the Private Bills Committee yesterday morning, the Georgian Bay Ship Canal and Power Aqueduct Co.'s bill was severely handled. Sir William Howland, Mr. O. A. Howland and Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, the latter representing some Humber property owners, strongly opposed the expropriation powers which the bill gives the company; also the clause allowing the company to build a branch of the aqueduct in advance of the main aqueduct, which practically would mean the damming of the Humber and the flooding of the surrounding country to supply Toronto with power.

Mr. O. A. Howland criticized the project strongly, saying that the powers already secured by the concern had been obtained by fraud, that no further privileges should be granted them. He proposed that a clause be inserted in the measure providing that the ship canal shall actually and to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor, be commenced within one year, and that unless it be finished within ten years, all expropriation powers shall be withdrawn.

Continuing, Mr. Howland asserted that this company had so long continuously persecuted the city that the council was hardly able to go on with the conduct of its business. The gentleman who was promoting the scheme was showing the same persistency in regard to it as he was in respect to his seat in the council, which he had lost.

Mr. Crawford opposed the bill, and Messrs. German and Conmee spoke in favor of it.

The bill was finally amended so that the company may not dam the Humber without building the whole canal.

## JOTTINGS FROM THE JUNCTION.

**A Day's News From the Railroad Town in Short and Readable Form.**

Toronto Junction, April 1.—The epidemic of grip which has held sway in the town for some time is not now so severe, though many citizens are still suffering from the malady.

To-morrow (Thursday) evening the Woman's Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold a "poetical evening." The selections will be from Tennyson's works, and an enjoyable program has been prepared. The entertainment will be held at the residence of Mr. R. C. Jennings, Lakeview-avenue.

Work has been resumed in the C.P.R. shops, but the men will work only five days a week, Saturdays being holidays.

By the upsetting of a boiler of hot water last evening Mr. A. G. Graham of Pacific-avenue had his right leg severely scalded.

Vital statistics for March, as given by the Town Clerk, were: Ten births, two marriages and nine deaths.

The scale of prices for varnishing and polishing has been reduced 10 per cent. at Heintzman's piano factory. The operatives, it is said, will refuse to accept the reduction.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. John's Church has appointed the following ladies delegates to the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. Du Vernet, Mrs. Upperton, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Rowdan, Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Constantine.

## PARAGRAPHS FROM PARKDALE.

**News of the Western Residential Section—A Fire in King-street.**

At 5 p.m. yesterday the firemen of Cowan-avenue Station were called to the corner of King-street and Close-avenue, where, by some unknown means a fire had started in a dwelling owned by Arch. Fenwick. The section was promptly on hand and the blaze subdued with about $200 damage.

The question of enlargement was not decided at the board meeting of St. Alban's Methodist Church, being left over for consideration at another meeting called for next Monday evening.

## OLLIE REICHART'S DEATH.

**The Stomach Sent to Toronto for Analysis by Prof. Ellis.**

The stomach of Ollie Reichart, whose death has created such a sensation in Hamilton, was yesterday brought to Prof. Ellis of this city for analysis. Detective Campbell of the Ambitious City was the custodian. The stomach was taken to the School of Practical Science, but up to last night Prof. Ellis had not received any notification from the Attorney-General's Department authorizing him to conduct the analysis. It is probable that the examination will not be made for a few days, as Prof. Ellis is in bed suffering from a broken rib, sustained in a fall on the slippery sidewalk last Saturday night.

Dyspepsia or Indigestion is occasioned by the want of action in the biliary ducts, loss of vitality in the stomach to secrete the gastric juices, without which digestion cannot go on; also, being the principal cause of headache. Parmalee's Vegetable Pills, taken before going to bed, for a while, never fail to give relief, and effect a cure. Mr. F. W. Ashdown, Ashdown, Ont., writes: "Parmalee's Pills are taking the lead against ten other makes which I have in stock."

**Ambitious Electric Railway Project.**

For some time negotiations have been going on for the purchase of an electric railway franchise on the Niagara Peninsula. A syndicate is now being formed and in a few days an announcement may be looked for. It is the intention of the syndicate to extend the line so as to make it a through line from Toronto with all necessary equipment. The syndicate is made up of prominent capitalists from Toronto, Montreal, New York and elsewhere.

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Jockey Harry Lewis arrived in the city yesterday and will report at once at the Seagram stable, for which he will ride this season.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellog's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief, and is a sure cure for all summer complaints.

