

FINE BANQUET OF MILLS EMPLOYEES.

Staff of the Big Store Had a Fine Time of It Last Night.

Supper, and After Dinner Speeches, Followed by a Short Programme of Dancing.

The annual banquet and dance of the employees of Stanley Mills & Co. was held last evening in the store, and was attended by nearly two hundred of the employees. In was, indeed, a very jolly gathering, and was typical of the spirit of the firm all the year round—that of pleasantness. The banquet was in charge of the ladies this time, it being leap year, and one of the members stated that that part of the event was the best ever since the inception of the annual banquets. The arranging of the tables and looking after the supper was in charge of the ladies, and it was well done. Anderson's orchestra discoursed sweet music. There were all kinds of good things on the table, and those present made good headway with them. At the conclusion of the banquet, Miss Kate McInerney, chairman of the evening, introduced a splendid list of toasts, all of which were enthusiastically received.

The first toast was to the "Queen and King," which was responded to by the singing of the National Anthem, it was proposed by Mrs. McKewen. Before proceeding any further Mr. J. H. Piper, the superintendent, presented Miss McInerney with a beautiful bouquet of American beauty roses.

Miss McInerney proposed the toast to the mother of the firm, Mrs. Nelson Mills, and the following tribute, written by one of the employees, showed the feeling that exists between the employees and Mrs. Mills:

Hundreds of stars in the lovely sky,
Hundreds of shells on the shore to gether,
Hundreds of birds that go singing by,
Hundreds of birds in the sunny weather;
Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn,
But—
Only one member the world wide over,
Like the mother of the firm.

Miss Galloway proposed the toast to Canadian women, and in the course of her remarks said that she was proud that she was a Canadian girl. She pointed with pride to the fact that Canada had produced many heroes, such as Laura Secord, and others of more or less distinction. She wondered if Canadian girls realized the wonderful heritage that was theirs. Miss Galloway referred to the brave action of Miss Baxter, who rescued Mr. Little at the West-Ingouise a few weeks ago at the imminent peril of her own life. It only went to show the true type of womanhood that Canada possesses.

Mr. F. J. Eagle responded to the toast and heartily agreed with the sentiments expressed by Miss Galloway. He said that the men of this country should have no trouble in appreciating the works of art that are living in Canada.

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The vision which spreads out before me as I view this store of wonderful possibilities, 100 years to come almost takes my breath away. The original store built by the founder, Stanley Mills & Co., in the year 1903, has long since been replaced by a magnificent building covering the area from King to Gore streets, and James to John streets, and wearing its head in dignity and grandeur to a dizzy height of 25 stories. It is built of white marble with furnishings of gold, made in Hamilton. It is the pride of this old city, and travellers from all over the world, the Hamilton to study the vast monument of mercantile life. From its great manufacturing plants situated in the suburbs of Hamilton—Oakville and Toronto—this firm supplies not only Canada, but many foreign nations with merchandise. It is the only safeguard for its up-to-date-ness, reliability and exclusiveness. Like all other firms, they have their competitors, but they are not the competitors of the early 20th century, they have long since retired to Rockton and Toronto. The farmers' cheap excursions, which were once the great joy and pride of the pioneer mercantile prince over which hundreds of rural citizens were hustled on electric cars into the city, have been superseded by a most extravagant method, and weekly bargain excursions from Paris, Berlin, London, Los Angeles and other cities of note are carried in by a fleet of well organized flying machines.

Advertising to these points is done by the improved Marconigram system, the Stanley Mills Budget being published daily for their local readers by their own staff of printers, and in addition to this, a fresh bulletin is published every hour, which greatly assists the buyers and shoppers. The old firm name remains unchanged, and just here let me make a few reminiscences. On the 25th story of the building is a magnificent art gallery, and above this is the most pretensions roof garden in the world. All day long the populace gather here seeking refreshment and recreation from the city's noise and tedium. In the art gallery there is a large space devoted to the life-sized portraits of the faithful few who labored through storm and sunshine with them during the early part of the 20th century. Each portrait is framed in solid gold and fittingly inscribed as follows:

"Stanley Mills—What he didn't know about hardware! —1907."
"Edwin Mills—The man behind the gun."
"Robert Mills—He scattered flowers in the way."

