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MERRY YACHTMEN'S BALL

A BRILLIANT GATHERING IN THE HORTICULTURAL PAVILION.

The Event of the Season—An Array of Fair Ladies and Gallant Yachtsmen—The Dresses and Belles.

The annual ball of the Royal Canadian Yacht club has now come to be the event of the social season in Toronto, and that of last night exceeded any of its predecessors, whether in the number and quality of those in attendance, in the beauty of the ladies, in the gallantry and hospitality of the merry yachtsmen, in the completeness of the arrangements, and in the smoothness in which they were carried out. The club and especially the committee in charge of the arrangements are to be complimented on the successful result of their arduous labors. It was no small task to issue the invitations so as to please as many as possible, and to distribute them so as to get a thoroughly representative gathering of the fashionable people of the city and province. But they succeeded admirably. The committee was constituted as follows:

Commodore, A R Boswell; vice-commodore, John Leys; rear commodore, Allan Gilmour; hon secretary, H J Grasett. Ball committee—C L Ferguson, Wm Armstrong, H Harman, Commander Law, R N, W Gibson Cassels, A B Harrison, J T Small, Capt Geddes, Frank Darling, Dr A Baines, A W Gamble, Remy Elmsley; J W Anderson, hon sec.

THE BALLROOM.

The pavilion was decorated with bunting, flags and pennants. Across the room were suspended several strings of ensigns of yachts and yacht clubs. On the masts were the names of the various yachts of the club. The platform was fitted up as a retiring room, carpeted and all set with easy chairs and sofas, and enriched by the presence of a fine collection of tropical plants from the adjoining conservatory. The ballroom floor was suitably waxed, while the balance of the pavilion was as trim and neat as the deck of the Oriole when the commodore is expected aboard. In fact everything was taut and snug-like. The music was supplied by the string band of the Royal Grenadiers stationed in the eastern gallery.

The conservatory was dimly, yet pleasantly, lit with Chinese lanterns, lined with seats, nicely heated, and formed a pleasant retiring place from the glare and movement of the ballroom. It was full of quiet couples throughout the night. Along the north side of the ground floor and screened by flags, a commodious supper-room had been improvised. The galleries formed vantage seats from which to view the lively scene below. The stairways, halls and corridors were also utilized as waiting rooms, while the west ends of the two galleries seemed to have been monopolized by the young couples inclined to be spooney. Several decided cases were to have been observed.

THE BALL.

1 Quadrille.	10 Lancers.
2 Waltz.	11 Waltz.
3 Polka.	12 Polka.
4 Lancers.	13 Waltz
5 Waltz.	14 Waltz.
6 Waltz.	15 Mazurka.
7 Lancers.	16 Waltz.
8 Polka.	17 Polka.
9 Waltz, Sir Roger de Coverley.	18 Waltz.

Shortly after nine o'clock the dancing was begun with a quadrille, the top set being made up of Commodore Boswell and Mrs Robinson; his honor, governor Robinson and Mrs Charles Baines; vice-commodore Leys and Mrs Col Law; Capt Anderson and Miss Robinson. As the ball advanced, the number of couples increased till there was hardly room for all, notwithstanding the extent of the floor. When the ball got fairly under way the scene was full of movement, full of charm. There were the handsome costumes of the ladies, in all colors, though white predominated; the bright uniforms of the Grenadiers, the black and gold of the yachtsmen with their white vests and black ties, the dark shade of the Queen's Own, and the black coat of the ordinary cit. Nearly every face was beaming with pleasure, enjoyed or expected. There was the flush of the debutante, and the tried smile of the old-timer. The dresses of the ladies were beautiful but the majority of their faces and figures were charming. Those who have seen similar gatherings in the states or Europe will have no hesitation in awarding the palm to Canadian ladies for their freshness. They require very little making up and they are rapidly acquiring the art of dressing in good taste. Not more than two inappropriate gowns were noticed in the whole assembly. Low corsages were rare. The head dress in nearly every case was simple yet pleasing. Wigs were few and bangs generally discarded. Plumes were the exception. Quite a number of the ladies wore the classical fillet or golden band in their hair and added to their beauty. Some were still more charming in white chaplets.

