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HAMILTON NEWS

TOBACCO SMUGGLING CASE.

The Parties Arrested at Niagara Falls Have a Location in the Ambitious City.

CHIEF TWISS COMES OUT ON TOP

And Now the Red Lion Man Has a Case or Two on His Hands —General News.

Hamilton, March 23.—(Special.) — The Olivers and Johnson, who were arrested at Niagara Falls, N. Y., charged with smuggling tobacco, had rooms here at 76 Catharine-street north. Other boarders in the house said to-day that a good many trunks and boxes were brought to the house and it was suspected the trio were smugglers. The customs officers say Johnson had a bonded warehouse here, and dealt in Sumatra leaf chiefly. The duty on Sumatra in Canada is 10 cents a pound, while in the United States it is $1.35, which makes smuggling of it a profitable venture.

Recently Johnson advertised for a partner to go into the Sumatra leaf tobacco business.

Twiss Acquitted.

At the adjourned hearing of the charge against Chief Twiss at Dundas this morning, the chief gave evidence, completely rebutting the charge. He proved that at the time he was said to be accepting Mills' bills he was scrutinizing with Councillors Lawson and Mallett in the Town Hall. Charles Collins also gave evidence that Mills asked him last Friday if Chief Twiss could be bought off and be induced to drop his charges against Mills.

Mayor Fisher honorably discharged Chief Twiss. Mills has now to answer a charge of violating the liquor law, laid by Inspector Jarvis, in addition to the one laid by Chief Twiss.

New Mileage Books.

The H. G. & B. Railway Company has withdrawn its 1000 mile and 500 mile books, which sold at one cent a mile, and has issued 400 mile books for families at $5, and the residents of Saltfleet Township are given equal privileges with residents of other portions of the line. Shortly after the township began legal action against the company, the latter cut off the mileage book privileges in Saltfleet. The Saltfleet people claim the change as a victory.

Police Points.

At to-day's police court John Hill, a Paradise-road farmer, was charged with violating the Health Act by feeding his pigs with unboiled horse flesh. The case was laid over till Saturday at the request of Hill.

Mrs. Hamburg, 276 James-street north, was found guilty of selling cigarets to a minor, and fined $10.

William Theaker's Body Found.

This evening about 6 o'clock William Allan, a switchman, saw a body floating on the bay, near the Stuart-street yard. He notified the police and P. C. Tulke secured it after much effort, he throwing a rope over it. The body proved to be that of William Theaker, 300 Hughson-street north, who disappeared one afternoon in January. His skates were on his feet and it is supposed he skated into an air hole. The lad was 17 years old, and two of his brothers are conductors on the city street railway. No inquest will be held.

Orangemen at Home.

An at home was held in the Orange Hall to-night. Charles Elliott presided and stated that Captain Campbell of the Beach Lighthouse had presented Lodge 1017 with a knife, with which he was stabbed on July 12, about 50 years ago. Speeches were made by William Nicholson, Robert Graham, J. A. Hutton, W. Hoyle. Among those who contributed to the musical program were Ben Levi, Evan Kerruish, Mat Richardson, Fred Nash and "Shed" Martin. The accompaniments were played by Robert Stamp.

Minor Matters.

The Property Committee decided this afternoon to go on with the regravelling of the Court House square walks, and the placing of a number of flower beds in it.

The body of the late F. G. Beckett will arrive from Englewood, N.J., to-morrow, and the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

The chairman and Board of Investigating Governors of the Royal Canadian Humane Association have unanimously awarded a medal to Nellie Goodwin of North Marysburg, for presence of mind and conspicuous courage in saving Pearl Wamsley from drowning on January 18, 1899.

The old reliable drama "Uncle Tom's Cabin," will be given to-morrow and Saturday matinee and evening, at the Grand Opera House.

Mr. Charles Spaulding has been engaged as baritone soloist of Central Presbyterian Church.

ELOPING PAIR TRACED.

Oregon Girl Who Skipped With a Preacher Nabbed at New Westminster.

