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STILL THEY TALK OF WAR.

BOULANGER HAS NOT CONSENTED TO A REDUCTION OF ESTIMATES,

But will Ask for the Original Sum Demanded for Military Purposes—His Rearrangement of the Army List—A New Officer for Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Journal Officiel publishes Gen. Boulanger's reappointments of generals to command French fortresses. They include the reappointment of Gen. Thibaudin to the Paris garrison, with the new title of Superior in Command of the National Defense. Government organs deny that Gen. Boulanger has reduced his estimates for the military credit.

More Evidence that War is at Hand.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Diplomats consider the statements made by the Government organs yesterday, that Gen. Boulanger had not, as reported, reduced his supplementary military estimates from $60,000,000 to $10,000,000, coupled with the Journal Officiel list of his re-appointments of the generals in command of the French fortresses, another evidence that war is not remote. Much curiosity is expressed as to what Germany will think of Gen. Boulanger's decree making these appointments and bestowing upon Gen. Thibaudin, Commander of the Paris Garrison, the new title of Superior Commander of the National Defence.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

Report That a Direct Alliance Was Signed by Them Two Weeks Ago.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Paris correspondent of the Times affirms that he has information from an undoubted source that Russia and Germany signed a direct alliance a fortnight ago. "The Czar," adds the correspondent, "was decided in taking this course by the attitude manifested towards Russia by Count Kalnoky, Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and by the expectation that M. Floquet would be made Prime Minister of France."

"This shows," concludes the correspondent, "that the reported alliance between Russia and France was but a chimera."

An Unlikely Story.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Orleanist papers report that the Crown Prince of Germany and the Comte de Paris recently met at Porto Fino, Italy, and breakfasted together. The papers say the Prince treated the Comte as the coming King of France, and broached his ideas of ending the system of military armaments in time of peace, which he said were rendering Europe unable to compete with American trade and agriculture.

A writer in the Matin affirms that the Prince said: "My accession will be a guarantee of peace, for it will mark the end of Bismarck's reign. Count Von Hatzfeldt will be made Chancellor, and he will conclude an alliance between France, England and Germany."

Hamilton Items.

HAMILTON, Dec. 30.—Ald. O'Brien has retired from the mayoralty contest and Mayor McKay will meet with no opposition.

Mr. John Waugh, an old and respected citizen of this city, died at his house, Bay-street north, yesterday morning, at the age of 77.

At the Police Court this morning Michael Ryan was charged by Timothy Sullivan with aggravated assault. The men met on Yonge-street on Christmas Day and a battle began in which Sullivan got the worst of it. Henry McGrath, who had been in company with Ryan, interfered and separated the men. Sullivan says McGrath did so in such a way as to give Ryan a chance to strike him. Ryan was fined $10 or 40 days. McGrath was detained till to-morrow, bail being refused.

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A Lenient Judge.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—In the Sligo court to-day there was another case of counsel for the defence withdrawing because Catholics were not allowed to serve as jurymen. Eight prisoners were on trial, all of whom were accused of assaulting bailiffs while the latter were endeavoring to evict tenants. The jury finally selected returned a verdict of guilty. The judge discharged the prisoners with an admonition.

Dillon, O'Brien et al. on Trial.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—At Dublin the trial was resumed of Messrs. Dillon, O'Brien, Redmond, Harris, Crilly and Sheehy, who are charged with conspiracy to solicit tenants to refuse payment of their rents. Mr. Gerrard's speech for the crown showed that the prosecution relied upon speeches made by the defendants and upon articles in United Ireland in evidence of conspiracy. The accused's counsel disputed the relevancy of such evidence. The trial was adjourned.

Mr. Parnell Resumes Work.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Mr. Parnell resumed work to-day, being engaged for several hours in the London offices of the Nationalist party. He hopes to be able to go to Dublin next week, as he desires to hold private consultations with Messrs. Dillon and Healy and other prominent Nationalists.

Germany Has Eyes on Queensland.

BERLIN, Dec. 30,—The Cologne Gazette advocates the founding of a large settlement of Germans in Queensland, in view of the eventual separation of that colony from England and its annexation to Germany. Such a movement, says the Gazette, is necessary to counteract the tendency of Australia to become possessed of the whole of the south seas.

