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YORK THEATRE. The programme for the concert which takes place at the York Theatre on Wednesday evening is so artistically arranged, so neatly executed and so decidedly out of the ordinary that a delightful treat may be anticipated by lovers of good music. The programme contains elements that cannot fail to please even the most critical audience. The concert comes well recommended by the highest authorities of all the large cities, and at one concert in Toronto last winter delighted an audience of 2,000 people. Holders of season tickets may have them exchanged at Gray's book store, King street.

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers in the Star are reminded that to ensure insertion their copy should be handed in not later than TEN O'CLOCK in the morning.

LOCAL NEWS.

Rev. W. C. Gaynor went up to Chatham today.

The provincial government will meet in Fredericton tomorrow.

The Hiralwa Mission Circle of Centenary church will have a tea and sale tomorrow evening in the rooms of the church.

A meeting of the appeals committee will be held this afternoon. The common council will not meet until Thursday.

Miss Wilson's department in the High School was re-opened this morning, after having been thoroughly fumigated.

James H. Jones of Burt's Corner, York County, died on Thursday, aged seventy-six years. He leaves a widow and four daughters.

The police report Charles Myers for throwing snowballs on St. Patrick street yesterday and for using abusive language to Walter Exell.

The schooner Miranda B. reached here the other day on her first trip down from Alma since she has been rebuilt. The vessel is now as good as new.

A Thanksgiving entertainment will be held this evening in Leinster street Baptist church. Papers will be read by Mrs. J. W. Manning and Mrs. J. J. Gillis.

Today was observed as the birthday of Queen Alexandra. Flags were flown from the different public buildings and a royal salute was fired from Dorchester battery at noon.

The marriage will take place Wednesday at the home of the bride's father, Metcalf street, of Miss Lillian Whelpley to Walter H. Golding, of the Globe reportorial staff.

The St. John the Baptist conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society met in St. John the Baptist church yesterday. Rev. W. C. Gaynor presided. Plans were arranged for the year's work in helping the poor.

There has been a fall of 18 inches of snow at the headwaters of the St. John river and around Victoria county. The snow has been a great convenience to the lumbermen as it facilitates the sending of supplies to the camps. There is good sleighing at all points north of Woodstock.

Those who enjoy a musical and literary evening should not miss the concert in the City hall, west end, on Wednesday, Dec. 4th. The Y. M. C. Orchestra and Prof. Titus will contribute toward the musical part of the programme, and Miss M. Florence Rogers will be elocutionist for the evening.

The death occurred this morning at the residence of her brother, Fred. Law, 79 Mecklenburg street, of Maud E. wife of Walter F. Potts. Mrs. Potts, who was a daughter of James Law, was thirty-two years of age, and had been ill for quite a long time. Besides her husband she leaves one daughter.

Sergt. Ross of the west side has reported James P. Wilson for keeping his licensed beer premises on Union street, W. E., open yesterday and allowing a number of cattle men to remain inside playing the piano and singing secular songs, thus attracting a crowd on the street in violation of the Liquor License Act.

Dr. J. W. Bridges, formerly surgeon major of the 1st Regiment, and at present of the army medical service at Fredericton, has been performing Lieut. Col. Surg. McLean's duties during the latter's illness. Dr. Bridges is mentioned as likely to receive the appointment to the position made vacant by Dr. McLean's death. The salary and perquisites are about \$1200 a year.

The death occurred on Nov. 30th, at the Narrows, Queens Co., of Lizalie, beloved wife of R. B. Akerley, after a short illness. Mrs. Akerley was a Miss Simmons, of Carleton Co. Beside her husband she leaves one little son and a large number of relatives and friends. Mrs. Akerley will be greatly missed in the community in which she lived, as she was an earnest Christian and took an active part in all church work. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at half-past two from her late residence.

PROBATE COURT. Accounts in the estate of the late James J. Bostwick were passed in probate court today. G. H. V. Belyea proctor for executor; H. F. Puddington for the heirs.

The last will of the late James Dalton was admitted to probate and letters testamentary were granted to W. J. and Eliza Dalton. The estate is valued at \$5,738 personal property, and is left to the children, J. L. Carleton proctor.

ARITHMETIC CONTEST. The standing of the leaders in the contest at the Currie Business University today is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Points. C. E. Cotwell 287, Stephen Downings 223, Sable Lindsay 200, Wm. Elliott 199, H. B. Doherty 126, Wm. Fleming 127.

THE FRUIT TRADE. The crop of oranges this year is somewhat above the average, and the quality better than last year. In addition to this the price is lower and present indications point to a large trade. A. L. Goodwin is now receiving four hundred cases of Valencia oranges for the Christmas market and business in this line is already quite brisk.

