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### THE POSTAGE ON DROP LETTERS.

Now that the City Council and the Board of Trade have passed resolutions favoring the reduction of postage on drop letters to one cent they should adopt an aggressive policy for bringing about the proposed reform. The Postmaster-General seems disposed to make changes in the system wherever such changes can be shown to be in the interests of the people. We think it would not be difficult to make out a case in favor of a one-cent postage for drop letters. It can be shown that the cost of delivery, in Toronto at least, is less than one cent per letter. A reduction in the postage would cause a great increase in the local business in all the cities, especially in Toronto and Montreal. Many firms who deliver their own letters would use the postoffice if a one-cent rate were adopted. The postoffice should be able to deliver letters cheaper than anyone else, and the residents of the cities should not be subjected to a higher rate for delivering drop letters than what is necessary to cover the expense for the service.

### BEET SUGAR.

The Owen Sound Sugar Manufacturing Company imported from Germany, last spring, a large quantity of sugar beet seed, which was extensively distributed among farmers on the lake shore, and on the lines of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways, in order to test the adaptability of that section of the country for the production of sugar beets of good quality. When the crop was matured, Mr. McFarlane, Dominion Analyst, was sent from Ottawa to select from the lots of roots which were being gathered by a committee appointed for the purpose, a large number of average samples, which were to be forwarded to the laboratories at Ottawa and Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph for analysis.

Mr. Harcourt, professor of chemistry at Guelph College, has completed the analysis of the 40 samples sent to him, and has reported thereon. He finds: Average weight of roots 152 pounds; solids 18.809 per cent.; sugar 14.78 per cent.; purity 79.66. Out of the 40 samples there were only four lots which might be called inferior. If these were left out, the percentages would be: Solids, 18.736; sugar, 15.20; purity 81.16. The Owen Sound Company may be congratulated on the well-deserved success which has attended their extensive experiment in sugar beet cultivation. The percentage of sugar found in their beets is considerably above the average contained in any of the sugar beet countries of Europe. The purity of the juice is very fair, but still leaves something to be desired, which can easily be accomplished by more attention to the preparation of the soil. The experiment has been a decided success, and when viewed in connection with several former years' experiments in other sections of Ontario, shows conclusively that the soil and climate of this province are admirably adapted to the production of sugar beets of fine saccharine quality, and affording a large yield per acre.

With reasonable encouragement from the Parliament at Ottawa and the Legislature of Ontario, the beet sugar industry can be soon so thoroughly established that Canada would be able, within a very few years, to produce all the sugar required for its own consumption.

### *TO-DAY.*

The Grand—"Jack and the Beanstalk," 2 and 8 p.m.
The Toronto—"The Real Widow Brown," 2 and 8 p.m.
The Princess—"The Charity Ball," 2 and 8 p.m.
The Bijou—Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
Diamond Jubilee Fair—At Pavilion.
Massey Hall—Toronto Poultry Show.
Massey Music Hall—Banda Rossa Concert, 2 and 8 p.m.
Osgoode Hall Rugby Club—Annual Dinner at Bodega.
Citizens' Tax Exemption Committee—St. George's Hall, Queen and Berkeley-streets, 8 p.m.
Musicale at Nordheimer's, 3.30 p.m.


**Some People are Kicking About Their Gas Bills, But Wise Men are Saving Money.**

To the Citizens' Gas Control Company, Limited,
269 Wellesley-street,
Toronto, Dec. 15, 1897.

Gentlemen: During the time I have had your Governor on at my residence it has proved to me its great value, and I can safely say that my gas bill for the last quarter was more than one half less than the corresponding quarter last year, besides using an extra light.

Yours truly,
(Signed) V. T. WEST.


For stealing Barrister R. B. Henderson's overcoat from Osgoode Hall, Pat Martin, a bad old thief, was sent to the Central for six months. This is his thirteenth conviction.

Rev. William W. Bates of Thornhill appeared in the Police Court again yesterday on the charge of shoplifting at the T. Eaton Co. store, and was committed for trial. The Police Magistrate said the case was extremely trifling, and defendant was liberated on his own bail of $200.

## PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

### Banda Rossa Concert.

The Banda Rossa repeated its success of Thursday night in the Massey Hall last evening. Among the principal numbers were the finale from the first act of "Lucia," including the celebrated sextet, which was given a noble rendering; the Scenes Pittoresques by Donizetti, which made the band famous at Genoa in 1862, and in the second part, selections from "Traviata" and "I Pagliacci," in the latter of which intense interest was centred. The clarionet concerto and violin solo, taken respectively, by Sig. Carestia and Carlotta Schubert-rauch, the child phenomenon, were also well received, and, in addition to nearly every other item on the program, were encored, the talented conductor responding liberally.

Torontonians have listened to the best bands on the continent, and have good military bands right in their midst, but none can compare with this "Red Band" from sunny Italy. There is a beautiful continuity and a glorious, even thrilling, coloring in the work of Sig. Sorrentino's aggregation, that has not before been experienced in this city. Two concerts will be given to-day, and those who imagine that it is only a mere band concert will do well to go and hear and feel the contrast between what we have heretofore regarded as good music, and the interpretation given in Italy of the works of the great composers. The smoothness and finish, the wonderful following on in fugue passages, the exquisite coloring and grand ensemble make the Banda Rossa unique in musical effects.

### Grand Opera House.

"Jack and the Beanstalk" will have a crowded house of ladies and children at the Grand this afternoon, as the advance sale is the largest of the season. The giant, the fairies and that wonderful dog, who asks for a bone so plainly, will all be in evidence.

### The Duff Opera Co.

The above-named opera company have been welcome visitors to this city for many years back, for the reason that both in the class of operas selected for production, as well as in the individual singers introduced, there was always an harmonious completeness to be found, while the quality of both operas and artists was always good. In selecting the romantic Irish opera, "Shamus O'Brien," for production at the Grand next week, the Duff Company have undoubtedly been attracted by the originality of the work, which has received unstinted praise wherever produced. Recognizing the expense of all operatic companies, and this production in particular, the liberal spirit of the management in refraining from raising the regular prices of the house for "Shamus O'Brien," should be met with the heartiest kind of support by our theatre-goers, and will doubtless do much to add to the popularity of the engagement.

### Princess Theatre.

The Christmas week's attraction at the Princess Theatre will be the famous comedy, "Charley's Aunt," which opens for the week on Monday next. The patrons of the Princess may be assured that "Charley's Aunt" will give them all the opportunity desired for years of laughter, and those who enjoy this sort of theatrical entertainment will undoubtedly avail themselves of the opportunity. "Charley's Aunt" is certainly one of the funniest comedies ever presented in Toronto, and is widely and very favorably known.

### To-day at the Pavilion.

A noticeable feature of the attendance at the Pavilion last evening was the increased number of young men, who entered thoroughly into the spirit of the thing. Previously, the gentlemen of the city had seemed to be afraid that their pockets would be depleted, but now they appear to have got over their fright. As a matter of fact, the bazaar forms but part of the affair, the greatest attraction being the numerous side shows, and in the "fakes," a la Coney Island, the enjoyment of which all put together would not cost more than a quarter of a dollar, including a boutonniere from the loveliest floral bower Toronto has ever seen. To-day will be bargain day, and Wanderers' night. In the afternoon, when the admission will be 10 cents to all, the articles will be offered at prices in the auctioneer's vocabulary, and in the evening the dolls, candies, cigars and general merchandise that remain will be auctioned off by the Suckling, when both the fun and the bargains will be furious and rare. There will be a special lunch at 1.30 o'clock, high tea at 5 and Welsh rarebits and oysters in every style from 8 to 11 p.m., prepared under the special supervision of the first amateur chef in America.

### Frank Harvey's Greatest Play.

The attraction at the Toronto Opera House next week will be Frank Harvey's greatest play, "The Land of the Living." It has a powerful story, full of heart interest, a strongly-defined and thrilling plot, and naturally-drawn characters. It differs from the recent melodramatic offerings in the fact that it is essentially a well-developed story, and not a mere vehicle for sensation or comic specialties. During the week bargain matinees will be given on Tuesday and Thursday and a special holiday matinee on Christmas Day.

### Tuesday Next in Massey Hall.

Private Stewart and Sergt.-Major Morgans came together yesterday afternoon and settled their differences regarding judges and referee for their meeting on Tuesday evening in Massey Hall. Stewart took the position that the public would be better pleased if Toronto gentlemen whom they knew acted, and Morgans gracefully yielded by nominating two well-known amateurs, from whom Stewart will make his choice. A capital program has been arranged by the bandmasters of the Queen's Own, Highlanders and Grenadiers, who will have under their control in the three massed bands over 100 musicians. Mr. Fred Warrington will sing "The Land of the Maple" and "Hark, the Drum," while Mr. Bert Harvey will give something of Kipling's.

