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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. C. W. Sarvis, of Jackson, Mich., is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. Penhall, of East London.

—A chimney fire at No. 415 Ridout street gave the firemen a run at 9:30 o'clock last evening. Little damage was done.

—Miss Maud M. Angus, of 514 William street, city, is a guest at the house of Col. A. Morgan, Osnabrook Center, Ont.

—Miss Constance Macdonald, of Dawson, Yukon, is spending the Christmas vacation with her aunt, Mrs. W. J. Carson, 26 Prospect avenue, city.

—The citizens of London will have an opportunity on Friday evening, Dec. 30, of hearing Professor James Francis O'Donnell, of Cleveland, in his greatest success, "Olla Podrida," at St. Mary's Hall, East London.

—Mr. Charles Morehead, barrister, of New York, is the guest of Mr. Chauncey G. Jarvis, for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Morehead is a London boy, and practiced his profession in this city for some years. He has since acquired distinction as an author and translator.

—At the parsonage of the First Methodist Church, Miss Ella M. Arrond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Arrond, of Melrose, was united in marriage on Monday to Mr. Walter J. Collier, of Melrose. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George E. Bishon, and witnessed by Miss Tina Collier, sister of the groom, and Mr. G. Arrond, brother of the bride. After the ceremony, the happy company joined a number of friends and relatives in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Marsden, of this city, where, after many congratulations, were extended, a dainty wedding breakfast was served. The young couple left on the afternoon train for Niagara, and will spend their honeymoon at other points in the east, where they will spend their honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Collier are held in high esteem in and around Melrose, and have the best wishes of many friends.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT.
Canon Dann, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, was remembered in a happy fashion by the members of his choir, every Tuesday evening in Cronin Hall, at Christmas. He was presented with a handsome clock, and a slight token of the esteem in which the teachers hold him.

HOWITT-PERRY.
At the residence of Mrs. Perry, 235 Talbot street, a happy event took place last evening when her youngest daughter, Miss Lenora, was wedded to Mr. Percy Charlton Howitt, also of this city. The ceremony, which was of a quiet nature, was performed by Rev. James Livingstone.

A SHARPER'S TRICK.
A sharper's trick was worked at the corner of Richmond and Kent streets about 9 o'clock this morning. At this situation there is a small candy, fruit and peanut store kept by an old man who has had the misfortune to lose his right eye. A man between the ages of 20 and 30 entered the store and asked the old man if he could change a quarter. The reply was in the affirmative, and he handed the stranger two ten-cent pieces and a nickel, and received in exchange what at first sight looked like a quarter, but which proved, on immediate inspection, to be a check good for the pressing of one pair of pants at a downtown establishment. The sharper took to his heels and ran down Kent street as hard as he could go. The old man started to follow him, but seeing that pursuit was useless, he accosted a nearby policeman and told him his trouble.

The Sale Continues.
The opportunity is still open for citizens to buy jewelry and silverware at cut prices. Mr. Peter Birtwistle is anxious to clear out the balance of his large stock and announces a continuation of the sale until the stock is all sold. Excellent bargains are given and as his stock was a varied and a remarkably well selected one, choice goods remain to be disposed of.

More than two thousand skilled workmen have left the French silk factories of Roubaix and Tournai within a year for the United States. Five women at Washington, D. C., are still drawing pensions as widows of soldiers who served in the war of the revolution, which ended 120 years ago.

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For many days before Christmas the postmen of the city had unusually heavy quantities of mail to deliver. But the greatest delivery was on the holiday morning when the above cut is made from a photograph of the carriers taken as they were about to start on their rounds.

BLAIR REPEATS DENIAL

Ex-Minister Says Some One Wanted to Create a Sensation.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Hon. A. G. Blair, late chairman of the railway commission, is at the King Edward Hotel. When Mr. Blair was interviewed, looked as serene and composed as a lake in May, showing no trace, indeed, of having been disturbed or worried by the recent rumors connecting him with a scheme to overthrow the Laurier Administration.

