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HAMILTON NEWS

KNOCKS FOR DICKENSON

The M. L. A. For South Wentworth Has Run Foul of Many of the Best Citizens.

CITY INSPECTION OF COW BYRES

Is What John is Trying to Upset, and the People Don't Like it—General News.

Hamilton, April 11.—(Special.)—John Dickenson, M.L.A. for South Wentworth, who has done well in the way of contracts with the city—having now the work for the extension of the filtering basins at the Beach—is just at present coming in for some hard knocks from the citizens for his action in regard to the inspection of cow byres. The inspectors of the City Board of Health have now power to examine the byres of those dealers who reside in the country and supply milk to the citizens. Mr. Dickenson, however, has fathered a bill to abolish the city inspection and allow the country dealers to sell milk in the city on certificates supplied by the township inspectors. This, in some instances, would mean, if the experience of the past counts for anything, no inspection at all.

The Board of Health had the bill under consideration at a special meeting this afternoon, and unanimously condemned it. It was decided to appoint Chairman Crooks, Joseph Kirkpatrick, R. Raycroft and the City Solicitor a deputation to unite with the Toronto board in protesting against the bill. If John Dickenson does not wish to sully the fame of his fair name he will withdraw the obnoxious measure.

JOHNSTONE HAS THE FLOOR.

Young Insurance Man in Hamilton Has a Lot of Explaining Ahead of Him Apparently.

Hamilton, April 11.—(Special.)—Lorne V. Johnstone, a bright young insurance agent, will have to do a lot of explaining in connection with some deals that have just come to light. He opened an insurance office at the corner of Catharine and King-streets, and got out printing, announcing that he represented the Ocean Accident Co., The Ontario Accident Co. and the International Registry Co., thru the Mutual Benefit Association. H. A. Martin has a bill against him of $34.50. On the strength of the companies he named the printing was obtained, and when the printers wrote to the companies they got replies repudiating any connection with Johnstone.

One of the features of the case is the fact that Johnstone himself got a policy printed—a thing which the companies themselves always attend to. One clause of this "health" policy provided that if the assured made payments for five years without claiming indemnity he would, at the end of that time, get a paid-up life policy.

John Crukshank Arrested.

John Crukshank, West Hunter-street, was arrested to-night by Detective Campbell. He is wanted in Trenton to answer to a charge of theft.

Minor Matters.

The ice in the bay is moving, and considerable damage has been done to docks and wharves.

Rev. Maurice Ruben and Rev. P. Siderski, who say they are converted Hebrews, have commenced a series of services in the Christians' Church.

George T. Tuckett will leave for Virginia and Kentucky on Saturday.

This afternoon the late Charles Donaldson, who met death at Welland Junction, was buried by Gore Lodge, A.O.U.W. Rev. Mr. Adams conducted the service.

P. C. Lowrie made a clever stop of a runaway horse on King-street this afternoon. It belonged to J. B. Ridge.

FAREWELL TO LOTHAR REINHARDT.

A Banquet Tendered to Him on His Leaving for Montreal to Take Charge There.

Someone once remarked that it was hard to part when friends were dear; it would cause a sigh, perhaps a tear. That well-known saying was most clearly exemplified last night at the reception tendered to Mr. Lothar Reinhardt, jr., prior to his leaving for Montreal to manage his father's business there; only there were no tears; on the contrary, hilarity and right royal good-fellowship were the characteristic features of the function. And what a time they did have, to be sure! Dull moments! Why there was not one of them, and the most unsociable and stoic sort of a chap was compelled to come out of his shell, and of necessity join in the pleasure that seemed to permeate the air and was fairly breathed in by one.

An Evening to Be Remembered.

Forsooth, it was an evening that will long be remembered, and Mr. Reinhardt, in whose honor the affair was given, must, indeed, be a proud young man; and no wonder, after the glowing tributes that were paid to him by his friends—friends that he himself declared had always been staunch and true.

And Such a Feast!

