

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Earl Grey Competition

The executive committee of the Earl Grey Musical and Dramatic Trophy competition have selected the test pieces for the musical contest at Montreal in April. The pieces must be selected as follows: One for each chorus. For mixed chorus: 1. "Wings of a Dove," by Howard Brockway; op. 24 (Schirmer). 2. Elgar's Challenge of Thor (Neville). For women's chorus: 1. "In Winter," by Kremer (Schirmer). For women's chorus: 1. "The Sleeping Beauty," by Felix Woyrach (Novello). For full orchestra, Mendelssohn's Beethoven Overture. For string orchestra, Massenet's "Dream of the Virgin."

Premier on Suffrage

At a meeting of the Ottawa W.C.T.U. a letter was read from Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the woman's suffrage question, which has been discussed here a good deal lately. Some time ago the premier, along with others, was asked if he would support woman suffrage. His letter, while not committing him one way or the other, intimates that this question is one for provincial legislatures to deal with before being considered by the Dominion Government.

Don't Want Women Workers

A committee of women of Havana are circulating a petition for presentation to Governor Magoon of Cuba, requesting that he issue a decree forbidding the employment of women in the government offices. The petition declares that such employment is degrading to women, and demands that all the places now filled by women be given to men having families dependent upon them.

RECEIVING TO-DAY.

Mrs. Alex. Purse and Mrs. F. Otway White, 13 Ord-street.
Mrs. Charles E. Brown and Miss Grover, 193 East Gerrard-street.

In Society.

The monthly meeting of the Toronto General Hospital Maternal Association will be held in the lecture-room of the Toronto General Hospital to-day at 3 p.m. A large attendance is expected. Mrs. Nelson will address the members on the subject of the association held in Washington. During the evening year meetings of the association will be held on the first Wednesday of every month.

Mrs. Adam Gourlay, Brunswick-avenue, is with Mrs. McDowell, 170 West Bloor-street, for the winter, and will receive on the second Friday of each month.

Jarvis Collegiate ex-pupils purpose holding their annual at home and dance on Friday evening next.

Mrs. Gibson, Government House, will receive on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 6 o'clock, and not again until Jan. 14.

The Royal Grenadiers' Chapter, I.O. D.E., intend holding a Christmas tree on Dec. 30 in the sergeants' mess-room.

The annual at home of St. Andrew's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will be held in the Temple building on Jan. 12.

The Toronto Skating Club will hold its first regular meeting this evening.

Why Business Men Should Take Bovril.

Herbert Spencer, the eminent English philosopher, found that without meat the brain was neither so able, so active, nor so clear as with it.

Meat contains the specific elements which feed the brain centres and give mental power and stamina.

But, without sufficient physical exercise, the waste tissue matter of the meat clogs the system, sooner or later upsets the digestion and makes the brain dull and drowsy.

In BOVRIL all the valuable qualities of Beef that give power, clearness and stamina to the brain are retained, and all the waste matter eliminated.

Try a cup of BOVRIL bouillon and some BOVRIL sandwiches for lunch. The feeling of freshness and vigor, that such a diet gives, is conclusive evidence that BOVRIL meets all the demands of brain and body.

Give this lunch a trial and note the difference in your mental and physical condition.

THE WORLD COUPON

Will obtain the best Reserved Seat for a Lady at the Matinee Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday Afternoon.

10c

Majestic Theatre

FIRST SYMPHONY CONCERT AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

Large Audience in Massey Hall Delighted With Orchestra and Mme Gadsdi.

By Dr. J. D. Logan.

Tribute From Mme. Gadsdi.

"It would be unfair of me to give my opinion of your orchestra when I have heard so little of their work, but after my rehearsal for the Tannhauser last night I was surprised to hear that this is such a young organization. Everything was played so smoothly that the idea never occurred to me. As the development of music is progressing so rapidly in this country, and as the organization of orchestras is one of the greatest steps that civilization has taken, I wish you the best of success, and hope that you will not only maintain your own organization, but in time establish your own opera as the European cities of this size have."

Two stars shone brilliantly last night in the musical firmament in Massey Hall, namely, Frank S. Weisman and Mme. Gadsdi.

The event marked the first appearance of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra since its organization on an independent basis. It is now supported by public subscriptions, is part of Toronto's permanent musical functions, and in its first concert under the new organization proved itself a band of professional musicians of which any large city might justly be proud.

