



The employees of Brennen & Sons and the Hamilton Lumber Company held their annual theatre party night at Bennett's last night, and had a good time. The show was found to be in that vein which is calculated to arouse hearty laughter, and applause for the acts came in an unstinted and generous manner. Quinlan and Mack, in "The Traveling Dentist," again annexed plenty of honor, while O'Hana San and company, in their elaborate series of tableaux on Japan, and Brown, Harris and Brown secured triumphs which might be envied by any act in vaudeville.

Keno, Welch and Melrose have a neat comedy acrobat act, Fentelle and Carr a talk on hoboes and a good song, Alsace a refined musical turn, and Kieff brothers a dancing and singing offering. The motion pictures present a unique and dramatic film dealing with the discovery and capture of a forger. The bill for next week will include such well-known acts as Abel, Arden and company in the laughable triumph, "Three of a Kind," the Sisters O'Meers, wire performers, Melville and Higgins, singers and dancers, the Miles-Stevenson pit-tette of musicians, Belman and Moore, depicting famous stage types, Ruby Raymond, with her pretty dancing boys, in a pleasing act, and Curtis, Palmer and company in the sketch, "Mama's Darling."

Another good number will be the sketch, "Mama's Darling." The company which presents this, with Curtis and Palmer as the principals, is a most competent one, and has earned golden opinions in other places. The act has plenty of humor in it, which is dealt with refinement, and a half hour's solid amusement is guaranteed from it. The motion pictures are to be good, two films of exceptional interest having been received for exhibition.

#### Competition at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The Ottawa Theatrical Club and the Montreal Amateur Dramatic Club held the boards at the Russell Theatre last night in His Excellency's musical and dramatic competition. The former organization presented "Food and Polly," a locally written farce, and "A Light From St. Agnes," by Mrs. Fiske. The Montreal Company gave Grace Furniss "Game of Bluff." The performances were fair, many of the companies are making the mistake of presenting plays or farces by local people which by no means come up to the required standard.

#### "The Outlaw's Christmas."

Lovers of sensational thrills, it is said, will find a good afternoon or evening's entertainment at the Grand tonight and to-morrow matinee and evening, when P. H. Sullivan will present for the first time here his latest comedy-drama by Theodore Kramer, "The Outlaw's Christmas." In this play the author is said to have written a comedy-drama in which there is a real plot filled with pathos, comedy and action. Most melodramas are satisfied with one sensation, but in Theodore Kramer's latest thriller

there are quite a few, but the real sensation is said to be exceptionally good, in which Jessie, the famous horse, jumps into a raging mountain current with three people on her back. The scenic investiture is said to be one seldom seen in popular priced attractions. The story of the play deals with the adventures of a couple and their child, who fall into the hands of an adventuresome and her paramour, and the plot is so devised as to involve them in many exciting experiences which are not only thrilling, but ultra sensational. The introduction of plenty of good comedy and numerous specialties are said to further increase the attraction of the play.

#### At the Savoy.

Capacity business is practically assured at the Amateur Night performance at the Savoy this evening, the advance sale being the best since these entertainments were inaugurated. In addition to the mind reading act by a well known young man, and which promises to be an interesting feature, the management will provide a bill that will guarantee a good hour's entertainment in addition to the regular performance.

This week's show is undoubtedly one of the best all-round bills served up at the Savoy street playhouse in a long time. Impro Fox, the clever conjurer and deceptivist, who has been delighting large crowds with his mystifying feat and the most baffling trick of all, The Box of Cagliostro, has an act in itself, which is justly a visit to the theatre. Rita Redmond, the dainty songstress, who has proved one of the hits of the week; James E. Henry and Dorothy Young's clever sketch, several other thoroughly enjoyable numbers, a special programme by the orchestra, and a complete change of pictures by the kinetograph are a combination that pelates in every particular.

One of next week's big attractions will be Allen and his celebrated monkey, Peter the Great, an act credited with being a genuine comedy feature. The big attraction will be the comedy sketch presented by the Favor-Sinclair Company of five people, and staged with special scenery. Reserved seats are sold for the Saturday matinee performances.

