



SCENE FROM "GERTRUDE'S DEVOTION."

In which Miss Nellie Kennedy Will Be Seen at the Grand Next Week.

The Nellie Kennedy Stock Company will open a week's engagement at the Grand, beginning next Monday. The company comes to London with the most flattering reports. Manager Bowers says, and will present a number of plays that are new and have never been seen in repertoire previous to this season, and played only by this company, which has the exclusive right.

It is the aim of the Nellie Kennedy Company to give only new, clean and up-to-date bills, and the manager has

succeeded by getting first option from a number of well-known playwrights. Theater-goers are assured that they will see no old, worn-out melodramas as is usually presented by repertoire companies. As a special feature there are five vaudeville acts carried with the company. On next Friday evening Manager Bowers will put on an amateur contest, and will offer three cash prizes for the best talent, the audience to be the judges. Applications should be made at the box office until Friday noon.

The Hound of The Baskervilles

BY SIR A. CONAN DOYLE.

"Exactly. I have wired to get his name and address from the Official Registry. I should not be surprised if this were an answer to my question."

The ring at the bell proved to be something even more satisfactory than an answer, however, for the door opened and a rough-looking fellow entered who was evidently the man himself.

"I got a message from the head office that a gent at this address had been inquiring for 2764," said he. "I've driven my cab this seven years and never a word of complaint. I came here straight from the Yard to ask you to your face what you had against me."

"I have nothing in the world against you, my good man," said Holmes. "On the contrary, I have half a sovereign for you if you will give me a clear answer to my questions."

"Well, I've had a good day and no mistake," said the cabman, with a grin. "What was it you wanted to ask, sir?"

"First of all, your name and address, in case I want you again."

"John Clayton, 3 Turpey Street, the Borough. My cab is out of Shipley's Yard, near Waterloo Station."

"Sherlock Holmes made a note of it. Now, Clayton, tell me all about the fare who came and watched this house at ten o'clock this morning and afterwards followed the two gentlemen down Regent Street."

The man looked surprised and a little embarrassed. "Why, there's no good my telling you things, for you seem to know as much as I do already," said he. "The truth is, that the gentleman told me that he was a detective and that I was to say nothing about him to anyone."

"My good fellow, this is a very serious business, and you may find yourself in a pretty bad position if you try to hide anything from me. You say that your fare told you he was a detective?"

"Yes, he did."

"When did he say this?"

"He said it when he was waiting for me. He mentioned his name."

Holmes cast a swift glance of triumph at me. "Oh, he mentioned his name, did he? That was imprudent. What was the name that he mentioned?"

"His name," said the cabman, "was Mr. Sherlock Holmes."

Never have I seen my friend more completely taken back than by the cabman's reply. For an instant he sat in silent amazement. Then he burst into a hearty laugh.

"A touch, Watson—an undeniable touch!" said he. "I feel a fool as quick and supple as my own. He got home upon me very prettily that time. So his name was Sherlock Holmes, was it?"

"Yes, sir, that was the gentleman's name."

"Excellent. Tell me where you picked him up and all that occurred."

"He hailed me at half-past nine in Trafalgar Square. He said that he was a detective, and he offered me two guineas if I would do exactly what he wanted all day and ask no questions. I was glad enough to agree. First we drove down to the Northumberland Hotel and waited there until two gentlemen came out and took a cab until it pulled up somewhere near here."

"This very door," said Holmes.

"Well, I couldn't be sure of that, but I daresay my fare knew all about it. We pulled up half-way down the street and waited an hour and a half. Then two gentlemen passed us, walking,

and we followed down Baker Street and along—"

"Until we got three-quarters down Regent Street. Then my gentleman threw up the trap, and he cried that I should drive right away to Waterloo Station as hard as I could go. I whipped up the mare and we were there in ten minutes. Then he paid up his two guineas, like a good one, and away he went into the station. Only just as he was leaving he turned round and he said: 'It might interest you to know that you have been driving Mr. Sherlock Holmes. That's how I came to know the name.'"

"I see. And you saw no more of him?"

"Not after he went into the station."

"And how would you describe Mr. Sherlock Holmes?"