HOAST is the old Scotch name for a cough. The English name for the best cure for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Asthma and Bronchitis is Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. 246

The East Toronto Reform Association held an organization meeting on Tuesday evening in the interest of Mr. H. R. Frankland, the Liberal candidate for the representation of East York in the House of Commons.

## HAPPENINGS OF A DAY.

**Items of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around this Busy City.**

Minnie Smith was acquitted of stealing from Agnes McKinlay.

For beating his horse Ed. Dennis of Dupont-street was taxed $2 or ten days.

The summer freight rates on the G.T.R. and C.P.R. went into effect yesterday.

"L & S." brand hams, bacon and lard is only handled by the leading grocers. "Try them."

Ed. Smith, 37 Austin-avenue, was yesterday fined $2 and costs for saying nasty things to Policeman Allen.

Ex-Ald. Blong has retired from the contest in No. 1 Ward in favor of Mr. John Russell.

For blocking the sidewalk with packing cases John Bachrack, Queen-street west, was fined $2 and costs.

The Builders' Laborers' Union has decided to attach itself to the American Federation of Labor.

Plumbing inspectors have commenced their duties under the direction of Medical Health Officer Dr. Sheard.

Mrs. Kate Dempsey of Harbord-street was fined $3 and costs or 30 days for assaulting Mrs. McManus on Mansfield-avenue.

A child named Amos, who lives at 414 Church-street, sustained a scalp wound owing to being run over by a rig.

Frank Losee, 225 Oak-street, charged with theft of a horse and rig from Wm. Kerr, 181 York-street, was given an adjournment to enable him to settle the matter out of court.

Maria Corrigan bought a $60 sewing machine on the instalment plan. She paid about $3 on it and then pawned it. She was given till the 8th inst. to pay for the machine or return it.

Albert McGill, a Central Prison convict, was badly used in a fight. Wm. Douglas, charged with having committed the assault, was remanded till the 8th inst.

To-morrow being Good Friday the monthly meeting of the "Nursing-at-Home" Mission will be postponed till a week later, at the usual hour, 3 p.m., in the library of Association Hall.

Solicitor Haverson was unsuccessful in his appeal from the conviction of J. M. Ness, who was recently fined $150 and costs at Barrie for selling liquor to Indians.

Peter Curran, said to be one of the men who assaulted the Chinamen on Saturday, pleaded not guilty and was remanded till the 7th, bail being refused.

Hereafter the American system of dealing with mileage tickets on the G.T.R. will be in effect. In future the conductor will tear off the slips instead of the ticket agent.

The Mercadante Passion service was beautifully rendered by the Metropolitan Church Choir last night, and by request it is to be repeated on Good Friday evening.

A large number of friends of Mr. Sam Defries assembled at his house on Broadview-avenue Tusday night to congratulae him on the result of the recent case against him in Montreal. An enjoyable evening was spent.

The Baptist Young People's Unions throughout Ontario are making preparations for the annual convention in Milwaukee, July 16 to 19. The railways are giving special rates to Milwaukee from Ontario and Quebec.

The charter for the Manitoulin & North Shore Railway has been sold to a New York syndicate by Mrs. Kilganan of Little Current, whose husband recently died in St. Michael's Hospital.

The plans and estimates for strengthening the Rosedale bridge submitted to the meeting of the lacrosse club on Tuesday night were prepared by Mr. James Macdougall, County Engineer, and not by Mr. Alan Macdougall, M.C.S.C.E.

Citizen Kelly was in the Police Court yesterday afternoon and he and Deputy Chief Stewart had an oratorical encounter which created much amusement. The charge against Mr. Kelly was keeping an unlicensed dog. Mr. Kelly claimed that the dog belonged to his son and the case was adjourned for a week.

The Epworth League of Woodgreen Methodist Church held a temperance meeting in the lecture-room. Excellent papers on the temperance movement were contributed by Miss Jennie Ezard, Mr. Jones, Mr. Harte, Mr. W. A. Kaitling, accompanied by the guitar, sang several temperance selections.

An elderly lady named Miss Denham charged Bailiff H. A. Wright with assault. Wright and another officer removed Miss Denham's goods from a Grenville-street house last week and dumped them on the street. She alleges she was assaulted in the process. The case was adjourned.

