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AMUSEMENTS
What the Press Agents Say About
Coming Attractions

**CARDINAL OR MUTT
THE SAME TO DICK**

So Long as He Can Please—
Richard Freeman Inter-
viewed by Whig.

"Show people are a queer lot," we often hear. So they may appear to the general public but why should they? Hotel people say they come in late at night and raise a rumpus—well, do not other people also make a noise and enjoy themselves when the day's work is done? It is not the fault of the show people that their working day ends when other people are just dozing off to sleep. If the general public would rise at five in the morning to at-



RICHARD FREEMAN

tend the theatres and enjoy the productions the show people would finish their labors when others were going to work. But they do not any therefore they cannot be blamed for seeking a little pleasure when their work is over.

Talk to "Dick" Freeman, who is playing "Mutt" in the Mutt and Jeff show at the Grand Opera House Christmas Day and Friday with matinees. "Dick" can give you a true insight on the matter. Once upon a time he was a factory foreman and by accident hit the stage.

"There is very little difference," he says, "I have mingled with all classes and they all behave the same. Show people merely work at abnormal hours. A little sympathy with the other fellow's viewpoint and a sense of humor make the whole thing right."

"Dick" Freeman wasn't raised in Greenwich village. He was a farm boy, drifted to New York, worked in a factory, was thrown into show work by accident and liked it so well he stuck. He has played every city and town from New York to San Francisco and from New Orleans to Winnipeg—and he likes them all. In almost every town he has a few friends and he likes to look upon his occupation as one long round of renewing friendships with people he does know and, on the stage, bringing pleasure to those he does not know. He's a philosopher, careful in his way, but with a keen understanding of human nature and a ready sympathy.

He has played the parts of cardinals, priests, bishops, cops, lawyers, doctors, clergymen of all sorts, sea captains, and all sorts of things. He started in the days when each act was explained to the audience before and after it was played, went through the days when tragedy was the rage, passed on through melodrama and was fourteen years in musical comedy, although as he says: "I can't sing a note." Now he's playing Bud Fisher's "Mutt" and he likes it if for nothing else because it makes others laugh.

"Can you imagine playing an ocean scene with a heavy storm and the whole cast in naval uniform with a setting of a forest for background? That's what we did in a town in Wyoming. It was breaking a jump and the only playhouse in town had a stage of twenty-eight feet with a fifteen-foot opening. It was certainly some job to keep our faces straight. Then it came to the cry of 'Man Overboard' and a big cowboy in the audience told us to tie the ship to a tree and go after him. Then some people say the actors never strike really funny things."

That's just one of the many stories of the stage "Dick" Freeman can tell. So when you see "Mutt" at the Grand Opera House remember that behind the makeup there is a fellow who'd like to meet you, who likes the world and is glad to help make the people in it laugh.

**LOCAL INSTITUTIONS
READY FOR CHRISTMAS**

Now the Great Day Will Be Observed in Hospitals and Other Places.

The public wards at the Kingston General hospital are all decorated for the Christmas events which will take place at the institution on Thursday. It has been arranged that there will be abundance of turkey and plum pudding for all the patients and staff. The Christmas dinner will be served at twelve o'clock and some of the governors have been asked to carve the turkeys.

The nurses are holding their annual Christmas tree event in the Nurses' Home on Wednesday evening.

SPORT

Another "Turk."
Mr. Melnyre, of the Daily Standard composing room staff, won the turkey at the College Inn Bowling Academy on Tuesday with the high score for single string of 279. The fourth turkey will be awarded to-night and competition is keen to-day.

Noble for Oalers.
The Toronto papers say that Jack Noble, sensational young pitcher of the Toronto amateur leagues, has cast in his lot with Oalers for next season. Noble was sought by many clubs. Toronto scribes claim Kingston also was after his services.

Set Out for Home.
The Amherst Island motor boat, owned by Ben Wemp, the Twigg, which has been laid up on Carruthers' Point with engine trouble after bringing down two tons of turkeys, made a getaway Wednesday afternoon laden with Christmas goods for the island. John Tagwell was in charge, with Moutry Wemp and several other island boys. They hauled their boat out and repaired it at Carruthers' Point and did their shopping in Kingston. They set out during the afternoon in the presence of a Whig man, and hoped to make their home bay before dark.

