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| INLAND REVENUE RETURNS |  |
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TALES OF THE TOWN.


IF there is one,daily paper in Cana. da more than another that I lik: 10 read it is the Manituba Free Press. This great d sseminator of news and moulder of public opinion always contains something of more than ordinary inte rest. While Liberal in politics, the Free Press mott emphatically refuses to blindly follow the dictates of any party, and expresses itself freely on every subject. In discussing the wonderful change that ras laken place within the past few months with regard to the McKinley Bill, the Free Press says that a great many people predicted that this legislation would demoralize the Canadian export, of butter and iggs, and the ruin of those farmers who make their living, or part of their living, by the sale of these articles. The great Bill became law ; the duty on butter was raised frum four to six cents, and eggs, formerly free, were taxtd five cents a dozen. The elections followed shortly afterward, and th: pesple with their markets apparently cut off dreaded the Spring, and annexation was the subject of the hour.

It is curious to sit down and review all that was written and said lust March abjut trade and politics. A few people declared that Canadian trade with Great Britain would increase ; others laughed at them, maintaining that all Canadian butter was indifierent, that eggs could not be profitably shipped to Great Britain, because the journey was too long for them to be delivered fresh enough, and the sea was too rough for safe transport. If any man had stood up and said that this trade would be actually benefitted by our tem-
porary and enforced scverance from American markets, and that tarmers would obtain higher prices than formerly, his prophecy would have been greeted with scorn and derisijn, and yet for the whole season from the upening of Spring to the beginning of Winter, prices tor butter and eggs have been better than tor years.

The little island that is such a great market took all wecould produce, paidus better prices than we uned to obtain in the South, and the statistics of our export trade show an enormous increase in these two articles. It is true there is a decrease in the export of Canadian cheese, but that is not because we could not sell it, but from our own fault in not having made much of it. The effect of this great increase in export has been naturally an enormors decrease in stocks held at home, and to the shortness of stock we owe the good prices now ruling.

Perhaps the young men who are banding themselves into societies for spreading the annexation scheme are all professional men who want to talk business instead of following their protessions. Pussibly they just want to practise talking for want of other practice. It seems pretty certain that they have not tried to find out whether Canadian enmmerce is independent of the United States, and with the fear of the ignerant they are scheming how they may give Canada away, instead of exercising their brains on the problem, how she may govern herself.

And this leads me to the subject I discussed last week, viz, the legal profession. The "great unbriefed," who, in this city, are more numerous than violinists in Hades, are ever waiting an opportunity to demonstrate what they know about conducting the affairs of a nation. And they are not at all particular about the manner in which they accomplish this object. They would just as leave disseminate dangerous and treasonable doctrines as not, and yet I must speak of them as if they were moulded from a different clay than myself. I am told that I cannot "hire" them ; I must "employ" them.

I am not of the opinion that more brain power is required for the practice of law than would secure success in

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trade, mechanics or agriculture. The error is only ton common that a boy who is not possessed of erough mental calibre for a profession, will do well enough for a shopkeeper, tradesman or farmer. Nor do I wish to convey the impression that dull boys at school need never hope to rise even if they fail ir: a profession. Sir Walter Scott was a dull boy at school, was apprenticed to the study of the law, but made such , poor headway in acquiring legal knowledge that he was compelled to give it up to make a reputatinn in another sphere, such as no man in the ordinary practice of law ever attained

Pecuniary success is not the only nor even the first consideration which should decide the choosing of a life's work. Many other avocations have a wider :cope of usetulness and require more $b$ ain power than the unraveling of legal technicalities or the putting the most favorable censtruction on a very doubtful plea. Many successful lawyers would make but very indifferent mercuants, tradesmen or tarmers, and from this very cause there are those of the latter who would make good law. yers and be no loss to their present callings.

While it is true that such names as Biackstone, Hale, Bentham or Lincoln shed a lustre, not only on their profession but on their race, yet the boy, who shows no talent for acquiring knowledge, for putting his thoughts into words for argument for conversation, is much more likely to succeed, if his energies be directed some other way. Over crowding will probably meet him let his choice be what it will, but he will be happier as a poor farmer or tradesman than suffering the miseries of the " shabby genteel," trying to keep up the appearances of a large income without the income.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox is probably the greatest champion of her sex on this continent. There is much about Mrs. Wilcox to be admired, but I do not like her everlasting and repeated attempts at blackening the character of the male sex in order to accomplish her object. For instance, she says that it is the mistake of a lifetime to give a man any liberty which you would not want known, and to expect him to keep the matter secret. Now this is all right,
no woman should permit a man to take any liberties wi'h her, whether or not he would take advantage of her momentary weakness and afterwards subject her to exposure. I believe that it is only the exceptional man who will bide the indiscretion of a young girl whom he believes spoke or acied from ignorance. The average man, in the highest the same as the lowest walks of life, boasts of his suciesses with foolish women, and the rendezvous, the letter, the embrace or the souvenir which she has given him, thinking it will never be known to others than themselves, is shortly the matter of $g$ ssip among a dozen peoplc.

