

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

GLORIOUS TENOR SENSATION AT GEM

A pleasing surprise was given Gem patrons last evening when the male member of the Ryan and Raynor vaudeville team began to sing, and before he finished his first solo, it was realized that a glorious tenor voice, directed with artistic skill, was entertaining them. Rich in tone, great in volume, and wide in range, the singing held all enchanted. The other parts of the programme, such as the Aerial Lavinias, man and woman, while "The Scarlet Oath," featuring Gail Kane, is a great feature picture. One of the best programmes the Gem has ever offered. Come tonight at 7:15 and 8:45.

TOOK THE LADIES' BREATH AWAY

The greatest fun and merriment was caused in the Imperial last evening by the Julian Ellinge picture, "The Countess Clearing"—a veritable classic in female impersonation. Mr. Ellinge is the world's best-known portrayal of women and women's apparel, that is, he characterizes them. In this story he is a sensation of laughs and surprises. He takes the ladies' breath away with the elaborateness of his wardrobe and his feminine affectations. Still Julian Ellinge, is an athletic, rough-and-tumble man, not by any means a sissy. The other parts of the programme, such as the new British Government Official Weekly with army and navy news, the Universal Topical Weekly, the Italian since and violin recitals, rounded out a delightful evening. The same bill to-night.

MARGUERITE CLARK HERE TOMORROW

Those who saw Marguerite Clark in her famous Paramount picture, "Miss George Washington," will be reminded of it by "Bab's Diary," the charming story by Mary Roberts Rinehart of Bab, the "Sub-Deb," in the clever manner in which Miss Clark has portrayed the role of Bab, who, like Miss George Washington, makes the discovery that we weave a tangled web, indeed, when first we practice to deceive. "Bab's Diary" is a fascinating story with a vivid imagination and much surplus energy—which makes it hard for her family, but adds to the charm of a diary whose every page ebullient in adventure and the reddest kind of farce. "Bab's Diary" will appear on Friday and Saturday at the Imperial.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVES'S signature is on box.

GRAND SCARED CONCERT

Opera House, tomorrow (Friday), in aid of the Halifax sufferers. Programme: Salve Regina. Mrs. Euphonia Schmidt. Vocal solo—Gibney and Nina. Miss Gladys Grant. Piano duo. Mrs. Kent Scovill and M. Cortright. Ave Maria. Miss Louise Anderson. Selected. DeWitt Cairns. Reading—Selected. Miss Gladys Grant. Aria La Tosca. Mrs. Euphonia Schmidt. Miss Kathryn Gallivan. Violin solo—Souvenir De Moscow. Quartette—Lead of Kindly Light. Mrs. Murray Long, Miss Gladys Grant, C. A. Smith and T. Guy. The Penitent. C. A. Munro. Accompanists: Mrs. Kent Scovill, Miss Blanche and M. C. Ewing.

DEATHS

KILEY—On December 19, 1917, Daniel Kiley, leaving his wife and four children, his father, mother, seven brothers and two sisters to mourn. Funeral on Friday afternoon at 2:30 from Fitzpatrick Bros' parlors. Friends invited. SEELY—After a lingering illness, in this city, on Dec. 19, Alfred Murray, third son of George and Maud Seely, aged twelve years and two months, leaving to mourn, besides his parents, one son, Mrs. Ellenah Post, and three brothers, Wellington, Harold and Frederick. Funeral on Friday afternoon at 2:30 from Fitzpatrick Bros' parlors. Friends invited. BOYNE—At his parents' residence, 61 Erin street, on the 20th inst., Francis, infant child of Douglas and Margaret Boyne. Burial tomorrow morning. QUINLAN—In this city on the 20th inst., Mary Olive, only child of Leonard C. and Mae A. Quinlan, aged seventeen months. Funeral from 219 Charlotte street, Friday at 8:15 o'clock.

CARDS OF THANKS

Mrs. Frederick Bagnell wishes to thank the doctors and nurses of the General Public Hospital for kind attention given her while a patient.

NEW HIGH RECORD IN CANADA'S TRADE

November Exports \$187,315,000 and Favorable Balance \$114,607,000

Imports Contracting—Difficulty of Securing Raw Materials in U. S. a Factor of Not Encouraging Import

Exports of Canadian produce in November were valued at \$187,315,515, says the Montreal Gazette, and the excess of exports over imports amounted to \$114,607,076, new high records for any month in the history of the Dominion. The best previous showing was that of July last, when exports were about \$177,000,000, and the excess of exports over imports about \$87,000,000.

