

JOHN TOWNSEND, ACTOR.

HOW HE IS SPENDING THE CLOSE OF HIS BUSY LIFE.

His Family Scattered, and His Wife Placed in the Asylum—His First Canadian Experiences in the Theatrical Line—Tried Farming for a While in Harrow-smith.

The Hamilton Spectator prints an interesting sketch of the vicissitudes of John Townsend, the actor, whose theatrical career, so far as Canada is concerned, began in Kingston. Mr. Townsend was born at Deptford, England, in 1819, the only son of an auctioneer. He was educated at Deptford and at Fairford, Gloucestershire, and in 1841 he married Miss Sarah Mitchell, of Gough square, London, by whom he has had three (surviving) sons and three daughters. From boyhood Townsend had a passion for the stage, and delighted in amateur theatricals. Office work becoming distasteful to him he leased the Theatre Royal in Richmond Surrey in 1842 and became manager. This was the theatre of which the great Edmund Kean was for a considerable time lessee. Townsend engaged most of the great stars of the day. He also took his company through the provinces and appeared with distinguished success in a round of standard characters, chiefly Shakespears.

AN INEXPENSIVE INSTITUTION.

Sir Alexander Campbell on the Military College—Eulogy of the Volunteers.

At a dinner in England recently Sir Alexander Campbell was led to speak of the success which had attended the Royal military college, by the establishment of which the dominion had set an example not yet followed by any other colony. The college was, he said, an expensive institution, providing a good military and in many respects a good civil education. Much opposition had been raised at different times against the college on the ground that it was educating at the expense of the colony men subsequently to be transferred to the United States. But having made special inquiry recently on this point he found that out of the eighty-two men educated in the college between 1874-1884 no less than fifty-two joined the imperial military service. These passed examinations at Sandhurst and Woolwich, competing on even terms with English cadets, while the remainder entered the civil service of Canada. Only four or five had indeed left the dominion. It was thus evident that the institution was doing great good. The dominion had at considerable expense established a military service, drilling men, if not efficiently, still making them amenable to discipline, and able to render useful service in the field. Their capacities had in this respect been put to a severe test. The extraordinary marches these men made to resist Riel's rebellion would ever remain the pride of Canada. That nearly five thousand men, with over four hundred horses and guns, should have been collected, and within seven days have reached Winnipeg by railway, and by traversing difficult gaps of country, and then quickly overthrow the rebels, was an exploit which showed unmistakably the stuff of which Canadian troops were made, and of them Canada was justly proud. The speech was warmly received.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention. J. McQuade, of Leadville, Colorado, is visiting R. Campbell. Thomas A. Edison, of Menlo Park, returned from Florida, is much improved, and hopes are entertained of his ultimate recovery. Sir Richard Cartwright has been called from Ottawa, his mother being dangerously ill. She is at the residence of Rev. F. W. Dobbs, Portsmouth. Lord Boyle, son of the Earl of Shannon, and a member of the North-West council, is in the city, the guest of Major Wilson. He will remain here for several days.

A KETTLE OF FISH—A BAG OF PRETATES.

In a stately hall sat a portly gent, With many servants around him; They came and went, as he called or sent, And most willing slaves he found them. His domain was vast, and his wealth was great, His name ran in the nation's tremble, To peace inclined, yet of ready mind, To speak out and not dissemble. Rather gruff at times, we must all allow, But then some things are annoying; He did his best, note his ample vest, For his food he felt no cloying. As this portly gent sat in regal state, Waiting for the hour of dinner, The door-bell rang with a desperate clang, When entered an Irish sinner. With well patched pants and a long-tail'd coat, And his hat in his tattered hand, Our Erin friend did most lowly bend, And in the august presence stand. "Your request," John asked, as he sat upright, "Pat smiling as of his fate is," "I came from Louth to tell ye the thruth, To ax for a bag o' pretates."