First, there was a banquet—just such a feast as warms a man's heart and makes him feel as if he did not have an enemy in the world, any barrier or reserve that may have existed in the early part of the evening was entirely dispelled by the good things that were provided for the delectation of those fortunate enough to be present. Supper disposed of—and that was quite a job, too—cigars were lighted, and—don't say a word!—a button or two was undone, and the party settled down and literally revelled in pleasure.

An Address Presented.

After such loyal toasts as "The Queen" and "Royal Family" had been duly honored, with all decorum, the most pleasing part of the program was reached, namely, the presentation of a beautiful illuminated address to Mr. Lothar Reinhardt by his hosts of friends. Mr. L. V. McBrady, secretary of the committee, presented the gift, and in a short speech he expressed fully the sentiments of all those present. The address was no mere fulsome panegyric, and it simply embodied the opinions of all who have come in contact with the recipient.

Mr. Reinhardt's Reply.

Rising to reply, Mr. Reinhardt was greeted with deafening cheers. He regretted, he said, that he was leaving Toronto to go to Montreal, but ambition would cover that, as he was going to manage an industry that would afford him ample opportunities for carrying out his ideas, and also would undoubtedly repay him for the efforts that he was determined to put forth.

Then Other Toasts.

Toast after toast followed in rapid succession, and the flattering compliments that were paid to the guest of the evening were enough to turn the head of the ordinary man, but he took them with becoming modesty.

Who Were There.

The chair was occupied by Mr. L. Cosgrave, and among those who spoke were: Messrs D Kelly, W Hawke, E Sullivan, F Armstrong, L Reinhardt, sr., Nerson, McGee, R Davies, jr., A Bolte, J Davies, A Dennis, Northcote, Hopkins, Freyseng, C Mead, J Miln, George J Foy, Thompson, Kemp, McCabe and others.

The musical part of the program was efficiently looked after by Bert Harvey, W. Harper, L. Reinhardt, sr., and, in fact, the whole gathering, because everyone joined in.

A few of those present were: A Bolte, H J P Good, L J Cosgrave, P Davey, Geo J Foy, W I Thompson, E Sullivan, J O'Neill, jr., H U Layton, H Moran, R Northcote, L V McBrady, F P Lee, C Campbell, James Grand, B Clarke, J Miln, W W Nerson, D D D'Arcy, C Hiland, A Dickson, J W Hurst, George McConnell.

Don't neglect a cold, for small beginnings have sometimes serious endings. Dailey's Syrup of Horehound and Elecampane is a sure cure for coughs and colds, no matter of how long standing.

DID GROUND SUICIDE?

Detective Davis Thinks He is in the Bay—Said to Have Been Straitened Financially.

Detective Davis, who was detailed to institute a search for John Ground, the missing Lansing farmer, has thus far made little headway in solving the mystery surrounding his sudden disappearance on Friday last. It is the belief, however, of the officer that Ground's body will be found in the bay. A man answering his description was seen sitting on a pile of lumber close to the waterfront on the day he disappeared. Ground, it is now stated by the police, was in straitened circumstances, and only a few weeks ago made a fruitless attempt to borrow money to tide him over his difficulties. A loan he had secured from a local hotel-keeper fell due a few weeks ago, and is still unpaid. Ground is also said to have told a salesman at J. A. Simmers' seed store on Friday last, when he refused to sell him his season's seed, that he would never see him again.

LACROIX ARRESTED.

Ex-Building Inspector of Montreal Charged With Stealing.

Montreal, April 11.—Ex-City Building Inspector Lacroix, who was forced to resign his position owing to grave charges that had been made against him, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of stealing money belonging to the city. He was released on bail.

"There will be matinee trotting and pacing races held at the Dufferin track to-morrow afternoon. The committee that have charge are T. O'Rourke, J. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, E. Jackson, J. Forbes and J. Ramsay.

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SLOW DAY AT LEGISLATURE

Members Took a Rest After Passing The Spanish River Pulp Company's Concessions.

SEVERAL DELEGATIONS THERE.

Opponents of Vaccination Make Objection to the Compulsory Law—Assembly Notes.