Looking closer at him, one, indeed, observed an air of jaunty about him, proceeding probably from his own freedom from the cares of state. He had just arrived from Ottawa on private business.

Would he remain long in the city? He could not say. That depended on how his business progressed. Then came the great question. The scribbler took a long breath and plunged right in.

"Is there anything that might be taken as likely to give rise to the report that you intended to stump the country in opposition to the Government?"

Mr. Blair was emphatic in his denial, his negative being ejected rather than spoken.

The Boys in Blue Have Third Annual Reunion

Collegiate Cadets, Past and Present, and Their Friends, Have Pleasant Gathering.

The London Collegiate Institute Cadets, or No. 9 Corps, held their third annual reunion dinner last evening and the affair was undoubtedly the most enjoyable and successful that the corps has ever seen. The large room was completely filled, and all showed the utmost appreciation of the proceedings. The cadets themselves did not by any means form the largest proportion of the company, for a large number of ex-cadets, prominent citizens, teachers, visiting cadets and military men were present. The room was very prettily decorated with the school colors—old gold and purple—which hung in festoons from the ceiling—flags and plants. The proceedings



Capt. Ayre Dann,
Commanding Officer of the Collegiate Institute Cadets.

were enlivened by many instrumental and vocal selections. Mr. Guy Andrus, teacher in mathematics at the Collegiate, made an excellent chairman, and introduced a toast list of more than usual interest. The tenor of the speeches made it evident that twice as much interest than formerly is being taken in the welfare of the cadets, and that they have entered upon a new and glorious epoch in their history. After a year's lapse, the corps has risen stronger than ever before, and has been recognized by the citizens and the government as a body of men of high character and high ability. The speakers referred to the importance of the cadet movement, which is rapidly spreading through Canada, and its significance, hoping that the numbers of the London corps would, in accordance, swell to quadruple their size. The banquet started about 8:30 o'clock, and so great was the enthusiasm and interest shown that it was not brought to a close until 11:30 o'clock.

As was natural from the character of the gathering, the toast of "The King" was drunk in a very hearty

speaker paid a tribute to Capt. Dana and Lieut. Yarker for their energetic work.

The first to respond to the toast of "Cadets—Present and Past" was Capt. Dann. He said that much of the credit for the success of the present corps was due to the board of education for their grant of \$200. He referred to the hard work which had been done by the dozen boys who had formed the nucleus of the revived corps. The latter was now on its feet for good and all. The speaker paid a tribute to Mayor Beck for the donation of a shooting trophy for the cadets in No. 1 District. It had been won this season by Seaford, but the L. C. I. were "after it." The speaker also acknowledged gratefully the donation of a rifle, for the best aggregate in shooting made during the year, by the Daughters of the Empire.

Ex-Capt. Magee congratulated the corps on their fine appearance. He was sure their numbers would rapidly increase when they had the use of the armory. The speaker thought that the importance of cadet corps was heightened by the fact that Canada's great coat of arms, given to her from being defended by the building of fortifications, Canada's aim in the military line should be to become a "nation of sharpshooters." And the best opportunity a citizen had of learning how to handle the rifle was when he was young. Hence the great value of cadet corps.

Lieut. Ingram, of the Seventh Regiment, said he had been sincerely sorry when the L. C. I. Cadets Corps had been formed for a year. He said that although he was not present for recruiting purposes, he trusted that all cadets, after graduation, would become members of the Seventh Regiment.

Ex-Capt. Barty gave interesting reminiscences of the corps of 1888, the first year of its modern history, when the speaker had joined. He thought that the main object in life of the members at that time was to secure a "good turnout," and to have their buttons shiny. The speaker thought that later corps would have a hard time to beat that of 1888 in enthusiasm. He was glad that several drawbacks which had been affecting the corps had been removed, and that it was now on the high road of success. The speaker closed with thanking the chairman for remembering the "old cadets."

