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CITY MALE QUARTETTE CONCERT-GREAT SUCCESS.

The large attendance at the first annual concert of the Brandon City Male Quartette certainly showed their delight and appreciation of the musical programme presented last night, by encoring every number, and in some cases insisting on the return of the artists two and three times. That great things were expected was evidenced from the first, and that the quartette fully maintained the reputation they have been acquiring since their inception, was acknowledged by all.

Another point that made the concert notable was the first public appearance of the newly-founded Gleu Club, and considering the short time they have been practicing their singing was certainly good, and reflected great praise on their conductor, Prof. A. F. Thornborough. Their "attack" was splendid and their only weakness was in the crescendo and diminuendo passages, which were somewhat wanting in smoothness and finish. Madame Bottomley, a stranger to Brandon and not often found, was perhaps the hit of the evening; her beautiful soprano voice, especially in the higher notes, and her clear enunciation delighted everyone. Her rendering of Tosti's "Goodbye," an encore, being especially fine, and brought out her fine voice to perfection. Two readings, "In the Witch's Cavern," and "A Country Visit," evidenced the fact that Miss Gertrude Trotter, A.T.C.M., as a reciter, is above the average, possessing great histrionic ability, and a versatility that is not often found. Her powers, if anything, lie more in tragedy than comedy.

The appearance of Messrs. H. W. Thornborough, H. B. O. Phillips, J. B. Niel and J. R. Hall—the Brandon male quartette—was the signal for an outburst of applause, which was fully justified by the masterly manner in which they handled their numbers on the program. From pianissimo to double-forte the relative strengths of the different voices were admirably kept, and nothing of sweetness of tone was lost. Perhaps the tone balance was better shown in Dudley Black's setting of Annie Laurie than in anything else the quartette sang. This number called for a double encore, to which the quartette generously responded with two delightful little catch sketches, "The Teacher" and "Two Flies."

"Treador's Love Song" proved that J. R. Hall is a dramatic baritone of no mean ability, and his encore showed the wonderful compass of his voice. H. B. O. Phillips' sweet tenor delighted his audience, who insisted on an encore. Prof. A. F. Thornborough, an old favorite, as usual, brought down the house. Mr. J. T. Hicks' cello playing was delightful and deserved the encores it received.

Two hours and a half of thoroughly good music, extremely well rendered, crowned the initial concert of the male quartette with well deserved success, and the opinion generally expressed was that these concerts should be given oftener. The piano used was a Heintzman, kindly loaned by the J. J. H. McLean Co., Ltd.

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EMPIRE THEATRE---TONIGHT

MINISTER'S WIFE DEFENDS HER ACT

Mrs. Mabel Clarkson Returns After Fight with "Gentleman Burglar."

Chicago, Apr. 1.—Mrs. Mabel Clarkson, wife of the Rev. Nestor Clarkson, a Chicago missionary, who ran away with Owen Conn, a burglar under arrest in San Francisco, arrived in Chicago to seek a reconciliation with her husband.

Mrs. Clarkson had been arrested Friday by the police of Milwaukee. She was released Saturday morning when the authorities learned the San Francisco police have no intention of prosecuting her. A telegram had been sent to Chicago asking her husband to meet her at the railway station. He was not there when she got off the train.

Mrs. Clarkson is a willing and bright talker. She smiles occasionally in spite of her declaration that she was downcast, destitute and nervous about her future.

"It was not the missionary work that caused my husband and me to drift apart," said Mrs. Clarkson. "Those who say that I made the work distasteful to my husband tell an untruth. Why, I worked with him for two years. It is not true that I did not want him to become a missionary. I loved the work, though I was not as devout as he was. I was so interested in missionary work that I designed the uniform that my husband's missionaries are wearing. But, after all, I was a woman, and I loved pretty things."

"I have sinned grievously and realize the wrong that I have done my husband. At the same time, I do not feel that I was very unreasonable in my desires. Our quarrels generally resulted from trivial things. Once or twice I took one of the children to a nickel show and my husband raved about it."

"The real trouble, however, broke two years ago, when Mr. Clarkson went to camp meeting and did not take me with him. Do you think that I could have been opposed to his religious work when I felt so badly about not being invited to the camp meeting? It was terribly hard for me to sit alone at home. Although the children were with me I feel that my husband did not think enough of me to take me with him. I felt that he preferred the society of other people."

FURS FOR NEXT YEAR TO BE MUCH MORE COSTLY.

Sale in London Shows Increase; Skunk Now More Popular.

London, Apr. 1.—Furs will be much dearer next year. A sale in London shows that all furs are selling at from 20 to 50 percent higher than they did last year.

The sale had an unusually large attendance, the buyers numbering more than 200 and representing every country of Europe as well as the United States. The demand for furs has increased by leaps and bounds, while the supplies have been rapidly diminishing, as was prophesied. China and Africa now remain the only place which had not developed fur skins and there is a likelihood that the next few years will see several novelties.