Women hide their secrets far better than men do. They fear the censure of the world too much to share their errors or indiscretions with confidante. But men are almost invariably vain and proud of their conquests, and relate their achievements with the fair sex to one or two admiring riends. They may not use names, but let the_incidents once be to'd, it is an easy matter to discover the personages if one is at all curious to do so. Women, however, should know that the best way to keep men from betraying their indiscretions is not to commit them.

It is quite true that a few generations ago, young men and young women were not left alone the way they are nowadays. Young persons who were supposed to be "courting," as it is called, always met in the presence of their elders, and expressed sentiments of esteem with regard $t$ ) one another in well chosen and appropriate language. There was none of the ostentatious kissing and embracing so prevalent at present, nor was there allowed any of the exaggerated language of affection which is now thought-neces-sary-in fact, "courtship" was regarded as a serious prelude to the most solemn and momentous undertaking in life, and the contracting parties acted in accordance with this notion.

If this custom was still adhered to, there would be less unhappy marriages and consequently less need for divorce legislation. This reminds me that divorces are becoming quite common in this beautiful city of Victoria. During the week, I have heard of at least three cases in which the aid of the law was to
be invoked to sever the divine tie consummated at the matrimonial altar; and, just as I write, I learn of a fourth one, in which all part.es interested belong to the " upper ten." A friend of mine suggests the query, "Will society ostracise the male delinquent as it shoul J?


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THE MOCK PARLIAMENT.
The division or the reply to the Speech from the Throne has taken place, and has resulted in the Government being sustzined by the narrow majority of three votes. The last Monday night sitting was noteworthy, from the fact that the leaders of the

the leader of the government to the LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

Gcvernment and the Opposition first crossed swords. The speech of the leader of the Opposition was "truly loyal," while that of the Government leader was intended to prove that the Liberal people were just as loyal, although they did not talk so much about it.

Rev. Mr. Townsend, pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church, Spring Ridge, has decided to return to England, his health being sufficiently restored. The rev. gentleman has made many friends during his stay here, who will regret his departure from among them.
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[The Home Journvil would be pleased to recelve the dates of parties and the names of persons attending social gatherings. To insure publication, this information would have to reach this offlice not later than Thursday noon.]

$S$OCIETY matters have been rather dull this week. However, there have been two or three events of more than ordinary interest.

The ladies and gentlemen belonging to Young Ladics' Institute, No. 33, and Seghers Council, No. 85, Y. M. I., will hold an entertainment at the Victoria Theatre on the 28 th inst. The proceeds will be devoted to purchasing a rew organ for St. Andrew's Cathedral. Mr. Mellon is in charge of the amateurs, and will introduce for the first time in Victoria the farce "My Wife's Second Floor" and Buckstone's Irish drama, "Presumptive Evidence" or "Murder Will O'it." Reserved seats can be had at Waitt \& Co's store.

A number of Victoria ladies gave a ball to their gentlemen friends, last Thursdaynight, at Harmony Hall. Mrs. W Smith, Mrs. J. B. Jones and Mrs. Shewan were the committee who had the matter in charge, and the manner in which the arrangements were carried out left nothing to be desired. These ladies issued invitations to a number of lady friends, who in turn invited the gentlemen. The programime was composed of 24 numbers, with the usual extras. The music was excellent, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

At the meeting of the St. Andrews Young People's Association next Tuesday evening, Rev. P. McF. McLeod will deliver a lecture entitled "That Young Man." Owing to the well known ability of the lecturer, and the attractive nature of the subject, a large attendance is anticipated.

The Young Men's Christian Association has been presented ;with a fine piano by Mr. John Robson.