SMALL-POX.

Two Suspected Cases Reported Today. Small-pox was discovered yesterday in the house of J. J. Wall, 13 Garden street. The patient is Jeremiah Wall, twenty-five years of age. He had never been vaccinated. Two other cases in the family, which numbers nine in all, had also neglected to take advantage of this precaution. Dr. Morris vaccinated them yesterday. The house has been quarantined.

Today two suspected cases were reported, one in the family of Joseph Corbett, 58 St. Patrick street, and the other is Mrs. Boone, 3 Brindley street. Both houses have been quarantined until a definite diagnosis has been made.

It is expected that the Morland house will be ready for occupation about the last of the week. Mr. Morland has not yet removed from the place, but expects to get out tomorrow. Final arrangements have not been made about medical attendance for the new hospital. The idea seems to be that Dr. Morris will be installed as resident physician and other arrangements will be made for outside patients.

The compulsory vaccination throughout the city is nearly completed. Some of the doctors are making a second round of their wards to be sure that those who were neglected. Several more persons who were refused to undergo the operation will be brought before the police court shortly.

COTTAGES BROKEN INTO.

And a Large Quantity of Property Stolen and Destroyed. Yesterday afternoon three cottages at Brown's Flats, belonging to Rev. G. M. Ballentine of Mendola, Ill., Rev. G. W. Macdonald of Hartland, and Capt. Chas. Gorham were broken into and a large amount of valuable property was stolen. The first two cottages were empty, but a great deal of furniture and other household goods were stored for the winter.

Trunks were broken into and stuff stolen either did not want or were unable to take away was wantonly destroyed, and the interiors of the cottages were wrecked. As much valuable property was destroyed and left lying around as was taken away. The houses are in almost hopeless confusion.

The burglaries were discovered this morning by Mrs. Belyea of Belyea's hotel, and an active search has been instituted for the vandals. The executive of the Reformed Baptist Alliance have taken steps in the matter and a large reward will be offered for the capture and conviction of the thieves. During the past month a number of the cottages along the river front at the Flats have been entered. Up to the present no active measures have been taken, although a strong suspicion has been held as to perpetrators.

IN SEVEN ENGAGEMENTS.

Secretary Charles Ledford of Marlboro Lodge, Sons of England, writes to the Star as follows:—"Bro. George Pile, a member of our lodge, arrived here yesterday per S. S. Ionian. He left St. John on Feb. 25, 1891 for S. E. Mariposa, and arrived at Port Elizabeth on March 26th, being a little over a month on the voyage to South Africa. On his arrival at Port Elizabeth he secured employment on the Cape government railways, and saw the first contingent on their homeward trip at Norval's Point, and entered Private Rawlings by giving him a good dinner. After serving on the town guards for about a year, which duties he carried out at night, working on the railway by day, on March 17th of the present year he enlisted as a soldier in the Prince Alfred's guards, mounted infantry, and in it served under Colonel Crabbe Grenadier guards, and in his column, which was also composed of 17th lancers, Marshall's horse, Royal Buffs, Prince Alfred's guards, infantry, Manchester Imperial Yeomanry and 2nd How's battery R. A. He was in action at Magersfontein, Orange River Colony, on June 10th, and again on July 17th, Klipfontein, Jagersfontein, Ouders Kraal, Waterloof and Kupperfontein of Cape Colony, thus being in six successful engagements and one disastrous one, viz. Waterloof, when his column lost 19 killed and nine wounded, also 240 horses killed, and the column being surrounded, had severe fighting and hardshaping before being able to avoid capture.

Bro. Pile is a good soldier, and will get medal and bars, also colonial star. He was at times under immediate command of the famous generals French, Blood, Brabant, and Jones. He is heartily welcomed home by his brother S. O. England. He has a host of war relics."

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

An accident occurred on the Maine Central last night, which resulted in damage to the extent of \$1,700 being done. A C. P. R. freight train was passing the switch at Wytostilock, which lies between Vanceboro and Matamoras, about fifty miles from Miramichi, and the brake gear of one of the cars caught in the switch. Three cars were thrown off the track and rolled down the embankment and another one left the rails but remained in a safe position. The damage to the cars is estimated at fourteen hundred dollars, and to the wheat which they were loaded, at three hundred. A gang of men were at once sent to the scene of the accident and the cars are now being raised.

BACK TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Among the forty-six horsemen who are going out on the Monmouth are Clifford Hill and H. Berg, who served in South Africa with "B" squadron, Canadian Mounted Rifles. They intend going to Rhodesia on railway construction work. There are also members of Strathcona Horse and the 1st contingent in the party.

