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Canadian Loan Fund.

London, Dec. 9.—Underwriters of the Canadian Government four per cent loan of £4,000,000, offered last week at 97, have been left with 83 per cent of the amount on their hands. The scrip yesterday was finally quoted at one-quarter discount for special settlement after being three-quarters discount.

The market is not greatly surprised, the opinion being that the loan followed too closely on top of the Montreal and Toronto issues as well as the dominion loan of £200,000 in September last.

Many investors, anticipating that the scrip would go to a discount, had kept back buying orders, as when the price was quoted at five-eighths discount a brisk demand followed, the loan closing yesterday at one-quarter discount for special settlement.

The Pall Mall Gazette refers to the loan as "the biggest fiasco that has been seen for a long time past in a new issue in any part of the world," and complains that while the list closed on Friday the result was not known until Monday. It anticipates, however, that the loan will find a home fairly rapidly at the discount on the issue price prevailing.

A Canadian In England.

(The Morning Post, London.)

My first impressions of England were gained through a car window. Now, I know all about the smallness of the fields, their fresh green, the hedgerows, the softly rounded trees; we Britons from overseas are trained to expect these, and the English countryside is astonishingly familiar to us at the first glance. But one thing did give me a start—certain very large fields, brown and bare, ready, I suppose, for their winter snow-blanket. What struck me was partly their great size, but more the exquisite neatness and finish with which they had been ploughed and harrowed. Mine is a country of hundred-acre farms, with fields neither so large as your larger nor so small as your smaller fields, and of a husbandry limited not so much by deficiency of knowledge as by lack of hands.

Our New Houses.

But my first real start came south of the Thames, when my train was bearing me down towards the sea. The first of my new houses I saw, I confess, when my train was approaching London. It was growing, was striding over the countryside. We are trained to think of England as old and ourselves as new; I was aware, with the front part of my head that London is growing, but at the back of my head the picture was that of the old house and the time-honoured street; and here I saw new houses, new streets, new towns. At Eastleigh, observing the size of the railway station, I made inquiries and found that within the last few years from being a village it had increased by some few thousand thousands, perhaps ten, perhaps twenty; the railway company had established its shops there. I had never heard of Eastleigh, and when one of our own people marvels "puts on" ten or twenty thousand people in so short a time our skies, and perhaps yours, resound with exclamations.

Our Solid Railway Stations.

So one of the sharpest of my impressions is your newness. Perhaps I may add that these new houses which I saw from the railway struck me as looking well designed, and better to live in than the older ones. Nor must I forget the amazing prevalence of the garden, and the great number of recreation gardens I noticed. Our towns are built by "real estate men" who grudge garden space, and we yet shall pay dearly for our neglect to provide parks and open spaces.

This is the feeling that rests upon me every time I encounter an English railway. I pass by the marvellous solidity, the double tracks, the splendid road-bed, all striking to a man from our continent of single-track railways and lightly-laid lines. But what really took my attention was the railway stations. Those solid platforms, carried to the level of the floors of the carriages! Even in very small places there are platforms on each side of the line, and overhead bridges are provided. And then there are the ample buildings, with waiting-rooms, shelters, news-stands and all the apparatus of comfort. It does not impress me to see such things at very big centres: I take notice when I see them at very little places, and a village of two or three thousand souls accorded such accommodation.

The S. S. Morwenna left last evening for Brazil with a large fish cargo. The S. S. Digby was expected to leave Halifax last evening for this port.

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THE NICKEL THEATRE! MID-WEEK PROGRAMME.

"THE WINGS OF A MOTH"—Vitagraph.

An exceptionally strong social drama. Cast of Characters:

THE MOTH FLORENCE E. TURNER
THE FLAME ROGER LYTTON
THE MOTHER MRS. MARY MAURICE

"Sunday Afternoon in Rural England"—An interesting travelogue of "Home."

"Under a Flag of Truce"—An exciting war drama of the Civil War.

"No Place for a Minister's Son"—A mirthful comedy, "side-splitting" situations.

"The Boomerang"—A pathetic drama with a beautiful climax.

MUSICALE—Arthur Priestman Cameron, in "Peculiar Songs," with Professor McCarthy at the Piano.

The Crescent Picture Palace

Feature Film, the Sensational Mexican Drama,

With a Grain of Salt.

Four others—AN INNOCENT BRIDEGROOM (comedy); A NIGHT IN TOWN (showing the famous comedians, Pearl White and Chester Barnett, in a clever act); THE BURTHAIS ACROBATS in daring feats, and a roaring comedy, BILLY'S MISTAKEN OVERCOAT.

