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PELLETIER AND PADLOCKS

Recent events have abundantly justified last year's Liberal criticism of Hon. L. P. Pelletier's contract with the Ontario Equipment Company for 350,000 mail bag locks and keys. A year ago, however, the Nationalist postmaster general, his colleagues and the government newspapers were indignantly declaring that the Liberal criticism was vicious and without a shadow of foundation. They were boasting, too, that Mr. Pelletier had made a contract of wondrous excellence.

Three hundred and fifty thousand locks and keys would supply the requirements of the post office department for a generation or two. But Mr. Pelletier was bound to give his friends the enormous contract at \$1 for each lock and key, or \$380,000 in all. The absurdity of the quantity as well as the question of price and the quality of the lock was criticised by the Liberals, and warmly defended by the government. The quality of the lock was declared by Mr. Pelletier to be beyond question in superiority.

Now comes the announcement through a return tabled in the commons, that it has been necessary to cancel the contract because of the failure of the company to live up to its obligations. Justification No. 1 for the Liberals.

There comes, too, the announcement that a new lock is to be substituted for the one specified in the contract and declared by Mr. Pelletier to be the best lock on earth. The change is made because the first lock have not proved satisfactory, though it is claimed by the company that the locks provided under the contract have been precisely the same as the sample which Mr. Pelletier praised so highly. The change gives Justification No. 2 for the Liberal criticism.

Justification No. 3 is provided by the fact that the new locks and keys are to be supplied for considerably less than the price specified in the former contract and condemned by the Liberals as excessive.

But there are several other points to be noted. Mr. Pelletier has cancelled the contract and he has declared that "it will stay cancelled" because the "company has not lived up to its contract in any way, shape or form." What an earnest guardian of the public interest Mr. Pelletier has suddenly become! But the truth of the matter is that the cancellation of the contract hasn't taken the mail lock business away from the minister's friends in the Ontario Equipment Company at all. The contract is cancelled but a new agreement has been made whereby the company has the job of supplying the locks and keys just the same. The difference is that the company isn't given a set order for 350,000 locks and keys but it is to supply the post office department with equipment as it is needed.

Liberal criticism has forced the cancellation of an extravagant contract which provided for a huge quantity of unsatisfactory locks at an excessive price. By that success the Liberals have saved money for the people of Canada and made for less inefficiency in the administration of post office affairs. But Mr. Pelletier and his colleagues have seen to it that business is still to be thrown in the way of its friends of the equipment company. Mr. Pelletier's "severe" treatment of the company in cancelling its contract is no more than a love tap for the company is to get fat orders just the same.

FIRST BAND CONCERT

The first open-air band concert of the season was played by the 71st Regt. Band at Parliament Square last night and was much enjoyed by hundreds. The band was without the services of some of its members who spent the holiday out of town but had twenty-six players present.

Percy Haswell, who has been appearing in the South this season, is arranging to have her own stock in Toronto again this summer.

THRILLERS FOR THE MOTION PICTURE PLAYS

It is remarkable the number of daring chances the photoplayers take just to put the desired thrill into a picture. G. M. Anderson "Bronco Billy" has probably risked his life more than any other player appearing before the public and it is not unusual to hear that he has again defeated death. His very latest achievement in this line is in a western drama entitled "Bronco Billy's Leap." Therein will be demonstrated once more how G. M. Anderson takes fates smilingly by the hand, in order that these unique pictures may possess the "punch" with which they have been so long identified.

WRAPS FROM HORSE TO STAGE.

Bronco Billy is wildly chasing a stage-coach and after a magnificent piece of riding he overtakes it, while the driver thereof is madly lashing his horses to accelerate their speed. With one clean leap from his flying animal Bronco Billy lands on the stage.

FLIRTS WITH DEATH

Anderson's work as a daring acrobat in this instance is fully equal to that which made so great a sensation and caused such thrills when he leaped from his bronco in a recent picture and landed on the rear platform of a Southern Pacific Express train going thirty odd miles an hour.