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Paragraphs of Interest as Picked Up by Our Busy Reporters on the Street. Buy embroideries at Hardy's. The Fair God and Ben-Hur, cheap editions, at F. Nisbet's corner bookstove. The remains of the late Mrs. Green were interred at Catarqui cemetery yesterday. Dr. Alice McGillivray has removed across Princess street to Dr. Sparks' stand, No. 230. Over 100 soldiers will take part in the salvation army services here on the Queen's birthday. Mrs. Comer, formerly of the Glen house, Glenora, will open out a summer resort at Prinzer's cove. The Methodist clergymen left to-day for Gananook to attend the annual financial district meeting. "I am surprised at how you are selling California hams and roll bacon for 10c per lb. is what all our customers say." People from the country, who are bald or have thin hair, should call on Prof. Dorenwend, in Kingston, the first day if possible, because on the second day there is generally a big rush. Licenses for net and seine fishing in East and West Lakes, county of Prince Edward, were refused to applicants on representations of the district inspector who said they were destroying the fish. J. E. Hutcheson has taken the Brunswick House for a week to hold a large of English art goods. The goods will be on view on Saturday. Sale on Monday. See advt. C. H. Waterous, of Brantford, purchased the machinery in Dawson's flour mill, Wolfe Island. Part of it was shipped to him yesterday, and the boiler was forwarded to-day. The festival, opening at Queen street Methodist church on Monday evening, will be a most interesting event, intellectual, musical and social. It is sure to be the success of the season. The land league committee, appointed to make arrangements for the reception of Mr. O'Brien should he visit Kingston on Monday evening next, will meet this evening. It is expected that the telegram will be received from Montreal, stating definitely whether Mr. O'Brien will visit Kingston or not.

MARINE PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Items Gathered Along the Harbour—Vessel Movements. The schr. Philo Bennett is loading lumber for Oswego. Prop. Canada lightened grain and cleared for Montreal. Capt. James Murray, who has been visiting friends at Port Dalhousie, returned to the city yesterday. The schr. Lady Macdonald, after discharging 13,000 bush, wheat, cleared for Toledo to load coal for Collingwood. Messrs. Rooney and Plunkett, Cobourg, have sold their schooner, Laura Rooney, to Capt. Matthews, Lakeport, for \$2,500 cash and another vessel. The tug McArthur arrived this morning and took on board a steam pump. She cleared for the schr. Queen of the Lakes, sunk near Presque Isle. It will be interesting for vessel captains to know that collectors in the United States have received orders that all officers must have manifests of cargoes signed by themselves before they can land any merchandise. Arrivals—Barge Grunsky, Soudusky, 22,900 bush, corn; barge Linar, Soudusky, 23,100 bush, corn; prop. Lincoln, Soudusky, barge in tow; prop. Niagara, lightened grain and proceeded to Montreal; prop. Canada, Toronto, grain; prop. Lake Ontario and Cuba, Montreal. The Thousand Island steam boat company and the R. W. & O. R. have completed their plans for running boats and trains for the river, travel. All passenger trains will run solid to Clayton; the steamer John Thorn will connect and run to the parks and Alexandria Bay; the Maynard will run from Cape Vincent connecting with the Thorn at Clayton for down the river; the St. Lawrence will run on excursions. Silk and velvet brocades, with ruchings, fringes and ornaments to trim, cheap, at Hardy's.

A YEAR IN THE CENTRAL BATTERY RECEIVES.

