

GOOD THINGS COMING  
TO THEATRES OF  
ST. JOHN

STERLING COMEDY ACADEMY  
ACT AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Hill and Ackerman Make Smashing Hit  
—Last Times Tonight—Tomorrow's  
Fine Bill

Once in a while the Opera House programme of vaudeville has an act that makes a smashing hit with everybody. There is one here today that caught on like wildfire at the first performance on Tuesday and has been talked of all over town ever since. That is the comedy act offered by Hill and Ackerman. It makes no difference if you have the blues, are the most confirmed of old cranks and grooves, this act will pull a good hearty laugh from you and send you home feeling much better. The audience just double up in roars of laughter at every performance. It is hard to describe just what these two funny fellows do, they do so much, but it is all good clean fun and twelve minutes of uproarious merriment.

There are four other good features on the programme as well, the serial drama, "The Man of Might," and the Pathe pictures of the parade on Joy Day and the best features of the Prince of Wales Day. Tonight will be the last time for this splendid programme—two shows, 7:30 and 9.

Tomorrow night will come the regular change of bill, the new programme offering Alice Thornton, singing and dancing comedienne, Musical Mack, a comedy musical act; Marcus and Booth in comedy songs and chat; The Robbins Trio, a high class vocal offering; The Martians in a comedy pantomime novelty, "An Astronaut's Dream of Mars;" and the serial, "The Tiger's Trail."

A LAUGHABLE PROGRAMME  
AT THE UNIQUE TODAY.

The place to enjoy a good laugh tonight is at the Unique. The master jester of the screen, "Charlie Chaplin," will be seen in all his glory in one of his bit roles, combining three special comedies in one.

Another interesting feature on the bill will be the introduction of "Cyclone Smith's" stories produced in elaborate scale, big settings and big action. Don't fail to see these two real stars every week; also the eighth episode of the celebrated serial, "The Liberator," featuring "Maciste" the Italian wonder.

CLEMENCEAU HOME;  
FRESHENED BY REST.

Paris, Aug. 21.—Premier Clemenceau returned to Paris today after his vacation in La Vendee. He went to the war office and took up work that had accumulated during his absence. The rest apparently had been of great benefit.

Notice of Births, Marriages  
and Deaths, 50 cents

BIRTHS

BONNER—At the St. John Maternity Home, Coburg street, on Aug. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Bonner, a daughter, FLEWELLING—At the Evangeline Maternity Hospital, St. John, N. B., on Aug. 20, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon Flewelling, a son—Ronald Gordon.

CAPSON—On Aug. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Capson, a daughter—Edith Louise.

COHOLAN—To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coholan, born on August 20, 1919, 102 Winter street, a son.

GIRVAN—At the Evangeline Maternity Hospital, on Aug. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Girvan, a daughter—Constance Goldie.

MARRIAGES

FORDHAM-PERKINS—At St. John, on Aug. 20, by Rev. R. T. McKim, Victor W. Fordham to Margaret Perkins, both of St. John.

DALYELL-FERGUSON—At the home of the bride's parents, August 20, by the Rev. Geo. F. Dawson, Kenneth Dalzell, of Toronto, to Grace D., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ferguson of this city.

DEATHS

MELANSON—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Maude McKenna, 197 Chesley street, on August 19, Ellen, widow of Michael Melanson, leaving three sons, two daughters and three sisters to mourn.

(Boston and California papers please copy.)

FUNERAL Friday morning 8:30 (old time) to St. Peter's church for solemn requiem high mass at 9 o'clock.

NELSON—At his parents' residence, 26 Charles street on the 21st inst., Frederick B. Roy, aged thirteen months only child of Frederick and Joanna Nelson. Burial tomorrow at 3 o'clock, old time.

BRIGGS—At his parents' residence, 610 Main street, on Aug. 20, Harold Gerald, youngest child of John and Agnes Briggs, aged eight months, leaving besides his parents, one brother and three sisters to mourn.

Remains to be taken to Kars, Kings Co., N. B., for interment on Friday morning.

