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## JUVENILE COURT AGE TO BE GIVEN A BOOST

It is Understood That It Will Be Raised to Seventeen Years.

It is understood that the juvenile court age will be extended from the present limit of sixteen years to include seventeen-year-old youths. It is stated that the matter awaits only the launching of a new form of reformatory institution for youths in Ontario by the provincial government. It is pointed out that as a matter of fact the dominion law governing the disposition of juvenile offenders already sets eighteen years as the limit of its application, but leaves the inclusion of the sixteen and seventeen years in the hands of the provincial government until such time as they are prepared to care for youths convicted of delinquency. The proposed extension of the juvenile court age would affect girl offenders as well as boys.

## SAID ON THE SIDE

Kingston is to have a dog show and it is needless to say that it will be "a howling success."

At last a man has been found who refuses an increase in pay. He is King Albert of Belgium, who alone among the Belgian officers has refused to take an increase in pay.

Bobbed hair is now out of fashion. The latest thing is "shingled hair."

Everyone is wondering how the March lion is going to march out.

The people of Regina have been stirred over a ghost walking there. We know certain offices in which there would be great excitement if the "ghost" did not walk every Friday.

The London Free Press has the following comment: "Records show six boys to one girl have been born at Kingston lately. Imagine leap year about two decades hence for these lads."

Despatch says that a roof fell in on an audience in a theatre in San Pablo, South America. Now we can believe the old saying about an actor "Bringing down the house."

Keep the snow shovel handy for a while. Winter is not over yet.

Just about the time your neighbor brings back your snow shovel and asks for the loan of your lawn mower, you will know that the winter is over.

A touch of both spring and fall appears to have been mixed up in the weather this week.

A despatch tells of a captain saying his crew by burning liquor when fuel ran out during a gale. Now we know why they call it "fire water."

## NO MORE DARK ROOMS.

Improvements to the Steamers Kingston and Toronto.

The Toronto Telegram has the following: "One of the most active men around Toronto harbor these days is John Whalen, himself an active shipbuilder, who was in charge of the construction work on the Canada steamers Kingston and Toronto. He is now engaged in making some important changes in both steamers, changes that will be very much appreciated by travellers.

"When the steamers go into commission this season there will not be what is known as a dark or inside room. Everything will be so arranged that the occupants will see the water and have plenty of ventilation. When next season closes the steamer Toronto will be dismantled and her length increased about forty feet, which will make her the same length as the steamer Kingston."

## THE DAIRY STANDARDS ACT.

No Change To Occur Until After an Enquiry

No move will be made at the legislature to interfere with the Dairy Standards Act, nor will there be any suspension of its provisions. Hon. John S. Martin has undertaken, however, in view of protests, voiced in the committee on agriculture, to ensure that all tests are fairly and honestly made, and conduct any investigations necessary to allay doubts on that score. A motion to leave the whole matter in the hands of the minister was adopted on motion of A. Rankin, Frontenac, and Major J. F. B. Belford, Northumberland East.

A Cape Vincent Lady Dead. Mrs. Lovina Anthony, aged eighty-one, widow of William Anthony, died at Cape Vincent, N.Y., on Monday, following an illness of three weeks which finally developed into pneumonia. Deceased was born at Watertown, N.Y., and married in 1848. She had since resided in Cape Vincent. Mr. Anthony was well known conducting a grocery store for forty years. Mrs. C. C. Barley, a daughter, Cape Vincent, is the only survivor.

The Cunard Line will establish a direct steamship service between Queenstown and Montreal with the opening of St. Lawrence navigation.

## PLAY AT COLLEGE

Senior Literary Society Presents "The Merchant of Venice Up-to-Date."

The cast representing the Senior Literary Society of the Collegiate Institute excelled themselves on Wednesday evening, when they presented "The Merchant of Venice Up-to-Date." The play, which was staged in five acts, was indeed very entertaining, and reflected great credit upon all of those taking part, as well as those who were responsible for the training.