Garrison Christmas.
Christmas will be duly honored in the messes of "A" and "B" batteries and the heavy battery. The mess rooms have been decorated and there will be turkey and plum pudding for all. According to custom the general officer commanding, General Elmley, Colonel Constantine, the officers and their wives will make the rounds during the meal. The garrison Christmas tree will be held in the city hall on Dec. 28th.

Rockwood Hospital.
The burser and his staff at Rockwood hospital have gone to much extra trouble this year to make Christmas as bright as possible for the inmates. Special decorations have been put up in the wards and rooms where the patients gather. This afternoon their Christmas tree is being held with gifts and remembrances, music and fun and on the big day a splendid menu has been planned for them with the usual big dinner of turkey with cranberry sauce, many vegetables, plum pudding, fruits, nuts and candies. Everything possible will be done to make their Christmas a bright one.

Orphans Home.
Anxiety and anticipation are running high at the Orphans' Home on Union street. When bed time comes there will be a parade down to the play room in their sleepers, each child with a stocking in his or her hand. These will be hung in a long row that would puzzle anyone but Santa. Then there will be a scamper up to bed and endless speculation over the mysterious sounds that come up from below. If all goes well there will be full stockings and marvellous decorations when the rising bell rings. Christmas morning will be spent soberly on church parade to St. James', followed by a less sober dinner of turkey and special ice cream. There will be skating in the afternoon and a Christmas tree at night with jolly Santa himself to distribute drums, skates and other gifts which no stretch of the imagination could force into a small stocking.

At Home For Aged.
The inmates of the Home for the Aged will have the usual Christmas dinner. The menu for the day will be as follows:
Breakfast—Corn flakes, eggs, bread and butter, and coffee.
Dinner—Turkey, roast pork, cranberry sauce, creamed corn, mashed potatoes, mixed sweet pickles, plum pudding, with sauce, fruit, candies and tea.
Supper—Bread and butter, fruit cake, currant loaf, mince pie, ice cream, and tea.
The assembly hall and dining room are nicely decorated and Mr. F. Webster, the superintendent, has made everything cozy for the inmates so that they may have a very happy Christmas.

Infants Home.
The Infants' Home is being decorated with a profusion of greenery in honor of the festival. There will be a tree in the morning, with gifts for everybody, mothers and children, and followed by a big "spread" with turkey, plum-pudding and all the trimmings as much as anybody wants.

Mowat Hospital.
Christmas at the Mowat Hospital will be quiet as most of the boys left on Tuesday to visit home or friends. The Christmas tree was held on Tuesday evening, with gifts from the Red Cross, the L.O.D.E. and the canteen for each man. A concert and good time followed.

County Jail.
It has been arranged that the prisoners confined to the county jail will have a Christmas dinner consisting of roast pork and all the nice things that go with it. Some of the members of the local Salvation Army corps will visit the institution and sing Christmas songs during the day.

**To All Our Friends
A Very Happy
Christmas**

CHRISTMAS has come to our doorstep, having been absent a year, giving our lives added vigor; chasing all thoughts that are dear. Gently taking our labor, our troubles and toils from our hands. Leading us out of the sordid and into the happier lands. Days when the holiday spirit enters and gives us a thrill, lighting our lives with happiness, giving our friends our good will. Christmas is just a reminder, telling us which is the best way of conducting our living, but few of us stand to the test. Seems like we always forget what Christmas teaches us each year. We plunge back to what we were doing and forget that it ever was near.

"Our lives are just what we make them," so says an axiom bold. Let us abide by its wisdom and never let Christmas grow old. Cherish its spirit and keep it ever close to your heart. Practice it, scatter it, give it. Make it of your life a part. Keep it a ritual holy. Carry it through to the end so that the one Great Recorder can say: "You have done well, my friend."

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Bath, Dec. 23.—Miss Beatrice Armstrong is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong. The Christmas tree and concert held in the town hall, on Thursday evening, Dec. 18th, under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday school, attracted a large crowd and the financial result were very gratifying.