Gladstone and Bright.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Mr. Gladstone, replying to a letter criticising John Bright's action on the Irish question, says: "There is only one reason why I remain silent. After my former relations with that distinguished man and the kind and loyal aid he so often gave me, I do not mean, if I can avoid it, to write or speak one word that could possibly give him pain."
M.P., Physician.

Canards About the Czar.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—In consequence of the canards published about the Czar, which have caused great annoyance in St. Petersburg, M. Flourens, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will move in the Chamber of Deputies that a clause be added to the French press laws providing for the punishment of such offences on complaint of the Ambassador from the aggrieved Government.

The Cold Wave.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—The lowest points touched by the thermometer were: Pembroke, 30° below zero; North Wakefield, Que., 34; Maniwaki, Que., 37; Desjoachims, Que., 30; Renfrew, Ont., 34; Almonte, Ont., 29; Ottawa, 27; Mattawa, 26; Pickanock, Que., 40.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—This has been the coldest day this season.

Fire on an Inman Liner.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—Fire broke out in the store cabin of the Inman steamer City of Chester in Alexandria Dock to-day. The flames have been extinguished. It is reported that much damage was done.

Anarchists Sentenced.

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—The Anarchists Stendel, Sawatz and Onditsch have been sentenced, the first to five and the two last named to three years' imprisonment for forgery.

Not Converted.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Madame Bert totally denies that her husband, Paul Bert, was converted to the Catholic faith.

Workingmen Urged To Arm.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Arbeiter Zeitung yesterday published an article urging the workingmen to arm themselves. The matter was laid before the State's Attorney.

Great sale of Damaged Blankets at Duffett, Michael & Co., corner Yonge and Wilton-avenue.

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT BLACK ROCK.

A Young Man Shot By His Uncle in a Quarrel Over Cards.

BUFFALO, Dec. 30.—A singular shooting affair occurred at Black Rock about 11.30 o'clock last night, which by chance only, escaped being a murder. The details are as follows:

A man named Henry Haring and his nephew, Joseph Kumpf, who live together at No. 339 Austin-street, had been out during the evening at a saloon near by, playing cards. During the progress of the game, a dispute arose, and a quarrel ensued. The older of the two drank considerably, and was in an ugly mood, but the two left the place together, having apparently settled their differences. They went home and retired to bed, both occupying the same room. The quarrel must have been renewed in the bedroom, as, after Kumpf had retired, he was shot by his uncle. He was in the act of getting out of the bed, and had one foot on the floor when Haring, who was lying on the floor of the room and had a self-cocking 38 calibre revolver in his hand, fired. The ball took effect in Kumpf's left leg, immediately below the knee, causing a serious but probably not a fatal wound. Had his position been slightly different, however, at the time the shot was fired, it would have entered his body, and most likely have killed him. The fifth precinct police were notified of the shooting, and Officers Percy and Raymond went to the house and arrested Haring on the charge of assault in the first degree. He was badly under the influence of liquor, and did not appear to clearly understand what he had done. Drs. Potter and Hoffmeyer were summoned, and attended the wounded man. They probed for the ball, but were unable to find it, and it was decided to send Kumpf to the Fitch Accident Hospital. He is 26 years of age, and unmarried.

Coats and Robes at sales prices. Bastedo & Co., 54 Yonge-st.

LOGAN'S FUNERAL.

An Imposing Demonstration to be Made in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Gen. Sheridan has arranged plans for an imposing demonstration at Gen. Logan's funeral. Members of the G. A. R. posts, Loyal Legion men, veterans of the Mexican war from Washington and distant places by scores and hundreds will be there to fall in line and follow the remains of the dead soldier and Senator to the cemetery to-morrow afternoon.

The Place of Burial.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—At a special meeting of the City Council last evening the proposition to tender the southern end of Lake Park as a place for the grave and monument of the late Senator Logan was incorporated into an ordinance, and unanimously passed. The following message was sent to Mrs. Logan:

Mrs. John A. Logan, Washington, D.C.: At a meeting of the City Council a site in the Lake Park, between Harmon-court and Park-row was set aside as a site for a monument and burial place for the late Senator John A. Logan, and said site may hereafter be used as a burial place for his widow.
CARTER H. HARRISON, Mayor.

Lying in State.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Logan funeral cortege arrived at the Capitol at 1.30 o'clock. The casket, draped with flags and surrounded by handsome and appropriate floral tributes, was placed upon a bier prepared for its reception. The bier upon which the body rests is that upon which lay the remains of Presidents Lincoln and Garfield, Chief Justice Chase and Representative Thad Stevens.

