

There have been good attendances during the week at the academy to witness the performance of the operas "Fra Diavolo" and "Erminie." In the first of these Mr. Dunbar, who took the part of Fra Diavolo, was certainly not seen at his best. The honours in the singing department must rest with Miss Marie Bell who added one more to her list of successes: The two real comedian bandits, played by Messrs. Hageman and Craine, were acted to the life, and it is a pity that gentlemen of this profession are not allowed at large in Nova Scotia, thereby depriving these two gentlemen of practicing in public what they portray so well in private. Mr. Delacy plays Lord Alleash: we trust that he will never be raised to the Peerage! Might we suggest that English Noblemen do not strut about the world like London linen draper's assistants, nor do they wear a so-called puggaree over a black bowler hat, thereby making one think that the wearer has been attending a child's funeral.

"Erminie" is far the most tuneful and catchy opera that has yet been played here. Miss Lawrens sang as well and acted far better than she has in any other piece. The acting of Mr. Mountjoy Walker as Jacques Strop was excellent; in fact it could hardly have been better. Just one little remark: We are not at all Puritanical: still, we might give a hint to a certain lady that more "trunks" might be worn.

There were two official dinners at Government House during the week, and there will be two more next week. The guests on Tuesday night were:

The Archbishop.	Hon. W. Ross.
Rev. J. Murphy,	Judge Meagher.
Hon. W. B. Vail.	General Herbert.
General Herbert.	Mr. Streatfield, A. D. C.
Mr. Streatfield, A. D. C.	Colonel Ryan, R. A.
Chief Justice.	Attorney-General.
Judge Johnstone.	Hon. W. Ray, M. D.
Col. Goldie.	Hon. J. LeBlanc, M. D.
Provincial Secretary.	Lieut.-Col. Rolph, 17th Regt.
Hon. Dr. Parker, M. D.	The Dean of N. S.
Hon. H. Black, M. D.	Rev. E. M. Saunders.
Hon. M. Goudge, M. D.	Rev. D. M. Gordon.
The Speaker.	Mr. E. E. Tupper.
Mr. Forrest, M. P. P.	Mr. A. F. Cameron, M. P. P.
Mr. Caham, "	Mr. John McKinnon, "
Mr. Law, "	Mr. Barclay Webster, "
Mr. Ouseley,	Mr. A. M. Hemeon, "
The Mayor.	Mr. J. Matheson.
Supt. of Education.	Cl., Legis. Council.
Lieut. Colonel Macdonald.	Stipendiary Magistrate.
Mr. E. Gilpin.	Mr. H. W. Blackadar.
Mr. John Wallace.	Dr. A. P. Reid.
Lieut.-Col. Raymond.	Hon. A. J. White.
Pres't. Forrest.	Dr. Lawson.
Mr. Peter Lynch.	Dr. Murphy.
Hon. S. L. Shannon.	Professor Johnson.
Mr. C. D. Cory.	Mr. C. S. Harrington.
Mr. A. Shortt.	Mr. D. C. Edwards.
Mr. M. H. Riehey.	Dr. Wickwire.
Capt. Peacock, Leicester Regt.	Mr. Brooks Chipman.
Mr. Willis.	
Mr. H. W. C. Boak.	

We have received a very good critique of the Grau Company, entirely from an artistic point of view: we will insert it next week, as we are simply rushed for space this issue. The writer complains that there is too much puffing done by the newspapers, and not enough real criticism.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Scott, and for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Archibald, in the loss of their children, both young, both boys, and both suddenly taken.

Cards of invitation will shortly be sent out for an inaugural reception at the School for the Blind, on the occasion of the formal opening of the new wing. The date fixed for the reception is Monday evening, April 27th.

A Liverpool correspondent writes that salmon are commencing to run up the Mersey. Indians have taken two fish with fly at Milton during this week, and one was netted lower down. In Port Medway River, salmon were taken with fly five or six weeks ago.

A Special Meeting of the W. A. A. C. will be held next Thursday, when it will be proposed to modify the Bye-Law that limits membership to civilians, so as to make Haligonian officers in the army eligible for membership.

The April Quarterly Meeting of the R. N. S. Yacht Squadron will be held at the Club House on Thursday, at 8 p. m.

Our Fleet correspondent writes:—A most hospitable reception was given to the Fleet on their arrival on the 19th Feb'y. at Trinidad. The officers were invited to make use of the Club Library and Tennis Courts, and several enjoyable pic-nics were planned.

Sir William Robinson, K. C. M. G., gave a brilliant dance at Government House on the 27th. The arrangements were perfect, two spacious ball rooms and excellent music making the dance thoroughly enjoyable.

A cricket match between the Fleet and Trinidad was played on the 27th, resulting in a victory for the latter; and a second match on the following day, between the United Service and the same eleven, ended in favour of the former.

The 28th was observed as a public holiday, and the *Savannah* was consequently crowded with interested spectators. Luncheon for 300 people was provided in the Grand Stand on both occasions; a public ball had originally been proposed, but owing to religious observances it was decided to provide this luncheon instead; a substitute which was thoroughly appreciated, not only by the Officers, but by many of the men as well.

The Fleet sailed at day-break on the 1st March, and arrived at Barbadoes on the following morning.

A garden party and dance at Government House, and a dance on board the Flagship form the most important events during its visit.

The Squadron sailed for Bermuda on the 12th, the "Comus" remaining on the Barbadoes Division.

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