"F. J. Eagle—He soared—somewhere."
"Emily Ker—She wouldn't waste a minute."
"Wellington Roderick—He tried to brace up."
"Matilda Meyers—She ran the car."
"Kate McInerney—Three cheers for old Ireland."
"A. J. Clark—He peddled bargains."
"Mamie Hedley—She handled the gloves to perfection."
"Harriet Byron—Wore out more shoes than any ten men in his day."
"Jean McLaughlin—She was Scotch. That explains everything."
"Robert J. Stevenson—He was a hummer in his day."
"Harriet Byron—She hustled oranges to the bitter end."
"Bella Robertson—She married the fat man at last."
"Mary Ogilvie Craddock—She had some great notions."
"Minnie Bartindale—She sang the song of the spirit."
"Mary McKewen—Better late than never."
"Frances Gillies—She didn't want to get married."
"Angela Galloway—Little Brown Jug, but I love thee."
"Geo. Gower—His specialty was door knobs."
"E. W. Squires—Faithful to the last."
"H. J. Healey—He has his ups and downs like the man with the short leg."
"Ellsworth Smith—He dealt in Chinese money."

"I feel as though I need a drink myself."
Mr. Edmund Mills replied to the toast, and said that if all the things mentioned by Mrs. Torrance should come true, in 2008, the firm would certainly be cutting a dash of no mean order.

The toast to the Superintendent was proposed by Mrs. Patten, one of the former employees, in which she referred to the many and untiring services of Mr. J. H. Piper, who, in his capacity as such, had earned the respect and esteem of every employee.

Mr. Piper was in his usual happy mood, and in speaking the toast said he was more than pleased to be at the head of such a lot of bright employees. They made his work comparatively easy for him during the year. He referred to the happy relations that existed between him and the employees, and hoped that such relations would continue. He also gave a little reading of a few verses composed by himself of "The Leap Year Girl," which were heartily applauded.

The toast to the "Mail Order Department" was proposed by Miss Wilcox, and responded to by Mr. Robert Stevenson, the head of that department. He stated that over 18,000 mail orders had been filled during the past year, and some of the shipments even reached the heart of Africa.

The toast to the "Press" was proposed by Miss Fawell, who in the course of her remarks spoke of the position occupied by the women in the field of journalism. Miss Fawell responded, and the toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by Miss Meyers and responded to by Mr. J. H. Piper, who in his capacity as such, had earned the respect and esteem of every employee.

The toast to the "Maiden-Captain" was proposed by Miss Galloway, and responded to by Mr. Robert Stevenson, the head of that department. He stated that over 18,000 mail orders had been filled during the past year, and some of the shipments even reached the heart of Africa.

"A work of art—every one of them," is the verdict accorded the

HEINTZMAN & CO. PIANO



The emphasis is on the "every one of them." You can depend on the piano of any style—Concert Grand, Baby Grand, Miniature Grand, Upright—when it bears this time-honored name.

"The pure and singing quality of the Heintzman & Co. Piano and the admirable evenness and elasticity of the action are such as to reflect the utmost credit upon this house and Canadian skill and enterprise."—A. S. Vogt, Conductor famous Mendelssohn Choir.

Warerooms : : 71 King East
A. L. GARTHWAITE, Manager

THISTLE CARNIVAL.

Successful Event at the Popular Ice Rink.

