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THE JUNE MUSICAL FETE.

NEARLY 3,000 PEOPLE AT THE OPENING CONCERT LAST NIGHT.

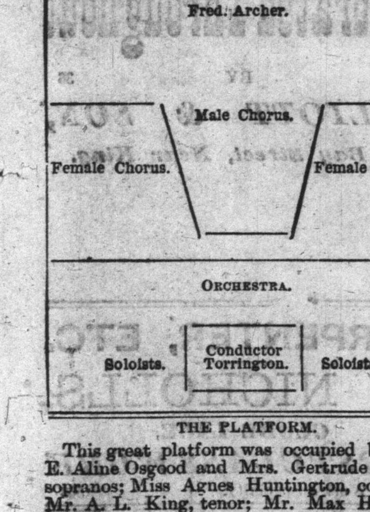
Gounod's great Oratorio "Mors et Vita" Grandly Rendered—A Chorus that Filled the Great Audience with Delight—Conductor Torrington receives an Ovation—To-day's Program.

The Caledonian Rink can now claim the honor of sheltering, if the term may be allowed, the finest and best appointed audience that probably ever gathered together in this bustling city. Who that was present at the opening concert of the Musical Festival last night will ever forget the scene that charmed him. The mammoth building was filled by nearly three thousand people, among whom were hundreds of Toronto's very best citizens. The platform, with its fifteen tiers of seats occupied by the chorus, the grand orchestra, the able leader and the famous artistes from abroad, was a sight in itself which would be quite a task to duplicate in any one city, big or little, on this continent.

The arrangement of the seating capacity of the rink was admirable, the decorations were tasty, and the air was profuse with the perfume of plants. Fourteen arc electric lights were suspended from the ceiling, which rendered the view from every part of the great building all that could be wished for. The external and internal plans were carried out to perfection, and notwithstanding the immense crowd there was no jam, bustle or excitement. Everything ran as smooth as clock-work, and when at 8.10 Conductor Torrington and the soloists stepped upon the platform amid the most stirring applause, everyone was seated and anxiously waiting for the treat that followed. This is saying a good deal when it is considered that the main entrances were through the narrowest and most cramped thoroughfare in Toronto, Dalhousie-street. Deputy Stuart and Inspector Duncan, in charge of a squad of officers, maintained perfect discipline among the drivers of carriages, and each one drove down the street and deposited his load at the entrances without a jar.

The box of honor was erected in the west end gallery, and the centre seat was occupied by the President of the Association, Mr. S. Nordheimer. On his right were His Worship Mayor Howland, Miss Tilly, Mr. J. Herbert and Mrs. Mason, and on his left Mr. George Gooderham and Mrs. Gooderham, Capt. Geddes, A.D.C., Mrs. Walter Dixon, Mrs. Grant and Miss Robinson. On a capacious scroll on the front of the box was the appropriate word "Welcome." Around the face of the galleries were hung portraits of all the famous composers of the world.

The platform, its arrangement and its interesting occupants, was probably more admired than the music and singing. The level part was raised about five feet from the floor and on this portion were Conductor Torrington, the soloists and the orchestra. Behind these fifteen rows of seats, the uppermost of which nearly touched the roof of the rink, accommodated the chorus, so nicely arranged and so nicely dressed that it was alone worth the price of admission to see them. Overtopping all was the great organ, in front of which sat Mr. Archer, and a pretty back-ground was made up of flags of many colors. Here is the different divisions of the platform:



THE PLATFORM.

This great platform was occupied by Mrs. E. Aline Osgood and Mrs. Gertrude Luther, sopranos; Miss Agnes Huntington, contralto. Mr. A. L. King, tenor; Mr. Max Heinrich, baritone; Mme. Josephine Chatterton, harpist; Mr. Fred. Archer, organist; Mr. H. Jacobsen, solo violinist; Mr. J. Bayley, leader of orchestra; 17 first violins, 13 second violins, 7 violas, 8 violoncellas, 10 double bassos and 26 wind instruments, drums etc. The chorus contained 200 altos, 300 sopranos, 100 tenors and 200 bassos in round number. Certainly a grand collection.

The Oratorio.

Gounod, the composer of "Death and Life" or "Mors et Vita," as it is called in the Latin score, stands preeminent among our modern composers. His wonderful powers are not confined to oratorio alone, but have developed in almost every direction in musical composition. His productions of comic and standard operas are well known, chief among the latter being the opera of "Faust," which has placed him in the front rank of the composers of the day.

"Mors et Vita" was first produced at the Birmingham Festival in 1885 and was rendered by the Philharmonic Society in Toronto at a recent concert. It is the sequel to the oratorio of "The Redemption," which has also been given here.

The oratorio is divided into three parts. The first treats of "Death"; the second describes the "Judgment" and the third portrays "Life." The prologue after a few bars for the orchestra, opens with the chorus: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." This passage in unison at once brings out vividly the solemnity of the subject. This same motive, recurring frequently as it does throughout the whole work, is beautifully developed in both the choral and orchestral parts. The second part opens with a prelude for the orchestra descriptive of "The Sleep of the Dead," "The trumpets at the last Judgment" and "The Resurrection of the Dead"; the opening of the concluding part is also [illegible] for the orchestra. "The vision of St. John," followed by the baritone solo, "I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth," the whole work concluding with a grand chorus, "Hosanna in the Highest Places." There was but one cut made in the oratorio as produced last night, and that was so slight that it might almost be said to have been given in its entirety. The chorus and audience warmly applauded the soloists as they took their seats on the platform, but when Conductor Torrington took his place, another and another round of applause went up, while the singers could not restrain a hearty cheer. The first verse of "God Save the Queen" was then sung by the sopranos, accompanied by the organ. The second verse was taken by the altos, with wind accompaniment, and the last verse was rendered by the full chorus and orchestra. The arrangement of the singers was most judicious, and the best effects were in consequence obtained. The tenors and altos occupied the middle of the platform in front of the organ, the sopranos were at the sides with the bass just behind them, while the orchestra was placed on the level platform before the chorus.

