

North American Life.

The Annual Meeting of this Company was held in the Company's Building in Toronto on Thursday, Feb. 2, 1899, when Mr. John L. Blakie was appointed chairman, and Mr. William McCabe secretary.

The directors' report, presented at the meeting, showed continued and marked proofs of the great progress and solid prosperity of the Company in every branch of its business.

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1898.

Cash income	73,130 31
Expenditure (including death claims, endowments, matured investment, policies, profits, and all other payments to policy-holders) ..	442,013 07
Assets	2,137,823 61
Reserve fund	2,586,947 00
Net surplus for policy-holders	474,023 08

Audited and found correct.

Jas. Carlyle, M. D., auditor.

W. McCabe, managing director.

Some of the leading features of the year's business, as mentioned by the president, were the following:

1. Looking at the Company from every standpoint, the report submitted shows financial strength, productive assets, solid growth and large relative surplus, which is the supreme point to policy-holders, as it is from this source alone that satisfactory returns can be made to them.
2. The new business for the year exceeded that of any previous year.
3. Another marked feature of this Company is the relatively large amount of its net surplus to liabilities, when contrasted with that of its leading competitors. The present showed that this ratio was one of the best tests by which to judge of the relative merits of the different companies.
4. The following marked increases were made during the year:

	Per cent.
In premium income	11.56
In interest income	13.11
In insurance in force	13.15
In assets	10.01
In net surplus	10.73
In insurance reserve	15.18

The president stated that gentlemen representing the United States Insurance Departments had been in the city during part of last month, and had made a thorough and most searching investigation into the affairs of the Company, with a view to its admission to do business in their respective states, and that these experts were extremely well satisfied with the soundness of the Company, and expressed themselves as gratified with every aspect of its affairs.

The Hon. Mr. Allen, in seconding the adoption of the report, called special attention to the excellent character of the investments of the Company. Of these over 27 per cent are in the first mortgage securities, nearly 20 per cent in debentures, nearly 14 per cent in stocks and bonds, loans and policies about 6 1/2 per cent, the balance consisting of cash in banks, interest accrued, etc.

He also called special attention to the fact that although the assets had increased very largely, the outstanding and accrued interest had been very materially decreased, which is a proof of the excellent character of the investments of the Company, and the promptness with which the interest thereon has been paid.

James Thorburn, M.D., medical director, presented a full and interesting report of the mortality experience of the Company from its organization, which showed that great care had been exercised in the selection of the Company's business.

The consulting actuary reported that he had made an independent examination of the affairs of the Company as at December 31st, 1898, having examined the books, accounts and balance sheet, also a detailed copy of the annual report to the insurance Department, and stated that he was very much gratified with the result of such examination, also with the thorough system of the work of every department throughout the Company.

He recommended the Company for closing its books promptly at the end of the year, as had been its custom from organization, and stated that notwithstanding the large amount paid the policy-holders during the year, another substantial gain had been made in the net surplus, now amounting to \$474,023.08, or if made up on the same basis as that generally used, viz., by adding the difference between the cost and market value of debentures, etc., owned by the Company, such surplus would be \$522,664.83. He referred to the great difficulty which has been experienced of late years in securing satisfactory investments, and pointed out the great desirability of the interest which this company's securities yielded. In view of this he stated that the settlements of the Company's investment policies should be highly satisfactory to the holders thereof, as they compare favorably with those of the leading and best-managed companies on this continent.

A special vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the Company's provincial managers, inspectors, and agency staff for their splendid work of the past year, during which the largest business ever done by the Company had been secured, largely exceeding that of any other home company at the same age in its history.

After the usual vote of thanks had been passed, the election of directors took place, whereupon the newly-elected board met, and Mr. John L. Blakie was unanimously re-elected president, and the Honorable G. W. Allan and Sir Frank Smith vice-presidents.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

To Defraud an Insurance Company—Countess Webenau and Her Nephew Committed.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 11.—Frau Webenau, the Austrian countess, appeared before Magistrate Mackie Friday afternoon to answer to a charge of conspiracy by deceit and falsehood to defraud the Merchants' Fire Insurance Company, of Toronto, in which company she had an insurance of \$2,000 on household

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and personal effects. The house in which she lived was mysteriously destroyed by fire a week ago. In filing her claim after the fire several articles entered as having been burned were found in some dozen odd cases and trunks, which had been taken to Waterloo, and from there were to be shipped to Buffalo.

