

## News of the City and the Outports

### BIG AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE AT COMIC OPERA

Weeks of incessant practice of "Pepita" crowned with success last night—Good performance for local amateur company—Proceeds for Disaster Fund.

After weeks of incessant practice—success. The comic opera "Pepita or 'The Princess of the Canary Islands,'" was produced at the Casino Theatre last evening by a number of young ladies and gentlemen of St. John's. Its presentation was splendid, and the large audience showed its appreciation, for the applause was liberal and genuine, and was justly deserved.

"Pepita" is in three acts, full of the brightest comedy and very catchy music, the latter being by the well known composer Leccoq.

**Excellent Form**

The principals were in excellent form. We never saw amateurs to better advantage in opera. The parts suited them to perfection, showing that the managers had exercised great care in their selection.

Inez, Mrs. R. C. Grieve, and Pepita, Miss G. Strang, were in the leading roles and their singing and acting was all that could be desired. Mrs. Grieve is well known in drama. Miss Strang is no stranger in the concert hall, and last night both their histrionic and musical qualities, and the blending was highly satisfactory.

The same may be said of Messrs. Goodridge (Pedrillo) and C. B. Clift (Inigo). They sustained their characters in a manner which placed them above the average. In song or dialogue they proved themselves masters of their parts. They kept the audience in roars of laughter whenever they appeared.

**Not Necessary**

We will not throw any bouquets at Messrs. Blackall and Bernard, as song birds, the latter was suffering from a very heavy cold, but if they lacked anything in song they made up for it in character and costume. They were simply immense. Their duet was one of the prettiest parts of the opera.

Miss Keegan, Mr. Hazel, Mr. J. Clift and Mr. Summers did not have extensive lines, but they had sufficient to prove their ability.

The costumes were magnificent and the managers again displayed wisdom by securing them from headquarters. The various scenes, especially the flower girls strewn roses, and the young lady cadets as lively, capable and good looking soldiers were presented without an error.

**Chorus Excellent**

The volume of the chorus, the tender love songs of Pepita and Inez, the funny situations of Pedrillo and Inigo did themselves in, and the duplicity and dress of Bombardos and Patagues were features of the show, that could not but impress the audience.

The orchestral work was most praiseworthy. To prepare such a piece takes much time and when it is remembered musicians are limited in most cities, the ladies and gentlemen in the orchestra last night are to be complimented.

The musical director, Mr. Allen, conducted affairs without the slightest hitch.

Mr. T. H. O'Neill, the stage director, could not have performed his duties more expeditiously or better.

Messrs. J. M. Patten and H. A. Anderson, the managers, are to be congratulated.

The production to them meant endless work, but they now have the satisfaction of knowing that it was a success.

The proceeds are going to the Sealing Disaster Fund, which should ensure full houses for the balance of the week.

**Characters**

Mr. W. W. Blackall, Bombardos; Mr. A. E. Bernard, Patagues—rival generals.

Mr. H. H. Goodridge, Pedrillo, an innkeeper; Mr. C. B. Clift, Inigo, his brother.

Mr. S. G. Hazel, Sergt. Hans.

Mr. J. Clift, Mr. A. S. Harvey, Guzman, Prince of the Canary Islands.

Mr. A. Summers, Juan, the Miller's Man.

Miss Mary Doyle, Miss Mary Keegan, Catarina, young wife of Patagues.

Mrs. R. C. Grieve, Inez, rightful heiress to throne, married to Pedrillo.

Miss G. Strang, Pepita, friend of Inez, married to Inigo.

Pesant Girls—Misses Gladys Du-

### Nickel Performers Were Well Received

By Big Audience at Last Night's Performance.—Items Well Applauded.

The attendance at the Nickel theatre yesterday was a record one. There were two reasons for this—the excellence of the show and the fact that the entire proceeds were in aid of the Sealing Disaster Fund.