Ex-Capt. Rowntree referred to the cadets as "Our Corps," saying that it was his firm belief that the corps should always remain united in spirit with the corps.

Ex-Lieut. Duncan Graham said it had been his privilege to see many cadets in various parts of the country, and he could say truthfully that he thought that the London cadets made the best showing of all.

The toast of "Sister Corps" was responded to by four captains from other corps, who all expressed their pleasure at being present and told something of their own corps. The speakers were Capt. Rutledge, of Woodstock, Jones, of St. Thomas, Parrott, of Chatham, and Murray, of Goddard.

The toast of the city of London was responded to by Mayor Beck and Sheriff Cameron. The former regretted that this was the last time he was going to attend the cadet banquet as mayor. He gave some happy reminiscences of other days when he was at school and was a member of the corps. When he looked at the fine physique which he had noticed in many of the ex-cadets, he

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NEW YEAR'S GIFTS GALORE.

gathered with "The Cradle of the Deep," and other bass solos. Mr. Geo. Phelps made an excellent accompanist. One of the boys gave a violin solo and Master Cyril Bremner played popular airs during the first part of the banquet. The following were among those present: Col. A. Peters, D. O. C. Mayor Beck, M. P. P. Mr. W. C. Ferguson, Ald. Judd, Mr. E. J. MacRobert, Registrar Dignan, Mr. R. A. Bayly, Mr. Alex. Greenlee, Mr. Hugh Shuttleworth, Mr. Ernest Marshall, Mr. Alfred Dann, Mr. Howard Ingram, Lieut. Harold Scandrett, Seventh Regiment; Lieut. Carling, Seventh Regiment; Mr. George Loughrey, Cadet Cameron, R. M. C.; Cadet Greenlee, R. M. C.; Mr. G. Hiscow, Mr. H. Mara, Mr. G. Schaefer, Mr. E. O'Connor, Mr. W. Blackwell, Mr. Keith Cameron, Mr. E. Little, Mr. F. Shuttleworth, Sheriff Cameron, Mr. W. M. Govenlock, Mr. A. McVicar, and the following members of the L. C. I. Cadets:

Mr. McVicar, in reply to the toast of "The Teachers," paid a tribute to high school graduates of Canada who had fought in South Africa. He also praised the girls of the L. C. I. for forming a company in connection with the Daughters of the Empire, for drill purposes.

Cadet Greenlee, of the R. M. C., spoke to the toast in a happy vein that was much appreciated.

To the toast of "Sports," Lieut. Carling said that sports were indissolubly associated with cadet work. He referred to the school graduates who had won distinction in the sporting world, and attributed much credit to several of the teachers, who, he said, were good old sports, and had aided athletes in every way.

Corp. Scandrett also spoke suitably, saying that he hoped for the success of future shooting contests.

The toast of "The Board of Education" was drunk with much enthusiasm and three hearty cheers. Chairman MacRobert spoke of the time when Col. Peters had come into his office, and expressed it as his opinion that it was a disgrace that London had no cadet corps. The next active step which he had seen was when two cadets had asked the board for a grant. He was sorry that other members of the board, who were probably making election speeches elsewhere, were not present to see the good results of their grant. The speaker hoped that next year's board would see its way clear to remit the school of cadets, and should who joined the cadets. (Applause.)

Mr. W. C. Ferguson then sang a couple of much-appreciated comic songs.

The toast of "The Ladies" was responded to by Lieut. Yarker. Dr. Piper had the honor of the last toast, that of the "Boys of the Old Brigade," and made a suitable response.

During the evening Mr. Dwight Edwards sang "Longshore Billy," "Long Live the King," "The Forge," "Little Girl," "Those present showed great appreciation of the English vocalist's numbers, and when he left he was tendered a hearty vote of thanks and three cheers. Master Anthony Adair sang "Blue Bell." Lieut. Gregory favored the

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