LONDON OLD BOYS' SCHEMES

To Secure Successful Reunions in the Future.

Pleasurable Wind-Up of the Local Association's Business for the Year-Secretary James Bell's Efficiency Receives Tangible Recognition.

The Old Boys' reception committee wound up all the business incident to the annual reunion at a meeting held in the city hall last night. The meeting was of a peculiarly happy nature, for not only was there every opportunity for mutual felicitations upon the successful outcome of their work, but advantage was taken of it as a fitting occasion for the members of the committee to make known their keen appreciation of one of their most energetic confreres, Mr. James Bell. Since the "Old Boy" idea was first mooted, Mr. Bell has given freely of his time and industry to its propogation, and to quote one of the gentlemen present last night, has done more than other man in the city to extend this happy movement. So when the regular business had been concluded, Chairman Frank Love surprised Mr. Bell by presenting him with a magnificent gold watch and chain, with a diamond pendant, at the same time reading the following address: "To Mr. James S. Bell, Esq., Secretary of the London Old Boys' Com-

mittee of the City of London: "Dear Sir,—On the occasion of the closing up of the business connected with the Old Boys' reunion of 1900, we deem it an opportune occasion to express our sincere gratification to you for the efficient and successful work performed by you in the fulfillment of your duties as secretary of the London Old Boys' committee. "Notwithstanding the arduous and

severe labors entailed on you by your duties as a city official, which also received your faithful attention, you still devoted a vast amount of time, energy and skill to the duties devolving on you as secretary of our committee referred to.

"You at all times, in your capacity as secretary, displayed the utmost promptitude and efficiency and exhibited towards us all, and towards every one with whom you came in contact in the performance of your manifold and trying duties, the ut-most patience and courtesy and unvarying kindness and good nature.

"Few, if any of us, can fully realize the arduous and trying nature of the work you were called upon to perform and the difficulties you had to surmount, yet you cheerfully performed your duties and successfully overcame the difficulties with which you were confronted.

"The great success which attended the last London Old Boys' reunion here, the genuine pleasure then afforded to the citizens and our visiting Old Boys, and the lavish praise bestowed on the occasion by prominent newspapers from many important places on the American continent, all testify in the most emphatic manner to the grand and successful perfor-

mance of your labors. "Your work not only reflected credit on yourself, but was a great and practical benefit to the city, and we trust you may be long spared to live amongst us, and be able to perform the many arduous duties devolving upon you, which we are so pleased to com-

The accompanying gift, which we ask you to receive from us in the same kindly spirit as it is given is only a slight recognition so far as pecuniary value goes, of our appreciation of your rare and valuable services, yet we beyou will regard the gift as pe culiarly valuable in this respect, that it is accompanied by our heartfelt gratitude to you for and appreciation of your grand work, and that the sincere nature and the kindly feeling toward you, which prompt and actuate donors, will at all events atone for any deficiency which may otherwise mark the event.

'With the sincerest and most heartfelt desires for your future success and welfare, we beg to subscribe ourselves. Sir John Carling, B. C. McCann, Ald. Pritchard, Ald. Jolly, Ald. Ross, Ald. Garratt, Ald. Gerry, Wm. Jones, Trus-Wilkins, Trustee Jones, Trustee English, Trustee Morgan, Alf. Talbot, John Wilkey, Wm. Ward, Wm. Wanless, P. McPhillips, E. W. M. Flock, Ald. Brener, Ald. Jenkins, Ald. Malloch, Ald. Dreaney, Ald. Wray, Trustee Gillean, Trustee MacRobert, Trustee Evans, Trustee Boyle, Trustee Blackwell, Dr. J. D. Wilson, E. Parnell, C. M. R. Graham. John M. Daly, Frank Love, P. M., Mayor Rumball, Ald. Douglass, Winnett, Ald. Cooper, Ald. Bartlett, J. W. Little, Trustee Teasdall, Trustee McCormick, Trustee Ziegler, Trustee Macpherson, R. A. Carrothers, R. R. Bland, J. W. McCallum, Wm. Gray, John Graham, Harry Carling. T. R. Parker, Walter Bartlett, John A. Nelles, A. Screaton, R. K. Cowan, W. T. Strong, James McCormick, John Stevely, J. L. Fitzgerald, A. Friendship, J. R. Minhinnick, Ed Sanders, D. Cowan, George F. Jewell, E. De la Hooke, C. E. A. Carr, R. Ironside, W. G. Coles, R. W. Bennet, Frank Cooper, O. H. Talbot, O. Ellwood, Frank Adams, Eli Griffith, R. Southam, Thomas A. Browne, J. W. Pocock, John Carling, Harry Merritt, W. A. Mace, Hugh A. McLean, E. R. C. Struthers, R. H. Avey, T. Brennan, W. Cousins, John Nicholas Wilson, Sam Stevely, John W. McIntosh, James Mattinson, S. H. Craig, R. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Fred Wood, John W. Jones, Thomas Scandrett, Wm. McPhillips, James D. Tytler, George Loveless, T. J. Murphy, James Herrick, W. Gould, John Fraser A. O. Graydon, Andrew Dale, Andrew Greenlees.'