Senator MoInnes lectured, Wednesday evening, in the Gorge Road

| Methodist Church, on "Italy and Her | TOMBS OF ROMEO AND JULIET. |
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Next Monday night, the annual dinner of the Law Society will be held. Great preparations are being made for the affair, the matter being in the hands of Messrs. Helmcken, Bodwell and Eberts. The judges will be entertained and invitations have been extended to the whole Bar of the province, and also to all barristers and solicitors of good standing at present in. British Columbia, whether members of the society or not.
The members of the Y. M. I. will give an "At Home" at Harmony Hall, on the evening of Monday Jan. 18. Special arrangements in the direction of securing a pleasant time are being made, and doubtless all who attend will enjoy themselves. The entertainments of the Y.M.I. are deservedly popular.

A concert and a lecture illustrated with lime light views of India, will be given in St. John's schoolroom, Herald street, on Tuesday the roth, at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. An elegant programme has been arranged by the most talented vocalists of the city, under the auspices of the Cnurch of England Young Men's Guild.

The Comus Club will give one of their enjoyable at homes in Harmony Hall on Tuesday evening.

A practice of the Toy Symphony was held last Tuesday evening, at the Roc abella. It will be repeated at an early date in the Victoria Theatre, with the object of raising funds to buy a piano tor the Jubilee Hospital.

It is reported that the classes of young ladies practising calisthenics under the direction of Miss Beeton and Mrs. W. Marvin, will give a public exhibition in the Victoria Theatre at the close of the season.

A very pleasant reception was given in the St. James' Cnurch schoolroom, last Wednesday evening.

There will be a grand concert in the Christ Church Cathedral schoolroom on Wednesday evening, the 2oth inst., with the ubject of raising funds to buld an addition to the schoolroom.

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Those who take an interest in the true and tragic history of "The Lovers of Verona," whose lamentable fortunes have been immortalized by Shakespeare will no doubt be glad to learn some particulars regarding their tombs, especially that of Juliet. In 1888 M. Victorin Joncieres, the distinguished composer and musical critic, paid a visit to Verona, and he states that the tomb of Romeo's sweetheart, which is at the end of a garden in the old cloister of the Franciscan convent at that place, is absolutely in ruins. Above it, in a kind of niche in the garden wall, which is of brick, is a basketful of decayed and weather-stained visiting cards. Hanging on the wall near by the niche is a wreath with a card attached bearing the name of "Mme. Talbot Shakespeare," whom M. Joncieres puts down as a descendant of the Bard of Avon. On the wall to the left is a portrait of Friar Lawrence. Romeo is buried at Mantua, and it is said that his tomb is in a much better state of preservation than that of his lady-love. It is to be hoped that persons who take an interest in historic Italian monuments will see to it that the memory of these two famous lovers is forever kept green.-St. Louis Republic.

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JOHN HALL, M. D.
Dr. Hall is an Englishman, and was born at Lincoln during the month of April, 1817. He attended the different institutions of learning at the latter cits, until he arrived at the age of twentytwo, when he moved to the United States, where he entered the Western Homœpathic Medical College, Clevelaind, Ohio. After several gears spent in diligent study at this great school, he graduated in 1859 , receiving the degree of M. D. He remained in Cleveland for about cne year after graduating and then remqved to Toronto, where he at once began active prastice. He very soon succeeded in establishing himself in the favor of the people of Toronto, who were quick to recognize in this young man a person of no ordinary ability, and in a short time had built up a large and constantly increasing practice. His practice was among the better class of peop'e and very remunerative. He believed firmly in the principles of homœpathy, and practised strictly on the basis of that school of of medicine. He remained in Toronto for thirty years, administering relief to an extremely large circle of patients with such success that during the latter years of his residence there he had the largest medical practice in the city. He was one of the most prominent and respected citizens of Toronto.

Dr. Hall was one of the members of the first Board of Homoopathic Medical Examiners of Ontario, and Sir Francis Von Head, at that time lieu-tenant-governor of that province, presented him with a diploma, He also holds diplomas from the On tario School of Medicine and the tamous International Hahnemannian Medical Association, which practises the true principles of homœopathy. He is also an honorary member of the Lippe Medical Association of Philadelphia.