CAPSON—At the residence of H. Matheson, on Aug. 20, Edith Louise, infant daughter of Ronald and Lillian Capson.

CYR—Lene Louise, only daughter of Marie and Anthony Cyr, of this city, aged four years.

(Fredericton papers please copy.)

FUNERAL this afternoon from the home of the Good Shepherd, Waterford street, at 4 o'clock.

FISHER—Rheta Elizabeth, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fisher of 183 Bridge street, on Wednesday evening, Aug. 20, 1919, leaving parents and one sister to mourn.

EWING—At his residence, 29 Peters street, on August 21, William A. Ewing, K. C.

Notice of funeral later.

FUNERAL NOTICE

VETERANS' NOTICE

Veterans are requested to attend the funeral of W. E. Dunn from Brennan's Undertaking Rooms, Main Street, at three o'clock, Friday afternoon.

LOCAL NEWS

Tanlac is sold in Fairville by T. H. Wilson. 18701-8-27.

G. W. V. A. NOTICE

Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock. A. E. Frame, secretary.

LUDLOW ST. BAPTIST

Garden party at the "Ferns," Bay Shore, Saturday afternoon. Supper served 5 to 7 p.m. 18737-8-22.

DODGE CARS

Just arrived, two touring cars and one screen body commercial vehicle. Price \$1,795. Victory Garage & Supply Co., Ltd., 92 Duke street. 18610-8-22

Remember Saturday

Attend the Orphans' Building Fund. Help the P. and O. Fair at Grand Bay. Amusements galore.

DOLLAR DAY.

Bargains all this week at Arnold's, 90 Charlotte street. Children's dresses, stockings, middy blouses, ladies' shirt waists, china cups, saucers, plates, dolls, toys, toilet soaps, etc. Come for bargains. 8-23

Meeting of Blacksmiths' Union Friday 7:30 p. m., old time, Painters' hall, Charlotte street. All blacksmiths and helpers requested to attend. 18608-8-23

CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED RUBBER COMPANY OF MONTREAL AWARDS PRIZE.

Miss Hilda M. Gallagher, Hampton N. B., wins a \$50 Victory bond—the prize offered for the Province of New Brunswick for the best short poem containing the names of seven trade marks appearing on the best lines of rubber footwear made in the dominion.

VACCINATION.

School children of the city can be vaccinated each week day until the opening of school, at the Board of Health office, 50 Princess street. Hours 9 to 12 p. m., 1:30 to 4:30 p. m., Saturdays, 9 to 12 p. m., daylight time. Children in the parish of Lancaster and Musquash can be vaccinated at the office of Dr. Ellis between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock. Children in the parish of Simonds can be vaccinated at the office of Dr. Nugent, 104 Waterloo street between the hours of 1 and 2:30 o'clock and 4 and 8 o'clock. 8-21-T. F.

IMPRESSED BY VALUE OF THE VALLEY RAILWAY

(Continued from page 1.)

seniors might have full opportunity to inspect the road, a stop of half an hour was made at Westfield, where the Valley Railway gives the C. P. R. and the train reached St. John at 1:55.

Railway men on board were warm in their praises of the construction of the road and the high standard which has been attained and every one was enthusiastic over the beauty of the scenery. Hon. Mr. Carvell.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, recently appointed chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission, was one of the passengers and spoke most optimistically of the future of the road and its importance for through traffic. He expressed regret that the present plans allowed only a daily express service over the road, which he regarded as necessary to the proper development of the traffic.

Owing to a delay in the negotiations, instructions have not yet been issued for the operation of the road by the C. N. R. but L. S. Brown, general superintendent of the C. N. R., who was on board, said that he was ready to begin the service as soon as it is authorized.

The C. N. R. plans call for an express service over the road from St. John to Centerville, and vice versa on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and a mixed freight and passenger service on the alternate days. The time allowed for the express trains between St. John and Fredericton is three and a half hours. The express trains will carry a combined sleep and parlor car, and a dining car, and will be operated by the C. N. R. via the Fredericton and Miramichi Junction to Montreal. It is expected that the service will be commenced about Sept.

