

## "Richelieu" at St Michael's College.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings the large audiences assembled in St. Michael's College Hall were treated to a splendid performance of Lytton's well known drama, "Richelieu; or the Conspiracy."

The play was produced under the direction of Mr. H. N. Shaw who is well known in amateur dramatic circles in Toronto, and who played the title role with his usual breadth of conception, and artistic finish. In fact, he was Lytton's Richelieu to the life.

One saw portrayed the intense power of mind and indomitable energy and will, burning within the feeble and emaciated body, and lending to him in moments of excitement that strange, fictitious strength that has so often been remarked upon by his biographers.

Lytton gives us, not the crafty and unscrupulous man caring for nothing but power, and heedless of whom or what he tramples under foot in his struggles to obtain it; but a great and indomitable soul to whom power and empire are as the very life, stern in the interests of justice, and yet merciful to all who are ready to confess themselves in error. Richelieu used mean instruments sometimes, but he used them as a painter uses his tools, to transfer upon the canvas of history the undying colors of his fame.

Richelieu has been described as crafty; he was not so, unless to gain his own ends and his country's good, by playing upon the foibles and ambition of others can be called craft. Such was Mr. Shaw's conception of this superb character.

In some of the scenes, notably that in which Francois confesses that he has not brought the despatch, the frenzy of the Cardinal bursts all bounds, and in his violent declamation, he almost curses the unfortunate page. Then, suddenly, the reaction comes, Richelieu's justice overcomes his disappointment, and, in the soothing, almost caressing manner of his calmer moments, he reassures Francois, and sends him with renewed hope to win the fatal despatch, or die in the attempt. The scene in the garden of the Louvre in which Richelieu haughtily turns his back upon the weak and ungrateful Louis, and later, threatens Baradas and De Berlinghem with the curse of Rome, was splendid, and a height of sublimity was reached in the climax, when the great Cardinal tenderly apostrophizes his beloved country, with the overwrought and subdued court kneeling at his feet.

Mr. F. McCarthy portrayed the weak and vacillating king with considerable dignity, his absurd and help less consternation at the difficulties surrounding him on the resignation of the great minister, and his half distrust of his precious favorite, Baradas, were well acted.

Mr. Chas. McRae played Gaston, Duke of Orleans very well.

Mr. S. H. O'Boyle, and Mr. J. Kelly as Baradas, and De Mauprat, were exceedingly good.

Mr. D. Powers gave a splendid representation of Joseph the seemingly meek, but decidedly militant Capuchin. His smile at Richelieu's confidential remark in the last scene, was inimitable.

Mr. J. Lynott as Francois was above reproach, especially in the scene with Richelieu in Act III., and the scene in the corridor of the Bastille.

Mr. J. Lynch as Huguet gave a good portrayal of the mean assassin who plots against his great masters life, while pretending to protect him. The rather difficult parts of Julio de Mortemar and Marion de Lorn were well sustained by Messrs. M. O'Creedon and J. Fay.

The lesser characters were done full justice to. The costumes were beautiful, and the staging and accessories well up to the standard.

Altogether the students have reason to congratulate themselves upon the success of their Yule-Tide play in the jubilee year of 1897.

## Scallo's Synoptical System of History.

Abbe Verreau, Principal of Jacques Cartier Normal School, Montreal, writes:

I have examined and studied the Synoptical Chart for the teaching of History—Scallo's Comparative and Synoptical System of History. I see in this the realization of a system that I have for a long time had in my mind (upon perhaps a smaller scale) to facilitate the study of History in the schools and colleges. Consequently I believe that I cannot do better than to adopt it in the Jacques Cartier Normal School. It seems to me difficult to unite in so limited a space, and without confusion, the different elements which compose the history of a country, the succession of Kings, the great military events, political movements, industrial, commercial and literary development, the whole disposed of in chronological order. The blank chart for the student who has read his notes, and reproduced the large chart appears to me to be the necessary development of the system. The blank chart or skeleton can at the same time be used for special studies, as the history of literature, the biographies of distinguished men, etc.

I have no doubt but that you will find in Canada the encouragement which so useful a system merits.

Your obedient servant,  
N. A. B. VERREAU.