Switchmen's Union No. 40 of Toronto has passed this resolution: "That this union regards the imposition of taxes on improvements as an unjust discrimination against industry and in favor of speculation and therefore hopes that the Legislature will soon remove all taxation from the products of industry."

Mr. J. S. Thompson, who for the past three years has been floor manager at R. Walker & Sons and who is severing his connection with the house, was waited on at his residence, Believue-avenue, Tuesday evening, and presented by the firm and employes with an address sand well-filled purse.

Belt Line car 506 had a mishap on Sherbourne-street last night. Owing to the slipping of a bolt the front motor fell out on the track and stopped the car with a jerk which shook the passengers up badly and broke considerable glass. No one was seriously hurt.

**Good Advice About Dyspepsia.**

The best advice about dyspepsia is—cure it with Burdock Blood Bitters, and as surely as you follow the advice and take the medicine the cure will follow in every case.

Mr. William Day, of Fort William, Ont., says in speaking of B.B.B.: Two years ago my wife was very ill with dyspepsia. No remedy that she could find gave any relief; finally she tried Burdock Blood Bitters, and after taking six bottles was entirely cured. That is now more than two years ago and she has had no return of the malady. I also have had occasion to use B.B.B. and I cannot speak too highly in its favor.

I always recommend it to my friends and in every case with good results. Hoping this may be of use to you, I am,

Yours very truly,

246 WILLIAM DAY.

**Will Pose No More as a Model.**

Artists throughout the city will be grieved to learn that Capt. Durell, or "Daddy," as he is better known to the fraternity, is in the General Hospital very seriously ill with rheumatic fever. Capt. Durell is probably the best-known artists' model in the city. He has sat for them all at different times. "Daddy" is 76 years of age. He came from the Channel Islands, where he was a captain in the Jersey militia, and held a high position in Jersey society. Financial reverses brought about by a bank failure caused him to come to Canada. He located in Toronto and became an artists' model. The old gentleman is a fluent linguist and is very popular.

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Royal Hotel, 258 Yonge St.

## ON STAGE AND PLATFORM

**Current and Coming Attractions at the Local Play Houses and Concert Halls.**

"An Artist's Model," the big English spectacular musical comedy which comes to the Grand to-night for the balance of the week, with a special matinee to-morrow, represents the latest English product in an attempt to combine comedy, music, spectacle and dance in one huge kaleidoscopic entertainment. This kind of production has supplanted the burlesque of the Fred Leslie days. The plot of this piece is sentimental serious comedy. A rich widow revisits the Parisian studio where she was once an artist's model, meets the artist, who then loved her and was by her loved, is piqued at his coldness, consents to wed a very heavy swell, learns that the artist still loves her in his inmost soul, convinces him that she has a heart, breaks her engagement with the swell, and agrees to find and give life-long happiness with the artist, and there you are. Songs and dances are introduced whenever room can be made for them. The fun is incidental. The characters are so many, the chorus is so numerous, that 70 people are used in the production.

**Good Friday at the Toronto.**

There will be a special matinee at the Toronto Opera House to-morrow. "The Irish Alderman" is one long laugh from start to finish, there being never a minute when John Kernell is in sight that the audience is not kept in a roar.

**The Snake Combat at the Crystal.**

There has probably never been a more exciting scene of its kind in Toronto than the struggle for mastery now going on at the Crystal Theatre between the monster man-eating serpent, "Old Rube," and the plucky Torontonian, Miss Hattie Livingston, and her two strong assistants. At each of the day's four performances these people enter the monster's cage, and the battle for supremacy takes place in full view of the audience. It is claimed by the theatre management to be the most exciting novelty ever introduced in a play house on this continent; certain it is that the spectacle astonishes the thousands who are daily availing themselves of the opportunity to witness what may never again be their privilege. The educated horse, "Bonner," shares with his snakeship the attention of the audiences, and the two, coupled with an excellent theatre program, constitute one of the best shows ever offered in this city for the money.

To-morrow (Good Friday) afternoon will be especially set apart for the ladies, and on Saturday school children will be admitted to all portions of the house for 10 cents. Next week in the curio hall will be seen "Wallace," the famous man-eating, horse-killing lion, said to be the fiercest animal of its kind ever captured, and the only one who has succeeded in evading all efforts at command of animal trainers looking to his subjection.

