

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

ACADEMY PLAYERS AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT
Tonight at the Opera House, the Academy Players Stock Company, direct from the Academy of Music, Halifax, will open a two weeks' engagement, presenting for the first time on the local stage the well known dramatic success, "The Master Mind."

"The Master Mind" will be offered to-night and Tuesday night; for Wednesday and Thursday nights, the well known Billie Burke comedy dramatic success, "Jerry" and for Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," a dramatization of John Fox Jr's famous story.

POWERFUL VITAGRAPH AND WORLD TOUR IMPERIAL TONIGHT

"The Writing on the Wall," tonight's Vitagraph at the Imperial, is another of those social dramas, played by splendid types of people who are impressive actors and actresses, staged with attention to detail and very elaborate sets.

The "Four of the World" series patrons will be taken through the famous St. Gothard Tunnel under the Swiss Alps—a twisting, turning railway, affording magnificent views in the most picturesque country in the world. There will be fifteen minutes of this delightful and unique journey. The Pathé British Gazette will show pictures of the Lord Mayor's big show in London, soldiers' sporting meet in Paris, the celebration of King Albert's birthday, the French guns dominate Athens in Greece, and other interesting subjects.

WONDERFUL ACT BY CONTORTIONIST AT GEM

There are two strikingly good vaudeville acts at the Gem—one musical the other a man and woman in a remarkable offering. He is wonderful as a contortionist and the whole act is fine. There also is a five reel Fox super picture "Hypocrite" starring beautiful Virginia Pearson. The programme made a hit on Saturday night. Come tonight.

MAY OPPOSE SEVINGY

Quebec, Jan. 15.—A meeting of the Liberal electors is called for Tuesday evening at St. Helene, County of Dorchester, where it is expected a decision will be taken whether or not to oppose the election of Hon. Mr. Sevingy. There is a strong probability that he will be opposed.

Arthur H. Woods, of Fredericton, who died on Saturday, aged forty-three years, was captain of the Salvage Corps and president of the Athletic Club. He leaves besides his wife, formerly Miss McFarlane, two brothers, Harry, of Vancouver, B. C., and Robert, of Fredericton, and three sisters, Miss Jennie Woods and Mrs. John Laddis of Fredericton, and Mrs. Herbert White, of Carleton Place, Miss L. Bruce McFarlane, who is now at the front, is a brother-in-law.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND FUNERALS

BIRTHS

COLLINS—On January 12, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collins, 48 Cliff street, a daughter.

DEATHS

JANES—At the St. John Infirmary, on the 14th inst., Helen, beloved wife of Clement Janes, late of St. John, aged 72 years, leaving besides her mother, one brother and four sisters to mourn.

LUNNEY—At the General Public Hospital on the 14th inst., Sara, beloved wife of James Lunney, leaving besides her husband and four children, her parents and three sisters to mourn.

FENWICK—Suddenly at his home, Wilfred Fenwick, eldest son of the late Joe Fenwick, leaving widow, daughter and son, one sister and two brothers.

FURNELL—Funeral service from his late residence, 61 Garden street, Wednesday morning at 11:30.

McLEAN—In this city on Jan. 14, Jessie Fulton, wife of William M. McLean, and youngest daughter of the late High Sheriff William A. and Fannie McLean, of Fredericton, leaving besides her husband, one son and five daughters, also one brother and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 17, from her late residence, 86 Queen street; services at 2:30 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.

Vanwart—On the 14th instant, at her residence in New York, Elizabeth M. (Lee), wife of Theodore Vanwart and daughter of Elizabeth and the late Moses Cowan, of this city, after a short illness, leaving her husband and two sons.

Funeral was held this morning on the arrival of the Boston train.

CARDS OF THANKS

Mrs. J. H. Cripps and family wish to thank their many friends for kindness shown them in their recent sad bereavement.

H. S. Wetmore and family wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy extended them in their recent sad bereavement; also for beautiful floral tributes received.

LOCAL NEWS

Don't forget Shakespeare evening at St. Stephen's church school room to-night at 8 o'clock. Tickets 25c.

Fire and booming sale on Friday at D. Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

Band tonight Victoria Rink.

Monster fancy dress carnival Queen's Rink Wednesday night, January 24. Special attractions.

A Morin, tailor, 88 Charlotte street, up stairs.

One of your most faithful workers is forced to ask for a raise and will set forth reasons in Wednesday's issue of this paper.

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Light as a feather, tough as leather. Practically indestructible. Numerous demands by mothers, Red Cross, Laughters of Empire, church workers, patriotic societies. Sold by your leading druggists and high-class grocers.

BRICKLAYERS' UNION
All members Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' Union are urgently requested to attend meeting this evening, January 15, regarding pension and liability fund.

Irish terrier pedigree bitch for sale. Two months old. Apply 449 Main street (bottom bell).