The first ice carnival of the season was held last evening at the Thistle Rink, Robinson street, and drew quite a large crowd of both costumed and ordinary skaters. The ice was in perfect condition, and the excellent music by the rink band made the event an enjoyable affair. The scene for the spectators was very interesting, and the judges, Messrs. Geo. J. Tuckett, W. Welber and Wm. Constable, selected the following as the prize winners: Ladies' best costume, Miss Tope, as the Duchess of Devonshire; ladies' comic, Miss A. Sheridan, as Sis Hopkins; gentlemen's best outfit, Reg. Morley as an Indian chief; comic, H. Precious, as Happy Hooligan. The prizes were valuable, the ladies' being oxidized silver jewel cases, and gold locket for the gentlemen. Although there were a greater number of costumed skaters on the ice than the entry list contained, only those who had registered at the box office were taken into consideration by the judges. During the evening Mr. Tuckett announced the winners, and referred to the big hockey game to night, and Messrs. Welber and Constable presented the prizes. They awarded a special prize to Little Miss Beta Price as Little Bo-Peep.

Extraordinary Value in Women's Coats at Shea's.

Hundreds of elegant mantles to choose from, everyone at good practical garment and perfect in style. On Saturday morning you can have the choice of any cloth mantle in our stock and they are worth as high as \$30 for \$10. We will sell \$15 to \$18 mantles for \$7.50; \$10 to \$12 mantles for \$4.95; \$7.50 mantles for \$2.95. Hundreds of elegant skirts, nearly all samples, at less than half price; \$4 skirts for \$1.95; \$5.95 for \$2.50; \$6.95 for \$3.50; \$10 for \$5. Women's stylish suits, correct in cut, material and finish, worth \$20 to clear at \$10. Hundreds of cream mohair bear coat coats for children, worth up to \$4, on sale for \$1.95. Misses' and children's cloth coats at most extraordinary reductions. Fur-lined coats at \$7.50, \$10 and \$12.50. Women's neck furs at final reductions; \$6.50 values for \$2.95; \$8 to \$10 for \$5; \$25 for \$12.50. A sweeping sale of sample blouses in silk, lawn, lace, and fancy materials, worth \$2 for 95c; \$4 for \$1.95; \$6 for \$2.95. Dressing sacks, worth \$2.50 for \$1.25. A big offering of women's and children's winter underwear, all samples, at less than wholesale bargains, in cotton, linen, wool blankets and comforters, dress goods and silks. Read out "ad" on another page and come out to the early morning sales.—James Shea.

MR. STUDHOLME

Wants Shorter Hours For Telephone Girls.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—The hours and wages of telephone girls will be a live subject at the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. Alan Studholme, the Labor member from Hamilton, will, it is understood, be the champion of the operators, and will bring in a bill preventing the Bell Telephone Co., or others, from having their employees work beyond a certain number of hours a day, and defining a certain amount as the minimum for wages.

Mr. Studholme, it is understood, has his bill on the findings of the Telephone Commission—Judge Winchester and Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King.

HENNESSEY'S BEAUTY PARLORS

Messrs. John P. Hennessey & Bros., chemists and perfumers, 7 King street east, have an important announcement on the back page of this issue. They have opened up elegant beauty parlors above their store, and will give special attention to three necessary things of life. To look well, to feel well and to see well, they consider the essentials, and Miss L. Ballantyne, who is an expert in manicuring, hair dressing, massaging, etc., may be consulted at all times. A popular feature of her department is the rapid shampoo; your hair dried in ten minutes by an apparatus used in all the leading centres of fashion. The other department is in charge of Mr. M. S. Taube, an eyeglass specialist, who prescribes the proper lenses and frankly tells the visitor if glasses are needed. His advice is practical, having been gained by many years' experience.

Tenders were opened at Montreal for the first hundred-mile section of the Grand Trunk Pacific east of Prince Rupert.

Father—That cat made an awful noise in the back garden last night. Arnold—Yes, father. I think that since he ate the canary he thinks he can sing.

DUNDAS NEWS.

Internal Management Committee of the School Board.