Mr. Bowman, insurance agent, testified that he visited the house, and noticed several boxes unpacked, which defendant wished insured as well as household furniture. He took a risk for \$2,000 on the statement of value given by plaintiff, in the Merchants' Insurance Company. He identified some of the cases seized at Waterloo as being part of those insured, and which were in the house at the time. Defendant set up the plea that these boxes were not in the risk.

Magistrate Mackie ruled that sufficient evidence was submitted, and the prisoners were committed for trial. Herman Von Bolderhausen, the countess' nephew, was included as an accomplice.

THE TALK OF OLD LONDON

Mild and Muggy in the Metropolis.

Father Thames Leaves His Banks and Grip Is Abroad.

The Duke of Devonshire's Reception Was a Brilliant Function.

Another Great Bazar To Be Given—Every Woman in London Society to Assist—Young Men Severely Criticised.

[Special Cable Letter to The Advertiser.]

London, Feb. 11.—The bright cold snap of January has been succeeded by one of the muggiest Februaries on record, the thermometer during the past week standing at 58 degrees. Similar and unusual mildness is reported from the continent. There have been severe storms over the south and southwest portions of the British Isles, and floods in many parts. The river Thames has risen seriously and many residents of Windsor have been removing their furniture as a result of the inundations. Influenza has resumed its sway, but it is not of a deadly type.

BRILLIANT GATHERINGS.

The Duke of Devonshire's political reception on Thursday evening was a brilliant function. The Duchess of Marlborough was magnificently gowned and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain wore pale pink moire satin and white lace. Mrs. Ronalds was dressed in black tulle and jet. Prominent among the guests was Mrs. Henry White, wife of the British States charge d'affaires, who is at present chaperoning Lord Rosebery's daughters.

The most gorgeous festivity of the week, however, was the ball at the Hotel Cecil, in aid of the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum. There was a dazzling display of jewelry and emerald jewelry. The Duchess of Marlborough was again the center of attraction, in white muslin with rich, pink embroidery. She wore her famous pearls, of which she had fifteen or sixteen rows around her neck, besides a necklace of diamonds and a double tiara in her hair. Lady Randolph Churchill's pearls were almost as splendid.

ANOTHER GREAT BAZAR.

London is to have another great bazar, which is expected to eclipse the successful press bazar of last year. It will be held at the Niagara Skating Rink in June, in aid of the Charities Cross Hospital. The arrangements are on a grandiose scale. Practically every duchess and every woman of note in London society will aid in some way or other. The enormous building will be encircled by a pavilion representing the European countries, America, the British colonies, and a few special departments, such as Literature, Stage and Flowerland.

YOUNG MEN SCORNED.

Correspondence which appears periodically, criticising the manners of the present day young men is again agitating in the columns of the Morning Post. These young men are accused of neglecting to call after accepting hospitality, in refusing to dance and in general lack of manners and breeding. One who has been thus chartered writes in his defense in yesterday's Post, and lays all the responsibility upon the girls and hostesses of the present day.

CONSCIENCE MONEY.

One of the fruits of the Hooley exposures is that Lords De la Warre and Albemarle announced this week their intention of returning the \$27,000 which Hooley claims they received for becoming directors of the French Dupont Pneumatic Tire Company. Both, however, repudiate Hooley's account of the matter.

IAN McLAREN COMING.

The Rev. John Watson (Ian McLaren) and Mrs. Watson are passengers on board the White Star Line steamer Teutonic, which left Liverpool for New York on Wednesday. They will spend three months in the United States.

HEALTH OF KING OSCAR.

Advices from Stockholm show that the health of King Oscar is far from satisfactory. He will go to Biarritz, if he is able to do so, at the end of his stay, thence he will take a trip to North Africa.

