



**MUSIC AND THE DRAMA**

Mr. Henry Ludlowe and his company presented Shakespeare's "Richard III." at the Grand Opera House last evening, before a fair-sized and appreciative audience. Mr. Ludlowe had the benefit of the stage settings and appointments used by the late Richard Mansfield in his production, and they went a good way towards making an attractive presentation. "Richard III." is essentially a one-man play, the wicked and ruthless Gloucester dominating the scenes almost entirely through the five acts. Therefore, all that calls for special notice is the character of Richard, Mr. Ludlowe, it is understood, has been resting for some time, and it is only quite recently that he again faced the footlights in the delineation of various Shakespearean roles.

It was evident from this performance last evening, that Mr. Ludlowe is a close student of the immortal William, for every sentence was given as if carefully weighed and pondered over, with the result that there was more light and shade in the reading than is usually found in the characterization. Bluster and rant were absent, and, especially in the fourth act, the unscrupulous, unrelenting and fiendish Richard was depicted in quiet, but forceful tones, that carried more conviction than can come from mere noise. Mr. Ludlowe's version of the ambitious Gloucester was evidently admired by the audience and he was, when occasion offered, awarded with hearty applause.

In his support are such worthy players as Sheridan Black, Mark Price, H. E. Humphrey, and Miss Keith Wakeman, and their work last evening was quite effective. The settings were helped to make a very pleasing production of one of Shakespeare's most difficult plays, so far as stage presentation is concerned; for Mr. Ludlowe, like his famous predecessors, has had recourse to Colley Cibber's version.

Mr. Ludlowe will this evening present "The Merchant of Venice," he appearing as the Jew, and a splendid production is promised.

**At Bennett's Theatre.**  
Manager Driscoll, of Bennett's Theatre, has the best bill of the season at that theatre this week, and he is in a position to start the New Year well in the best that has been presented at the house. It is nicely varied, and there is not a weak act in the programme, and several of the acts are real headliners. The hit of the bill was made by the Elmore Sisters. The pair are exceedingly clever singing comedienne, and kept the audience in entirely different lines, but both are eminently successful in winning applause. One appears as a vaudeville actor and the other as her maid. They were recalled several times.

The biggest act of the programme, and one that commanded great admiration, was Gillette's dog and monkey circus. The whole act was provided by animals, not a single person being on the stage during the turn. The dogs and monkeys were marvelously well trained, and they got through various tricks like human beings. The police patrol, drunken dogs, chicken thief, all show remarkable training. The setting is original and represents a dog village with the various trades represented. It was a novel act in its entirety, and it not only pleased the children present, but the various folks had their laugh over the various antics.

Another act that was of the headline variety was that given by Charles Leonard and Fletcher, a character actor of unusual ability. He personated several well-known characters in Dickens' novels, Mark Twain, Sherlock Holmes and others, stage and literary celebrities, in a manner that elicited loud applause. His act closed with a very sensational one-act drama, in which he displayed his histrionic ability with telling effect.

Torcat, the French comedian, introduced a number of new and startling novelties in his act, which was staged like most of the European acts—elegantly. Torcat sang well, and his songs were strengthened by animal innovations. In one of his numbers four trained hantans roared took part. One of them walked a tight rope.

John B. Hymer and Elsie Kent presented a unique comedy sketch entitled, "At Jintown Junction." The playlet was along original lines, and while humor abounded, there was an interesting touch of pathos in it at the end. The pair were given a generous "hand."

Large audiences greatly enjoyed the two performances yesterday, and there has been a large sale for the holiday performances to-morrow.

The management announces that Grace Van Studdiford, late star in "The Red Feather," will be one of the attractions next week.

**St. Cecilia Night.**  
St. Cecilia Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire are to have a night at the Savoy early in the year. The ladies are determined to make it the record event of the season. Manager Appleton gives them the assurance that the very best show he can arrange. The committee already has the arrangements well under way and are meeting with great success in disposing of the tickets. Thursday, Jan. 9, is the date.

**Miss Blanche Walsh.**  
Blanche Walsh in Jacob Gordin's terrific drama, "The Kroutzer Sonata" will be the attraction at the Grand on Friday and Saturday. Miss Walsh will be surrounded by the same company, and the production will be the same in which she was recently seen at the Manhattan and Herald Square Theatres, New York, when the play and the powerful acting of Miss Walsh attracted the attention of all lovers of tragic acting. Miss Walsh played to a capacity business during her entire appearance. "The Kroutzer Sonata" is the first of Jacob Gordin's plays to be acted in English, although during the past ten years more than seventy of them have been acted with great success in Yiddish. "The Kroutzer Sonata"

## NOMINATIONS IN WENTWORTH.

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in answer to questions put by Collins, followed, and before ten o'clock came everything was over and everybody had gone home.

