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GRIM FERRYMAN'S VICTORY.

OARSMAN O'CONNOR HAS ROWED HIS LAST RACE.

The Great Sculler Beaten in His Battle With Death—Succession to the Championship He Left Vacant—His Record on the Water—Hanlan Tells of His Failing Strength.

William J. O'Connor, the champion oarsman of America, died yesterday at 2.30 p.m. at his home in Adelaide and Simcoe-streets, after three weeks' suffering, from typhoid fever.

The announcement of the sad event by bulletins in the different newspaper windows was received almost as a thunderbolt from a clear sky. O'Connor was known to be ill, but his hundreds of friends scarcely expected the sad and sudden end. And it was only then that Ed Durnan's prophetic words came to their ears: "I don't think he'll get better," which were printed here yesterday morning.

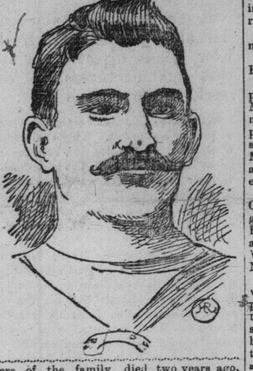
On the first week of the month the sculling stalwart took to his bed for intervals during the day, hoping to overcome the apparent weakness in his system. On Thursday, Nov. 10, he took his last outing, and that evening went to his bed, from which he never rose again. He was delirious for the greater part of the last five days, and in his lucid intervals talked encouragingly to his attendants about him. The doctors forbade the admission to the sick chamber of his friends until yesterday, when all hope for recovery was abandoned. All Tuesday night the stricken sculler was in an hallucination, and talked about incidents uppermost in his mind. He craved for Hanlan and gave instructions to "Pull up to 36 and we'll win the race yet."

About 3 p.m. scores began to call and offer consolation to the sadly bereaved brothers and sisters. Among the callers was Miss McDonald, to whom the late oarsman was very much attached. In short, sorrow was universal among the citizens, who had lost one of themselves famous all the world over.

THE LATE CHAMPION'S CAREER.

He Was 29 Years Old—He Left an Estate Worth $40,000.

William James O'Connor was born in the house in which he died, May 4, 1863, and was consequently 29 years old. His mother died shortly after his birth. The eldest brother of the family, John, to whom was entrusted the care of the younger members of the family, died two years ago, shortly after his wife, and the oarsman succeeded him as proprietor of the O'Connor House. A sister died some years ago. The late oarsman's brothers, Michael, Thomas, Henry and Patrick, and his sisters, Mrs. Riddell and Mrs. Glover, survive him. He was an unmarried man. O'Connor's father is still living at the age of 81.



"I will never marry," said O'Connor to a friend a few weeks before his death.

"I have my late brother's children to look after. He was a good brother to me, and I am obliged to look after their interests."

O'Connor died leaving an estate valued at $40,000, including $15,000 insurance, the O'Connor House $15,000 and the residue in real estate and cash.

HANLAN IN A MOURNFUL MOOD.

O'Connor Was Not Himself in the Double Scull Races This Year.

The first thing yesterday morning Hanlan called at O'Connor's place and learned that his sculling partner was nearing his end. He wended his way home, tears trickling down his cheeks as he walked along Adelaide-street. In the afternoon the ex-world's champion came down town and learned that O'Connor was dead.

"It was Sept. 5 at Charlotte," said Hanlan, "that I noticed O'Connor was failing. In the race with Hosmer and McKay he seemed to lose strength at the 1½ miles, and when asked the cause said that he was a little fleshy and not trained down sufficiently. He wouldn't admit of anything being wrong with his constitution.

"I advised him not to row Gaudaur for 7 weeks at least," continued Hanlan; "and as the Orillian could not wait that long we made the match in the doubles. During his preparation for the event that proved the last of his life, he wasn't well during the whole preparation.

"I remember when we were on our way to Orillia we stopped at Allandale for dinner. O'Connor ate a single egg only, while I took two eggs and a steak large enough for two men. The race was a repetition of the Charlotte one, only O'Connor appeared much weaker. At the first half I thought we would win, but at the ¾ they gained on us, and at the mile O'Connor lost his strength and dropped the stroke from 36 to 28. At the turn I thought he would stop altogether. I believe his constitution was being slowly undermined until the dread disease carried him off to-day."

Con Enright, His Former Partner.

Con Enright, the partner with whom O'Connor first came into prominence in the doubles, was seen last evening. It is only two years ago that he lost his own brother, then a most promising amateur sculler. One event reminded him of the other, and yesterday Mr. Enright was downcast to hear of his companion's demise.