Vancouver, B.C., March 23.—Rev. E. A. Harris and Miss Edna Lear, who eloped from Albany, Oregon, on March 5, were traced to New Westminster, and last night the police located the girl. The reverend gentleman was not captured, however. A message from Albany said: Hold the girl, but never mind about the man, who has a wife living in the States.

A Magic Pill—Dyspepsia is a foe with which men are constantly grappling, but cannot exterminate. Subdued, and to all appearances vanquished, in one, it makes its appearance in another direction. In many the digestive apparatus is as delicate as the mechanism of a watch or scientific instrument, in which even a breath of air will make a variation. With such persons disorders of the stomach ensue from the most trivial causes and cause much suffering. To these Parmalee's Vegetable Pills are recommended as mild and sure. ed

IMPORTANT CIVIC MATTERS

Parks Committee Decide to Leave the Cemetery to a Committee of Seven.

THERE'LL BE MUSIC IN THE AIR

Finance Committee Will Let the Board of Health Look After the Cow-Byres.

Hamilton, March 23. — (Special.) — The Parks Committee met again this afternoon to consider the question of managing the cemetery by a board of citizens. Two of the nominees for the Board, A. Powis and J. M. Eastwood, were present, seeking information before accepting the position. J. Orr Callaghan wrote to decline the appointment. Mr. Powis said he was opposed to the method of caring for the graves, and it was suggested that the new board make its own bylaws. The committee agreed to hand over the management of the cemetery to a board of managers, consisting of seven, representing the various religious denominations and the City Council. It was agreed to recommend the following: A. Powis, J. M. Eastwood, J. J. Mason, Seneca Jones, Henry New, Lyman Lee and Ald. Board. After the first year it is the intention to have the finance chairman on the board.

It was decided to engage the Sons of England Band to give a series of open-air concerts, at an expense of $300.

The committee considered the Gore Park extension. Resolutions were moved in favor of sodding and paving the space east of the park, but the voting resulted in a tie, and finally it was resolved to leave the matter to the Council, with the recommendation that something be done to improve the present unsightly patch.

The Finance Committee.

At the Finance Committee meeting this evening a petition, signed by a large number of citizens, asking for a rebate of 5 per cent. on amounts paid and 5 per cent. discount on amounts now due for block pavements, was considered. It was explained that $180,000 had been paid for block pavements, and $11,000 was still unpaid. The allowance on the basis of the petition would be about $10,000. The committee decided to lay the matter over for consideration at the next meeting.

It was agreed to recommend the passing of an amendment to the health bylaw, which will give the Board of Health control of the cow byres outside the city owned by persons who supply city dealers, and also do away with the double samples now furnished by the Board of Health inspector at the request of some of the milk vendors.

The committee decided that it would be a good thing to have the city bylaws reconsolidated at an expense of not more than $400, the work to be done by Assistant City Clerk Kent.

The committee will supply the salary required for the market constable.

The Hamilton Teachers' Institute was given a grant of $25.

Any poor persons who want to be vaccinated can be attended to by the Health Officer or City Hospital Medical Superintendent free of cost, so the committee decided.

Women Workers to Organize.

At a meeting of clothing workers, held tonight in Green's Hall, it was decided to organize the women employed in tailor shops as a branch of the local Union of Cutters of the United Garment Workers of America. Miss Kate Doody of Detroit addressed the meeting, and speeches were also made by Rev. C. E. Whitcombe and C. P. Oliver, secretary of the Cutters' Union. A meeting will be held next week to complete the organization.

BROUGHT IN HALF A TRAIN,

The Other Half Was Left on the Track—Accident Discovered at Woodstock.

A peculiar mishap occurred to the Grand Trunk train, while on its way from the north to Woodstock on Wednesday evening. When nearing Woodstock the passenger coaches broke away from the freight half and when the station was reached, the engineer was surprised to find that only half his train had arrived. An engine was sent for the passengers and a few miles out the cars were found on the tracks. Among those on board were a number of commercial travelers.

At the Labor Council.

The Trades and Labor Council met last night. Delegate Woodley wanted the Legislative Committee to discuss the bills before the House.

Secretary O'Donoghue was instructed to oppose the bill which, if passed, will compel municipal candidates to qualify on the day of nomination.