The Queen of Sweden and Norway is still very feeble. She will go to Honnef, Prussia, after King Oscar's departure from Biarritz.

TO LOOK FOR ANDRE.

The well-known Polar explorer, Nathorst, has issued an appeal to the Swedish people for funds to equip an expedition to East Greenland, during the coming summer, to search for Prof. Andree, the missing balloonist, and to engage in scientific explorations. The party will consist of 25 persons. They will be absent four months, and the cost of the expedition is estimated at 70,000 crowns.

The death of Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha has been a heavy blow to the London season, as black will be worn up to Easter. The season began with the opening of the parliamentary session.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS

Make Girls Bright, Rosy and Strong.

FAILING IN HEALTH.

Mrs. F. H. Hibbard, of Sawyerville, Que., says: "My daughter Lena kept gradually failing in health for nearly two years. She was studying hard at school, and this may have been the origin of the trouble. She lost flesh, was very pale, subject to headaches, and had a poor appetite. We became very much alarmed and doctored for some time, but with little or no benefit. Finally we read the testimonial of a young girl whose symptoms were similar, who was cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This decided us to give them a trial in my daughter's case, and the result was beyond our most sanguine expectations. Before more than a few boxes were used Lena was rapidly getting better and gained sixteen pounds in weight. She is now as healthy as any girl in Sawyerville, and I am quite willing this statement should be published, that our experience may prove an equal blessing to some other similar sufferer."

GOING INTO A DECLINE.

Miss Julia A. Birney, Sheba, N. B., writes: "I wish to add my testimonial to the many who have used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as I consider that they have saved my life. My occupation is teaching, and for about two years my health had been failing, and in the summer of 1895 I was so completely run down that I feared I would have to give up work, for the least exertion overcame me, and my friends all feared I was going into decline. The doctor who was treating me said he could bring me around in a short time, but at the end of three months I was no better. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were recommended as a sort of forlorn hope, and I began taking them. It was not long before I began to improve, and after I had been taking the pills a little more than a month I was completely cured. I can strongly recommend these pills to any suffering from anaemia or nervousness, feeling sure that what they did in my case they will do for others."

BLOOD POOR AND WATERY.

Miss Minnie E. Smith, Merrickville, Ont., says: "About two years ago I was taken quite ill. I became pale and languid, and if I undertook to do any work about the house, would become terribly fatigued. I was subject to terrible sick headaches, and my stomach became so weak that I loathed food. My trouble was further aggravated by weak spells and my feet, winter or summer, were as cold as ice. In fact, it seemed as if there was no feeling in them. I tried several kinds

of medicine, but instead of helping me I was growing weaker. One day in March, 1898, my father brought home a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I immediately discontinued the other medicine and began taking the pills. I found that they helped me, and four more boxes were procured, and by the time I had finished them I was entirely well. I have never had better health than I am now enjoying. My appetite is now always good, and I have increased in weight. All this is due to the efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I would advise any other young girl troubled as I was to use them, and they will certainly cure if the directions are followed."

SUFFERED FROM HEADACHE.

Miss Marie N. Hunt, Thorold, Ont., writes: "I express my thanks for the benefit I have derived from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. For two years I have suffered from headaches, cramps, shortness of breath, and the various symptoms of anaemia. I used many of medicines, but none of them gave me any relief, and it was only after I had begun the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills that I began to regain my health, and after the use of six boxes I am feeling better than ever. I did not know there were lots of young girls who suffer as I did, and I would urge them to give your medicines a trial."

HEALTH BROKEN DOWN.