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Not a national service query, but we venture to say that you were born somewhere in North America. You have heard of the Regal shoe for men. When you buy a Regal shoe, you get the best shoe value that is produced in Canada, whether it be a \$5, \$6, \$6.50 or \$7 shoe. We are sole local agents.—Wheeler's Cash Store.

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Buy all you want at D. Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. F.

A meeting of Lodge New Brunswick, No. 385, tonight, for the installation of officers. All members are requested to attend. Members of sister lodges are cordially invited.

ROOMS WANTED

As over 300 delegates are expected from outside the city to the Social Service Congress to be held in St. John, Jan. 22-24, the local secretary, Rev. F. S. Dowling, 88 Duke street, is desirous of having the names and addresses of persons who have a room or rooms to let for the accommodation of delegates. Those who send in names give addresses and number of guests that can be accommodated.

Band on Carleton Rink tonight and every afternoon this week. Admission 10c.

Big booming sale at D. Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. Full particulars in a few days.

SPECIAL NOTICE

For a really comfortable outfit there is nothing much better than a light boot and a pair of the famous "Kryptok" shoes. We are in a position to supply your wants with the reliable Maltese Cross overboots and rubbers, famous for fit, wear, and style. This is overboots weather. Warm footwear of all kinds at Waterbury's Rink, 14-16-18 Charlotte street—King street, Union street, Main street.

To Cure A Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box. 25c.

Mrs. B. W. Kaye, of Brandon, has received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. Robert Reid, of Brandon, Man. Mrs. Reid was formerly Mrs. Geldart, and afterwards Mrs. Barker. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Clark, of Brandon, Man.; Mrs. Colclough, of Lewis, Que.; and Mrs. Milne of Wilkes, Sask.; and three sons, Albert, of Montreal, George, of St. John and Odo of Winnipeg; also two sisters, Mrs. B. W. Kaye of Moncton, and Mrs. McDonald, of Hanover, N. S.; and one brother, Albert Simpson of San Francisco.

FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

The new soldiers' memorial church to be erected near Haymarket Square will have a gymnasium, with shower baths and swimming pool, and a large room to be used as a club room for men.

PORK AND BEANS
Snider's bought before the advance. Special this week at old prices, 10c. and 15c. a tin

SNIDER'S TOMATO SOUP
16 oz. tins, 12 1/2c.
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MERIT BEFORE PULL

More Highly Paid Officers—(Raise D. aits Instead of Battalions)

"So far as I understand the policy of the militia department, there will be no more battalions formed in Canada," is the statement made by a prominent official of the militia department. "What is the use of paying out the people's money to colonels and majors, who will do nothing but guard duty in the death of Rev. George Celestine Savoy, son of George Savoy of Chatham, occurred on Friday evening. The late Father Savoy had been ordered to the front only a few months ago. He is survived by his father, three sisters and two brothers—Mrs. Oscar Druce, Miss Irene, and a white school teacher, Miss Kathleen, of the staff of the J. D. Creighton Co., Joseph, who is recovering from wounds in a hospital in England, and Richard, Canada? We want men and not those slackers who masquerade in khaki," he said.

This official went on to say that it was the intention of asking militia units to raise drafts to feed battalions already at the front. The policy of raising battalions is a bad one, as it creates a lot of high-salaried officials, who are not desirous of getting to the front.

The militia department, according to this official, intends to give honor where honor is due, and in place of putting men in high official places in military life, rather give commissions to corporals and sergeants who are worthy, instead of to men who have never carried it.

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BANK OF COMMERCE

Excellent Report on Business Conditions in Annual Reports—The Economic Side of the War

The annual report of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, with the addresses of the president, Sir Edmund Walker, and the general manager, John Aird, published today, are of special value, inasmuch as they give facts and figures based on the careful reports sent in monthly by the agents and correspondents of the Bank throughout the Dominion of Canada and the United States.

The war and its cost naturally call for serious consideration, and Sir Edmund Walker discusses the matter of supreme importance to Canada. He shows that at the end of October the war had cost over \$600 millions, and at the present rate of spending was likely to cost 800 millions more in the coming year, and he points out that the country will have 50 millions or more to apply to the war charge from the excess of revenue over expenditure.

In connection with this excess of revenue, Walker expands the matter of the question of Canadian trade with other countries as being the best indication of the tendency of affairs at the present time. Leaving out of consideration the shipments of gold he shows that the exports for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1916, exceeded the imports by \$248,062,474, and that for the six months ending 30th September, 1916, the excess was \$141,100,988. In the fiscal year 1912-1913 the excess of exports was \$80,454,181, so that up to 1916 an improvement of \$538,435,155 is shown.

During the year the totals of the clearing houses gave an increase of 82 per cent beyond anything hitherto recorded. Since 1914, when the largest figures were set, there has been an increase of 128 per cent in value. The total this year is \$10,266,048,000, an increase over 1913 of 35 per cent, and over 1914 of 14.17 per cent.