This is what a soldier of "A" Battery receives. The Magistrate Gives His Impressions of the Case—One Man Dismissed and Other Sentenced—A Communication on the Matter in Question. Shortly before 11 o'clock this morning the two "A" batterymen, charged with assaulting Police Officer Tuttle nearly a month ago, were put in the dock and judgment delivered. McIntyre was discharged and McCarty sent to the central prison. McIntyre was called to his feet first. The magistrate said he could not find him guilty, though Tuttle testified that he (McM.) had kicked him, while four of his comrades asserted that he had not, that he was with them at the gate. The speaker preferred to believe that Tuttle was mistaken rather than that the four soldiers perjured themselves. But at the same time he thought the prisoner's conduct had been very bad. He had been in the company of Josie Wilson during the evening, had gone with her to the gate, and heard a brother soldier insult her, which she naturally objected to. "It was your place to have assisted her," said the magistrate. "No man should stand by and see a woman insulted. It might be said that she was not what she should have been, but you cannot screen yourself on that account. If she was good enough for you to be with during the whole evening she was good enough for you to help when insulted by a brother soldier." The young man was discharged. "I am sorry," said the magistrate, when John McCarty arose for sentence, "that I have to convict a person in the queen's uniform for a cowardly and disgraceful affair. The evidence was all against you. Though you did not do all the kicking I would rather be in your place and suffer than be one of those who will not come forward and give evidence against those who did kick the unfortunate police officer. Men who would kick and belabor another are just the cowardly fellows who would stay away and not help a comrade when in trouble." Continuing he said that the affair was most disgraceful all through. It would appear that there were twenty soldiers standing about, that Tuttle was kicked about twenty times, but while it might not be that each soldier struck him it was curious that not one out of the twenty men was loyal and brave enough to tell the truth. The crime was a serious one. Policemen, at the risk of their lives, protected property and persons, and the law protected them. He regretted that a man like McCarty, who was employed for the purpose of protecting others, should have done what he did to an officer who was alone and performing his duty. The offence was greater than if it had been committed by a civilian. He sent McCarty to the central prison for one year.

Criticism of the Case.

A citizen, not in sympathy with wrongdoing in any place and by any person, civil or military, writes us: The police court decision this morning, in the assault case occupying much time, nearly a month, has excited a deal of feeling. Without at all attempting to screen or sympathise with the guilty parties we feel bound, in the interest of fair play and justice, to venture an opinion that Gunner McCarthy's sentence this morning was unnecessarily severe. A slight resumé of the case will not be out of place. Police constable Tuttle was assaulted on the night of the 20th April last, and a prisoner released from his custody. There is no doubt that some of the members of "A" battery were the guilty parties, and every effort was made by the officers of the battery to find out who they were, but without any satisfactory result. A warrant was issued for the arrest of three members of the battery on the 23rd April. Subsequently another member was arrested, and finally on the 2nd May two non-commissioned officers were arrested as being accessories. In the course of investigation no incriminatory evidence could be produced to convict four of the six men arrested, and after having spent ten days or so in the common goal they were released. The magistrate had signified his intention of passing sentence this morning on the two remaining defendants. After giving a severe lecture on the unmanly and unsoldierly character of the whole transaction, which we consider was ably given and richly deserved by some one in the battery, one of the two prisoners was allowed to go. McCarthy was the only one of the men who had been arrested, against whom there was sufficient evidence to convict. And with all due deference to his worship's knowledge the sentence was unnecessarily severe. McCarthy was sentenced to the Central prison for one year! The only really reliable evidence that was given by Constable Tuttle, who swore that McCarthy was one of the men who kicked him in the back, having previously sworn that McCarthy was standing in front of him. We have carefully observed the evidence taken each day, and noticed this point, as did also Judge McGuire, who conducted the case for the defence and who remarked at the time that McCarthy must have a bow leg! There is no doubt that McCarthy did take the girl away from the constable, in the execution of his duty, for which he richly deserves punishment. But does the crime merit one year in Central prison? Surely it is better to give than to receive, especially when the recipient gets one year in the Central prison.

SALE OF USEFUL GOODS.

