

Music and the Drama

THE revised version of Shakespeare's "Julius Cæsar," which was rendered in the town hall on Monday evening last, was a decided success. The cast of characters was as follows:

CÆSAR—Mr. R-i-l-y.

BRUTUS—Messrs. K-n-g, C-s-h-ng,
D-u-g-l-s, T-p-p, I-c-s and
B-n-r-m-n.

This is not according to the accepted version of this play, but, it is the Calgary version.

Cæsar and the Brutus' wore the Roman toga, sandals and striped shirts (all made out of the leavings of decorations of the Barbecue) and were, as our illustration shows, most effectually disguised, with wigs, burnt cork, &c.

The tragedy opened with the usual proceedings of a Roman senate, applications being read for positions as ceuturion, town constable, &c., and was admirably sustained. Cæsar then made his address, after which, with one accord, the numerous Brutus' drew daggers, labelled "want of confidence," "yer can't fool us," "Come off," etc., and made a break for the august personage. The finale was most affecting; attacked on all sides, Cæsar stood, and when at last the cue came for the immortal words, "Et tu Brute! Then die, Cæsar," he exclaimed with dignity, "Scat, you



Brutes! never say die, Jimmy"; the excitement was so intense that in the general stillness many a crystal tear was heard to fall with a thump on the pine carpet. When at last the players adjourned, it was decided to hold a meeting on Tuesday, in the Opera House, where, if those present didn't feel like doing any business, they would probably give a rendition of "Muldoon's Picnic. As I was not able to attend the latter, I cannot say how it came off.

Hoping I have not trespassed too much on your space,

Yours truly,

MARK ANTONY.

THE FARM

ONTARIO millers say that for the first time in a long period they are able to sell flour made from Manitoba wheat about as cheap as that manufactured from Ontario. It costs about 95c for 60 lbs. white and one dollar for red by the time it is laid down at their mills, while No. 2 Manitoba hard, which will yield more flour to the bushel, can be laid down for about 97c to 98c.

CAPT. HOLMES, who is doing special work for the Department of Agriculture in connection with the repatriation movement from Dakota, has procured maps and other information from the Department of the Interior. He says the prospects of a large influx of settlers to Manitoba and the Territories from the Western States next spring are brighter than ever.

WHY do not our Northwest farmers, especially those engaged in butter-making, endeavor to form a dairy association, similar to that existing in Manitoba. The meetings would give the chance for exchange of thought on important dairy matters, would bring our goods before the public, and would generally benefit the country.

THERE is a very large demand for damaged wheat in Eastern Canada this year which is ground up for feed. The shortage of the crop of feed grain in some parts of Eastern Canada is very great.

THE seventh annual session of the Ontario Creameries Association, has just been concluded at Berlin. Professor Robertson of Ottawa, was present and delivered a most interesting address. He urged that farmers should milk their cows for 10 months in the year instead of seven. He contended that a farm of 100 acres should have at least 25 cows, which should yield \$70 per head. He advocates the establishment of experimental stations to manufacture cheese in summer and butter in winter. The Hon. Mr. Dryden, Professors Macfarlane and Dean were also amongst the speakers.

THE average yield of wheat per acre in Great Britain for a series of years is about 30 bu, Germany about 18 bu, France 16 bu, Canada 14 bu, United States 12½ bu, Australasia 10 bu, and India 9 bu.

THE estimates of crops in the States, for the past year, are as follows:—Corn, 1,489,970,000 bushels; wheat, 399,262,000 bushels; oats, 523,621,000 bushels. The wheat area was 36,087,154 acres, and the oat area 26,431,369 acres.