When the train arrived in St. John today the party on board proceeded to the Royal Hotel, where they were entertained at luncheon.

The party included: Lieut.-Governor Pugsley, Hon. F. B. Carvell, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission; Hon. W. E. Foster, Hon. J. P. Byrnes, Hon. J. V. Venne, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Hon. E. A. Smith, Hon. W. F. Roberts, Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Hon. Robert Murray; Hon. J. A. Murray, leader of the opposition; Hon. Dr. J. E. Hetherington, speaker of the legislature; Hon. W. P. Jones, president of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company; E. S. Carter, secretary; and G. O. Foster, chief engineer; W. S. Fisher, former director; S. E. Elkin, M. P.; C. N. R. officials, including L. S. Brown, general superintendent; W. R. Fitzmaurice, superintendent; R. Z. Walker, assistant superintendent; A. J. Gray, assistant general freight agent; F. W. Robertson, general passenger agent; L. B. Ross, terminal agent at St. John; F. T. Carey, master mechanic; W. J. Dymont, secretary to general superintendent; James J. Taylor, inspecting engineer for department of railways and canals; C. C. Kirby, divisional engineer; C. P. R. engineer; Herbert Phillips, construction engineer; Lieut.-Col. T. G. Loggie, deputy minister of lands and mines; R. S. Barker, secretary to the lieutenant-governor; F. B. Edgcombe, president of the N. B. Tourist, Game and Resource Association; W. H. McQuade, provincial tax inspector; J. J. McCaffrey, Fredericton; Peter J. Hughes, Fredericton; J. W. Biggs, Fredericton; Thomas Cuzzolino, president N. S. Construction Co.; William McDonald and Daniel McDonald, of Kennedy & McDonald; J. King Kelley, of the Maritime Electric Co.; and Councillor O'Brien, St. John county; Captain Arthur M. Carter, M. C.; Douglas Foster, St. John; Walter Foster, Jr., Vassie Bancroft, R. P. Allen, Fredericton; M. J. Douglas Black, Fredericton; Gleaner; Bruce S. Robb, St. John Telegraph and Times; A. W. Thorne, St. John Standard; Miss Mary O'Neill, Fredericton; Miss Nan Mercereau.

INSPECTION TRIP

A. O. Dawson, president of the Canadian Cottons, Ltd., arrived in the city last night and spent today with the local cotton mills on an inspection visit. Mr. Dawson has been making a tour of the mills in New Brunswick accompanied by R. S. Kelsh, Montreal, electrical engineer with the company, and W. H. Harrington, Montreal, of the Anglin Construction Co. Yesterday they visited Marysville and inspected the work on the power dam being erected by the company there.

PERSONALS

R. W. W. Frink, who has been seriously ill in the hospital, is said to be resting comfortably this afternoon.

The commission on the Moore continues to improve, according to a report from the hospital this afternoon.

Mrs. George Oram, 164 Brittain street, went to Apohaig today to spend the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Brentnall.

James G. Antell of Houston, Texas, is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Antell, 126 St. James street.

Miss Gertrude Buckley of Lynn, Mass., is visiting Mrs. M. J. Girvan, West St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lirvan are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter.

Mrs. D. L. Foshey and her daughter, Retta, of Iron Bound Cove, Queens county, are the guests of Mrs. Foshey's sister, Mrs. James Stacey, 0 High street.

John M. Cool of the C. N. R. staff, Campbellton, is visiting friends in the city this week.

George J. Rounds, of Auburn, Me., is visiting in the city for a few days.

Miss Catherine R. Shea, nursing student, after a lengthy absence, returned home at noon today. She landed at Quebec a few days ago on the S. S. Megantic, but has been visiting her brother, Neil J. Shea, in Montreal. Miss Shea was warmly welcomed.

