

Webb's own style, and was thoroughly enjoyed. At the conclusion of the repast the younger people returned to the ballroom.

Everyone said the "at home" was the most successful ever held under the auspices of No. 91.

NEWSPAPER GOSSIP.

A daily paper is to be established in Nanaimo. It will be called the Nanaimo Daily Mail.

Another French paper has been started in Windsor. It will make the third published in that city.

The Morning Chronicle, Halifax, N. S. now finds its way to this office. It is a remarkably well edited and newsy paper.

Mr. Sam Hughes of the Victoria Warder, has won a hard-fought battle in North Victoria, and will go to Ottawa next session.

Mr. George Newton for eight years and upwards on The Victoria Warder staff has decided to establish a newspaper and job office in the town of Campbellford Ont.

H. P. Moore, proprietor of the Acton Free Press, is about erecting a handsome publishing house, which will become one of the striking features of that village.

The Daily News Advertiser, Vancouver, B.C., is a neat daily from the far west. Its editorials are exceedingly well written and its appearance prepossessing.

Joseph P. Downey, formerly of the Guelph Herald, and Joseph Rickaby have purchased the Mount Forest Confederate from H. J. Benner.

A company, to be known as the Morning News Company, is being formed in Victoria to publish a newspaper to be known as the Morning News.

The initial number of the Palmerston Reporter is at hand. It is creditably gotten up and contains a large quantity of reading matter.

Mr. R. L. Patterson, the able manager of the Toronto agency of the famous Edinburgh type-founders, has been elected chairman of the Toronto High School Board.

Rivalry is so keen in the newspaper publishing business in Vancouver that one of the city newspapers tendered to do the official advertising for nothing, and got it and now the other papers have raised a storm.

E. H. Hutchinson, formerly editor of the St. Catharines Daily Standard, has transferred his interest in the paper to W. B. Burgoyne, who was business manager of the Star for a number of years.

Mr. F. J. Jewell, formerly Editor and manager of the Northumberland Enterprise, published at Colborne, Ont., and lately Editor and proprietor of the Stayner Sun has been engaged as Managing Editor of the Glen-garry News.

Mrs. Mitchell the mother of James Mitchell, proprietor of The Godenb Star and of Charles Mitchell, proprietor of The Ottawa

Free Press, on her way from Goderich to Windsor was seriously injured by a runaway horse at London.

Mr. Alf. Dixon has left Vancouver, B.C. to reside in Victoria. Mr. Dixon has received an appointment on the Victoria Morning News, the new paper about to start there. He is a clever newspaper man and will do much toward making the News a success.

Joseph Pulitzer, of the New York World, offered J. W. Scott, of the Chicago Herald, \$100,000 per year for five years to manage the World. The offer was declined, as Mr. Scott could not relinquish his Chicago properties. But it is the biggest offer ever made to a newspaper man.

Mr. William Baillie, of New Westminster, B.C., has been in Toronto renewing acquaintances, after an absence of several years. Mr. Baillie was formerly a Toronto pressman, and has been most successful since he took up his abode in the Pacific province.

The Toronto Printing Pressman's Union, No. 10, held a largely attended meeting in room 7, Richmond hall, on the evening of the 2nd inst. Mr. Bailey presided. A deputation from the Brotherhood of Printing Pressmen's Assistants was received, and the question of indenturing apprentices was discussed at considerable length.

R. W. Shannon, of Kingston, has taken possession of the Ottawa Citizen having paid \$30,000 for it. He has thus shown courage and if his known ability as a writer is backed by success as a manager in making the paper pay, he will have won the red button degree of journalism. Some men would as soon tackle a smelting works as a morning paper in a Canadian city under 50,000 people.

A fire occurred in The Vindicator office, Betts' block Oshawa, on 3rd. while the weekly was being run off. The press is run by a coal oil engine, and the oil catching fire ignited papers lying about and spread rapidly. The alarm was quickly sounded and the engine soon was on the spot, but the flames had made considerable headway before they were checked. A good deal of damage was sustained from fire and water. Covered by insurance.

The retirement of C. H. Mackintosh, M. P., from the editorship of the Ottawa Citizen is a distinct loss to Canadian journalism. Mr. Mackintosh has been in harness for thirty years, having began his career in Toronto in 1862. He is a native of Middlesex county. It is stated that Mr. Mackintosh, will become the Canadian representative of an important mining company which is being formed in England and comprises many very wealthy capitalists, who are already interested in Sudbury and in British Columbia, principally in South Kootenay.

The annual dinner of the Province of Quebec Press Association took place on Saturday evening at the St. Lawrence Hall,

Montreal. Mr. James Harper, president of the Association, occupied the seat of honor, and beside him sat Messrs. Walsh, superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Company; Powell, of the Great Northwestern Company, Ald. Rolland, Ald. Villeneuve, Dr. F. W. Campbell, dean of Bishop's College, and ex-Ald. Martineau. Some seventy guests were present. The only toasts offered were those to the Queen and to "Our Guests." The latter was proposed by Mr. Harper, who recalled the names of great journalists in Canada and abroad, and Messrs. W. H. Lynch, of Vancouver. A. C. Wurttele and Dunbar Browne replied. Dr. F. W. Campbell, who has been connected with newspapers for half a century, also related some of his experiences at length. Between speeches the guests were entertained with stereopticon views of Egypt, Ireland and Scotland.

A CANADIAN ABROAD.

The Idler is the latest claimant for popular favor among the illustrated six-penny monthlies, and the first issue is full of crisp and bright writing. This will not be wondered at when it is stated that the joint editors are two such well known humorists as Jerome K. Jerome and Luke Sharp, or Mr. Robert Barr as he is known in England; while among the first contributors are Mark Twain, J. H. Goring, Andrew Lang, Bret Harte, and James Payn. To Canadians the magazine has a special interest from the fact of Mr. Robert Barr's intimate association with the Dominion. Born in Scotland, Mr. Barr went to Canada when only five years of age, and his early writings in the Toronto Globe, London (Ontario) Advertiser, and Grip soon caught the taste of the Canadian public. Canada, however, was not the choicest of literary fields in those days, and in 1876 Mr. Barr crossed the boundary, and soon made for himself a name in North American literature by his writings under the nom de plume of "Luke Sharp"—a name suggested by the sign over the premises of a Toronto house of business. Eleven years ago he started the London edition of the Detroit Free Press, and his writings in that journal and in other journals and magazines here have brought him well-merited favor among the English reading public. Messrs. Chatto & Windus are bringing out in March a volume of stories by him, to be published simultaneously in London and New York, and he has now taken a further step forward in assuming equal editorial and proprietary interest with Jerome K. Jerome in the Idler. Mr. Barr is, by the way, still an owner of land on the Detroit River in Canada, and has many friends in the Dominion.—[London Canadian Gazette.

Fiction. Present Style. Gertrude "You never do anything now, Margaret, but go to all sorts of churches, and read those old books of theology. You never used to be like that." Margaret—"How can I help it, Gerty? I'm writing a popular novel."