The Spectacular Exhibit for November was due to a heavy outward movement of both grain and manufactures.

Exports under the head of agricultural produce reached a total of nearly \$78,000,000, the highest ever reported for any month; the total of manufactures was considerably below the previous record, but still high at nearly \$68,000,000. There was some expansion, too, in the minor classifications, chiefly animals and their products.

The notable increase in the country's favorable balance for the month was partly due to a contraction in imports, which were the smallest of any month since February.

If the recent contraction in Canadian buying of luxuries in foreign markets, the decline would be encouraging. Possibly economy was some factor. But more probably it is due very largely to the new difficulties of Canadian manufacturers in securing raw materials in the United States. If that is the case, some decline in the volume of exports of manufactures must be looked for in due course, with adverse effect on the general trade figures.

The trade results for the current year become more and more impressive as the year draws to a close.

For the eleven months to November 30 exports total \$1,899,018,996 and the excess of exports over imports to \$455,419,969, the latter comparing with \$299,887,000 for the same period in 1916, \$115,850,000 for the same period in 1915. In the same eleven months of 1912 there was a balance against Canada of \$281,123,000.

THE GOVERNMENT IN SESSION IN CAPITAL

Fredrickton, Dec. 20.—The provincial government began its regular session last night. A lengthy meeting was held and another this morning. It is probable that the meeting will be long one.

His Honor the Governor Pugsley arrived last night from St. John, the occasion being the first on which he has visited the capital since being sworn in.

The board of education is meeting this afternoon. Mrs. Melissa Sinclair, wife of John Sinclair, died at her home in Lincoln last night, aged sixty-six years. She was ill but a short time with anemia. Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. A. Phillips of Lincoln, Miss Charlotte E. Sinclair of Boston, and Mrs. Allan Glazier of Lincoln. The funeral will take place on Friday. Interment will be made at Ruslingorish.

Miss Alicea Wathen, instructor in manual training at the Provincial Normal training at the Provincial Normal, has severed her connection with that institution. This morning she received a wrist watch from Principal Bridges on behalf of the students and members of the faculty.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Everett, Maryville, was the scene of a very happy occasion yesterday afternoon, when their daughter, Miss Isabel Vera was united in marriage to Henry Allan Capman of Barker's Point, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Carman. The bride was attended by Miss Hazel Shaw, while Edgar Everett, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Rev. E. A. Barras officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Carman left by C. P. R. for St. John. On their return they will reside in Maryville.

THE HERO OF LIEGE

Genera, Dec. 18.—General Leman, the hero of Liege, was expected to arrive in Switzerland yesterday, the German government having finally agreed to his interment in this country. No struggling parties arose, however, and the general was arrested on the frontier.

LEGAL WITVICISMS.

Stories from the law courts are apt to be good, legal wit being noted for its dryness. But this story claims no particular merit, except for showing the usefulness of a ready wit.

The counsel for the plaintiff was delivering an impassioned address. He was somewhat weighty in person, and happened to be leaning on a very old chair. In the middle of the torrent of eloquence, the chair gave way and the barrister lay on the floor in the midst of the wreckage. He got up and, unperturbed, pointing to the broken chair, said, "That proves the strength of my argument."

The court smiled broadly, but laughed outright when the opposing counsel promptly replied, "The learned counsel's argument may be all that he claims for it, but it fell to the ground."—Christian Science Monitor.

CREAM FOR CATARRH OPENS UP NOSTRILS

Tells How To Get Quick Relief from Head-Colds. It's Splendid!

In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more yawning, snuffling, blowing, sneezing, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; your cold or catarrh will be gone.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, penetrating cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh—Relief comes so quickly.

FURTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions received at the Halifax Relief headquarters, Prince William street, for the Halifax relief fund since yesterday's report, are as follows:—E. A. Schofield, \$50; O. H. Warwick Co., Ltd., \$50; D. F. Brown, \$25; Bowyer & Smith, \$25; Plumbers' Union, \$25; T. H. Wilson, \$25; Charles A. Fisher, \$20; George W. Parker, \$20; through the mayor's office, \$269.50.