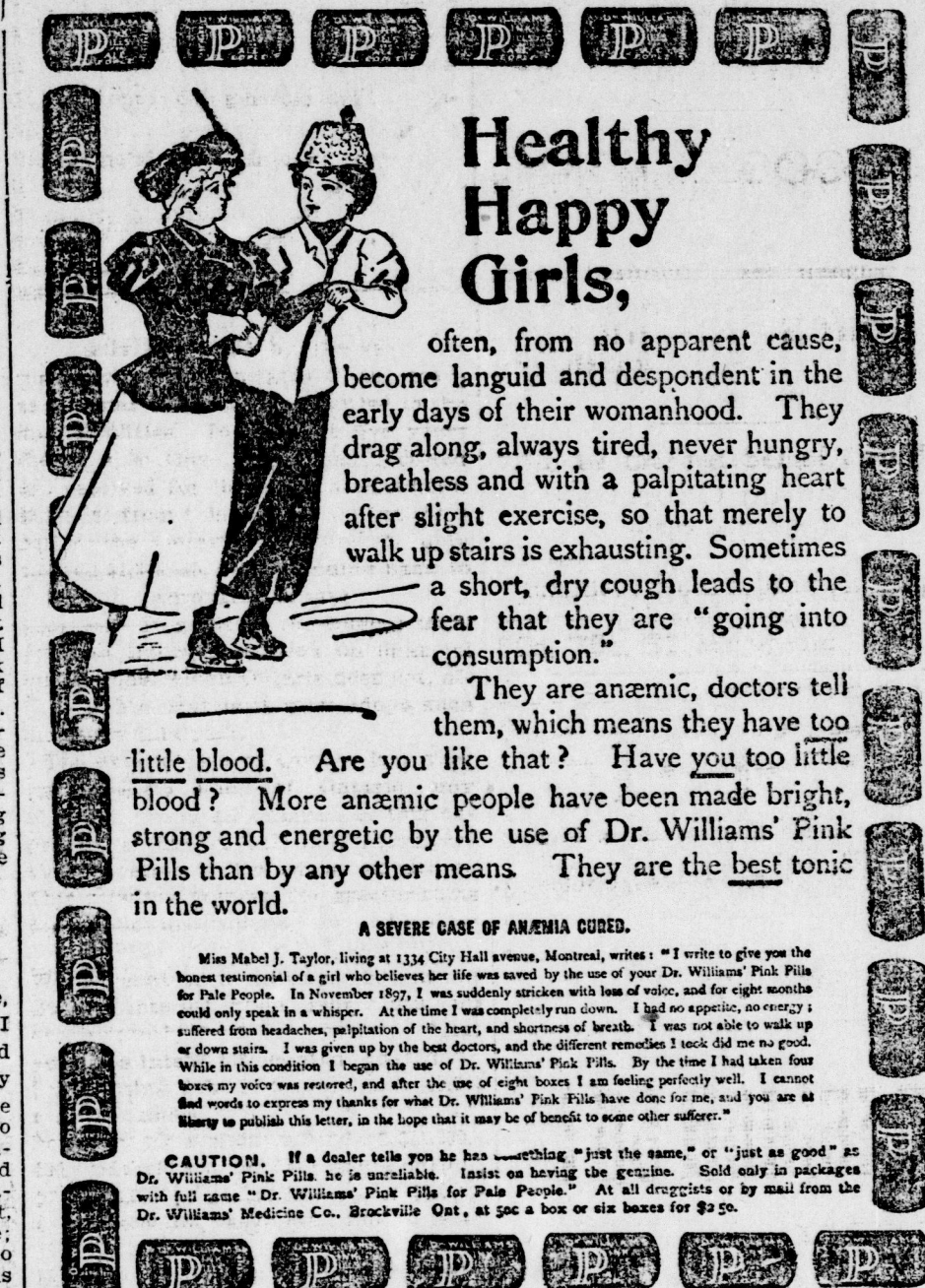
Miss Ida Bookman, Marksville, Ont., says: "It gives me much pleasure to acknowledge the benefit I have derived from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. My health was completely broken down; I became so weak I could scarcely walk across a room. I was very pale, and had no appetite and gradually lost flesh, until I was merely a skeleton. I was subject to palpitation of the heart, dizziness and violent headaches. I was under treatment from two doctors, but neither seemed to benefit me, and I went on in this way for about seven months. Having seen Dr. Williams' Pink Pills recommended, I determined to try them. Before I had finished the second box I began to improve, and by the time I had used eight boxes I was as well as ever I had been, and had gained 22 pounds in weight. I am grateful for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me, and freely give this testimony in the hope that it may benefit some other girl suffering as I was."

