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THE BUCKET SHOPS.
Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Proprietors of local bucket shops are wondering whether they can operate after March 2. On that date a meeting is called of the Board of Governors of New York Stock Exchange to consider whether or not they will allow their quotations to be sent out over wire to the numerous bucket shops which are operating in both Canada and the United States.

There is nothing like telling good news for imparting a pleasant tone to the voice.

Brilliant Ball.

The London Hunt's Sixth Annual
a Great Success.

Splendid Decorations of the
City Hall.

An Evening of Rare Enjoyment for
Many.

Full List of the Invited Guests—A
Happy Whirl Till the Early
Hours of Morning.

The sixth annual ball of the London Hunt and Country Club was held last night—and this morning.

The City Hall has been periodically beautified for such occasions for many years, but seldom more elaborately than last evening. The old chamber was rejuvenated by the gayest and gaudiest apparel. The venerable ceiling was almost hidden by bunting, and the heavy walls were plastered with flags and streamers. The homely furnishings of the hall were transformed into things of beauty by gorgeous draperies, and people sat on the steam pipes, mistaking them for ottomans. The splendor of the scene was strikingly apparent from the galleries, and was enjoyed by many on-lookers, including the aldermen, who had finished their committee work. The huge gas jets were the main illuminators, and they shone over fair women and men who were undoubtedly brave. The letters "L. H." on the east wall, described in various-colored incandescent lights, and the tinted globes of the gas jets under the galleries, made very pretty and brilliant effects. The display of the national flag was worthy of a Queen's jubilee celebration or a protest meeting against the Corliss alien labor law. Union Jacks were hung by the hundreds, many of them being among the finest in the city. Two magnificent ones partitioned off the council chamber; two more curtained the middle window; another formed the ceiling centerpiece, and was paid homage by scores of smaller ensigns and by sweeping festoons of red, white and blue. Fragrance was added to beauty by plants in fancy pots, strewn in the nooks and corners. Encircling the hall were chairs and divans for rest and tete-a-tete. The Harpers were

stationed on a platform at the south end, screened in flowers and foliage. Colors were massed everywhere profusely but artistically. It was a chromatic carnival.

A kettle drum and caissons lent staccato to the smoother melody of the harp and violins, and the combination was admirable for dancing. Altogether the decorations, music and other appointments were as perfect as a court chamberlain could wish for. Nothing was lacking to the success of the ball.

The hall was not overcrowded, so that dancing was comfortable, and the less skillful could pilot their partners through the mazes of the waltz without collisions that are prone to put their victims out of step and temper. Twenty-four numbers comprised the programme, the waltz leading, with the exhilarating two-step, the time-honored lancers and the lively schottische in order. During an intermission about 10 o'clock, little Ida Riddell appeared in costume under Mr. Adam Beck's escort, and performed a Scotch dance with her usual grace and agility. In the center of the floor—a unique diversion, which was acknowledged with a round of applause. The dancers continued their happy whirl almost till the matutinal glow in the east, and hacks rolled through the streets by the dozen between 3 and 4 a.m.

The ladies' dresses, like the wearers, were charming in the superlative degree, from the blushing debutante in white, aglow with the excitement of her first ball, to the experienced matron, in a shade more subdued. Nearly all the gowns were decolete. All were rich in material, artistic in design, and perfect in fit. The regulation evening attire of the gentlemen was relieved here and there by a military uniform, but the red coats of the Hunt members, which were conspicuous in former balls, had yielded to the conventional swallow-tail.

About midnight supper was served in the council chamber, the refectory being in keeping with other appointments. The tables were daintily spread and the apartment was decidedly inviting. Caterer G. W. Kent delighted all partakers with the excellence of this department.

The promoters are to be congratulated on the happy result of their labors. It realized their own expectations, and those of their guests. The patronage was profitable to the club, and the latter afforded its friends an evening of rare enjoyment.

The stewards of the ball were: Dr. P. P. Drake, R. G. Fisher, George C. Gump, H. M. Graydon, G. H. Gillespie, jun., F. F. Harper, S. F. Laine, J. A. Little, H. R. Lyon, A. T. Little, T. W. Martin, George A. Macbeth, F. A. Reid, W. Simpson Smith, J. R. Smallman, Dr. G. H. Wilson, H. R. McCormick, and H. Wilberforce Marshall. Upon Mr. A. O. Graydon, the honorary secretary of the committee, many duties

devolved, and he fulfilled them with discretion and ability.