#### Vitagraph To-morrow.

The big moving picture company announced another good programme to-morrow matinee and evening at Association Hall. One subject, entitled "His First Row," shows a young man of the connected type waging with some companions as to his powers as an oarsman. The scene of the many very laughable incidents that follow is at a popular summer resort, and the noontide bathers and pleasure seekers all share in the fun this great oarsman causes, before he has to rescue him from a watery grave. Ten funny pictures this is a hard film to beat.

#### "Queen Zephra."

The Grand was well filled last evening, when "Queen Zephra" was repeated. The show ran a good deal smoother, and without any of the delays that are usual with amateur shows. All the principals were in excellent voice, and their songs were admirably sung. The show will be given again on Monday afternoon and night, and it is an assured fact that the theatre will be filled to capacity for both performances.

## THE LICENSING BILL.

MR. ASQUITH INTRODUCES HIS MEASURE IN THE COMMONS.

Will Wipe Out a Third of the Country's Saloons in Twenty Years, and Place License System Under Unfettered Control of the State.

London, Feb. 27.—Mr. H. H. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced the licensing bill in the House of Commons this afternoon. This is the principal Government measure for the present session of Parliament. The capital invested in licensed property in this country is about \$1,200,000,000, while over 2,000,000 people are employed in the traffic. Briefly, the bill provides for the compulsory reduction within a specified period, and on a uniform scale, of the number of saloons licensed throughout the country. In cities it is proposed to allow one saloon for every 750 persons, and in the country districts one saloon for every 400 persons. This regulation, it is estimated, will wipe out in the neighborhood of 20,000 licenses, about one-third of the present total.

The bill proposes that this reduction be effected within twenty years. Local option is to govern the issuance of new licenses, and a majority of the parochial electors is sufficient to prohibit the granting of a license.

Mr. Asquith expressed the opinion that England was not yet ripe for compulsory Sunday closing, but he said that outside the metropolis no saloon would be allowed to keep open on Sunday for more than one hour at midday or more than two hours in the evening. In conclusion, the Chancellor declared that if this bill was adopted, the State in twenty years would obtain unfettered control of the license system.

The system of compensating those entirely deprived of their licenses is to lapse after a period of fourteen years from the commencement of the act, and an end thus will be put to the vested interests in this license.

#### ATTEMPTS LIFE.

Young Man in Toronto Twice Gashes His Throat.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—In a fit of despondency brought on by several months' hard drinking, John McKeough, 25 years, an Irishman, who came to this country in November, made a determined attempt at suicide in his room at 264 George street at midnight last night.

A companion was in the room with him at the time, and turned to see McKeough make a five-inch gash in his throat. The man grappled with him, and while holding him on the floor the young man made a second attempt with his throat with a penknife.

My recover.

## HIGHLAND COMPANY

Capt. Turnbull's Command Holds Annual Meeting.

C Company, Ninety-first Highlanders, held its annual meeting on Wednesday night, Captain Turnbull presiding, the various committees presenting their reports, showing the company to be in first-class condition, financially and otherwise. The treasurer showed a good balance on the right side. The following officers and committees were elected for the year:

Hon. President—Major Roberts. President—Captain Turnbull. Vice-President—Lieut. Colquhoun. Secretary—Sergeant Buckingham. Treasurer—Sergeant Kidner. Auditors—Ptes. Hall and MacFarlane. Armory Committee—Sergeant Lithgow. Corps Warring and Bowman, Ptes. Elliott, Beacroft, Herriot, MacFarlane. Entertainment Committee—Sergeants Rollo and Lithgow. Corps. Yates, Bowman and Pte. Selkirk. Rifle Committee—Lieut. Colquhoun. Sergeants Lamb, Rollo, Buckingham, Corps. Yates, Warring, Pte. MacFarlane. Management Committee—Sergeants Lamb, Rollo, Lithgow, Buckingham, Pte. McQueen and Pte. Scott.

It was decided to hold a theatre party and dinner, and to invite the lady friends, instead of the usual dinner, and to attend in scarlet and kilts; the date to be decided later.