The President has directed that while the remains of the late senator are lying in state at the Capitol the flags on the public buildings in this city be displayed at half mast.

CRAZED BY FRIGHT.

A Gambler Driven Insane by Practical Jokers.

READING, Pa., Dec. 30.—Franklin B. Goodhart, the gambler who was the victim of a practical joke about two weeks ago, became insane in consequence, and died last night of nervous prostration. Some acquaintances, knowing that he was timid, got up a mock murder in his presence. Goodhart went to California in 1849, and came back a year later with $9000 in dust. He lost it all at cards; then he followed circuses as a three-card monte man, and afterward traveled on the Mississippi steamers and Western railroads. He accumulated a fortune during the war, gambling in the Union camps, and a few years afterward he, Harry Hartman and Tom Coleman won $30,000 at faro. He had been paralyzed of late years and had confined himself to dice at country fairs.

FOURTEEN MEN BURNED ALIVE.

Terrible Accident on a Steamer at Jackson, Ala.

MOBILE, Dec. 30.—The steamboat Bradish Johnson, used as a boarding-house at Jackson, Ala., where the West Alabama Railroad bridge is building, was burned at 10 o'clock last night. Two whites, Otis McElroy of Mobile and Dan Milhouse of New York, are missing, and two negroes, Lewis Adams and Ben Bush, were drowned. It is believed that ten others, all negroes, perished in the flames, and that ten others were drowned.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. Alf. Macdougall promises to run well in St. James' Ward for alderman.

A meeting of the Clippers and Primroses (B.B.) is called for next Wednesday night at 112 Centre-street.

The slide of the Park Toboggan Club, on the Toronto Cricket Club's grounds, in Bloor-street west, will be opened to-night.

Mayor Howland's address to the electorate, printed in circular form, was distributed to the people at Dr. Wild's prayer meeting last night.

Mr. Edward Lawson's residence at 476 Ontario-street was the scene of a large family gathering Christmas Day, no less than forty-seven members being present, of which thirty were grandchildren. The party had a happy time.

Floral Lodge No. 222, I.O.O.F., at its regular meeting at Masonic Hall, Parkdale, elected these officers: W. H. Allison, N.G.; J. H. Irving, V.G.; T. Williams, Rec. Sec.; R. H. Jamieson, Per. Sec.; T. A. Thompson, Treasurer; J. Hanisar, Trustee; A. M. Lynd, M.D., Physician.

At the Mutual-street Rink last night, the competition for the Checker Club's medal resulted in O'Halloran defeating Sinclair by 4 games to 3. Dissette drew the bye, and O'Halloran and he will play the deciding games next week. For the silver cup prize the following scores were made: Whelan 5, Mitchell 1, drawn 1; Fraser 3, Walker 2, drawn 1.

The alterations and improvements to the Montreal House, 140 King-street west, have been completed and last night Proprietor R. N. Noland duly celebrated the event. A fine spread was served in the dining-room to a large number of his friends and patrons, and many cheers were given for his continued prosperity.

The body found in the York-street slip Christmas Day has been recognized by Mr. Dubois, of J. D. Matheson's drug store, as that of a man who bought a sleeping draught at the store on the 20th inst. Four days before deceased registered at King's Hotel, York and Front-streets, as John Laurent, Montreal, and was a traveler for Fortier's cigar factory.

Duffett, Michael & Co., corner Yonge and Wilton-avenue, have purchased a wholesale stock of ladies' and Gent's Underwear, which will be sold less than manufacturers' prices.

CABLE NOTES.

The French will evacuate Tamatave in January.

Gen. Kaulbars has been attached to the staff of the Grand Duke Vladimir, eldest brother of the Czar.

Five persons were killed and a number of firemen were injured yesterday at a fire which destroyed a large block of buildings in Lisbon.

Madagascar has concluded arrangements for obtaining a loan of $3,000,000 for twenty-five years at six per cent. per annum from the Comptoir d'Escompte of Paris.

John O'Connor, M.P., and Messrs. Mandeville and Casey, resumed the collection of rents on the Kingston estate in Cork at midnight.

The Birmingham Radical Union has agreed that Mr. Chamberlain's recent speech offered to Home Rulers grounds for compromise.