"The Sunday before his Orillia race was the last time I saw Billy alive, and I was then impressed with his unwonted appearance. He certainly was not looking himself."

Eddie Durnan came over from the Island the evening of Thanksgiving Day, the 10th inst., and went to O'Connor's place. He noticed the champion was not looking well, and, wishing to give words of cheer, said:

"You want a little exercise and you'll be all right."

"Well, I'll take a walk with you," and the two set out for what was O'Connor's

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ANNEXATIONISTS ORGANIZE.

Ernest Albert Macdonald Succeeds in Starting a Branch Association in No. 1 Ward—The Apostle Proud.

"Well, I guess The World can't say that it's only reporters present to-night," remarked E. A. Macdonald, as he looked around with pride on the 18 unknown persons who had congregated in an upper room of the Dingman building to organize an association of Political Unionists for No. 1 Ward. Some of those present professed to be there purely out of idle curiosity, Ex-Ald. W. J. Smith and Mr. J. D. Leroy, for instance, who disavowed being Annexationists.

The Baron was voted to the chair. As he took charge of the meeting he pulled from his pocket a number of typewritten documents. Selecting one he said: "I have here the signatures of a number of prominent gentlemen who have agreed not only to join the association, but also have pledged themselves to serve either as officers or delegates." These names he read and among them were:

J. J. Cosgrove, Deputy-Collector of Inland Revenue; Dr. J. W. Smith, 425 Logan-avenue; John L. Playter, Danforth-avenue, brick manufacturer; W. D. Norris, advertising agent, Mail; C. C. Hughes, merchant tailor, Queen and Grant; W. Cumming, granolithic contractor, 739 Gerrard-street east; W. R. Stewart, grocer, 665 Queen-street east; J. L. Good, merchant, 517 Queen-street east; J. V. Adams, grocer, 800 Queen-street east; W. J. Strachan, real estate, 883 Queen-street east; A. J. Walsh, butcher, 749 Queen-street east; Fred Mauthie, grocer, 753 Queen-street east; E. J. Edward, butcher, 756 Queen-street east; Robert Bradshaw, drygoods, 522 Pape-avenue.

"There are more ready to sign, only they are a little timid," added the Baron. "The fact is they are afraid of being boycotted. But the boycott may soon work the other way."

It was decided to hold regular meetings the first and third Wednesdays in each month and the annual meeting first Wednesday in March.

Then the chairman suggested that someone act as secretary pro tem., but no one of the 18 unknowns would volunteer. Then he asked each one in turn to do the dutiful, but each in turn said he was too busy or point blank refused.

"Ask your brother," ventured a member.

"O, no; The World would then say it was a family compact. I am only acting pro tem myself."

When every effort had failed Ernest Albert grasped the pencil himself, remarking in a tone of resignation: "O, well I suppose we shall have to get along without a secretary, but then all great booms begin in this way. By-and-bye there will be a rush for the office."

Next the meeting proceeded to elect permanent officers.

Mr. Wood suggested the name of A. E. Hagerman, school trustee.

"He is with us all right, enough," interposed the Chairman, "but I would prefer Mr. J. L. Playter. He is a good, live man and a worker. He is not present, but he will act, for has he not said so by signing this document" So upon Mr. Playter was thrust the presidency, and Mr. W. Strachan, also absent, was elected secretary.

These were appointed the Executive Committee: John L. Playter, J. J. Cosgrave, J. V. Adams, W. B. Boulton, David Hunter, E. A. Macdonald, J. A. Macdonald, F. Mauthie, W. Cumming, O. Moses, W. R. Stewart, J. P. McGuigan, W. D. Norris, R. McGuigan, William Kelley.

A resolution was submitted, in which it was claimed that a large majority of the people of this country are in favor of political union with the United States; that such union would stop the exodus and build up Toronto, that candidates holding the views of the association be nominated at the ensuing elections for school trustees and aldermen, and that a candidate be placed in the field for the seat in the Ontario Legislature vacated by the death of Mr. N. G. Bigelow.

"Well, gentlemen, what do you think about it?" ventured the chairman.

"Well, I don't see what use it is running a candidate for the Public School Board," remarked Mr. Woods.

"That's an opinion anyhow," remarked the great apostle of annexation. "But you know there is a good deal of flag waving in the schools now. They sing 'Rule Britannia' while thousands of people are starving."

It was decided to defer for two weeks further consideration of the resolution. As the meeting adjourned, Ernest Albert remarked: "Well, gentlemen, I think we have done well. I am delighted."