As for the concert itself, whether we think of the band or of the soloist Mme. Gadsdi, it was worthy of the epithets applied discriminately by the large audience present. On all sides were heard such encomiums as "splendid," "beautiful," "a decided success," a credit to our city. Naturally the people went forth to hear the orchestra primarily, although Mme. Gadsdi also a big drawing card. The program which the orchestra played was one that taxed all its powers, but the band was splendidly equal to all the exigencies. It must have been the psychological temperature of the auditors that made the band appear not quite at its best in Weber's Eurydice Overture. At any rate the first violin section did not seem to play with fluency. But the wood-wind and horns were excellent, some fault might be found with the

MONTREAL CIVIC SCANDAL.

Alderman Sara Building Was Made to Pay Grant.

MONTREAL, Dec. 8.—Another civic scandal is alleged by Ald. Robinson, who will present documents to the city council to show that a new fire and police station in the east end, specified to cost \$28,800, has been constructed so that one-fifth of the value was actually paid. It is said that the purchase of the land, and was continued in the construction. The building is said to lack the specified width and height, and galvanized iron was used in place of stone.

CHURCH UNION CONFERENCE

Outcome of Four Years' Work Two New Canadian Bodies.

After four years of meetings and adjournments, the church union committee of the several denominations will convene here again to-day to exchange notes. That organic union is immediately possible, no responsible church authority admits. The organs of the churches point out that the future progress of the movement is a matter for earnest prayer. While organic church union has remained in the air during the five years of its discussion, organic union for civic purposes has been accomplished. This has notably been the case in the formation and work of the Canadian Council of the Laymen's movement for missions, and the establishment of the Dominion council of moral and social reforms.

Another One. DRAYTON, Dec. 8.—Jos. Cook, hotel-keeper at Glen Allen, will be tried to-day on Friday for alleged offence of selling liquor without a license. It will be a second offence. The case was set for a fortnight ago, but Cook was absent.



FRANK WEISMAN, Conductor Toronto Symphony

flautists who do not seem to understand the difference obtained by "breathing" into the flute instead of "blowing" into it. The orchestra, however, found itself in Schubert's Symphony in B Minor. It is not too much to say that in such general qualities as good tone, attack, nuancing and balance, the orchestra attained a high standard in the playing of this composition. The cellos and basses were particularly effective, especially in outlining the themes and in tone color. In the latter quality the band were positively enhancing in the way they expressed the poetic beauty of the lovely second movement (Andante) of this symphony. And the only fault the band seemed to exhibit was a lack of unanimity in the few measures after each attack.

The Vespers to the 3rd act of Kistler's "Kunhild" the themes of which are exceedingly melodious, did not tax the powers of the band, but it made plain the fact that the cellos and wood sections of the orchestra are, as they say in athletics, in the "pink of condition," trained thoroughly. As a composition Saint-Saens' "Danse Macabre" is a disappointing piece of delineative music. The subject is not inviting, and the programmatic schedule is too obvious, having precisely the kind of descriptive value one would expect from a composition of the same kind by Sousa. However, the orchestra brought out all that was in it, musically and plianly.

The band closed its part of the program with Berlioz's celebrated "Rakoczy March" from the "Damnation of Faust," and here Mr. Weisman's musicians showed off brilliantly their splendid powers in instrumental coloring.

In the writer's opinion Mr. Weisman is to be congratulated for two excellent qualities his band possesses. They have not got the big tone which one hears from the New York and Chicago orchestras. But the Toronto Symphony Orchestra does have fine general intonation, particularly in attack, so that, balance and nuancing, and also what appears to the writer to be its forte, namely, excellent tone-coloring.

PREVENT TAKING COLD

When you come home shivering and cold, wet, take a little in your throat—take a stiff dose of Nerville in hot water. Rub Nerville over your throat and chest as well. This prevents a chill and checks the cold instantly. Just as safe with the child as with the doctor, so keep it handy. For nearly fifty years Nerville has been universally sold in large 25c bottles.

Holiday Sale

I-3 to I-2 Off Regular Prices of Suits, Coats, and Waists

To the public the desirable feature of this sale is that it means reductions on the best and highest class of ready-to-wear garments that can be bought. And every price-advantage we advertise is absolutely genuine. Our present stock comprises fresh and smart styles that cannot be duplicated in Canada, and all bear the unmistakable stamp of Fairweather individuality.