The esteem in which all who have met Mr. Bell in social and business life hold him was voiced by President P. McPhillips, Vice-President Love, Mayor Rumball, Ald. Jolly, ex-Mayor Wilson and Mr. Wm. Ward, who expressed the general appreciation that is entertained for his gratuitous and helpful as-

sistance. Mr. Bell expressed his gratitude briefly and most suitably.

The business that was transacted related to the future as well as to the past. All that pertained to the outgoing year was finally settled, and, as far as possible, a foundation for the future was prepared. Last year the committee had to devise schemes by which they accumulated funds, and it is the desire

prising Frank Love, J. W. Jones, R. Bennet and E. J. MacRobert, to set apart in the estimates a sum for this purpose. It is considered that the great benefits the reunion is to the city justi-

fles this request.

The railroad difficulty of this year was also considered, and efforts will be made immediately to guard against its repetition. The companies will be informed that the reunion will likely be held the first week in August; this is to be supplemented with a request that they consider a special rate for

the occasion.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with all the associations to learn when it would be most conveni-ent to hold the anual meeting of the International Association.

was welcomed to the meeting, and was made a member of the committee. The end-of-the-century meeting of local Old Boys was concluded by partaking of a palatable collation, during which songs and speech-making added

SHIPPING DISASTERS NUMEROUS

Result From the Storm on Britain's Coast.

Thirty-Four Lives Lost by the Wreck of One Vessel Alone-Many Other Fatalities.

London, Dec. 28. - Reports arriving from all the coasts announce damage done by the storm. Vessels in great numbers are seeking shelter in the harbors, and a number of minor wrecks have been announced.

34 LIVES LOST. The Primrose Hill went on the Penrohs rocks, three miles off South Stack (not far from Holyhead). She broke in two and went to pieces in a few minutes. One man out of the crew of 35 men was saved by a lifeboat. Some time before she struck the Primrose Hill dropped her anchors, but mountainous seas were running. No sooner had the ill-fated ship touched the rocks than the three aftermasts went overboard, and she broke in twain, leaving only the fore-mast standing. Three minutes later this went also. The vessel was soon smashed up. The crew was huddled on the poop, when a huge sea dashed over the vessel, washing all away save one sailor, who was finally hurled against the rocks, sustaining terrible

FOUR MORE. It now appears that the Pegasus grounded off Lavernock Point, but was subsequently floated and towed to a place of shelter. When she grounded her boats were made ready for lowering, and the fall of one precipitated five men into the water. They were all drowned with the exception of a sailor, who was picked up by a tug.

LIFEBOATS UNABLE TO OPERATE A Spanish steamer was driven ashore at the Portland breakwater. The Weymouth lifeboat attempted to rescue her crew, but the fearful seas running prevented. The endangered vessel is the Enecuri (last reported arrived at Bilbao, Nov. 29, from Boulogne), which had sought shelter in Portland roads. It is believed the crew can be saved.

FIERCEST IN YEARS.

The gale is so furious in the chansuspended this afternoon. The hurricane is increasing

Queenstown, where the observers say it is the flercest storm in years. The Maria, laden with coal, sank at her anchorage. The British steamer Jersey City,

from New York, reports a boisterous passage. She shipped quantities of water, and had rails and stanchions The British steamer Rosefield, from

Pensacola, lost part of her deckload on the voyage. H. M. S. Black Prince, at Queens-

town, and H. M. S. Teaser, at Portsmouth, were both badly damaged. Wales appeared to have suffered the worst effects of the gale, both on land and sea, but everywhere the telegraph lines are much disorganized, and reports are therefore incomplete. Some 50 barges and sailing craft

broke from their moorings in the Thames alone.

At Oswestry a theater was destroy-The steamer Zeziro collided with another steamer at Cleavdon, on the British Channel. A lifeboat rescued nine of the Zeziro's crew.