ALWAYS FELT TIRED.

Mrs. M. N. Jones, Berthier, Que., writes: "My daughter, aged fifteen, has been restored to good health through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She was very feeble, her blood was poor and watery, and she was troubled with headaches, poor appetite, dizziness, and always felt tired. After using four boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, she is enjoying as good health as any girl of her age, and we are glad to give the credit to your grand medicine. Mothers will make no mistake if they insist upon their young daughters taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

HEADACHE AND DIZZINESS.

Miss Leba C. Schilling, Peninsula-Gaspé, Que., writes: "I had been suffering for some time with a weary feeling. I had not strength to walk about. I suffered from headaches, dizziness and poor appetite. I could not walk even a short distance without being completely out of breath. I took no interest in anything, as I thought nothing could do me any good. A friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had only taken them for a short time when I noticed a great improvement in my health. I was strong enough to walk a long distance without resting, could eat better and felt better in every way. I would recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills highly to all other sufferers, and think they will be surprised at the results obtained from their use."



Healthy Happy Girls,

often, from no apparent cause, become languid and despondent in the early days of their womanhood. They drag along, always tired, never hungry, breathless and with a palpitating heart after slight exercise, so that merely to walk up stairs is exhausting. Sometimes a short, dry cough leads to the fear that they are "going into consumption."

They are anemic, doctors tell them, which means they have too little blood. Are you like that? Have you too little blood? More anemic people have been made bright, strong and energetic by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills than by any other means. They are the best tonic in the world.

A SEVERE CASE OF ANEMIA CURED.

Miss Mabel J. Taylor, living at 1334 City Hall Avenue, Montreal, writes: "I write to give you the honest testimonial of a girl who believes her life was saved by the use of your Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. In November 1897, I was suddenly stricken with loss of voice, and for eight months could only speak in a whisper. At the time I was suffering from extreme nervousness, and was unable to walk up or down stairs. I was given up by the best doctors, and the different remedies I took did me no good. While in this condition I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. By the time I had taken four boxes my voice was restored, and after the use of eight boxes I am feeling perfectly well. I cannot thank you enough for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me, and you are at liberty to publish this letter, in the hope that it may be of benefit to some other sufferer."

CAUTION. If a dealer tells you he has something "just the same," or "just as good" as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, be unreliable. Insist on having the genuine. Sold only in packages with full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." At all druggists or by mail from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50c a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' DAY

A Short Session of the Ontario Legislature.

Another Petition for an Infirmary at London Asylum—Aid Wanted for a Consumption Sanatorium.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—There was not much business at the legislature yesterday, it being private members' day. Mr. Pettipiece, East Lambton, presented a petition from Lambton doctors, asking for an infirmary at the London Asylum.

Mr. Weiland also presented a petition from Chippewa, Stratford, Niagara, and other towns, asking for the immediate development of the electric power of the Niagara Falls.

Mr. Harcourt, in reply to Mr. Matheson, said the tender for the public printing had not been let.

Mr. Hardy informed Mr. Marter that the returning officers in West Huron and West Elgin had been asked to furnish a list of the deputies.

A deputation waited on Hon. E. J. Davis, provincial secretary, yesterday. They were a committee of the citizens of the Sanatorium for consumptives at Toronto and asked the government for a grant of 40 cents per day per patient. Hon. Mr. Davis promises to lay the matter before his colleagues, but reminded the deputation that the government has never given aid to any institution until it was in working order and had been favorably reported upon after inspection by the government inspector.

THE BOYS SAFE

Those Two Vittoria Youths Went to See Their Uncle.

Simcoe, Feb. 11.—Asa and Lyle Cook, aged 17 and 14 years, respectively, who have caused so much anxiety as to their whereabouts for the past few days, have turned up safe and sound. The boys, whose uncle, Shelley Cook, of Long Point, took a fancy to skate to him from Port Ryerse, a distance of about 26 miles, and arrived there all right, where they remained to spend a few days without giving a thought of causing the pain and worry they have given to their parents.

Prepare for Spring.