DAVID PARKS (Baritone) sings "I never heard of any girl dying from a kiss. Did you?" Afternoon, 2.30. Admission 5c. Evening, 7. Admission 10c.

Good Show at The Nickel.

The programme given at the Nickel Theatre last evening was an exceptionally good one and delighted the audience. The attendance was large. "The Wings of a Moth" is an exceptionally strong social drama by Florence Turner, Roger Lytton and Mrs. Mary Maurice. The other pictures were entitled "Sunday afternoon in Rural England," "No Place for a Minister's Son," "Under a Flag of Truce," and "The Boomerang," completed the pictures. Mr. Cameron repeated his song which was an immense success. This afternoon the programme will be repeated but Mr. Cameron will sing a new song.

Stephano Here

A Quick Run.

The Red Cross Liner Stephano, Capt. Clarke, arrived from New York and Halifax at 6 o'clock this morning. From the latter port the run was made in forty hours which is exceptionally quick at this season. She brought a full cargo and these passengers in saloon.

From New York—Mr. and Mrs. J. Maher, R. Colford and five in second class.

From Halifax—Miss V. Windler, C. Bell, E. Cowan, C. MacDougall, H. Jones and three in second class.

At The Crescent

The Crescent Picture Palace is fast becoming popular. Yesterday afternoon and evening the new hall was crowded. The Mexican drama, "With a Grain of Salt," held the attention of the patrons from start to finish. It was followed by a series of comedies that created much laughter. The solo "I Never Knew of Anybody Dying from a Kiss, did You," has caught on and has already become popular with our local songsters. The Crescent Picture Palace is the home of pleasure and refinement. Afternoon and night sessions. Three entire changes weekly.

Courts by Proxy: Gets "Gold Brick."

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 12.—Luigi Fogliana, of Palermo, Italy, is the worst judge of beauty in the civilized world, according to his brother, Joe, who sells pineapples, one at a time. In this case, Joe was just written to the other side wishing Luigi a life of difficulties and requesting him to blot out for all time that blood is thicker than water or that the "for old time's sake" sentiment still is in operation. He declares that henceforth they haven't even a nodding acquaintance. A month ago when the fruit business was all sunshine and roses in Wheeling, Joe realized that he had not by enough to support a wife. He preferred to support a pretty one, and wrote to Luigi, asking him to seek out the sweetest girl in Palermo. He sent plenty of money to cover all expenses and told Luigi that when he found the girl he was to tell her that he was working for Cupid and give her a ticket and money enough to get to Wheeling. He brushed up a lot and began fixing up his comfortable little home here.

Luigi was prompt. He said in an early letter she was on the way and within a week she was at the depot. (Cub horses, always regarded as trustworthy, shied and carried on when the Palermo beauty appeared at the station door. Joe thought she might be his future wife's mother, and he made himself known. She was the girl picked by Luigi, and she followed Joe when he started to sprint. Since then she has lived at his home. The local authorities, hearing of her arrival, made a raid on the house last week. They found her in one part of the house and Joe in another, with a bureau and five chairs piled up on his side of the door. When the police announced themselves, Joe called out that so far as he was concerned he was perfectly safe, and asked if there wasn't some means of sending her back to Italy or anywhere else. She is still boarding on her side of the house.

Melancholia.

Little Jim was suffering agonies from ear-ache, and his distracted mother took him hurriedly to the doctor.

The medical, after a brief examination, found the boy's ear to be full of water.

"Good gracious!" said he, fetching a syringe. "How on earth did you get into it's state? Been swimming?"

Jim eyed him scarily.

"No," said he, "not swimming—'ent in' melon!"

The R. M. S. McMillan sails at 5 o'clock this evening for Glasgow, taking an outward freight of oil and passengers.

Miss Johnson, Mr. Wybrw, Miss Holmes and four in steerage.

