

**"OLD HOMESTEAD"
BETTER THAN PLAY**

Denman Thompson's Rural Classic Delights Thousands at the Imperial.

Unfeigned congratulations were showered upon Imperial Theatre yesterday during the day and evening runs upon the truly wonderful presentation of the famous old Denman Thompson play, "The Old Homestead." That it was a genuine heartful of homely sentiment and humor, with plenty of melodramatic thrills and just enough sobriety to flavor, was the secret of its satisfying quality. Nothing the Imperial has shown in the line of rural plays has excelled this story, even the renowned "Crisis" production, "Way Down East," with its appalling ice-bergs climax.

Uncle Josh Whitcomb owns the Old Homestead farm near Grandy, New Hampshire. He is the genial patriarch of the surrounding country, beloved by everybody. Eph Holbrook, the richest man in town, holds a mortgage on Josh's farm. Eph's worthless son, Lem, is in love with Rose, the village beauty. Josh's son, Reuben, clerks in Holbrook's store. His sweetheart is pretty Ann, Uncle Josh's ward. Rose comes to Lem and tells him he will have to marry her, and Lem, to provide funds to get her out of town, steals money from his father's store. Reuben is accused of the theft and sent to jail. With Happy Jack, a genial, resourceful tramp, he escapes from the lockup and flees town. Rose disappears at the same time, and Ann is heartbroken, believing Reuben has gone with her.

Soon the mortgage on the Old Homestead falls due, and Eph is determined to collect. Uncle Josh goes to New York to see an old friend who is now a millionaire to try and borrow money, but fails. He meets Happy Jack, who tells him that Reuben has fled to China. Struck by the old man's despair at this news, Jack determines to bring the boy back.

Returning to Gansey, Josh determines to auction off the Old Homestead. Meantime Lem, growing scared, admits to his father that he stole the money. Eph honest though hard, starts with him to the Old Homestead to settle with Josh.

A cyclone sweeps the country, tearing everything up by the roots but the Old Homestead. In the midst of it, Happy Jack brings Reuben home—just in time to save Ann from throwing herself in despair over the cliff at Lover's Leap. And everybody is happy.

The Old Homestead will be repeated today and on Wednesday. It is a picture that no member of the family should be allowed to miss. It is a sermon, it is a trenchant lesson on good-heartedness, forbearance, forgiveness, love of fellow-men, faith, simplicity of living and all the other good things that make real men and women. No child should be denied it. The laughter that such a picture entitles it to the heartiest support of heads of families, educationists and the church.

**CASINO GIRLS AT
THE QUEEN SQUARE**

Pretty Scenery, Pretty Dresses and Good, Clean Comedy by Frank Newman and His Associates.

Frank Newman and his Casino girls opened before a large audience yesterday. All performances were well attended and many of the patrons expressed their appreciation of a good clean show with clever comedy. The performers lived up to the standard proclaimed in the advance notices and were greatly appreciated.

The show is said to come from the Keith theatres, but hardly needs that recommendation to make it popular here. The crowds were appreciative yesterday and the company should do record business during its stay at the Queen Square.

Mr. Newman caters to ladies and gentlemen and issues a challenge to return the price of admission to any not satisfied with the show. Needless to say no one asked for a return of money yesterday. Mr. Newman and Raymond Lewis take care of the comedy in a commendable manner, but the dancing is much above the average.

Miss Pearl Derby wears some clothes during the show and these were the centre of interest for the women. She was a veritable fashion plate and the creations shown proved a great success.

Miss Olie Perkins made remarkable progress with the audience in her songs and other work. Tom Lynch, "Bob" Lannis and why go on? The show should be seen to be appreciated. The scenery is rich and proved one of the features of the performance. Mr. Newman and his supporters will continue to entertain the public of St. John today and tomorrow with a repetition of yesterday's offering.

**MAIN STREET W. M. S.
ELECTS OFFICERS**

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Main Street Baptist church was held last night at the residence of Mrs. E. G. Ekin, Douglas avenue, and was largely attended. The devotional exercises were conducted by the president, Mrs. David Hutchinson. The annual reports presented were satisfactory. The report of the secretary showed that, besides holding the regular meetings, the W. M. S. had observed Crusade Day in November, when the two missionaries, Mrs. Clark and Dr. Zella Clark, returned from India, had been given addresses. The year's work had been very interesting and successful.

Section of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. David Hutchinson; vice-presidents, Mrs. Phoebe VanWert and Mrs. H. H. Dunham; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Flewelling; assistant secretary, Mrs. F. E. Manning; treasurer, Mrs. W. A. T. Thorne; home mission treasurer, Mrs. Melville Chapman; baby band superintendent, Mrs. Harry Deener; additional members

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the executive, Mrs. Robert Christie, Mrs. Robert Dunham, Mrs. J. McAlary and Mrs. M. Morrell. The collectors of the previous year were elected.

The regular meeting of the Fairville Methodist Epworth League was held in the church parlor last evening with the literary president, Miss Gladys E. Shaw in the chair. An instructive talk on Alaska was given by Miss Bertha Estabrook, who returned recently from a visit to that country. During the latter part of the evening the president, H. C. L. Sweet, occupied the chair, while the routine business in connection with the league was transacted.