The cabman scratched his head. "Well, he wasn't altogether such an easy gentleman to describe. I'd put him at forty years of age, and he was of a middle height, two or three inches shorter than you, sir. He was dressed like a toff, and he had a black beard, cut square at the end, and a pale face. I don't know as I could say more than that."

heir, is an elderly gentleman of a very amiable disposition, so that this persecution does not arise from him. I really think that we may eliminate him entirely from our calculations. There remain the people who will actually surround Sir Henry Baskerville upon the moor."

"Would it not be well in the first place to get rid of this Barrymore couple?"

"By no means. You could not make a greater mistake. If they are innocent it would be a cruel injustice, and if they are guilty we should be giving up all chance of bringing it home to them. No, no; we will preserve them upon our list of suspects. Then there is a groom at the Hall, if I remember right. There are two moorland farmers. There is our friend Dr. Mortimer, whom I believe to be entirely honest, and there is his wife, of whom we know nothing. There is this naturalist Stapleton, and there is his sister, who is said to be a young lady of attractions. There is Mr. Frankland, of Laffer Hall, who is also an unknown factor, and there are one or two other neighbors. These are the folk who must be your very special study."

"I will do my best."

"You have arms, I suppose?"

"Yes, I thought it as well to take them."

"Most certainly; keep your revolver near you night and day, and never relax your precautions."

Our friends had already secured a first-class carriage and were waiting for us upon the platform.

"No, we have no news of any kind," said Dr. Mortimer in answer to my friend's questions. "I can swear to one thing, and that is that we have not been shadowed during the last two days. We have never gone out without keeping a sharp watch, and no one could have escaped our notice."

"You have always kept together, I presume?"

"Except yesterday afternoon. I usually give up one day a week to pure amusement, which I come to town to do. I spent it at the Museum of the College of Surgeons."

"And I went to look at the folk in the park," said Baskerville. "But we had no trouble of any kind."

"It was imprudent, all the same," said Holmes, shaking his head and looking very grave. "I beg, Sir Henry, that you will not go about alone. Some great misfortune will befall you if you do. Did you get your other boot?"

"No, sir, it is gone forever."

"Indeed, that is very interesting. Well, good-bye," he added as the train began to glide down the platform. "Bear in mind, Sir Henry, one of the phrases in that queer figure of Holmes standing motionless and gazing after us."

The journey was a swift and pleasant one, and I spent it in making the more intimate acquaintance of my two companions and in playing with Dr. Mortimer's horse. In a very few hours the brown earth had become ruddy, the brick had changed to granite, and red cows grazed in well-hedged fields, where the lush grasses and more numerous flowers of the spring were in bloom. It was a pleasant surprise to find a damper climate. Young Baskerville stared eagerly out of the window, and cried aloud with delight as he recognized the familiar features of the Devon scenery.

Over the green squares of the fields and the low curve of a wood there rose in the distance a gray, melancholy hill, with a strange, jagged summit, dim and vague in the distance, like some fantastic landscape in a dream. Baskerville sat for a long time, his eyes fixed upon it, and he read upon his eager face how much it meant to him, this first sight of that strange spot where the men of his blood had held sway so long and left their mark so deep. There he sat, with his two suit and his American accent, in the corner of a prosaic railway carriage, and yet as I looked at his dark and expressive face I felt more than ever how true a descendant he was of that line of high-blooded, fearless, masterful men. There were pride, valor and strength in his thick brows, his sensitive nostrils, and his large hazel eyes. If on that forbidding moor a difficult and dangerous quest should lie before us, this was at least a comrade for whom one might venture to take a risk with the certainty that he would bravely share it.

The train pulled up at a small way-side, beyond the low white fence, a wicket gate, and a pair of cobs was waiting. Our coming was evidently a great event, for station-master and porters clustered round us to carry out our luggage. It was a sweet, simple country, and the gate that we were to observe that by the gate there stood two soldierly men in dark uniforms, who leaned upon their short rifles and glanced keenly at us as we passed. The coachman, a hard-faced, grizzled little fellow, saluted Sir Henry Baskerville and in a few minutes we were flying swiftly down the broad, white road, rolling pasture lands curved upwards on either side of us, and old gabled houses peeped out from amid the thick green of the foliage. Suddenly, however, the road narrowed, and the hills rose dark against the evening sky, the long, gloomy curve of the moor, broken by the jagged and sinister hills.