The performance last night was given by the largest body of singers ever brought together at one time in the city of Toronto, and the result of the opening concert of our first musical festival must have been gratifying to not only those who listened, but also to those who have taken an active part in developing the scheme. The chorus was pretty evenly divided as regards the four parts, and gave evidence of thorough practice. They sang well together and showed an attention to the lights and shades which was truly gratifying. If any exception might be taken in their singing it would be in the attack, which was at times not so prompt and decided as could have been wished, especially in the latter portion of the work. Their enunciation was, however, very clear and distinct, and they produced a tone of excellent quality and accurateness. The difficult intervals which occur in many parts were very creditably taken, and their attention to the conductor's baton added greatly to the success of their singing. The choruses "Sacrifice and Prayer" and "Hosanna in the Highest Places" were performed with great brilliancy and proved effective numbers.

The orchestra on the whole did good work, especially in the descriptive orchestration referred to above. In the solo and chorus, "A Great Voice in Heaven," however, they made one or two mistakes and Mr. Torrington was obliged to stop the chorus and begin again.

The soloists who took part, most of whom have been heard in Toronto before, are of high reputation. The soprano solos were about evenly divided between Mrs. E. Aline Osgood and Mrs. Gertrude Luther, and these ladies joined in the various quartets which are interspersed throughout the work, with Miss Agnes Huntington, alto, Mr. A. L. King, tenor, and Mr. Max Heinrich, baritone, who each had solos as well. There is not room for great display in any of the solos, but they were sung with much feeling and effect, while the quartets were listened to with great pleasure, and the audience demanded an encore to the quartet, "Lowly Kneel we in Submission," which was repeated.

A rather peculiar incident took place during the performance. The electric light, which had been threatening several times, caused almost complete darkness for several seconds during the singing of the chorus: "Lord, Forever Let Light Eternal Lighten Them." The chorus and orchestra, however, being familiar with the score proceeded without interruption. Mr. Frederic Archer, the celebrated organist from New York, ably presided at the organ and Mr. Torrington conducted the immense chorus and orchestra with much skill and judgment.

Among the Girls.

The girl chorus was all in white, or in the faintest tints of yellow or pink, 500 strong (75 of them married ladies), nearly all wearing boquets of one flower or another, and generally good looking. Fans were profuse; blondes were rare; so were those who wore their hair short; only three had feathers in their tresses, and these were in a bunch. One section of them wore blue badges; the other red. There was one lady in the orchestra, Mrs. B. D. Adamson, one of the first violinists. The fair harpist had little more to do than show her fine neck and shoulders; to-day she appears in the concert.

Sharps and Flats.

Chief Justice Wilson was in a front seat.

It was Max Heinrich's voice that filled the house.

The usherers and door-keepers filled their offices creditably.

Capt. A. C. McGee and Mr. W. A. Wilkinson were very efficient at the south door.

The rink was admirably ventilated and the atmosphere was quite cool.

There were only a few vacant seats—those immediately in front of the platform.

The majority of the audience were in evening dress. White waistcoats were frequent.

Rev. Father Laurent, one of Toronto's musical enthusiasts, was an attentive listener.

Mr. E. S. Cox Mrs. Cox, Miss Evelyn Cox and Miss Perry occupied seats in the box of honor.

German names predominate in the list of the orchestra; several are Italian and a couple Russian.

Conductor Torrington wielded an ivory baton, wore his top-hair short, kept his temper, and clapped his hands at the close.

A statistical fiend in the gallery said he saw 10 big fiddles, 40 little fiddles, 7 middle-sized fiddles, 6 drums, and 40 horns and flutes.

The concert opened at 8.10 sharp, and the audience were in their places by 7.50, which is creditable to the large number who assisted.

Miss Huntington is very tall, was dressed in white, and has a faithful companion in her sister who always accompanies her and is just as tall and handsome.

Ald. Boustead had four of the best-looking firemen in the brigade, arrayed in their semi-centennial uniforms, stationed at the gallery entrances. They were Johnnie Hastings, John Brown, Tom Doughty and Billy Smith.

Mr. Organist Archer said to The World after the concert that he considered the production a great success. "The chorus," continued he, "is the best I have heard on this side of the water." Mr. Albert L. King, the tenor, confirmed this view and especially mentioned the tenor portion of the chorus. "I don't know," said he, "where your city gets all its fine voices."

The directors and officers walked about smiling the smile of delight and wearing blue badges with gold fringe. Brother Boustead hardly touched the floor; John Earls was everywhere, never was in anyone's way, and happy as if he had closed a thousand car freight contract to the seaboard. Mr. Nordheimer fairly beamed with good nature from his seat of honor in the west end. The Honorary President, Mr. Gooderham, said little, but seemed to enjoy it immensely.

To-Day's Program.

The concert this afternoon will undoubtedly be one of the best of the series, being of a miscellaneous nature. Among the artistes that will appear are Mr. A. L. King, Herr Jacobson, Fraulein Lili Lehmann, Mme. Chatterton, Mrs. Luther, Miss Huntington, Mrs. Osgood, Mr. D. M. Babcock, Mr. Otto Bendix and the grand festival chorus. To-night Handel's sublime oratorio, "Israel in Egypt," will be given, with the same soloists, Mr. Babcock added, as last night.

A Tragedy in an Hotel.

NEW YORK, June 15.—On June 10 a young married couple named Thompson engaged rooms in the Sturtevant House. To day they were found both lying together on the floor with bullet holes in their heads and breasts. The husband, just able to speak when found, could not tell what the cause of the tragedy was. His wife is dead. The man was taken to the hospital and cannot recover.