**P. G. MAHONEY'S
ESTATE \$166,000**

Moncton, Oct. 9.—The estate of the late Hon. P. G. Mahoney, of Melrose, was recently probated before R. W. Hewson, K. C., judge of probates. He left no will. Letters of administration were taken out by Frederick B. Mahoney on behalf of his brother and three sisters. The estate which consists of personal property, lumber lands, manufactured and unmanufactured lumber at Calhoun's farm at Melrose and real estate in the city of Moncton, was probated at something above \$166,000. E. A. Kelly, K. C., is proctor of the estate.

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NIGHT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AUTHORIZED

A meeting of the board of school trustees was held last night with Hon. H. A. McKeown in the chair. It was decided to inquire regarding more accommodation for the manual training and household science classes and also regarding a new grade nine for the C.H.E. street school. Authority was given the building committee to purchase furniture for the new St. Peter's school. The special teachers, Miss Ida A. Northrup, Miss J. Alward, Miss B. Holder and Miss J. Hart, wrote asking recognition in the salary schedule for their training and years of service. The matter was referred to the manual training committee. D. C. Clinch, of the S. P. C. A., wrote asking that the boys and girls be cautioned not to put things in drinking fountains. This was referred to Dr. Bridges. The secretary's report showed an enrollment in the schools of 8,768—4,271 boys and 4,497 girls, and an average daily attendance of 8,868.7. The number of permits issued to date was shown to be 1,289. Dr. Bridges said that there were now about seventy-five enrolled in the night schools. Authority was given a committee to arrange for a night school for girls. F. Neil Brodie estimated the cost of grading the Albert grounds at \$7,000. Several other matters were discussed.

DETROIT TO HAVE CANADIAN CLUB

Formation Decided Upon and Officers are Elected.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 10.—At a meeting held at the Hotel Statler and which was attended by a large number of former residents of Canada, the majority of whom have since become citizens of the United States, it was decided to organize a Canadian Club along lines of similar organizations in other large cities. John W. Meredith, a well known insurance man, was the unanimous choice as president of the new club, of which he was also appointed organizer. It is the intention to hold semi-monthly luncheons, at which the best speakers in both Canada and the United States will be invited to attend.

FOREIGN GRAIN YIELD LESS.

Both French and German Crops Drop From 1921.

Washington, Oct. 10.—A substantial yearly decline in the grain crops of both France and Germany is shown in the estimates prepared by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome and cable to the Agricultural Department here.

France's 1922 wheat production is placed at 235,890,000 bushels, a decrease of 88,000,000 from last year, and that of Germany at 69,670,000 bushels, a decline of 38,130,000 bushels. In Germany the rye crop is estimated at 212,000,000 bushels, compared to 267,648,000 last year, and the oats crop at 284,600,000 bushels, compared to 344,912,000 a year ago.

Some of the minor gains showed an increase in France, however, the French rye crop being estimated at 37,600,000 bushels, compared to 44,382,000 last year, the oats crop at 288,250,000, compared to 244,435,000, and the barley crop at 39,540,000, compared to 38,218,000 bushels.

75,000,000 MEN IN THE WAR.

Berlin Figures Give Germany's Mobilization at 13,250,000.

Berlin, Oct. 10.—Seventy-five million men were mobilized throughout the world during the late war, according to official statistics published here. Thirty million were under arms at the close of hostilities.

Germany's total mobilization is given as 13,250,000 men, of whom 8,000,000 still were engaged at the end of the fighting. At the height of its expansion, at the beginning of the western offensive, March 31, 1918, these figures state, the German army totaled 3,800,000 enlisted personnel and 140,000 officers on the western front, besides 160,000 enlisted men and 3,000 officers in recruiting depots.

These figures were distributed among 190 infantry divisions and two defensive cavalry divisions. They were equipped with 32,218 light and 27,148 heavy machine guns, 8,848 mine throwers, 8,656 field guns, 8,168 light howitzers, 3,083 guns for heavy firing at high elevations, 1,474 guns for heavy fire at low elevations, and 1,137 aerial guns.

Horses to the number of 764,563 were "mustered" into the military service of the Fatherland.

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AN EXHIBITION FOR MERCHANTS' CONVENTION

The retail merchants of the province are assembling in the city for the eighth annual convention of the New Brunswick provincial board of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, Inc., which will open this afternoon in the assembly hall of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Prince William street.

An extensive programme has been arranged for the convention which opens at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and will continue until tomorrow evening, when the meetings will be brought to a close with a banquet at Bond's, at which the visiting merchants will be the guests of the local members of the association.

E. M. Trower, of Ottawa, secretary of the dominion board and the dominion executive, arrived here last night to take part in the big convention. The programme includes papers and addresses by men of experience in the business world, whose advice should be very valuable to those engaged in retail business throughout the province. The meetings will all be held in the assembly hall of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Ltd., which has been artistically decorated for the occasion by Fred Bustin, of Macanally Bros. & Co., and Clarence Campbell, of F. W. Daniel & Co. In addition to

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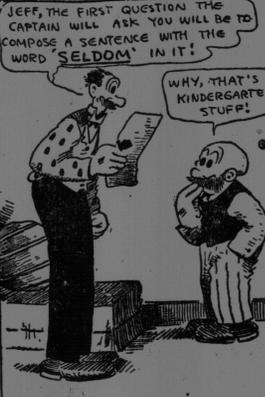
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