While the theatre was closed it underwent extensive preparations and is now in first class condition. The new hardwood floor looks well, and the walls and ceilings could not be better.

The programme yesterday surpassed anything given there before, and the hundreds of patrons came away charmed, and delighted that the Nickel Theatre was open once more.

**Initial Appearance.**

Mr. Walter McCarthy, the celebrated young native vocalist, who won signal honors in the concert halls of America, made his initial appearance and received a very hearty reception. He has lost none of his popularity.

His first number was the charming love story "In the Shelter of Thy Love," which was sung with sweetness and tenderness that thrilled the audience. Mr. McCarthy is a wonderful vocalist and he is a credit to the Colony which gave him birth. The crowds applauded him thunderously and we are confident that his stay in St. John's will be most successful. His rendition of this tender song was nothing short of marvellous. No one should miss hearing him this evening.

**Enthusiastic Reception.**

Miss Etta Gardner also received an enthusiastic reception. She is fresh from Canada with the latest songs of the American vaudeville. Last night she sang New York's latest hit, "You'll have to get out and get under," telling the troubles of an automobilist, which found favor with her hearers. It was sung in her own splendid style, and she was vociferously applauded. Her St. John's friends are charmed to see her again.

The pictures were faultless, all being by the Vitagraph Co. "The Golden Hoard or Buried Alive" is a two reel feature. "A Marriage of Convenience" is a social drama, and "An Interrupted Honeymoon" and "His Wife's Relatives" are sparkling comedies. All found favor with the audiences.

This evening the show will be repeated. Manager Kieley is giving the entire proceeds to the Disaster Fund, which in itself, should be sufficient to draw full houses. We advise all our readers to attend, as they will be given a splendid treat.

### OPORTO LETTER

The following letter from Ljnd and Couto of Oporto, dated March 24th, was received yesterday by the Board of Trade—"Our market continues dull, but an improvement should shortly take place. Stocks of British fish, 19550 quintals at the end of last week when there was also 1800 from Norway, are gradually becoming reduced. There is no Norwegian fish in the market, the above mentioned 1800 quintals consisting of Icelandic and some German."

### OPORTO LETTER

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Stocks (Nfld.)	14,160	17,740
Consumption (Nfld.)	3,580	4,460
Stocks (Norg.)	2,410	4,875
Consumption (Norg.)	2,470	5,110

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**Chorus**

Pesants, Courtiers, Soldiers, Toradors, etc.—Messrs. Strang, F. J. Corlick, Fred Bradshaw, F. Seymour, Pierpont, Herschell, Joy, Snow, Bastery, Bennett, Grant, Black, Masters Cornick and Williams.

Pesant Girls, Court Ladies, Cadets, Flower Girls, etc.—Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Stick, Misses F. Gibb, M. Chaplin, G. Gibb, J. Herder, M. Gibb, F. Reid, A. Morris, H. Morris, A. Ledingham.

### Orchestra

Conductor—Mr. A. H. Allen.

1st Violins—Miss S. Johnson, Miss E. Johnson, Miss M. Devine, Mr. F. Bradshaw, Mr. Fred. Emerson.

2nd Violins—Miss A. Bradshaw, Mr. J. M. Patten, Mr. Maunder, Mr. Jago.

Cello—Mrs. Melville, Mr. Alex. Mews; Double Bass, Mr. A. Stafford; Flute, Mr. Penman; 1st Trombone, Mr. Morgan; 2nd Trombone, Miss Haullin; Cornet, Mr. Pennessy; Drums, Triangle, Bells, Mr. Snow.

### INSPIRATION AND UPLIFT AT GEORGE ST

Easter Services at the Old Church Were Marked by Good Singing and Masterly Expositions of the Holy Scriptures.

It was very generally admitted that Easter Sunday's services were the best ever held in George Street Church. It would not be a very difficult thing to find some very pertinent reason for this general condition. Perhaps the best reason would be found in the massive organ, so skillfully manipulated by the cultured organist, Mr. Gordon Christian, and the more uniform and better arrangement of the choir gallery and the preacher's rostrum giving a most attractive appearance to the interior of the building.