England is Dissatisfied.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—The Department of State has received advices from Mnister Phelps confirmatory of the press reports that the English Government is not altogether satisfied with the course pursued by the Dominion authorities in regard to the seizure of American fishing vessels.

An Army of Loyalists.

BELFAST, June 15.—It is stated that the injunction of the Grand Master against drilling by the Orangemen during the continuance of the troubles in Belfast does not prevent the Orange drilling at Rich Hill, in Antrim county, where it is alleged 12,000 loyalists continue to practice military tactics regularly.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Veach's Bank at West Middlesex, Pa., has suspended. Liabilities $300,000; assets unknown.

Application has been made for a receiver for the Heinrod Furnace Co., at Youngstown, O. Liabilities $180,000.

Warrants have been issued at St. Louis, Mo., for the arrest of 47 Knights of Labor charged with conspiracy to destroy property.

Mary and Jennie Green, 18 and 16, mulattos employed by W. E. S. Walter, aged 65, and his sister, aged 60, at Fredericksburg, W. Va., thought to obtain some money and clubbed Miss Walter to death and nearly did the same for her brother. They secured $3.50.

CABLE NOTES.

King Malietoa has been officially recognized as ruler of the Samoan Islands.

The British Court has gone into mourning for a period of three weeks on account of the death of the King of Bavaria.

Mr. Gladstone will on Friday next be nominated for the presidency of the Scottish Liberal Association. The unionists will oppose his election.

NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS.

LARGE MAJORITY FOR THE LIBERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Secession Agitation Evidently in the Ascendant—A List of Those Elected as Far as Could be Given Last Night.

HALIFAX, N.S., June 15.—As far as can be judged to-night, the Liberal Local Government carried the country at the elections by a large majority, the supporters of the Government claiming twenty-nine out of the thirty-eight seats in the Assembly. The following is as complete a list as can now be made up of the elected:

Halifax—Fielding, Power and Roche, Liberals.

Lunenburg—Church and Ross, Liberals.

Shelburne—Johnston and Maccoy, Liberals.

Queen's—Mack and Cook; Liberals.

Yarmouth—Law and Gayton, Liberals.

Digby—Robicheau and McNeil, Liberals.

Annapolis—Ellison and Andrews, Conservatives, defeating Attorney-General Longley.

King's—Rand, Liberal, without doubt. The second seat is doubtful between Welton, Liberal, and Bill, Conservative.

Hants—Haley and Frame, Liberals.

Colchester—Laurance and Clarke, Liberals.

Cumberland—R. L. Black, Conservative, and T. R. Black, Liberal.

Pictou—McLeod, Liberal, Bell, Conservative, and probably McColl, Liberal.

Antigonish — McGillivray and McIsaac, Liberals.

Guysboro—Weeks and Fraser, Liberals.

Inverness—McNeil and McKinnon, Liberals,

Victoria—Fraser, Liberal, and Bethune, Independent Liberal.

Cape Breton—Murray, Liberal, and one Conservative.

Richmond—Names uncertain, but probably one Conservative and one Liberal returned.

KING LUDWIG'S FATE.

His Majesty Said Only to Have Been Eccentric and Not Insane.

MUNICH, June 15.—Dr. Von Schleiss, formerly King Ludwig's physician, denies the King was insane. He maintains Ludwig was eccentric only. The doctor adds, though he disagreed with the official report of the examining board of physicians declaring the King insane, still he felt compelled to keep his views to himself, "for," says he, "if I had published a statement in opposition to that of the court doctors, I should have shared the fate of certain other persons and been at least consigned to prison. My opinion as to the King's condition is based on my experience as his physician since his birth. My colleague, Dr. Gintle, agrees with me."

Obsequies of the King.

MUNICH, June 15.—At 8.30 o'clock last evening Dean Tuerck, assisted by the Court clergy, read the funeral service over the remains of the late King Ludwig, which were lying in the entrance court of Berg Castle. After the service the body was placed in a plain coffin and conveyed to Munich in a hearse drawn by four horses. Three carriages conveying the clergy followed the hearse. A detachment af heavy cavalry met the hearse at Sendling, a suburb of Munich, and escorted it to the city. The remains reached the residence Schloss at 1.20 a.m. Their arrival was unexpected, and nobody was in attendance to receive them. The Empress of Austria sent a splendid wreath to Berg Castle to be placed on the coffin.

The Strangeness of His Taking Off.

LONDON, June 15.—The Standard's Vienna correspondent telegraphs that it is impossible to conceal the misgivings generally felt in that city that King Ludwig was insufficiently guarded on Sunday evening. "A long time," the correspondent says, "elapsed before the searchers were sent to find what detained the King. It is also felt here that had greater vigilance been exercised the body of the King might have been re-animated. The correspondent maintains that, when King Ludwig's financial extravagance first begun to make trouble in Bavaria no hint was given that he was affected with insanity, and adds: "The real truth, I fear, will never be known. The excitement at Munich and other Bavarian towns, over the strange manner of the King's taking off, threatens serious consequences."

Mr. Gladstone's Opponent.

LONDON, June 16.—The Conservatives have selected Col. Campbell Walker to oppose Mr. Gladstone. In his address he reminded the electors that Mr. Gladstone, who appeals to their feelings on the score of age, enunciated thirteen years ago the principle that sixty years should be the outside age for all who sought to hold responsible positions. He continues, the Premier's present kaleidescopic proposals are singular proof that Mr. Gladstone's judgment is no longer what it was. The strength of the Irish party is due to Mr. Gladstone's concessions.

A Daring Trick.