Policeman George Pierce of the C. N. R. staff at the Union depot, accompanied by wife, has returned after a holiday visit to P. E. Island and is again on duty.

Sergeant Detective J. T. Power returned today from Fredericton.

Mrs. W. E. Scully, who has been visiting her son, Dr. Frank Scully in Montreal, returned at noon today.

H. R. McLellan came in on the Montreal train today.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McEachern and daughter, Audrey, of Presque Isle, Me., who have been visiting friends in Hampton and St. John, left this morning by automobile for their home. They were accompanied by Mrs. E. N. Stockford and Mrs. H. W. McEachern, who will spend a few weeks at Presque Isle.

Miss Frances Giggay of Mattapan, Mass., accompanied by her friend, Miss Agnes Grant of Boston, arrived in the city by the Governor Dingley and will spend the week-end visiting friends and relatives in the city. At present they are the guests of Mrs. Theodore Vallis, 42 Metcalf street.

Montreal Gazette—Mrs. Frederick Stevens, who has been at Sheffield, New Brunswick, with her mother, Mrs. H. S. Bridges, of St. John, left for the last night, went to St. John last week to meet her father, Dr. Bridges who was returning from England, and also to attend the garden party for the Prince of Wales, given by the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Pugsley.

Montreal Gazette—Miss Marion Fraser is spending a few weeks at St. Martins by the Sea, N. B.

New and Popular Books  
At McDonald's Library  
This Week

Humpty Dumpty (Vocell); The Laws of Chance (B. Mills Young); The Hidden Valley (Muriel Hine); and other recent fiction works, now read and talked about, await you at McDonald's Lending Library, 7 Market Square, Phone Main 1273.

AMERICAN AND HUN SAILORS CLASH

Copenhagen, Aug. 21.—Collisions occurred between German and American sailors on Tuesday at Heufuhrvaers and resulted in the wounding of several civilians and one German seaman, according to Danish despatches received here today.

Heufuhrvaers is a seaport four miles north of Danzig.

The incident grew out of a quarrel that arose in a dance hall Monday night, according to the despatches. Americans involved in the disturbances, which was taking place in the Heufuhrvaers, left the dance hall returned to their ship, the American destroyer Hale.

On Tuesday sailors on leave from the German cruiser "Prinzess Alice" came to blows with American sailors and it was said civilians also attacked them. The Americans, supported by French seamen, fought the French destroyer Claymore, charged the crowds. Shots were said to have been fired from the Claymore, wounding four Germans slightly. French guards were called out to disperse the crowds and the Americans and French returned to their ships.

MISS THOMSON LOSES IN MATCH AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21.—Miss Hilda Douglas of Halifax this morning defeated Miss Mabel Thomson of St. John in the first match of the inter-collegiate tennis tournament held on the Wagonville court, the score being 6-3, 6-1.

W. N. Rice of North Sydney won the singles championship for Nova Scotia by defeating Clifford Wiswell in the challenge round, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.

Miss Douglas and Miss McPartridge, Nova Scotia, defeated Miss Babbitt and Miss Schofield, New Brunswick, 6-4, 6-0.

IN WALL STREET

New York, Aug. 21.—Unsettled industrial conditions, particularly in the steel trade, were again reflected in the heaviness of the opening of today's stock market. Losses of one to two and one-half points were sustained by leading issues, embracing the equipment, motor and food groups. Rails and shippings also declined, with Marine preferreds in the fore end of the first half hour the support accorded United States Steel, Crucible Steel and oils, especially Mexican and Pan-American Petroleum.

Noon Report.

Although sterling exchange strengthened and leaders in the steel industry were inclined to minimize the importance of the strike vote the market soon cancelled its rally. Shorts selected the more vulnerable features of the list, including equipments, motors and their subsidiaries (tobacco, leather and food, and chemical shares, these being depressed two to seven points. United States Steel forfeited its one point gain, duplicating yesterday's low and Crucible re-acted two points, shipping also falling back with rails. Call money opened at five to five and a half per cent.

