

The Theatre.

Our advice to those of our pleasure-seeking citizens who have not already visited this establishment is to go on the first opportunity. We had the satisfaction on Wednesday evening of witnessing Tom Taylor's great drama, "The Ticket-of-Leave Man," and the cast was peculiarly well adapted to that play. The character of Robert Brierly, by Mr. C. M. Walcot, jr., was sustained with that energy and decision so much required in a part of this stamp; and his whole acting throughout the piece was with ability. Mr. Metkiff gave an admirable rendition of James Downey, and went through the various changes of character with that versatile talent which he seems so largely possessed. The role of Jack Hawkshaw, by Mr. Meader, was creditable, and elicited much applause, especially in the last act. Meller Moss, by Mr. Mark Smith was given in that quiet, easy manner which distinguishes an actor who thoroughly understands his part. On Mrs. Walcot it is needless for us to comment, her reputation being so fully established in this city. We were glad to see the smiling face of Mrs. Marlowe once more on our boards, and think that her acting has vastly improved since we last had the pleasure of meeting her. Mrs. Grattan, as Mrs. Willoughby, was greeted with that enthusiasm so well deserved by her talented acting. In fact the whole play was performed with that ease and precision that would make it difficult for the most severe critic to find fault; and we are glad to say that the house was literally crowded to excess, and that the gentlemanly manager, Mr. Walcot, is reaping the harvest he so well merits.

Madame Diamond.

Now is the time for the leading politicians of Western Canada to take a peep at the future and learn something of the past through the mediumship of this celebrated clairvoyant, who is to be found at the Robinson House, Bay street. If rumor speak truth, this really wonderful woman is much needed in our midst at this peculiar juncture, inasmuch as she, through her extraordinary powers, is able to lay bare the motives which on both sides of the House superinduced the present coalition, and prompted Mr. Brown to fall in love with the Provincial Secretary. How delightful it would be through a channel so interesting to get a peep at Mr. Howland's system of financing or to inquire whether he demanded and obtained security for the honest performance of their duties from the host of Clear Grits to whom he intrusted the collection of enormous sums of monies on the York and Port Dover Roads. In addition, how we should like to know what became of the Port Credit cash-book that was left in charge of Mr. Thomas Worthington at Quebec; or where the bank deposit note and Receiver-General's certificate are secreted, if not destroyed, through the manipulation of which, both he and his upright colleague, Mr. Alfred Brunel sought to hide their criminal blundering and ruin an honest man. Would it not be delightful also to get at the basis upon which they founded the report regarding the Collector of Port

Credit, without looking carefully into his books or devoting a moment to the investigation of his case? All this would be interesting in the extreme, particularly touching the infamous and lying report in question. Certainly Mr. Galt might avail himself of the services of this distinguished lady, if it were but to aid him in bringing to speedy and condign punishment two corrupt men, who have been for some time arraigned before the Province as unworthy to hold any position whatever in connexion with this or any other Government.

But we suppose in all those cases we shall have to bide our time, and let their development take place through the ordinary channels. It is to be hoped, however, that the Minister of Finance may shortly take up this latter grievance and relieve the Customs of men who have long since lost the confidence of almost every officer connected with it, and who now stand charged before the world with acts of criminal partizanship the most glaring and iniquitous.

TO SIGHT SEERS.

Any person who can't spare time to go and see the Grand Trunk Rolling Mills at the Don, may step into the studio of Mr. William Armstrong, King street, where the whole concern can be seen in full blast on canvass, and executed in a style calculated to astonish the natives. In addition, if intending tourists happen to be prevented from paying a visit to the great lakes, and the hidden recesses of our mighty forests, they will find amongst the superb collection of this fine *artiste* every description of forest scenery and Indian life so exquisitely and truthfully depicted, that it requires no great stretch of the imagination to fancy ones self among the actual scenes represented. Verily, friend William, you are one in ten thousand.

City Council.

— It seems, while there was no quorum at the Council last Monday, that benevolent Mr. Sterling was found to have a show of some kind, even though it wasn't advertised. Consequently, he pitched into the Mayor for adjourning too hastily; then, of course, *she* got her tail up, and there was a pretty how do you do. The Mayor said Mr. S. should not dare to utter himself in *her* presence. Mr. S. said he would, and thus they kept at it until constables were sent for and quiet restored.

CAUGHT A TARTAR.

John Sandfield with his retrenchment policy made rather a slight mistake when he took the York Roads out of the hands of Mr. James Beaty. It is now ascertained beyond all doubt that since this hasty bit of plunder took place the roads have been sinking the country in debt daily, and had been literally going to the dogs until Mr. Cotton took them in hands. Although we are not over friendly to Cotton we are constrained to admit that such a man as he was required to put matters in trim, as he has instituted checks and a system of dealing with the toils likely to result in some change for the better. We hear our friend Cotton

has caught a certain functionary with something about \$2,000 in his hands which he refuses to disgorge. We think after all that the public would not have been much the loser had these roads still remained in the hands of that old sinner of the *Leader*. What now are we to do with them as no company or municipality in Upper Canada will touch them with even a ten foot pole? — See 1st page Grand Openation

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