**A Strong Play at Popular Prices.**

The dramatic, comic and spectacular incidents that follow one another in succession in Wm. Haworth's melodramatic triumph, "On the Mississippi," are said to carry the audience in amazement and delight at the passing show of life in the romantic South, at a time immediately after the War, when stirring events marked each day with heroic and evil deeds that astonished the world at that time. These are brought forward with startling vividness by William Haworth in his great production, on which Managers Davis and Keogh have broken the record of theatrical enterprises. The gambling palace in New Orleans displays the wealth and wickedness of the devotees of chance. This gives way to life on the river front, showing the darkies in their element. Floating theatres and scenes on the dock make up the comedy, while the merry masquers of the Mardi Gras crowd the festival in mad revelry. "On the Mississippi," with its original "Pickaninny Band," will be next week's attraction at the Toronto Opera House.

**"The Seven Last Words."**

About 800 people gathered at the Metropolitan Church last night to hear Mercadante's beautiful little cantata, "The Seven Last Words." Mr. Torrington's well-balanced choir of 80 voices presented the work excellently, the solo parts showing abundant resources in the way of talent. Miss Alice Burrowes sang excellently; Miss S. Herson showed good quality, and Miss Dingle (alto) was very effective. Messrs. Taylor, Johnson, Wilkinson, Vallary and McLean sustained the tenor solos; Mr. R. S. Flint the baritone, and Mr. Richardson the bass. Mr. Flint has a capital voice, and in the solo, "God's High Purpose," showed range and power which should bring him to the front. The duet, "Who Can Tell All Her Anguish," by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Flint, was well sung. Mr. Torrington's support with the organ was very fine, as might be expected.

**"Superba" at the Princess.**

"Superba" is pleasing its audiences at the Princess this week, and having the success it deserves. The Hanlons' big pantomime is a delightful entertainment, and enjoyed by the young, as well as the old. There will be two performances to-morrow, afternoon and evening.

**The Bernhardt Sale Begins To-Day.**

A brisk demand for seats is expected at the Grand this morning, when the sale of tickets for the two Bernhardt performances next Monday and Tuesday nights opens at 10 o'clock, continuing until the time of performance. The public will have their choice of location throughout the entire house when the sale opens, according to their position in line. The special scale of prices is arranged as follows for these performances: Orchestra $3; first three rows of parquet and first two rows dress circle $2.50; parquet sofas $2; dress circle sofas $1.50; admission to lower floor $2; private boxes $25 and $15. The Monday night bill will be "Izeyl," the Hindu tragedy, in five-act verse, by Armand Sylvester and Eugene Morand, with special music by M. G. Peirne; and Tuesday night Sardou's "Gismonda" will be given. Both pieces were written expressly for Bernhardt, and are the latest and best acquisitions to Madame's repertoire.

**Paderewski.**

Subscribers to the Paderewski recital, for next Thursday, will choose their seats on Saturday morning. Those who have not subscribed may get seats on Monday.

**Combined Anglican Choirs.**

The choirs of the Anglican churches in Toronto are combining for a monster concert, to be given in the Massey Hall. A full rehearsal has been called for Tuesday evening next in that building.

**The Grens' Entertainment.**

The reserved seat plan for the Royal Grenadiers' entertainment opens this morning at Nordheimer's. From the large number of tickets sold there is sure to be a big rush for choice of seats. The officers and men of the regiment are working hard to make this the most successful entertainment ever given by them. It certainly will be the most novel one ever held in Toronto.

In the arrangement of the program for the combined recital of Mr. Roberts and Miss Jessie Alexander for to-morrow night, the humorous and dramatic qualities are well balanced. From an amusing prologue by Oliver Wendell Holmes and a mirth-provoking darky sketch to the thrilling tale "High Tide at Gettysburg," there is abundant variety. The plan will be at the hall to-morrow from 10 to 4, for the convenience of those wishing reserved seats.

## WOMEN'S ART ASSOCIATION.

**Lecture on "the Art of Seeing and the Seeing of Art."**

Mr. Wyly Grier presided yesterday at the lecture given by Prof. Mavor.