REPORT ON THE FAILURE AT THE DARDANELLES

London, Aug. 21.—(Reuters)—The Times forecasts that the Dardanelles commission's final report will find that insufficient consideration was given to ensure proper safety at the time of the original landing in 1914. The difficulties at the time were greatly underestimated and the commission strongly criticizes the attacks made at Anzac and Sulva. The failure is largely attributed to faulty leadership and several commanders particularly at Sulva are censured. The report unhesitatingly agrees with the decision to evacuate but states that decision was unduly delayed and expresses the opinion that Munroe's view, confirmed by Kitchener ought to have been adopted. The commission severely criticizes the break down of the water supply and the arrangements for the evacuation of the wounded.

Halifax Bank Clearings.

Halifax, Aug. 21.—Bank clearings for the week ending today were \$4,164,290; last year, \$4,163,283.

WOMEN'S EXCHANGE LIBRARY

You only read the New Books once. Save money by renting them from us. Special Cakes, Tea Biscuits, Preserves. Women's Exchange, Tea and Lunch Rooms. Lunch, 25c. up.

General Girls always get best places at Woman's Exchange, 188 Union street.

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Prompt Repairs

Our complete lens-grinding plant enables you to have a broken lens replaced with great promptness. If your order is received early in the day, the new lens will be ready before the close of business.

If your prescription is on file here, you can save time by telephoning the order. The new lens will then be ready when you bring in the frames and can be put in place in a few minutes. The charge is always a fair and reasonable one.

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Two stores—21 King St., 189 Union St.

For Cash Tomorrow

Store Open Friday Night

SOAPS AND CLEANERS

3 cakes Lifebuoy Soap	25c.
3 cakes Fairy Soap	25c.
3 cakes Large Lennox	25c.
3 cakes Ivory Soap	25c.
3 cakes Sunlight Soap	25c.
3 cakes Gold Soap	25c.
3 cakes Surprise Soap	25c.
2 pkgs. Lux	20c.
2 pkgs. Old Dutch	20c.
15c. pkg. Orona Cleaner	10c.

BERMUDA ONIONS

2 lbs. for	25c.
Benson's Corn Starch 13c.	25c.
25c. bottle Tomato Catsup	15c.
50c. pkgs. Celery	15c.
Cox Gelatine	15c.
2 pkgs. P. G. Jelly Powder	25c.
50c. tin Royal B. Powder	45c.
25c. tin Boiled Dinner	25c.
Libby's Assorted Soup	13c.
1 tin Snider's Tomato Soup	18c.
2 lbs. Mixed Starch	25c.
Clark's Baked Beans	17c.
Eagle Brand Extract	10c.
Chow Pickles	17c.
Mixed Pickles	17c.
Shredded Coconut	37c.
Stuart's Marmalade	25c.
Home-Made Marmalade	25c.
30c. Maple Butter	25c.
30c. Home-Made Honey	25c.
Paravox only	4c. a cake
4 Rolls Toilet Paper	25c.

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Sun Dried—Will Keep Indefinitely

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181 Union Street

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ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, AUG 21

A.M. P.M.  
High Tide... 8:37 Low Tide... 2:47  
Sun Rises... 6:38 Sun Sets... 8:18  
Time used is daylight saving.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Cleared Yesterday.

Str Lake Maurepas, Suttell, 1862, for Portland.

Sch Susie Pearl, Whelpley, 57, for Boston.

Arrived August 21.

Coastwise—Str Harbors Bros, 64 tons, from Chance Harbor, Capt R. H. Warneck.

Cleared August 21.

Coastwise—Strs Francis Boutiller, 41 tons, for Weymouth C R Ted, captain; Empress, 612 tons, for Digby, Capt G A Hartshorn.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Halifax, Aug. 20.—Ard, str Imperoyal, Montreal; bark Haavat, Iceland.

South, str Quebec, from Weymouth (N.S.) for Perth Amboy.

Sid, str Victoria, from Perth Amboy for St. John.

BRITISH PORTS.