For Christmas

- 4 lbs. Oatmeal..... 25c.
- 1 lb. block Pure Lard..... 31c.
- 1 lb. tin Crisco..... 31c.
- 1-2 lb. tin Baker's Cocoa..... 22c.
- 12 oz. pkge. Seeded Raisins..... 30c.
- 16 oz. pkge. Seeded Raisins..... 30c.
- 15 oz. pot MacLaren's Cheese, 10c

GANDY

- Special Mixed..... 15c. lb.
- National Mixed..... 25c. lb.
- St. Croix Mixed..... 30c. lb.
- Frank White's Mixed..... 30c. lb.
- French Cream Mixed..... 35c. lb.
- Assorted Kisses..... 25c. lb.
- Barley Toys..... 25c. lb.
- Barley Toys (selected)..... 30c. lb.
- Turkish Delight..... 30c. lb.
- Butter Scotch Wafers..... 40c. lb.
- Special Mixed Caramels..... 50c. lb.
- Mixed Chocolates..... 40c. lb.
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- Marie Saunders' Chocolates, 60c. and 70c. lb.

QUALITY CHOCOLATES, 80c. lb.

TABLE RAISINS, 15c., 20c. and 30c. lb.

MIXED NUTS, 25c. and 35c. lb.

COSSAQUES or CRACKERS 35c. to \$2.00 a box

FILLED STOCKINGS For the Kiddies, 10c. to \$2.65 each

Corn for popping..... 10c. pkge.

Popcorn Balls..... 20c. doz.

REELY-TROOLY DOLLS To cut out, six in box... For 27c.

BIG BARGAINS IN DOLLS Extra values at \$1.33 each

These Dolls are 15 inches high, nicely dressed, in large variety. Special Sale price until Xmas \$1.05 each

CANDLES FOR THE TREE, 10c. box

OHOW CHOW Special Home-made... 35c. bottle

CANNED CHICKEN Boneless, in 1-2 lb. tins..... 65c.

Boneless, in 1 lb. tins..... 95c.

Breasts in glass..... \$1.15

PLUM PUDDINGS In Sealed tins, extra quality, 45c., 60c. and \$1.00 each

GREENING Wreaths, etc.

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The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price

Bracelet Watches for Christmas

A Watch is an ideal Christmas Gift. The Bracelet Watch is not a fad. It is the practical, everyday Watch for women. It is carried in a very convenient and safe way, and a glance tells the time.

Come in and see these Exquisite Watches. Never have we had such a splendid stock of Bracelet Watches as now. It is a display of interest to everyone who should include on his or her list a lady's watch. The movements are standard Swiss and American makes, in Gold-filled and Solid Gold cases. The price range is from \$17 to \$45.

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21 King St., - St. John, N. B.

Famine or Food?

(Conversation.) Famine has always been a corollary of war. Even minor conflicts have invariably brought about more or less serious want in the nations engaged. At the present time, world famine is within measurable distance. The tremendous waste, coupled with a great decline in the production of food-stuffs is rapidly depleting available supplies and if the war continues for a prolonged period, nothing short of superhuman efforts can prevent the nations participating in it from going hungry.

Millions of the men of Britain, France and Italy are in the fighting line, and obviously cannot be food producers. In normal times, these countries were dependent on other countries for much of their supplies of foodstuffs, but now they are more than ever so. To outline the situation concretely: It is estimated that the production of wheat in the United Kingdom, Belgium, France and Italy this year will fall short by 500,000,000 bushels of the pre-war average. It should be remembered that in the three years before the war these countries imported about 750,000,000 bushels annually; also that war conditions make any marked increase in production within the next few years difficult, if not impossible. This deficiency in wheat has its parallel in meats and dairy products and only the most careful management will save the heads of those countries from serious, if not ruinous, depletion.

LONG HOLIDAY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Not One Building in Halifax Except the County Academy is Fit For Use

School children are deluged riding in the streets of Halifax, happy in the prospect of a long holiday. How long that holiday will be no one, not even G. K. Butler, supervisor of education, pretends to say. Of the twenty-five schools in the city, not one, except the Academy, remains fit for use or occupancy. The rest are out of repair. Tower Road school is the least injured of all, and that could not be made ready again in less than three weeks even if men and material were available. St. Joseph's and Richmond schools will have to be entirely rebuilt. Chatham school, now a temporary nursery, and Alexandra school are both in a ruined condition. Months will not repair the damages to either. The total damage is estimated at one million five hundred thousand dollars.