The Municipal Committee protested against the leasing of Island Park lots.

Notice of motion was given that an effort would be made in the City Council to rescind the 15c bylaw.

Delegate Carey said the Toronto Ferry Company had agreed to the Musical Protective Association's scale of prices for May 24 alone.

The Educational Committee condemned the High school system.

Expenses for the year exceed receipts by $17.72.

Lugsdins' "Unlimited" in Hats.

There's no limit to the variety of high quality hats from which you may select at J. & J. Lugsdin's, 122 Yonge-street. Their importations for spring include the celebrated Youmans' New York hats, for which they are sole selling agents, and Roelof, Christy's, Cooksey's, Hawes', Woodrow and other famous makers. Prices start as low as $2 and go as high as $5 and $6 for hard and soft felts, in blacks and fashionable shades of brown.

REVENUE BILL DISCUSSED

Passed the Committee of Ontario Legislature With But Few Amendments.

TORONTO MEMBERS PROTEST.

Street Railway, Telegraph and Telephone Assessment—The Printing Contract.

The Ontario Government monopolized the whole of yesterday with their proposals to increase the revenues of the province. Clause by clause was discussed in committee of the House, and numerous as were the criticisms of the Opposition, Hon. Mr. Harcourt and his colleagues justified and explained the special provisions. Interest in the proceedings had been discounted by the many concessions which the Provincial Treasurer has made in his bill, and which have been already published. No very material alterations were made in the proposals.

Member for South Perth.

The Speaker having announced that he had received the official return of the South Perth election, Mr. Nelson Monteith was introduced to the House by Mr. Whitney (Dundas) and Mr. Eliber (South Huron). The new member took his seat amid loud Opposition applause.

The Rush of Business.

On motion of the Attorney-General, it was resolved that for the remainder of the session Government business shall have precedence over all other business except private bills, and also that the House sit on Saturday from 11 till 1 o'clock.

Bonuses and Exemptions.

Mr. Pattullo moved for an order of the House for a return giving information under the following heads respecting bonuses and exemptions to manufacturing industries granted by each municipality in the province since the year 1870: Amount of aid by way of absolute bonus and the names of firms or companies receiving same; amount of aid by way of loan, with names of firms or companies receiving same; number of factories which have been granted exemption from taxation in whole or in part, and approximately the amount of such exemption, based on municipal assessors' estimate of the rateable property of each industry; number of firms or companies which have received municipal aid in any form oftener than once; number of such firms or companies which have failed or removed from the municipalities which gave them aid by way of bonus, loan or exemption.

The Revenue Bill.

The House went into committee, with Mr. Stratton in the chair, on Hon. Mr. Harcourt's bill to supplement the revenues of the province.

Natural Gas Companies.

In reference to the section respecting natural gas companies Mr. Auld (Essex) and Mr. German (Welland) thought that the levy was out of proportion to that on the ordinary gas companies. Mr. German gave the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto as an example. This company was taxed one-tenth of one per cent. on its paid-up capital, whilst natural gas companies were taxed ten times that amount. He said natural gas companies were thus being penalized.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt justified the provisions of his bill and objected to the expressions "penalty" and "penalized."

Regulation of Charges.

Mr. Wardell (South Wentworth), in reference to the regulation of charges of natural gas companies by the Lieut.-Governor, objected that the House had not power to fix the price at which any company should sell its product.

Hon. Mr. Gibson justified the clause, which was on the same principle as the enactment of tolls. It was the right and duty of the Government to protect the people against overcharges.

Mr. Foy (South Toronto) considered the clause to be ultra vires and that it should be struck out.

The clause remained in the bill.

Express Companies.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt originally proposed that every express company should pay $2000. He now proposed that such companies should pay $800 for the first 400 miles and $125 additional for every additional 400 miles. The companies, under this arrangement, will pay: Dominion $1600, Canadian $1675, American $925, Pacific $800, National $890.

Interference With Municipal Taxation.