The professor said that the questions of what is beauty, goodness, truth, had often been asked. It was the first he was there to expound that day. The question had puzzled the most subtle intellects, both ancient and modern, and each school had thrown its light on it. He dealt with the Aristotelian theory of beauty and various others. There were four kinds of pleasure in beauty—the associational, the intellectual, the sensual, or that of the senses, and the emotional. Kant was cited as an instance of the second kind Grant Allen and Constance Naden as instances of the third. The lecturer somewhat flippantly referred to Ruskin's art criticisms as being but "ecstatic accounts of his own emotions." The remainder of the lecture was devoted to a careful and detailed analysis of the laws, properties and effects of light and color. On conclusion of the lecture, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the learned professor.

## LUCK IN THE YUKON COUNTRY.

**James McQuaid Came Out Because He Had All the Gold He Could Carry.**

Port Townsend, Wash., April 1.—The City of Topeka, from Alaska, brought the news that James McQuaid arrived at Juneau from the Yukon country just before the steamer sailed, bringing with him 82 pounds of gold dust. He had been in the Yukon country a year and a half working on shares most of the time and came out because he did not think he would be able to carry another pound. It is said there are hundreds of miners and adventurers in Juneau without visible means of support.

## MISS STEACY'S STRANGE FREAK.

**A Young Woman Somnambulist Spends Five Hours in the Snow Near Kingston.**

Kingston, April 1.—Miss Kate Steacy, daughter of Mr. John Steacy of the "land of Nod," east of Kingston, keeping house for her uncle, got out of bed about 1 a.m. and disappeared from the house with hardly any clothes on. Mr. Miller went and got his neighbors and they started in search of the lost woman. Not until 6 o'clock in the morning, when they had given up hope to find her, and while in the house warming, they heard a faint scream; and on going in the direction of the noise they came across the poor unfortunate girl, with only her stockings, her nightdress and a small shawl around her shoulders, on her hands and knees in the snow.

It is believed she was in a trance, and intended going across the fields to her home some few miles distant, and only got over one field to the first fence. Whether she awakened or intended coming back to the house is a mystery. She was out five hours in the blinding snowstorm and her hair was frozen to her head.

## FOUND WELTERING IN HIS BLOOD.

**Clerk Desjardins of the Quebec Legislative Assembly Tries to Suicide.**

Quebec, April 1.—Quite a sensation was created in town this morning when the news spread abroad that Mr. L. G. Desjardins, clerk of the Legislative Council, had attempted suicide. The facts are these: Mr. Desjardins was laid up some time ago with a severe attack of la grippe. The disease increased until his mind became unbalanced. This morning he arose early, and, going to his toilet stand, took his razor and drew it across his neck with frightful results. He was found shortly after welltering in his blood. A vein was called in and stopped the flow of blood. The arteries are not severed. A priest administered the last rites to Desjardins, who is in a very low condition.

## THE MURDER OF CAPT. PHILLIPS

**Capt. George E. Hyde Found Guilty at Buffalo—Jury Out 21 Hours.**

Buffalo, April 1.—Capt. Geo. E. Hyde, one of those concerned in the Tonawanda, N.Y., riots of last season, amongst the boatmen handling lumber at that port, and which resulted in the killing of Captain Phillips and his son, boat owners, who had refused to join the Boat Owners' Association, was this evening found guilty of murder in the second degree, the jury having been out for 21 hours.

The trials of others implicated in the same murders will be proceeded with at this term of the court.

**A Tragedy at Buffalo.**

Buffalo, April 1.—John Miller, a German saloonkeeper, 65 years of age, living at the corner of Dearborn and Parish-streets, Black Rock, stabbed his wife and child at noon to-day and then cut his own throat. Miller will probably die. The wife and child, though dangerously wounded, may recover.

**The Oldest U.S. Mason Dead.**

Janesville, Wis., April 1.—F. A. Humphrey, the oldest member of the Masonic Order in the United States, died at his home at Shopiere, near this city, yesterday, aged 95 years. He was born in Troy, N.Y., in 1801, and had been a Freemason for 74 years.

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**Charged With Attempted Arson.**

Niagara Falls, N.Y., April 1.—E. Pierce, proprietor of the Niagara House on Depot-avenue, is under arrest, charged with attempted arson. It is said he offered $50 to one of his employes if he would burn the building, on which there is about $1500 insurance.

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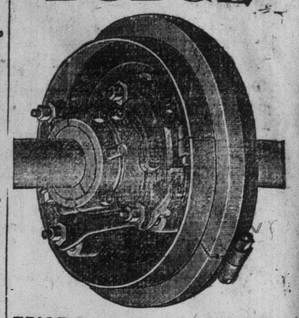

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