

AT THE THEATRES

"The Senator Keeps House."

Very charming and clever and laugh-provoking is the play at the Princess Theatre, in which Wm. H. Crane and his admirable company appeared last night before a full and enthusiastic house. At the close of the third act after half a dozen calls Mr. Crane addressed the audience and reminded them of the time when he spent three years in the old Lyceum Theatre, and made many friends, of whom he has been glad to meet a number today. Twenty years ago, he recalled, he had the play "The Senator," who was then unknown in public life. In the present play he is shown at home. The plot turns on the political effort of Mr. Judson, a member of congress, to sell the Washington Government swamp for \$400,000 as the site of a soldier's home. He professes to be acting in the interests of the owner, a lady known as Mrs. Flower, the Mason claimant. Mr. Judson only intends to give her \$50,000, and he tries to use the name of "The Senator" to get his bill thru. He introduces Mrs. Flower into the senator's house to act as housekeeper at the instance of Mrs. Wallace, who has set her cap at the senator. Mrs. Flower's daughter, and the senator's nephew and an element of interest, and the two colored servants, Honeyuckle and Sam, are cleverly introduced and very naturally portrayed by Marion Kerby and W. W. Jefferson. Mrs. Flower is presented with dignity and grace by Madeline Barr and Lorraine Frost is delightful as the ingenu who is not too ingenuously. Mr. Crane finds an excellent vehicle for his rich and ripe and various humor in the senator's part and his effort to get a housekeeper "with a plain rugged exterior," and his determination "to remain an unbending widower," and to meet all widows with freezing discouragement. Keep the audience in suspense. He is reduced to order and "poker has no longer any charms for me," he declares. "A straight flush would not drag me out of my home." How he decides to go back to his "honest burnt toast and bad coffee," and how "the Bible has come," and how the young diplomat acquitted himself in solving the tangle will spend as pleasant an evening as a playgoer can ask.

"The Littlest Rebel."

William Farnum, whose starring tour under the direction of A. H. Woods, was one of last season's biggest successes. He will be presented under the same management for one week at the Princess Theatre, commencing Monday, Oct. 21, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday, when he will appear in the role of Lieut. Col. Morrison in Edward Popple's war drama, "The Littlest Rebel." Mr. Farnum will be supported by a company of exceptional merits.

"Excuse Me."

That very amusing farce, "Excuse Me," was presented again at the Royal Alexandra last night and elicited as much uproarious laughter as at its first appearance. A Pullman express across the continent, with a convenient stop at Reno, Nevada, affords ample opportunity for an assemblage of the most diverse types of humor, and the comedy is a masterpiece of the art. The wife seeking the remedy that Reno provides—her husband also employed on the same errand, the strolling couple seeking a minister and yet supposed to be married, the self-centered Englishman, the really newly wedded pair and still other more or less amusing characters, all crowd the stage and add to the hilarity. Much of the fun centres round the colored porter and the conductor, the former a rich character study by Willie Sweetman and the latter also cleverly portrayed by Thomas Walsh. Edward Bligh is equally good as the divorcee seeking but uxorious husband, Jimmy Hamilton, who is a real success in his role of a well-to-do man. Miss Jacqueline Haney makes an admirable Mrs. O'Brien and Miss Geraldine O'Brien is as gushing and flighty as one could wish as Marjorie Newton, the heroine of the plot. The play is a masterpiece of the art, and the whole company is well balanced and the three runs with liveliness and the actor adds much to the enjoyment. Needless to say, it created constant amusement and none needed to say ever aside, "Excuse Me," as the play is repeated during the week, with the usual Thursday and Saturday matinees.

The Merry Widow

The population of Toronto will be increased by a hundred people, mostly beautiful girls, come to the city when "The Merry Widow" Company will arrive from New York City on a special train for the final rehearsal of the season's premiere at the great opera at the Alexandra Monday night. Henry W. Savage, who gave America this splendid musical, will be in the city with his executive and producing staff. The "Merry Widow" orchestra of soloists, picked from the many grand opera organizations of Mr. Savage, will combine with the local orchestra after three days' rehearsal for a proper rendering of the Tchaikovsky score. The seats will be placed on sale tomorrow morning.