Mr. Wardell objected to the exemption of street railway, telegraph and telephone companies from municipal assessment in the operation of this bill. Practically the Government fixed the assessment. The bill of the member for East Hamilton proposed to tax street railway, telegraph and telephone poles, not as "scrap," but as going concerns. He suggested the postponement of this clause till after the discussion of Mr. Carscallen's bill.

An Iniquitous Clause.

Mr. Marter (North Toronto) saw no justifiable reason why the Government should step in between local companies and the municipalities where they operate. He characterized the clause under discussion as most iniquitous. It took an unjust advantage of Toronto, which, contrary to the statement of the Provincial Treasurer, enjoyed no exceptional advantages at the hands of the Provincial Government. The city should have power to tax all properties within the municipality. Why should not street railway and telegraph property be liable to municipal taxation? The House was being asked for legislation to rectify the assessment law and the Government steps in and says: You shall not have that power.

Will Work Injustice.

Mr. Crawford (West Toronto) also enlarged on the injustice done to the city of Toronto by this revenues bill. If it became law it would be impossible to increase the assessment of the companies named, however much their business might increase.

Mr. Foy (South Toronto) spoke to a similar effect. The result of this proposal would be to close the door to any amendment of the existing law, however glaring its defects might be. That "scrap" decision, said he, violates the foundation and principle of the Assessment Act. The Government was taking the power to amend the Assessment Act from cities and giving it to towns and small municipalities.

Mr. Gibson's Defence.

Hon. Mr. Gibson argued that the cities were not being deprived of sources of taxation. The Government was imposing a certain tax on street railway, telephone and telegraph companies, which had never contributed to the provincial revenues, and were proper subjects of taxation. It was taking nothing away from the municipalities. The companies had entered into agreements with municipal councils at a time when it was supposed they were not proper subjects for taxation. He asked if it was not reasonable that the Government should take that into consideration and not allow a larger additional burden to be thrown on the companies.

The House Divided.

Mr. Marter moved the omission of the clause, objecting to the Government putting into a revenue bill a provision affecting the assessment act in Toronto. Such companies ought to pay their taxes to the municipalities where they operate and not to the Ontario Government.

Mr. Hoyle (North Ontario) and Dr. Jessop (Lincoln) supported Mr. Marter's contention.

Mr. Crawford said it would be more honorable on the part of the Government to say to the cities, "We call upon you to pay a direct sum to the treasurer of the province," than in this indirect way to tax the municipalities.

On a division Mr. Marter's motion for the omission of the clause was lost by 45 votes to 32.

There was very little discussion on the remaining clauses of the bill. The committee rose at 9.30 p. m., and reported the bill.

Tackled the Estimates.

The House went into committee, with Mr. Stratton in the chair, on the estimates. On the item of $105,200 for legislation, in connection with which is the item of $20,000 for stationery, including printing paper, printing and binding, Col. Matheson entered into criticism of the Government's action in the recent printing contract.

Unfair Specifications.

He challenged the fairness of the specifications. They were, he said, misleading. He alleged that the late contractors had received undue favors and had drawn large sums for extras. The fault of all this Col. Matheson laid to the charge of the Government. He reviewed the recent tenders, and said he hoped new specifications would be issued.

A Practical Printer.

Mr. J. A. Auld (South Essex), as a practical printer, sarcastically criticized Col. Matheson's arguments. The member for South Essex explained the reason for the increase in the printing bill of recent years, and said he concurred in the recommendation of the Printing Committee with a view to economy. He denied that there was any campaign fund in connection with the Government's printing contract.

Another Practical Printer.

Mr. Whitney defended Col. Matheson and said that the hon. member for South Lanark had also a practical knowledge of printing. [Laughter.] The leader of the Opposition said he would very much like to see the real story of "this hocus pocus" of the printing contract.

Col. Matheson replied to Mr. Auld. He averred the printing contract was one of the greatest "jobs" ever perpetrated by a Government. Not content with the ordinary profits, the late contractors had been drawing $20,000 a year for "extras."

Defence of the Government.

Mr. Graham (Brockville)—a third practical printer—[laughter]—justified the Government's action, so far as known, in connection with the printing contract. It was not right to open the question for the sake of a disappointed tenderer revising his figures.