There is no ambition nobler than that of the hardworking farmer. He toils early and late to secure for himself and his family that most lasting of fortunes, an allotment of land, clear of indebtedness. No other fortune is so secure and permanent. There are in England families of small farmers, living in assured comfort and contentment, upon the lands acquired by their forefathers 800 years ago.

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### The Bijou.

For Christmas week the management has secured the Fransioli Sisters' Twentieth Century Sports Company. This attraction comes highly recommended. Other new faces to Toronto are the three Bartellis, sensational and artistic acrobats, who are said to do the most difficult acrobatic work with perfect ease; Will and Mamie Lorenze, in their new and novel act, entitled, "Troubles at a Lunch Counter," and O'Dells, acrobatic comedy sketch artists; Hughs and Hughs, comedian and prima donna, in an amusing sketch; Frank Whitman, comedian and trick violinist, in a musical monolog, said to be very interesting, will close the long list, that should fill this pretty little house at every performance. Performances continuous from 1.30 to 5, 7.30 to 11 p.m.

### Good Work of Whitby College.

Whitby, Dec. 17.—A very successful concert was given at the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, on Thursday evening last by pupils of the elocution and musical department. The vocal pupils under Mrs. Bradley showed a very unusual degree of proficiency, as did also those of Miss K. Archer, who contributed a noteworthy number in the song—what unusual form of a violin quartet. Three pupils of Mr. J. W. F. Harrison, musical director of the college, performed on the fine pipe organ which is now such an important feature in the college music hall, and forms a great attraction to organ students.

The elocution department under Miss Teakey presented a scene from "Hamlet," in a very finished manner, and showed that this department has made a marked advance on the work of former years. On the whole the concert was one of the most enjoyable ever given in this popular institution.

### Musicale at Nordheimer's.

Miss Ada Hart will be unable to play at this afternoon's musicale at Nordheimers' Recital Hall, owing to bereavement in her family. She has succeeded in arranging with her friend, Miss Hill, of Guelph, to take her place, of whom she speaks very highly and feels sure she will prove most acceptable.

### *EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL.*

#### Composition of the Board for the Coming Year—Examiners Appointed—Papers Assigned.

The Educational Council for 1897-98 is composed of the following members: James Loudon, LL.D., President Toronto University; Rev. N. Burwash, M.A., LL.D., Chancellor Victoria University; W. J. Alexander, Ph. D., Alfred Baker, M.A., Maurice Hutton, M.A., University of Toronto, Toronto; Rev. J. R. Teefy, MA., LL.D., Principal St. Michael's College; W. Tyler, B. A., Guelph; F W Merchant, M.A., London; A C MacKay, M.A., McMaster University; A P Knight, M.A., M.D., Queen's University; Rev. William Clark, M.A., D.C.L., Trinity University; R W Doan, 216 Carlton street, Toronto.

The Council has appointed for the primary, junior leaving, senior leaving and matriculation examinations the following examiners: English and History: F H Sykes, Ph.D., A E Lang, B.A., W S McLay, B.A. Mathematics: N F Dupuis, M.A., T DeLury, B.A., M A Mackenzie, M.A. Science: E C Jeffrey, B.A., J C McLennan, B.A., W Nicol, M.A. Classics: A J Bell, Ph.D., J Fletcher, M.A., P S Campbell, B.A. French and German: J Squair, B.A., W H Fraser, B.A., L E Horning, Ph.D.

The board held its first meeting Friday afternoon and assigned to the different members the papers to be prepared for the July examinations of 1898.

### East Toronto.

Last night Boston's Hall was a scene of great gaiety and mirth. It was the occasion of the second annual concert and dance held under the auspices of the Fire Brigade of East Toronto. The committee, composed of Messrs. J. L. Tidsberry, H. Taylor, W. W. Booth and A. C. Stoba, had made complete arrangements. The services of Ham's efficient orchestra had been secured.