Miss Lee's towards the voters' hospital.

#### LAWLESSNESS IN MONTREAL.

Canadian Senate Discusses Recent Outbreaks.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—At the evening sitting of the Senate, Senator Cloran called attention to the deplorable condition of things which obtained in Montreal and other cities, owing to the lawlessness of undesirable immigrants, and quoted from Montreal papers in condemnation of the recent murderous crimes of Italians there.

It was that Montreal abounded in drinking places to such an extent that the police made no attempt to suppress this illegal traffic. Fifty hotelkeepers were recently hauled up for illegal liquor selling, but were released on payment of \$5 each. If the Montreal police had arrested Italians at the outset for carrying dangerous weapons, crime would not have been so conspicuous.

#### Railway Promotions.

J. W. Leonard has been appointed general manager of affairs relating to maintenance and operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway eastern lines. Wm. Gell has been appointed master mechanic of the G. T. P. in charge of motive power, cars and shops, effective this date, with temporary headquarters at Winnipeg.

Buy your room size rugs to-morrow and save a third—many kinds: All sizes.

## The Right House

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

Great bargains in beds and bedding of all kinds to-morrow. Buy for a year ahead.

This store is full of new spring goods of quality Here is news of special sales and extra values that will set the town astir The new spring dress goods are here: remarkable values

TIME now for the spring planning. Of course you will choose here where vast varieties of exclusive importations are ready for you, where quality, style-correctness and low price go hand in hand. Here are very remarkable value offerings—

90c BLACK VOILES, 69c—Crisp, French Voiles in a fine all wool weave for tailored wear. Skirts, suits or dresses. Voiles are the most popular of all spring fabrics. Do you catch the "Buy now" idea?

85c BLACK ARMURES, 69c—Full 46 inches wide and all wool. A very practical suiting material for spring wear.

\$1.15 BLACK OXFORD SUITINGS AT 88c—All wool and 46 inches wide. Their great wearing ability, combined with their good style for tailored suit wear, make them extremely popular.

BLACK TAFFETA CLOTH AT 49c—A splendid special that will interest scores of women. A fine all wool weave for skirt waist suit wear, 46 inches wide.

75c CHIFFON PANAMAS, 59c—A crisp, dust-shedding, all wool weave, specially purchased, and worth fully 75c the yard. New spring shades of tan, brown, navy and myrtle. Correct for tailored wear. Full 44 inches wide. Right House sale price to-morrow only 59c yard.

\$1.00 CHIFFON ARMURES, 69c—Another special purchase that will stir wide interest. Fine 46-inch, all wool chiffon finished Armures, in new brown, myrtle, navy and Burgundy shades, for smart tailored suits and skirts, regular \$1.00 value, to-morrow only 69c yard.

### Separate skirts of smart style

RIGHT House Separate Skirts are distinctive in every line—smart perfect-fitting models tailored in the graceful lines that spring styles demand.

PANAMA SKIRTS AT \$6.50—Navy, brown, green and black. They are at once practical and in smart style. Cluster pleated with fold trimming to finish; very full at bottom.

CRISP PANAMA SKIRTS AT \$10—New gored-flare styles—15 gores with very full ripple at bottom; braid trimmed. Black and spring tones of navy, brown and green. These are well tailored and have a smart graceful swing that will make them instant favorites.

#### New underskirts

The new English Saten Underskirts are here. Deep, full flounced styles, trimmed with tucks, shirtings and frills; some have deep pleated flounces; good rich bright finished black satens. Special values, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 to \$2.75 each.

## New silks for spring suits

HANDSOME new weaves of distinctive and rich elegance for tailored costumes, dresses, etc. Values are remarkable. Just note these—

#### Shantung silks at 58c

Smart spring shades of tan, brown, reseda and navy, 20 inches wide, a very handsome, rich silk for tailored wear. This weave is particularly popular in New York and Paris.

#### Checked Tamolines 50c

New English Tamolines, in a firm, rich weave, very fashionable for dresses, shirtwaists suits and blouses, neat checks, in navy, brown, dark reseda and black and white.

