

Nelson and Bruce.

Fine Performance for the Hospital Fund—People Turn Out Well to Aid the Fund.

Last Tuesday night the Nelson & Bruce Co. presented "The Prisoner of Zenda" in the opera house, a large percentage of the receipts of which was given to the hospital fund.

Although there were several events which took against a large attendance, the crowd filled a great part of the hall and in every way the evening was a success.

The company travels with 15 members and is of a nature to cultivate the tastes for the higher kind of play. Last Tuesday night they presented a play which was of a decidedly different nature from what has been seen here before this year.

Nelson is, of course, the big man of the company, and his elocutionary ability stands him in grand stead.

While an excellent actor in most ways his one big fault is over-acting.

His emotions were a little too emotional, his quietness too quiet, his manners crowded with too many

mannerisms. This fault is large in him, but would be a small thing in an actor who had not his ability.

Perhaps of the whole cast, the character who threw the most natural acting into his work and made his part most thoroughly was Wm. Yule as Col. Sept. He was the bluff, frank, fearless, gruff, kind hearted old soldier in every move. He carried his audience right with him and never allowed them to forget the plot in any irrelevant work or weaknesses of the other actors.

Go. A. Dayton as Black Michael was excellent, and one regretted he appeared so seldom. As a villain he is not an unqualified success, since he possesses more of the characteristics of a hero, big, manly and handsome.

Fritz Von Tarlenheim, in the person of Gilmore Brown was most attractive. Did he possess a trifle more naturalness and ease in his acting none could beat him in the part. He and Yule make an excellent team.

Brown has a good presence, a grand voice, and a most pleasing manner. The other striking defects or merits...

The women were not stars, but Pearl Rescor as Princess Flavia was very pretty. In the quiet, dignified portions she was most pleasing, but as an emotional actress her work was not up to the standard set by most

of the men. A little less paint and powder and she would have been just as pretty and less afraid of Rupert touching his coat sleeve to her face.

The performance as a whole was far above the average, and one which was good enough to make a critic feel no qualms in criticising at length if that can be understood. The costumes were most elaborate and the scenery very suitable. Even the pianist deserves a share of the good words everyone has to say for the Nelson and Bruce company.

Harold Nelson in the west has heightened a good reputation, the foundations of which were laid in Toronto six or eight years ago as H. N. Shaw. Mr. Shaw's experience as instructor in Toronto Conservatory of Music and Toronto College of Music has given him a fine training.

The concert netted \$81.10 to the hospital fund and under the circumstances was a great success.

Disease Made Bones Snap Like Glass.

Disease made bones snap like glass. Frank L. Wellington has died at his home in Chautauque, New York, the victim of a disease which caused his bones to snap like glass.

One day while holding a step in a street car his arm snapped off. A short time later a leg bone snapped. According to his physician this terrible condition was brought about by taking medicine which contained a certain mineral poison.

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The Editor of The "Times":

I have been interested in reading certain letters which have lately appeared in the local press, relative to the operation of steam threshing machines by uncertified persons, and desecration of the Lord's Day, in the country south of Medicine Hat. A good deal has been said both pro and con, but to the ordinary law-abiding observer the whole question appears to be very simple. I take it, judging from the letters that "Wandering Willie" may be classed as a rancher or ranch hand, and "Thresherman" a farmer or farm labourer, but I certainly fall to see where the observance of the law of the country is only the former, while the latter, though emphatically expressing his determination that "he is here to stay," finds difficulty in accepting the conditions of law and order which a paternal government has seen fit to impose upon us.

Regarding Sunday observance, this is surely a Christian country, and a recent Dominion Act has given a Christian people assurance that Sunday is the accepted Day of Rest—all labour, not actually work of necessity should cease on that day. Any resident in this free Christian country who has conscientious scruples about observing any other day of the week as his day of rest, is at perfect liberty to do so, but, while he chooses to live among us, he must also observe the legal and recognized Sabbath of the country, and avoid giving offence to his Christian neighbors.

"Thresherman" evidently thinks that "Wandering Willie's" remark in reference to uncertified persons who operate steam threshers is a reflection upon the farming class. Permit me to say, that although I am not a rancher, I entirely agree with "Wandering Willie," and I think every careful and law-abiding farmer will do so too. A steam boiler is a dangerous plaything in the hands of the inexperienced, and the ordinance relating to steam boilers is a wise and just one, and in the interest of everyone—surely it is no great grievance, if a man feels that he is perfectly competent to run an engine, for him to procure the necessary certificate from those in authority, and so conform to the law of the land?

There is no question but that this country will soon cease to be one vast pasture and will develop into as good and extensive a farming country as any part of Saskatchewan or Manitoba. Steam threshers and steam plows will be common among us, but I sincerely trust that its laws are strictly obeyed, even the "Steam Boilers Ordinance" and the "Lord's Day Observance Act."

With apologies for taking up so much of your valuable space.

"A PASSER BY."

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Red Man is Increasing.

The increase last year amounted to 1400 in all provinces.

The annual report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the year ending June 30, last, has just been issued. The Indian population of the Dominion is 108,304 compared with 107,637 for 1905. The increases are all in the older provinces. Upon the reorganization of the two new provinces of the west, the British agency, and one or two others which were treated as belonging to the Northwest, have been transferred to Manitoba, adding thereby 1217 souls. There were 2511 births and 2306 deaths during the year, making the gain 182, or 91 less than from the same source last year. Infant mortality has been somewhat heavier than usual, especially in British Columbia, where epidemics of whooping cough and croup swept the coast. The agricultural statistics state that the value of the grain grown by Indians was \$1,142,347, an increase of \$13,080 over last year. The revenue from hunting and trapping of \$23,275, from wages was \$1,727,000, an increase of \$105,280 over the preceding year. There was an increase in the earnings from hunting and trapping of \$23,275, and from fishing \$58,931. The Indian trust fund now amounts to \$4,808,622.

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