Anderson says: "We have so many requests from the photoplay patrons for thrilling deeds that we cannot afford to think twice before we do them. We simply lay out a plot put lot of action into the picture—one hazardous deed and then produce the story. We want to please the people that go to see the "Bronco Billy" series.

Wolfe or the Conquest of Quebec a spectacular five-part story of the conflict between England and France produced in original locations in Canada will be released by the Kalem Company shortly.

The Heatst Selig Cameramen of the flagship and the scout of the Atlantic Fleet, together with one of their own yacht make the war service far reaching and effective.

Kathlyn Williams has returned from her vacation much refreshed after six months of arduous toil in "The Adventures of Kathlyn" in which she met every form of man and beast that the arena of wildest India could furnish.

Last week some fifteen hundred people including more than one hundred millionaires witnessed near McCall, B. C., the joining spike driven on the Grand Trunk Pacific Transcontinental Railroad. The event was cinematographed by the Mutual Weekly.

Augustus Carney (Universal Ike), is elephant shy. Recently while performing a stunt with Charlie, the big Universal elephant, the pachyderm suddenly reached over and grabbed Carney with his trunk, and deposited him in a mud puddle.

Florence Lawrence is to appear shortly in a gripping drama of two reel length entitled "The Doctor's Testimony."

Henry Walthall has attracted attention all over the country by his work as the "Gopher" in the "Mysterious Shot," a Reliance Mutual Film feature which was put before the public April 4th.

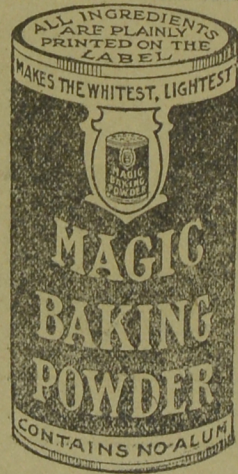
The Maurice Costello Theatre, located at Manhattan, N. Y., City and named for the popular Vitaphone motion picture star, will be opened about May 29th.

Ford Stirling who is now working with the Universal Co., received a weekly salary of fifteen hundred dollars which is said to be the largest salary ever paid to a motion picture actor.

TEAMSTER IN COURT.

A teamster appeared in the police court this morning charged with allowing wood to fall from his wagon upon the street. He pleaded not guilty and the case went over till Friday.

NO ALUM



A WONDERFUL CURE AN ABSCESS BY Burdock Blood Bitters.

Mr. A. W. Dryden, Amherst, N.S., writes:—"I am going to tell you what Burdock Blood Bitters has done for us. My son 'Vance,' when only nine months old, got an abscess on his cheek bone. I took him to a doctor in St. John, N.B., and he lanced it, and told me it would get well in a few days, and wanted me to keep it squeezed out. It did not seem to get any better, so my wife took him back. The Doctor told her to take him home and it would soon get better. It would gather and break, and it went on that way until he was over four years old.

"He lost four pieces of bone out of where it was lanced, and two pieces came from his mouth; he has lost all of his cheek bone, and his eye was drawn down. I took him to doctors in St. John, Moncton, and Amherst, and all wanted me to let him go under an operation. He was so small I told them that if he was going to die he might as well die as he was as to go there and be all cut to pieces, so I declined to have the operation done. I told them I was going to try Burdock Blood Bitters, as I had heard my mother talk so much about it. I got a bottle, and when it was about half gone noticed it was doing good, and before many days the sore stopped running, and healed up, and the abscess has never broken out again. This happened nearly six years ago, so you can see I have great faith in Burdock Blood Bitters, and I can say with all my heart that it is the best blood medicine in the world."

MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WILL INSPECT RAILWAY

The provincial government met here last night. Hon. J. A. Murray was not present but the other members had an informal session. This morning the session was continued. Mr. A. R. Gould, president of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company, was before the government on matters connected with the railway. The session will be completed this afternoon.

