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SORRY THEY SPOKE
The fabulous prices asked by the owners of the Pine Plains in Essex township when they became aware that the Dominion Government was anxious to purchase the land for military purposes, and which caused the military authorities to give up the idea of acquiring the property, have resulted as a boomerang against the avaricious land owners. Now there is a scolding minor that the assessors for the Pine Plains military site have been authorized to raise the assessment of these lands in proportion to the exorbitant prices asked by the owners from the Dominion government. This will mean that they will require to pay the County of Simcoe the taxes which they have been paying. Avarice has its own reward.

AN IMMENSE LOCOMOTIVE
By far the largest locomotive ever built in Canada, used on the Canadian railway left the C.P.R. shops at Montreal last week, and was specially designed by Mr. R. Vaughan, assistant to the president of the Canadian Pacific. It is claimed the new colossal locomotive will have almost double the hauling capacity of any engine in Canada. It was specially constructed with a view of enabling the company to send the Imperial Limited across the continent in one train. Up to the present it has been found necessary during the summer months to send the express out in two sections. The new engine will be tested on the North Bay division.

ANTI-TREATING
An anti-treating league is to be formed in Toronto and circulars are being issued to all the bankers, lawyers, doctors, manufacturers, insurance men, wholesalers, retailers, and commercial travelers. By Mr. Max Liebich, of 22 Yonge Street Arcade, who is directing the work of preliminary organization. It is hoped to be able to call a meeting by March 20, when a definite scheme will be outlined to those interested. The idea of the promoters of the league is to get business men to promise not to treat a friend in any public bar, their conclusion being that more can be done by voluntary effort than by coercive legislation.

A FINE CLASS OF IMMIGRANTS
Ontario has secured one thousand immigrants of the best class from England, who are being sent out next month under the auspices of the church army. Hon. Mr. Monteith received a cablegram from A. Byne, the colonization agent for the Ontario government in Britain, stating that the people who were being sent were the finest lot he had ever seen. They will all be placed before they arrive.

A MEAN FRAUD
The Ottawa police are looking for one Norman Stapley, about 26 years of age, who is probably guilty of one of the meanest frauds upon Ottawa girls. The missing man is well known locally, while his parents are themselves respectable, law-abiding citizens. Stapley's game was to win the girls' confidence and affection, engage to marry them and then borrow money to help furnish the prospective home. One girl is out \$70 and another \$190. The victims are all domestics. Stapley is supposed to be in the United States.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA
—Local theatregoers are assured of an attractive offering in the engagement of Frank Deshon in the great musical comedy "The Office Boy," which occurs at the Academy of Music shortly.

—Such a suitable combination of play and actor is rarely brought about as in the case of Julia Gray in "Her Only Sin." For the debut of a new star it would have been hard to have found a piece uniting so many qualities of originality and powerful dramatic strength of a high order, together with those other features calculated to attract popular applause, as exemplified in Mr. Carter's remarkable play, "Her Only Sin." As the scenes of "Her Only Sin" are laid in France and England, ample opportunity is given the scenic artist for indulging in picturesque effects. Miss Gray will appear at the Academy of Music on March 29th.

The following plays are booked to appear at the Academy in the near future: "Roselle Knot in 'When Knighthood was in Flower'"; "Fabio Romani"; "The Convict's Daughter"; and "The Holy City."

It is an old saying that "there is nothing new under the sun" and this in a way applies to plays and dramas as well as to other things. Dramatists do not expect to find a plot or motive for a play that has never before been used in some form. It has been asserted that there are but nine combinations possible from which plays may be constructed. With these limitations the dramatist can only present the old material in new combinations and so give it fresh interest and apparent originality. In one of the recent successes among plays, "Under Southern Skies" the author Lottie Blair Parker has shown much ingenuity in utilizing the material in the play so that it is given a freshness and charm that are delightfully attractive. The story of a young girl with rival lovers has been used in many plays and with varying combinations. So, too, has the story of the crying wife, turning repentant, been treated often before in drama. But it was Mrs. Parker's happy thought to weave these two stories together, in just such a way and with just such surroundings and accessories as has never been used before. This can certainly be called "originality" and in other ways the play differs from anything yet seen upon the stage. Notably in reproducing a Halloween party in which the young people play some of the tricks of that time honored institution. These tricks and the Jack-o-lanterns that are decorated with pictures of the young people and they have proved a strong feature in the success of the play. The story of "Under Southern Skies" is distinctively southern. In its main incidents, it could happen in no other part of christendom. This is also somewhat unusual in plays and "Under Southern Skies" is also somewhat unique among southern plays from the fact that there is not a "Northerner" in the play. All the characters are of southern birth and are imbued with traits of character inherent in the people of that section of our country. Every one of the twenty-seven characters in the play is a well-drawn portrait, as true a picture of southern speech and manner as the same author has drawn of New England country people in "Way Down East." The two "Colonels" are full of humor and flowery oratory; the other cool, deliberate and unmoved, are finely contrasted, and their long standing "feud" furnishes much amusement for the audience. Major Crofton, whose life holds a hidden sorrow is an impressive and interesting figure and the two lovers of the heroine are carefully drawn portraits of different natures, although both are examples of the hot-blooded young Southerner. The smaller parts are equally well presented and the old dandy "Uncle Joshaway" is a life-like and amusing character. The young heroine, Lela Crofton, is the center of interest, among her young girl friends. The part is a difficult one to portray for she passes through all the stages of joy and grief, that are woven about her throughout the plot of the play. The faithful old "Auntie" and the mischievous child "Anner Lizer" are laughable creations true to the dark side of the south. "Under Southern Skies" should be received here by the usual large audience which greets it everywhere. No more enjoyable play than this is now on the road and the date of its appearance at the Academy of Music should not be forgotten by those who enjoy an interesting and entertaining play, presented in a first-class manner.