SUITS

Strictly tailored, velvet and button trimmed, semi-fitting, in ladies' cloth, plain and stripe effects, in blue black only. Regular \$25.00, for... **14.50**

Strictly tailored, broadcloth and fine serge coating; blue, brown, grey, green, and black. Regular up to \$40.00, for... **21.75**

COATS

Strictly tailored, tight, semi, and loose backs; fine jerseys, chevrons, and covert cloth, in black, blue, grey, green, tan, etc. Regular \$20.00, for... **15.00**

Rich Velours, of special quality, loose and semi-back style, silk embroidered, 3/4 length, lined with fine satins. Regular up to \$55.00, for... **39.50**

Satin Coats, 3/4 length, Empire style, rich satin, embroidered silk and guipure braid; folds self; ornamental loops, buttons, etc.; lined with cream satin. Regular up to \$75.00, for... **57.50**

WAISTS

Chiffon, in mauve, pale blue, and pink silk; embroidered and trimmed with lace and insertion. Regular \$18.50, for... **14.50**

New styles in fine Net Waists, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, chiffon, and insertion; colors cerise and white. Regular \$3.00, for... **4.75**

DRESSES

Semi-Princess style, soft finish Panama, trimmed with hand-made crochet, net yoke and tucked sleeves. Regular \$25.00, for... **16.50**

J. W. T. Fairweather & Co.
84 and 86 Yonge Street



CASE FOR THE RAILWAYS

has not yet been announced. The railways are presenting their arguments against the scheme in the hope that Chairman Mabee will finally settle the proceedings without prejudice to their appeal.

There was quite an array of legal talent around the tables, including: For the City of Toronto—J. S. Purton, corporation counsel; W. C. Chisholm, city solicitor. For the Grand Trunk Railway—G. F. Shepley, K.C.; V. H. Baggart, K.C.; M. J. W. Cowan, K.C. For the Canadian Pacific Railway—George T. Blackstock, K.C.; A. T. Creelman, K.C.; and Angus MacArthur. For the board of trade—H. L. Drayton, K.C. For property owners in the Esplanade favorable to the viaduct—H. H. Dewar, K.C. For property owners opposed to the viaduct—Hamilton Cassels, K.C. For the Police Iron Works—James Bain, K.C. For George Peers—A. J. Russell Snow, K.C. For the Consumers' Gas Company—J. T. W. Lee. Among the railway men present were E. H. Fitzhugh, third vice-president of the G.T.R.; Mr. Brownie, general superintendent G.T.R.; Messrs. McNicoll, general manager, and J. W. Leonard, superintendent of the C.P.R. J. Harvey Hall was present in behalf of the railway employees in case their interests should be in any way concerned.

Mr. Fullerton put in figures to show the growth of the city's population from 1824 to 1884 to 1905, and called witnesses to testify with respect to the conditions of the waterfront prior to the construction of the viaduct.

Engineer Kelly of the G.T.R. told Mr. Shepley that the railway thought they had solved the difficulty in a system of proposed overhead bridges similar to the one at York-street. But when taken into consideration the streets west of Bathurst-street, which he believed was not a bone of contention, he argued that the ability to receive and unload freight on the level respecting the vessels was in favor of retaining the tracks in grade.

His objections to the city's viaduct scheme was that it would necessitate a depression and narrowing of many streets at points where they passed under the structure. He did not think the city's engineers had allowed for heavy enough loads in many cases, and that they were deplorably shy on their calculations for a foundation, for which piles driven to the rock were proposed.

The result of borings on the site had convinced him that the nature of the soil was such that it would be displaced by heavy, continuous pressure from above. In certain places where the city proposed to dispense with retaining walls, and allow merely for a dump, there were houses whose sides would be crushed in. He thought on the whole that 1500 feet of retaining

125 MILES IN A ROWBOAT

REMARKABLE STORY FROM MISSION CITY

Mr. John R. Wren, late Reeve of Mission City, B.C., is now 66 years of age and tells the following remarkable story: "Some years ago I was given up by the doctors. I was so weak I could not walk across the floor, and was patiently waiting for death. I had paid as much as \$25 a visit for a specialist who said I could not get relief. In this condition I sent for a sample of PSYCHINE. The first night PSYCHINE gave relief. The bleeding of the lungs ceased and in three weeks I was able to walk three miles before 7 o'clock a.m. and take the oversight of a score of men." This was in 1894, just 14 years ago. Since that time Mr. J. Wren has been Reeve of Mission City, and on August 17th, 1905, wrote: "I am now in my 66th year and weigh 296 pounds and do considerable business. Last week I travelled 125 miles in a row boat and slept every night, and feel no bad effects from it. I owe this new lease of life to Dr. T. A. Slocum and his remedies."