Montreal, Jan. 7th, 1896.

Its Duration.—Hennepin (dreadfully): "I fancy my wife's mother intends to make her stay with us a Kathleen Mavourneen visit." Asking: "What do you mean by that?" Hennepin: "Oh, it may be for years and it may be for ever, you know."

## LATEST MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—On the curb in Chicago at the opening to-day May wheat was quoted at 91½c; at the close May wheat was quoted at 91½c; puts on May wheat, 90½c; calls 91½c; puts on May corn, 28½c; calls 28½c.

## BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat is export. The offerings are fair, but the export demand is dull and the market is weaker at 82c asked for red winter 81½c; bid north and west; Manitoba wheat is easier at 97½c to 98c for No. 1 hard Saratoga and Midland.

Flour—Is dull and easier; there is very little inquiry at the moment for export. A car of choice 80 cent patents sold at \$4.25 Toronto freight. Cars of straight roller are quoted at \$3.90 west.

Milled—Is quiet at \$10 to \$11 for shorts, and \$7.50 to \$8 for bran wheat.

Barley—Is dull and nominal at 32c for No. 2, 27c to 28c for No. 3 extra and 25c to 26c for feed outside.

Buckwheat—Is quiet at 30c west.

Rye—Easier at 43c west and 44c east.

Corn—Is steady on a fair demand and light delivery in the country; a new Canada yellow is quoted 24½ to 25c west.

Oats—Steady; white sold at 23c and 23½c north and west.

Peas—Steady and sold at 44c north and west.

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—There is considerable large roll coming in and the demand for it is firm at steady prices, good selling at 14c to 17c. Dairy tub is scarce and firm at 15 to 16c; medium butter is scarce and the price for it is remarkably close to the finer grades, quotation being 13c to 14c.

Eggs—The supply is about equal to the local requirements and the market is steady at 15c to 16c for fresh gathered, 14c for cold storage and held fresh, and 13c for limed.

Potatoes—The market is quiet and easy. Cars on the track here are quoted at 60c. Potatoes out of store sell at 62c to 70c.

Poultry—The supply here is ample and owing to the mild weather the demand is very unsatisfactory; poor stock is almost unsaleable, 7c for geese, 7c for turkeys, 40c to 60c for ducks and 25 to 40c for chickens.

Baled Hay—The market is dull and unchanged. Cars on the track here are quoted at \$8 to \$9.

Baled Straw—There is no change in the situation here. Cars on the track here are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5.00.

## FARMERS' MARKET.

Wheat—Firm: 500 bushels selling at 85½c for white; 84c to 86c for red, and 78c to 79c for roose.

Barley—Steady; 500 bushels selling at 28 to 29c.

Buckwheat—Easier; 150 bushels selling at 37½c.

Rye—Steady; one load selling at 45½c.

Oats—Steady; 500 bushels selling at 25c to 26c.

Peas—Steady, one load selling at 46½c.

Hay and Straw—Steady; 10 loads of hay selling at \$8 to \$9, and 2 loads of straw at \$7 to \$8.

Dressed Hogs—There were none offered, and prices are nominal at 8c.

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do red.....0.84 00 00

do roose.....0.78 00 00

Barley.....0.28 00 00

Oats.....0.25 00 00

Rye.....0.45 00 00

Peas.....0.40 00 00

Buckwheat.....0.37 00 00

Hay.....8.00 00 00

Straw.....7.00 00 00

Dressed hogs.....6.00 00 00

Eggs.....0.10 00 00

Butter, lb rolls.....0.16 00 00

do tubs, dairy.....0.12 00 00

Chickens.....0.25 00 00

Turkeys.....0.07 00 00

Spring ducks.....0.05 00 00

Geese.....0.05 00 00

Potatoes.....0.05 00 00

Spring Lima.....0.06 00 00

Mutton.....0.05 00 00

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do hind.....0.03 00 00

Veal.....0.06 00 00

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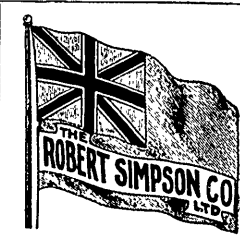
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