London, Aug. 30.—Ard, str Scotian from Montreal.

Liverpool, Aug. 20.—Ard, str Lake Glebe from Montreal.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 30.—Sid, str Edna May, for Windsor (N.S.).

City Island, N.Y., Aug. 20.—Bound south, str Quebec, from Weymouth (N.S.) for Perth Amboy.

Sid, str Victoria, from Perth Amboy for St. John.

MARINE NOTES.

The schooner Susie Pearl cleared yesterday for Boston with 83,856 feet of spruce planks. W. Malcolm MacKay is her agent.

CHICAGO BANKS HIT BY YESTERDAY'S DROP IN BRITISH EXCHANGE

Chicago, Aug. 21.—The decrease in value of foreign money has caused a sharp drop in the price of the stock of the Chicago banks. The drop in the price of the stock of the Chicago banks has caused a sharp drop in the price of the stock of the Chicago banks.

RICH FIND OF COAL

London, Aug. 20.—Rich coal seams, estimated to contain 5,000,000 tons of coal, have been discovered in the north of Scotland. The discovery was made by a Scottish expedition under Dr. William Spears Bruce, a well known explorer and geographer according to reports received here.

W. A. EWING DEAD

The city will be shocked by the news that William A. Ewing of Barnhill, Ewing and Sanford, died this afternoon.

FIRST TIME FOR REPRESENTATION OF MARITIME PROVINCES

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 21.—Some twenty delegates from district twenty-six of the United Mine Workers of America, which includes Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will attend the international convention of the organization at Columbus, Ohio, next month. This will be the first International United Mine Workers convention at which maritime province miners are represented. The delegates will include Silby Barrett, international board member for the district, and Robert Baxter, district president.

HALIFAX MAN AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINTO MINERS

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 21.—John A. Walker of Halifax has been named by the United Mine Workers local at Minto, N. B., to represent the men on a board of conciliation for which they have made application to Ottawa. The men are asking wage adjustments and some changes in working conditions.

HOME RULE

Dublin, Aug. 21.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The Irish Nationalist papers print the text of the act suspending the operation of the home rule act to make it plain that the home rule act must come into operation not, as was supposed, within six months of the end of the war, but later than the end of the war. It was provided by an act of parliament that the date on which the home rule act would come into operation as possible to the date of signing the last of the treaties of peace.

Strasbourg Is Honored

Paris, Aug. 21.—(French Wireless Service)—The cross of the legion of honor was presented to the city of Strasbourg capital of Alsace, by President Poincare today. Later the president was to go to Phalsbourg, northwest of Strasbourg, to present the cross of the legion of honor to that town. On Friday a similar ceremony will take place at Bitch.

PRESENTATION.

At the Lancaster Soldiers Civil Re-establishment Hospital this morning Miss Cook was the recipient of a beautiful reading lamp and an appropriate address. The committee in charge of the function was W. R. Joyce, T. H. Clinton and T. W. Wansmaker. The address and presentation were made by Mr. Joyce. Miss Cook was in the vocal training department and is about to leave for her home in Quebec.

ROTARY CLUB OUTING

The members of the Rotary Club went to Upper Loch Lomond this afternoon and this evening they will have dinner at Johnson's. It is planned to carry out a programme of sports during the afternoon. They will return to the city tonight.

It is to your advantage to buy  
**Freshly Roasted Coffee**  
GET IT AT  
**HUMPHREY'S COFFEE STORE**  
14 King Street

**N. Y. COMMERCE CHAMBER PLANS TESTS FOR BOYS**

Business Men Not Satisfied With Public School Courses

A LONDON IDEA

Gift of \$200,000 From A. Barton Hepburn Lays Foundation for Novel Educational Proposal

(Financial Post, Toronto.)

When it is considered that since the signing of the armistice the number of bank branches in Canada has been increased by about 800, the problem of staff training, and particularly with regard to securing "junior" who have a fair chance of "making good" becomes apparent to the average business man even though he may not be directly concerned with it as is the bank manager. Bankers and others will find much of live interest in the proposals of the committee on commercial education of the New York Chamber of Commerce as outlined by Sherwin Cody in Forbes Magazine—in regard to improving the courses in business subjects in the public and private schools of the country.