Jesse Collings, speaking at Birmingham yesterday, declared that a reunion should be effected now or never. The Liberals should unite on general legislation and thus eject the Tories.

GAY TRAVELERS AT HOME.

HOW THE COMMERCIAL MEN PUT IN A FEW MERRY HOURS.

A Brief History of Their Association Since Its Formation in 1872—The Charter Members—A Gala Night at the Pavilion Music Hall—The "Belle of the Ball."

It was in 1871 that a number of Canadian commercial travelers became convinced that it would be in the interests of those engaged in that calling to form an organization, and they decided to take steps towards that end. Nothing definite was done that year, but on January 3, 1872 a meeting was held at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, with Mr. D. D. Pearson as chairman. The result was the formation of "The Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada," with headquarters in Toronto. Mr. Warring Kennedy, the well-known wholesale dry goods merchant, was chosen President and for six years he held that position and stood by the association through weal and woe, for like many other organizations it had trouble in its infancy. There was much to discourage the workers, and at one time a collapse was feared. However, a strong effort at reorganization was made, and it proved successful.

WARRING KENNEDY, *First President C.T.A.C.*

In 1874, with a membership of about 600, the association was placed on a new basis and incorporated by an Act of Parliament passed May 26. The charter bears the names of:

Warring Kennedy, President; W. J. Bryan, R. J. Wylie, Andrew Robertson, James Cantlie, Adam Brown, W. E. Sanford and John Birrell, Vice-Presidents; James Patterson, Treasurer; W. L. Macgillivray, Secretary; Charles Riley, Robert Cuthbert, W. Norris, J. Fairbairn, John F. Ellis, R. B. Linton, J. B. Mather, D. McCall, S. Caldicott, James Cooper, Andrew Jack, John McDougall, James O'Brien, Jacob Wilson, Walter Wonham, S. O. Shorey, James Turner, John Brown, Thomas Christie, W. McGivern, Alex. Harvey, John McKenzie, A. T. Wood, J. H. Park, Edward H. Long, George Laird, John Sutherland and John Waddell, the other members of the Board of Directors.

By persistence in their efforts the association steadily grew strong in numbers, wealth and influence, and succeeded not only in making progress towards the social and moral advantages primarily aimed at, but also in securing important material benefits which commercial travelers without organization could not hope to obtain. These consist chiefly of preferential rates and privileges from railway, steamboat, insurance and telegraph companies and hotels.

From 1872 to 1878 inclusive Mr. Kennedy was kept at the head of the association and gave valuable service, assisted always by officers as enthusiastic as he. In the next four years Mr. James Paterson occupied the presidential chair and helped the association financially and otherwise. Capt. W. F. McMaster held the office in 1882-3-4. Mr. Hugh Blain was president in 1885 and 1886, while Mr. J. C. Black will fill the chair for 1887, having been elected by acclamation.

CAPT. HUGH BLAIN, *The Retiring President.*

The numerical and financial growth has been almost marvellous. From about 600 in 1874 the names on its roll have increased to 2516 at present, an increase of 227 over last year. At the close of 1873 the surplus was $359.06; the end of 1874 saw it swelled to $4354.62; in 1877 it was nearly $10,000; and now the association prides itself upon the handsome surplus of well nigh $120,000, being an increase of $19,889 over last year. The interest on investments is more than enough to pay the running expenses of the association.

Undoubtedly the great feature of the association is its schemes for the assistance of members who are laid up through accident or sickness and for making provision for the families of deceased members. There is a Sick Benefit Fund, an Accident Benefit Fund and a Mortuary Benefit Fund. The maximum amount paid to the family of a deceased member is now $1200 and the minimum $127. Those payments are in proportion to the number of years during which the deceased was a member. Some years ago the association entered into a contract with an insurance company which issued policies to its members. But when it began to roll up a big surplus, big enough now to give it a most solid backing, it became its own insurance company and under the direction of competent actuaries formed the Mortuary Benefit Fund.

The Association's Annual Meeting.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the association was held yesterday in Philharmonic Hall. President Hugh Blain occupied the chair and opened the session at 10 o'clock. Before him were nearly 250 members of the association. At one side of him sat President-elect Black, ex-President Warring Kennedy, Treasurer R. H. Gray and First Vice-President-elect A. A. Allan. On the other side was E. A. Dalley, the Hamilton branch's First Vice-President. Mr. T. P. Hayes was acting secretary, Mr. Sargant being busy at his office issuing certificates.