TORONTO, Dec. 1.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says: "Major General Hutton in accepting the command of the Australian troops had to agree not to give any public entertainments and very little private, to attend no public functions of the state or commonwealth and hold no communication with the governor general or imperial colonial office without the consent of the minister of defence."

CLEVER DETECTIVE SYSTEM.

By Which Chief Clerk is Able to Locate Stolen Goods. During the past few months quite a number of robberies have taken place in this city, and in almost every instance the stolen property was recovered and returned to the owners. In many cases it was found before the culprits were arrested. This, while appearing to be only in the natural course of events and so common as to pass almost unnoticed, shows the existence of an almost perfect system of detective work in connection with the police department, which is practically unknown to the public.

Recently complaints have been made to the central station in regard to articles having been stolen and without finding it necessary to institute a search the chief of police has, by the system introduced during the past few years, been able to tell the loser exactly where his property was, when it got there, what it came from and the circumstances in which it was found. It is of course well known that among the less experienced class of thieves the first idea upon the accomplishment of a theft is to turn the article into money. To the more ignorant ones, the only way in which they can do this is by selling it to a second-hand dealer, a junk shop or a pawnbroker. There are of course other methods of disposing of property unlawfully acquired, and those methods receive their due share of attention from the police, but it is to the second hand and junk stores that most of the missing articles eventually find their way, and consequently to them the attention of the police is especially directed. Some years ago second hand stores were not so numerous as they are now, and the receipt of the articles purchased by them, and were often unable to tell how any particular piece of property came into their possession, but now in consequence of the improved police methods, a record is kept not only of the articles bought, date of purchase, amount paid, but also a full description of the appearance of the seller, his looks, clothes, and manner. Every second hand store and junk shop in the city is regularly visited by the police force and all particulars of every article found in the stores is filed at the central station. The value of this system has been shown within the past week, when a watch stolen from a sailor on a vessel lying in the harbor was located and described on the records in Chief Clerk's office before the owner of the watch had reported the theft.

There are in St. John about ten second hand stores, all conducted by Jews and all doing a good business. Although it is an old and established business that Jews are grasping and greedy in business, the methods seen in these stores seem to contradict that belief. It is quite true that the dealers purchase articles at as small a cost as is possible and prudent, but it is also true that the articles are put on sale at only a reasonable advance. Prudence has much to do with the purchase of goods, for should an article be offered at an extremely low figure, as happened a day or two ago, when a boy tried to sell a valuable diamond ring for thirty-five cents, the dealer is liable to punishment under the law for purchasing property which he might rightly suppose had been stolen.

In these stores the greatest number of articles are bought from persons who are in need of money, although many in comfortable circumstances and even some of the richer people take advantage of this method of disposing of property which has become useless to them, but which is too good to be destroyed. Quite frequently articles are brought to the stores by men who have been on a continued drunk and who want money to purchase a further supply of liquor. Then there are the people who are always living from hand to mouth, who have money on Saturday but none on Monday, who pawn their watches at the first of the week and buy them back when pay day comes. Second hand stores are taken advantage of by almost every class of people in the city, not only as a place for selling spare articles, but for securing bargains.

POLICE COURT.

English, Irish and Scotch and a John Collins.

While a certain amount of partiality towards one's namesake is perfectly allowable, the extent to which John Collins carried it resulted disastrously. He had too many of himself and all of him were scooped by Officer Covay on Saturday night. This morning the spiritual John had passed away, but the material one was fined eight dollars or twenty days.

Three other prisoners, representatives of the British Isles, sat on the bench with John. They were John Holmes of England, Michael Kennedy of Ireland and Mary Gordon of Scotland. True to her country, Mary had longings for everything Scotch, and after disposing of a quantity of it in a most agreeable manner strolled towards Douglas avenue. She was brought in by Officer Merrick and today was fined the usual eight.

Michael Kennedy is a sailor, but on Saturday was half seas over. Dreading no doubt the expected storm he calmly let go his halcyons and moved along under bare poles. The police were short of petticoats, but managed after a time to prevail on Michael to hoist his canvas for the run from Rodney wharf to this side of the harbor. In safe anchorage today Kennedy was asked to pay a salvage claim of ten dollars or to remain in port for twenty-five days. He expressed his ability to endure the inaction, but positively declared that "they wouldn't get a cent out of him."

Holmes as a model Englishman, with a respect of the law, pleaded guilty to drunkenness and was fined eight dollars or twenty days.

RIGHT IN STYLE.

He came into the Star office wearing an air of melancholy, and sat down to read a paper.

"I see they are wearing top coats long this winter," he remarked as he gazed on an illustrated advertisement, and then, with a sigh, "this is the seventh winter for mine."

F. B. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis returned today from Boston.

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