"Mutt and Jeff"

Readers of The World are familiar with the principal of Bud Fisher's cartoon series appearing daily and depicting in an amusing manner the doings of these two comical chaps. "Mutt and Jeff" last evening they appeared on the stage at the Grand Opera House and were greeted by an audience that taxed the capacity of the theatre. Supported by a big company of singers and dancers, Mutt and his diminutive companion Jeff kept the audience in roars of laughter all evening. Notwithstanding the fact that this is their second appearance before Toronto theatregoers, their adventures in a mythical South American state were productive of as much merriment as on their first visit. Of course the real high laugh began when "Mutt and Jeff" appeared, and it doesn't relax for a minute until we find Mutt on the sidewalk after two and a half hours. Then you find yourself either whistling one of the catchy songs or quietly smiling at the many jokes that you can't forget. This is the reason why the production is so popular. It entertains the old people and makes the little ones want to come again, because they cannot get it all the first time—it comes so fast.

Rose Snow presents the character of "Mutt" in a manner that would make Bud Fisher himself sit up and smile, while Harry Markle as "Jeff" is a real comedian, and follows closely in make-up and action the character as presented in the cartoons. Among the numbers that made a hit with last night's audience were "For Instance," by "Mutt and Jeff," and the chorus, "Just a Little Smile," "Tale of the Mermaid," "Spanish Moon," "Sweet Land of Dreams," and "Moonlight." The production is a pleasing one in every respect, and judging by the reception at the opening "Mutt and Jeff" will play to big business all week. Besides the regular Wednesday and Saturday matinees, a special matinee will be given on Friday afternoon.

The Three Dukes.

Frank Finney's new musical comedy, "The Three Dukes," was put on the stage at the Gayety last night before a large and appreciative house. The book and lyrics are by Frank Finney, and the music by some of the most popular composers of the day. The cast was composed of members of the Trocadero Burlesques, under the direction of Charles H. Waldron. The musical comedy is in two sparkling acts and includes a number of novel and catchy popular songs and choruses. The marching and dancing of the West Point cadets and Annapolis midshipmen were picturesque and attractive. The chorus singing was equal to the best heard at the Gayety this season.

"Puss in Boots" at Shea's.

Condensed musical comedy of the English pantomime description, is the big feature at Shea's this week. A company of forty in four well-staged acts, tells the old and pretty story of "Puss in Boots." The presentation is reminiscent of "Dick Whittington" in both its action and its characters, and is altogether a delightful entertainment, especially when one considers the limitations of the vaudeville stage. Will J. Kennedy secures a lot of fun, boisterous, it is true, from his part, with Freddie Wilson ably seconding him. Lena Mason and Gertrude Taylor sing well their prominent parts. The costumes and scenery are good to look upon, and changed frequently. David Abraham as Puss is clever, and his antics made the children laugh with glee. Don, the talking dog, is wonderful. He really talks, in German, and quite distinctly. Harry Tighe and Bessie Clifford as singers are good, but their songs in the play are not. Their comedy work made a hit. "The Surprise Party" is a little love story simply told, and in the telling considerable clever rube talk is brought in and also some quiet fun. The Seabacks open the bill with a speedy bagpunching act. Correll and Gillette got a good hand with a very lively presentation, in which tumbling is prominent. The Alpha Troupe, who have appeared in Massey Hall, but they sit right up on the edge of the seat.

Bohemian Burlesquers.

The Bohemian Burlesquers, the attraction at the Star Theatre this week, creates a record in the number of songs that set the audience whistling. They are rendered by the large chorus. This is especially the case in Miner's Merry Musical Melodrama, one of the best burlesque musicals shown here in many a season. Charmion, who lays claims to being the most perfectly developed woman in the world, excited much admiration and is well worth going to see. The show is divided into two parts, the first part being "The Bohemian Beauty," in which Andy Gardner, the funny man, plays the leading role. The show concludes with a lively burlesque in which the company here popular prices will be maintained. The advance programs are printed and ready for distribution. The plans will be opened at Massey Hall on Monday morning, Oct. 21.

Mrs. Pollen Here. Mrs. Pollen of Bulandshahr, India, who is at present on a Canadian tour, has consented to speak before the members of the Zoroastrian and Mission in the Bible House, 14 College street, on Wednesday afternoon. For twenty years Mrs. Pollen has been working among the women and children of India at her own charge, and her name has become almost a household word to tens of thousands of Hindoos and Mohammedans. Few people are so well informed as Mrs. Pollen on the condition of the women of India, and the Zoroastrian and Mission in the Bible House, 14 College street, on Wednesday afternoon. For twenty years Mrs. Pollen has been working among the women and children of India at her own charge, and her name has become almost a household word to tens of thousands of Hindoos and Mohammedans. Few people are so well informed as Mrs. Pollen on the condition of the women of India, and the Zoroastrian and Mission in the Bible House, 14 College street, on Wednesday afternoon.