COMMISSIONER COOMBS TO VISIT LINDSAY.
WILL DELIVER TWO ADDRESSES IN THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC ON SUNDAY NEXT.
Commissioner Coombs of the Salvation Army will appear at the Academy of Music on Sunday next. In the afternoon at 3 p.m. the Commissioner will speak on Yesterday, Today and To-morrow of the Salvation Army. Mayor Vrooman will preside. At the evening service at 7 p.m., an illustrated lecture, "Shadow of the Cross. The pictures used will be reproductions of the famous paintings of 'Tissot.' The Academy will no doubt be crowded at both services for Commissioner Coombs is known throughout the whole Dominion as a most eloquent and interesting speaker. Early tickets for the evening service may be purchased for 10c.

In speaking of the leader of the "Army" in Canada, the Vancouver World says: "Commissioner Coombs is primarily a commander, the qualifications for this position being shown in physiognomy, speech, and general bearing. He was seen yesterday in the public hall addressing a large audience, again he was seen conversing with individuals, and still again with but a small party, yet on each occasion this characteristic asserted itself strongly. The reason would not be hard to find and partially, at least, he placed to the force of habit, unasmuch as for over a score of years he has been a directing force in this military religious order. He has been accustomed to command and likewise accustomed to being obeyed.

As a public speaker, the Commissioner's long training stands him in good stead, and by the easy manner in which he approaches what is to so many an arduous task, and the comradely skill with which he plays upon the feelings of his audience shows himself to be a master.

His voice is rich and full, and as he begins speaking is pitched rather low; and he speaks slowly, almost with a drawl. But this never lasts very long, for when he has paved the way for an emphatic conclusion the voice gradually ascends until the climax is reached; then he never forgets to descend. There is no straining evident whatever, the voice being under perfect control at all times.

His gestures are easy and natural, showing no evidence whatever of having been preconceived, in fact everything pointed to the opposite conclusion. The favorite method of emphasis which was employed very often was a bending forward of the body in a crouching attitude, with the right forefinger extended. The gestures were all full of life and animation.

His general manner while engaged in public address is of the free and easy style. Pacing back and forward rapidly on the platform, stamping to emphasize his remarks, mounting a chair in order to get a better

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COMMUNICATIONS.
The Eldon Stone Crusher.
Editor Watchman-Warder.
Dear Sir,—In looking over your paper of March 8th, I read that a deputatation waited on our council asking that body to purchase a stone-crusher and complete outfit for the use of the township of Eldon. Now we have a good beginning and my advice is to go slow, in the way of purchasing expensive machinery. We bought and paid for our share of a county stone crusher and got little or nothing for the use of the same, and by what advanced system of calculation can you expect to make a second one pay? Some years ago our council bought a road grader, which in my opinion has been a complete failure, a source of contention among neighbors, and as I think every one who had reason to our roads this winter will agree, a failure. If the scheme is such a good one, as the promoters promise to be, let them invest some of their surplus money and the council will cheerfully pay a liberal price for every rod graveled.

I have no use for a stand-still policy but as an interested citizen, I would much rather see our council invest in any such wild-cat schemes, continually experimenting with every peculiar notion that presents itself, is too expensive a matter to be monkeying with.

I write this by way of getting public opinion on the matter. It concerns every taxpayer in the municipality. Give your views on the matter, no need of indulging in personalities. The columns of this paper always invites discussion and in every case subscribe your name.

Respectfully yours,
RUGH SMITH.
Hartley.



TERRIBLE MINING DISASTER
A THOUSAND LIVES LOST.
AWFUL CATASTROPHE IN THE NORTHERN PART OF FRANCE—OVER A THOUSAND MINERS DEAD IN THE PITS—HEROIC WORK BY VOLUNTEER RESCUERS.

A mining catastrophe of incalculable horror and magnitude has stricken the great coal centre of northern France. An explosion of fire damp carried death and destruction throughout the network of coal mines centred at Courrières and fire followed the explosion, making rescue difficult and almost impossible. All France has been profoundly shocked by the magnitude of the disaster, which is said to be the greatest in the history of continental mining.

The worst fears as to the extent of the disaster have been realized. The death list numbers 1,100 and the whole of the region stands appalled at the terrible tragedy, which has brought sorrow to 6,000 families, mothers, wives and children.

The last great mine disaster in France occurred in 1885 when 293 persons were killed and 80 injured. The vast mortuary camp is under military guard, 400 soldiers having arrived there to assist in holding in check the crowds of distracted mourners. For a time hope had been held out to the people that tappings of pipes by the imprisoned men had been heard, but gradually this hope vanished and the people demanded admission to see the bodies, and even threatened to break through the cordons of troops, who had the greatest difficulty in keeping the crowds from the pit.

THE DEADLY GAS
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view of the audience; all these, and many others, were the methods adopted. His style in this regard was eminently fitted to the work among the classes the Salvation Army aims especially to reach.

The personality of the man is manifest in his speaking. There is a magnetism in his face, as well as in his voice, which attracts and wins attention. When speaking at the lower pitch there is a looseness of the man which expresses itself in a winsome smile. But when the climax of the passage comes the whole face is fixed, tense, alert; the face of a zealot for his cause.

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