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"NEW ZEPHRA" GIVEN AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE LAST EVENING.

In Aid of the Chimes Fund of St. Andrew's Church—The List of Those Who Took Part in the Production.

A happy family gathering, all out to see boys and girls as members of the moment, met in the Grand Opera House, on Tuesday night. And "Queen Zephra," graceful, sweet-voiced Mrs. Oscar Telgmann certainly had a retinue and merry-making subjects, too, to charm the eye of the beholder.

The story running through the "New Zephra" is the same as in the play given here two years ago, though many changes of scenery, costumes and dances have been made. Therefore, it will suffice to say that the story is the limbo-headed one of the cruel father, the lovely maid, the gallant lover, the sympathetic queen, the beneficent fairy, and the inevitable grand finale.

"Queen Zephra," attended by her page (Miss Norma Telgmann), descends that her subjects shall hold carnival, and there follows a succession of brilliantly executed, bewitchingly pretty dances and drills. And as each succeeds the other, the audience feels "Now this was the prettiest."

But though comparisons are odious, perhaps, the "Blackbirds," such dear, gauze-winged, fairy-footed little girls, and the wee Brownies, so elfish and weird, were prime favorites. And the "Dance Pictoresque," with its interlocking, winding scarfs was perfect—not a movement or a step misadvised. And a good word may be said for the perfect drilling of the players in all the dances—the little ones with the hoops of flowers, the bigger girls with castanets or tambourines, or tennis racquets.

Of course the piece of resistance of the drilling was the march out and the evolutions and the involutions of the Red Hussars, followed by the drill of the smart little Killies. A trying time had the two daring officers, Col. Young and Col. Kent, and the mayor, for there was little to choose between who should have the prize, and as for the sentiment of the house it went overwhelmingly in favor of both parties, voicing these sentiments with applause. The judges will make further enquiry to-night and give decision on Friday.

In the working out of the story there was some charming singing. Miss Ada Rosevear, as "Neyera," daughter of Decius, has the principal part, and her clear full-ranged mezzo-soprano was heard several times in solo work and also in a duet with Mr. Cummings. Little Miss Norma Hughes gave us "Louisiana Lou," again, as she did on Zephra's first presentation, and we were only sorry that she did not sing the other songs that she gave them.

For the men, Mr. Booth, as "Decius," filled a star part and D. O. Waring, as "Sir Alexis," is to be strongly commended for speaking so that the audience could hear his words and for finished acting. Miss Phyllis Welch, too, as "Flora," was clear and distinct.

And there was a small charmer, little Miss Irene Harris, as "Nita," the dancer, who tripped on the stage, a fairy in pink, with golden curls, and with blue eyes and a sweet mouth, that called up thoughts of a beautiful grandmother. And the grace in her little form, and the swift movements of her flying feet, as she swayed to the music, showed clear that they had come as a heritage from away over in the Emerald Isle.

And then there was Cupid, the naughty boy, whose bow and arrow had caused all the trouble. "Tell oh tell me what is love," sang Neyera, and never a word said he. But he brand his little legs, and he pricked his silver wings, and he drew his little bow, and she knew all about it. In the pretty transformation scene at the end, Venus' mischievous baby is seen, standing in a lotus, and aiming that the very sight of his arrow brought all victims to his feet.

Mr. Booth, the director, made a pleasant little speech before the close, explaining that any slight defect noticeable had been due to the fact that they had been unable to have a rehearsal on the stage, and all were working under new and strange surroundings. That all should have been such a success under these trying circumstances, speaks eloquently for both teacher and pupils.

ACTION FOR SALVAGE THE M.T. COMPANY IS SEEKING TO RECOVER

From the Atlantic Coast T. Co.—The Letter Sues the M. T. Co. For Damages to Its Barge Buckeye State.

Justice Hodgins, Toronto, presided at a special sitting of the admiralty court, held in the court house on Tuesday afternoon. The case tried was one brought by the Montreal Transportation company, for salvage, against the Atlantic Coast Transportation company, of New York, owners of the low barge Buckeye State. The owners of the barge also brought an action against the M. T. Co., to recover for damages for injuries received to the barge at lock 17, in the Cornwall canal, while under tow of the tug Mary Ellen. Francis King appeared for the M. T. Co.; Mr. Goggin, Cornwall, for the Atlantic Coast Transportation company.

The case is rather an odd one, and is, briefly, as follows: The M. T. Co. made an arrangement to tow the barge of the Atlantic Coast Transportation company from Lachine, to Port Dalhousie, and return, during the summer, exclusive of canal towing, which was done by small tugs, and ones not belonging to the M. T. Co. On the last trip of the tow barge Buckeye State, she received injuries in the canal, and when she was at Kingston, under tow of the Emmerston, she called for help, as she was sinking. She was towed near Morrisburg, and later brought to this city by the M. T. Co., which is now suing the Atlantic Coast Transportation company, for damages to the barge, as she was in charge of one of its agents when injured.

L. K. Jones, secretary of the commission of railways and canals, was called, and submitted some maps of the canal. Robert Henderson, photographer, was the next witness, and submitted two photographs of the barge Buckeye State, taken in Davis' dock, on April 15th. Robert Douglas was called by Mr. Goggin, and he was a photographer in Morrisburg, and identified two pictures taken between locks 15 and 17. Capt. J. B. Cuttle, managing director of the M. T. Co., was next called by Mr. King. Witness said a contract was made with the Atlantic Coast Transportation company to tow the barge from Port Dalhousie to Lachine and return during the summer. He stated that all bills submitted for towage were paid promptly, with the exception of the salvage bill.