The building permits show, except in Montreal, they consider an advance on 1915, although they are still considerably as compared with 1912 and 1913.

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Sir Oliver on Spiritualism

Reports Communicating With His Dead Son

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"The most remarkable book the war has produced or is likely to produce," declares the London Christian Commonwealth, "is a book of liberal and progressive religious thought, while the London Times describes it as a rather non-committal column in the London Standard, and adds, somewhat grimly, that in a little while we, too, shall be as wise as they are as spiritualists."

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supplementary bill was not passed. This was due partly to the fact that France had no great soldier she desired to honor, and because the Radical Socialists were opposed to the granting of the title, having a fear of the "man on horseback," who might try to re-establish a monarchy.

An Editor's "Break"
After the battle of the Marne, when it had become clear that Joffre was a military genius and had saved his country, President Poincaré desired to appoint him a field marshal, but his wish was frustrated by an unfortunate blunder of M. Arthur Meyer, editor of the monarchist Gaulois. The incident is related by Mr. Cunliffe Owen in the New York Sun. At the time tremendous enthusiasm had been kindled in France over the heroism of King Albert of Belgium, and in order that expressions of the nation's respect for him might take concrete shape, M. Meyer suggested that he be made a Marshal of France. He went on to say that those in France who hoped to see the monarchy revived ought to select Albert as their candidate, for although he was the son of a Hohenzollern mother, he was also the grandson of a Princess Louise of Orleans. This blaring indiscretion was not only a source of extreme embarrassment to King Albert, but it provoked resentment from the anti-monarchists in France, who are in a strong majority, and so the proposal of the revival of the title was abandoned, thus cheating Joffre of an honor he had fairly won.

Restored by Napoleon
The title was instituted at the close of the twelfth century by Philip Augustus, who invested those who rendered him with it at the time of the Third Crusade. Other kings created other marshals, and by the time Louis XIV. had completed his reign there were no fewer than twenty of them. The office was abolished by the first Republic, but was restored by Napoleon, who limited the number to sixteen, who were retained at the time of the Bourbon restoration. Under Louis Philippe in 1839 the number was limited to six in time of peace and twelve in time of war. The office carries with it a salary or pension of 86,000 a year in addition to the full allowance of a general. The holder has also the privilege of remaining on the active list until the time of his death. The most conspicuous right is that of carrying the battle-baton, velvet covered, some two feet long, in evidence at all great state functions, and taking the place of the sword for signaling purposes.

Many German Field Marshals
In Great Britain there are seven field marshals, including the king, the most recent of them being Sir Douglas Haig. One, Lord Nicholson, has seen no active service. Wolsey, Roberts and Kitchener were field marshals. In Germany the rank is purely an honorary one. Every little king and prince in the German confederacy is a field marshal in the German army. The Kaiser was made a field marshal in 1913, on the occasion of the silver jubilee of his accession to the throne. The appointment was made at his own suggestion and he was presented with a jeweled baton. Previously he had been made a field marshal in the Austrian army by the late emperor. It is interesting to recall that before the beginning of the present war one the right to wear a special gold uniform, and to appear at reviews with a wooden baton instead of a sword. In France there have been no field marshals created for nearly fifty years. It is not likely that there will be more than two or three others for another fifty.

Foared "Man on Horseback"
After the Franco-Prussian war France went rather thoroughly into republicanism. She revived some of the laws and practices of the days before Napoleon carried in his knapsack. Joffre was once a private soldier, and after many years this is the honor at which the coupes's son has arrived. The distinction means more in France than in any other nation. In most European countries the rank of field marshal or something corresponding to it is not grudgingly bestowed, although the recipient is usually distinguished himself in some military way. Sometimes the rank is a mere honorary one. King Constantine of Greece, for instance, is a field marshal of the German army. The title gives one the right to wear a special gold uniform, and to appear at reviews with a wooden baton instead of a sword. In France there have been no field marshals created for nearly fifty years. It is not likely that there will be more than two or three others for another fifty.

Great Honor for General Joffre
Services Recognized in a Striking Manner
Private to Field Marshal!
Distinction Means More in France Than in Any Other Nation—Carries the Baton

General Joffre's services to France have been recognized in a striking manner by the French government. He has been made a field marshal, and is now entitled to wear the baton that Napoleon once said every private soldier carried in his knapsack. Joffre was once a private soldier, and after many years this is the honor at which the coupes's son has arrived. The distinction means more in France than in any other nation. In most European countries the rank of field marshal or something corresponding to it is not grudgingly bestowed, although the recipient is usually distinguished himself in some military way. Sometimes the rank is a mere honorary one. King Constantine of Greece, for instance, is a field marshal of the German army. The title gives one the right to wear a special gold uniform, and to appear at reviews with a wooden baton instead of a sword. In France there have been no field marshals created for nearly fifty years. It is not likely that there will be more than two or three others for another fifty.

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