

Improvements in Piano Construction

Much interest being taken in recent improvements in a well known piano. Excellent results from innovation.

Improvements and changes in the old methods of piano construction in the past few years render the instrument of to-day far superior to what it has been in years past. Truly progressive piano factories are constantly on the alert to adopt anything in the way of machinery or improved designs to keep their instruments to the front, and perhaps the most prominent firm in Canada in this connection is the Williams Piano Co., of Oshawa, who have recently introduced the much talked of New Scale Williams Acoustic Rim, a special feature in sounding boards which gives a remarkable evenness of tone.

The same company has also adopted for their instruments a suspended bridge and nickel cut-off bar which isolates the tone from the wrest plank. The strings are also isolated from the plate by a wooden upper bridge and a Capo d'astro bar has been adopted.

Miller Bros.

MUNRO'S MAJORITY IS 970.

TORONTO, Jan. 27.—The complete figures of the North Oxford by-election Munro 2,835, Butler 1865. A Liberal majority of 970.

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P. E. I. RAILWAY

Table with columns for Train No., Stations, and Times. Includes routes like Ch'town, Mt. Stewart, and various local stops.

WHERE THE WITCHES AND FAIRIES ONCE HELD HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS

Some Highland Legends—A Fascinating Chapter in the History of the Highlands of Scotland—A Tailor's Cunning Device—Little Girl Surprised Her Father by Sinking Ships With a Glance—A Shepherd's Experiment—A Popular Legend.

One of the most fascinating chapters in the history of the Highlands of Scotland is that which treats of witchcraft and second sight. The Highlands were the happy hunting grounds of witches and fairies, who differed in many respects from their unsavory sisters of the plains.

Witches' remarkable powers. Just as the Highland caterans levied toll on the Sassenach cattle-owners for the immunity of their stock, so, in most cases, the local witch demanded, and was generally paid, a fixed sum annually, in consideration of which she agreed to refrain from exerting her evil powers on her clients' cattle beasts.

They had a pretty way, too, of flying through the air with incredible swiftness to London or Dublin, where they took possession of wine cellars and drank wine till morning. Curiously enough, they never thought of flying across the Irish Sea so long as they could sail across in an egg-shell or a sieve.

To this day tales of the uncanny doings of the witches are told with bated breath round the peat fires of many a lone Highlandcroft, and one or two of these may be worth retelling. One night a Lewis tailor discovered the meeting place of a number of witches, among whom he recognized his own wife.

A shepherd and his little daughter were walking on the hills of Mull, in view of the shipping in the Sound. "Father," said the little girl, "would you like to see me sink all those ships?"

with the assistance of the neighbors he burned the pair of them.

The following used to be a popular tale in the Western Highlands: A bonhead was sitting at his lonely fireside when a number of cats entered the room, and sitting round the fire proceeded to make themselves comfortable. After a bit one of the cats rushed to the door, and putting on a black cap, cried, "Hurrah for London!" and disappeared with a whisk of its tail.

Many of the stories of witches are obvious exaggerations of commonplace occurrences. In these enlightened days one would never dream of connecting the unusual antics of a fishy hare or an innocent tom cat with some misadventure of everyday life.

TROOPS TO YALU RIVER.

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 27.—It is reported that 150 wagons loaded with army stores have left Liao-Yang daily for the past four days for the Yalu River, where it has intended to concentrate 8000 Port Arthur and Mukden troops.

MAKING THEMSELVES PROFICIENT.

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—Three officers, six petty officers, and eight seamen of the fisheries protection service have been granted permits to join the school of artillery in Quebec, for special quick firing course of instructions for four weeks, commencing Feb. 1st.

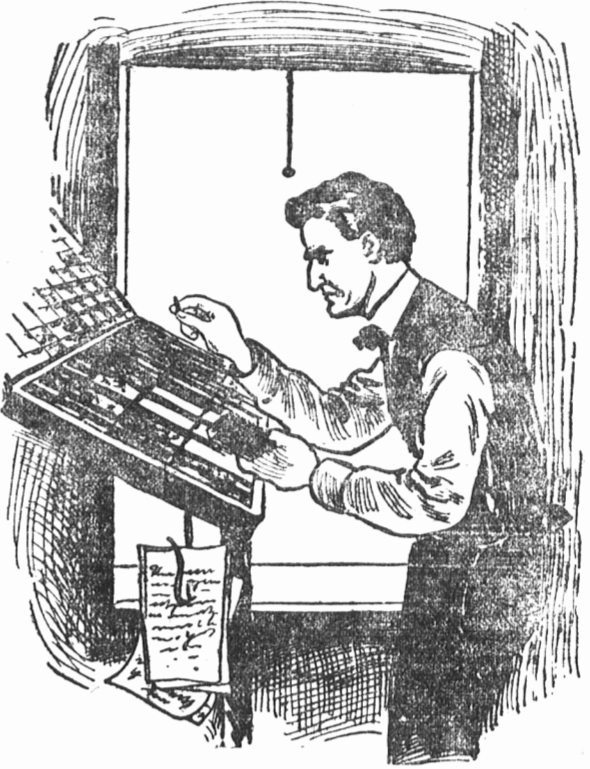
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