Yesterday's session of the Legislature was short and sweet, and adjourned without leaving any more definite impression with regard to the exact date of prorogation.

Mr. Gibson had the war correspondents added to his South African bill of rights of franchise in Ontario.

Mr. Tucker moved the second reading of his bill to have service of jurors' summonses made by registered letter.

Attorney-General Gibson did not consider such a mode of service safe. The bill went to the Legal Committee.

Mr. Lumsden moved the second reading of his bill to allow municipalities to aid or bonus abattoirs with reference to the people.

The Attorney-General and Mr. Whitney opposed the bill, which was thrown out.

A somewhat interesting discussion flew up on the discussion of Mr. Carpenter's fire escapes bill.

Mr. Gibson used as an argument against the bill the exactly identical argument which was used by the Opposition against the iron ladder escape, when it was made the law of the land. The Attorney-General said that license inspectors were now going around acting as agents of fire escape firms. When the ladder came into legal force the Opposition charged that it was pushed on by the license inspectors for a rake-off.

A number of unimportant bills were considered in committee.

Premier Ross' wolves bounty resolution was carried.

Sanitaria for Consumptives.

Mr. Stratton moved the second reading of his bill to provide provincial aid for the establishment of sanitaria for consumptives. The bill provides that a municipality or group of municipalities may establish a sanitarium. The fifth section of the bill provides that the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council may appropriate one-fifth of the cost of the erection of a sanitarium, provided that the grant to any one institution shall not be more than $4000. With regard to the cost of maintenance, $1.50 a week per patient shall be paid out of the municipal treasury and a like sum on the order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The bill was read a second time.

The Word "Limited."

Mr. Stratton moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Ontario Companies Act.

Mr. Foy urged some short provision regarding the use of the word "limited," about which there could be no mistake or misunderstanding.

Mr. Stratton agreed with him.

In supply, the estimates for maintenance and repair of Government and departmental buildings were passed. A sum of $5,000 was on the paper for an infirmary at London Asylum. Mr. Stratton explained that the total cost would be $30,000 or $40,000. This was a preliminary vote for a building that would accommodate 60 patients.

Premier Ross suggested adjournment of the House till Tuesday from 11 o'clock on Thursday night.

Mr. Whitney said he was only particular that important grants to corporations or railways should not be brought down in the dying hour of the session.

Premier Ross granted that by Tuesday next everything except the subsidies would be before the House.

Mr. Whitney said that was just the thing.

The House adjourned.

Opposed to Vaccination.

J. D. Nasmith, Dr. Sparrow, Dr. Hardy, Dr. E. K. Richardson, Dr. E. Lennox and others interviewed the Government yesterday with the view of securing the abolition of compulsory vaccination. Mr. A. Roy contended that vaccine poisoned the human system. It was the State support of vaccination that threw a glamor over the popular vision.

"Colossal medical delusion of the century" was Dr. Becker's characterization of the operation.

J. D. Nasmith and Dr. Sparrow recounted cases where vile diseases had been communicated to children by vaccine.

Premier Ross was uncommunicative.

Beet Sugar Bounty.

Edward Gurney, Hugh Blain, William Ince and E. A. Wills, on behalf of the Board of Trade, asked the Government yesterday to grant a bounty on beet sugar grown and manufactured in Ontario. They were modest in asking the Government to limit its bounty to $100,000 a year for five years. They had a graduated scale of protection for the manufacturers prepared, viz., 1st year 1c per lb., 2nd year ¾c, 3rd year ⅝c, 4th year ½c and 5th year ½c.

The Liberals are advancing so steadily on the road to protection that the Government was quite sympathetic.

Treatment of Inebriates.

Dr. Rosebrugh headed a deputation to the Government on the subject of the treatment of inebriates. The request was that casual drunks be placed under the eye of a probationer. The probationer would be paid by fines, and his job might be worth looking for. Where the probationer found that the drink habit amounted to a disease he would recommend hospital treatment. Able-bodied inebriates should be sent to prison and the feeble ones to the poor house. Such was the scheme. There was, of course, the request for a grant.