### Barton Township.

There was a splendid meeting of Barton ratepayers at the Township Hall on the mountain, and the addresses were above the average. Mr. J. Walter Gage was re-elected reeve by acclamation. He spoke at some length on the year's work and was well received. Messrs. Geo. Awrey and Wilson Crockett were nominated, but withdrew. The field will be: Reeve—J. Walter Gage, by acclamation.

Deputy reeve—Frank Hills and Frank H. Crosthwaite. John G. Clutton and Thomas Macklem were nominated, but withdrew.

Councillors—D. A. Gallagher, John Marshall, R. H. Lewis, F. E. Rymal and Robert E. Taylor. J. C. Belbeck, Wilson Crockett, Frank Crosthwaite, Ben Hunt, Wm. Strong, Geo. Almas, C. E. Rymal and Wm. Farrar were nominated, but withdrew.

### Ancaster Township.

The nominations were very quiet. Those who will go to the polls are: Reeve—E. J. Guest, George Sharp, W. C. Waite.

Deputy Reeve—Joseph F. Smith, Jas. Russell.

Councillors—Stanley Templar, Charles Dymont, John Pickard, James Stewart.

### Saltfleet Township.

The meeting at Stoney Creek was an interesting one. There was no reference to local option, the speakers confining themselves to general township matters. Col. Ptolemy was nominated, but withdrew. There are two in the field for reeve and deputy reeve, and eight for councillors, but probably only six will go to the poll. There are to be elected. The names are:

Reeve—Geo. Millen, W. E. Corman. Deputy Reeve—W. B. Bridgeman, R. E. Glover.

Councillors—Wm. A. Nash, J. C. Moore, G. W. Millen, Frank Galbreath, J. J. Deane, Wm. Cranston, Thomas Kenyon, J. C. Moore.

### East Flamboro.

W. A. Emory, who has made a model reeve and county councillor, is to be opposed by W. E. Stock. There are six in the field for councillors. They are: Reeve—W. A. Emory, W. E. Stock. Councillors—Joseph Smiley, A. C. Griffin, G. H. Nicholson, Thomas Ford, Wm. Emmings, Geo. Dougherty.

### West Flamboro.

In West Flamboro there promises to be a lively contest for reeve between Jacob R. Binkley, an old county councillor, and W. H. Brooking, who has been reeve for three years.

### Glanford Township.

Glanford nominations were held at Mount Hope, and resulted in the return of the whole council by acclamation, as follows:

Reeve—J. A. French. Councillors—H. J. Dickenson, Samuel Hanna, Thomas Bell and Thomas Ames.

### Binbrook Township.

The four old councillors in Binbrook were returned by acclamation, as follows: Messrs. J. Huty, Jos. Fletcher, M. Ecker and H. Johnson. There were two nominations for reeve: Mr. Jas. L. Salmon, Conservative, and Mr. Bruce Wilson, Liberal.

### Waterdown.

Although there were two nominations for reeve of Waterdown, Mr. R. Smith stated that he would withdraw. There were seven names placed in nomination for the council in addition to the old members, but is likely most of them will withdraw. Those nominated are:

Reeve—David Davis, R. Smith. Councillors—John Vance, J. Green, John Slater, S. Dean, R. Smith, Peter Stuart, W. Nicholson, J. Buchanan, W. Whitmore, J. Semmens, Geo. Fretwell and Paul Arnold.

### In Lincoln Township.

Louth township—Reeve, S. Randall, Ed. Craze, A. M. Zimmerman. For council—Ed. Smith, C. Kubel, Ed. Willis, Albert Willis.

Clinton township—Reeve, T. R. Gilmore, Jacob Sawell, Council—J. R. Merritt, Debo, Tufford, John H. Galt, Jacob H. Moyer, E. Patterson, Curtis Heaslip, I. Martin, R. Crooks, J. E. Albright, W. H. Stewart.

Beamsville—Reeve, David Davis, E. L. Jennett, Hon. Wm. Gibson, J. D. Bennett, Peter Robertson. Council, John H. Merritt, Fry, Hon. Wm. Holmes and others.

Beau and Hamilton did a wonderful barrel jumping turn, and Bertina, the child violinist, played several selections very acceptably.