Dr. Hall is a man who, it may be said, bas made the science of medicine a life study. Since his arrival here he has been very successful, and counts among his patients some of the most influential people of Victoria. He is a man of deep learning, fully abreast of the times, broad in his views on all subjects, and a thorough and polished

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Upon the outbreak of the Indian rebellion in 1885 Dr. Duncan volunteered as a surgeon, and went to the front, being assigned to the staff of General Sir F. Middleton. After the

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suppression of the rebelion Surgeon Duncan served as medical cfficer to "A" Battery, R. C. A, until the departure of the corps from the Northwest He served in this capacity for about one year, and at the expiraticn of that time came to Victoria, where, after a year's rustication at Comox, awaiting the organization of " $C$ " Battery, $h$ : began the active practice of medicine in this city, taking the place of Dr. A. McSwain, at that time a widely known physician of the province.
Upon the organization and arrival of "C" Battery, in Victoria, Dr. Duncan was appointed surgenn.
For some time past he has been associated in private practice with Dr. I. W. Powell, long one of the leading physicians of the province.
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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.


THE character of the people composing it, makes the character of the State. Human weakness ever has, refuge in hiding even from itself an unpl asant truth. Human fully, forgetful that wrongdoing incurs its own punishment as effect follows cause, seeks to escape the imputations of its own error in disguising it; true character under the friendly shelter of a smooth-sounding name. That human needs can only be supplied through human exer-tion-that nature yields for man's support only in response to man's toil of body or brain-that the element of most value in human character is use-fulness-is the condition of an eternal law the fulfilment of the divine prediction, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread all the days of thy life.'

If our conduct, individual or natural, is not founded in righteousness, the sophistry of concealment is powerless to ward off its consequences We may speak of a thief by a softer name, or resort to the fig-leaf device of biding the operations of a gambler by calling him a speculator; and the designing and unihinking alike lose sight of the true character of these offences under the cloak we thus give them, but the consequences of the theft or the evils of the gambling remain the same. The essential element that constitutes theft is
that it takes by stealth or cunning that which is the rightful possession of another; and is not that which constitutes gambling the effort to-secure accumulation without returning an equivalent? That these things may be accomplished under the forms of law or with the sanction of authority in religion, makes no difference.

The right of the individual to the possession of his own person and powers of bodv and mind, and as it must fo low to the poss ssion and dis posal of their full fruits, existed prior to the formation of any state or the enactment of any human law, and are not derived from the state or the law, or dependent for their existence on either. Nor can they rightfully be revoked or denied by religious authority or establishment, however eminent or venerated among men. The things which are taken, or the agencies used for their taking, matters not so long as the, transaction contains the essential elements of gambling or theft. It is not necessary that men to gamble should sit down in a low den to a gaming table and shuffle cards, or that to steal they should, in the absence of the man to whom they belong, and without his consent, enter his premises and carry off his goods.

We speak of the man who appropriates to himself directly the tools or the goods which a fellow-worknan buys with his wages for his own use as a low thief. Yet we look up to others who do precisely the same thing by other meth: ods and compliment them as successful men. We call the men who possesses himself the labor of a workman without returning him an equivalent in wages as a swindler or a cheat, and yet tc many who take from him his earnings atter he has got them on the same conditions, because of his accumulations it this way we accord the first place in our society. That such men make liberal gifts for the support of charities or of churches does not give them any better title to wealth unjustly gathered, or undo the evils that come upon those who have been deprived of the just rewards of their toil to build it up.

It will not do to say in defence of such a social arrangement that "the things that be are ordained of God." It they work injustice, it is the clearest
evidence that though He permits them they are not of His, institution, and such a detence does not make the deprivation less real or easier to bear for those who suffer it. And our system of taxation, which places a premium upon gambling in land values, brings aoout just this condition of injustice and iuequality. It gives to idleness, to cunning, to deception, the comforts and luxuries of life, the benefits of education and position, the respect of organized society, by enabling it to appropriate to itself the products of industry, which it condemns to toil, to pinching economy, to a lack of educational advantages and social standing.

Two illustrate: Two men, attracted by the advantages which Victoria offers for the building up of a home, arrive here almost on the same day, and with a capital each of about a thousand dollars. No. I goes to work at fair wages. No. 2 dces something quite different. He buys him an acre of land at a thousand dollars, pays one-third down, balance in six and twelve months at 8 per cent. interest. He divides into six lots, gets himself a licence, an office, and an easy chair, and smilingly awaits customers for his property or other business in the way of administering oaths. No. I concludes to make his home here, and for the purpose of buying a lot to put up a house on for his family, drops into the office of No. 2. He buys a lot at $\$ 500$, pays one-third down, which you will see is the exact amount paid or promised for it by No. 2, and gives a mortgage for the balance of capital sum, with all expenses added, together with interest at 8 per cent.

