

**Sir Richard McBride May Mix
Politics and Lacrosse
Next Season.**

Politics and lacrosse is said to be the rather unusual admixture which Sir Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, is going to indulge in next season. For it is whispered around in government as well as select sporting circles that Sir Richard is going to take a flyer as a lacrosse promoter and that he will be the real backer of the new Victoria professional lacrosse team that is to be entered in the British Columbia Lacrosse Association next season.

Coast Boy Put Former Champion Down and Out in Third Round.

Calgary, Sept. 4.—The theory "once licked, always licked" proved to be true, when Joe Bayleay, lightweight champion of Canada, with a short hook to the jaw put the former champion, Billy Allen, down and out for the count of ten in the third round of their scheduled fifteen round bout here yesterday morning.

The sudden termination of the bout came as a disappointment to the crowd of five thousand fans who gathered in Calgary's new arena to watch the two men, who upon their former meeting had put up the fastest mill in the history of the game in Canada.

Allen was a beaten man before he entered the ring. Not once during the two and a half rounds did the former champion exhibit championship form. He was nervous at the start and kept appealing to the referee not to allow Bayley to hit in the breaks. Even before the bout started he showed symptoms of having lost his "goat." When Referee Tommy Burns, in introducing the boys, failed to mention that there would be no hitting in the break-aways, Allen took his arm and reminded him of this ruling. Before the first round was finished it was easy to see that it was simply a case of how long.

Regarding the appointment of
a new inspector of works at the

hospital wing, under construction, the board on Saturday entered into some little discussion. It was mentioned by J. A. Kirkpatrick, building committee commissioner, that the need for an inspector actively on the job during the absence of Mr. Barker, the original inspector, was felt and that the appointment was therefore made. Authority was given the inspector now to make certain minor alterations, and the city engineer is to be asked to look into sewer matters for the new wing. Recent rearrangements of staff being looked after by the house committee were approved.

El Paso, Sept. 7.—The entrance of Mexican rebels into the United States and subsequent engagement of U. S. troops below Hachita, New Mexico, marks the sixth invasion of American territory in the last few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. English Here.
Mr. and Mrs. English, of the Balmoral cannery, accompanied by their guest, Mrs. W. Cameron, wife of W. Cameron, postmaster of Stewart, who have been visitors to the city the last few days, left for their home at Balmoral yesterday.

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**WHAT "YORICK" HAS TO SAY ABOUT "ZAZA," THE THRILLING
 DRAMA WHICH IS ONE OF THE COMPANY'S REPERTOIRE
 TO BE PRESENTED AT THE OPERA HOUSE.**

New York has yet to hear of Verna Felton. But when it does Victoria may hear of but will see her no more. For the sake of Mr. Allen and our Victorian playgoers, therefore, I am constrained to hope that Miss Felton's inevitable recognition by her profession may be a triumph long deferred. That one so young should have established herself a favorite throughout the west as leading lady of such a clever stock company as the Allen Players, is something to be proud of. I will, however, stake my Old Country reputation for "spotting" future dramatic "winners" that this is but the sound foundation of a distinguished career. Miss Felton affords a striking demonstration of my old maxim that "there is as good acting in the provinces as ever came out of them." She is an actress of instinctive power to quite remarkable versatility, one who does not have to act as she learns but who learns as she acts. Within the past year, if I may say so, I see a wonderful improvement in her work; not so much in "savoir faire" or actual technique—that she always had—but in resourcefulness and subtlety—the two hallmarks of high dramatic achievement. As "Zaza," with which the Allen Company open their stock season here this week, she has often surprised her warmest admirers. I was, I believe, the first to send "Zaza" out on tour in England, and have seen five "Zazas" before that of Miss Felton. Though these include Mrs. Leslie Carter, Miss Essex Dane, Mrs. Charles Sugden and Mrs. Brown Potter, I can say without exaggeration that Miss Felton's

a finer and a truer characterization of this common but complex type of wayward woman than that of any of her better known predecessors in the role. When that can be said with unbiased judgment and sincerity, little need be added. Though a trifle crude in the scene where "Zaza" seduces Bernard Duresne to win her bet with his friend, and playing to the audience a little in Act III, Miss Felton's performance was a vivid but subtle and wholly artistic study of the wild child of nature who gives up all for love and wins all worth having by her sacrifice.

She was, on the whole, admirably supported, particularly by Charles Connors, who gave a convincing and well observed study of Cascart—her music hall partner—and by Miss Marie Thompson, who was responsible for an unusually good "double" as Florianne, Zaza's rival, and as Nathalie, her slattern but faithful maid. This was a highly creditable performance, betraying both versatility and a fine sense of comedy. The Bernard Duresne of Mr. Irving Kennedy was creditable without being convincing. Mr. Kennedy played with character and artistic self-restraint, but his Bernard lacked both "fire" and romance. It was a half elenched lover; not the kind to throw a woman like Zaza off her feet. Mrs. P. R. Allen gave the richly humorous and clever characterization of the old aunt that those who know her confidently anticipated, and the play was mounted in a manner worthy of the unique reputation this stock company enjoys.

The latter part of this week

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ss Felton and the Allen Play-
are appearing in Charles
ein's powerful drama "The
ird Degree." They are assist-
by the Royal Hungarian quar-
ete, who form as talented as
they are a novel orchestra, and
ay in their native dress on their
live string instruments.
It is excellent news to hear
rangements have been made by
anager Denham whereby this
very company of players will
occupy the boards at the West-
sime Theatre in a repertoire of

new successes for a short coming season. I would bespeak for them the generous measure of support that they deserve.

"YORICK."

At the Westholme Opera House commencing Wednesday, September 11th.

George Macdonald has joined the staff of Messrs Bainter & Sloan, real estate dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Carl have gone on a short visit to Portland, Oregon.