W. S. Harkins, Players

AT CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

A crowded house greeted W. S. Harkins' players when they presented in their most capable style, James Halleck Reid's famous drama, "The Confession." The strongest point in the play is that the "confessional" of the Catholic Church must be a solemn secret under all circumstances. In this part Mr. Frank Conway, as Rev. J. J. Bartlett, parish priest, played the part in first class style. His sincere make-up fully fits him for a part of this kind. The play is based as follows:—

The Rev. Bartlett is Parish Priest in a small village and his mother and brother, Tom Bartlett, lives with him at the Rectory. This Tom Bartlett is a young, nice looking chap, and is engaged to marry Miss Rose Creighton (Sue Van Duzer), a very handsome young lady. Tom's only fault is that he is somewhat of a drinker. One day he arrives home from a hunting trip intoxicated and, quite natural, his sweetheart refuses to accept a carress from him—a slight quarrel follows at the end of which Tom is offered either to take back the betrothal ring, or to stop drinking. He accepts the former and leaves Rose in a temper. Tom still keeps drinking until one night he meets Rose's brother in a bar-room. He pleads with Tom to give it up, and a quarrel follows. Creighton is killed and Tom is convicted to hang on circumstantial evidence.

It appears that Mr. Creighton, (Rose's brother), had been keeping company with a daughter of one Jos. Dumant. In her admiration for Creighton she leaves home to go to him. Dumant follows, imagining that his daughter has been ruined, and arrives on the scene as Tom Bartlett and Creighton are engaged in a fight outside the bar-room; he sees the

opportunity and shoots Creighton on sight. After he has done this he flies to his Father Confessor, Rev. Mr. Bartlett and receives forgiveness from the church. A little later Tom comes home and tells the story to his brother (the priest) and that he is blamed for the killing of Creighton. He is believed by all his family to be innocent and Rose Creighton at though it is her brother that has been killed also believes Tom innocent and renews the betrothal before he goes to jail.

A great trial follows in which poor Tom is sentenced to hang. Dumant knows that the church cannot betray his secret and swears in court he saw Tom kill Creighton, but in his effort to do so has perjured himself, and is sent to prison for ten years. A great scene follows, when the court tries to force the Rev. Bartlett to give the information that will save his brother. The court recognizes the power of the church and he comes off the stand allowing his own flesh and blood to be doomed rather than betray the secret of a bad man through the Confessional. The execution day arrives and in spite of all pleas to the state governor, Tom must die. The hand of Providence, however, comes to Tom's aid and Dumant is stricken down and on dying confesses to the murder of Creighton—and Tom once more is united to his dear sweetheart and all ends well. Miss Ellen Cessieff, as Patsy Moran, with cute slang phrases, and Michael Crogan, with his burlesque, brought forth lots of real comedy.

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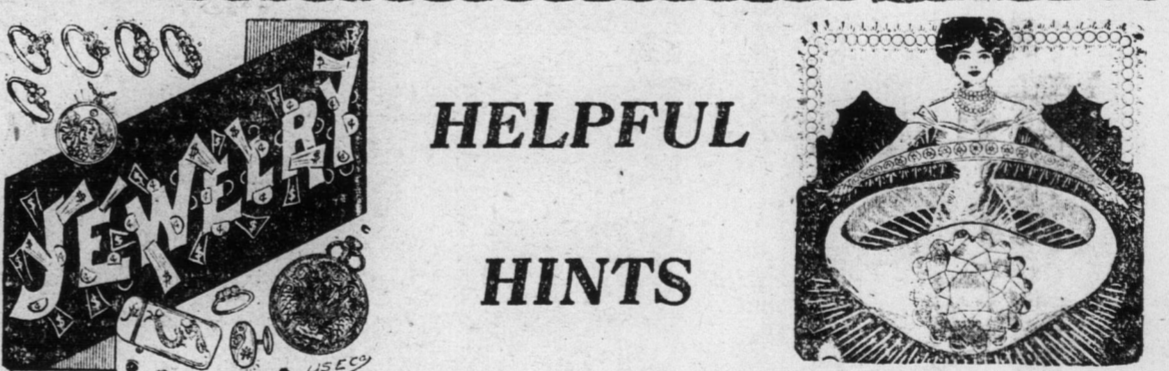
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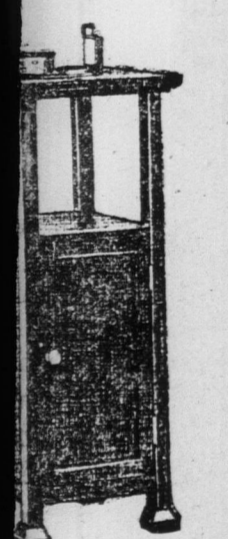
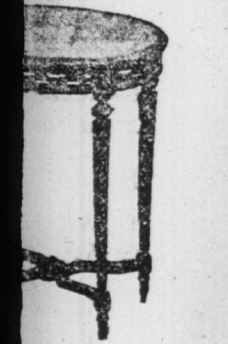
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