The wicket gate swung round into a side road, and we curved upwards through deep lanes worn by centuries of wheels, high banks on either side, heavy with dripping moss and fern, and heart's-tongue ferns. Bronzing bracken

and mottled bramble gleamed in the light of the sinking sun. Still steadily rising, we passed over a narrow granite bridge, and skirted a noisy stream which gushed swiftly down, foaming and roaring amid the gray boulders. Both road and stream wound up through a valley dense with scrub oak and fir. At every turning Baskerville gave an exclamation of delight, looking eagerly about him and asking countless questions. To his eyes all seemed beautiful, but to me a tinge of melancholy lay upon the countryside, which bore so clearly the mark of the warning letter. Yellow leaves carpeted the lanes and fluttered down on us as we passed. The rattle of our wheels died away as we drove through drifts of rotting vegetation—sad gifts, as it seemed to me, for Nature to throw before the carriage of the returning heir of the Baskervilles.

"Halloa!" cried Dr. Mortimer, "what is this?"

A steep curve of heath-clad land, an outlying spur of the moor, lay in front of us. On the summit, hard and clear like an equestrian statue, upon its pedestal, was a mounted soldier, dark and stern, his rifle poised ready over his forehead. He was watching the road along which we traveled.

"What is this, Perkins?" asked Dr. Mortimer.

(To Be Continued.)

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IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

Proceedings of the Thirty-Second Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders, Held at the Banking House of the Institution, in Toronto, on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1907.

The thirty-second annual general meeting of the Imperial Bank of Canada was held in pursuance of the terms of the charter at the banking house of the institution, 22nd May, 1907.

The chair was taken by the president, Mr. D. R. Wilkie, and the assistant general manager, Mr. E. Hay, was requested to act as secretary.

Moved by Mr. Alexander Nairn, seconded by Mr. Mark H. Irish: That Mr. Lyndhurst Ordern, Mr. R. H. Temple and Mr. W. Gibson Cassels be and are hereby appointed scrutineers. Carried.

The assistant general manager, at the request of the chairman, read the report of the directors and the statement of affairs.

THE REPORT

The directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders their thirty-second annual report and balance sheet of the affairs of the bank for the year which ended on 30th April, 1907.

The net profits for the twelve months, after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, for interest on unmatured bills under discount, for the usual contributions to the Pension and Guarantee Funds, and providing for Provincial and other taxation, amount to \$719,629.04, which has been applied as follows:

(a) Dividends have been paid at the rate of 10 per cent per annum for the first three-quarters of the year, and at the rate of 11 per cent per annum for the last quarter, amounting in all to.....\$453,217.28

(b) Bank premiums and furniture account has been credited with.....116,391.47

(c) Profit and loss account has been increased by.....149,420.29

The premium, amounting to \$846,206.94, received on an equal amount of new capital stock, has been transferred to rest account, which now amounts to \$4,773,948.44.

There has been a satisfactory increase in the business of the bank in all departments.

Branches of the bank have been opened during the year at Brantford and Fort William, and a sub-branch on Bank street, Ottawa, all in the Province of Ontario, and at Athabasca Landing, in the Province of Alberta. The branch at Trout Lake, B. C., has been closed.

Shortly after our last meeting the bank suffered, and we were much grieved, through the death of our much-respected colleague, Mr. William Hendrie, of Hamilton, who was elected a director on 19th May, 1899, and died on 27th June, 1906.

The vacancy on the board occasioned by Mr. Hendrie's death has been filled by the appointment of William Hamilton Merritt, of St. Catharines, nephew of our late president, Mr. T. R. Merritt.

A bylaw will be submitted for your approval authorizing an increase in the capital by the sum of \$5,000,000, to be available in such amounts and at such times as the directors may determine. The rapid development of the country necessitates increased banking facilities, which can be met economically and at the same time profitably supplied by the banks which are now in existence. It is intended to allot the new shares from time to time as the business of the bank may call for additional capital, but no immediate allotment is in contemplation.

