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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" will commence an engagement of one week at the Princess Theatre next Monday evening, with Mrs. Madge Carr as the quaint, motherly Mrs. Wiggs. Edith Talbot, a gifted young actress impersonates the character of Loretta, whose runaway, right from the beginning, with little Tommy, has been chosen by Mrs. Anne Crawford, Fickler as the great plot of her dramatic version of Mrs. Alice Hagan, the two famous stories. The comedy interest centres in the birth-provoking episode of Mrs. Stubbins and his matrimonial designs upon little Mrs. Hagan, the meek and shiftless neighbor of Mrs. Wiggs. This portion of the original action has been elaborated to a suitable extent. There will be Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

The atmosphere and scenes of Richard Carter's most successful comic

next week, the first time in Toronto, are all Japanese. Both sets are laid in a public garden in the City of Tokio. There are, of course, Gaijin girls, queer-looking Japanese soldiers, of the old kind, gorgeously costumed Japanese officials, and a beautiful white and pink cherry blossom effect over the whole place. Into this delightful, luscious land, a band of impecunious play actors, members of an American comic opera company, are projected. The presenting company is one of the best musical organizations in the country.

Few authors now writing for the stage have a greater following or stauncher adherents than Lincoln J. Carter, whose latest melodrama, "While Prince Burns," comes to the Majestic next week. He has again demonstrated his ability to quickly find an extraordinary scene around which to write a most extraordinary play—an earthquake and a fire scene—which will go down in history as one of the greatest pieces of stage craft ever witnessed.

The Dining and Parlor Car Service on the Grand Trunk is excellent. No necessity to hurry a meal before leaving home when the best of everything at reasonable rates is served in the handsome cafe and buffet parlor cars. Buffet parlor cars are attached to trains leaving Toronto 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. for Niagara Falls and Buffalo, 4.30 p.m. for London, and 4.30 p.m. for London and Detroit. 9.00 a.m. for Montreal and 1.45 p.m. for North Bay. Reservations and tickets may be secured at city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets.

A Presentation.
The recent resignations of several of the public school principals have necessitated several promotions. Among other transfers has been that of W. E. Smith of Rose-avenue school to the principalship of Bolton-avenue school, so the parents and pupils of the former school have presented Mr. Smith with a handsome set of Robert Louis Stevenson's works.

Ottawa and Montreal Trains.
Through sleepers leave for Ottawa and Montreal every night at 10 p.m. on the C.P.R.'s eastern flyer from Chicago. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays the magnificent compartment car Canada forms part of the equipment; other nights drawing-rooms are available in the sleepers. For fast time and a comfortable trip see your ticket reader via Canadian Pacific. Reservations at city ticket office, corner King and Yonge-streets. Phone Main 148.

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DIVIDING UP THE COST OF JAMES ST. EXTENSION

Lengthy Representations Made Before Judge Winchester by Property Owners Interested.

Further hearing of the appeals against the revised assessment for the cost of James-street extension will not be heard till after the city council meeting of Jan. 14. Judge Winchester yesterday agreeing to an adjournment at the instance of J. H. Macdonald, counsel for the T. Eaton Company. Mr. Macdonald said he wished to have time to get up a petition against the extension as an alternative to the plan of assessment, and the judge afterwards stated he would permit matters to stand.

Among the legal counsel present when the hearing began yesterday were: C. H. Ritchie, K.C., for the Simpson estate; J. H. Macdonald for the T. Eaton Company; E. A. DuVernet and W. D. Raymond for the R. Simpson Company; W. T. Thurston for the Adams' Furniture Company; A. W. Briggs for the Methodist Book Room; George T. Bell for A. M. Orpen; James Baird for W. F. Maclean, M.P.; H. M. East, for J. R. Beamish; J. H. Richardson for the Continental Life Insurance Company; W. D. McPherson, K.C., for the Whaley, Royce Company; and H. E. Redman for the Joseph Cavithra estate.

Commissioners Opinion.
Assessment Commissioner Forman said he still favored a width of 105 feet, creating something of a square, which might be used for street cars. While he thought the city's share of the cost should be generous, his instructions had been to report on a plan of a street 66 feet wide, on which the city was to pay one-third. Property further north on James-street than 70 feet, the depth of the corner lots fronting on Queen-street, was not being assessed, as it would not be benefited. He understood that the extension was for the public benefit. Mr. Forman didn't think pedestrians on Richmond-street would be much inconvenienced when the Simpson Company began loading its wagons on the extension.

H. H. Williams, the real estate manager called by Mr. Macdonald for the T. Eaton Company, declared that James-street had good outlets to Yonge-street, and that the pedestrian traffic was greater on Richmond-street than on Queen-street since the operation of the loop, while the extension would divert traffic to Richmond-street. Mr. DuVernet said that the stores profited by cross streets, and that a 66 foot street wouldn't relieve the congestion. The traffic developing at Richmond and Yonge-streets would require a width of 105 feet.

