

PRINCES THEATRE.

LESSEES ... MESSRS. STEELE & KEOGH.

OPEN EVERY EVENING
With the Most Talented Company in New Zealand.

CROWDED HOUSES NIGHTLY!!

Continued Success and Genuine Popularity of those Eminent Artists

MR. AND MRS. HOSKINS,
(Miss Florence Colville),
Who will appear

THIS EVENING, FRIDAY,
For the first and only time this season, in Colman's Comedy,
THE HEIR AT LAW.

Doctor Pangloss, L.L.D., and A.S.S. ... MR. HOSKINS.
Cicely Homespun ... MISS FLORENCE COLVILLE.

And
THE TRAGEDY QUEEN.
Mademoiselle Dumenis ... MISS FLORENCE COLVILLE.

And on SATURDAY, will be presented
WOODCOCK'S LITTLE GAME.
Mr Woodcock ... MR. W. HOSKINS.
Mrs Christopher Larking ... MISS FLORENCE COLVILLE,
And Sheridan's celebrated Burlesque of

THE CRITIC, OR A TRAGEDY REHEARSED.

Mr Puff ... MR. HOSKINS.
Tilburina ... MISS FLORENCE COLVILLE.

In preparation,
TEMPERATION!

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME NIGHTLY.

Box plan may be seen, and seats secured, at Mr. West's, Musical Warehouse.

Dress Circle, 4s; Stalls, 2s; Pit, 1s.

BAKER'S GRAND HIBERNICON PANORAMA OF IRELAND.

Painted on 6000 yards of canvas. In conjunction with the great
HIBERNICON COMEDY COMPANY,

Pronounced by the press and public to be the
MOST GENUINE ENTERTAINMENT
That has visited New Zealand

The probable route of this Grand Combination is—
OAMARU, about the 6th inst.; TIMARU, about the 10th inst.
CHISTCHURCH, „ 20th; WELLINGTON, „ 29th.
WANGANUI, May 3; TARANAKI, May 6.
Nelson, Westport, Greymouth, Hokitika, and all intermediate
West Coast towns to follow.

The Immortal Bard of Ireland's—(TOM MOORE)—Melodies.
Cold, cold must the heart be, and void of emotion,
That loves not the music of Erin-go-Bragh.

ARTHUR A. ADAMS.

GENERAL COMMISSION AND ADVERTISING

AGENCY,
LAND AND ESTATE AGENT,
GEORGE STREET, DUNEDIN.

Tradesmen's Books Adjusted and Accounts Collected.

TEACHER WANTED,

FOR the Catholic School of HYDE. Salary, £70 per annum, with
Residence. Applications, with testimonials, to be addressed to
be Hon. Sec. before the 17th April.

WANTED KNOWN.

SMITH'S CAB Leaves St. Kilda Hotel every hour for Dunedin
starting at 8.30 a.m.; Returning from Queen's Arms Hotel,
every hour to St. Kilda.

DR. M. D. MURPHY

SURGEON, APOTHECARY, AND ACCOUCHEUR,

Has commenced practice in Dunedin. Temporary residence, Kool
House, opposite Wesleyan Chapel.

Hours of attendance: 10 to 11 a.m.; 2 to 3 and 7 to 8 p.m.

EXCELSIOR HAIRDRESSING, SHAVING, AND SHAM-POOING SALOON,

(Opposite Caledonian Grounds.)

GREAT KING STREET, DUNEDIN,
A. ALLEN, PROPRIETOR.

Children's Hair Cut (any day) between the hours of 10 a.m. and
4 p.m., 6d.—A Splendid Assortment of Meerschaum and Wooden
Pipes on hand; also, Tobacco, Cigars, Purses, Pocket Books, Per-
fumery, Pomades, Cutlery, Hair and Tooth Brushes, &c.—To open
out in a few days—a Large Assortment of Ladies' Combs, Pins, Plaits,
Frizzettes, Chignons, Head-dresses, &c.—Corrus Pared.

STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

DURING the Erection of the Company's New Offices on their
present site, the business will be carried on in the premises of
Mr Rose, clothier, on the opposite side of Princes street.

CHAS. REID,
Manager.

FINE OLD COGNAC.

SPECIAL IMPORTATION.