First Symphony Concert. The first concert of the symphony season, under the direction of Mr. Frank W. Johnson, will be held at Massey Hall on Thursday night, and we will again welcome as soloist the great contralto prima donna of the day, Louise Homer. Some idea of the greatness of this great contralto's voice may be gleaned from the tremendous sensation she caused at the annual spring concert in Philadelphia, last July, when she was the principal soloist. At this festival there was a chorus of men's voices, numbering 600, with an orchestra of 110, and the hall, which was filled, having a capacity of over 20,000 people—the consensus of opinion of all the critics present was that the great prima donna was never heard to better advantage. For her program next Thursday night, Mrs. Homer, accompanied by Mr. Welsman's orchestra, will give as the principal number, Never's aria from "Le Prophete," besides a group of songs with Mrs. Edwin Rogers at the piano. The orchestral program, besides the familiar "Le Carnaval Romain Overture," by Berlioz, will comprise a symphony from the pen of a composer new to Toronto, Basil Sergeievitch Kalinikov. The seat sale is now open at Massey Hall.

THANKSGIVING CONCERTS

Mr. Campbell has completed his arrangements for Thanksgiving (Monday, Oct. 29), and will give two concerts in Massey Hall, at seven and eleven o'clock. He will also give a concert at the Alexandra Monday night. Mr. Campbell has secured the Royal English Hand-Bell Ringers—nine in number—an organization which is looked upon as one of the finest musical attractions of a popular character, which have come out from Britain in recent years. They present an entertainment of a unique and delightful character. Besides the music of the bells, there are solos, duets, quartets, and double quartets by vocalists trained up to the highest standard of excellence. There is also a first-class roadster, the company whose humor and pathos are alike irresistible. This will be the first occasion on which the Bell Ringers have appeared in Massey Hall, but they have had a triumphal tour in Eastern Canada. Notwithstanding the large expense attendant on these shows, the company here popular prices will be maintained. The advance programs are printed and ready for distribution. The plans will be opened at Massey Hall on Monday morning, Oct. 21.

Notice to Shoe Buyers

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MORE MONEY IS NEEDED FOR YORK COUNTY ROADS

County Council Probably Will Vote Another \$100,000 Next Month, and \$200,000 More Will Be Necessary To Complete the System.

Before York County has its projected system of good roads completed it will have to spend at least \$800,000. Already \$200,000 has been expended and about 50 miles of roadway built, according to the high standard set. A strong impression exists in part of the county, to the effect that the \$800,000 spent was intended to construct the entire county good roads system. In an interview yesterday W. A. McLean, director of the highways branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, stated to The World that even at the time this sum was voted it was not expected that it would be sufficient to provide so large a county as York with modern highways.

Mr. McLean said that a portion of the outlay has been expended upon machinery and initial expenses, so that if the work is ordered to be proceeded with the county has considerable work on hand. When asked about the prejudice of some against further expenditures on roads, Mr. McLean said he believed there was no serious opposition of this kind to be contended with. Each county where work of this nature has been undertaken there have been a few to protest against it, claiming that the expenditure was unnecessary, but this number has always represented such a slight minority that it has not stood in the way of the movement.

The general opinion expressed throughout the county is that when the York council convenes in Toronto next month they will decide upon a further \$100,000 to continue the road construction that has been started. It is felt that the roads need good roads from more money than any other Ontario county, owing to her rapidly increasing traffic. The breaking up of York farms into small intensive areas for truck and garden crops has necessitated more "wear and tear" on the roads leading into

BRAMPTON

BRAMPTON, Oct. 14. — Evangelist Gale of Massachusetts will commence his evangelistic services next Sunday evening in Grace Church. A central large service will be held on Wednesday evening, when the services of the other churches will be withdrawn. Mr. Palmer of Toronto, president of the Anti-Slavery Society, will have charge of the musical services.

Two annual harvest home services in connection with Trinity Church, Cambridge, were held yesterday. Mr. C. Bell, the first president of the Dominion Anglican Association, preached before a large congregation.

Rev. J. P. Paulin, B.A., of Hamilton conducted the first anniversary services at Massey Hall Presbyterian Church yesterday.

Mr. James Elliott, who was injured in the wreck on the Bay of Quinte Railway two weeks ago, is still confined to his home, and his condition is more serious than at first thought.

Sam McEwen captured first place in the grand race and the 250 ft. race at Milton Fair.