A. G. Strathy, another real estate man, estimated that the city should pay 65 per cent. of the cost, and H. R. Mars said that it could not be determined beforehand what property would be benefited by the opening of a new street.

Property Benefited.
At the afternoon sitting F. J. Stewart gave the opinion, as a real estate dealer, that property above Queen-street, on James-street would not benefit, and that the A. M. Orpen block of land, extending 115 feet east from Yonge-street, on the south side of Queen-street, with a depth of 95 feet, would also receive no benefit.

J. W. Flavelle claimed for the William Davies Company that the store adjoining the Adams Company, on Queen-street, would receive no advantage, but that rather the extension would divert traffic to the south. The city should pay one-third of the cost, and would be for the public relief, and only by extending north to Front-street would important new traffic be opened up.

Judge Winchester said there was evidence that the Richmond-street loop would afford relief, but Mr. Flavelle admitted that the Simpson Company would profit from having an entrance on James-street, but was positive in declaring no benefit would be done to property on the north side of Queen-street, or on James-street above Queen-street.

"A miserable, absurdly narrow street," was the term applied by Mr. DuVernet to the proposed extension. He, too, complained that the city was assessing itself too lightly, and that the property on the east side was being taxed too heavily to justify the extension. He said that the city would be all amalgamated in the future. Mr. DuVernet vigorously declared against the "absurd narrowness" of the city's plan of streets, which had been made for a small town. There should be a large open space in front of the city hall in case of a great fire or other cause of public panic.

Tread of Trade.
Mr. Macdonald's plea for the T. Eaton Company was that trade would be carried south. It was ridiculous to assume that a "little street" would increase property values to the north. Mr. Macdonald said that he would try to get up a petition among the property owners affected, to be submitted at the city council meeting on Jan. 14. Mr. Thurston's opinion was that, as the Adams Company was being assessed, so also should be the properties adjoining it on the east.

Mr. Bell argued that if the Orpen property were assessed its entire length the assessment should extend as far north as Albert-street. He sought to establish that Judge Winchester had power to allot the city's share, but his honor held otherwise, remarking, however, that he would compel the city to widen the street to 105 feet and bear the cost, if he had the right to do so.

Mr. Bell quoted the testimony of Mr. Mars as to the extension of property on the present James-street from advantage, but the court was not much impressed.

"That's a feature about these real estate men; they all say their own words," he commented.
The judge agreed with James Baird representing The World, that the south side of Richmond-street would benefit by the extension. Mr. Baird considered that The World establishment at the northwest corner of Richmond and James-street extended would tend to enhance surrounding land values. His clients, he said, were prepared to abide by the assessment fixed.

Mr. Richardson held that the new Continental Life Building at the southeast corner of Bay and Richmond-streets would gain nothing. The assessment is \$5000.

Richmond Street's Share.
"All the experts witness said Richmond-street would be benefited," pointed out the judge.
H. E. Redman, for the Joseph Cavithra estate, southwest corner of Yonge

and Richmond-streets, with a frontage of 20 feet on Yonge-street, and a depth of 78 feet on Richmond-street, objected to the \$5000 levy, claiming that the traffic was now so great it could not be added to with advantage. W. D. McPherson also objected on behalf of Whaley, Royce & Co. Mr. Briggs, for the Methodist Book Room, asserted that neither the running of cars nor the extension would be of advantage to his clients. A. F. Lobb, representing the R. H. Lear estate, owning 25-27 West Richmond-street, with a 50 foot frontage, said his clients were satisfied. The court then adjourned.

MANKILLED FIREMENHURT PROPERTY LOSS \$400,000

Conflagration at Montreal in Early Hours Yesterday. Attended by Exciting Features.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—One life lost and property to the extent of more than \$400,000 destroyed was the result of a fire, which broke out at 2 o'clock this morning, here today. The property belonging to the G. W. Stephens estate, between St. James and St. Antoine streets, where Craig-street joins the former thoroughfare, was gutted.

The dead man is Hormidas Gagnon, who was crushed in his own home by a falling wall when trying to rescue his son, who escaped without injury.

Following is a list of estimated damages: Two buildings of G. W. Stephens estate, \$300,000; I. Mistkin Co., \$10,000; Cheesborough Manufacturing Co., \$50,000; Otis Benson Co., \$25,000; Smith Patterson Co., \$50,000; Graham Co., \$40,000; Gillette Safety Razor Co., \$25,000; Barge McDougal, \$10,000; Woodburn Sons Co., \$30,000; Hudson Bay Smelting Co., \$50,000; Thos. C. Doyle, \$2000; Montreal Cotton Co., \$2000; Atlas Duplicating Co., \$3000; Telson Co., \$15,000; Standard Clothing Co., \$40,000; Beaver Rubber Co., \$5000; Barge McDougal, \$10,000; Dodge Pulley Co., \$20,000.