MR. J. C. BLACK, *The President Elect.*

The Board of Directors' annual report was read and adopted. It showed a gratifying state of affairs. The receipts during the year were $39,748.07; and after disbursements that included $1889 for accident bonuses and $4840 for mortuary benefits had been made, a balance of $19,889 was added to the surplus fund, making it now $119,363. The Directors, in referring to important changes which it was proposed to make in the bylaws relating to the insurance scheme, felt that these changes would result most advantageously to the association and place it upon a basis of permanent solidity.

The chief business of the morning session was the consideration of the additions and amendments to the bylaws referred to in the Directors' report. These are intended to make the accident and mortuary schemes more perfect. They were thoroughly discussed and finally adopted.

At the afternoon meeting the first business was the selection of Messrs. Warring Kennedy, A. A. Allan and G. H. Love to represent the association on the Board of Directors of the Industrial Exhibition Association.

The scrutineers reported that in the election of officers and directors 1079 ballots had been cast, and of these 107, or 10 per cent., had been spoiled by not bearing signatures or numbers. Mr. J. C. Black had been previously elected President, and Mr. A. A. Allan First Vice-President, both by acclamation. The scrutineers reported that Mr. John Burns had been elected Second Vice-President, A. S. Hart, T.P. Hayes, T. Smith, R. J. Orr, Hector Morrison, Wm. Ince, jr., Geo. West, John Walker, Thos. Blake, Toronto Board of Directors; and G. F. Hamilton, F. Ashbough, J. H. Herring, H. G. Wright, P. McCullough and Wm. Braid, the Hamilton Board.

The President announced that the railways had renewed the privileges which they accord to the association, and on motion of Mr. F. A. Ashbough of Hamilton a resolution was adopted returning thanks to the railway companies.

The treasurer's statement showed the total assets to be $119,368.97. The receipts of the Sick Benefit Fund for the year, as reported by the secretary, were $816.75, all of which was expended except a balance of $61.25. The auditors reported the books of the secretary and treasurer to be in good shape. These reports were adopted, and Messrs. Wm. Anderson and James E. Day were re-elected auditors.

Several members spoke of the advisability of having a paper devoted to their interests and controlled solely by the Board of Directors, and others thought it would be well if the association had a building of its own with every accommodation. Nothing was done with either matter. A motion by Mr. C. C. Van Norman, regarding the changing of the "Sick Benefit Fund" into a "Relief Fund," so that needy members as well as sick ones might be assisted, was left over till next year.

The business being concluded, Mr. Blain announced that he would make way for the new President, Mr. J. C. Black. He returned thanks for the honor that had been conferred on him by making him president for the past two years and for the assistance which had been given him by the directors. Mr. Black would assume the presidency under circumstances most favorable, and he would make an efficient head.

Mr. Blain then took Mr. Black by the hand, shook it and conducted him to the President's chair amid applause. Mr. Black returned thanks and regretted the retirement of Mr. Blain.

On motion of Mr. Warring Kennedy, seconded by Mr. J. J. Allworth, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Blain. The other retiring officers and directors were also thanked, and the association adjourned.

Mr. James Sargant has been the popular Secretary of the association for seven years. When he accepted the position the capital of association was $30,000; it is now $120,000. Mr. Sargant has been energetic, courteous and painstaking in furthering every interest of the association.

A Gay Night at the Pavilion.

In former years the Commercial Travelers' Association was wont to celebrate by holding a dinner in Christmas week. Last year a change was made, because it was thought only right by the members that they should do something to entertain their lady friends. Accordingly a conversazione was held, and this year's celebration was of a similar kind. It took place last night in the Pavilion Music Hall, which was never more handsomely decorated. The arches were festooned with variegated portieres and lace curtains, while all around the gallery fronts ran red, white and blue bunting. Many attempts have been made before in the way of decorating the Pavilion's stage, but last night excelled all. It had been roofed in, so to speak, with bunting and flags, and it looked like a charming drawing-room. On a handsome Eastlake mantel and on the mantels of the side lamps with colored glass shades, which threw a mellow light on the pretty scene. At the back were hung oil portraits of ex-Presidents Warring Kennedy, James Paterson, W. F. McMaster and Hugh Blain.