ASSEMBLY NOTES.

Brantford urged the Government yesterday to assist in the prevention of Grand River flooding. Premier Ross hadn't the sand for the work, but was willing enough to appoint a commission.

After putting thru a few unimportant bills yesterday the Private Bills Committee adjourned for want of a quorum. The Toronto bill concerning the Gas Company and the Laidlaw letters should be taken up this morning, and the other Toronto bill has been set down for Tuesday next.

The Barberry shrub bill went thru the special committee appointed to consider it yesterday.

Thomas Crawford has a bill to prohibit the operation of a liquor license within 500 yards of a public park.

Capt. John Simpson of Owen Sound yesterday told the Public Accounts Committee that the fishery boat "Gilphie" is unseaworthy. She might be worth $1100 or $1200. The Government paid $3250 for her. She could not make more than eight knots an hour. The committee broke up after a while for want of a quorum.

Don't neglect a cold, for small beginnings have sometimes serious endings. Dailey's Syrup of Horehound and Elecampane is a sure cure for coughs and colds, no matter of how long standing.

Erecting the Scaffold.

Workmen yesterday commenced the erection of the scaffold in the jail yard, which will be used to-morrow morning for the execution of Harry Williams, the murderer of John Edward Varcoe. It is the one on which Kane, the wife murderer, suffered the extreme penalty of the law some years ago. The instrument of death is of the drop pattern, with the trap door. Williams has not yet showed any signs of uneasiness nor has he mentioned the crime for which he will suffer the death penalty. Rev. A. H. Baldwin, who has faithfully attended to the prisoner's spiritual wants, will go to the jail early this evening and remain with Williams during his last hours on earth. Barrister T. C. Robinette, the prisoner's counsel, will pay the condemned a farewell visit this afternoon.

Paralysis from Coffee.

"Some time ago I had a shock of paralysis, which resulted from the continued use of coffee. Dizzy head and confused feelings were constantly with me. I was induced by a physician to leave off coffee and try Postum Food Coffee, with the result that I am now clearheaded and in perfect health." Mrs. F. E. Willoughby, Amherst Station, N.H. Made at the pure food factories of the Postum Cereal Co., Limited, Battle Creek, Mich.

SIR WILFRID'S FLAT DENIAL.

He Says the Statement That Major Drummond is to be G. O. C. Is Not Correct

CANADA CAN SUPPLY HORSES

Which Are Wanted in South Africa and This is Cabled to the Imperial Authorities.

Ottawa, April 11.—(Special.)—There was a slim attendance in the House this afternoon, and those present took more interest in tidying up their desks preparatory to taking vacation than in the routine business.

The bill to amend the Criminal Code, and the bill relating to the Admiralty Act, passed by the Senate, were read a first time.

Sir Wilfrid Denies it.

Sir Adolphe Caron asked the Government if it was true that Major Drummond, who is now on his way from Cape Town to Canada, is the new commandant of the Canadian Militia.

Sir Wilfrid in reply said: "The statement is not correct." As to the movements of Major Drummond, he said: "The Government has no information on the subject."

Canada Can Supply Horses.

To Dr. Sproule, Mr. Fisher said the Government had cabled the Imperial authorities that they could buy 35,000 horses, suitable for cavalry purposes in South Africa, in Canada instead of going to the United States, as it had been reported they intended to do.

Postage on Newspapers.

Postmaster-General Mulock, in answer to Mr. Bergeron, said that the amount of postage collected on newspapers from Jan. 1 to March 31, 1899, was $10,832; from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, $19,982.

The Postmaster-General said his report would be ready immediately after Easter.

Still Talking on Budget.

Mr. Moore continued his speech on the budget this afternoon and spoke till 5 o'clock, when John McMillan, M.P., adjourned the debate, which will be taken up after Easter.

Coal Oil Consumers' Grievances.