There are some pretty displays of seasonable goods in the store windows of Yonge-street, and there are none more beautiful than those of C. F. Adams Co., 175, 177, 179 Yonge-street, consisting of (in 1.75 window) fine crockery, dinner, tea and toilet sets, fancy hanging and stand lamps for hall and parlor, "Art Amberst" double-heaters and other reliable makes, "New Home" range; also a variety of other makes of ranges, all good and prices low. In 177—dining furniture, fancy chairs, book shelves, cabinets, parlor tables, secretaries, hall chairs, etc. In 179 window—beautiful Wilton, Brussels and Balmoral carpets and borders, fancy rugs, Chenille and Turcoman curtains, upholstered chairs, lounges, etc., in velvet and Turkish rugs. These things give a faint idea of the class of goods to be found in this great home-furnishing house. We have every class of furniture for the home: Parlor suites $35, $40, $45 to $150; sideboards from $7.50, $10.50, etc., to $50; extension tables from $6.50, $7.50 to $35; bedroom suites—we never had such a variety to choose from. We may say the same about carpets and curtains. We are general home-furnishers. C. F. Adams Co., 175 to 179 Yonge-street, C. S. Coryell, manager.

Laurier's Visit to Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Nov. 23.—Hon. Wilfrid Laurier will address the Young Liberals in Hamilton at their annual banquet Jan. 10 next.

A Mishap Last Evening.

When the York suburban train was arriving at Toronto at 7.30 last night it ran off the track at Lorne-street and smashed the tender of the engine pretty badly.

Another Liquor-Search Case.

In Reg. v. Hodge a rule nisi was granted yesterday. The defendant was convicted by Magistrate Denison for obstructing a peace officer who was searching his premises for liquor.

Lumber Freight Rates.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company has notified the lumber section of the Toronto Board of Trade that the rat s will be advanced after Jan. 1. The rates will probably be predicated on the basis of 7 1-2 per 100 pounds from Waubaushene and Gravenhurst to Toronto and Hamilton.

Miss Jessie Alexander—new selections—Pavilion to-night. Admission 25c.

Keeping a Cockpit.

A rule nisi was granted in the matter of the Queen against Vansickle of Brantford yesterday. The defendant was convicted of maintaining a cockpit.

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CAPRIVI SCORES BISMARCK.

THE WAR BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY DISCUSSED.

The Late Emperor Was Not the Old Weakling Insinuated By the Iron Duke—Germany Did Its Utmost in 1870 in the Direction of Conciliation—Preventable War Abhorred.

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—Chancellor Caprivi said to-day in the Reichstag:

"The House is doubtless aware of the public indignation excited by the avowal of Prince Bismarck, that he had forged a despatch from Ems in 1870 with the view of precipitating war between France and Germany.

"In order that the House and country might judge of the accuracy of the statement the foreign office has furnished to me from the archives a telegram from Privy Councillor Abeko to Prince Bismarck, dated July 13, 1870, stating that His Majesty King William complained of the obtrusive behavior of the French Ambassador on the Promegrade, and also a letter of His Majesty ordering Privy Councillor Abeko to telegraph to the Baron de Werther that His Majesty was indignant at the imputations of Duc de Gramont and of the French Ambassador, Bendetti, in regard to his (the King's) conduct, and that His Majesty reserved to himself the right to take further steps.

"These facts," added the Chancellor, "prove that His Majesty, the late King and Emperor William, was not the old weakling that Prince Bismarck has been lately suggesting, and also prove that Germany in 1870 did its utmost in the direction of conciliation."

This statement of the Chancellor caused a decided sensation in the Reichstag, being the first open and official answer on the part of the Government to Prince Bismarck's charges.

It is believed that Prince Bismarck will accept the challenge and take his seat in the Reichstag to answer Caprivi.

The Chancellor also said: "We abhor preventable war. We do not desire the smallest piece of French territory. The next war, should war unfortunately break out, would be much more difficult, because the French army and fortress, especially Paris, are in much better condition than in 1870.

"Germany's condition after such a war, even if followed by 25 years of peace, would be infinitely more intolerable than now."

Russo-German Relations.

Referring to the Russo-German relations the Chancellor said:

"Friendship has existed between Germany and Russia for centuries past and the Emperor Alexander himself was an important personage in maintenance of these friendly relations.

"The present Czar is one of the noblest-minded and most peaceful of monarchs and appreciates the peaceful and loyal policy of Germany.

"There are in Russia, however, hostile currents working against us which, since the successful achievements of Germany in arms and diplomacy, have risen above the interests of Russia; yet it must not be concluded because Russia is developing her army that war is imminent. We must assume from her preparations that Russia's next war will be to the westward. These preparations arouse no anxiety at present, but they might constitute a danger to us.