Russia Gets The Best

As usual the highest priced furs are going to Russia. One of the features of the sale here was 500 sea otters, which probably will be the last consignment for several years, as they will now be placed on the prohibited list to prevent their extermination. All brought extremely high prices.

One skin sold for the record price of \$2,300 going to Russia. This skin will be used only for making coat collars. Only about five are obtainable from the skin. The price works out at \$410 for the rough material, but a single skin by the time it reaches the wearer is likely to cost \$1,000.

1,500,000 Skunk Skins Sold

Silver foxes were 50 per cent. higher than last year. One brought \$1,750.

Blue foxes established a new record, one fetching \$145.

One feature of the sale was the increasing popularity of the Algerian skunk. A million and a half skins were offered and they were eagerly taken.

The only skin which showed a decline was the lynx, which was 40 per cent cheaper than it was a year ago, but the buyers are agreed that last year's price for lynx was unjustifiably high.

PLANS MADE FOR BRISTOL SHOW.

London, Apr. 1.—The monthly meeting of the council of the Royal Agricultural Society was held recently and reports were read regarding the arrangements for the society's show at Bristol. A letter was read from the board of agriculture stating with reference to a resolution recently passed by the society that the board were endeavoring to obtain from colonial and foreign governments more favorable treatment in connection with the exportation of British stock.

COOPERATIVE BUYING TAKES ROOT IN EGYPT

Shubra el Naima Village Society Exemplifies Success Attained and Functions Performed.

Cairo, Egypt, April 1.—A recent report of the annual meeting of a village cooperative society shows that notable changes are beginning where least expected. There are five such societies in Egypt, established during the past few years, through the persuasive efforts of the late Omar Bey Loufi, a progressive and public spirited Egyptian. The history of the society now under notice will show what a useful function it performs.

Shubra el Naima is a large village of 6,000 inhabitants in the center of the delta. In 1910 96 "fellahs" or peasant farmers of this village, contributed an average of £3.75 apiece to start the society, the shares being only 25 pence. The law permitting the formation of these societies enables them to borrow from the National Bank of Egypt at 6 per cent, the extent of the borrowing power depending on the capital of the society. In the present case the limit is £10,000, but in other cases it is as much as £25,000. At starting the capital was £1,238. After a year the number of shareholders had risen to 170 and the capital to £4,400, and after two years there are 241 members and £5,250 capital.

Hitherto the purchases have been confined to farming necessities, the dealings of the past year being in cotton seed, beans, agricultural implements and a boiler. At the annual meeting, however, it was decided to extend the operation to cover household requisites as well as possible. The profits have to be applied in the following proportions: 30 per cent to the reserve fund, 30 per cent to shareholders in proportion to their holdings; 30 per cent to shareholders in proportion to the amount of their purchases; 10 per cent to advertising the cooperative system. The meeting was very harmonious, cheerful and successful.

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MORGANATIC WEDDING OF A ROYAL PRINCE.

Will Marry Daughter of Chief Forester: Divorce For Another Prince

Muenster, Westphalia, Mar. 31.—Wealthy Westphalian society, the most exclusive in Germany, is much perturbed over a royal morganatic wedding and a simultaneous royal morganatic divorce. Just as Prince George of Sayn-Wittgenstein had arranged to marry the daughter of his brother's chief forester, another Westphalian prince, Eberwyn of Bentheim and Stein furt, married a burgher's pretty daughter in London six years ago, was arranging to get a divorce.

The Sayn-Wittgenstein case is highly romantic. The prince's elder and younger brothers are unmarried and are reported to be women haters of the most pronounced kind. Prince August, the head of the house, lives in almost hermetic retirement, while the younger brother, William, will not appear in any society where women are present. Prince George met the forester's daughter accidentally about a year ago, while attending the fortnightly forester's beer evening in the little country town of Laasphe near his elder brother's estate. Since then he has regularly attended the evenings somewhat to the discomfort

of the rest of the gathering, but much to the delight of Chief Forester Rahm, who soon perceived that the prince came on the chance of meeting his pretty daughter Marie.

Now the bans have been published and Marie Rahm will wed in the spring. Prince August, as the head of the house, raised no objection and is reported will endeavor to legalize Marie Rahm as a princess in order that her children may maintain titles.

Prince Eberwyn's married life, it is asserted, has been very unhappy and gossip declares that the fault is not on the Prince's side. The girl had little or no dowry, while for her sake the prince renounced all claims to the rich Bentheim property and title. Now his wife, who was Fraulein Buckesrover, demands \$50,000 to release the prince.

Old Prince Bentheim has maintained Prince Eberwyn and his five-year-old daughter, who will live with the Bentheims, but her father has arranged to take a ranch in California after the divorce, with a young American friend.

AMERICAN NAVAL STORES TRUST QUILTS BUSINESS.

Washington, Mar. 31.—Announcement has just been made at Savannah that the American Naval Stores company has suspended operations. The company is being prosecuted by the government for violations of the Sherman law.