#### Bonnet's taffeta 85c

Rich, Bright Black Chiffon Taffeta Bonnet's famous make. These splendid wearing, elegant Black Taffeta silks are very smart and practical for dress, blouse, skirt, tailored wear, etc. Very special superior quality, at 85c the yard to-morrow.



## Beautiful new white blouses for spring Remarkable values are ready for to-morrow

HERE are blouse offerings of the kind that have doubled The Right House blouse business in the past year. The blouses are fresh, crisp and new—next spring and summer's daintiest and most popular styles. On sale to-morrow.

#### A great special at \$1.50

Made of fine Mulls, Muslins, and Persian Lawns, some in solid pin-tucked styles, finished with beadings. Others have entire front of alternate rows of embroidery and lace insertions. Many have pretty round yokes and panel of embroidery down front, open back or fronts.

#### \$2.00 blouses at \$1.00

Fine Lawns, Muslins and Mulls, some in solid pin-tucked styles, with lace edging at collar and cuffs, others have wide panel of embroidery down front, with wide tucks at each side. Some have lace yokes, with all-over embroidered fronts, all sizes.

#### Dainty styles at \$2.75

Fine white Batistes, Mulls, and many pretty yoke designs, with fine lace and embroidery trimming. Some are in the new Gibson style, daintily trimmed with lace edging. Others are pin-tucked, with solid embroidery fronts, very special values at \$2.75.

## Ready--the new embroideries

THE spring and summer embroideries are here in all their beauty and dainty loveliness—ready for choosing to-morrow.

#### \$1.15 skirtings at 88c

Dainty White Embroidered Skirtings, with frilled and hemstitched edges. Exclusive new designs for women's skirts and infants' wear. Nice, fine quality, and a splendid value.

#### Blouse insertions 23c

An extraordinary offering, just at needtime, too. Pretty Embroidery Work, in new eyelet and French shadow effects, for blouse trimming, etc., very special value for to-morrow at 23c yard. See window display.

#### Laces less than half

2c, formerly 5 to 10c. 5c, formerly 8 to 20c. 25c, formerly 50c to \$1.50. 55c, formerly \$1 to \$1.50. Broken ranges and short lengths for blouse and dress trimmings—Oriental and Guipure Laces, All-overs and Galons, Cotton Laces and Appliques, and Ecru Laces Galons and Medallions.

\$4.00 Swiss point curtains at \$2.88 pair

Corner King East and Hughson Sts.

THOMAS C. WATKINS Hamilton Ontario

\$9.00 white metal beds at \$7.79 each

## The Northwest is All Right.

North Battleford Resident Thinks it is the Greatest Country in the World.

Meota, Battleford, Sask., Feb. 16, 1908.

LeRoy Tobey, Esq., Hamilton Ont.

Dear Roy,—In reply to your letter of recent date asking for a general idea of the conditions that have prevailed here since last winter's bad winter and late spring, I shall endeavor to satisfy your curiosity as best I can.

The winter of 1907 was, according to the oldest settlers here, the coldest and the longest that they ever experienced, and as this unusual weather prevailed all over the world we cannot say that the West was worse off than other places. As far as the sleighing was concerned, it was excellent, especially in February, March and April.

Prospects looked pretty gloomy about the first of May, when there was still snow in places and no grain sown. The new emigrants coming in surely thought they had struck the North Pole that they had struck the North Pole that they had struck the North Pole. The old settlers here did not all put in the land they had ready when May began to fit by, and no prospects of getting crops in. The first wheat sown in this district was May 7. I got mine in the 22nd to 25th May, and it ripened fine. It was put in on stubble, and yielded 22 bushels to the acre, that weighed 62 pounds to the bushel. The barley was drilled on the 22nd of June, and still it ripened here, despite the cold, wet, miserable summer that we had.

You know, Roy, that I have always had great confidence in this country. When I first came here, before I had grown a thing, I wrote to the papers prophesying a great future for this country and this district. It was ten miles from a railway then. I have been here five years now, and have experienced, I think, about all the varieties of weather that the West can dish up, and I can now say candidly that so far as my experience has been, the weather is grand.