The Ladies of St. George's Church Prepared to Entertain Friends. The Churchwomen's Mission Aid society of St. George's cathedral has a finely arranged display of useful and fancy work and refreshments in St. George's hall to-day. Its annual sale is in progress. The ladies are taking great interest in the affair, and are hoping for a large attendance this evening, when music and refreshments can be enjoyed. The tables are presided over as follows: The work table is presided over by Mrs. Buxton Smith, president of the society, and Mrs. James Agnew, vice-president, assisted by Mesdames A. W. Cooke, Clements, Dalton, R. Deacon, Hubbert, Irwin, Mallock, Mills, A. Rothwell, Sawyer, H. S. Smith, Stevenson; Misses Muckleston, Penner, Wilkinson and Spangenberg. The tea table is in charge of Miss M. Smith (Roselawn), assisted by the following ladies, who will preside at the 5 o'clock tables: Mesdames J. Muckleston, Briggs, Cotton, Neilson; Misses Macauley, H. Kirkpatrick, Armstrong, Wilkinson, Cooke, and M. Saunders. The flower and candy table is presided over by Mrs. Greet, assisted by Misses Kent, Mabel Gildersleeve, Sinclair and Burpee. "Heaven is not reached in a single bound," sung Dr. Holland, and the same may be said of health. But many a sick person would make rapid strides in the direction of complete health by using Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery." It is a sovereign remedy for all forms of scrofulous diseases, king's evil, tumors, white swellings, fever-sore, scrofulous sore eyes, as well as for other blood and skin diseases.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Cream of All Ales. Labatt's London ale is clear and sparkling, put up in pint and quart bottles. Jas. Crawford, agent. Course of Lectures. Hon. Geo. R. Wendling will lecture in the City hall on May 18th, 19th and 20th. See advertisement. A Person. Unable to sleep in bed, unable to work, unable to take ordinary exercise from the effects of asthma until using Southern Asthma Cure. A simple package relieved, three packages permanently cured. Locating the Adherents. Yesterday afternoon upwards of seventy-five peys in the new Queen street Methodist church were allocated. There are one hundred and ten pews in the edifice. A large number of new faces will be seen in the church. Police Court—Wednesday. James Foster, drunk, \$1 and costs. A charge against a citizen, of malicious injury to property, stands. A hotel keeper has been fined \$30 and costs for an infraction of the liquor act, and another pair of alleged offenders had their cases adjourned. What he Will Do. Major-General Middleton will arrive here this afternoon and remain for upwards of a week. He will be the guest of the garrison officers. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday he will inspect the Royal military college, and on Monday and following days "A" battery and Tete du Pont barracks. Read Prof. Dorenwend's Advertisement. He will be at the British American hotel, on Saturday and Monday, May 14 and 16. Ladies and gentlemen with bald heads should see his fine contrivances for the head, manufactured from human hair. Ladies' and gents' wigs, toupees, ladies' long switches, bangs, etc. Do not make a mistake in the date. The Central School. The members of the school property committee met at the Central school yesterday afternoon for the purpose of seeing how the work upon it was progressing. They left dissatisfied. They will recommend the board to notify the sureties of the contractors that if not pushed the construction will be given to other men. Getting it Into Shape. The 14th P. W. O. Rifles had a parade last night. The ranks of the regiment are filling up. "B" company is largely composed of active service men, who march like veterans. Next week there will be parades, with a march out on Monday night. The officers are anxious that to Montreal they should journey this year. Obligated to Re-Order. Having had such a run on our first lot of Scotch tweeds we have been obliged to re-order. This lot is a choice selection of patterns, and those in need of suitings may depend on getting something nice. They range from \$13.50 to \$20 a suit. We guarantee a first-class fit. Z. Prevost, New York clothing store. Much Better Rates. The statements regarding the discrimination in rates against Kingston and other eastern points, and in favour of London and Brantford, by the steamship companies, had had good effect. A despatch intimates that the companies are readjusting the tariffs from Liverpool and other European ports, and giving the eastern points much better rates. Died in Toronto. In another column will be found the notice of the death of Cornelius Harrigan, late of the township of Loughboro, which sad event occurred in Toronto last evening. Deceased had been ailing but a few days with inflammation of the lungs. A wife and seven children are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and kind father. Mr. and Mrs. P. Kilcauley have gone to Toronto to attend the funeral. The Governor-General's Foot Guards. Six tents for each company are to be allowed for the camp at Kingston. Two men from each company leave for Kingston on the 90th inst. in order to pitch the tents and otherwise prepare the camp, so that that there may be no trouble on arrival. Complimentary tickets for the excursion on the St. Lawrence on the 23rd are being issued. The "magnificent band of the G. G. F. G.," it is stated, will supply the music. The Hotel Arrivals. Arrivals at the British American Hotel—W. R. Barber, J. B. Warner, J. L. Gardner, G. Cavalier, Montreal; N. D. McArthur, W. J. Barr, J. Anderson, W. J. Morrison, F. Godard, C. Rattery, S. Robertson, Toronto; E. L. Fellowes, C. S. Hestage, D. Watkins, Belleville; G. D. Milburn, J. Lynes, New York; T. Cantley, Nova Scotia; A. W. Leitch, D. S. Walker, A. Tillye, Hamilton; M. Powles, Albany, N. Y.; W. C. Caldwell, Lanark; A. O. Norton, Coaticook, Que.; S. R. Hance, Cape Vincent.