The chief part of Mr. Moore's speech was on coal oil consumers' grievances regarding discrimination in freight rates in favor of the Standard Oil Trust. Mr. Moore said that a large dealer in Montreal was prepared, if the Government took off the duty on coal oil, to bring the oil into this country by means of tank vessels and eschew the American railroads. The Government took action to remove the discrimination in freight rates, the same man said he would deliver oil to Canadian consumers at from 10 to 12 cents a gallon, a saving of 12 cents. This would mean a saving to Canadians annually of $200,000.

The Standard Octopus.

He dealt fully with the Standard Oil Trust, showing how it had monopolized the coal oil trade, so as to set their own price on oil. By their action they had raised the price of oil six cents, putting $1,200,000 in the pockets of millionaire combiners in the United States and taking it out of the poor consumer in Canada. He charged the Government with aiding and abetting this nefarious work.

Bills Moved Up.

When Mr. Moore had finished, the bill respecting the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories was read a third time.

A bill to preserve privileges to the militia force on active service in the Northwest Territories was read a third time, and the bill regarding ticket-of-leave moved up a step.

Abuse of Franking Privilege.

After the recess the House engaged in a lengthy discussion of the franking privilege. The Opposition complained of the work of Hon. E. J. Davis of Ontario in sending out thousands of circulars containing a speech made by Hon. George W. Ross before the House met. It was contended that only official documents could be sent out by Ministers when the House was not in session, and that speeches made before the House had assembled could not be franked. Both sides of the question were gone into, but no conclusion reached.

On the Estimates.

The House then went into Supply on the estimates.

Sir Louis Davies' estimates of the maintenance of lighthouses were vigorously discussed by the Opposition, who are resolved this year that no increases in expenditure will be made with their consent. After three hours' wrangling a total of $620,310 was passed, which represented an increase of $83,300.

The House adjourned at 12.10 a.m.

VIEWS OF SENATOR PROWSE

On the Question of Government Ownership of Railroads and Other Matters.

ALL EYES WILL BE ON MANITOBA

If Hugh John Makes a Success of it it Will Be a Live Political Issue.

Winnipeg, April 11.—(Special.)—The Legislature to-day voted $150,000 to defray current expenses, and will adjourn to-morrow until May 7, to give the farmer-members a chance to do their seeding.

Government Ownership.

Senator S. Prowse of Murray Harbor, P.E.I., is here. He says the stand which Manitoba has taken on the railway question has attracted general attention, and its progress in this respect will be closely watched. Moreover, should Manitoba make a success of Government ownership of roads, the question will certainly become one of prime import throut the whole Dominion, and will be the critical issue in Federal politics. Not only will the building of all new lines by the Government be considered, but with it will come the problem of buying up existing roads. Personally he would be in favor of removing the railways from the control of either party, by placing them under the sole direction of an independent commission of say five members of undoubted honesty and efficiency. This would remove the railways from the region of party politics and overcome the two chief objections to Government ownership, which is, that a railway with its thousands of employes dependent upon a particular party, is too powerful a lever to place in the hands of a government.

There is a general feeling in the East that if Hon. Mr. Macdonald proves himself a successful administrator in Manitoba he will be the recognized leader of the Conservative party to succeed Sir Charles Tupper. His experiments in Government ownership are being carefully watched.

Cut in Price of Gas.

The Winnipeg Electric Street Railway Company announces that from May 1 the price of gas will be reduced to $2 per 1000 feet, with a discount of 7½ per cent. for prompt payment of account, making the cost $1.85 net, and will make further reductions as the consumption of gas increases.

G.T.R. SWITCHMAN KILLED.

A Misstep Led to the Instant Death of Fred Barche.

Brantford Expositor: A very sad fatality occurred in the Grand Trunk freight yards this morning at 3 o'clock, when Fred Barche, a switchman, was killed by falling to catch a moving car. It is supposed that he stood on the freight shed platform and waited for a car to be shunted down the track. It came along moving at a good rate, and he attempted to board it in order to control its speed. The platform is about four feet high and about two feet from the side of a passing car. Barche missed his hold and was thrown violently against the rail, striking it with his head. The back of his head was deeply cut by the violence of the impact. No other injury mark was found on the body.