"It must be remembered that Prince Bismarck, during the reign of the late Czar Alexander, spoke of a positive threat of war coming from Russia.

"The Government has used every endeavor to maintain telegraphic communication with Russia, but desires that the current shall not be withdrawn from the connecting lines within Austria and Italy.

"There is undeniably a rapprochement between Russia and France, in the face of which we cannot yield Alsace-Lorraine nor break off our relations with Austria.

"The strengthening of our armaments constitutes no threat to Russia. We only want to repel a possible attack. We must think of war with the probability of having to present two fronts.

"If Russia wished to go to war she would be sure of alliance of France; if France wished to go to war the alliance of Russia with France would be an open question. In either case Russia must occupy the attention of a portion of our forces.

"We are not prepared for such an exigency. We would have to defend ourselves against superior members. If we don't do this, the heroes of 1813 would rise up from their graves against us in righteous indignation. Our whole position among the nations depends on our military strength. We have the highest opinion of our allies and the Dreibund is nowhere so popular as in Germany. But even the Dreibund is weaker in troops than are France and Russia.

Must Watch Two Frontiers.

"Germany must always take the chief burden upon herself, because she must watch two frontiers.

"Germany has lost her military supremacy since 1870, not by the fault of the Government or of the army, or of the Reichstag, but because the conqueror is less inclined to make sacrifices than the conquered.

"After Sedan a different feeling existed than after Jena. Our neighbors have increased their military strength in an undemonstrative manner, and only after recourse to makeshifts. But while slow their course has been steady and sure."

The Chancellor then proceeded to explain the proposed reforms in the military service, the regulations of which did not operate so as to affect all equally and caused efforts to be made to evade the services.

"In point of numbers," said he, "our army is ahead of any other nation, and we have the best commissioned and non-commissioned officers and men; but we fail in strength of organization. We do not want to summon the Landwehr and Landsturm on the eve of battle.

"The Government disagrees with the recent article in The Militar-Wochenblatt on the Landwehr, which has always held an honorable position."

Referring to the measures by which it is proposed to meet the increased expenditures, the Chancellor stated that the beer tax would scarcely be felt, as it amounted to only two-fifths of a pfenning for a litre.

With the exception of Austria, Germany spent less for armaments than any of the nations.

"We desire," he said, "to enforce universal service effectually, but considerately, and to adopt a two years' service, except in the case of the cavalry and horse artillery, but a two years' service cannot be introduced without the appropriations demanded for the increased forces.

"We want to assure the people that dismissal from the army will follow regularly after a two years' service.

War or Defeat Would Be Worse.

"The bill is perhaps unwelcome, but war, perhaps defeat, would be much worse. In the event of defeat we would have to pay a thousand millions in money for every million we are now expending.

"The Moloch of militarysim is required only to preserve every German from the disaster of future defeat. After such a reverse it would no longer be a question of two years' army service.

"Our national commerce could not then be protected. German arts and sciences would decline and a political economic struggle would arise, involving our very existence.

"Germany, if destroyed, will be replaced by no other nation. It is our duty to preserve Germany in memory of those who created her and died for her, so that it shall not be said that those who have gone before gave their blood while the living are unwilling to give even money. I appeal to the House to enable the nation to say in time of future war: "Lieb Vaterland, magst du ruhig Sein."

"The Chancellor's speech was followed by prolonged applause.

Herr Richter made a short speech and the House adjourned.

NOT SANGUINE.

Monetary Conference Delegates Exchange Views Privately Upon Bi-Metallism—Few Anticipate a Solution.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 23.—Rumors of discord among British delegates to Monetary Conference here regarding the attitude to be adopted in conference are untrue.

The Continental delegates are very impatient to hear what the precise nature will be of the proposal of the American delegates.

Many of the delegates freely exchange their views privately and few are sanguine of a satisfactory solution will be found to the currency question.

The use of three different languages in the official proceedings of the conference will lead to much delay. When a speech is made it will not be intelligible to all the delegates until the day following delivery, when the official translation into English, French and German is circulated. The system will, however, have the advantage of affording time for a careful and dispassionate examination of all propositions and arguments.

It is now certain that a majority of the delegates are empowered merely to study the facts advanced and to report thereon to their respective governments.

The Christmas adjournment will give the delegates ample opportunity for reference to their governments.

General satisfaction is expressed to-day at yesterday's action in rejecting the proposal to appoint a committee to examine and report proposals submitted to the conference, as it is now recognized that the committee must have been overwhelmed with elaborate plans which it would have been impossible to consider. The decision of the conference thus averted serious delays.

The idea that the conference is divided into two camps—monometallists and bimetallists—is false. Many of the delegates came to the conference predisposed towards no school of currency.