The Brampton Times says: One day this week a number of boys of the town were playing on the Grand Trunk Railway track, and through some mishap a quarrel ensued, ending in one of the boys about 14 years of age taking hold of another about 11 years and laying him across the track and holding him there until a freight train that was coming up approached within but a few yards of him. The engineer seeing the perilous position of the boy whistled on brakes, whereupon the daring scamp pulled the boy away just in the nick of time, for one minute longer and the boy would have been run over and probably killed. The younger boy was so frightened that he became so weak he could not struggle, and after getting home vomiting from the stomach set in and lasted some time, caused by fright. Had the elder boy made a mis-step in the act of pulling him away the younger would have been killed.

Dynamite Statistics.

From the London Times.

Dynamite is more and more in use—for lawful purposes, happily, even more than in furtherance of the objects of Fenians or Anarchists. If we include in it cognate explosive substances it has become a very great fact. Three Government Inspectors watch it. A large number of manufacturers make it. Its behavior is the subject of more than one act of Parliament, and the accidents by reason of it are detailed in a blue book just issued, containing the annual report of Col. Majendie and his assistant inspectors on explosives, which is well calculated to make one feel that the use of such powerful agencies has sensibly increased the perils of life. Twenty years ago all such substances were of little account. Excepting gunpowder they were curiosities, scarcely known outside of the laboratory. But of late the trade in explosives has wonderfully expanded. The factories for the manufacture have doubled in 10 years; the magazines for the storage are 75 per cent. more than they were in 1875, and the retail premises exceed by 9,000 what they were in that year. We made more and we import more of such substances, and there is every sign that the trade is only in its infancy. Every year, too, additions are being made to the recognized explosives. Within the last year several have been added to the authorized list, one being electric detonator fuses, consisting of electric fuses with platinum wire imbedded in a charge of a priming composition made of carefully purified gun cotton, such as tonite and potentite, find favor. Compressed gunpowder cartridges are superseding in mining loose gunpowder, and, being safe to handle, they hold their own against the nitro compounds. The brown gunpowder called "cocoa" powder is, as every one knows, much used here, as well as in Germany. But the tendency is to develop the nitro-glycerine group of explosives. For sporting purposes, schultze powder, a nitro compound, consisting of nitre-lignin carefully purified and mixed with a nitrate, is employed. For some time back the use of nitro-glycerine as a medicine in cases of angina pectoris and similiar diseases has been recognized by the British Pharmacopœia.

WINNIPEG TO THE PACIFIC.

A Memorial Praying for a Large Land Subsidy in Aid of the Project.

OTTAWA, June 15.—A memorial has been addressed to the Minister of the Interior on behalf of Messrs. Alexander Manning, H. S. Howland, John Bain, A. P. Macdonald, A.F. Manning and R. Macdonald of Toronto, and Messrs. G. Foster, F. McRae and Duncan Macdonald of Montreal, provisional directors of the Winnipeg and North Pacific Railway, asking for a large land subsidy in aid of their enterprise. This company was incorporated recently and Mr. Manning is said to be in England now endeavoring to float the scheme. They propose to construct a railway from Winnipeg via the Narrows of Manitoba and Fort a la Carne by Peace River Pass to the Pacific Ocean at Fort Simpson, and the memorial addressed to the minister asks for a grant of 6400 acres of land per mile for that portion of their railway and from Winnipeg to Fort a la Carne, 10,000 acres per mile, such lands to be selected in the Peace River district. The company agree to construct the road to Peace River in eight years, provided the subsidy asked for is granted.

Found on the Cowcatcher.

PONTYPOOL, Ont., June 15.—A loaded wagon was struck by the evening express coming west on the Canadian Pacific Railway yesterday, some distance east of Pontypool. The engine struck the vehicle in the centre, completely cutting it in two and scattering the contents on either side of the line. Search along the track having failed to discover the body of the driver, the train was examined and the unfortunate man was found hanging head downward on the cowcatcher of the engine insensible. He had been carried for several hundred rods in this way. It was subsequently ascertained that he had received only slight injuries.

Mr. McIntyre Buys a Baronial Residence.

MONTREAL, June 15.—Mr. Duncan McIntyre to-day closed the purchase of the fine property known as "Souvenir,') of the estate of Hon. F. A. Quesnel, at Atwater-avenue and Duchess-street, extending back to St. Antoine-street, and comprising over fifteen acres, with a fine residence. It is one of the few properties that face both the river and the mountain, having a magnificent outlook in both directions. The place boasts many forest trees, fish ponds and other accessories to a gentleman's estate.

The Proposed Buffalo Farm.

OTTAWA, June 15.—Major Bell has completed arrangements for the incorporation of the Northwest Buffalo Breeding Company, and a notice of incorporation will likely appear in the Canada Gazette of Saturday. Major Bell says it is the intention of the company to cross the buffalo with the polled angus breed. In this way the hide alone would be worth more than the price of a polled angus heifer. A breed of cattle would also be raised, which would be better able to stand the climate of the Northwest.

Drowned at Chatham.

CHATHAM, Ont., June 15.—John eldest son of Harry Mercer, passenger agent of the C. M. &, St. P. Railway, Detroit, and grandson of John Mercer, Sheriff of Kent, a promising lad of 14, was drowned in the river this afternoon. The body was recovered.

The Civil Assizes.

In the case of Cook against Hayes, begun on Monday, the jury yesterday returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. F. B. McNamee of Montreal sued the defendant in the last case for $900, the balance on a promissory note of $1500. The defendant had paid $600 on the note, and alleged that the plaintiff agreed to strike out the balance in consideration of Mr. Hayes obtaining Ontario securities for Mr. McNamee for the fulfilment of his contract with the city in laying the water pipes out to the lake. Verdict for defendant.

E. R. C. Clarkson, the assignee, on behalf of the creditors of David Teas, who ran the "Montreal Tea Company," with stores in Toronto and Guelph, brought an action against Charles O'Donnell to recover the value of $2500 worth of stock held by Teas when he failed in May, 1885. O'Donnell was Teas' head clerk, and when the former assigned and left the country, O'Donnell informed the creditors that he had bought in the stock and would not surrender it. Subsequently O'Donnell sold the stock to Wm. Kyle & Co., and this firm has since gone under. The case has already been in court, before Mr. Justice Galt, who held that the transfer of the stock to Kyle & Co. by O'Donnell was a bona fide one. The aid of a jury is sought in the present action. The case was not finished when the court rose.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Eight cases of diphtheria are reported in the fifth ward, London.