Contract to Be Awarded April 1.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt denied that the printed specifications had in any sense been "cooked." No tenderer, he ventured to say, would allege that he was misled by the specifications. The Provincial Treasurer justified the expenditure, and said that in consequence of the increase of business the cost of printing had increased in five years between $30,000 and $40,000. The Government had no intimation that the lowest tenderers would withdraw. The contract was open till the 1st of April, and when that time arrived the Government would act in the award of the printing contract with the carefulness the subject demanded.

Money Voted.

This item, and the others making up the $105,200, carried; also $182,566 for hospitals and charities; and a number of items for maintenance and repair of Government and departmental buildings, and for provincial public institutions. The latter included $5300 for warden's new residence at the Central Prison, Toronto, and fitting up the present residence for school and hospital; $100 for fittings for the museum at the Normal School, Toronto, and $7500 for a site for a boys' reformatory at Oxford, the present building to be used as an asylum for chronic and harmless insane.

Exhibition of Minerals.

Mr. Marter will on Monday next inquire of the Ministry what, if any, arrangements have been made or will be made for a mineral exhibit from Ontario in the mining section of the Greater Britain Exhibition, to be held from May to October, this year, at Earl's Court, London, England.

To Protect Young Women.

Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill respecting action for seduction provides that the father or mother of the unmarried female who has been seduced being dead, and the girl under 21 years of age, any person who at the time of the birth of the child was the legal guardian or stood in loco parentis may maintain the action, although the girl seduced may at the time of her seduction have been serving or residing with another person upon hire or otherwise.

Landlord and Tenant.

Mr. Pardee's bill to amend the Landlord and Tenant Act provides for arbitration to fix compensation paid by lessee for breach of conditions of lease; provides for relief against forfeiture of lease for breach of covenant not to sublet in any case where it is found that the breach has done no injury and has happened unintentionally or inadvertently or where the breach is reducible to a money compensation, and where offer to pay such compensation has been made before the action is brought.

The License Laws.

Mr. German has introduced a bill to amend the Liquor License Act by excepting bona fide travelers and persons lodging in the place from the operation of the section which requires that no liquor should be sold or disposed of on licensed premises between 7 o'clock Saturday night and 6 o'clock Monday morning, and makes the same exceptions in the case of prohibited hours of other days. It also provides that the closing of taverns and shops on election days should not apply in a municipal election which extends to part of the municipality only.

Manitoba and Ontario.

Hon. Mr. Gibson has introduced a bill respecting the boundary line between the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba. It gives the consent of the province in case of a similar consent having been obtained from the Province of Manitoba to a declaration by the Parliament of Canada that the boundary line marked by the commissioners to delimit the boundary line between the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba shall be the boundary line between those provinces.

ASSEMBLY NOTES.

An anti-Sunday car petition is in from Caledonia.

Mr. Stratton has withdrawn his bicycle bill, but will bring the matter up again next session.

A deputation urging a grant for the Central Counties Railway waited upon the Government yesterday.

Carleton County's bill to make Ottawa pay a share of the original cost of the county buildings passed the Municipal Committee yesterday.

The report of the factory inspectors states that during the year there were very few accidents in factories in the province, and that the rules laid down by the department are well observed.

The twenty-ninth annual report of the Provincial Inspector upon the hospitals is ready for distribution. Number of patients treated 21,828, an increase of 2211 over any previous year. Deaths 1129, about 5 per cent. of the patients treated.

Total receipts of Ontario agricultural societies last year were $411,296. Expenditure, $369,394. Assets reach $150,167. Last year $172,850 was given in prizes.

Oakville Town Council has sent $10 to the Provincial Treasurer toward the Gordon Memorial College in London. The money has been sent to the Lord Mayor of London.

On behalf of the town of Toronto Junction, Mr. Hill is asking that the Municipal Act be amended so that no elector may vote for two councillors in towns of 5000 or less inhabitants, even though he has votes in two divisions.

The Railway Committee finished its business yesterday and passed upon the bill to incorporate the Algoma Railway Company, which proposes to run a narrow-gauge railroad from Sault Ste. Marie to Michipicoton River, thence northerly to the C. P. R. main line, and southerly to Michipicoton Harbor, on Lake Superior. Objection was taken on the part of the Hudson Bay and Western Railroad, as the Algoma road would parallel a portion of the proposed route.