A PRACTICAL MODERN EDUCATION.

School Children in St. Paul Preserve the Poor of That City Against Need During Winter.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 23.—As a means of teaching the children practical charity the principals invited them to bring thanksgiving offerings to be distributed by St. Paul Relief Society.

For three days the children have been carrying their offerings to school. Meat, vegetables, canned goods and provisions of all sorts, as well as clothing. In these three days the children have given enough provisions to last the 2000 poor in the city all winter, and more than the city has given in three years.

The 43 schools in the city gave 172 immense wagon loads of clothing and provisions for distribution, and it is believed the problem of caring for the city's poor has been solved.

A $2000 Fire Last Night.

At 11.30 last night Mounted Policeman Leonard discovered a fire in the warerooms of Charles Stark at 52 Church-street. A number of hose reels were speedily there, but the fire was extinguished without their aid by means of the chemical engine. The fire originated in the bicycle department, but before it was put out it made its way to the main floor, where much damage was done to the hunters' and trappers' supplies. Mr. Stark estimated the loss to goods at $2000 and to the building at $200. The stock is insured in English companies for $40,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Rebecca's Daughters.

The new Oddfellows' Hall at Yonge and College-streets was last night the scene of a pleasant event. The members of Olive Branch Lodge, Daughters of Rebecca, celebrated their third anniversary by a concert and at banquet. All arrangements were in the hands of a committee of ladies, and the happy manner in which the affair came off reflected great credit upon the ladies. The concert programme was excellent, the refreshments were of the choicest, and an orchestra filled the rooms with the latest dance music, to which many couples kept time on the polished floor of the large hall which served as a ball room. There were about 300 present.

Drawing Near.

Christmas, a time for meeting after long partings and for the clasping of hands in happiest reunion, is fast approaching. Christmas is the people's time, a time which stands for home and happiness, for gratitude and benevolence, for peace and plenty, for laughter and children's glee. It will be a festival of gladness to the masculine heart if every man in the community be made the recipient of a pair of quinn's peerless crown suspenders and one of his holiday neckties.

Lord Rosebery Honored.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—During the recent visit of Lord Rosebery, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to Windsor Castle the Queen privately invested him with the Order of the Garter.

Blaine's Illness.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The Herald's Washington special says: "Mr. Blaine is still a very sick man. His physicians, Drs. Johnston and Hyatt, are in daily attendance. General alarm is felt among his many friends here regarding his slow recuperation."

Mrs. Fenwick (Maggie Barr)—Scotch Selections—Pavilion to-night. Admission 25c.

The Harvest.

Like the result of a bountiful harvest to the country at large, so will be the result to a holder of a Compound Investment policy in the North American Life Assurance Company, at the completion of its investment period.

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A Wild Suggestion.

Dr. Wild has been suggested as a fit and proper person for Toronto's mayor for 1893.—Georgetown Herald.

Mrs. Caldwell will sing "Chi Gioja" (first time) Pavilion to-night. Admission 25c.

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CONCERTS AND PLAYS.

It Was a Great Night For the Amusement-Loving Citizens—Shakespeare, "Puritania," Seidl.

Vivian George Trevelyan, Earl of Barrenlands.....Miss Pauline Hall
Elizabeth, the Maid of Salem...Miss Irene Verona
Abigail, a women-hater.....Miss Eva Davenport
Jonathan Blaze, Chief Justice of the Salem Court.....Mr. Jacques Kruger
Killsin Burgess, a conspirator from habit.....Mr. Harry MacDonough
Smith, the Witch-Finder General.....Mr. Frank David

"Puritania" was presented by the Pauline Hall Opera Company at the Academy last night. It is a short work and very wittily written. It is a skit on Salem witchcraft customs, on the court of Charles II. and on the conspiracy fashions of those times. The librettist, Mr. C. M. S. McClellan, is said to be the editor of Town Topics; the opera partakes of the character of the skits that frequently occur in that entertaining journal. The music is somewhat too pretentious, if that were possible; for instance, Composer E. S. Kelly in his anxiety to produce a striking and effective orchestration has neglected those on the stage. The score shows some originality, but lacks the "tinkle" and charm we have come to expect in comic opera. The intermezzio is the most effective music of the piece.