Don't let this season overtake you before you have attended to the important duty of purifying your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. By taking this medicine now you may save sickness that will mean time and money as well as suffering later on. Hood's Sarsaparilla will give you rich, red blood, good appetite, good digestion, and a sound, healthy body. It is the greatest and best spring medicine because it is the One True Blood Purifier. Its unequalled record of marvelous cures has won for it the confidence of the whole people.

Nothing contributes more toward alleviating domestic storms than a clear conscience.

OVER THE TEACUPS

We have all secrets. We are all alone. We sin by ourselves, and, let us trust, repent it.—Thackeray.

These pre-Lenten days have not been wanting in gaiety. Every afternoon some hospitable house opens its doors at the tea hour and the world, tired to death of the sordid, work-a-day part of life, enter in their prettiest gowns and with their sweetest smiles, and chat foolish and dainty talk—oh! so restful. We have talked of the asylum ball, of the hockey matches, and of the interesting book "Concerning Isabel Carnaby," which, just because it probes deep down into human nature and shows "the very age and body of the time, his form and pressure," has become an important topic as the weather, and that, too, has come in for long abuses.

We have all learned not to be witty at these functions. People go to rest their brains. We know that for clever speeches, music or recitations, a tea furnishes but a lamentably unappreciative audience. And rightly so. Learn all of you the art of wasting time, if you want to live long, avoid wrinkles and never be considered a bore.

Last Friday afternoon Miss Ethel Magee gave a small tea for Miss Vickers, of Toronto, at present the guest of Mrs. McKenzie, of South London. Miss Mabel Magee is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mrs. (Dr.) Waugh, of Talbot street, gave a charming little tea on Tuesday afternoon for Miss Annie Lindsay, a tall, graceful girl from Hamilton, who received with her aunt. The sterner sex were well represented—a compliment to the pleasant hostess, and the chatter over the dainty refreshment tables was gayer than ever.

Mrs. Gartshore, of Beechwood, was the hostess of a tea on Wednesday afternoon, in honor of Miss Vickers, a bright little Toronto lady, who is being feted everywhere. Miss Edna Gartshore is still absent in Dresden, Germany, in which lovely city she is having an interesting and enjoyable time.

Mrs. Talbot Macbeth, of Kent street, gave a tea on Thursday afternoon.

The asylum dance was the "piece de resistance" of the week, so to speak. A most pleasant affair on Wednesday evening, when the officers and employees entertained about 400 guests. At an early hour a long line of cabs began driving up the avenue to the brilliantly-lighted building.

The large hall was beautifully decorated with palms, bunting, flags, and Japanese parasols were tastefully arranged above the throng of dancers. The clever hosts and hostesses, the fine floor and the good music. Supper was served at midnight. The dancing was kept up with an unwonted zest far into the "small hours." The long passages and cozy sitting-rooms were all appropriated by those who were not inclined to dance "all the time."

The gowns were, many of them, extremely pretty, but I am afraid the

editor would object to my using his valuable space if I were to say as much about them as I should like. The much about "the latest" was probably that worn by Mrs. Joseph Smith, a black grenadine over black silk, trimmed with a wonderful number of rows of shirred blue ribbon arranged in an original fashion on the skirt. Miss Lorna Gibbons wore white with chiffon trimmings. Miss Helen Gibbons wore yellow with Louis XV. knots of shirred black ribbon on the skirt. Miss Eva Bucke wore a charming white gown, which suited her to perfection. Mrs. McCormick wore a shot red and blue silk skirt, and red velvet waist trimmed with silk to match. Such a popular little debutante as she is! Miss Vickers, of Toronto, wore blue chiffon with chiffon trimmings. Mrs. Hudson wore a becoming black gown. Miss Lillian Richardson was in red silk, and Miss Mackenzie was a dainty little figure in white muslin with pink flitch. Among those present were Miss Gurd, of Sarnia, the guest of Mrs. Bucke; Miss Heald, of Toronto, the guest of Mrs. Charles Blinn, of Mill street; and Miss Pavey, of Saginaw, at present the guest of Miss Pavey, of Dundas street.