No wonder Mr. Wren is grateful for PSYCHINE for it transformed him from a weakling into a sturdy, hardy man and this at a time of life when most people are expecting the reverse. PSYCHINE is a wonderful Tonic and Life Giver. Living witnesses prove this statement for PSYCHINE cures are permanent. THERE IS LIFE IN EVERY DOSE. We want you to test its power and send for a trial bottle at our expense. Mail coupon to Dr. T. A. Slocum, Limited, Spadina Avenue, Toronto. PSYCHINE is sold by all druggists and stores at 50c and \$1.00 a bottle.

Don't Miss This! Only \$2.10 Buffalo and... Tickets good going by C.P.R. express at 9.30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12th, returning all trains until and on following Monday. Fast time and splendid coaches. Buy your ticket at the C.P.R. King and Yonge-street office.

No Commission Just Now. ALBANY, Dec. 8.—Gov. Hughes of New York recently deemed it advisable to appoint a commission to investigate life insurance, but will consider any amendments submitted to the present act.

WILL FIGHT THE DUTCH. CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 4.—Via Willenstad, Curacao, Dec. 8.—The government has resolved to fire on the first Dutch warship that commits an unfriendly act, and the beginnings of what may develop into a strong movement against President Castro have been noticed.

It was learned here to-day that President Castro recently closed negotiations for the purchase in Germany of three gunboats.

Don't Miss This! Only \$2.10 Buffalo and... Tickets good going by C.P.R. express at 9.30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12th, returning all trains until and on following Monday. Fast time and splendid coaches. Buy your ticket at the C.P.R. King and Yonge-street office.

No Commission Just Now. ALBANY, Dec. 8.—Gov. Hughes of New York recently deemed it advisable to appoint a commission to investigate life insurance, but will consider any amendments submitted to the present act.

WILL FIGHT THE DUTCH. CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 4.—Via Willenstad, Curacao, Dec. 8.—The government has resolved to fire on the first Dutch warship that commits an unfriendly act, and the beginnings of what may develop into a strong movement against President Castro have been noticed.

It was learned here to-day that President Castro recently closed negotiations for the purchase in Germany of three gunboats.

Don't Miss This! Only \$2.10 Buffalo and... Tickets good going by C.P.R. express at 9.30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12th, returning all trains until and on following Monday. Fast time and splendid coaches. Buy your ticket at the C.P.R. King and Yonge-street office.

No Commission Just Now. ALBANY, Dec. 8.—Gov. Hughes of New York recently deemed it advisable to appoint a commission to investigate life insurance, but will consider any amendments submitted to the present act.

WILL FIGHT THE DUTCH. CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 4.—Via Willenstad, Curacao, Dec. 8.—The government has resolved to fire on the first Dutch warship that commits an unfriendly act, and the beginnings of what may develop into a strong movement against President Castro have been noticed.

It was learned here to-day that President Castro recently closed negotiations for the purchase in Germany of three gunboats.

Don't Miss This! Only \$2.10 Buffalo and... Tickets good going by C.P.R. express at 9.30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12th, returning all trains until and on following Monday. Fast time and splendid coaches. Buy your ticket at the C.P.R. King and Yonge-street office.

No Commission Just Now. ALBANY, Dec. 8.—Gov. Hughes of New York recently deemed it advisable to appoint a commission to investigate life insurance, but will consider any amendments submitted to the present act.

WILL FIGHT THE DUTCH. CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 4.—Via Willenstad, Curacao, Dec. 8.—The government has resolved to fire on the first Dutch warship that commits an unfriendly act, and the beginnings of what may develop into a strong movement against President Castro have been noticed.

It was learned here to-day that President Castro recently closed negotiations for the purchase in Germany of three gunboats.