Miss Pauline Hall is a charming little woman with a voice of sweet quality and great range, a beautiful figure and a pair of warm brown eyes that are really delightful. She is a graceful and effective actress, and makes a great deal of her part. Miss Irene Verona is a dainty little lady with a sweet voice; the naivete with which she sang "Mother Said Don't" brought down the house. The other four mentioned above are comedians of exceptional skill. They have divided among them about as much work as is usually given to to one operatic comedian. They are all inimitable. Both Mr. David and Mr. Kruger have been seen here in "All the Comforts of Home," the former as Tom, the servant, who got "Alf," the latter as the nervous musician into so much trouble. Mr. David was magnificent. He may develop into as fine an operatic comedian as walks American boards. We know of no one, not even De Wolf Hopper, who conveys such a spirit of humor and good nature to his audience. His plump figure and effective speech are invaluable. Mr. Kruger was quite as good, his facial expression is great and he gave a characterization that was rich in humor. Miss Eva Davenport has a fine contralto voice and in her business is splendid. She had humor of the same quality as Mr. David's. Mr. MacDonough's eccentric conspirator was a very clever bit of work.

IN SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS.

MacLean & Prescott Make Successes in Famous Parts.

"The Merchant of Venice" was presented at the Grand by the MacLean & Prescott Company yesterday. Miss Prescott was a delightful Portia. Graceful and refined was she, and handled with dainty touches that charmed all. In the trial scene her dignity of mien and gravity of method were as effective as her loving restless anxiety in the casket scene. In Miss Prescott's treatment, Portia is a bright, living woman of many moods, not a lay figure who talks in platitudes as we have sometimes seen her. Mr. MacLean's Shylock was a grand piece of work. His makeup and carriage were fine, and we have seen nothing on the stage for some time more effective than the glittering significance of his eye. Unlike Irving's, his Shylock was not the tortured representative of a wronged nation, but an avaricious, self-absorbed man, who comes in the way of a torrent of trouble, and shows himself lion-like in his vindictiveness and craft, and with something of a lion's majesty. His lines were splendidly delivered and the self-abandonment of the trial scene was great.

In "Romeo and Juliet" Last Night.

Mr. MacLean's Mercutio was a very fine impersonation of that mercurial character. His graceful physique, his beautiful voice and his personal charm all aided him in his conception of the true-hearted roisterer. The early scenes he carried off with an airy, easy effect, and the torrent of passion which accompanied the duel and death was grand. The role is one that is often scanted, but in Mr. MacLean's full-blooded, blithe treatment we see the living Mercutio. Miss Prescott's was a graceful, conscientious portrayal, while in the most passionate scenes she rose to a height of feeling that held the audience spellbound. No one can die more gracefully than she.

Music and the Drama at Old Trinity.

The Trinity University Dramatic Club was reorganized for the season last evening. The following officers were elected: Hon. President, the Provost; Hon. 1st Vice-President, Rev. Prof. Jones; Hon. 2nd Vice-President, the Dean; Business Manager, A. B. Pottenger; Stage Manager, E. C. Cattanach; Assistant Stage Manager, J. Chappell; Musical Director, J. C. H. Mockridge; Master of Properties, H. B. Gwyn. The officers mean business, and intend to get the club to work immediately in active rehearsal of a play which is to be produced shortly after New Year's, the Xmas exams. preventing anything before that time. It is proposed to give performances every two weeks, and a week's tour at Easter is already talked of. The club is to be assisted, musically, at its performances by the lately formed Banjo Club, which will act as an orchestra.

The following are the officers of the Banjo Club: Business manager, F. Vernon; musical director, G. L. Smith; committee, J. C. H. Mockridge, C. P. Sparling, D. J. Ogilvie, E. C. Clark.

The Knights' Concert.

For the concert of the Select Knights of Canada almost entirely new selections are to be rendered by the different artists. This should be a very attractive feature to those wishing to hear in these new roles Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Fenwick, Miss Jessie Alexander, Mr. Blight, Mr. W. H. Robinson, Mr. Harry Rich and the Toronto Male Quartet. Glionna's orchestra will perform from 7.15 o'clock till opening of concert. A few good reserved seats are left.

The Pauline Johnson-Smily Recital.

It is safe to predict that Association Hall will hold a large audience on Monday evening next on the occasion of the dual costume recital to be given by Miss Pauline Johnson, the poet-reciter, who renders her own compositions only, and Mr. Owen A. Smily, the popular elocutionist, assisted by Marcicano's band. The exceptionally fine photographs of Miss Johnson, to be seen in some of the prominent windows, show that in her Indian dress she is a most striking and dramatic figure, while she is equally as attractive in the boating costume and the evening gown of white and gold. The plan is being rapidly marked off at Nordheimer's. The Brantford Courier says: "All her selections were charmingly given, and with dramatic intensity. The audience was large and brilliant."

Souvenirs.

Ladies who desire to obtain one of the beautiful souvenirs that are to be given away at the Musee to-morrow afternoon would do well to come early and avoid the great rush. Every lady in attendance on the afternoon mentioned will be given a beautiful box of note paper and envelopes.