Misses J. S. Beck, Clara Packham, E. McKinnon, Jas. Jackson, Chas. Wilson and J. Dent left Saturday night on a two weeks' tour, including trip back to Parry Sound.

A young Englishman got in bad with the police on Saturday. Two of them entered Frank Hall's store, and while one purchased a pair of socks the other appropriated a coat sweater for his own use. Chief Kidd was put on their trail and captured his man with the coat on his back.

WARD SEVEN.

The fourth annual sports day and athletic meet of the Inter-Church Association was held under perfect weather conditions on Saturday afternoon at the Lambton athletic grounds and the spacious grand stand was well filled with spectators and the supporters of the various contestants. With the exception of the five-mile race, which will be run off next Saturday, a full program of events was carried out without a hitch and the general success of the meet was due to the untiring energy of the officials, who included: Starter, Rev. J. D. Morrow; secretary, C. Woodburn; clerk of the course, J. M. Smart; scorer, Wm. G. Bell; judge, C. P. Temple; referee, D. V. I. McEwen; J. D. Morrow, J. P. Paulin, J. C. Steer and A. Imrie; referee, W. H. Scott.

The results of the events were as follows:

100 yards, final—J. H. Phillips, High Park Methodist; 2. J. H. Rutherford, High Park Methodist; 3. G. C. Chalmers, Victoria Presbyterian.

1 mile walk—J. S. Kirby, Victoria Presbyterian.

200 yards dash—J. H. Phillips, High Park Methodist; 2. S. Mould, Davenport Methodist; 3. C. C. Gilmour, Victoria Presbyterian.

Running broad jump—J. S. Kirby, Davenport Methodist in Massey Hall; 2. H. McCutcheon, Indian Road Baptist; 3. R. Chalmers, Victoria Presbyterian.

440 yards race—J. H. Phillips, High Park Methodist; 2. S. Mould, Davenport Methodist; 3. H. Phillips, High Park Methodist; 4. J. Downey, High Park Methodist.

Running high jump—J. S. Kirby, Victoria Presbyterian; 2. F. H. McCutcheon, Indian Road Baptist; 3. F. S. Kirby, Davenport Methodist.

Half-mile race, boys 11 and under—J. T. Brown, Victoria Presbyterian; 2. W. J. Brown, Victoria; 3. W. D. Kelly, Davenport Methodist.

Half-mile race, boys 12 and under—J. H. Phillips, High Park Methodist; 2. E. Begley, St. John's Anglican; 3. C. Hicks, Victoria Presbyterian.

Pole vault—J. F. McCutcheon, Indian Road Baptist; 2. F. H. McCutcheon, Indian Road Baptist; 3. F. S. Kirby, Davenport Methodist; 4. S. Mould, Victoria.

One mile race—J. H. Phillips, High Park Methodist; 2. E. Begley, St. John's Anglican; 3. M. Penn, St. John's Anglican.

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The individual all-round championship was won by Phillips of the High Park Methodist.

A large number of cups, medals and prizes have been provided by the association this year and a special meeting for the presentations will be held later.

The annual harvest thanksgiving services of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Rummyness, were repeated yesterday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The evening service was brightly decorated in autumn tints. Special music was rendered by the choir under the direction of Mr. J. M. Rhodes.

The old boys of Annetta Street School are reminded of the meeting called for organization purposes on Wednesday evening in the new school building. All adult male graduates of the old school will be made very welcome. The manufacture of medals from the old bell will also be discussed.

The steel entering into the manufacture of automobiles, which during last year amounted to 15,000 tons in this country alone.

Mount Dennis

One of the new buildings erected by the King Edward Sanatorium on Buntingwood avenue has been completed and patients occupied it yesterday. Two similar buildings are now in course of erection and it is understood both will be ready for occupation in the near future. The structures represent modern ideas of building, both in design and effect, and the sanatorium when complete should measure up to the best in the province.

MARKHAM

Farm values are holding their own in this section of York in spite of the trend into the city and to the west. Recently a number of farms have changed hands at figures that indicate prosperous times. Charles Reynolds, who is well known for miles around, has sold his 35-acre holding near the village to a Mr. Ingleson for \$1000. This sale is only typical of the way farm lands have been disposed of within a fair radius of Markham at values that are not at all discouraging.

Canada has not grown in area in the ten years 1901-1911, but on the contrary has lost 15,000 square miles, owing to the Alaska sale and the Yukon settlement. The area of the Dominion is now 3,728,000 square miles.

A patent was recently granted to a window decorator covering the process of draping a dummy so as to give the effect of a suit of clothes without using the material.