BELLE OF THE BALL. *A Swell Traveler's Girl.*

It was 9 o'clock when the concert commenced and by that time fully 600 ladies and gentlemen were present in the gallery was occupied and a number of seats in the middle of the floor were also filled. On the stage in instrument hand were the representatives of the Glee Club, which opened the entertainment with a chorus "On the March." They sang several other choruses and their singing was pronounced most creditable. The Glee Club should be heard oftener. The Orpheus Quartette, consisting of Messrs. Schuch, Wayrington, Lye and Taylor, gave four selections, all of which were loudly encored. The "Orphans" were only born this season, but those who were there hope that they will live long. Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Ryan and Mr. Warrington rendered solos in their usual fine style. Mrs. Caldwell's singing of "Waiting" was specially a vocal treat. Mrs. Dischler Adamson's violin solos were charmingly played and well received. Mrs. Fred Going and Mr. Arthur Denew ably filled the accompanists.

Dancing did not commence till 11 o'clock and by the time that twenty dances were gone through it was a late hour. At midnight an orchestra furnished tuneful music. The ladies' toilets were in many instances beautiful and costly.

Among those present were: Col. and Mrs. Otter, H. W. Darling, President Board of Trade; Wm. Ince, Vice-President Board of Trade; Rev. Dr. Wild, Ed. Wragge, G.T.R.; W. R. Callaway, C.P.R.; P. H. Slatter, G.T.R.; John Lavan, Michigan Central Railway; Robert Quinn, Northern Railway; H. Nelson, Mr. Richard Nolan, Capt. Geo. Mutton, Capt. F. Manley, James Paterson, Capt. W. F. McMaster and Hugh Blain, ex-Presidents of the association; Mr. J. H. Horsey and Mr. Wm. Wyatt of the Dominion Bank; Mr. R. Hickson, Mr. J. Wood of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia; Mr. W. J. Wilson of the West Shore Railway; Mr. J. Henderson of the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company; Mr. John Foy, Mr. Wm. McCabe, Mr. Harry Symons; Mr. D. Milloy, Mr. Beatty, C.P.R.; Co. and many others.

Whenever it is known that Harry Webb is the caterer for any of the grand fetes which annually take place at the Pavilion, it goes without saying that the guests expect something delicate, soothing and palatable in the viand line. This Mr. Webb always provides. The collation he served last night was well up to his usual standard. Mr. Webb possesses an almost exclusive art of making his tables look handsome in addition to being well and wisely laden. The ladies and gentlemen present ate their ices and sipped lemonade and coffee under the enchanting shade of many fairy lamps. The fancy dishes and epergne, on which were laden every variety of good things, were handsomely festooned with fruits and flowers, giving to the tables a bower-like appearance and calling from the patrons thereof a great deal of admiration. Mr. Webb understands the line of business and he catered to the entire satisfaction of the hundreds of gay young men and handsomely dressed young ladies that graced the Pavilion.

The affair was successful and this is largely due to the Association's energetic secretary, Mr. James Sargant, and the committee consisting of Messrs. A. T. Hart, Thos. Blake, T. J. McIntyre, M. McPherson, J. J. Ross, W. Forster, A. B. Cordingly, A. Ross, W. Ince, jr., James Haywood, R. B. Linton, W. C. Hackett, Chas. Parsons, H. Brodie, W. Haldimand and H. Leeson.

Brewerymen to Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—All the beer brewery workmen employed in this city met last night and unanimously resolved to strike today.

The number of strikers is as follows: Brewers 400, drivers 450, coopers 270, engineers 135, firemen 135, laborers and helpers 1100; total 2490. The strike is due to proposed reduction of wages on January 1. The National Beer Brewers' Union will support the strikers.

The employers recognize the Knights of Labor, but not the Beer Brewers' Union, and negotiations for a settlement of the strike are likely to be difficult.

Persian Coats, extra fine, Sea Otter Caps at sales prices. Bastedo & Co., 54 Yonge-st.

Dairymen's Convention.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Extensive preparations are being made for the eighth national convention of the American Agricultural and Dairy Association, which is to be held in this city on February 8 and 9. Addresses are expected from Lieut.-Gov. Jones, Joseph H. Reall, President of the association, W. R. Waite, Hon. John H. Weber of New York, James Hewes of Baltimore, James O. Adams of New Hampshire, O. B. Mason of Ohio, Herr Adolphe Waller of Sweden, and a large number of other prominent agriculturists.