If Shakespeare could have witnessed his beloved drama thus "modernized" he might have been slightly taken back, but it was all done in good part and the local touches which were introduced from time to time only added to the enjoyment of all. As the play is to be produced again on Thursday evening, it would not be wise to describe it in detail, as it would lessen the interest of those who have yet to witness it.

Van Mills, who appeared in the role of "Shylock," handled his part in a most capable manner. His acting showed careful study of the role, and Shakespeare himself could have found no fault with his rendering of it.

Miss Lola Saunderson, who played the parts of "Portia" and "Jessica," did exceptionally well, and at the close of the performance one heard compliments on all sides. Miss Anna Prager was to have taken the part of "Portia," but owing to a misfortune which befell her last week, when she dislocated her instep while playing basketball, she was forced to retire. Miss Saunderson, with only a week's practice, learned the lines perfectly, and acted the role of "Portia" in a most creditable manner. Miss Violet Anglin as "Nerissa" was most charming. Miss Ethel Fringle, who filled two roles, those of "Miss Abbie S. Thredwell," a teacher, and "Mrs. Gobbo, Launcelot's mother," did her work perfectly. Miss Gladys Coon as "Polly, Portia's maid," was good.

The others who appeared in the cast are as follows: Gerald Scott as "Antonio," Donald Simpson as "Bassanio," David Kingsbury as "Gratiano," Donald Raney as "Tubal," Ben Cunningham as "Launcelot," Robert Trowbridge as "The Duke of Venice," Aubrey Johnston as "Professor of Science," and the "Policeman," Wardell Knight. These K.C.I. boys did exceptionally well.

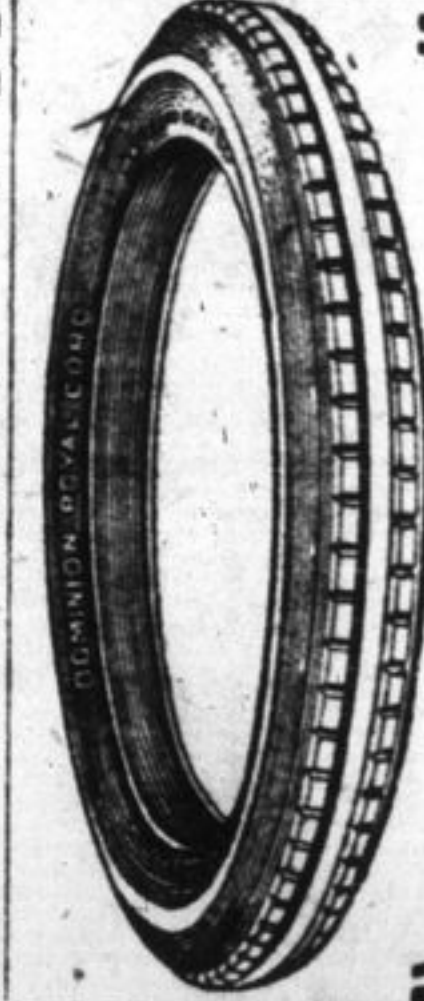
Miss Sheridan as directress and coach, Miss Edwards as art director and Stewart Lavell as stage manager, are to be warmly congratulated upon the success of the play.

Miss Edwards, one of the teachers, spent many evenings painting the scenery, which was much admired, and added greatly to the appearance of the stage.

In one of the scenes, which was staged in a garden, the electric water fountain loaned by Mr. Sakell, gave this outdoor scene a very artistic touch.

The K.C.I. students have gone to a great deal of expense in producing this play, both in scenery and costumes. There were three hundred and seventy-five present on Wednesday evening, and it is to be hoped that there will be just as large an audience on Thursday evening when it is to be repeated. It is the intention of the Literary Society to use the profits in purchasing curtains, scenery, etc.