Alonzo Fee was fined $50 and costs at Millbrook yesterday for violating the Scott Act.

A number of Montreal speculators were badly nipped in the Chicago wheat pit recently.

The ceremonies attending the elevation of Cardinal Taschereau will not take place until July 25.

The Oddfellows of Peterboro will decorate the graves of their departed brethren on Tuesday, June 22.

The Department of Agriculture has issued a circular respecting the clover midge, asking information respecting this destructive insect.

A lad named Davidson, aged 18 years, son of Wm. Davidson, a Nelson farmer, was drowned at Waterdown yesterday while bathing. He is supposed to have taken cramps.

Mr. McBride, of Amaranth, thinks that he has discovered gold equally as rich as the find in Melancthon. Mr. McBride discovered the precious metal in one of the Government drains.

At Beauce on Saturday Judge Angers dismissed with costs the petition against the validity of the return of Mr. Lemire Taschereau, the Conservative Federal member for that county.

Market gardeners inform the St. Catharines News that the onion crop will be a dead failure this season. The periodical onion bug has commenced to bore and spring onions are now dearer than have been known for years.

Belleville is a fair church going city, says the Intelligencer. Those who regularly attend divine services on Sunday morning may be surprised to learn that at the same time that they are at worship a wholesale cocking main is in full operation at Ferry Point. The birds are taken over early in the morning from the city by a class of sports who maintain the main.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The body of an infant, badly decomposed, was found in the Yonge-street slip yesterday.

Wm. R. Hancock's premises, Duke and Jarvis streets, were damaged by fire yesterday forenoon.

Contracts were let yesterday for the erection of the Cameron annex to the Home for Incurables at Parkdale.

If Grocer John Charters does not pay his creditors 75 cents on the dollar they will force him into an assignment.

Ald. Boustead hummed the thing over at a musical festival rehearsal and concluded not to resign from the council.

Mr. George Crosby, the gentlemanly clerk of the Russell House, returned fresh and healthy from Coney Island yesterday.

Don't forget the moonlight excursion of the Grand Opera House employes per steamer Southern Belle to-morrow night. K. of L. 'busses will await the boat at 1 o'clock.

In order to give Hamiltonians an opportunity of hearing the Musical Festival on Thursday evening Mr. Keith will delay the Southern Belle here. Instead of leaving at 5.45 she will not leave until midnight.

A little black and tan dog belonging to Hattie Wright was run over by a street car yesterday, its tail being nearly severed at the stump. The only Clow was at once sent for, when he deftly severed the poor little bow-bow's caudal appendage at the wound and left the dog and the tail with Mr. Wright, both feeling relieved.

Police Court yesterday: Robert Wadsworth, fighting, $1 and costs or 10 days. William Chilton, stealing $5 from Ambrose Keogh, 5 days. Reuben Barnes, alleged to have stolen $105 from Mary Hall, further remanded till to-day. James Milligan, kicking Henry May, 60 days. For committing an assault on John McCoy, Daniel McCarthy was fined $3 and costs or 30 days. Albert Elliott, obstructing a street car, $10 and costs or 30 days.

Steel Wire Door Mats for Durability and cleanliness. Ask McGaw & Winnett, Queen's Hotel, what they think of them. 136

THE VANCOUVER FIRE.

TWELVE LIVES BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST.

The Remains of Nine People Already Found—The Whole City in Ashes—Toronto Contributes a Thousand Dollars Towards the Aid of the Sufferers.

VICTORIA, B.C., June 15.—All day Sunday there had been a steady wind from the northwest and the brush clearing fires on the Canadian Pacific Railway lots were fanned to such an extent as to fill the terminal town of Vancouver with smoke. Shortly after 1 p.m. the smoke was so dense that people found it impossible to direct their steps to the exact location of its source. Soon a stable near the Colonial Hotel was seen to be on fire. The alarm was given, but so skeptical were the people that they paid no attention to it for some time. The wind by this time had increased to a gale and fanned the flames into a mass of raging fire. One of the first buildings to go was MacCartney's drug store, followed by the office of the Vancouver News. The flames shot across Abbott street with astonishing rapidity, and almost before the people could realize it, the whole of the western portion of the city was in a blaze. The excitement was now intense. People were hurrying with what effects they could gather in their haste to a place of safety. Those who endeavored to save their goods were so wrapped in their object as to appear heedless of the danger they ran, and it was found especially necessary to compel many women to relinquish their effects in order to save their lives. In some cases there was only just time to place them on improvised rafts, which were pushed out from the shore beyond the reach of the flames, which literally seemed to fill the air.

In less time than it takes to describe it the fire had reached Carroll-street. Some merchants in this vicinity were engaged in conveying their goods to a place of safety, but so rapid was the conflagration that before their horses were ready the teamsters themselves were obliged to fly for their lives. All hope of saving any considerable amount of property was now abandoned, and each contented himself with hastily putting together what he could carry in his hands without seriously impeding his speed, and hurried from the spot; but even after leaving the houses the danger was not over, for every road had become an avenue of fire. Falling timbers and stumps on each side of the road glowed with fire, and proved as serious a menace to the fugitives as the burning houses of the doomed city.

During the confusion which prevailed, when some rowdies and roughs saw that every one was leaving, they went to the saloons, which had been left entirely unprotected, and commenced drinking. Many a one was seen staggering along the streets with a keg of beer on his shoulders or carrying as many bottles of liquor as he could appropriate. Men were sitting completely hemmed in by the fire and apparently oblivious of their surroundings, drinking liquor.