Dundas, Feb. 8.—The inaugural meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening. The members present were: J. J. Steele, W. H. Knowles, N. McPherson, Jos. Thompson, E. E. Fisher, T. C. G. Minty, Henry Tyson, John Douglass, H. G. Smith, C. E. Dickson.

J. J. Steele was elected chairman for the year. W. H. Knowles was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer and Oliver Holson was re-appointed janitor. The standing committees were appointed as follows:

Internal Management—McPherson, Latshaw, Dickson, Tyson, Nelson and Davidson.

Property—Reid, Smith, Douglass, Knowles and Fisher.

Finance—Minty, Thompson, Sullivan, and the chairman of the other two committees.

Each committee will elect its own chairman. The Property Committee subsequently elected H. G. Smith its chairman.

The High and Public School reports for January were pronounced very satisfactory.

Inspector Withers' report was presented, and referred to the Internal Management Committee. It regretted that the new High School by-law had been defeated, but hoped for something better in the near future. The report stated that under the new regulations Dundas will be one of the improved schools.

Consideration of the proposed salary schedule was left over for a future meeting.

Arrangements are being made by the Town Council to furnish stone breaking for the unemployed. The town needs a large quantity, and should its need be over-supplied, the county, it is stated, will take any surplus. The quarry will be on Sydenham street.

Will the Methodists of Dundas lose their pastor, Rev. T. J. Mansell? is the question that is now agitating that body. The officials gave him a hearty, unanimous invitation to remain for a fourth year, and thought the matter was properly closed. But Brantford wants him, and Brantford is a desirable place, and it was a tie vote to release him and not to release him.

THE TWO T'S.

Great Plunge In Price Cutting Begins To-morrow.

Our last plunge in price cutting, commencing Saturday:

\$13—Will now give you a choice of any \$18.50, \$20, \$25, \$28 or \$30 suit or overcoat in our establishment, blacks and blues included. Hundreds of garments to select from.

\$10—Will now give you a choice of any \$13.50, \$14.50 and \$15 suit or overcoat in our establishment, blacks and blues included, all styles, patterns and sizes.

\$7.50—Will give you a choice of any \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00 suit or overcoat, dress suits and Prince Alberts not included.

One-quarter off all winter underwear and lined gloves.

100 pairs \$4.50 and 85 American gentlemen's shoes \$3.75.

Any \$2.50, \$3.00 or \$3.50 hat in the store \$1.98.

One lot \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 wool shirts and drawers, 75c.

The T's, Trudell & Tobey, 50 and 52 James street north.

Stanley Mills & Co., Limited, Friday, Feb. 7th, 1908

The Third Great

Home Industrial Exposition



Will Be at Its Best To-morrow

An exposition of commerce and industry surpassing in comprehensiveness, interest and educational value, anything that has ever been attempted in a Canadian store. Come to-morrow.

Everything is in perfect running order now. All the exhibits and demonstrations are in full swing, reminding one of nothing so much as a busy hive of bees.

The whole store is a fascinating scene—brilliant with lights, gay with flags and bunting and merry with eager interested throngs.

This store never does things by halves, and when we say that this Industrial Exposition exceeds its two important predecessors you can come to-morrow expecting much.

List of Exhibitors

David Morton & Sons. Soaps
Downswell Manufacturing Co. Household Machines
W. E. Sanford Co. Clothing
Zimmerman Mfg. Co. Men's and Women's Underwear
Lyle & Bailey. Lily White Flannels
Chadwick Bros. Brass Goods
James Jolley & Sons. Harness
Chipman, Holton Knitting Co. Hosiery
VanAllen Shirt Co. Men's Shirts
Burrow, Stewart & Milne. Gas Stoves
Ontario Engraving Co. Picture Post Cards
Meriden Britannia Co. Silverware
V. H. Mitchell. Baskets
Robert Ralston Co. Polishes
John Duff Sons. Meats
Fowler's Canadian Co. Meats
J. K. Fairbank. Soap and Soap Powders
E. T. Wright & Co. Tinsware
John McPherson Co. Shoes
W. Pinkerton. Vegetable Papers