The St. David's lane wall crashed down and many of the firemen were injured, and it was there that Gagnon met his death. The fire was well fought, but it was not entirely out until 10 o'clock this morning. The injured firemen are John Dupuis, Patrick Hamel, John Livingstone, J. Brosseau, Michael McGraw, James Messett. None are very seriously injured.

Fully three-fourths of the firms affected have been burnt out, but it is understood that the majority of the losses are covered by insurance. Brennan, the caretaker, told his wife to get a box containing \$500. In her excitement she picked up a clock, leaving the cash to burn. With his family, he had to run from his room, and before he could reach the street it was necessary to smash two doors.

The damaged and destroyed buildings were owned by the estate of G. W. Stephens, and were insured for \$35,000. As follows: Leclerc, \$10,000; Anglo-American, \$20,000; Equity, \$5000; Ottawa, \$5000. Total, \$35,000.
The following is insurance on contents and fixtures: Woodburn and Co., Caledonian, \$2000; Guardian, \$2500; Home, \$2500; Law Union and Crown, \$4200; Liverpool and London, \$4200; Globe, \$4200; North American, \$2100; Norwich Union, \$4200; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$2100; Sun, \$2100; total, \$25,500.

The Montreal Cotton Company office situated Home, \$2500.
New York: Silk Waist Company: Northern, \$4500; Norwich Union, \$1500; should pay one-third of the cost, and would be for the public relief, and only by extending north to Front-street would important new traffic be opened up.

A. S. Bain & Co.: Aetna, \$2500; Alliance, \$1000; British America, \$5000; General American, \$2000; Home, \$4000; Law Union and Crown, \$1000; Norwich Union, \$2000; Royal, \$2000; Lloyds, \$2000; Mutual, \$2000; Canada Mutual, \$2000; London Mutual, \$2000; Montreal Mutual, \$2000; Traders, \$2000; total, \$35,500.

Globe: Razor Company: Aetna, \$2000; Caledonian, \$2000; Guardian, \$2000; Home, \$2000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$2000; Sun, \$2000; total, \$10,000.
Standard Clothing Company: German American, \$3000; Guardian, \$5000; Liverpool and London, \$4000; Globe, \$2000; Northern, \$2000; Norwich Union, \$2000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$2500; Scottish Union, \$2500; total, \$23,000.

T. C. Doyle: Alliance, \$500; British America, \$2500; Norwich Union, \$2000; total, \$10,000.

Elms Duplicator Co.: Hartford, \$500; Home, \$1000; Northern, \$1000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$1000; Queen, \$500; Scottish U. & N., \$1500; Western, \$1000; Rochester, \$2500; total, \$5000.

The St. James-street building, owned by the Stephens estate, was insured for \$52,999, as follows: London Assurance, \$35,333; Anglo-American, \$17,666; total, \$52,999.
Dodge Manufacturing Co.: North British and Mercantile, \$5000; Royal, \$2000; Sun, \$2000; total, \$9000.

Atlas: Fenelon Co.: Aetna, \$4000; Atlas, \$3500; Northern, \$1500; Phoenix of London, \$8000; Royal, \$2500; Equity, \$2500; Ottawa, \$2500; total, \$22,500.

Liverpool, London and Globe, \$5000; Northern, \$4000; Queen, \$5000; Royal, \$5000; London Mutual, \$2000; Mount Royal, \$2000; total, \$20,000.

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NO POLITICAL BIAS.

Brantford, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The O. I. B. enquiry was resumed this afternoon, when an examination of Dr. A. J. Marquis, G. Raymond and F. Lewis was held as to the general workings of the institution.

John Nicholson, a pupil, submitted evidence for the defence that students were allowed to go to political meetings of both parties. Pupils had attended the resort of the Conservatism workers, where a conference was arranged with the candidate, Brewster.

Principal Gardiner's defence will be forthcoming to-morrow.

EARLY NAVIGATION.

Port Colborne, Jan. 3.—Winter navigation was opened at this port to-day by the tug Skylark, owned by Haney & Miller of Toronto, departing for Port Stanley, light. The tug arrived here in the fall, intending to reach that place.

BISHOP BERRY'S FATHER DEAD.

St. Thomas, Jan. 3.—Rev Francis Berry, a veteran member of the Detroit Methodist conference, is dead here. Burial will be at Mt. Clemens, Mich. Mr. Berry was the father of Bishop Berry of Buffalo and Dr. H. G. Berry of Mt. Clemens. He was born in Canada in 1821 and went by transfer from the Methodist Church of Canada to the Detroit conference in 1889.

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