Deceased was about 21 years of age, and had been working in the yards for about a year, but had only been regularly employed for six months. He was held in high esteem.

Deceased leaves a father and two married sisters, both of whom live in the city.

At the annual meeting of the Halifax Wanderers on April 10 it was decided to drop out of the Canadian Cricket Association, as that club consider that the association favor Torontonians too much.

NEWS OF THE STAGE AND PLATFORM

The Clever "Telephone Girl."

For cleverness of comedians and beauty of singers, "The Telephone Girl," which will be presented here with all its original sprightliness on April 16 at the Grand, has no superior on the stage of the period. Doubtless there are thousands of people who have seen it from two to four times, which is proof positive of its immense popularity. This season the cast is, if possible, improved. The best members of the old organization remain, and the newcomers are said to be superior to their predecessors. The success of the play in every large city last and the previous season was simply phenomenal. The press everywhere teemed with laudatory notices, and "The Telephone Girl" was universally hailed as the legitimate successor of her pretty sister, "The Belle of New York."

The Greatest of Magicians.

The wonderful entertainments for which "The Herrmanns," the famous family of magicians, are noted, have never failed to entertain audiences in Toronto. When it was announced that the last and only Herrmann now before the public, Leon Herrmann, "the Great," was to appear at the Toronto Opera House, the treasurer of the Adelaide-street theatre found a heavy demand for seats for every performance next week, including the Easter matinee. The patrons of magic in Toronto feel assured that they will witness an entertainment in every way up to the highest standards of magic and mystery. Leon Herrmann is in many respects the most remarkable of that famous family. His father, Karl Herrmann, took him when 8 years of age to train, and kept him until he was 20 traveling the world over. At that age, 20 years, he entered the French army, according to the laws of France. He left the army at the age of 24, having attained the rank of sergeant and also the cross of the Legion of Honor, awarded for saving the life of a French official in China. After this he began to perform in Paris, where he had a long and extended run for months, and speedily became the idol of the Parisian public. From this on his fame was assured. He performed in all Europe, Asia and Egypt. Everywhere his work was known for its originality. He performed before the Czar of Russia and the Sultan of Turkey. He astounded the latter by several sensational feats of legerdemain, and received from him as a token a magnificent gold watch, suitably engraved, in memory of the occasion. Leon Herrmann came to America four years ago, and is now on his fourth annual tour of this country. His program the present season is said to abound in novelties never before seen here, and to surpass all previous efforts in that line.

"The Plunger" Next Week.

"Across the Continent," with Oliver Doud Byron in the principal character, has made such a hit at the Princess Theatre this week that Mr. Byron has been re-engaged for one week more, and he will present his very latest success, "The Plunger," which is a new and thoroly up-to-date comedy drama, full of interest and far greater than any of the other Byron plays. Mr. Byron will be seen in "The Plunger" in a role which is a distinct comedy characterization, and which suits him admirably. The play will be staged in a gorgeous manner, and Manager Cummings says it will be one of the most expensive productions ever seen at the Princess. The scene is the elevated railroad station in New York, where the strong climax of the play occurs, is said to be one of the strongest to be found in any production. "The Plunger" will be carefully cast, and will doubtless please large audiences. A great presentation is promised.

This is a Splendid Attraction.

"Chris and the Wonderful Lamp," which is the attraction at the Grand Opera House this week, is one of the brightest, cleanest and most attractive shows which have been seen in Toronto for a very long time. As a spectacle it takes rank with the best of its predecessors, for it is really grandly staged and the superb features of the performance which are so often exhibited entitle it to grand patronage from any audience that enjoys a good representation of fun and pleasing scenes, as well as a lot of delightful music. The chorus is young and beautiful. The comedians are funny and original. The singing is bright and entertaining, and the staging is simply wonderful. Chris and the Wonderful Lamp' will be here all week.

"The Festival of the Lilies."

Easter Monday is always looked forward to by thousands because of the "Festival of the Lilies," an annual entertainment given under the auspices of the Methodist Social Union. This year the program is exceedingly interesting and attractive.

