

THE CITY AND VICINITY.

THE DAILY ROUND OF LIFE IN AND ABOUT TORONTO.

What the People are Doing and Thinking About. Brief Notes Gathered Everywhere by World Reporter.

Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin was in town yesterday. He looks as genial as ever. The contractors commenced the work of laying down the block pavement on Wellesley street yesterday.

The kerbing on King street opposite Brown Brothers is falling away piecemeal and needs repairing. It is now said that Mr. Justice Cameron is alone in his objections to sitting as a judge of the high court of justice.

On dit that Mr. Wm. Kelly, late of the street railway company, is shortly to be married to a charming young widow. The pupils and teachers of the church of Ascension, to the number of 300, went to woodlodge yesterday for their annual picnic.

Rev. Dr. Poole of Detroit, and well known in Toronto as a former pastor of the Berkeley street Methodist church, is in the city. The jurors for attendance at the forthcoming courts of assize and oyer and terminer were drafted at the court-house yesterday.

The first large consignment of plants to this city arrived from Mesford last evening by the Northern express. There were twelve large crates. Mr. John Shields, formerly of Toronto, lost his little daughter last Sunday at Rat Portage. This is his second bereavement within a short period.

A man named Martin O'Connellham was taken to the hospital yesterday with a foot minus four of the toes, which had been taken off with a circular saw. A building permit was granted yesterday to Mr. J. Balliet for the erection of a two-story brick-cased dwelling-house on Parliament street, north of Wellesley, to cost \$1200.

The members of Toronto encampment L. O. O. F., will have an afternoon excursion to Niagara Falls, as they wish to give their friends a chance of seeing the magnificent sight of the falls lit up by the electric light. A gentleman fell into the water at Hanlan's wharf on Thursday night, misled by the absence of one of the two lights usually placed there. He was kept above water by holding his stick to which he had attached a lead until a boat arrived.

Dundas Banner: The World of Toronto has just entered upon the second year of its existence. Started as an evening paper, it has become a morning journal, and appears to be endowed with a robust constitution. Everyone knows that it does not stand with its political friends, the Globe, which has shown toward it an ill-will of silence, but without the least success. Fast driving is getting to be a nuisance in the city. Drivers seem to think foot passengers have no right on the road at all, but Philip H. Dugal will probably entertain a different opinion in future, as he had to pay a fine of \$3 and costs or thirty days for fast driving. Frank Britton will answer a similar charge on Tuesday.

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THE THEATRES.

Good Business at Both Houses—The Attractions Next Week.

The theatrical business is booming in Toronto. Everyone goes to see The World at the Grand opera house. Last night drew crowds and tears at the Royal opera house. Three or four managers are in town arranging for attractions next and the following weeks.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE. The World having proved so great a success at the Grand opera house this week, the management have negotiated to have the season extended for three nights next week. The matinee this afternoon will be the only afternoon performance that will be given, and consequently there is likely to be a very large attendance. Those who have not yet seen The World will now have an opportunity of seeing it, which they might not have done so easily had not the season been extended.

After The World comes the Deacon Cranket company, which opens on Monday, the 28th of September. The Deacon has already been introduced to our readers. He is a very charming piece of nature and humor, delightfully represented by Mr. Ben. Maguire, who will be ably supported by Mr. James O'Neill, Mr. E. J. Buckley and Miss Lodakis Young in the leading roles.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE. This afternoon and evening will be the last opportunity for witnessing East Lynne at the Royal for the present. The Gray pleases and impresses all by her fine portrayal as the jealous wife and the old governess. Mr. Darrell plays his villainous role to perfection. The support is good.

The Montreal Gazette says of Miss Glasgow, whose company concludes their engagement at the Theatre Royal in that city this evening, and open an engagement of three nights and a Wednesday matinee at the Royal opera house on Monday. Miss Glasgow is a lady who has deservedly won a high name for her theatricals. The play chosen by her, Boncassut's Last Array, was well calculated to afford Miss Glasgow full scope for a display of the undesirable powers she possesses. Armande Chasardose is eminently fitted by her personal charms and graceful, finished style of playing, and in it she achieved a decided success, on which we heartily congratulate her.

JOHNNY SKAE'S CAREER.

A Canadian Who Has Been Twice a Millionaire—How He Did It.

In San Francisco the other night Johnny Skae was committed to prison in default of \$5 to pay a fine. A few years ago he was a millionaire, to-day he is an outlaw. He was born in Canada, down near Ottawa, and having become an expert telegraph operator, he came to San Francisco, where he celebrated Comstock lode was opened. Johnny was the operator at the mine. He was a first-class hand and every one had confidence in him. He was to day ciphering despatches were sent from the mines to San Francisco giving the result of the day's operations. Some day he was at the key of the cipher, read all the messages, went into stock speculation, and became a millionaire in a short time. He bought the mine, and he had a Hill water-works, supplying water to all the mines, and yielding him \$300,000 a year. But the mine suddenly gave out, and Johnny was broken. He went east, but while away the miners as suddenly struck it rich again, and Skae came back to the Comstock country as well as a millionaire to bring him. He was again a millionaire and the lion of all the gold hunters. James Flood, the second Canadian, He gave wonderful trout breakfasts to his friends and did the grand on a lordly scale. Two or three years ago he went to London with his political friend, the Globe, which has shown toward it an ill-will of silence, but without the least success.

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THE TWO AUSTRALIANS.

Actor and Grammar—George Darrell and Edward Crockett.

Yesterday morning The World visited the island for the purpose of seeing Trickett at practice. Coming home the reporter had the pleasure of meeting Mr. George Darrell, the leading gentleman of Ada Gray's company, now playing at the Royal theatre. Mr. Darrell, who is an Australian, had returned to the island to have a conversation with Trickett, with whom he had been intimately acquainted in Australia. Mr. Darrell was the victor of the Victoria, Sydney, and when Trickett returned to Australia after winning the championship from Sailer, he was awarded a grand reception being met upon Trickett's arrival, and when a contest between him and Hanlan was on, they not only jumped at the offer, but when their champion was leaving for England they presented him with \$300, and gave him a grand ovation in Sydney Bay as the Pacific and Oriental liner steamed away. Trickett has had his career while in England, and as the day of the race approached they came forward with barrels of money and put up all that they could get on a code of betting, an epoch had been arranged between Trickett in England and his friends in Sydney, and he communicated with them every day. The day before the race he telegraphed, "Sure to win, bar accident." Whether this telegram had been received or not the Austrorians would have backed down to the last shilling, and its reception only served to increase their enthusiasm. Thousands of pounds went begging, and had an agent of the Austrorians been there he could have taken up the whole country.

"The night of the race," said Mr. Darrell, who speaks with that charming accent peculiar to educated Englishmen, "we all gathered at Garton's hotel in Sydney awaiting the news, and all imagining that we were just as finding out in betting on Trickett. 'Levithian' Thompson, who is well known in America, was one of the party. We had quite a jolly party, and when the news came that the winner was 'Trickett' went over to the telegraph office to learn the news. When he returned we knew by his tone that the word was 'Trickett' and we were all shouting and cheering. There were only three little words on the slip of paper he held in his hand—'Hanlan won easily.' We said nothing but ordered some fine toasted loaves. There was never a word against him, for we knew we could put faith in him to win the race. I was quite sure that he had had an attack of bronchitis before leaving Sydney. 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