There have been good crops every year, but nothing gave me more faith in this country than the crops I had last year.

When potatoes, grain and vegetables are grown as were grown this past year

in the Battleford district, then I can say that the chances of the crop here are just as good as any place on the face of the earth where nature rules. I am sending you samples of the wheat and oats I had this year, and as to the potatoes, they were grand. I took second prize at the seed fair, and could have carried off first had it not been so cold and I had such a distance to go.

Ontario people will think that, as the Government has considered it necessary to supply the needy settlers with seed grain this year, that the Western provinces are not to be depended on. If they would take into consideration the fact that many parts of Ontario did not even grow fodder for their horses and cattle, they had severe frosts there in August, which did considerable damage to the crops. Again, the settlers in Ontario have been there a life time, and should be far better prepared to stand a bad season than the beginners here. I can hear some unfortunates in Ontario saying, "Why, the West could not even grow grain for seed this year."

In this they are greatly mistaken, for the West will expect many millions of bushels of wheat this year, as she has been doing for some years back. It is more owing to the widespread tightness of the money market that necessitated the Government's coming to the assistance of the settlers. Everything is cash now. It handicaps the struggling beginner, not giving him a chance to raise a crop to get on his feet. It is certainly a great blessing that the present scarcity of money did not strike this country in 1906, for then certainly would have been hard on many. As it was, nature has favored us with the grandest open winter that could be wished.

If the spring of 1908 opens early the immigration will still continue to increase and the West will see another record year in increase in population; more land will be opened up, more sod turned over, each centre will receive the share of settlers, and the town or city will grow as they have been growing in the past. The closeness of the money market stopped speculating, and caused a mild panic amongst holders of real estate, who had bought much on the first payment plan. It has done a great deal of good in getting this sub-division down to a reasonable, sensible basis. It has been over-

done in the past and has helped to shake the confidence of Easterners in all western speculation.

However, inside prosperity in any growing town along the main lines are as good as they ever were and offer opportunities for investment that are perfectly safe.

Can any reasonable man say that the growth of any of these centres that have been forging ahead is going to suddenly stop simply because of the present scarcity of money? In the past twelve years Hamilton has increased its population about 25 per cent., Edmonton 400 per cent., Montreal 33 per cent., Winnipeg 200 per cent., Toronto 30 per cent., Calgary 300 per cent., Ottawa 17 per cent., Saskatoon 5,000 per cent., Niagara Falls, 100 per cent., Regina 300 per cent. These are plain facts that ought to convince the most sceptic that the future of the west is assured. Three years ago North Battleford was not thought of; today it is a busy centre of 1,400 population. This spring they are erecting a large immigration hall there, and it is not to look at. It is to accommodate the great influx of new settlers that will make their distributing centre there. Many people on reaching North Battleford and taking a drive in the nearby country will wonder what keeps up the town when they see so much uncultivated land; but they do not take into consideration the fact that settlers come to North Battleford for supplies from 90 miles north. They are working now on a government trail from North Battleford to Green Lake, over 100 miles north of here. North Battleford will be a distributing centre for a good many years yet; when it ceases to be a centre for settlers to trek from it will have become a railroad centre of some importance.

Last spring when I was writing to you and the papers home I said nothing but a national calamity or war can stop the growth of North Battleford, and the consequent increase in the price of real estate. I believe so now, and have good grounds for my belief. The contemplated public works, if they had been carried out this past year, would have crippled any town with the money market of the world in the condition it was and is.

All these improvements will be carried out, and three years will see inside property commanding prices that will show great profits to those who hold or buy now. In my opinion there are better chances for investment now than there ever was, for snaps can be picked up that could not be looked at at the price last spring. The prospects of North Battleford, Winnipeg, and the entire west is better today than it ever was. Nothing can stem the tide that is flowing ever westward and northward.