The excellent bill closed with new moving pictures.

The management announce that as an attraction in the near future Blake's Domestic Animal Circus and Willard's spectacular musical sensation, "The Tempest," will be presented at the theatre.

The first mentioned is credited to the vaudeville stage. It consists of no less than fifty-nine dogs, ponies, monkeys, baboons, and an unruly mule that is said to be the original Maud, in which the famous cartoons are used.

The highest salary in music is heralded as the news. Several handsome young ladies perform on musical machinery.

**"Dora Thorne" on Thursday.**  
On Thursday night at the Grand that charming love story, "Dora Thorne," will be seen in its dramatized form at the Grand. This is not the first time it has been presented here, and it is recognized as one of the best plays of its class on the road. It will be presented by a large company, and with excellent scenic effects. Seats are now on sale.

**DR. GRENPELL'S REINDER.**  
Three Hundred of Them Storm-Tossed on the Atlantic.

St. John's Nfld., Dec. 30.—The Allan Line steamer Sicilian, overdue from Glasgow for Boston, arrived last night, having been delayed by stress of weather. Her officers report encounters with fierce gales.

On account of the stormy weather it is thought probable that the steamer Anita, bound here from Norway, with 200 reinder for Dr. W. T. Grenfell, head of the Labrador mission, will make a long passage. The steamer is now fourteen days out.

**DIET AND BECOME TRUTHFUL.**  
Medical Journal Excuses Habitual Liar on Ground of Indigestion.

London, Dec. 30.—At last the habitual liar has his scientific justification. A medical journal excuses mendacity by asserting that it is produced by certain forms of indigestion. Thus children who spontaneously fib unconsciously are suffering from acute dyspepsia, and older people who misstate need only a change of diet to become veracious.

**Former British Minister in Ottawa.**  
Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Lord Middleton, formerly Mr. Brodick, Secretary for War in the Balfour Ministry, arrived in Ottawa this morning with Viscountess Middleton. They will remain in the capital some weeks as guests of their excellencies Lord and Lady Grey at Rideau Hall. Lord Middleton has consented to address the Ottawa Canadian Club on Saturday, January 11th.

A convention of the Liberal party of Wentworth County to nominate a candidate for the Legislature will be held at Welland on January 31.

**MISSING YACHT.**  
New York, Dec. 31.—According to a morning paper there is some anxiety felt over the whereabouts of the yacht Corona, which is overdue from the Orient to San Salvador.

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## RICH, BUT A THIEF.

Beverly Farmer Sent Down For Six Months For Stealing.

Galt, Ont., Dec. 30.—For some time farmers have frequently complained to the police that articles left in their vehicles in hotel sheds had been stolen—groceries, blankets, boots, and, in fact, anything of value left in the rigs was quite liable to disappear, and the disappearance mystified the police. On Saturday John Wilson drove to town and after doing some shopping left his belongings in front of the Market Hotel. When he returned, a parcel of laundry was missing. P. C. Taylor decided to search the rigs in the hotel sheds. At the New Royal sheds he found the missing parcel in a rig belonging to John Riddell, who was placed under arrest.

Before Magistrate Blake this morning Riddell, who is a farmer of Beverly Township, pleaded guilty to the following charges of theft—Oct. 26, horse blankets from Mr. Jas. King; Dec. 7, a leg of mutton from Jas. Ryde; Dec. 28, a parcel of laundry from John Milton. He was sentenced to six months in the Central Prison. The extraordinary feature of the case is that the thief is well-to-do, owning a \$10,000 farm. He took his sentence coolly, his only excuse being that he had been drinking lately.

**NEW VITAGRAPH SUBJECTS.**  
Association Hall will likely draw big crowds to-morrow to see some of the newest subjects in moving pictures shown for the first time outside New York city.

The list published in the advertising columns are only taken at random from a two-hour's programme of educational, sensational and comic subjects some of them amusing in the extreme.

Bandmaster and Mrs. Peel, of St. Catharines, have returned home after spending Christmas with their daughter Mrs. Ernest Jarrett, Inchbury street.

**DIED AT SHELBY.**  
Word was received here this morning of the death, at Shelby, Mich., of Mr. Archie McKinnon, postmaster of that place. Mr. McKinnon had a stroke of paralysis two weeks ago, and Mrs. McKinnon's mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss McQuarrie, Ontario avenue, left at once for Shelby. Deceased had many relatives and friends here, who will regret his death.

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