A large number of fugitives collected at the Hastings Mill Company's wharf, but the large majority collected at False Creek bridge. Nothing was to be seen from either of these points but a lurid rolling bank of smoke hanging over the ashes of the city, from which stragglers could be seen occasionally fleeing. The steamer Dunsmuir came to the dock to receive people, and with several other steamers conveyed a large number over to Moodyville.

The dropping of the flames was as sudden as their rise, and by 6 p.m. some adventurous spirits had already made their way along the roads of the destroyed city, and before dark the work of searching for the bodies of those overtaken by the fiery element had begun. In a short time the remains of several persons had been discovered, and up to 10 o'clock Monday morning nine bodies, some of which were burned beyond recognition, had been found. There is uncertainty about the exact number already discovered, as in some cases a handful of charred bones was the only indication of a human life being lost. One of the searchers said he thought the number could be truthfully estimated at 12.

The general sentiment of the people appears to be one of hopefulnes and determination to begin at once the reconstruction of the city. Some have already got building material on the ground.

[Three years ago Vancouver was an indifferent village. Capitalists anticipated that it would be the terminus of the Canadian Pacific and invested largely in real estate. The railway recognized the advantages of the location, but for a time it was not settled whether the line would end at Vancouver or be pushed on to Victoria. As soon as the company got control of one-third interest of the improved lands of the syndicate of capitalists they located their machine shops, and Vancouver was declared the terminus. The village immediately began to grow, and in a few months had a population of 3000 people. Daily papers were started, and thrift and enterprise were the chief characteristics of the place. The city is situated on a peninsula between Fraser River and Burrard Inlet, with an area of about 1000 acres and is only twelve miles from New Westminster, the chief mainland town of British Columbia. The isthmus connecting the main land with the peninsula is very narrow. It is upon this isthmus that the business part of the city is situated. The fire originated in an uncleared space where they were burning timber to make room to build. The gale from the sea carried the fire eastward. It became focused to small limits at the isthmus and swept all before it.]

Aid from Toronto.

In response to the appeal which Mayor Howland received from the Mayor of Vancouver His Worship yesterday sent the following despatch:

Your message received and request as to sending information to other Canadian cities complied with. You have our earnest sympathy. This city has sent you $1000 through the Bank of British North America, and that sum will at once be placed by telegraph at your disposal at their branch at New Westminster. I anticipate that our merchants and charitable citizens will also respond. May God move kindly hearts everywhere to assist you in your great distress.

The amount mentioned was forwarded on the authority of the Mayor and several aldermen, and will without doubt be approved by the council and citizens at large. It should have been five times as much. His Worship received a large number of private donations in aid of the sufferers.

Toronto Stock Exchange Officers.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Stock Exchange was held yesterday afternoon. These officers were elected:—President, W. L. Barnes; Vice-President, H. C. Hammond; Honorary Secretary, H. L. Hime; Treasurer, J. Browne; Committee: J. Stark, H. Pellatt and W. S. Cassels.

He Must Have Meant It.

Tramp—See here, I want damages! You told me to be careful of the off horse in the barn, and I was, but the nigh horse kicked me in the jaw. You didn't tell me to be careful of the nigh horse.

Farmer—I didn't?

Tramp—No, sir, you didn't.

Farmer—Well, I guess then I intended to have you kicked. That's the only explanation I can think of now.

Force of Habit at the Theatre.

"That gentleman seems to have a hard time finding his seat; must be near-sighted."

"Not at all. Only another proof of the force of habit."

"How so?"

"He used to be an usher."

Steel Wire Door Mats for hotels and elevators. Ask Mark H. Irish, Rossin House, what he thinks of them. 136

A Breach of Promise Case in Toronto.

—Quite an excitement was caused in court, when the defendant swore that he loved the girl and would marry her, and (liked his mother-in-law) in fact only one thing was detrimental. She said she had a "Refrigerator," and she aint, (said he.) Go to Strathern, 179 Yonge-street, (said the judge), and he will make you happy. Parson splice you after.

THE FIRST CONCERT.

The World extends its congratulations to Conductor Torrington on the success that attended the production of Mors et Vita last night. And in the next sentence we must congratulate the Chorus, the Soloists and the Orchestra on the manner in which they filled their share of the work. So, too, must the Board of Management be complimented on the excellence and completeness of the arrangements for the comfort of the audience, and the convenience of the performers, and on the success of the Festival. Toronto has made great strides in the way of musical progress, and last night's performance is the proof of it: an audience of three thousand; a chorus nearly one thousand strong; an orchestra of over a hundred pieces; a row of soloists of continental reputation. Surely that is proof of progress! And this wonderful advance is due mainly to the individual efforts of first a few and then a score or more enthusiasts who not so many years ago thought there was room for musical development in Toronto. Their opinion has been realized; and now that it has we trust that this Festival is only the beginning of a regular annual event of similar character on an advancing scale.

We trust that what was begun so well last night will be continued to-day and to-morrow night.

BOARD OF WORKS AFFAIRS.

The Secretary's Salary Raised $100—Other Business.

The Board of Works met a half hour earlier yesterday than has been its wont, and in consequence got through more work and finished earlier than usual. There were present: Chairman Carlyle, Steiner, John Woods, Jones, Shaw, Turner, Crocker and Baxter. Ald. Shaw obtained, in answer to an anxious request, an instruction to the engineer to report at once on Tannery Hollow. Ald. Shaw also wanted to know something about the proposed Rosedale Creek sewer. The engineer had said that $7000 or $8000 would do the job. The matter will stand till the general sewerage report is brought in. The people of Major-street want a block pavement. The Mayor refuses to sign McKay's contract for the work on account of McKay's connection with Godson. Ald. Baxter suggested that the work be given to Mr. Jones, the next lowest tenderer. Ald. Shaw said that Jones' work on Yonge-street north was disgraceful. Ald. Baxter deplored the degeneration of the aldermanic status. The aldermen were becoming nothing but street inspectors. Ald. Turner said that if the committee allowed the Mayor veto power, as it tacitly had done in the McKay matter, to be consistent it should bring in a bylaw making him general supervisor of committees. It was recommended that Jones get the contract for the Major-street work.