Mr. German's Turnover Tax Bill.

Many retail merchants were present before the Municipal Committee yesterday in connection with Mr. German's bill, which proposes to assess the annual sales of the merchant, instead of the stock, as at present, so that the more money the merchant makes the more he is taxed. Under the bill this system of taxation would not be compulsory on the municipalities, but would be left to the option of the various councils. The bill was supported by the Retail Merchants' Association, and a large number of petitions from towns in the province. There was considerable discussion on the bill, which eventually passed through the committee on a vote of 19 to 1.

On April 5 the National Club will banquet Dr. Dummond, the poet of the "Habitant."

EX-ALD. SHEPPARD DEAD.

Born in Ireland, He Came to Canada and Made a Success of Life.

REPRESENTED ST. DAVID'S WARD

Was Also Once Public School Trustee—A Trusted Postoffice Employe.

Ex-Ald. William Sheppard died at his late residence, 238 Brunswick-avenue, at 6 o'clock last evening, in his 80th year. His decease was not unexpected, as his health had been gradually failing for over a year. Death was caused rather by the weakness of age than any definite form of disease. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock on Saturday to Mount Pleasant cemetery from his late residence, under the direction of B. D. Humphrey.

Born in Ireland.

Mr. Sheppard was born in the County of Fermanagh, Ireland, on the 27th of August, 1810. At the age of 27 he emigrated to Canada. He joined the volunteers and spent six months in military service. When the political strife of the period had somewhat subsided he removed to Kingston. He came to Toronto in the year 1840, where he continued to reside until the time of his decease. He engaged in the boot and shoe business. After retiring from business he was appointed collector of municipal taxes for old St. David's Ward, a position he continued to hold for five years, and was considered one of the most faithful and efficient officers then in the city's service.

As an Alderman.

Mr. Sheppard represented St. David's Ward on the Public School Board during

Ex-Ald. Sheppard.

the years 1852, 1853, 1856 and 1857. After the sub-division of St. David's Ward he was elected alderman for the new Ward of St. Thomas, which he continued to represent for four successive years, 1882 to 1885. His views on popular education and municipal government were of a very decided and positive character. He was clear and logical in argument, and not lacking in fluency and force as a public speaker. In politics he was a consistent Conservative, although always ready to criticize whatever he considered faulty in the policy of his party leaders.

A Trusted Servant.

Mr. Sheppard's career as a postoffice official began in 1868, when he was appointed mail clerk in connection with the Toronto office. Retiring from this position after nearly twenty-five years' service, he received the Government superannuation pension in recognition of faithful service. The following passage taken from a letter received from Mr. Sweetnam, inspector of his division, on severing his connection with the department, speaks for itself: "The duties entrusted to you have at all times been performed in a highly satisfactory manner, and your conduct has been such as to deserve the confidence of the department."

Zealous Worker.

Mr. Sheppard was a zealous member of the Methodist Church, and at one time took an active interest in Sunday school work, having been for many years connected with old Berkeley-street Sunday school, both as teacher and superintendent. In the positions of trust and responsibility held by him at different times he ever exhibited an unswerving adherence to the strict line of duty. He was regarded by all who knew him as a man of the highest integrity. He leaves six children, three sons and three daughters, and fifteen grandchildren. His wife died three years ago. An unmarried daughter has, with untiring zeal and fidelity, attended single-handed to the wants and comforts of her aged parents in their declining years, her mother having been for eight years a helpless invalid, and her father requiring constant care and attention for over a year.

DEATH OF MR. GALBRAITH.

Father of Prof. Galbraith and Mr. Thomas Garbraith Passes Away at Port Hope.

