

dropped into the New Glasgow Club and engaged in a friendly little game of cards with a number of the local men. At the outset it rather looked as if it would be a case of a little easy money for such experts as Greenshields and Forget, but after the game was under way for a while, it became quite evident that the canny Scot knew what he was about and when the party broke up somewhere about two o'clock in the morning, the Bluenoses had taken something like seven hundred dollars out of the Montreal group, who had rather expected that they were going to make their expense money out of the evening's fun.

The *Standard* newspaper also made about three hundred dollars rather easily out of the visit of the Montreal group. The visitors on their arrival in New Glasgow, found that the population had been rather worked up over a report that the Montreal group intended if they secured the control to remove a portion of the works away from New Glasgow. Feeling ran so high that late in the afternoon, the Montreal group decided to have a special edition published of the *Standard* and have copies circulated to each house containing a story showing that far from it being the intention of the Montreal group to remove any portion of the works, that it was the intention to increase the number of men employed from about eight hundred to about fifteen hundred. Other matters were also dealt with in pretty strong language and as a result there was immediately some difference of opinion between the proprietor of the paper and the editor as to the advisability of allowing any such special edition to be put out in the home town. Interests friendly to the management of the company, when they were seen by the men who owned the paper, were told to go ahead and get the copy and it could then be decided what should be done. The agreement as between the proprietor of the paper and the Montreal group was that he should receive three hundred dollars for setting the matter up and seven hundred dollars for putting the special issue out.

Nobody seems to know just what really did happen after the local interests learned the nature of the copy that was to be inserted in the special edition, but the only report that went out from the *Standard* office was that the newspaper press had broken down and that it would be impossible to turn out the special issue.

## Mexico and Canada

"A BUENOS DIAS SENOR!" Mr. D. C. Ansell answered the greeting "con mucho gusto," and seemed rather surprised that Canada should welcome him in Spanish. The Mexican Consul-General for Canada had much to say of Mexico: "That is the country of the future. In eight years it will be the greatest gold producing country on the face of the globe. The capitalists there easily get 10 to 20 per cent. on their investments. Mexico City is very beautiful and its people are fabulously rich. There are over 4,000 auto cars in the city. The climate is perfectly delightful. It is a city not only of the future, but of the present; in fact, it's the city of to-day."

"When President Diaz took the reins of government over it was bankrupt; to-day its credit is exceptionally good."

"Mexico owes much to England, the first country to recognise it after it drove out the French under Maximilian. I played a humble part in securing the recognition of England, and I told Diaz at the time that it would be the making of Mexico—and it was. All Mexicans have a warm place in their hearts for England, which was shown in a spontaneous manner during the Honduras boundary dispute. President Diaz has surrounded himself with strong men—great men, clean men. There's Limontaur, the Finance Minister, who beat the great Harriman, the American railway Emperor, to a standstill, when he tried to secure control of the Mexican railways. Carral, too, the Vice-President of the Republic, is another great man and has the full confidence of foreigners as well as Mexicans."

"Speaking of trade relations," continued the Consul-General, "there are great opportunities for Canadian trade in Mexico. The value of this trade is now about \$2,500,000 per annum. Yet Canadians made no effort to develop their trade in this direction. If they did, if they sent out young men with a knowledge of the Spanish language to boom their country's products, Mexico would soon be one of Canada's most important customers. But, unfortunately in Canada the young men are taught Latin and Greek instead of Spanish and German and French. Canada should wake up to the fact that nearly 70,000,000 people in the western hemisphere speak the Spanish language."

## A Canadian's Success



Edmund Burke.

MR. EDMUND BURKE, the celebrated Canadian basso, who after several seasons in Royal Opera at the Hague, Holland, has been singing with great success in London, England, was born in Toronto, in 1876, and lived in Hamilton until he was eight years of age, when his parents moved to Montreal. He was educated at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Quebec, where he was head prefect and captain of the football team, and from which he graduated with the Governor-General's Medal in 1894. He matriculated into McGill University and obtained the degree of B.C.L., and is, therefore, a barrister by profession. While at McGill was leader of the Glee Club, and also was prominent on the football and cricket teams. He left Montreal in September, '02, and studied under Chevalier Alberto Visetti and Sir Hubert Parry at the Royal College of Music, London, in 1902 and 1903. In Paris in 1903 he studied under Duvernoy and Varney, and made his debut September, 1905, in Montpellier, France, in Halevy's "La Juive."

Our portrait shows him in the title role of Rossini's "William Tell," a part to which he is admirably suited, both in voice and physique.

Mr. Burke has signed with the Royal Italian Opera for next season, and will make his debut at the Covent Garden Theatre on May 5th, as Mephisto in Gounod's "Faust."

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