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THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

THE WIZARD OF OZ.

If Sam Jones had dropped into the corridors of the local Grand last evening after the final fall of the curtain and mingled for a few moments with the out-coming throng, he would have reiterated his homely aphorism, "There's a powerful heap o' human nature in most folks."

Some were silent—and silence means much from some; the majority had much to say.

"Well, it was good enough, but—" The chorus singing was splendid, but—"

"The comedians were good, but the chorus singing—"

"I don't believe it was the real Wizard of Oz at all."

"Well, I enjoyed the whole production immensely."

"I don't know just what was wrong, but—"

Etcetera, etcetera, et al. ad infinitum.

The general impression was undoubtedly disappointment. There was much to compliment; there was more to criticize.

The company was a large one; their costuming was elaborate and pleasing; the scenery and electrical effects were brilliant; the work of

the individual members was far from poor—yet, well the production failed to satisfy.

Perhaps too much was expected, but the extravaganza had achieved wonderful popularity. Perhaps the prices (prices set by the management of the company and rigidly adhered to throughout their whole route) were taken to bespeak unusual excellence. Perhaps the musical composer was at fault. And perhaps—one cannot altogether banish the thought—the fact that the Wizard of Oz is playing in Toronto this week had something to do with it.

The part of the local management took was a pleasing contrast. Despite an unexpectedly cold night the house was ideally comfortable; the arrangement and presentation of the scenic and electrical effects was a tribute to capable local hands, and the orchestra played the show through in finished style. Manager Briscoe did his work well and spared neither time nor effort to please the large patronage he knew to be awaiting the production. It was too bad the company had not better prepared to co-operate with him in pleasing the public.

Next time, for instance, it wouldn't be a bad idea for Mister Fred R. Hamlin and Mister Julian Mitchell to change their schedule. It would really be a capital innovation to send that Toronto production up this way and give the Queen City patrons a chance to see the own and only genuine, name-blown-in-the-bottle, dollar-and-a-half article with which Chathamites were favored last evening.

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HERATTLED MR. HYMAN

Mr. Bennett of East Simcoe On That Dredge Tender.

Acting Minister of Public Works Got So Irritable That Even Sir Wilfrid Tried to Stop Conservative Onslaught—Mr. Borden Says Some Pertinent Things About Public Tendering—Mr. Hyman's Lame Reply.

Ottawa, April 18.—Before the orders of the day were called in the House yesterday, the Opposition again had a lively time with the Acting Minister of Public Works re the contract for dredging Port Arthur Harbor. Mr. Bennett, of East Simcoe, moved the adjournment in order to bring the matter ventilated last Thursday up again. He said the terms of the new advertisement were no better than the old. The department was asking for tenders for \$200,000 worth of work at practically two days' notice, thus cutting off all possible competition in this matter.

Restrictions were such that only one firm, that of Connec and Bowman, one a member of the House and other other of the Provincial Legislature, could possibly tender.

"It is idle to say," continued Mr. Bennett, "that Mr. Connec is not interested in this firm. This question of tendering—for that is its real name—has been before this House before and the member for Rainy River did not dare get up and deny that he had not interest in the firm."

Mr. Hyman strongly maintained that on no occasion had Mr. Connec mentioned dredging contracts to him.

"Of course not," was the reply from the Opposition.

"There is not," continued the Acting Minister, with some asperity, "a contractor who would sell within two hours the price he ought to figure on the work as advertised. It is the simplest kind of work to contract for."

This remark met with a chorus of "Ohs" from the Opposition benches.

Col. Hughes, Dr. Sproule, Mr. Blain of Peel and Mr. Barker continued the debate.

Mr. Borden on Tendering.

R. J. O'Keefe pointed out that the Acting Minister of Public Works seemed to be under a singular misapprehension as to the purpose of his advertisement. His expressed intention was to have competition among Canadian dredges. But dredges did not tender; contractors tendered. And what the Acting Minister should do was to have competition among Canadian contractors and allow the successful tenderer to get his dredge where he pleased.

Not during the course of the debate it had been pointed out that the dredges evidently selected for this work had been purchased on the American side.

What Difference.

Mr. Hyman interrupted to say that what he wished to provide was the dredges should be owned in the country previous to the contract being awarded.

Mr. Borden asked what possible difference it could make if, after the contract had been awarded to a Canadian contractor, he should then supply himself with a dredge and be ready to begin work on the contract date, on penalty of forfeiting his deposit. Under the present system it had been seen that a tailor had been given the dredging contract, which he farmed out at a profit of \$11 and \$150 an hour.

Speaking to the point of order Mr. Borden quoted from Mr. Bourne's speech to the effect that "the rule of relevancy of speeches has never been applied to discussion on motions to adjourn."

Sir Wilfrid's Policy.

Sir Wilfrid contended that only matters of urgency should be brought up on motions to adjourn, and that when brought up the particular subject referred to should be adhered to.

It was the policy of the Government to prevent speculation in dredging contracts by inexperienced people, who, for the sake of possible large profits, would buy dredges and put up security.

Mr. Bennett concluded the debate, and the motion to adjourn was declared lost.

The Autonomy Debate.

Mr. Porter, of Hastings, Mr. Grant, of North Ontario, and Mr. Lawrence, of Colchester, held the House yesterday on the autonomy bills debate.

Private Bills.

