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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

A NEW STAR AT THE TORONTO.
 James W. Beagan, who is said to occupy a place in the front rank of singing comedians, will be seen at the Toronto Opera House this week in the new four-act Irish comedy-drama, "The Bells of Shannon," which has been well received in the principal American cities. Mr. Beagan is admirably equipped for the part which he assumes in "The Bells of Shannon." He has a fine stage presence and the necessary physical qualities to enable him to give to the characters of the play the personality required. He is said to possess a voice of more than average sweetness, which will be an advantage in the rendition of such songs as "A Shamrock from Home," "The Lights of My Heart," "Acushla, Macshree," "The Story the Princesses Tell," "What's in a Kiss," "The New Ireland Over the Ocean," and "The New Ireland Ballad," from which the play derives its title. A capable company will support the star. The customary bargain matinees will be given on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, when 25 cents will purchase any seat on the lower floor, while the entire balcony will be but 15 cents.

"MY FRIEND FROM INDIA."
 "My Friend from India," the comedy which has had so much written and said about it, is to be placed before Toronto theatre-goers for the first time to-night when it begins a week's run at the Grand. The piece is a farcical comedy in light acts, and it is said, must be seen to be appreciated. Erastus Underhill, a retired Kansas City pork packer, in order to get his family into society, moves to New York. His son Charles becomes one of the boys, and, coming home early one morning, brings with him a stranger, whom he afterwards, in order to get out of his scrape, passes off as his parent's great, thimble-footed uncle. It is then the commencement, the many ludicrous situations into which everyone is thrown, and the wonderful preparations indulged in, making a most delightful side-splitting mix-up, which finally comes off all right. The comedy presenting the comedy is said to be a good one, and the patrons of the Grand are promised a treat.

MISS FRANCES DRAKE.
 Miss Frances Drake, the well-known actress, formerly of Frohman's forces, and remembered here as a member of the famous Pilon stock company, since her retirement from the "My Friend from India" company, has been a guest at the Queen's, where she has been treated by a local play-scholar. Miss Drake has had offers to join several prominent companies since her arrival in Toronto, but has been obliged to refuse, as she is engaged to create the title role in "The Lady from Hanbury Cross," which is to be produced in New York shortly.

THE BLOU THEATRE.
 An exceptionally strong bill has been provided for the Blou Theatre, of the Theatre district, which will offer to-night in magic, Miss Lillian Herndon, vocalist, Abasco, the funny but silent clown, Geo. Hamilton, in his novel creation, Hazy Nicks, Hines and Benbow, in the far-famed Bowery act, Hamilton and Herndon, will all provide excellent amusement. The performance will be concluded by Carter's great illusion act entitled "The Phantom Bride," which is said to be the greatest illusion ever shown on any stage, and never fails to cause a sensation.

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THE DAUPHIN DISTRICT.

A Toronto Man Makes a Tour of Inspection—Development of the Lumber Resources.
 Winnipeg Free Press.
 D. B. Hanna, superintendent of the Lake Manitow Railway and Canal Co., accompanied by Messrs. Wadsworth of Toronto, and McDonald of Eastern Ontario, returned on Wednesday from a trip to Dauphin. From the end of the track at Valley River the gentlemen drove north to Lake Pepouas, through the Mossy River settlement, and inspected the resources of the district. Mr. McDonald is connected with a large lumbering firm in the east, and was much interested in the resources of the northern country, and in conversation with a Free Press reporter Mr. Wadsworth stated that the resources of the northern country, which will materially develop the lumbering interests of the country. Mr. Hanna, though not a stranger to the country, was surprised by the large settlement along Mossy River and the advanced condition of the farms, many of the settlers being from Ontario and some of them living there for years, one being a resident for 18 years. All were contented with their country, and expected a large increase in their number during the next year. The friends were writing that they would join them in time to put in crops the coming season.

GETTING OUT IRON ORE.

The People to the South Are Developing Their Ranges—Canadians Ignorant of Their Resources.
 Few, if any, Canadians have an adequate conception of the magnitude of the Lake Superior iron ore fields. I mean by that those on the American shores of the great unmined sea. There are, of course, iron ores on the northern, or Canadian side, and in Ontario territory, but of these Canadians as a whole are almost ignorant and it is not my purpose to go into particulars regarding them at the present time. The Marquette and Cleveland, Ohio, published with the consent of J. H. Easton, giving the shipment of iron ores from various ranges on Lake Superior, from the commencement of the year to Dec. 31, 1896. For the sake of brevity and as considerable of the detail would be of little interest, it is proposed to condense them as much as possible. Iron mining has been carried on with more or less success in the Superior district since somewhere in the fifties. However, the total shipment of all grades of iron ore amounted to only 13,010,705 gross tons. The annual output since 1878 has been: 1880, 1,976,695; 1881, 2,319,483; 1882, 2,954,412; 1883, 2,322,849; 1884, 2,518,692; 1885, 2,626,242; 1886, 4,752,107; 1887, 5,963,877; 1888, 7,322,613; 1890, 9,005,725; 1891, 7,071,923; 1892, 9,072,241; 1893, 8,902,716; 1894, 7,748,212; 1895, 429,637; 1896, 9,924,828, or a grand total of 107,818,540 gross tons—2240 lbs. each ton, or valuing at the current market at \$6 per ton delivered Lake Erie and Lake Michigan ports, its gross value would exceed \$640,000,000, or in other words, as far as carrying capacity is concerned, would furnish capacity for the Lake Superior, from 1878 to 1900, a bushel of wheat. I do not much wonder why the Wabash road, which ships millions in tonnage that of all their ocean ports.