Mrs. Frank Henderson, who has been receiving treatment in Kingston General Hospital, has returned home. Miss Edith Osborne, who is attending Peterboro Normal School, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Osborne. Mrs. Creighton who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Loyt for a few days, has returned home.

Miss Radia Rowe is spending the Christmas holidays under the parental roof. Mr. Hamby, Napane, has been appointed to the staff of the Royal Bank taking the place of Mr. Hill, who has been transferred.

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IS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Dr. D. B. Wilson Sends Regards to His Bishop's Mills Friends.

Bishop's Mills, Dec. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. N. Buck received a letter recently from their nephew, Dr. D. B. Wilson, Bogota, Columbia, S.A., who has many relatives in this vicinity. Dr. Wilson gives an interesting description of that part of South America, where he is engaged in the interests of the International Health Board, and his letter reads in part:

"At present I am down in South America, and it isn't too bad here. Of course we have to talk Spanish all the time. The two children talk more Spanish than English. "We are up about 9,000 feet above the sea level, so that we don't suffer from the heat, although we are quite close to the equator. The climate is, if anything, too cool. There are about 100 foreigners here, counting the English and Americans. We are the only Canadians here. Please give my best regards to all the Wilson family."

Mrs. W. S. Render, Main street east, was the recipient of a parcel of pomegranates from New Mexico, where her daughter, Mrs. Miller, resides. King Nottel was the recipient, on Wednesday, of a large turkey, fattened in the wheat fields of Alberta, near Henna, where his son, John Nottel, resides. The bird was a fine specimen and tipped the scales at twenty-five pounds. Ray Kerford, Merrickville, was a town visitor on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Manley, motored to Brockville on Saturday last.

The death of Richard Tubman occurred at his home, in Oxford township, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16th, after a brief illness. Deceased was eighty-five years of age. A native of Ireland, he emigrated here with his parents in his youth, and followed the occupation of farming, throughout his lifetime. His wife predeceased him on the first day of the present year. His funeral occurred on Friday and was held in the Presbyterian church. Rev. J. McAvoy conducted the funeral service, assisted by Rev. J. Leach. He leaves to mourn, his lone daughter, Mrs. Oscar Thompson, who together with her family reside on the homestead, Cecil Cassidy, Chesterville, is a guest at the home of his brother, Edward Cassidy. Mrs. Elmer Swanson, Saskatchewan, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston.

Bankrupt stock sale, The Club, three doors below Grand Opera House.

H. J. Knight of Sydenham, returned home on Wednesday afternoon after receiving treatment in the General Hospital. He is feeling much better.

Remember the General Hospital at Christmas time.
Hotel Randolph Christmas dinner, 12.30 to 2.30, \$1.00.

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Put buckshot or other small lead weights in the bottom of your vases, whether they be used for mere ornaments, for flowers, or for lamp bases. The weight will keep the vase more secure and prevent its tipping over easily.

Death of Pittsburgh Child.
Gwendola June, eight-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, front of Pittsburgh township, died on Tuesday. The funeral will take place on Christmas Day at Catawag cemetery in charge of the James Reid firm. Rev. Mr. Lancaster will conduct the last services.

Need for Toys.
The General Hospital is putting forth every effort possible to make Christmas Day a pleasant one for the patients. Toys for the children would be gladly welcomed, as it was learned to-day that there was not sufficient supply on hand to go round.

If the old lady of the Mother Goose rhyme, who, when she awoke found her skirt had been off, exclaimed: "Laws 'n' mercy, can this be it?" had been living today she would have exclaimed: "Glory be! I'm in style at last!"

Samuel Leslie, Belleville, on Monday celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday anniversary. He is in splendid health. Thomas Froywell, a former resident of Belleville, and an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway, died in Hamilton. The remains will be buried at Belleville.

Printed fabrics are being sponsored by Paris for the coming year more than ever before and are particularly liked for ensemble costumes in combination with a plain fabric.

General Sir A. C. Macdonell, who has been laid up with a bad cold and an attack of neuralgia, is decidedly better today.

The General Hospital needs your assistance. Send in your Christmas contribution now.

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