Notes.

The MacLean and Prescott repertoire for balance of week is Thursday and Saturday evenings "The Merchant of Venice" Friday evening, and Saturday matinee "Romeo and Juliet."

Roast turkey at the Arcade Dining Rooms.

Another Half Million.

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A LEADING CONGRESSMAN ON THE PROSPECTS.

He Does Not Believe the Tariff Can Be Revised by a Special Session—He Would Add Lumber and Salt to the Free List—He Would Restore the Old Duties of 1883.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Mr. Catchings, the leading member of the House Committee on Rules, who is now in Washington, is quoted as expressing the belief that the present Congress will do nothing to lessen the burdens of the incoming administration and that the new Congress will be compelled to take the necessary steps to increase revenues.

He does not believe the revision of the tariff can be successfully undertaken during a special session, but he does hold that in a special session the new Congress might properly repeal the McKinley Act, thus restoring the old duties of 1883.

That would wipe out the sugar bounties, effecting a saving of $13,000,000 annually, and at the same time by restoring the sugar duties add about $50,000,000 to the annual revenues, making the total increase of revenues approximate $65,000,000.

This increase, he feels, would prevent any deficiency until after the next regular session and possibly for a longer period.

Mr. Catchings would also pass the separate bills that were passed last session by the House, only to remain unacted upon by the Senate, and he would add lumber and salt to the free list. Reduced prices of the necessaries of life, covered by these bills, would, according to his reasoning, reconcile the people to the re-imposition of the sugar duties.

He favors an early special session of Congress. He thinks that Crisp will be re-elected Speaker without a protracted struggle, and believes that the pension roll could be revised with profit.

Mr. Catchings sees no danger of wild-cat money in the passage of the bill to remove the tax on state bank circulation, and favors that bill if the states are obliged to ensure the soundness of their bank issues.

He favors the admission as states of Arizona and New Mexico and local governments for Utah and Oklahoma.

So far as this Congress is concerned he thought it would do no more than pass the regular annual appropriation bills.

A NIGHT WITH SEIDL.

Another Success Scored By the Great Musician and His Orchestra.

Anton Seidl and his celebrated orchestra appeared at the Pavilion last night before a fashionable audience. Nearly every seat in pit and gallery was occupied, and many beautiful toilets lent grace and picturesqueness to the scene. The performance began at 8 o'clock, and for three full hours exquisite harmonic effects were produced by 50 instruments in the hands of artists. The "Overture" and "Bacchanale" from Wagner's "Tannhauser" filled the opening number. It was a revelation. The forceful beauty of the composition was interpreted in a most artistic style. The theme is varied to express a multitude of emotions, and the tides were conveyed to the minds of the audience was shown by the strained attention commanded throughout the number. The glaring light and deep gloom of "Bacchanale" was followed by the sprightly strains of "Four Slavonic Dances" by Dvorak. Next came a violoncello solo by Mr. Victor Herbert, "Dance in the Old Style" and "Pensee L'Amoureuse." Both parts were given with grace and finish, but the peculiar antique flavor of the first, the simple melody suggesting courtly movement, simply charmed everyone. Mr. Herbert was recalled and delighted the audience with a pretty ballad. The accompaniment to Mr. Herbert's solos was a very fine piece of work. Though nearly the whole orchestration was used the mellow tone of the 'cello was alone apparent, even in the pizzicato passages. Mr. H. M. Field's many admirers were delighted to have an opportunity of hearing him. His solo, consisting of a barcarolle and ballad by Liszt, was executed with correctness and grace. He was recalled and bowed his acknowledgments. Miss Amanda Fabris sang "Elsa's Dream," from "Lohengrin," and responded to an encore. She is a singer of considerable culture.

The performance closed with the rendition of Beethoven's Sinfonia Pastorale, descriptive of rural scenes. The orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Seidl, did work last night with which the critical could find no fault. The conductor is a distinguished figure, and though filled with nervous force does not do any gesticulating. Even in the "Thunder-storm" it can be seen that he is calm and dignified. He is calm and dignified always.

Messrs. Suckling, under whose auspices the orchestra appeared, are to be congratulated upon the success of the performance, artistically and financially.

Christmas Dominion Illustrated Issued Yesterday.

The contents of this magnificent holiday paper are rich and varied, comprising stories by some of Canada's most brilliant writers. It was issued yesterday by John P. McKenna, Bookseller and Newsdealer, 80 Yonge-street, and promises to have a larger sale than ever. Superb photogravure illustrations are scattered profusely through the work, and it contains several very beautiful colored pictures. We do not exaggerate when we state that the supplements are far ahead of any that have yet been put before the public by a Canadian publisher.