Eight hundred children, under the direction of Mr. A. T. Cringan, assisted by Mrs. H. B. Somers and Mrs. Mabel Bastedo-Mills, and accompanied by the band of the Royal Grenadiers, will render a miscellaneous program, followed by a cantata representing Canada's relation to the British Empire, and illustrated by companies of various regiments comprising our country's contingent to South Africa.

On Monday morning when the plan was opened there was a rush for reserved seats, and before Tuesday evening lotted for such had to be enlarged. The space allo- It is advisable to secure seats at once, as no doubt Massey Hall will be crowded on Monday evening.

Sale for Grossmith.

Mr. George Grossmith will appear at Massey Music Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, the 17th and 18th of April. The balance of the nights of that week will be taken up with engagements in the other chief Canadian cities. The sale of seats will open at Massey Hall to-day. Mr. Grossmith is noted for his sparkling wit, his quaint and engaging manner, his brilliance and acuteness of observation, and his unique gifts as a musician. The he does not pose as a pianist, and does everything in a spirit of raillery, it is probable that the average man picks up more of musical principles from him than he would from a score of critical lectures.

Reilly & Woods Next Week.

Reilly & Woods' show, which will come to Shea's Theatre next week, is said to be the largest traveling vaudeville company in the world.

The fact that there are 12 acts on the bill, many of which never have been seen here, means that it is the largest traveling combination Mr. Shea has played. Cinderella, a beautiful spectacle in colored moving pictures, is one of the features of the bill. Wartenburg Brothers, marvelous gymnasts; the wonderful vitagraph; Marshall & Darling, in a sister act; the Man in the Moon Girls; Howe, Wall and Walters, musical comedians; the Brothers Johnston, in their darling bicycle act; Elliott & Aleene, acrobatic novelties; Meeker-Baker trio; Bessie Lamb & Co.; Jennings and Alto; Lettie, Ben Larney & Kid; Pat Reilly and Frank Bryan, and the funny afterpiece, "One Flight Down," complete a remarkable list of vaudeville talent.

Robert Milliard & Co. are presenting a splendid vaudeville sketch at Shea's this week.

Melba Has Been Divorced.

New York, April 11.—A special to The World from Galveston, Texas, says:

Quietly and without even the judge who tried the case knowing the identity of the defendant, a divorce has been granted in the Tenth District Court here to Charles N. F. Armstrong from Nellie Armstrong, better known to the world as Melba. Armstrong is a son of Sir Andrew Armstrong, Bart, M.P., and Lady Frances Fullerton Armstrong of King's County, Ireland. The petition for a divorce was filed Dec. 12, 1899. It being impossible to get service on Melba, citation was by publication. From the papers in the case, it is shown that Mr. Armstrong was married to Nellie Armstrong in Australia in December, 1882, that they have one child, a boy, now about 16 years old, and that they lived together as husband and wife until 1894, when the defendant, without cause, left him.

Judge Stewart, in dissolving the marriage, gives the care, custody and control of the child to the father.

Pianola and Orchestrelle Recital.

The third recital held on above instruments yesterday afternoon at Mason & Risch's warerooms afforded a most enjoyable hour to the large audience who were present. Programs, such as yesterday's, embracing the works of such composers as Auber, Liszt, Rossini, Suppe and Gottschalk and interpreted as done by Mr. Corcliugley with his instruments are making these Wednesday afternoon recitals more and more popular.

MR. LUMSDEN WAS AMAZED

When He Heard Pleading That a Proper Fender Could Not Be Got For Street Cars.

HE INSTANCED THE ONES AT OTTAWA

Which Would Pick Up an Alderman as Well as a Horse—Hill Wins on Cent Rate.

"I am amazed when I come to Toronto," said Mr. Lumsden of Ottawa, before the Railway Committee of the Legislature yesterday. "I am amazed when I hear the representatives of the city and others, before this committee, pleading that it is impossible to have a proper fender on the street cars, because cattle and hogs are allowed to run on the streets. Well, I have seen the Toronto street car fender and in my opinion they have no fender on the street cars in Toronto at all."