The ranges and mines from which this ore is mined are divided as follows: Marquette range, lake port, Marquette, Mich.; Menominee range, lake ports, St. Ignace and Escanaba, on Lake Michigan, 61 mines; Gogebic range, Ashland, Mich., 22 mines; Mesaba range, lake ports, Two Harbors and Duluth, Minn., 22 mines; Vermilion range, when not acting as a port, 4 mines. The gross tonnage is divided as follows: Marquette, 46,538,137; Menominee range, 22,954,412; Gogebic range, 20,788,787; Vermilion range, 8,209,225; Ashland, 107,613,540.

There is quite as good ore, and undoubtedly quite as much on the Canadian side of Lake Superior, but it wants enterprising and capital to develop it. If Canadian capitalists want an object lesson, they need consider these statistics. If more were necessary, let them investigate Marquette, Ironwood, Ashland, Duluth, Two Harbors, Soudan and a dozen others, which owe much, is not the whole of their greatness to iron mining.

Mines in Sudbury.
 Sudbury News.
 Mr. M. Beckie, who is here in the interests of the City of Toronto, has been engaged sinking shafts in the Ouk-Henry gold property in Broder Township. The Citizens' Gold and Coal Mining company has a shaft 10 feet in depth in the Ouk-Henry property in Broder Township. We understand the vein to be well defined, of good width and fairly promising. Messrs. E. L. Sawyer, surveyor, J. C. Palmer of the Kensington Hotel, Toronto; Dr. M. Schuman of New York, in company with Messrs. D. O'Connor, Mayor of Coburne, F. H. Chapin and L. V. Burke of Sudbury were in the mine on Tuesday morning, returning last evening. The party all went to the examination of the vein, and a thorough examination was made of the progress of the work since extra work was put on. We understand everything was found highly satisfactory, and it is believed a strong case will be made at work shortly.

PERISHED IN THE FLAMES.

Two Most Disastrous Fires in Hoboken.

30 FAMILIES HOMELESS.
Mrs. Schroeder and Her Five Children Died Together.
 The husband and father was playing cards in a saloon while his family were dying—Nabel Mangie, Eight Years Old, Was the Only Victim—Chas. Blanchard's Family Escaped on Neighboring Boats—The Bodies of the Schroeders Found After the Fire.

Hoboken, N.J., Jan. 31.—This city was visited by two disastrous fires between 11.30 o'clock Saturday night and 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Seven families were made homeless. The Saturday night fire started in the 3-story frame building at 410 Newark-street. Here six persons took their lives. They were Mrs. Nellie Schroeder, 46 years old, and her five children, Henry, aged 11, Maggie T. Kate J. and two years and Willie 3 months old. The father of the family, Charles Schroeder, was in a nearby saloon playing cards while his wife and children were dying.

THE SECOND FIRE.
 The second fire started at 3 o'clock this morning in a 5-story double-deck tenement at 157 1/2-158 1/2. In this fire three tenants, Nos. 157, 157 and 159 were entirely wrecked, and No. 153 was damaged badly. One child was killed, and a woman was injured.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

A Budapest correspondent has sent to America the first authentic photograph of Princess Chimay and her gypsy Rigo. Recent despatches from the Hungarian capital show that the town is suffering from a Rigo-Chimay craze. In the show windows of large and small establishments photographs of the couple are exhibited.



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MR. GLADSTONE DISAPPROVES.

Mr. Gladstone, before his departure for the Riviera, expressed his emphatic disapproval of the proposed loan to Turkey. The idea that the Sultan should find financial aiders among the European powers excited his indignation. The eastern question really turns, not upon financial issues nor diplomatic intrigues, but upon the health of the East. Whether the loan would be received in Japan has proved serious, or he is suffering from neuritic headache caused by overwork, or the struggle of intrigues to supplant one another in his favor, the health of the young sovereign is impaired, and the security of Europe is imperiled thereby. Count Mouravieff, French ambassador in Berlin, and Vienna remains a mystery. But it is hardly credible that it involves the introduction of new policies.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

'Countess Rosi' Has Been Acquitted on a Plea of Insanity.
 Paris, Jan. 30.—The self-styled Countess Rosi, who was arrested here last month on the charge of having planned the villa of Count Roche at the Hotel de Ville, was today acquitted on her plea of insanity. The 'Countess' was born in Detroit, Mich., of French parents, and asserts that she was married to an Italian count, who is now dead. She has long been known in Paris and elsewhere as an adventuress, but her present case is an advertisement for the swarming of paupers into the district where the method is questioned by many critics, with warnings that this is setting a precedent in the burdens of the poor rates. Mr. Hooley is overwhelmed with warnings that this is setting a precedent in the burdens of the poor rates. Mr. Hooley is overwhelmed with warnings that this is setting a precedent in the burdens of the poor rates.

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MR. HOOLEY'S PHILANTHROPY.

The new millionaire class is making trouble by its philanthropic experiments. Mr. Ernest T. Hooley, after having been arrested at the same time as the 'Countess', was today acquitted on her plea of insanity. The 'Countess' was born in Detroit, Mich., of French parents, and asserts that she was married to an Italian count, who is now dead. She has long been known in Paris and elsewhere as an adventuress, but her present case is an advertisement for the swarming of paupers into the district where the method is questioned by many critics, with warnings that this is setting a precedent in the burdens of the poor rates. Mr. Hooley is overwhelmed with warnings that this is setting a precedent in the burdens of the poor rates.

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