The dance will long be remembered as one of the most successful ever given at the asylum.

Miss Isabelle Parke, who is the guest of Mrs. Barker, Toronto, is having a very gay visit. She was present at a euchar party given by Mrs. Kemp, of Toronto, for Mrs. Percy Nellis (nee Howell), of Woodstock. Toronto is very gay just now. The grand finale is to be the Royal Grenadiers' dance on Tuesday night. That's running it pretty close, as the next day will be Ash Wednesday.

Everyone was at the theater Thursday evening to see the extravaganza "Yankee Doodle Dandy," and though it perhaps was not bad of its kind, a protest is coming from the long-suffering Canadians. We are all fully in sympathy with the States, though probably hardly as much in their war with the Philippines as when they fought Spain, but we do heartily declare that we are a wee bit tired of operas without a sign of a plot, whose raison d'être is merely the afterglow of patriotism in which Canada feels a little bit out in the cold. And the "friendly feeling" between Britain and America will become poor stuff indeed, if it serves as a final tableau for every comic opera that wants an excuse for being.

It has been said of the German and his proverbial beer: "He can have too much of it, but never enough." This can also be applied to my sex and their "clothes." This is my apology for giving you the following notes gleaned from a trustworthy English oracle. So, gentlemen, turn away, this is not for your curious observance:

You must know, mesdames, that witchery is fashion's idol, the most "chick" blouse is a simple affair of glass or corded silk, tucked all over its back, its front and on the top of its sleeves, with no decorative element save a row of round-cut crystal buttons down its front, shirt-fashion. Do not shiver, you conservative ladies of this "great Western metropolis" (as one of our enterprising dailies had it), but blue and mauve is the fashionable combination. The newest collar has rows upon rows of stickery, fits tightly and rises on each side in squared, not pointed tabs. Heavy and gauzy fabrics are to be effectively blended for the spring; the one—never.

For instance, a velvet Louis XV. coat, with fluffy chiffon shirts. Light plum and what the French call "au bergise," light blues, heliotropes and light tans and French gray are fashionable shades for a spring which is to be devoted to colors of the lightest tints. Nothing seems too bright.

Tuesday will be St. Valentine's Day. May you all be loyal to the dear old saint.

DIED—AGED 104.

Chatham, Feb. 11.—Samuel Jackson died at King's Ferry, Chatham township, at the remarkable age of 104 years. He was the oldest settler in that neighborhood. He fell a victim to the grip. Up to a few days ago he was hale and hearty.

The Illinois Central Railroad provides special inducements for investment in its stock by employees, 733 of whom are now registered stockholders in the corporation, which total holdings of 2,536 shares.

In France it is a punishable offense for any one to give infants under 1 year any form of solid food unless such be ordered by written prescriptions, signed by a legally qualified medical man.

A cheap restaurant in the East End of London displays before its patrons a card on which is written this advice: "Do not tip the waiter. He makes more than the owner and has a day off."

She Used the Reliable Diamond Dyes.

Results Were Satisfactory and Pleasing.

For Carpet and Rug Makers Diamond Dyes Mean Success and Profit.

Having a Carpet to make and a good deal of coloring to do, I thought I would give the Diamond Dyes a trial. I used them, and they produced most beautiful colors, and I was pleased with the effects in the Carpet. I am a farmer's wife, and after this will use only the Diamond Dyes.

MRS. NELSON WOOD, Campbellford, Ont.

Pacific Coast bivalves may be lacking in flavor, but they seem to be up-to-date, as witnesses this advertisement from the Morning Oregonian: "Wanted—Small boy to deliver oysters that can ride a wheel."

Grand Trunk Engineer Swears by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Mr. Geo. Cummings, for over 20 years engineer on the Grand Trunk, running between Toronto and Allandale, says: "The constant duty with my work gave me excessive pains in my back, racking my kidneys. I tried several remedies, until I was recommended by my friend, Mr. Dave Conley, to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Two boxes have completely cured me and I feel today a better man than ever. I recommend them all my friends."

The only way to have a friend is to be one—Emerson.

They never pardon who commit the wrong.—Dryden.