No. 2 has held this land less than six months. He has never turned a sod on it, or added in any way to its value ; but by this arrangement he, gets into a position to appropriate to his own use from the industry of No. 1 an amount twice as great as the original cost of the land $t$, himself. But this is not the end ot the injustice. No. I spends the rest of his capital and applies his labor to build his house; which increases the value of the remaining five lots still in No. 2's hands usually far out of proportion to the amount for which they are assessed, and at the same time his own liability to taxation to the full amount of his improvement. No. x; struggling with his mortgage, must practice the


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most rigid eeonomy, must deny himself many comforts and his family everything beyond bare necesitities. He must pay out his surples which otherwise he would have against lack of employment or ill-health ; must take his boys from school to put them to work before he otherwise would; must, rise early and go to bed tired; and when he rides home at night on di car from his work, he is to be found, dinner-pail in hand, hiding his dejected, tattered appearance on the platforms ; while No. 2, well dressed and with comfortable bank mocount, sits inside and exchanges recognitions with wealth and respectability.

No. I sometimes attends Victoria's big stone church, where he hears the Gospel interlarded with eloquent appeals for money to pay for the costly structure. He is told that this is God's house and money is urgently needed to pay for it, that God has immensely b'essed the people of Victoria, and as a consequence real estate has greatly appreciated. He is given an instance of devotion to religious duty (which is held up to him as a pattern to follow) of how such a man as No. 2 contributed to the building of God's house an amount equal to a couple of such mortgages as are the cause of his own lack of funds.

As he feels in his pocket for a nickel or a two-bit contribution, he is con scious of a sense of shame, not unmixed with indignation. He would like to do what is right. If he does not give liberally, it is not becausee he wishes to escape responsibility or duty, but bečause his necessities prevent him. Although he does not fully understand the far-reaching consequences of that which causes his disadvantages, he fasls there is an injustice in subjecting his donation to a comparison with that of those who profit by them. He has been taught that things as they are are of God's institution, that they are right, and must so continue ; but he cannot see their wisdom or justice in his own experience, and his mind turns to doubt.

He feels that if God planned this real estate business and created and distributed its blessings, that he and a good many more must have been left out in the calculation or only exist in it for the
especial benefit of such men as Na. 2. He fecle his own helplessness to applya remedy, although convinced that there should be one, and clearly seen thit the eloquent preacher carefully avoids the discussion of the whicle suibject. Is it any wonder that he begiis to doubt the genuineness of this timid and mercenary religion that turns a deaf ear to the cry from human life that is being crushed to devote itself to the task of building monvments in stone to the generosity of men who profit by the process that be is almost led to doubt even the existence of God Himself.

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WE are right in the midst of a colit snap here-snow on the ground-windows frozen up; so that shop-keepers fuel quite apathetic as to the dressing and arranging of the same-sleigh-bells jingling everywhere, - mingled with the rumbling of the wheeled conveyances.

Everyone and everything seems to have taken on winter wraps. Furs, furs, everywhere ; but fur boas do not seem to be in at all this season, while feather-boas-coque feathers and peacock feathers are among the handsomest and most expensive things shown. All kinds of fur, however, are woru. Long furs and short furs, mink, possum, Angora wool, Alaska sable, beaver and otter. The three-quarter length coats have the turn-down collar of fur, and edged with the same, and a green cloth costume with a threequarter length coat, collar anci edg. ing of beaver, and a little flat cloth hat edged with beaver and a bunch of pink silky flowers nestling aunongst ribbon loops makes an altogether "fetching costume" Seal is combined with Persian lamb and Astrachan. and right here 1 wouid say that Astrachan seems to be the most used this season of any kind of trimming. Astrachan on every-thing-hats, coats and dresses. It seems an odd idea to combine flowers with laces and fur, but you can't think how really pretty the effect is.
house and street wear. Bengaline (silk) has a very pretity, soft effect for a house blouse, butisfor street wear cloth of the same metiterial as thu dress is used, belted at the waist with the new and pretty silver girdles, or any odd design, in a leather belt. The length is 9 matter of taste to the wearer, but the longer the more fashionable this season.

Gaiters and gauntlets used to be confined to the male sex, but at present they seem to be quite the rage for women. Gaiters are very useful, as well as giving a finishing touch to a costume, for they come in all shades to match almost any costume; and fur gauntlets in this cold climate of ours are a perfect god-send, but I presume in your delightfully summery climate their beauty will not be appreciated, and ycu will shudder for your less fortunate sisters in the East. We have the advantage over you in many ways though-for who can deny the pure, unadulterated pleasures of a sleigh-drive over thu newfallen snow; the bracing air and swift motion, putting such delightful touches of pink and red to the cheeks, and making eyes sparkle and wits keen? We like our climate quite as much as you like yours, for each has its own peculiar charm.