Municipal Matters in Brief.

Three cases of diphtheria, six of scarlet fever and one of typhoid were reported at the Medical Health Department yesterday.

Inspector Awde yesterday confiscated 24 cases of finnan haddie as being unfit for food.

It is estimated that at the end of the year the unpaid taxes will aggregate $325,000.

Engineer Keating reports that the drainage in the Queen-street subway is unsatisfactory, and recommends that a new sewer be built to connect with the Lisgar-street sewer, which will give proper drainage to the subway. The cost of this sewer will be about $2000, and Mr. Keating suggests that this amount be charged in with the cost of the paving of the track allowance.

The Patent Medicine Cry.

Little's latest list is Seven Sisters Hair Restorer 75c, Peach Bloom Skin food 75c, Cuticura Ointment 50c, Soap 25c, Pink Pills 38c, Carter's Pills 18c, all dollar preparations 75c, others at the same low rates. Remember the place, 72 Spadina-avenue. 246

Read This.

Gentlemen, it will pay you to visit Corrigan's, 128 Yonge-street, for fall and winter clothing. A magnificent range of suitings, overcoatings and trouserings in stock at prices which will astonish you. None but first-class work turned out. Entire satisfaction assured. Pants to order from $4 up. Suits from $16 up, and overcoats from $15 up. See them. An early call solicited. 246

Young man take your lady-love a bottle of John Taylor & Co's. Lilac Blossom Perfume. 246

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Home, a wife and a bottle of Lilac Blossom are the three sources of earthly happiness. 246

Toothache—When suffering from toothache try Gibbons' Toothache Gum.

MAY BE SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

Another Basis of Settlement Proposed By the Street Railway Company Re Trolley Poles.

There is still some hope of the dispute between the city and the Street Railway Company re trolley poles being settled outside the courts.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Mayor, Solicitor Biggar and Engineer Keating received simultaneously copies of another basis of settlement from the railway company. The proposition is as follows:

That the motion to continue the injunction in these actions shall be adjourned until the trial of these actions.

That the operation of the injunction that restrains the company from erecting trolley poles and wires shall be suspended to enable the company to erect temporary poles to complete the electric services east of the Don and in Bloor-street this year; to erect the necessary permanent poles to be approved by the Engineer at the intersection of the principal streets and that the order for suspension shall contain an obligation on behalf of the company to remove these temporary poles and replace them by standard or approved poles under the judgment on or before June 1 next; that the claims of the city against the company and of the company against the city in their respective actions are reserved and that the suspension of the operation of the injunction and the erection of the temporary poles shall not prejudice or affect the claims of either parties at the trials.

The company requested an answer by 5 o'clock, and stated that if the proposal was made the basis of a provisional settlement the necessary orders would be given to the linemen to proceed with the work. It was furthermore pointed out that the poles at the intersections of the principal streets described by the judgment are not of sufficient strength.

The Mayor was absent from the hall when the proposal was received, and his attendance could not be obtained. The Engineer and Solicitor were both on hand, but as nothing could be done without His Worship's co-operation consideration of the railway's proposal was deferred till 9 o'clock this morning.

Engineer Keating, however, feels he is so well fortified in the position he has taken that he is unconcerned as to whether the matter is settled out of court or not.

THE PUGNACIOUS COMET.

It Struck the Earth and Was Smashed—The Name of the Knocked-Out Light Was Not Biela.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—The event for which the astronomers have been watching and the general public dreading has come to pass.

To-night in its passage through space the earth crashed into a comet with disastrous results to the solar tramp. The statement that the earth and a comet were in collision to-night is made upon the authority of Prof. C. M. Snyder, instructor in astronomy at the High School in this city. According to Prof. Snyder, the comet struck was not Biela's, but a stray one that was wandering through space without a fixed orbit or a determined destination.

The comet, when struck by the earth, was in the Andromeda group. The force of the impact between the two bodies shattered the comet to pieces, and the evidence of the collision was plainly visible to all persons out of doors to-night in the great number of shooting stars, or meteors, that fell.

Imperial Federation.

Mr. George R. Parkin, who is now on a visit to this country, will address a public meeting next Tuesday night at the Auditorium. His subject will be Imperial Federation, and there is no one so competent to deal with it as Mr. Parkin, who, by-the-way, is a Canadian. His books, articles and speeches are admitted to be the best informed and the most closely reasoned of anything yet done in that line. There is bound to be a crowded meeting to hear him.

Trying to Keep Up With the Demand.

MONTREAL, Nov. 23.—The Christmas number of The D