Hosts McGaw of the Queen's and Walker of the Walker House appeared to ask for a stone pavement on the north side of Front-street, between Yonge and York, and a block pavement between Yonge and Simcoe. Their request was referred. On motion of Ald. Jones, it was recommended that the solicitor be requested to notify the Toronto Gravel and Concrete Company of the city's acceptance of their offer for $10,000 to remove their tracks from the Kingston Road as far as the Woodbine, and to relinquish all privileges within the city limits. Wm. Adams, hardware merchant, 502 Queen-street west, claimed $500 damages done his property by raising his sidewalk. Judge McDougall, as arbitrator, awarded him $150 and sent in an account of $95 for arbitrator's and County Court fees. The accounts were recommended for payment. George Montgomery was awarded contracts for sewers on Givens-street at $873, on a lane between Sword-street and River-street at $535, and on First-avenue between Broadview-avenue and Bolton-avenue at $1305; to George Tramble for sewers on Shaw-street at $3056 and Brooklyn-avenue at $2549; to Burns and McCormack for sewers on a lane between Niagara-street and Drew-street, on Front-street between Bathurst-street and Portland-street at $1102 and on Clarence-street at $442.

Among the numerous recommendations in the engineer's report for sewers, pavements and sidewalks were the following: Block pavement on Carlton-street from Sumach-street to its eastern terminus; sewers on Withrow-avenue, Portland-street, Euclid-avenue, Darling-avenue and Lombard-street; and a stone pavement on the south side of Wellington-street between Yonge and Bay. His recommendations were all concurred in.

The committee recommended a $100 a year raise for hard-worked Secretary Roden.

Steel Wire Door Mats are the mats of the age for durability and cleanliness. Office and factory, 6 Wellington-street west. 136

Changing the Names of Streets.

Ald. Steiner has for some time past been exercised over the fact that the city contains several pairs of streets bearing the same name. In accordance with request he handed into the Board of Works yesterday the following report and recommendations: Arthur-street, St. Stephen's Ward, and Arthur-street, St. Mark's Ward, the latter to be called Harman-avenue; Hamilton-street, St. Matthew's Ward, and Hamilton-street, St. Stephen's Ward, the latter to be called Wilhelm-avenue; Emily-street, St. George's Ward, and Emily-street, St. Mark's, the latter to be called Mearns-street; Lester-street, St. Matthew's Ward, and Lester-street, St. Mark's Ward, the latter to be called Buckley-avenue; Wood-street, St. James' Ward, and Wood-street, St. Mark's Ward, the latter to be called Cleveland-avenue. This latter street Ald. Steiner recommended should be called Wilhelm-avenue, in honor, as Chairman Carlyle explained, of the Kaiser. Ald. Baxter immediately moved that President Cleveland's name be handed down to posterity by its application to the street. The motion was carried. The people of Emma-street petitioned for a change of name to Milan-street. This prayer was granted.

Married with a Volley.

An enormous white banner hanging down the side of the Salvation Army Barracks has for some days been apprising Yonge-street promenaders that last night's meeting was to be diversified by a hallelujah wedding. So it was, that the hall last night was more than usually well filled. The ranks of the local corps were augmented by the Riverside detachment, with whom fight both contracting parties, Private Thomas William Rayney and Private Emelia Peirce. Staff Captain Margetts solemnly but briefly explained the sacred nature of the married relation and the pair stood up. The groom wore a frock coat and the bride was dressed in white and a big boquet. The army banns, which by the way seem to impose rather more duty to the Salvation Army than to the parties most concerned, were pronounced by Rev. J. M. Kerr, formerly of Agnes-street Methodist Church, but whom the Toronto Conference has just granted leave to roam at will in the evangelical field. As he gave the happy pair his benediction a volley was fired which nearly raised the roof.

Property Committee Estimates.

The Property Committee at a special meeting Tuesday will discuss the estimates for the year. Repairs to fire halls, $1884.20; repairs to police stations, $784.57; repairs to the markets, public halls, city morgue and miscellaneous, $2418.25; repairs to the Island, Esplanade, city docks and Wiman Baths, $3400; already expended on public buildings and flags, $1075; fuel, $4000; total, $13,566.02.

Volunteers Not Liable for Statute Labor.

"Nuffsed," Whitevale—A misprint occurred in the first answer to your question in yesterday's World. It should read no instead of yes; volunteers are not liable for statute labor.

The Musical Festival.

—Visitors to the musical festival before they return home should visit Dineen's hat emporium, corner King and Yonge-streets. Dineen has the best stock in town. x

WILL STICK TO WINNIPEG.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO GO WEST IN 1887.

The Presbyterian Parsons Throw Aside the Question of Expense—The Common College Fund—A Report From the Temperance Committee.

HAMILTON, June 15.—At the morning session of the General Assembly Rev. D. L. McRae of Cobourg moved that the next place of meeting be reconsidered. He held that when the members voted for Winnipeg they were carried away by the enthusiasm of the moment. It was too premature and too expensive to go there. At $40 each, or at the more likely figure of $60, it would cost the assembly over $25,000 for traveling alone. Rev. Robert Campbell of Montreal, speaking in favor of Winnipeg, said that the assembly was "fuller" than it was to-day when it gave its deliverance, and had taken everything into consideration. Expense and other disadvantages notwithstanding, the assembly decided to stick to its former resolution to go to the Prairie Province next year.