**An Inspiration.**

As the congregation crowded to their seats Sunday evening and filled the spacious building, some weighed down with the disappointments and misfortunes of the past week, hearing the mighty instrument, as if instinctively, pealing forth its inspiring notes of divine praise, must have caught the spirit of Longfellow's beautiful lines when he wrote—

"And the night shall be filled with music,  
And the cries that infest the day  
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,  
And as silently steal away."

### Occupies Warm Place.

On Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite was the preacher. The Doctor occupies a warm place in the heart of George Street Church although he is not the man to tickle people's ears with "smooth emollients in theology."

The Doctor is a progressive preacher and his form and venerable appearance give force and weight to his earnest utterances. There is no flinging or nattering in his discussions, rather does he wax warmer and more earnest in his appeals as he approaches towards the conclusion of his sermon.

### Masterly Exposition.

His sermon on Sunday morning comprised a masterly exposition of John 11: 24, 25.

The anthems and solos were about the same in the evening as in the morning's service.

The evening service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bartlett, who gave an excellent discourse from Mark 16: 7; "And Peter." Poor Peter with all his apparent cowardice and failure was not forgotten. There was a word of cheer and encouragement running through the whole service for the poor Peters in the large congregation in attendance and the service will not soon be forgotten.

### Excellent Singing.

What shall I report of the choir? The choir is one of the most important factors in church worship and what shall be said of them on the present occasion? They performed their part of the service faithfully and well and the wonderful musical uplift to the minds of the congregation, coming through melodious song and cultured voice and artistic fingers may go on as a progressive service until the music of earth shall be blended with the music of heaven.

### Solos Well Rendered.

The solos in the anthems were very approvingly rendered by Misses Christian, Story and Mr. Steer. Misses Story and Christian are sweet singers and deserve well the meed of praise that will be given to them. Mr. H. Courtenay, who sang "Be thou faithful unto death," (by Mendelssohn) is an excellent platform singer with a very fine voice which he invariably uses with very marked effects.

In closing Rev. Mr. Bartlett paid a very high compliment to all who took parts in the services and announced that the collections for the day, which were all in aid of the persons who had met misfortune and suffering from the recent sealing disaster, amounted to \$339.00.

### Curler's Notice!

The General Meeting of the St. John's (Nfld.) Curling Association, will be held on TUESDAY, the 14th day of APRIL, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Business important, and a full attendance is requested.

By order,  
A. H. SALTER,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### HON. TREASURER ACKNOWLEDGES SUM OF \$14,000

Contributions Continue to Pour in Daily From All Quarters.—Prospects Good for Raising a Record Fund to Aid Widows and Orphans of Sealing Tragedy Victims.

The Honorary Treasurer of the Relief Committee begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following subscriptions:

Job Brothers & Co., Ltd.	\$1,000.00
Bowring Brothers, Ltd.	1,000.00
Harvey & Co., Ltd., and A. J. Harvey & Co.	2,000.00
Sir Joseph Outerbridge	500.00
Ayre & Sons, Ltd.	1,000.00
Western Union Cable System (75 guineas)	383.25
Robert L. Newman	125.00
Mrs. M. F. Smyth	10.00
Geo. O'Reilly, Barnes' Road	10.00
Mrs. W. H. Tobin	10.00
Albert Horwood	5.00
Empire Lodge, S.O.E.B.S.	40.00
R. H. Trappell	50.00
Anglo-Nfld Development Co.	5,000.00
Major W. H. Davenport	25.00
Easter Sunday Offerings, Roman Catholic City Churches	250.00
George A. Hutchings (Job's)	10.00
St. Peter's Church, Fwillington, per Rev. A. B. S. Strirling	50.00
Brandram - Henderson, Ltd., Halifax, per Bowring Bros. Ltd.	100.00
Mrs. Edgar R. Bowring	25.00
Collection at King George V. Seamen's Institute, per Supt. Jones	13.50
H. A. O. (sweepstake)	200.00
Terra Nova Council, K. of C.	100.00
C.C.C. Boat Club	25.00
Philip Hanley	20.00
Geo. R. Williams	10.00
Charlotte Agnes Green	1.00
Clerics	10.00
William Bowman	5.00
T. A. Boat Club	30.00
W. M. Samways	10.00
Globe-Wernicke Co.	25.00
Nfld. Board of Fire Underwriters	250.00
Miss Sterling	5.00
C.C.C. Reserves	10.00
T. A. and B. Society	100.00
T. A. and B. Society (Juniata)	25.00
S.O.E. Dudley Lodge	50.00
Frances Baird (sweepstake)	22.00
Cadet No. 1 Co., C.C.C.	10.00
Robert Walsh, Colonial St.	50.00
S. & I. G., with sympathy for bereaved	2.00
A Family	5.00
Rose of Sharon, R.B.P.	200.00
Star of the Sea, Placentia	20.00
Peter G. Tessier	50.00
Spencer Lodge	4.00
Sweepstake	40.00
Nfld. British Society—Adult Branch	50.00
Nfld. British Society—Albert Edward Branch	50.00
Miss Blanche Moore, Cabot St	1.50
Joseph Burnstein	20.00
Methodist College Literary Institute	50.00
Dalton Council, No. 1448, Knights of Columbus, Hr. Grace, per F. J. Sullivan, Recorder	50.00
Boot & Shoe Workers Union, Local 482, per Jas. Caul, Secretary-Treasurer	50.00
N. J. Coady	120.00
S. U. F. of Bonavista, Wm. Templeman W.M., per Hon. Sidney Blandford	100.00
Winifred and Marjorie Barker's Tea Party	20.00
James P. Howley	20.00
Employees of the Firm of Bishop, Sons & Co., Ltd., per Alexander Robertson	101.50
Star of the Sea Association of Holyrood, per R. Dwyer, W.P. Secretary	20.00
J. O. Carnell	10.00
J. J. Henley	50.00
Jas. S. Benedict, U. S. Consul	10.00
Otto F. V. Hoskins	1.00
Bricklayers and Masons Union, per John Cochrane, Treasurer	75.00
Miss Ida Priddle	1.00
Church of England Women's Association, Kelligrews per Mrs. F. W. Colley	12.00
Leeming Lodge, L.O.A., per J. C. Puddister, Treas.	100.00
The Daily News	100.00
His Lordship Bishop Jones	100.00
Pouch Cove, C. of E. collection, per Rev. C. Jeffery	5.14
Torbay, C. of E. Collection, per Rev. C. Jeffery	3.18
A. Sheard	25.00
Miss Mary F. Kyle, Chicago, per A. Sheard, Esq.	12.00
Dr. Freeman O'Neill, Louisburg, per Hon. S. D. Blandford	10.00
H. D. Windeler	5.00
Kingan Provision Co., New York, per J. V. O'Dea & Co.	100.00
	\$14,158.07

R. WATSON,  
Hon. Treasurer.

April 14th, 1914.

## Easter Opening

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### PERSONAL.

Mr. J. Morey returned yesterday.

Mr. G. Somerville returned by yesterday's express.

Rev. P. Kelly came in from Placentia last evening.

Rev. Fr. Ashley came in from Argenta last evening.

### THE ENQUIRY

The enquiry into the sealing disaster was not on this morning. It will be resumed at 3 p.m.

### MAGISTRATES COURT

A 75 year old widow, charged with vagrancy, was remanded for 10 days. One disorderly was fined \$5 or 14 days; and another \$2 or 7 days.

### HOCKEYISTS VOTE \$100

A meeting of the hockey delegates was held at the office of President Higgins last night, when Resolutions of Sympathy were passed to those who mourn as the result of the sealing disaster, and the sum of \$100 was voted to the Fund.