WE have just landed 200 cases Riviere Gardrat and Co.'s old
brandy, which is considered the finest in the Home markets,
and has been pronounced by competent judges here to be superior to
any hitherto imported.

Also 10 quarter-casks (8 year old) Ardbeg whisky.
ESTHER & LOW,
George street.

ALTERATION OF TIME

On and after SATURDAY, MAY 1,
COBB'S COACHES

TO CLYDE VIA LAWRENCE

will leave Dunedin

On WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS,
And leave Clyde for Dunedin, via Lawrence, on the same days.

JNO. CHAPLIN & CO.,
Manse street, Dunedin, April 27, 1875.

TALL CALCULATIONS.—Mr R. A. Proctor has published some
curious speculations on strange hands of cards, especially at whist.
The calculation has been made, by Babbage, I believe, that if the
entire population of the earth, taken at 1,000,000,000 persons, were
to deal the cards incessantly day and night for 100,000,000 years at
the rate of a deal by each person a minute, they would not exhaust
the one hundred thousandth part of the number of essentially differ-
ent ways in which the cards can be distributed. On the other hand,
it is recorded that there are two well authenticated instances within
ten years of one player holding all the trumps in his own hand.
Those who believe this say that there is no improbability in the occur-
rence once in ten years of the whole of the trumps being held by the
dealer, because there is an immense number of ways in which this
may be done. The thirteen cards may be dropped in any order, and
the number of permutations in dealing the other thirty-nine cards is
enormous. Taking the first calculation for comparison, Mr Proctor
shows that the 1,000,000,000 inhabitants of the earth would have only
to deal for one hour and fifty minutes for an even chance of giving all
trumps to one of the dealers, so that the remarkable hand would be
held by some one or another at least thirteen times a day. Having
ascertained this, Mr Proctor sought to verify the usually received
calculation, first above mentioned, and found that it fell far short of
the truth. A cipher must have been dropped somewhere, for only
one millionth of the possible permutations would have been gone
through after all the inhabitants of the earth had been dealing night
and day for a hundred million years. It is usually remarked that
the human mind is incapable of grasping the vast figures recording
astronomical facts, but Mr Proctor has shown that even the distance
of the fixed stars measured in hairbreadths is inconceivably smaller
than the number of ways in which a pack of cards may be arranged.
Taking the breadth of the finest spiders web at the millionth part of
an inch, he points out that the distance of the star Alpha Centauri
would contain this breadth about 1,500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
times. But even this enormous sum would have to be multiplied by
a number containing forty-four digits, that is by more than 10,000,
000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,
to amount to the number of ways in which the fifty-two cards might be dealt in one lot,
not in four as at whist. If this number were represented by counters
consisting of cubes bigger than the thickness of a spider's thread along
the edge, and these tiny counters were built up into a great cube, the
size of it would be 7,000 times the distance of the sun from the earth,
that is, its length, its breadth, and its thickness, would each be of
this enormous measure. The number representing the possible ways
in which cards in a pack may be arranged is, proximately, 80,657,470,
000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,
000,000. It would be a problem of itself to give this number a name.
'Leader.'

The Paris correspondent of the 'London Daily Telegraph' writes :
—“The Crown Jewels of France have returned to us. At the turn of
the war they were secretly despatched to England, and only last week
was it deemed safe to recall them. In number, according to the in-
ventory made for Louis XVIII, they were already 64,812, weighing
18,751 carats, of £837,000 value. Since then precious stones have
risen enormously in price, and the late Emperor added to his treasures.
The Crown of France in which is set the 'Regent' diamond and 5,360
other jewels, was valued at £310,030 half a century ago. The other
famous diamond the 'Sancy' is set in the first Emperor's sword, a
nicknack priced at £11,000. A plague in brilliants of the order of the
Holy Ghost, is calculated at £16,000. The crown jewels of France
were stolen August 16, 1792, by a band of forty thieves, who climbed
the lamp-posts and broke through a window of the gem-room. A
poor wretch was guillotined for this offence, whereof he was perfectly
innocent; but one guiltless head more or less, made small difference
in 1792. The jewelry were all found in the attic of a house situated
in the Champ Elysees, but as to how they got there, and how the
police heard of them is a mystery to this day.”