Mr. Hill's Bill.

Mr. Hill's bill to amend the Street Railway Act was before the committee. The principal provision of the bill is that all motor cars must have a suitable life-saving fender, to be approved by the engineer of the Public Works Department.

Another provision in the bill names a passenger rate of two cents per mile.

Magnates and Their Employes.

The room was crowded with street railway magnates and the employes of street railway magnates. There were Manager Keating and City Crown Attorney Curry, with a host of others.

The fender question was first taken up.

Mr. Lumsden said there was no excuse for the lack of an efficient fender. The fender used in Ottawa dropped upon the track when the motorman discerned danger, and rolled upon the track irrespective of the motion of the car.

"I have seen it pick up an ex-alderman," said Mr. Lumsden, "and I have seen it pick up a horse."

The look upon the faces of all present showed that no fender could be more severely tested.

Fought 2-Cent Rate.

Mr. Barwick, for the Metropolitan Street Railway, said his company would adopt any fender which the municipalities became responsible for. The committee saw the difficulty and thought the engineer of the Public Works Department a reasonable and impartial authority on fenders.

Mr. Barwick fought the clause fixing the passenger rate at five cents for the first three miles, and two cents a mile beyond that. The Metropolitan, he said, had sold its bonds on the three cent fare basis.

But Hill is a Fighter.

Mr. Hill was in a fighting mood and gave away not an inch of ground.

Mr. Bicknell said the provision would hinder the extension of the Mimico and Scarboro lines.

Mr. Barwick said the suburban lines run to feed the Toronto Street Railway.

Mr. Hill wondered why the roads were in business.

And Hill Wins Out.

The committee, impressed by his stand, decided in favor of a two cent a mile rate. The vote was 10 to 6. Night fares will be regarded in the bill. A schedule of fares must be posted in the cars.

Mr. Drayton of the city of Toronto submitted a clause, penalizing companies for neglecting guard wires and fenders. Fines of $100 and $10 were suggested.

The committee declined to accept these conditions, which will again come up in another place for the city of Toronto.

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Mr. Wilson Wants Information.

Ottawa, April 11.—Mr. Wilson (Napanee) will bring up the expenditure on the Paris Exposition buildings by a series of questions in the House on Tuesday.

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A CONSTITUTIONAL POINT

Is Raised in Connection With the Charters of Large Companies Recently Incorporated.

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For Yards and Railway Switches to Under the Railway Act? A Serious Question.

Ottawa, April 11.—(Special.)—Before the Private Bills Committee to-day, the Canadian Steel Company's bill came up for consideration. The bill was reported, except two clauses.

Mr. D'Arcy Scott of Ottawa explained that the promoters were Americans, who had proposed to establish a large industry at Lockport, N.Y., but who were induced by the Canadian bounties to locate at Welland, where the Ontario and Quebec ores would meet the American coal and natural gas, and the Niagara power could be utilized. The proposed capital of the company was to be $18,000,000.

Constitutional Point.

An important constitutional point was raised in connection with the charters of a number of large companies recently incorporated. In the Hamilton Nickel-Steel Company's bill there is a clause giving them power to expropriate land for yards and railway switches to railways not more than three miles distant by applying the expropriation clauses of the Railway Act to this company.

Sir Louis Davies and other lawyers present took the position that this was not constitutional, as these clauses could only apply if the railway was for the general advantage of the public of Canada.

Companies Would Be Victimized.

Mr. Patterson, manager of the company, and Mr. Wood, M.P., held that if they were not allowed to expropriate lands for the purposes mentioned, they would be very badly victimized with regard to the yards of the company, as some of the land required was held by the owners as high as $11,000 an acre, and the difference between the price by expropriation and bargain would be $1,000,000, and might put an end to the company's scheme.

Bill Stands Over.

Sir Louis asked that the bill stand over in order that the Justice Department might be consulted as to the constitutionality of bringing it under the Railway Act.

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