Private bills were taken up prior to adjournment. The bill to incorporate the Eastern Life Insurance Co. was discussed in committee of the whole, and the bill was read a third time.

The Farmers' Bank was granted an extension of a year within which to begin business.

The bill respecting the Hamilton, Galt & Berlin Railway Co. was passed.

The act to incorporate the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. passed through committee, but the third reading was postponed on the request of Mr. Foster, who intends to discuss more fully the investment of the funds.

Insurance in Canada.

The Minister of Finance laid on the table the abstract of insurance business in Canada for 1904, compiled by W. Fitzgerald, the superintendent of Insurance.

Last year was a somewhat disastrous one, particularly in the department of fire insurance. Twenty-two Canadian companies received a total of \$2,688,708 in premiums and paid out \$2,581,200 in losses. Thirteen United States companies received \$2,444,941 in premiums and paid out \$2,345,140 in premiums, a loss of \$229,192.

Twenty-two American British companies received \$3,341,175 in premiums and paid out \$3,164,955, a loss of \$223,650.

The combined business shows a sum of \$13,174,819 in premiums and \$14,111,

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290 paid out in losses, or a total loss of \$928,361.

The line companies doing a life business make a better showing. The total amount of business for 1903 was \$91,567,805, and in 1904, \$98,366,102. The net amount of insurance in force in 1903 was \$548,445,000, while last year it totalled up \$597,875,767.

THE TENDERS WERE OPENED

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some future time the by-law would be given a trial.

Ald. Potter said that he had acted on the petition sent in and had acted in good faith. There were five grocers on Queen street. Three out of the five were anxious to have the by-law go in force. He felt like having the by-law tested. The motion to repeal the by-law was put and declared lost.

Mayor Cowan called the attention of the Board of Works to the condition of King street. It was dirty and dusty.

Ald. O'Keefe said he was going to suggest that the contract should start at once and if extra work were necessary that it should be at the end of the season instead of now.

Mayor Cowan referred the complaints against the odors from the city's dumping ground to the Board of Works and City Engineer.

Ald. Westman brought up the matter of the promise of the city to put a tile drain in the dumping lot. Referred to the Board of Works.

Ald. Potter asked that the fixing up of the park on Stanley avenue be referred to the Parks committee with power. Carried.

Ald. King brought up the matter of the request of the Builders' Exchange for a postponement of the opening of the market tenders for another week.

Mayor Cowan said that it was hardly fair to those who had tendered.

Ald. King moved, seconded by Ald. Potter, that the tenders be opened. Carried.

Plan No. 1 comprises the municipal building, market shed and police court.

Plan No. 2 comprises the plan voted on by the people.

Plan No. 3 comprises the market shed and police station only.

Ald. Bell—Plan No. 2 is Ald. Edmondson's plan (smiles).

Ald. Edmondson (laughing)—Not at all. It is the people's, the one they voted on.

The tenders were opened as follows:

BULK TENDERS.
W. H. Caraway, Plan No. 1, \$39,617; No. 2, \$30,279; No. 3, \$18,580.

Moore & Stevens, Plan No. 1, \$40,000; No. 2, \$30,500; No. 3, \$18,027.

John Piggott & Sons, Plan No. 1, \$39,383; No. 2, \$32,000; No. 3, \$20,844.

SEPARATE TENDERS.
Geo. Stephens & Co., the metal work, Plan No. 1, \$3,468.19; No. 2, \$3,345.89; No. 3, \$2,636.74.

J. & J. Oldenbaw, cut stone, Plan No. 1, \$3,797; No. 2, \$3,417; No. 3, \$600.

James Whitaker, slating, Plan No. 1, \$725; No. 2, \$500; No. 3, \$200.

Alfred Tomlinson, slating, Plan No. 1, \$731; No. 2, \$504; No. 3, \$207.

The tenders were referred to the Market Building committee to report on. Carried.

Ald. Austin asked that the committee report as soon as possible.

Ald. King said he thought he could report Wednesday night.

Mayor Cowan found on his desk tenders that had been sent to Mr. Rutley and opened by him. They were not marked tender.

Ald. Austin moved that these tenders be sealed up and returned. They had been sent in irregularly.

Ald. Bell said that in future all advertisements for tenders should ask that all tenders be addressed to the City Clerk.

Ald. Westman explained that Mr. Rutley had obtained tenders for the contractors and these were contained in the bulk tenders.

Ald. Alsworth moved that the inspection of the Amherstburg Stone Quarry Co. to visit their plant, be accepted and that the City Clerk and press be included. Carried.

It was decided to go on Thursday, April 27th.

Ald. Edmondson moved that the City Clerk be instructed to move the electric light pole in front of Caliste Bechard's two new houses on St. Clair street, as Mr. Bechard wished

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They would have to go outside the corporation, too, if Mr. Seane was so compelled.

Ald. Potter thought that the Council had made a mistake. That was why he had supported the by-law.

Ald. Westman moved, seconded by Ald. Potter, that in the opinion of the Council the by-law was a mistake and that notice be given that it would be repealed at the next meeting.

The following by-laws were passed:

Prohibiting driving over lots and graves in Maple Leaf cemetery; appointing Chas. Morrell impounder; to provide a granolithic sidewalk on Selkirk street from Victoria avenue to Hilliard street.

The Council adjourned to meet Thursday night.

There is no reason why an about diamond shouldn't be sold at cut rates.

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