The following is a list of a few of those who were present: Councillor W. J. A. Carnahan, Miss Badgerow, Misses Wharfs, Miss Lightfoot, Miss Hewitt, Miss Eva Hackett, Miss Emma Watson, Miss Courtice, Misses Moffatt, Misses Robinson, Misses Stoba, Mr. and Mrs. G. Peak, Mr. and Mrs. Jifkins, Miss Peak, Miss Gertie Blaylock, Mr. Meech, Mr. and Mrs. Wickson, Miss Brown, Mr. and Miss Donohoe, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berk, Miss Wilkins, Miss Clark (Toronto), Miss Butler (Toronto), Miss Nellie Meech, Miss Cooper, Messrs. H. Clay, A. Blaylock, A. E. Cowling (Toronto), N. Butler (Toronto), Frank Newbury, Richard Stoner, W. Knight, M. Shaunessy, F. Crew, W. Secor, W. Furlong, A. Mitchell, Frank McLaughlin, Flossie Taylor, Mabel Taylor, Laura Hanna, the Misses Cowlands (Toronto), Miss Bird, Miss Cole, Misses Thompson, Miss Morrison (Toronto), Mrs. Kilgannon, Misses Sideys, Messrs. Hubert Taylor, Principal Brownlee, Harold D. Johnson, Herbert Johnston, Harry Blaylock, J. Cook, G. Hayes, F. Liddle, W. Wright, J. Donohoe, D. Murray and G. Atkinson.

Refreshments were served by the ladies. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the assistance of the Fire Brigade Fund.

### York County News.

Nominations for the County Council take place at Weston and Newmarket on Monday.

The wedding of Mr. F. W. Heacock and Miss Libbie Curtis, only daughter of J. T. Curtis, Kettleby, is announced. The ceremony was performed by Revs. G. W. Robinson and W. H. Chidley.

Poultry thieves are operating on Yonge-street. Mr. William Denne, sr.'s, place was visited on Thursday night.

Mr. S. Holder, V. S., of Mount Albert, was stricken with paralysis whilst on his way to treat a sick horse, and took three more strokes during the day.

A split in the Presbyterian Church at Sutton has resulted in about 20 families uniting with their friends in Egypt. They have decided on building a new church.

The hot roast at Bloomington netted the Christian Church $106.50.

The Bank of Commerce has been petitioned to open a branch at Richmond Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Petch of Aurora celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday.

The two toll houses on Yonge-street, belonging to King, Whitchurch and Aurora, will be sold by auction to-day.

Aurora, after spending $20,000 in fire protective appliances, must have a night patrol or be relegated to class E, with towns which have no protection whatever.

A comic concert was given in the hall at Temperanceville last night, and among those taking part were: Mr. Shunk, Mr. P. Thompson and T. Brodie.

The change in the Municipal Act, requiring that nominations shall be made in writing, does not come into force until Dec. 31, just four days after the nominations will have been held.

### Happenings.

The J. Arch. Browne sale of pictures is postponed till next month. The date will be advertised later.

Torbay L.O.L., No. 361, has elected these officers: W.M., James M. Prowls; D.M., Fred A. Workman; Chaplain, Alf. Monkman; Rec. Secretary, Thomas B. Armstrong; Fin. Secretary, J. M. Adamson; Treasurer, H. C. Malmpece; Dir. of Cer., James Stewinson; Lecturer, Thomas Mitchell; first com., J. F. Baine; second com., Thomas J. Bartholomew; third com., H. E. Crate; fourth com., Thomas Ball; fifth com., John Hamilton.

A benefit concert was held Thursday evening in Brockton Hall by the employes of the Street Railway, which proved a great success. The features of the evening were the high kicking of Johnston and Foley as a comic singer.

H. Wickson, butcher, St. Lawrence Market, has a very fine display of Christmas meats, amongst which is a two months old lamb, which dressed 65 lbs., and was bred by Mr. Scott of Aurora.

Mr. F. H. Richardson, who is a candidate for alderman in No. 1 Ward, has opened a committee room on the south side of Queen-street east, just west of the G.T.R. tracks. Anyone desiring information in reference to where they vote will be accommodated by calling.


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In the Surrogate Court yesterday proceedings took place in the following estates: Mrs. Mary Bailey, $700; Robert Hull, $230; Mrs. Margaret Jane Kennedy, $1081; John McMichael, $4239; Jacob B. Hoover, Markham, $9745; Emma Julia Gudewill, $6000.

The members of the Canadian Institute will hold their usual meeting in the library, 58 Richmond-street east, this evening. A paper will be read by Dr. A. Primrose on "The Anatomy of the Orang-Outang."

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