

## "OLD HOMESTEAD" BETTER THAN PLAY

Denman Thompson's Rural  
Classic Delights Thou-  
sands 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 heart of homey sentiment and humor, with plenty of melodramatic thrills and just enough subtle flavor, was the secret of its satisfying quality. Nothing the Imperial has shown in the line of rural plays has excited this story, even the renowned Griffith production, "Way Down East," with its appalling ice-bone 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 vixen. Josh's son, Reuben, clerk 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-man, faith, simplicity of living and all the other good things that make real men and women. No child should be denied it. The Imperial feels 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 New-  
man 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 gave a most pleasing and greatly appreciated entertainment.

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" Laneis 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. H. C. Elin, 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 the regular meetings, the W. M. S. had observed Crusade Day in November, when the two missionaries, Mr. Clark and Dr. Zella Clark, brought 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. Martin; Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. T. Thorne; Home Mission Treasurer, Mrs. Melville Chapman; baby band superintendent, Mrs. Harry Deane; additional members of

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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 Estabrooks, 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 valued at something about \$166,000. E. A. Kelly, K. C., is proctor of the estate.

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## MUTT AND JEFF—HOW DOES JEFF GET THAT WAY?



By "BUD" FISHER

## 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 in the city on the Montreal train at noon yesterday, and W. J. DeWolf, of St. Stephen, the provincial president, 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 Macanlay Bros. & Co., and Clarence Campbell, of F. W. Daniel & Co. In addition to

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Vassie & Co., Ltd., are showing a complete line of samples and general dry goods, the booth being in charge of V. B. Collins, the local representative. Red Rose tea is showing a complete collection of advertising cards for indoor and outdoor use, as well as display advertising as used in newspapers. The display is instructive to advertising and publicity agents and was arranged by H. deV. Partridge, publicity manager for Red Rose tea. Brock & Patterson, Ltd., of St. John and Halifax, have a fine display of wholesale millinery, fancy dry goods, ready-to-wear and notions, which is in charge of H. H. MacMichael. The Burroughs Adding Machine Co. is showing the various types of machines for rapid calculations, the exhibit being under the supervision of A. C. L. Tapley, their provincial representative. A well ar-

ranged display of Cream of the West flour, in bags and barrels of various sizes, is being shown by the Smith Brokerage Co., the local agents for the Maple Leaf Milling Co., of Toronto. It is in charge of G. M. Irvine. The Fleetfoot Footwear, Ltd., is showing women's and men's footwear, the exhibit being under the personal direction of Fleetfoot. The Atlantic Underwear & Hosiery, Ltd., and the Perfect Knit, Ltd., showing yarns and sweaters, have an attractive booth, which is in charge of E. H. Cairns, the local representative. W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., has an attractive exhibit showing sporting and athletic goods, Royal Oak tires, Edison diamond disc phonographs and Blue Bird electric washing machines. The booth is in charge of H. G. Olson, E. Cooper and W. J. McIntyre. The McCaskey Register is displayed in a very neat booth in charge of J. H. Farwell, of Moncton.

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