THE INVITED GUESTS.

A full list of the invited guests is appended, names being given in alphabetical order:

Mr. W. F. Andrews, Hamilton; Mr. B. Arkell and Misses Arkell, St. Thomas; H. R. Abbott, city; Miss A. Austin, Windsor; Mrs. Anderson, city; Mr. L. R. Ball, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Buxter, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beddome, Miss Pauline Beddome, Miss Bolton, city; Miss Birrell, Chatham; J. S. Brown, Otto Brenner, Mr. and Mrs. Bremner, Thomas Beattie, Adam Beck, city; W. Bunting, Toronto; Miss Birdsell, Misses Bayly, Capt. Beatty, Miss Bartram, city; Miss Boyer, Ingersoll; Dr. J. and Miss Cummings, Hamilton; Dr. Cummings, Wayne, Mich.; Mrs. G. D. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Carling, Mr. and Mrs. Hum Croft, commandant and officers, R. C. I. M.; and Miss Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Clenden, Capt. and Mrs. Carpenter, city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duffield, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis, Dr. F. P. Drake, Miss C. E. Dutton, A. Durance, Mrs. Douglas, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Dawson, W. A. Duffield, city; C. N. Daly, Guelph; Miss Edge, Miss Ida English, city; Mr. and Mrs. L. Elliott, Goderich.

Mr. and Mrs. Miss Farley, St. Thomas; R. G. Fisher, Miss Fisher, city; J. E. Frost, Smith's Falls; Judge Fink, Woodstock; Mr. Faithful, Detroit; Messrs. Farcombe, city; Miss Fraser, city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gibbons, Miss Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gillean, Mrs. and Miss Graydon, H.M. and A.O. Graydon, G. C. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. R. Graham, Miss Graham, Mrs. F. Glass, city; Mr. and Mrs. Miss Gilbert, St. Thomas; Mr. and Miss Garvey, G. N. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gaise, Col. and Mrs. Gartschore, city; Miss M. Gibson, Delaware; Miss Gartschore, Hamilton; Miss E. Gibson, Delaware; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Glass, Detroit; George J. Gould, Ocean Company Hunt Club, Laitwood, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hyman, Miss Hyman, city; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hancock, Suspension Bridge, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hyman, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt, Fred L. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Harris, Miss Halcro, Mrs. Harvey, the Misses Hutchinson, city; Miss Hall, Detroit, T. S. Hobbs, F. E. Harper, city; S. E. Howland, Washington, D. C.; Dr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Hollingshead, city; Mr. and Mrs. Inglis, city; Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Strathroy; Mr. and Mrs. H. Irwin, Ingersoll.

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Mr. and Mrs. Todd, Mr. Turville, R. M. C. Toohie, Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, city; S. W. Taylor, Rider and Driver Club, New York; Mr. and Mrs. S. Thomas, Tait, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Travers.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Waterman, G. P. Woolley, Misses Westcott, city; Miss White, Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Weld, city; W. White and A. C. White, Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Weld, Cobden, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. J. McG. Young, Toronto.

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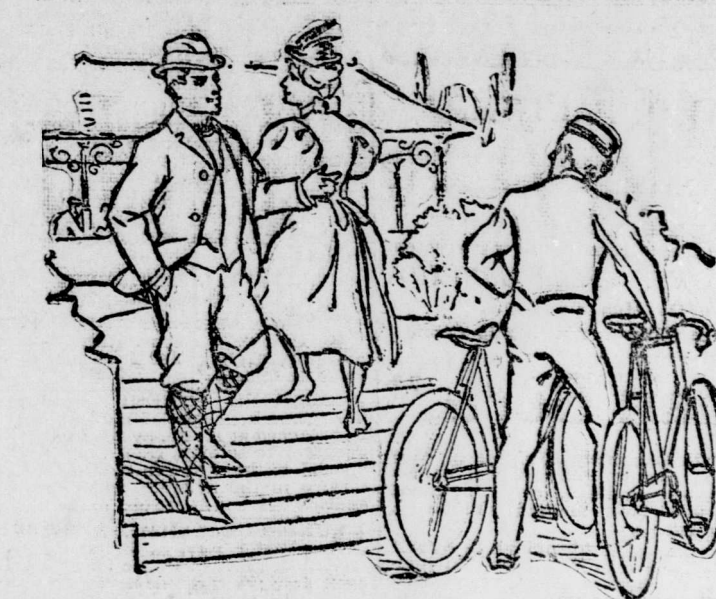
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