Street costumes for this month seem to be of the most shaggy and rough material to be found, the rougher and shaggier the more fashionable. Soft henriettas for the street are considered passe, but how delightful they are for housedreases and tea-gowns. They fall in such graceful folds and give a suftening effect to even the most angular of forms. The kell skirt with its demi-train still holds sway. For the house it is decidedly a thing of beauty, combined with a pretty soft silk blouse in a light shade ; but for the street in wet weather it is an abomination, especially when one is shopping, with one's hands full of parcels, umbrella, etc., etc., and is trying to grasp the tail of one's gown-it's simply awful. I trust their reign will be short, and that common sense will soon prevail over the lictates of fashion.

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HIS week has surpassed all previous ones in point of big houses at the Imperial Theatre. This house is becoming more and more popular as a family resort, and the company well deserves the patronage it is receiving from the people of victoria. For the first three nights of the week that great emotional drama, East Lynne, held the boards. The dual role of Lady Isobel and Mydame Vine was admirably portrayed by Miss Dalgleish, while the Barbara Hare of Miss Damaris was highly appreciated by that lady's many admirers. Miss Marshe.ll as Miss Cornelia could not have been better, and Miss Wheeler made an excellent Joyce. Little Carrie Franks is a pleasant littie lady and her acting of the part of Willie was indeed pleasing. Mr. Armstrong as usual played his part for all there was in it. The character of Old Dill was taken by Mr. Gray and he is seldom seen to better advantage than the character is given by this clever comedian. Mr. Belmour, as Sir Francis Levison, the villian, was worthy of special mention, as was also the Lord Mount Severn of Mr. Summerfield. Mr. Bennett is improving and while there is not much to the part of Richard Hare, Mr. Bennett made it interesting,

Beginning Thursday night, The Little Detective was the bill. This is a play abounding in thrilling situations and afforis Miss Dalgleish a first class opportunity of displaying her versatility. Miss Marshall is doing some excellent work as Madame Ritzdorf. as is also Miss Wheeler and Miss Damaris. The male members also acquit themselves creditably.

The bills for pext week at the Imperial are: Monday, Tuesilay, and Wednesday, The Ticket-ofLeave man; Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Saturday matinee, Lost in London. Both plays are among the best in the repertoire of the Imperial Company.

Norville McGregor who has a first-class reputation as a heavy
man has been engaged by the Imperial Company and will appear for the first time in this city on or about February 1. This addition will render it possible for the Imperial Company to produce almost any play.

Miss Kittie Belmour is enjuying her visit to San Francisco. Since her arrival in the Bay City she has been offered several good engagements, which she declined, as it is her intention to resume her position with the Imperial Company in a short time.

It is announced that the Victoria will, beginning February, be conducted as a stock theatre on the nights when not occupied by travelling combinations. It is said that Mr. John E. Rice, has signed a contract with Mr. Collins to place in that house a first-class stock company, and with that end in view the latter gentleman is now securing material for the new organization. Among tha features promised is a first-class orchestra and good scenery. Of course popular prices will rule.

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THEODORE THOIAS.
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"Mary Green" has succeeded Annie Rooney" as a catch song. It is said to have something of the saing jingle, and is fast beooming as great a favorite as the late
lamented "Annie Rooney,"

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beautiful tone of a voiee, an indefinite noise, a euphonic sentence in a poem, but still oftener it comes without any reason that could be traced." "Anú do you take note of these suggestions," "Yre, I jot them down immediately wherever I am. If thave no paper I ofton use my cuffs instead. But they are hierollyphics to any one elge
but myself. but myself."

It is the eustom in the best ordere il opera house to shut the doors after the overture begins and allow no late comers to disturb the performanee: At the close of the firstact the doors are opened again and society can enter. In Borlin an edict has gone out that two of the government theatres must close otheir doors at the beginning of the performanoo and must stay closed until it is all over. This not only keeps out late comers but keeps in the constant goers.

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ford, Mre. Smith.

Ed. Ploiss, of the Imperial oreheatre has dedicatod a March to hin friend Mr. J. J. Cross, the leadici, entitled "The Geener."
The sacred concert at the Imporich taot Sunday was not nearly to well patronized as the merit of the entertainment deserved. Truly it rat a musical feast, as all who attended will testify. Those concerta will be discontinued at least for the present.

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