### BODIES REACH HOME

From Westleyville to Hon. J. R. Bennett, Acting Premier: "Personally delivered the corpses by noon Sunday, with the exception of Musgrave Harbor, which will be sent by motor boat as soon as weather permits."

### W. C. WINSOR

### METHODIST TRANSFERS

The annual meeting of the Methodist Transfer Committee was held at Toronto on April 9th. The following transfers were made:—J. W. Bartlett, Newfoundland to Nova Scotia; D. Hemmeon, Nova Scotia to Newfoundland; J. K. Curtis, Newfoundland to Montreal; T. B. Moody, Newfoundland to Montreal; B. F. Parsons, Newfoundland to Saskatchewan; V. E. Young, Newfoundland to Saskatchewan; H. Craner, Newfoundland to Saskatchewan.

### OBITUARY.

#### Stephen G. Jeans

Sunday evening Mr. John Jeans, Cochrane Street, received a cablegram acquainting him of the death of his oldest son, Stephen G., at Warm Springs, Montana.

Deceased, who was 54 years of age had been in hospital for a year, and his demise was not unexpected by relatives at home.

Mr. Jeans left St. John's thirty-two years ago and became an American citizen.

During the wars in the Philippine Islands Mr. Jeans took part in several brisk encounters as a member of the Montana volunteers. He was a sergeant in that corps and was noted for his work.

When the volunteers disbanded he was appointed Captain of the Butte Co. of the National Guards, and later was promoted to the rank of Major.

To the parents The Mail tenders sympathy.

American Consul Benedict cabled that the remains be interred at Warm Springs.

#### Sudden End Of Newfoundlander

A message was received on Thursday last from Halifax, of the death of Alfred Moakler, formerly of St. John's.

Relative here had no knowledge of his illness, and were greatly shocked when they received the message of his death.

Deceased had been employed on the cable steamer Mackay-Bennett for a number of years, and two years ago received a position on shore with the Cable Co.

He leaves a wife and sister at Halifax, and a brother here.

The remains were interred on Good Friday.

#### LAST DAYS OF POMPEII

Mr. Kieley of the Nickel Theatre has procured the "Last Days of Pompeii," one of the greatest pieces of work ever attempted by the "movies," and will present it at the Casino next week. It was made at Turin and Pompeii, Italy, and employed nearly 1,500 men. Every one in St. John's should make an effort to see it.

### SHIPPING

#### RANGER ARRIVES ONLY 2,000 SEALS

The sealing steamer Ranger, Capt. K. Kneeb, which put into Catalina yesterday where she landed 100 men which refused duty were landed, arrived in port at 9 a.m. She has only 2,000 seals.

#### PARTHENIA LOADING

The S.S. Parthenia is now loading at Harvey & Co's. She will probably be ready to sail for England by Saturday.

The Helen Stewart has arrived at Baradoes from Macao.

S.S. Swansea Trader sails for Liverpool to-morrow morning.

#### C. L. B. BOAT CLUB

A special meeting of the C.L.B. Boat Club was held last evening. President C. E. Hunt in the chair, when several matters were discussed. It was decided to hold the annual meeting on the 27th inst.

A contribution will be made to the Sealing Disaster Fund.

#### B. I. S. TOURNEY

The B.I.S. billiard tourney finished last night, T. Power defeating J. Campbell by 45 points. "Plains" will meet to-night to arrange for the dinner.

#### COLLECTORS MEEA

The meeting of members of societies and unions to arrange for the collections for the Disaster Fund, takes place at the Board of Trade Rooms this evening at 8.

#### WANTED—By May 1st.

A House, East End preferred. Reply to R. D., Daily Mail Office—ap9,14.

#### PICKED UP—A Dory.

April 5th, in the Harbor. Owner can have same by applying to P. MARTIN, at C. F. Bennett's wharf.