A TRIO OF RUNAWAYS

Considerable Damage Done—One Man Receives a Dislocated Arm. Redden's horse ran away yesterday and made things lively for a time. Luke Wood, driver, was pulled from his seat to the whiffletree and finally kicked under the wagon by the horse. The horse dashed for Catarqui bridge, and on it collided with a rig in which were Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, of Pittsburg, and a child. Redden's horse tore itself from the shafts and sadly wrecked the harness. Mrs. Murphy and child were thrown from the buggy and slightly injured. Murphy's buggy was also damaged. By another runaway this morning an old man named Vancouver had his right arm dislocated. The horse, owned by Strachan, of Barriefield, was gallantly stopped by D. Millan. This afternoon Col. Duff's horse ran away on King street. On reaching Brock street it dashed up it on the boardwalk, and came near smashing the plate glass window in Wade's drug store. The horse left the boardwalk opposite McKelvey & Birch's store, and proceeded up the street at a rapid gait. It was stopped without any damage being done.

Freckle Lotion.

Bell's lotion will remove tan, freckles, sunburn, pimples, blotches, etc. Twenty-five cents at Wade's drug store. W. R. Aylworth, P.L.S., have been appointed engineer for Tyendinaga.

MELODY FILLS THE AIR.

ENTERTAINMENTS BY AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS.

Local Talent Showing off to Good Advantage—The Choral Union a First-class Organization—The Alpine Choir in the City Hall—Grand Music Offered.

The first public entertainment, given by the Anglican choral union, occurred last evening in St. Paul's school house. The union is composed of talented young people, namely: Misses McMillan and M. Davis, E. Macdonald, Driver, Metcalfe, A. Taylor, H. Taylor, S. Davis; and Messrs. Lauder, McBride, Medley, A. Smith and N. Raymond. Mr. Moore, late of Gananook, who manages the operations of the union, occupied the chair. The programme was opened by a chorus, "See our Oars with Feathered Spray," by the company. The rendition of it elicited very hearty applause. Nelson Raymond recited "The Presentation of a Trumpet to a Fireman," a humorous reading, and it made everybody laugh. Mr. Medley sang several pieces, and proved himself to be a vocalist of a high order. An instrumental selection (guitars and piano) was a prominent feature of the evening's entertainment. The guitars were played by Misses Davis and Macdonald and Messrs. Lauder, McBride and Raymond, the piano by A. Smith. The singing of the Misses McMillan was popularly received. Misses McDonald and Davis sang a duet very sweetly. They accompanied themselves on the guitars, which they can play exceedingly well. "Hurrah for Merry England," a chorus, was enthusiastically presented by the company. A side-splitting farce, "Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins," was well performed by Miss McDonald and Mr. Raymond. Misses McMillan and M. Davis sang a duet in a happy strain, and were followed by the guitar club. They submitted "Moonlight on the Water." After another recitation by Mr. Raymond, and the singing of the national anthem, a first-class entertainment was concluded. For the occasion the stage was beautifully decorated with flags and bannerettes, and the motto, "Canada Our Home," printed in bold letters, was hung in a prominent place.