THE BANKER AND THE BROKER.

A Close Scrambler for City Debentures Between E. S. Cox and Cashier Wilkie.

Cashier Wilkie of the Imperial Bank of Canada and Broker E. S. Cox of Toronto-street had a lively scramble yesterday for the purchase of the $302,968 of 5 per cent. City of Toronto local improvement and general debentures, tenders for which City Treasurer Harman has been asking for some weeks. The Executive Committee opened the tenders, four in number, yesterday afternoon. The race was entirely between Mr. Cox and Mr. Wilkie on behalf of his bank. The debentures are divided into three classes: $3363 redeemable in five years, $196,932 in ten years and $102,173 in twenty years. Mr. Wilkie's tender was $102.25 for the fives, $104.25 for the tens and $106.50 for the twenties; and Mr. Cox offered $100 for the fives, $104.10 for the tens and $107 for the twenties. There were two other offers, one $103.61 en bloc and one of $102.25, $104 and $106.60. The Imperial's tender was accepted, which is equal to $105.06 en bloc, while Mr. Cox's is equal to $105, a pretty close shave between these two financiers.

While this sale is looked upon as a good one for the city, it does not compare with Mr. Cox's big purchase last year of $634,000 of Toronto 4 per cents. at $97.02. Ald. Lamb mentioned to the committee that he thought all the city debentures should be 4 per cents., but it was pointed out that the local improvements were fixed at 5 per cent., which was the interest the city charged the ratepayers taxed for these improvements.

Gents' calling cards for New Year's Day—a splendid assortment, something entirely new and novel—at Winnifrith Bros.', 6 Toronto-street.

PROHIBITION IN PARKDALE.

A Meeting at Which Municipal Candidates Express Ultra-Temperance Views.

A temperance mass meeting was held in the Town Hall of Parkdale last night, at which about 250 persons were present. The object was to boom the bylaw, which is to be submitted to the people on Monday, restricting the liquor business to two saloon and two shop licenses. Mr. Burgess Stewart presided. He stated that they would reduce the traffic to one saloon, only the Government said that they must not create a monopoly. Speeches were made by Rev. R. P. Mackay, Rev. Charles Duff, Rev. T. J. Wilkinson and Munns. Their argument was much the same as has been used for the past twenty years. The Chairman called on candidates for municipal honors to come forward and express their views on the all-important question.

Councillor Wm. P. Atkinson said he was a temperance man, and was prepared to vote for prohibition.

Mr. Rowe (candidate for Mayor) was in favor of prohibition, and would always give temperance measures his hearty support.

Mr. Jas. Stewart, who aspires to be a councillor, expressed himself as solid for prohibition.

Mr. Isaac Lennox, who opposes Edward Terry for the reeveship, said he would always work with the Temperance party.

Councillor Oxhead thought his views on this question ought to be well known. In any rate he was altogether opposed to the liquor traffic.

Reeve MacMath, who is retiring from municipal work in order to take a more active part in temperance and religious work, said he had given the subject much thought and was going to be a prohibitionist out and out in the future.

Mr. George Booth said he was one of the two who had a shop licence for the sale of liquor. He had long wanted to go out of the business and he had decided never to take out a licence again. [Applause]. And he didn't ask them to recompense him either. [Renewed applause].

A resolution was then adopted urging those present to give straight temperance men the preference on election day.

Funds for Victoria College.

The work of raising money for the building and endowment funds of the new Victoria College in Toronto goes bravely on. A large and representative meeting of Methodist ministers and laymen was held in the Methodist church parlor yesterday, when it was resolved to begin a canvass of the city at once. The Rev. Dr. Nelles, Chancellor of old "Vic," encouraged the brethren to work, and the cordiality and unanimity with which his words were received showed that, in the event of his being re-elected, not one of his promises would be fulfilled.

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland, the speaker, had quarrelled with the council, and business had come to a standstill, depriving the laborer of the opportunity to earn a substantial increase to his family during the winter. If he had acted reasonably with the council, this would not have occurred. It was said the fault lay with the council, but from the character of the thirty-six representatives in that body, chosen by the people to do their business—men of greater experience and who had larger interests at stake—he felt it was rather that of the Mayor, and because he differed in opinion from the council, the city's business had to be stopped. "He pronounced Mayor Howland's call upon the people for the selection of a better council the most ominous sound he had ever heard emanate from a public man.

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