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Programme to commence at 8 o'clock.

### PART I.

1. Empire Tableau..... Great Britain and Her Colonies
2. Song..... Marching  
MR. FRANK KIDNER.
3. Song..... While There's a Thread in the Old British Rag  
MR. A. S. SAVAGE.
4. Reading..... Ordered to the Front  
MISS EVA PETCH.
5. Song..... If That's the Case I Want to Join the Army  
MR. JNO. KIDNER.
6. Cornet Solo..... Selected  
MR. E. MASON.
7. Song..... Bob-o-link  
MISS F. CROSBY.
8. Reading..... The Absent-Minded Beggar  
MISS ESTELLA BUTCHER.
9. Song..... Selected....  
MISS MARY TRENCH.
10. Song..... The Queen's Letter  
MISS FLORENCE G. BELL.
11. Reading..... The Ensign Bearer  
MISS EMMA BYAM.

### PART II.

1. Tableau..... Tenting on the Old Camp Ground
2. Song..... Who Carries the Gun?  
MISS ETHEL SWITZER.
3. Reading..... Britain and the Transvaal  
MISS EVA PETCH.
4. Song..... Creole Love Song  
MISS F. CROSBY.
5. Song..... We're Britons None the Less Sir  
MR. JOHN KIDNER.
6. Reading..... My Own Canadian Home  
MISS EMMA BYAM.
7. Song..... Danny Deever  
MR. A. S. SAVAGE.
8. Cornet Solo..... Selected  
MR. E. MASON.
9. Song..... Selected  
MR. FRANK KIDNER.
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### Our Ottawa Letter.

OTTAWA, MARCH 3.—The satisfaction which was felt when the debate upon the Address concluded in two sittings is being sadly modified by the waste of time which has characterized the proceedings of Parliament during the balance of the first month of the session; and this past week has been worse than any of its predecessors. One afternoon was entirely taken up with a debate on Yukon matters which was simply a reminiscence of the notorious discussions of last session. The leader of the Opposition introduced the discussion with a rehearsal of a number of the old familiar charges. Sir Hibbert Tupper threw around so indiscriminately last summer, but the only effect of the debate, beyond demonstrating the fact after six months more hunting up evidence nothing further has been discovered but another anonymous letter writer, was to give an opportunity to the Minister of the Interior to demonstrate the care and business-like attention which had been given to the regulations governing the administration of affairs in that territory.

PLAYING TO THE GODS.

Another afternoon was devoted to a display of pyrotechnics from Mr. Speaker's left, against the alleged frauds in the late bye-elections in West Huron

and Brockville. Considerable time and a large amount of public money was wasted last session by the Opposition in a desperate attempt to unearth crookedness in connection with these matters, but after examining nearly a hundred witnesses they were no further on than they were at the start. At that time the Government granted every possible facility for a thorough investigation, and again on Tuesday intimated their anxiety to assist in the proper administration of justice if any wrong-doing had occurred; but it is greatly to be feared that the Opposition is not half as anxious to carry out a legitimate inquiry as they are to convey the idea to the electors that the Liberal party has been implicated in corrupt election practices, regardless of whether there is any evidence to justify such an impression or not.

### THE CONTINGENT VOTE.

While there was small justification for the time taken up in these two matters there was little if any more in the wearisome debate upon the resolution to provide \$2,000,000 to pay the expenses of the South African Contingents. Watching the debate from the press gallery, one could not help coming to the conclusion that the Opposition were so rattled at the chaffing they had received for collapsing so con-

pletely in the debate on the Address, that they were bound to talk on something, whether there was necessity or not. To all intents and purposes the House was unanimous, and had gentlemen in the Opposition benches who spent so much time in protesting their loyalty been thoroughly genuine in the position they assumed, it would scarcely have been necessary to so vehemently contend for that which most people would have been prepared to take for granted. The French proverb, "S'excuse, s'accuse," would appear to fit their case.

### LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

In the course of an editorial on the growth of Canada the other day, the Toronto Globe briefly sums up the situation as follows:—"The truth is that Canada is doing very well, and all that is necessary is for the alarmists, honest and dishonest, to leave it alone. There is not a British statesman who would not be ready to sing his nunc dimittis if every part of the British Empire were in as sound and prosperous a condition. Industrially there is life and hope everywhere. The fertile prairie plains of the west are being rapidly settled. The development of the mineral wealth of British Columbia has become an old story. Ontario and Quebec are realizing the extent of their resources in mine and forest. The pulp and paper industry are receiving a strong impulse through the contracts for the supply of paper to several London journals. The foreign trade of Canada for the seven months ending with January was \$27,653,842, a gain of \$31,036,470 over the seven months corresponding of the previous year, which would mean a gain of \$50,000,000 for the entire year. The other day one of the English papers said the word colony was no longer applicable to such countries as Canada and Australia, that they were in reality nations; and the British Empire is destined to become a league of self-governing nations, free and equal, and each taking its due share of duty and of power."

### CANADA'S NICKEL MONOPOLY.

I have previously called attention in this column to the splendid results already becoming apparent from the lumber policy of the Ontario Government, which requires that all lumber must be manufactured within the Province, with the result that practically all the big lumber firms of Michigan are transferring their mills to the Canadian side of the lake, and giving employment to thousands of Canadians in the carrying on of the work which has hitherto crossed the boundary line. By adopting the same principle with regard to the minerals of the Province a like result is being reached. Schemes for the erection of smelting and blast furnaces and nickel reduction works, are being developed in various parts of the country, as for example in the city of Hamilton where a wealthy syndicate has been organized for the manufacture of nickel in quantities which in the course of a year will in that one concern alone exceed the total output of the present time.

### SIMILAR ENTERPRISES ARE UNDER WAY

at Sault Ste. Marie and other places. The importance of this is greatly enhanced by the fact that for all practical purposes Canada and New Caledonia are the only two countries in the world where nickel has been discovered in any quantity, and the demand for it is rapidly increasing. One result of that increase last year was to raise the price about five cents a pound with the result of further advances during the present year. The production of this very necessary article has attracted much attention in the great manufacturing centers of the old world and the Engineering News (London, Eng.) in an article discussing the situation, concludes that the greatest bar to the increased employment of nickel steel by engineers, beyond a few cases where great quantities are not required and where cost does not count, is the questionable ability of present known mines to produce the requisite supply at reasonable prices.

### CONCORD.

Following is school report for February:—  
Sr. IV—Ernest Bowes, Edgar Bowes, Ada Miles.  
Jr. IV—Elmore Reaman, George Miles, Alonza Watson.  
Sr. III—Pearl Pearson, Percy Farrell.  
Jr. III—Fred Miles, Flora Golland, Percy Fisher, Norma Fisher, Margaret Stewart.  
Sr. II—Ethel Whitmore, Estella Reaman, Wilkie Bowes, Jesse Farrell, Walter Stewart.  
Jr. II—Beatrice Reaman, Ross Charlton, Chas. Poole, Maud Poole.  
Part II—Albert Bowes, Jesse Bowes.  
Sr. Pt. I—Ella Reaman, Ross Fisher.  
Present every day—Ernest Bowes, Edgar Bowes.  
Aggregate attendance for month, 472.  
Highest daily attendance, 40.  
E. J. A. JOHNSTON, Teacher.