The witness stated that immediately he heard of the accident to the Buckeye State he telephoned to the owners in New York, and told of receiving instructions from them as to the raising of the barge. Cross-examination by Mr. Clive did not bring out any new facts. He questioned the arrangements at length concerning the arrangements made between the M. T. Co. and the canal tugs for towing their barges through the canal, and the way they are taken through, and also about the arrangements made by witness and the Atlantic Coast Transportation company. Many letters were produced from both sides by Mr. Clive and put in evidence.

Captain William J. Murphy, of the tug Emmerston, was next called by Mr. King. Witness said he remembered towing the barge Buckeye State from Port Dalhousie to Cornwall, and leaving her at the foot of the canal, and going on to lock 20 with the tug Emmerston. Witness said he did not see the tug Mary Ellen until she had arrived at lock 20 with the barge Buckeye State. When the barge was landed over to him nobody on either the barge or the tug Mary Ellen told him that she had been damaged. About half-past eight o'clock he left with the barge in tow, and went as far as Dickinson's Landing, where he remained all night. Witness was ready to start at five o'clock the next morning he had to send his watchman on board the barge to wake the men in charge. Captain Murphy said that going into Morrisburg canal the barge scraped her side a little. At the last lock of the Morrisburg canal the barge went in first, locking herself through by aid of a donkey engine. Witness said that as the barge was leaving the lock she ran on the stone steps. In reply to his honor witness stated that the barge hit the steps very hard, hard enough to bounce back so far that the lock men let go of the gates for fear the barge would carry them away. Witness stated that her crew made an

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TENNIS DANCE—EVA PARKIN, ANITA DAY, JENNIE IRWIN, ALICE MERRITT, IDA WILEY, HARRY PENNANT, NORMA CAMPBELL, ALMA MCCULLA, CHAPERONE—MRS. A. ORR.

CASTANET DANCE—VENA HENDERSON, ANNA HISCOCK, GLADYS CRAIG, MARJORIE YOUNG, DEL CRAIG, ALICE JOHNSTON, ADA HUGHES, MAMIE TIERNY, CHAPERONE—MRS. M. DAVISON.

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NOEMADY PENNANTS—MISS ADA ROSEVEAR, JESSIE REID, VERA HENDERSON, SARAH HART, CARIE WILLIAMS, PHYLLIS WILSON, ETHEL GIMSHAW, MAY OFFORD, ANITA SUTHERLAND, MERIE HOPKIRK, MAY HISCOCK, ANNA HISCOCK, AMES CAMPBELL, FLORENCE RICHMOND, ETHEL MINNES, MERIE WEBSTER, MARGARET DUNNETT, MAUD BELL, ADA HUGHES, EVA SANDS, GLADYS DIA, JESSIE CHAPMAN, DORIS STEVENSON, CHAPERONE—MRS. W. T. MINNES.

PUBLICLAND CADETS—JAMES ATKINS, COLLAMER CALVIN, HOWARD ASSELTINE, ARTHUR AIKEN, GEORGE NEWLANDS, JACK HOPPER, HAROLD GRIMSHAW, BIBBIT DONNELLY, LESLIE SPARKS, JACK MITCHELL, CHARLES YELLOWLEY, CARL KANE, SPENCER HENDERSON, V. REID, HAROLD CARTER, WILLIAM MARTIN.

FIRE WAS DESTROYED.
Fire on Alfred Street on Tuesday Night.
Fire, which broke out shortly after nine o'clock, on Tuesday night, destroyed a barn owned by Jonathan Ferris, 374 Alfred street. A buggy and a large quantity of hay was also destroyed by the flames. There was a bonfire within a short range of the barn, during the day, and it is believed that some sparks from this was the cause of the fire.
The fire was blazing fiercely before it was noticed, and a call sent into the firemen, who responded promptly. Some person passing Mr. Ferris' house was the first to notice the fire, and he notified the members of the family, and a hurried call was then sent to the fire station.
Luckily, Mr. Ferris' horse was not in the barn when the fire started. Mr. Ferris had been driving during the day, and in the evening he did not put the horse in the stall, as he had to go out again, and when the fire started, he was away. With any kind of a wind, the result would have been very serious for the long string of houses on the street, and other barns close at hand.
Quite a large crowd of people was attracted to the scene. The blaze could be noticed from down town, and it appeared to be a much larger fire.

BOWLED IT OUT.

The City Council's Action on Street Paving.
Since the city council, without a lit of discussion, bowled out the proposition to begin street paving, there is talk of the board of trade taking up the matter and petitioning the council to reconsider its decision. The council spent a couple of hours on Monday evening discussing trivial matters, and allowed the most important question of all to go unconsidered. Whether the offer of the Kirby company is accepted or not, the question of street paving should be discussed. Some good is likely to result. As the city council has failed to take any interest in the matter, the board of trade might take it up. Mayor Ross was disgusted with the way the council dealt with the board of works recommendation that the Kirby offer be accepted. He looked upon its action as a hard crack at a good road system for the city.

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