Acting Premier Clarke stated this morning that there was little but routine business. The members of the government will leave for Woodstock tonight and tomorrow will go over the line of the St. John & Quebec Railway from Woodstock to Centreville. They will also go over some ten miles of country beyond Centreville.

AFTER RAILWAYS

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ty was reported to the Crown Land Office today. The fire occurred last Thursday and was caused by fire-wardens themselves who were burning grass along the right-of-way. The fire got away from them and before being checked burned over a mile of country.

The department is not compelled to fight fires on private lands, the people who cause the fires being those responsible. If Crown Lands are threatened the Department acts however. The railways are in a different class and are under the Department's supervision.

DEATH OF LOUISA C ROWAN

Many friends will learn with regret of the death on Monday the 25th instant, of Louisa C. Rowan, at her home, home 868 George St. Deceased was twice married her first husband being G. Fred Barker of St. John N. B., nephew of the late Sir Leonard Tilley. Of this marriage she is survived by one son, George L. Barker and two daughters, Elizabeth G. and M. Louise. Her second husband was the late Archibald Rowan also of St. John and of this union she leaves one son, Frank Archibald. Mrs. J. M. Taylor of St. John is a sister. Mrs. Rowan was formerly Louisa C. Crosby daughter of the late Hartwell B. Crosby of St. John. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Cowie at St. Anne's Parish Church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment at Fernhill Cemetery, St. John.

J. M. Tompkins of Florenceville, is at Windsor Hall. Miss McCracken and Miss Ricker of St. John, were registered at Windsor Hall yesterday. Miss Annie Jarvis of Canterbury, spent the holiday with friends in St. Mary's.

SUGAR ADVANCES AGAIN.

Sugar of all grades advanced in price, ten cents per hundred pounds today making a total advance of thirty cents within a few weeks.

ENJOYABLE DANCE.

A largely attended and very enjoyable dance was given in the Gibson Temperance Hall last night under the auspices of the Fredericton Colored Band.

BOARD OF HEALTH CASES.

Two cases in which the Board of Health complains of violation of regulations governing plumbers, will come before the police court on Monday next.

Mrs. Bernard Shaw, wife of the playwright, and Miss Lena Ashwell, the celebrated English actress, took part in the recent suffrage parade in Boston.

Prepare for the Holiday

Our Ladies' Furnishing Department now offer many tempting novelties in NECKWEAR. Our every description at REASONABLE PRICES.

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Parish Sale

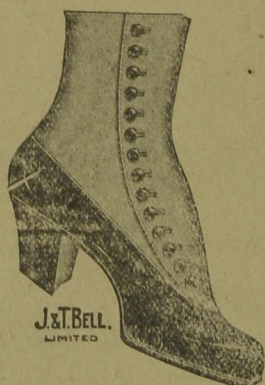
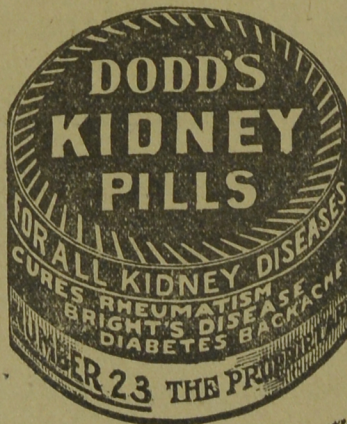
There will be a sale of second hand articles at Christchurch Parish Home Westmorland Street on Thursday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. Donations of clothing and useful household articles gratefully received, on Wednesday, May 27. Object the Parish Benevolent Fund.

SHOWS UP WELL.

Mr. W. R. Clarke, publicity agent who is attending the town planning conference at Toronto reports that the Fredericton exhibit is the equal of any from the Maritime Provinces. He says that the conference is a great success.

Edward Knoblauch, author of "Kismet" and part author of "Milestones," has written a new play which bears the title of "My Lady's Dress."

Jane Cowl has been selected to play Qodo, the heroine of "The Salamander," dramatized from his own novel by Owen Johnson for Selwyn & Co.



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