It has stood and will stand all tests. Many think that the era of quick profits in real estate is past, but I do not think so, for if these towns continue to grow (what can prevent them?) then property will be in demand, and the owners will reap the benefits. You know what

North Battleford was like in 1905, Roy; well, if you come here now you wouldn't know the place. The first of the immigrants are beginning to arrive, for I met a couple the other day when in with a load of wheat, and they say that 1908 will witness the largest immigration from the Western States that has ever taken place. They are the settlers that show up this country to advantage. All old timers are looking for an early spring favorable for seeding. Let us hope there will be. Then the good crops that have been raised regularly for the years preceding 1907 will be raised again in 1908. The poor crop and the hard times of 1907 will be forgotten and the west will take on new life that will be healthy. The prosperity will be more real and substantial than in the past few years, the growth of towns will be permanent.

The Toronto Globe headed my letter last year "The Prophet who makes good," referring to my 1904 letters to that paper. My faith in this country agriculturally and commercially is as firm as ever. The only difference is that now I have better grounds for my predictions that the older districts will be filled up fast with new settlers who will buy the vacant land and settle to open up the land. There will be some big cities on the C. N. P. and the future will prove that I was right and a prophet is the word when I predict a good centre at North Battleford.

All it needs is for the residents of North Battleford to be optimists and keep up the work of keeping this town before the public that it will continue to a good distributing centre for intending settlers. The more people that get off the more chances for new lines seeking the freight and passenger business to this point. The North Saskatchewan country is practically untouched or untapped by railroads except the 60 odd miles between the Elbow and here. There is a vast area of first class agricultural and timber land north of here that is drawing hundreds of settlers and as the railroads followed us here after settling us here so will they follow the settlers going North and West.

There are only three places for these new lines to radiate from and North Battleford being the most central is the most logical starting point. Feeders will go out from Prince Albert and Edmonton but from here also.

Well, I have written a long letter and must close for this time. The weather has been cold lately but the roads good and altogether grand winter weather. All well here, cattle wintering fine, running loose. Your brother, Fred.

The writer of the above letter is a brother of Mr. Tobey, of the 2 T's, this city.

## TAPLETTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. I. Lounsbury, of Seneca, visited their daughter, Mrs. Roger Pottery, on Tuesday.

Mr. Joseph Armstrong is preparing to put a basement under his barns in the spring.

Mr. J. A. Springstead is busy assessing the Saulteaux Township on the mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Abram, Nelson, of Fulton West.

Mrs. R. Ptolemy was the guest on Monday of Miss Jessie Ptolemy, Evergreen Farm.

Miss Jessie Jamieson and sister, Mrs. M. A. Moffatt, were guests of Mrs. Addison Philip on Tuesday.

Sacramental service will be held in Saulteaux Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 1st, at 3 p. m.

Rev. S. H. Sarkisian was kept quite busy on Wednesday, the 19th, inst., at the manse, tying nuptial knots. The contracting parties were, Miss Nora Beare, of this place, and Mr. Oliphant, of Glanford; Miss Start and Mr. Young, of Binbrook; Miss Young and Mr. Young, also of Binbrook.

## ANCASTER

The Misses McCrimmon gave a delightful euchre party to their friends on Monday evening, the 21st inst., many defying the snow drifts which had held possession of the roads for weeks to be able to present.

There is a rumor that the Ancaster Hotel will be converted into a grist mill. Mr. C. H. Stuart, agent of the Bank of Hamilton here, has recovered from a serious attack of grip.

The new railway has not ceased to be a novelty, crowds going down daily shopping to the city.

Miss Ball, from Niagara, has purchased a lot on the Olmsted farm and intends building in the spring.

Wm. McConachie has rented the Grove farm.

A great quantity of stone has been quarried this winter, indicating extensive building operations for the summer. Prospects for a good yield of fruit are encouraging.

The annual report of the Dominion Coal Company asserts that the directors have obtained a favorable legal opinion of their case from several legal men of high standing, and intend to fight it out.

It's a good thing to keep your plans to yourself, unless you happen to be an architect.

CASTORIA.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Beware of cheap imitations.  
Signature of Dr. J. C. Atkinson