NINE DROWNED. The Austrian bark Capricorn was driven ashore near Budo, Cornwall. Nine of the crew were drowned, one was saved and four still on board, with little likelihood of being rescued. Two other vessels are ashore on the Cornwall coast. Several were stove in at Ilfracombe harbor.

THREE PERISHED. The bark Ragna was wrecked off Trevine, near Cardiff, three of crew being drowned, and nine being rescued by rocket lines.

TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION. A terrible accident took place near Taunton. The breakwater at Watcher harbor yielded to the force of gale and became a wreck, permitting a tremendous sea to have full play against the shipping in the harbor. Several vessels broke adrift, . two foundered and five others were driven into a hopeless tangle in a corner between a pier and a wharf, where they lay grinding each other. Their masts and bulwarks speedily and their hulls were greatly battered. The damage will reach many thou-

sands of pounds. FULL EXTENT OF DAMAGE UN-

KNOWN. Incessant reports of innumerable shipping casualties show that the gale was one of the worst known in many years. Probably several days will elapse before the full extent of the damage becomes known. In addition to some vessels not yet idenwhich have been wrecked or placed in great danger, the fate of some of the cross-channel mail steamers is in doubt. For instance, the Great Western Railway Company's steamer, plying between Milford and is twelve hours overdue. and no tidings of her have vet been received. It would be impossible to enumerate all the minor casualties. In response to rockets from Eddystone Light, Plymouth, sent a dockto provide early for all the expenses of yard tug, with a lifeboat, to assist

next year's reunion. The council of what was reported to be a large 1901 will be asked by a committee com-

LARGE STEAMER LOST. London, Dec. 29-6 a.m.-The dock-yard tug sent out from Plymouth with a lifeboat has returned, and reports the probable loss of the steamer with all

THE BUSINESS

Trade Has Been Very Active in London, Ont. Mr. Wm. Cousins, of Medicine Hat,

> The Situation in Other Canadian Cities and Across the Border.

> New York, Dec. 28.-Bradstreet's weekly report of trade in Canada

Trade at Montreal this week has been fairly active, considering that it practically closes the year's operations, and is a week not usually productive of much activity.

London-Business at London has been very active the past week. Large sales of holiday goods put the retailers in possession of considerable and the recent cold weather has enabled them to get rid of some of their heavy winter goods. The prospects for spring, when the travelers get to work again, are very pro-

Hamilton-Travelers are at home, and the wholesale trade has been somewhat slow this week. There was great activity in holiday goods among the retailers. Values of spring lines are steady to firm. Remittances are fair.

Toronto-Trade at Toronto has been rather quiet this week, as is usual at the close of the year. The travelers are off their routes, and the retailers are busy stocking up their accounts after the holiday rush, preparatory to getting ready for the spring trade. The results of the Christmas business have been very encouraging, and payments should be very good for some weeks at least. The position of goods for the spring trade is very satisfacvalues having been firm in the outside markets since purchases were made by jobbers. Prices of domestic lines are keeping firm, and the mills being busy on orders and having little or no stock to force on the markets, staple goods are excellent property. The outlook for the spring is very en-

Ottawa-There has been an active week in retail trade circles, and somewhat of a lull in wholesale business. with travelers off the road. Sales of holiday stuff were large and more expensive goods sold than in former Payments are somewhat better. Values of staple goods for the

spring are firm. Mild weather interfered somewhat with trade at Winnipeg last, week. but the Christmas business did much to revive activity, and sales by retailers were large, making it necessary to place some orders with jobbers to meet the holiday demand. The deliveries of wheat at the country elevotors has been increasing lately. There is a good demand for labor, and men are wanted for bush work.

At the coast cities trade in holiday goods was very active till the beginning of this week. Large shipments of goods for the holidays were made cities and towns, and the reports show that business in seasonable goods was quite active at nearly all points. The outlook for business is fair. At a meeting of 42 canneries it was decided to renew the agreement made last spring.

OVER THE BORDER.