A further bylaw will be submitted for your approval authorizing an additional contribution by the bank to the officers' and employees' pension fund, with a view to placing that fund on a more substantial basis.

The head office and branches of the bank have all been carefully inspected during the year, and your directors have much pleasure in again bearing testimony to the zeal, efficiency and faithfulness of the staff in the performance of their duties.

D. R. WILKIE, President.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

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|---|----------------|
| Dividend No. 64, for three months, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum paid 1st of August, 1906..... | \$96,567.00 |
| Dividend No. 65, for three months, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum paid 1st of November, 1906..... | 109,846.42 |
| Dividend No. 66, for three months, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum paid 1st of February, 1907..... | 114,325.35 |
| Dividend No. 67, for three months, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum paid 1st of May, 1907..... | 130,478.21 |
| Transferred to rest account..... | 453,217.28 |
| Written off bank premiums and furniture account..... | 116,391.47 |
| Balance of account carried forward..... | 426,316.31 |
| | \$1,842,132.00 |

REST ACCOUNT

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|---|----------------|
| Balance at credit of account, 30th April, 1906..... | \$3,927,741.50 |
| Premium received on new capital stock..... | 846,206.94 |
| | \$4,773,948.44 |

LIABILITIES.

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| Notes of the bank in circulation..... | \$3,315,497.60 |
| Bills being interest..... | 2,807,217.89 |
| Deposits bearing interest (including interest accrued to date)..... | 51,928,059.41 |
| Deposits by other banks in Canada..... | 126,640.59 |
| Deposits by other banks in the United Kingdom..... | 126,640.59 |
| Deposits by other banks in foreign countries..... | 126,640.59 |
| Total liabilities to the public..... | \$35,442,648.46 |
| Capital stock (paid up)..... | 4,773,948.44 |
| Rest account..... | 4,773,948.44 |
| Dividend No. 67 (payable 1st May, 1907, for three months, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum)..... | 130,478.21 |
| Rebate on bills discounted..... | 93,717.49 |
| Balance of profit and loss carried forward..... | 426,316.31 |
| | \$45,641,267.36 |

ASSETS.

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|---|-----------------|
| Gold and silver coin..... | \$1,104,686.00 |
| Dominion Government notes..... | 5,355,975.00 |
| Deposits with Dominion Government for security of note circulation..... | 6,700,561.49 |
| Notes of and checks on other banks..... | 168,089.16 |
| Balance due from other banks in Canada..... | 1,516,824.50 |
| Balance due from agents in the United Kingdom..... | 126,640.59 |
| Balance due from agents in foreign countries..... | 126,640.59 |
| Dominion and Provincial Government securities..... | \$11,164,697.79 |
| Canadian municipal securities, and British or foreign of colonial public securities, other than Canadian..... | 2,689,738.65 |
| Railway and other bonds, debentures and stocks..... | 945,676.77 |
| Call and short loans on stocks and bonds in Canada..... | 3,559,472.06 |
| Other current loans, discounts and advances..... | \$18,656,042.25 |
| Overdue debts (less provided for)..... | 25,715,495.12 |
| Real estate (other than bank premises)..... | 22,617.41 |
| Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank..... | 65,481.40 |
| Bank premises, including safes, vaults and office furniture at head office and branches..... | 25,533.19 |
| Other assets, not included under foregoing heads..... | 900,000.00 |
| | 14,086.06 |
| | \$45,641,267.36 |

E. HAY, Assistant General Manager.

In addition to the customary motions, which were unanimously carried, a bylaw was passed authorizing an increase in the capital stock of the bank by the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000), to be issued as the directors may hereafter determine, and also a bylaw authorizing the directors to make a special contribution of \$25,000 to the pension fund of the bank.

The scrutineers appointed at the meeting reported the following gentlemen duly elected directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. D. R. Wilkie, Hon. Robert Jaffray, Wm. Ramsay (of Bowland), Elias Rogers, J. Kerr Osborne, Charles Cockshutt, Peter Howland, Wm. Whyte (Winnipeg), Cawthra, Wm. Hamilton Merritt, M.D. (St. Catharines).

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. D. R. Wilkie was elected president, and the Hon. Robert Jaffray vice-president for the ensuing year.

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