The Alpine Choir's Concert.

The audience that assembled in the City hall last night was not as large as the managers of the Alpine choir's concert were led to expect. The company came here with the highest endorsements of its ability, and the cause with which it was associated locally was such as should have provoked the very highest interest. Those in attendance did not number over 250. The choir were in good voice and for two hours supplied the most delightful vocal and instrumental melodies. They sang solos, duets and choruses, mostly in their own language, in Swiss costume, introducing various features characteristic of their nationality, especially yodeling and tyrolese warbling in which they excelled. "Madelde Ruck," was decidedly the best selection, and elicited loud applause. Of the soloists the chief was Madel Violette, a petite in figure and clear in voice, and whose rendition of "A Leaf from the Spray," was vociferously encored. A most pleasing voice was that of Miss Emily Major, an English girl, though dressed like the Swiss, whose "Maid of the Mill" was charming, and whose appearance with Madel Violette, in "Hawthorn Hedge," raised the enthusiasm of the audience to the highest pitch. Frau Haupt, in a Swiss comic song, won an encore, and Miss Dagmar Heckell, in "The First Cuckoo," with invisible warbling chorus, made an impression that which none would be more favourable. The choruses were full-voiced and given in excellent time. The instrumental portion of the programme was of the most excellent and attractive character. Some of the rare and unique instruments on which they performed were the zither, mandolin, alpine viola, xylophone, etc., and great skill and ability were manifested by the players. Nearly every number was enthusiastically encored. The concert was expensive, but it was enjoyed by all.

AN ILL-MATED PAIR.

A Husband Who Freely Ventilated His Grievances—His are Hard Lines.

INVERARY, May 8.—Having had the pleasure of reading the numerous letters that appeared in your paper on husbands and wives, giving the public a general account of the good and bad qualities, and seeing you are so kind as to give a chance of writing upon that subject, I thought a few lines from one who is continually controlled by his partner in life (his wife) would interest the folk. I was married 38 years ago. Well do I remember it. An unlucky day surely. But before that happened I was one of the sweetest fellows that could be found, and she almost worshipped me, and remained that way for about two years, when something unusual occurred unknown to me, and from that time till the present, I have put up with everything but death, and will be glad when my time shall come to depart from this world to one where there will be no tormentors. At first, when my wife acted unkindly to me, I would try to win her over by love. So every morning, when I would arise, I would make the fire, put on the kettle, and tell her to have breakfast ready when I came in from feeding the stock. I would be gone nearly an hour, and when I returned the fire would be out and my wife still sleeping. I've often wished I was a Mormon, and would surely have got one then who would love me in my old age. And a word about our family. Such a time I have had in bringing them up according to the dictates of my conscience! If, in years gone by, I was in the act of using the good on Tom or Sarah, my wife would interfere and make me stop it right off. So now, they have grown up, they will not do anything if they can help it. They are worse than useless as my place. If I am out driving my children will say, "There goes that old d—n again," and my wife will join in the laugh and say, "Is it not good that we have got the old man off again?" To tell you the truth I am actually discouraged. And again, if my wife sees me bid the time of day to another woman she gives me a great going over. But if she meets another man she is all smiles, and nothing is ever said about it. I would just say before closing, to every young man who may happen to see this, do not marry too young and too soon, and above all do not get unkindly joined as I have done.—SAM.

Sold the Property.

Yesterday J. E. Hutcheson sold the residence of the late James McCommon, on Johnson street, near Barris street, to Dr. Dupuis for \$1,225.

Table with 3 columns: WIND, FEAR, CLEAR

Weather Probabilities.

Light to moderate winds, fine weather, not much change in temperature.

The band of the 14th P.W.O.R. will play in the artillery park to-morrow evening.