At the afternoon session Mr. Wm. Mortimer Clark presented the report of the Common College Fund. The contributions during the year were $10,380. On motion of Mr. Clark it was made optional with congregations whether they should contribute to the common fund or to any particular college.

On motion of Dr. McLaren it was decided to organize a presbytery in Central India with synodical powers, to be called the "Presbytery of Indore,"

The special committees appointed to draw up loyal addresses to the Queen and the Governor-General read their effusions to the assembly, and after they had been criticized and corrected, they were adopted as the sentiments of the Presbyterian Church.

The most interesting episode of the day's proceedings to some of the members was the photographic part. The lights of Presbyterianism ranged themselves against the church wall at 6 o'clock, with the moderator and the church bulwarks in front, and an enterprising photographer "took" them.

In the evening Rev. L. H. Jordan of Montreal presented the report of the Committee on the State of Religion. Rev. L. Lyle of Hamilton and Rev. H. M. Parsons of Toronto spoke of the desirability of a series of Evangelical meetings throughout the Church. Mr. Lyle said the existence of such organizations as the Salvation Army was a standing rebuke to the church for it showed that a certain department of church work had been neglected. It was decided to recommend presbyteries to conduct special evangelic meetings in their different congregations, with the assistance and co-operation of elders and church members.

The report on temperance was presented by Rev. P. Wright of Stratford. Rev. John Smith of Toronto delivered one of his forcible temperance addresses. Hon. Senator Vidal of Sarnia said the action of the church on this question had greatly strengthened his hands in the Senate.

The bat, which was present and flew about the night before, was again a visitor to the assembly this evening.

PLAY GROUNDS FOR BOYS.

A Scheme Laid Out by the Mayor and Park Commissioner.

Mayor Howland and Park Commissioner Chambers have given close attention to various schemes by which the boys shall have proper play grounds. The result of their delibeartions were submitted to the Property Committee yesterday in a report from Mr. Chambers and in outline the scheme is to fit up that part of Riverside Park which lies west of the Don and at the foot of the hill; to set apart a portion of Jessie Ketchum Park; to obtain, if possible, from the University authorities that part of their lands on which the Park Toboggan Club have their slide, and to get as much of Bellwood's Park as can be got free. The Mayor also suggests that the Garrison Creek hollow be properly graded and fitted up. This could be done at a comparatively moderate cost. The beautiful terrace in the Government House grounds was made out of just such another place. The refuse that at present lies in the hollow could be spread out, treated with charcoal or lime and the whole covered with suitable loam and sodded. The Mayor proposes, in order to impose on the boys some sense of responsibility, that each prospective boy ball tosser shall join a club and that the clubs thus formed shall each obtain license to play. The Property Committee concurred in most of these recommendations and Mr. Chambers' report was sent on to the council.

A Pavilion in Ketchum Park.

The Property Committee met yesterday and talked so long and did so little that they were obliged to adjourn before they were half through their business. It was decided to advertise for tenders for the new Central Fire Hall. C. S. Boon was awarded at $300 the contract for the repairs in the waterworks office. It was recommended that squatters on the Ashbridge's Bay sandbar be given notice to quit and that a pavilion be erected in Ketchum Park.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Rinfret of Quebec is at the Rossin.

Sheriff McConkey of Simcoe is at the Queen's.

Mr. J. W. Kerr, Q. C., Cobourg, is at the Rossin.

Mr. James Laidlaw, M.P.P. Guelph, is booked at the Rossin.

Mr. B. M. Britton, Q.C., Kingston, is a guest at the Rossin.

The Marquis of Hartington has been staying with Baron Rothschild.

Mr. A. M. Dodds, the New York lumber king, is a guest at the Queen's.

Hon Thos. White is expected to start on his western trip about July 1.

Mr. Wm. Whyte, general superintendent C.P.R., is at the Queen's.

Mr. J. H. Ansley, County Crown Attorney of Simcoe, is registered at the Queen's.

Miss Grant has not broken off her engagement with Lord Cairns, late Lord Garmoyle.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes was banquetted at Drury Lane Theatre, London, Monday night.

Capt. Slight of the 23d Royal Welsh Fusiliers, now stationed at Plymouth, Eng., is at the Walker.

The freedom of the City of Waterford, Ireland, will be conferred upon Mr. Gladstone next Friday.

Mr. W. R. Meredith, ex-Mayor C. S. Hyman, Geo. C. Gibbons and R. M. Meredith of London are at the Queen's.

President and Mrs. Cleveland gave their first official reception at the White House last night. The scene was a gay and brilliant one, and the crowd was enormous.

Orange Grand Master Parkhill, of Randwick, who arrived in the city last week, on his way to Deseronto, has been unable to proceed owing to illness. He is the guest, during his stay here, of E. F. Clarke, at the latter's residence on Harbord-street. His physician has stong hopes of his speedy restoration to health.

Camping on the Island.

Editor World: Will campers at the Island have to pay rent for the ground they use this year? Who should they go to? CAMPERS.

[An enquiry to this effect was answered in The World three weeks ago. For the benefit of Campers it might be repeated that the Council has prohibited camping on all public parts of the Island. Some private lessees might accommodate Campers.]

Mostly Fair.

Probabilities—Toronto and vicinity: Light to moderate winds; mostly fair weather with thunder storms in some localities; not much change in temperature.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Antwerp: Noordland from New York.
At New York: Queen from Liverpool.
At Fox River: Manitoban from Glasgow.
At Glasgow: Circassia from New York.
At Philadelphia: Lord Gough from Liverpool.

—Superb roses, grown from our strong extra large plants, in pots, shipped anywhere by express. Bradley, florist and rose grower, Dominion Bank Buildings, King and Yonge streets. 36

Rise and Fall of the Don River.

The Don River has fallen a few inches but is still running very high. Riggs & Ivory's prices never run high. Best teeth $8, gold filling to defy competition. Corner King and Yonge streets. 136