Educators have long been aware that business men are not satisfied with the commercial education of our public and private schools.

It is an admitted fact that the standard of accuracy on the common fundaments taught in every school in the country is low. An investigation of the committee on commercial education of the New York Chamber of Commerce two years ago pointed out this defect very sharply.

Such ordinary matters as deducting three per cent discount are apparently a scaled mystery to many high school graduates. Tests last year in eighteen different schools developed the fact that percentage is taught in few high school courses.

A certificate of graduation from a good commercial high school ought to be a safe basis for employing any clerk as a beginner, but it will be known that many inexperienced get certificates of graduation, along with others who are indeed worthy of our schools. The National Ability Tests last year showed that the average of the graduates is very high in New York, but the lower third is not acceptable to business men, though all get graduation certificates.

Educators have responded to such criticisms that if the business men would set up the standards they wished to require in giving out jobs, which are the real prizes toward which all commercial education tends, they would earnestly and loyally strive to meet those standards. They have found fault with the business world for merely making disagreeable criticisms without offering any practical, constructive help to remedy the situation.

So the New York Chamber of Commerce has at last taken a step of vital importance to this country—it has established regular examinations for junior and senior clerks, with a rather broad range of subjects, and considerable choice. A. Barton Hepburn, a former president of the chamber, has given securities of an approximate value of \$200,000, yielding about \$8,000 income annually, which may be used to maintain the examinations.

For the past twenty-five years the fees that will be charged should make possible an enormous enlargement of the work.

Need of American Clerks.

Mr. Hepburn sees the great need, today for clerks familiar with foreign languages. It is clear that as a result of the great war American foreign commerce is due for an immense expansion. At present the foreign business that does exist is carried on largely by foreigners. During the war we saw what it meant to have our business in the hands of Germans when the German nation became our enemy. We realized as never before that we were handicapped by having our foreign commerce carried in foreign ships, even when these were the ships of our Allies. So we have set out to build our own merchant fleet. It is equally important that we should build our own personnel for foreign business. So a speaking knowledge of one foreign language is to be required for the "Junior Credential" and of two foreign languages for the "Senior Credential."

For the past twenty-five years the London Chamber of Commerce has been conducting examinations of this sort, which are now taken by thousands every year. They are given in more than 200 centres scattered over the British Empire, and beyond a question have had a strongly stimulating reaction on British commercial schools. The fees are said to pay all expenses.

The examinations given are of the old-fashioned type, quite uninfluenced by the new methods of American psychological tests; but, they are practical, common sense and not at all difficult to any one who can really perform the work desired by business men.

The New York Chamber of Commerce examinations will be open to comers from all parts of the country, and so may be regarded as a national undertaking. There is apparently no reason why the lead of the New York Chamber of Commerce should not be followed by chambers of commerce all over the country. By co-operation with the New York chamber they might give the same tests, as the London Chamber of Commerce has its centres all over the British Empire. This is the possibility. For the present, at any rate, the New

**MONTREAL FIREMAN FALLS OUT OF BED AND IS KILLED**

Montreal, Aug. 21.—Falling out of his bed in the Drummond street fire station last night, fireman Edmond Brasseau, twenty-six years of age, suffered a fractured skull and died a short time later at the Western Hospital, where he had been taken.

**ATTACKING THE PRESIDENT.**

Boston Monitor: In the perspective of history an official act often receives a different rating from that given by contemporaries. Take this comment, for example:

The president succeeded on this occasion because he acted without sense and without constraint in a panorama that was gotten up more for the benefit of his party than for the glory of the nation and the honor of the dead. We pass over the silly remarks of the president; for the credit of the nation we are willing that the veil of oblivion should be dropped over them and that they shall no more be repeated or thought of. This is not an extract from an editorial in the New York Star or the New