Presentations Made. A very pleasant event took place between the fourth and fifth acts, when E. O. Sitter, principal of the K.C.I., made a presentation to Logan Gallagher and Miss Emily Griffith. Mr. Sitter stated that some time ago it was decided that there would be an oratorical contest and eleven scholars entered. A committee of judges composed of three teachers from the school, after hearing the eleven speeches, decided that



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Mrs. S. Mervin, Amsterdam, N.Y., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, Lake street. Mrs. Mervin has for many years operated a large plant which manufactured ladies' ready-to-wear goods, but was recently burned out. She is now looking about with a view to locating a similar plant in Canada and would like to locate in Picton (her old home town), if a suitable building can be found and the council can see their way clear to making satisfactory concessions, re taxes and electric power.

Miss Craig, Montreal, is the guest of Miss V. McLean, Main street, east. Miss McLean entertained at bridge in her honor one day last week. Mrs. Fred Healy has returned from a visit in Toronto. Mrs. Ratray left on Saturday for a week's visit with friends in Toronto.

W. S. Benson came from Oshawa on business, returning by motor on Saturday.

Frank Patterson is in Kingston assisting in the fitting out of the steel barge, Mapleton, on which Mr. Patterson will hold the position of chief engineer for the coming season.

Several Canadian National Railway officials were in town on business on Wednesday. They were W. B. Devenish, general superintendent of the Ontario division; G. B. Fairhead, general freight agent, Toronto; George Hoag, assistant superintendent, Toronto; and B. H. Fox, assistant superintendent, Ottawa.

On Tuesday, March 18th, Mrs. Mary Rose, Prospect avenue, celebrated her ninetieth birthday. Her son, Dr. Andrew Rose, came from Toronto for the event. Nelson McHenry, Ontario street, had the misfortune to fall and splinter the bone in his wrist. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. E. McHenry, is ill in the same home.

The news of the sudden death, in Toronto, of Mrs. Carrie Reid Dunkley, came as a great shock to her many friends in Picton, where she frequently visited since her marriage a few years ago to Albert Dunkley, an old Picton boy. Mr. Dunkley has the sympathy of a host of friends in his bereavement. Misses Elizabeth and Mary Dunkley, of the public school staff are sisters. They left on Monday morning for the city.

Logan Gallagher was entitled to first prize and he was presented with the medal, the gift of Miss Hall, the history teacher, and Miss Emily Griffith, which was the gift of Stewart Lavell, the president of the Senior Literary Society.

There were no dull minutes during the evening and during the intermissions between acts some exceptionally fine stunts were put on by the scholars. The negro act presented by D. Graham and Edington Connolly, was very funny. "Shooting Shakespeare," a movie skit which was put on by I. Fraser, Bob McKelvey, R. Lavell and C. Parker, was something new and gave the audience a real laugh. Gardner's Most Melodious Merry Mixed Minstrels, composed of R. Gardner, W. McDonald, G. Laturney, A. McDonald, Arthur Andrews, Arthur Christmas, A. Colclough and Blain Phillips, entertained the audience between the third and fourth acts.

Their playing was so much appreciated that they had to respond with a couple of encores. The Junior Literary Society orchestra gave some very fine selections. The orchestra was made up of the following: Miss Sugarman, N. Rutherford, E. Strachan, A. Cliff, A. Andrews, A. McDonald and A. Minnes. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem.

## EVENTS AT PICTON

Several Deaths Are Recorded—Ready-to-wear Factory May Be Opened.

Picton, March 26.—There passed away, early on Sunday morning, at Prince Edward County hospital, Addie Whattam, wife of Everett Scott, after an illness of several months. She leaves, besides her husband, two young daughters, Freda and Aldon. The funeral from the family home, on Tuesday, was largely attended and beautiful floral offerings bore mute testimony to the loving esteem in which she was held by a host of friends.

At the regular Board of Trade luncheon at the Royal hotel, on Friday evening, Capt. Goodwin, of the Salvation Army, was the speaker. He took for his subject, "A Rolling Stone Gathers Some Moss," and told of his varied experiences in all parts of the globe where the S. A. carries on work. H. Ringer, vice-chairman, occupied the chair.

Mrs. J. A. Desjardine has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frances DeLisle, Trenton. The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McMahon, Wellington, is very ill at \$70,000.

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