MAKING RURAL LIFE MORE ATTRACTIVE

Analysis of the Problem of Keeping Farmers on the Land

To keep the farmers on the land when they get there has become a greater problem than that of first attracting them to the land. They are said to be leaving the land in thousands at the present time, and we are told that millions of acres of land, which had been occupied at one time, are now deserted, and that the present system of land settlement is productive of much poverty and degradation. Whether these statements are exaggerated or not, the fact that they are made by responsible people indicates a state of affairs that demands a remedy. Why do men now hesitate to go to the land in the first place, and find it ungenial to stay in the second place? Why do women stay away, with the injurious consequences to rural life which is caused by their absence? The three outstanding reasons are:

LOCAL NEWS

CANDY

A few prices on good confectionery at The 2 Bakers, Ltd., 100 Princess street, 111 Brussels street: Mixed candy, 12c. and 15c. lb.; barley tops, 25c. lb.; Christmas mixture, 10c. lb. regular 50c. chocolates, 20c. lb. box for \$1.25; mixed nuts, 20c. and 25c. lb.; seeded raisins, 12c. package.

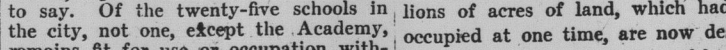
JAIL AND FINE

A man, who has been before the police court on a complaint of parents of a fourteen-year-old girl, was dealt with this morning. He was sentenced to one month in jail and a fine of \$100. The same man was committed on election day. W. M. Ryan appeared for the defendant, and Francis Kerr for the parents of the girl.

HEINZE-SHERWOOD.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Passaque yesterday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sherwood, when their daughter, Miss Jennie, became the bride of Fred Heinze, who holds an important position on the staff of the Atlantic Refiners. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Rowley of Hampton. The bride, who was prettily gowned in a traveling dress, was given away by her father, and there was hearty good wishes of a host of friends. Mrs. Heinze left on a honeymoon trip to Boston and New York, and on return will reside in Waterloo street. They were the recipients of many handsome wedding presents and they have the happy gathering of relatives to wit-

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EAT LESS AND TAKE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues of the body are weakened, the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead, your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when

the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist constantly against kidney trouble, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

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THE TONIC THAT BRINGS HEALTH

"Fruit-a-tives" Builds Up The Whole System

Those who take "Fruit-a-tives" for the first time, are often astonished at the way it builds them up and makes them feel better all over. They may be taking "Fruit-a-tives" for some specific disease, as Constipation, Indigestion, Chronic Headaches or Neuralgia, Kidney or Bladder Trouble, Rheumatism of Pain in the back. And they find when "Fruit-a-tives" has cured the disease, that they feel better and stronger in every way. This is due to the wonderful tonic properties of these famous tablets, made from fruit juices.

30c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

IMPERIAL ARMY MEN GIVEN M. H. C. BENEFITS

Arrangements Made By Imperial Pension Office To Secure Men Treatment and Training.

Arrangements have been made by the Department of Military and Defence through the Imperial Pension Office to extend to the disabled soldiers discharged from the imperial force and vocational training given the Canadian soldiers, through the Military Hospitals Commission, provided that they were disabled in the present war and such treatment or training will improve their condition.

The splendid hospital equipment and vocational training facilities established by the Military Hospitals Commission will be open to them without restriction. The only point of difference between the imperial and Canadian men will be that as soon as a man starts treatment or training, the appropriate allowance will be issued to the imperial army weekly by the officer paying imperial pensions from Ottawa, and will continue as long as the man is receiving treatment or training. The allowance for the Canadian soldiers are paid monthly.

Effort is being made to reach all men of this class. Attention is drawn to the fact that all cases should first be brought to the notice of the officer paying imperial pensions at Ottawa. The case will then be forwarded to the Military Hospitals Commission in Ottawa and steps will be taken immediately for training or treatment.

TAKES OVER 30 YEARS TO REFOREST PULPWOOD AREAS.

Investigation Shows Current Ideas Have to Be Revised—Hardwoods Crowd Out Conifers.

The commission of conservation has been investigating the reproduction and growth of pulpwood species on cut-over areas in the St. Maurice valley, Quebec with a view of determining what technical measures are necessary to perpetuate the vast pulpwood forests of eastern Canada. Although the investigation is only in its early stages, some startling facts have already been revealed. It has been the opinion of lumbermen that spruce and balsam on these heavily cut lands could be cut over every twenty years and the same amount of material obtained as before, but the investigation clearly demonstrates that, henceforth, a period of from thirty to sixty years must elapse between such cuttings if these pulpwood species are to be perpetuated.

Another interesting fact brought out is that two-thirds of the stand on these areas is hardwood, especially yellow birch, becomes pressing. If the pulpwood species are cut regularly as now, the hardwoods will soon monopolize the land and the forest and prevent the growth of the young spruce and balsam.

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