The Scottish people of Canada will regret on learning of the death of Mr. Thomas Galbraith. After an illness of about three months he died at his residence in Port Hope, Ont., on Wednesday evening last. Mr. Galbraith had been traveling agent in Canada for The Scottish-American Journal of New York for the past 27 years, and, although in his 77th year, he never lost a week from his work until his late illness. Previous to his appointment on The Scottish-American, Mr. Galbraith published the first newspaper in the oil town of Petrolea, Ont. He leaves a widow and three sons, Principal Galbraith of the School of Practical Science, Thomas Galbraith, commercial editor of The Evening Star, Toronto, and William Galbraith, manager of the Hudson Bay Company at Prince Albert.

SKATING RINK COLLAPSED.

Large Building at Brockville Crushed by the Snow.

Brockville, Ont., March 23.—The large skating rink which was built here early this season and over which there has been some sensational litigation, collapsed this afternoon from the weight of snow on the roof. Fortunately there was no one inside at the time of the accident. The rink is a total wreck. It has proved a very profitable investment for the stockholders.

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ON AND OFF THE STAGE

Pretty "Shore Acres."

"Shore Acres," on of the prettiest plays ever presented, drew a large audience to the Grand last night. It takes one back to the old home on the farm, and shows home scenes that make the heart warm. The sturdy Yankee character Nathaniel, James A. Herne's masterpiece, was intelligently taken by Archie Boyd. He has a task to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Herne, but by clever acting, and the innate force of his lines he succeeds in being the most beautiful character presented. Atkin Lawrence's Martin Berry is sufficiently harsh to merit praise. His wife, Ann, is essayed by Belle Theodore, with all her old time care and grace. Marie Falls makes a pretty, clever sweetheart, and Herbert Flansburg is a muscular, brainy lover. Josiah Blake, the schemer, is well taken by William H. Burton. The little children have a considerable share in the play. The tot that does nothing but walk off the stage in the first act makes a hit. All the familiar scenery is shown, and the whole play is presented with a finish and a force that needs but Herne himself to make perfect. The play is as good as a sermon, and leaves impressions that linger forever. It will hold the boards for the rest of the week, with a Saturday matinee.

Society Will Be There.

The illustrated "Talk on China" by the Hon. Howard Martin, late Secretary of the United States Legation in China, to be given at St. George's Hall (Elm-street) this evening, should draw one of the most fashionable crowds of the season, in social circles Mr. Martin's visit has been anticipated with much pleasure, as so much has been read of his great success in New York, where his lectures proved the genuine artistic treats of the season, and fashionable "Gotham" went in crowds to hear him at the Waldorf-Astoria. Among the many who intend going to this evening's affair are: Miss Mowat and party from the Government House, Mrs. Sweatman, Lady Meredith, Lady Thompson, Mr. Hardy, Mrs. Otter, Mrs. B. E. Walker, Mrs. Cosby, Mrs. Arthurs, Mrs. Montizambert, Mrs. Mulock, Mrs. Blackstock, Mrs. Nordheimer, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Charles Cockshutt, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Grace. Tickets for the lecture may be had at Nordheimers' and the Bain Book store up till 6 o'clock, and at the doors of the hall this evening.

"The New Boy" continues to draw crowds at the Toronto Opera House. Next week Hanlon's "Superba" will hold the boards, with a matinee Good Friday.

The Empire draws good crowds as of yore. Everyone is pleased to smoke, and be amused. Next week is promised a racy burlesque, entitled, "Ten Thousand Dollars."

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Bronson Howard's "The Banker's Daughter" will receive a conscientious presentation next week at the Princess. Maurice Freeman will be the hero and Mortimer Snow the villain. The sale of seats begins this morning.

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ORILLIA.

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While Detective Harrison was out on his usual rounds yesterday afternoon he was accosted by a man who told him that he had taken a dose of laudanum and was suffering great pain from the effects. The detective took the man into No. 2 Police Station and gave him an antiseptic. This remedy failed to give the sufferer any ease and the ambulance was summoned and he was removed to the Emergency Hospital. Antidotes were administered, and the stomach pump was brought into use. However, very few traces of poison were found, and the amount taken could not have amounted to very much. He gave his name as Theodore Fuller, 82 George-street, and said that he swallowed the laudanum to brace himself up. After resting a few hours Fuller had recovered sufficiently to go to his home, feeling none the worse for his exploit.

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