List of Exhibitors

Ontario Lamp and Lantern Co. Lanterns and Incandescent Lamps
Permanent Ink Co. Inks
Buntin, Gillies Co. Stationery
The Ellis Mfg. Co. Underwear
Hamilton Wire and Sheet Metal Works. Wire Coat Hangers
Hamilton Incubator Co. Incubators
Dominion Belting Co. Stretched Belting
Hamilton Cotton Co. Chenille Covers and Portieres
Banwell, Hoxie Fence Co. Fencing
Hamilton Steel and Iron Co. Iron Ore and Steel Ingots
T. W. Jatten. Boat Models
White Co., Limited. Baskets
Eagle Knitting Co. Underwear
R. Greening Co. Wire Goods
F. W. Bird & Sons. Paroid Roofing
F. F. Dalley Co. Stove and Shoe Polishes
Sunlight Soap Co. Soaps
Walter Woods. Brooms
Comfort Soap Co. Comfort Soap

And in the Basement Pure Food Demonstrations

LUCAS, STEELE & BRISTOL, Empire Coffee and Relish.
T. UPTON & CO., Jams, Jellies and Marmalades.
JAS. TURNER & CO., Ram Lal's Tea and Coffee, and Perini's Biscuits.
TILLSON OAT CO., Cereals.

STEWART'S CHOCOLATES, Taffies, Chocolates and Turkish Delight.
MCILAREN'S CO., LIMITED, Joffies, Jellies, Extracts and Icings.
E. D. SMITH, Jams, Canned Vegetables, Catsup, etc.
INGERSOLL PACKING CO., Cream Cheese.

Broken-Lot Sale of Winter Shoes for Everybody

New Shoes to buy? Perhaps you can find the very kind you want among the various lots here, greatly underpriced. Come to-morrow to see. You'll save splendidly if you do so, and they are shoes that are sure to give satisfaction in style, comfort and wear. A brief outline here.

WOMEN'S Vici Kid and Patent. BOYS' Box Calf Laced Boots, Blucher cut, with extension sole and college back straps, sizes 1 to 5, on sale Saturday at only \$1.48 pair.

Men's Box Calf and Dongola Kid Laced Boots, Blucher cut, with extension soles, Goodyear welt, sizes 6 to 10, worth regularly \$3.50, on sale Saturday at only \$2.95.

Men's Cashmere and Worsted Sox, finest English make, worth regularly 35c pair, on sale Saturday at 25c.

Men's Wool Underwear, Ellis' spring needle make, every thread pure wool, worth regularly \$1 per garment, on sale Saturday at 50c.

Men's White Wool Gloves, all sizes, worth regularly 50c pair, on sale Saturday at half price.

Sale of Men's Goods

Bargains for the discriminating buyer. Prices lowered on the choicest, best and most desirable of Men's Winter Requirements.

Men's Woolsey and Penman's Underwear, finest quality, unshrinkable, worth regularly up to \$2.75 per garment, on sale Saturday at \$1.49.

Boys' fleece-lined Undershirts, good heavy quality and thoroughly sanitary, worth regularly up to 50c each, Saturday half price.

Men's White Wool Gloves, all sizes, worth regularly 50c pair, on sale Saturday at half price.

February Sale of Household Needs—3rd Floor

Events such as this prove the great scope and helpfulness of this store's resources.

Just now, when housekeepers are picking up odds and ends for the comfort and beautifying of their homes, our Housefurnishing Section offers tempting bargains in most desirable lines. Come early.

A few only real Irish Point Curtains, very handsome designs, only one or two pairs of a kind, suitable for parlors and dining rooms, worth regularly \$3.50 pair, for \$3.98.

12 only pairs of Tapestry Portieres in green and red mixtures, nicely made, with heavy fringe on top and bottom, worth regularly \$1.00 pair, for \$3.00.