It said its credit was impaired by prosecutions in United States courts as a naval stores "trust." A meeting of its creditors was called for April 21.

E. S. Nash, president of the company, is in Europe.

NETHERLANDS CONSTITUTION BILL DISAPPOINTS PEOPLE

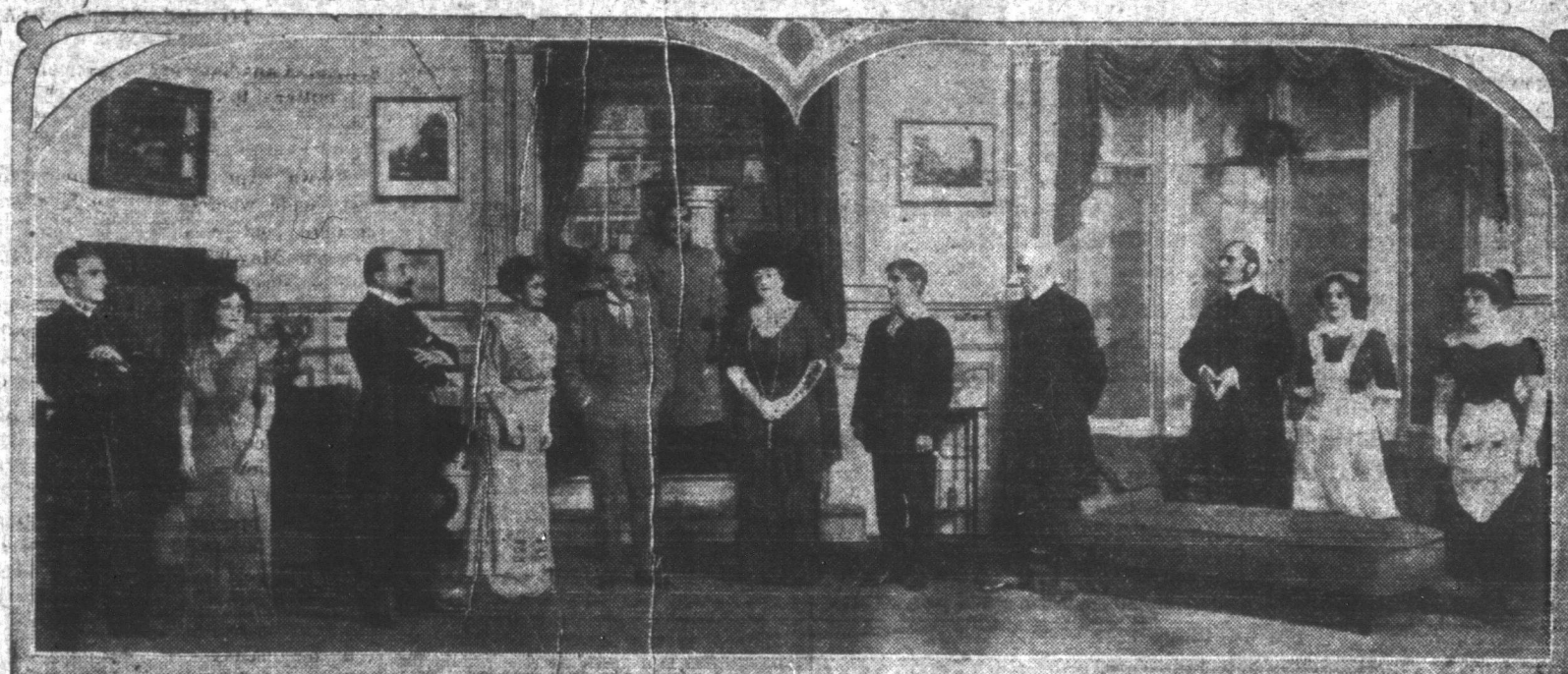
Amsterdam, Holland, Apr. 1.—Great disappointment is being felt and expressed at the nature of the bill for the alteration of the constitution which has been introduced into the States General. The purpose of the bill, it was supposed, was to have increased the liberty of the people, but as it now stands, it will have a diametrically opposite effect. The power of the crown will be increased and the upper chamber will have the power which it has never possessed, to return a bill to the lower chamber for amendment.

With regard to the suffrage question the bill gives the franchise to every head of a household above 25 years of age and to every person of the male sex enjoying "a certain amount of independence," a phrase susceptible of almost any interpretation. Woman suffrage is absolutely rejected.

The tendency of the clauses dealing with education is to give the preference to denominational and private schools to the detriment of the state schools which have been up till now in the ascendant.

RACES OPEN AT JAMESTOWN.

Norfolk, Va., Apr. 1.—The season of racing in the East was inaugurated here today, when the gates at the Jamestown Jockey Club's track were opened for the annual spring meeting. The meeting will continue until April 17. The stables are filled with some of the best thoroughbreds in the country and a successful meet is predicted.



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