New York, Dec. 28 .- A fitting close nel that the continental services were to a year of exceptional and in some respects unprecedented activity is furnished by the very general reports of large holiday business in the past week. In the wholesale trade business has been of seasonably small proportions, but reports from leading lines, such as iron and steel, shoes, leather, lumber glass and spring drygoods, have been encouraging. Speculation in cereals has been

light, and increases in supplies and large surplus reports from the Argentine have still further depressed the long interest in wheat. Corn has sympathized with wheat and country offerings and receipts have been heavier, though complaints as to quality are still almost universal. The government reports indicate a crop of 522,000,000 bushels of wheat, which has apparently vindicated the more liberal estimates of yield, and it is probable that the yield of 540,000,000 bushels in- of the people. dicated by Bradstreet's months ago will not be excessive. The corn crop the fourth largest in our history, and oats is next to the largest ever known. World's wheat supplies are also upon a par with those of a year ago, and American supplies are actually smaller. Prices, as a rule, are steady, and changes are few. conspicuous advances are in refined petroleum on export account, and some gain is noted in tin on the week. although the close is below the high-Coffee is fractionally higher. Lard is weaker, but by far the largest list of staples is unchanged. Cotton has been dull on slightly larger re-Wool has been quiet but steady.

Wheat, including flour, for the week aggregate 4,011,105 bushels, against 4.123,350 bushels last week. 3,610,557 bushels in the corresponding week of 1899, 6,292,625 bushels in 1898, 5.495,061 bushels in 1897, and 2.702,790 bushels in 1896. Corn exports for the aggregate 3,969,165 bushels, against 5,465,578 bushels last week, 3,-226,239 bushels in this week a year ago. 3.659,745 bushels in 1898, 4,086,866 bushels in 1897, and 2,742,994 bushels in 1896 Business failures for the week number only 213, as against 262 last week. 220 in this week a year ago. 218 in 1898 and 297 in 1897. The business year 1900 was not so good as the optimists had hoped for, but, on the other hand, it failed to justify most of the pessimistic predictions with which the advent of a year of presidential

election was greeted. Dun's Review says of trade in the United States: While it is not yet possible to print accurate figures of failures during the full year, 1900, a preliminary statement may be made that will approximate the final result. It appears that commercial failures will number about 10,630, with liabilities of \$137,000,000. Besides the strictly commercial defaults, there were

financial concerns with liabilities of \$34,000,000, swelling the total to 10,690 in number and \$170,000,000 in amount. This shows a large increase over the preceding year, when all failures numhered 9.393 and liabilities were \$123. Some wage differences have been adjusted, and in this respect the situation is unusually bright. Rail-

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road earnings for December thus far show an increase of 8.4 per cent over last year and 19.9 per cent over 1898. It is not a bad sign that the local jobbing trade in footwear is quiet, notwithstanding orders received by TRUST FUNDS OF ABOUT \$3,000 TO manufacturers from salesmen are small, as most travelers returned home for the holidays. Hides average lower, making the fifth successive week of decline at Chicago. Wool lost the temporary activity, sales aggregating only 4,576,700 pounds—a decrease PRIVATE FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT

of 2,661,300 compared with the pre-ceding week. Contradictory estimates are still heard regarding the cotton crop. Port receipts show a large increase over last year, but the effect is never realized by reports that a much larger proportion of the yield has been marketed.

THE NEWSPAPER OF THE FUTURE.

Mr. Alfred Harmsworth of the London Mail Talks About It.

New York, Dec. 25. - Mr. Alfred Harmsworth, editor and proprietor of the London Daily Mail, has contributed to the January number of the North American Review an article on what he calls "The simultaneous newspapers of the twentieth century." Mr. Harmsworth expresses the opinion that in spite of all the progress that has been made in the development of newspapers hitherto, we are still merely at the fringe of journalistic development. Mr. Harmsworth thinks the ordinary newspaper illustration is unnecessary, and many times only used to fill space, and he considers the present form of newspapers and says improved machinclumsy, ery will produce a newspaper which will be a small, portable and neatly in-

dexed publication. Mr. Harmsworth pays a high tribute to the press of the United States as being, in one respect, far in advance of the press of his own country. Predicting what the journals of the twentieth century will be, he says.

"I fel certain that the newspaper of the twentieth century will be drawn into the vortex of combination and centralization. In fact, given the man, the capital, the organization and the occasion, there seems no reason why one or two newspapers may not presently dominate great sections of the United States or almost the whole of Great Britain. In other words, where there are now a multitude of papers from the good, bad and indifferent. there will then be one or two great journals. The methods by which such journals would be established would be precisely those employed in the formation of the ordinary trust. Possessing its own cables, wires, dispatch boats and special trains, the simultaneous newspaper concern would soon have its own paper mills, printing ink factory,

machinery shops and the like. "The simultaneous newspaper would represent a standard of excellence which has never before been attained and with its vast resources it would be able to carry out on an unprecedented scale, enterprises outside of the strict newspaper field.'

Mr. Harmsworth is strongly of the opinion that the newspaper should not be partisan in a political sense but should endeavor to represent the will

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