Table Napkins, pure linen, small dainty patterns, hemmed ready for use, worth regularly \$1.50 per dozen, on sale Saturday at only \$1.19.

Crash Toweling at 4 yards for 25c.

Women's Fine Cloth Coats At \$12.50

In this splendid assortment of Winter Coats are broken lots in rich Broadcloth, Kersey Cloth and Fine Tweeds, in the season's most favored colorings, green, navy, brown, also fine black; graceful, loose-fitting, semi-fitting or tight-fitting styles. Comfortable 3/4 length, and lined to the waist with satin. Finely tailored and trimmed with self strappings.

Styles worth regularly \$18.00 to \$22.00, on sale Saturday at \$12.50 all one price.

Stanley Mills & Co., Limited

Sale of Hosiery and Underwear

Unequaled values in winter weights for to-morrow's selling.

A dozen only Girls' Part Wool Drawers, large sizes, well made, with neat fitting band around the waist, ankle length, extra heavy, natural color, worth regularly 50c pair, on sale at \$3.00 sharp at only 19c.

Women's Winter Weight Union Under Vests, natural color, unshrinkable quality, well made, buttoned in front, worth regularly 25c pair, on sale Saturday at only 19c.

Women's Plain Black Cashmere Hose, seamless throughout, high spliced heels and toes, very elastic tops, winter weight, on sale Saturday at only 25c pair.

Old sizes in Boys' or Girls' Ribbed Cashmere Hose, double knees, double heels and toes, fast black and excellent to wear, worth regularly 25c pair, on sale at \$3.00 sharp at 19c.

Black Beau de Soir, a good wearing quality for waists and dresses, width 29 inches, worth regularly \$1.00 per yard, Saturday for 50c.

Plain Venetians and Cheviots, in navy, brown, green, red and black, 34 inches wide, worth regularly \$1.25 per yard, on sale to-morrow at only 85c.

Bargains in Dress Goods

Black Beau de Soir, a good wearing quality for waists and dresses, width 29 inches, worth regularly \$1.00 per yard, Saturday for 50c.

Plain Venetians and Cheviots, in navy, brown, green, red and black, 34 inches wide, worth regularly \$1.25 per yard, on sale to-morrow at only 85c.

Big Sale of Embroideries

At the Embroidery Counter at 8.30 sharp to-morrow. Come early and get first pick. Muslin Embroidery Insertions, fine open work patterns, 1 to 2 inches wide, worth regularly 15 and 25c yard, choice at 8.30 sharp at 7c.

Fine Muslin Embroideries, open and blind patterns, 2 to 4 inches wide, worth regularly 15c and 20c a yard, choice at 8.30 sharp at 12 1/2c.

Cambrie Embroideries, 2 1/2 inch wide, worth regularly 8 and 10c a yard, on sale at all one price 5c a yard.

A special lot of 8 and 9 inch Embroideries, for flouncings, worth regularly 20 and 25c a yard, clearing at 8.30 sharp at 14c.

Sale of Toilet Paper

Toilet Paper in rolls, worth regularly 9c roll, on sale at 8.30 sharp at the Toilet Goods Section at 6c.

Saturday Specials in Choice Groceries

FRESH EGGS—25 crates of Fresh Eggs on sale at 8.30 sharp at 23c doz.

CANNED GOODS SPECIAL—1 can of Peas, 1 can of Corn, and 1 can of Tomatoes, in assorted lots, for 25c.

3 packages of Corn Flakes or Quaker Oats for 25c.

3 cans of Finnan Haddie, for 25c.

30 boxes of Fresh Choice Navel Oranges, worth regularly 25 and 30c a dozen, on sale Saturday at 19c dozen.

10 boxes more of Choice Lemons for 25c.

25 lbs. of Gold Medal Flour for 60c.

Jersey Cream Soda Biscuits, 3-lb. packages, for 25c.

4 lbs. of Japan Rice for 25c.