It is becoming more and more the custom to carry bouquets, and among the ladies Mrs Holland and Miss Jessie Conger were seen to carry exquisite ones of lilies and roses. The fans were larger than usual, though there was less disposition to use them.

THE DANCING.

Canadians are poor hands at quadrilles, judging by last night's efforts. In the first one, no two sets were dancing the same figure. The lancers were better executed. All appeared at home in the waltzes, though the manner in which a number of couples "rushed at it" was more creditable to their energy than to their respect for their neighbors. Some of the Hamilton ladies were mentioned for their graceful movements. The most graceful dancer was a young lady said to be from the other side.

THE LADIES' TOILETS.

The millinery reporter has not yet been developed in Toronto, and remembering the many fiascos of the Globe and Mail in this respect The World man was inclined to be chary in particularizing. But some of them caught his eye and therefore he must needs mention them. Mrs Robinson was in black. Mrs Walter Dickson, blue satin and silver, gold ornaments. Mrs Fred Plumb, cream-colored brocaded silk and old lace. Miss Boulton, blue satin and white muslin. Miss Burton, white satin, puffed. Mrs John Cosgrave, maroon velvet bodice, pink satin watteau, train and dress trimmed with pink and white roses. Mrs Torrance, terra-cotta silk, flowers and slippers to match, low corsage. Mrs L Cosgrove in her bridal gown of white. Miss Howland in pink. Miss Lindsay, light blue satin brocaded petticoat and bodice. Mrs Holland, white satin and gold bands in hair. Miss Fitch, pale pink satin, low corsage. Miss McGee, queen-brocaded satin, with white bugle fringe, beaded petticoat and Spanish lace. Mrs Hunter, pail pink silk, train and Spanish lace. Mrs Hendrie (Hamilton), black velvet, low corsage, white plumes. Mrs Bickett, cardinal and black. Miss Armour, black satin. Mrs P Hughes, cream plush with court train of satin moire, trimmed with Spanish lace, embroidered with gold; ornaments diamonds. Miss Hughes, a handsome white grosgrain silk with tulle draperies and trimmed with pearls; ornaments pearls. Miss Sheridan, a shade of wild rose, drapery in watteau, trimmings silver lace and blush roses. Miss Walker, cream brocaded satin, plain satin bodice, pearl ornaments. And so on through the list. Many of the best dresses in the room were made in Toronto, and were highly creditable to our local modistes.

The Abbott Matinee.

At the matinee to-day Emma Abbott will give her first representation in Toronto of Gounod's renewned opera of Romeo and Juliet. This is one of the greatest works of one of the greatest living composers, and the opera abounds in many vocal gems which are of rare beauty. In the first act there is a beautiful waltz, "Let me Dream On," which Miss Abbott claims is one of the most tender and charming compositions Gounod ever wrote. The balcony scene duet is the "Parting Duet," the "marriage" and final scenes of the opera are all full of dramatic interest, and the music is in Gounod's inimitable style. The opera will be mounted in a gorgeous manner and the costumes and jewels worn by Miss Abbott are of great value, and were ordered especially for this opera. To-night Il Trovatore will be sung with a strong cast.

Slipping on the Pavements.

Mrs Skinner, who lives at 26 Alexander street, while crossing Alexander street near Yonge yesterday afternoon stepped on the icy crossing and fell. A lady and two gentlemen came to her assistance and the latter conveyed her to her residence, which fortunate was near at hand. Dr King was immediately summoned. On examination the doctor found that a leg was broken and the ankle of the same limb sprained. Another case of falling by reason of a slippery crossing occurred on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs JC Robins, who lives at 6 St Vincent street, fell at the corner of Carlton and Yonge streets. At first she thought her arm was simply sprained, but on medical advice being consulted it was found that her arm was broken.

UNITED STATES ITEMS.

PROVIDENCE—The treasurer of the Providence Baseball association reports receipts $41,000, expenditures $36,000 for the past year.

The Chicago Tribune says that Vanderbilt is contemplating the purchase of the Illinois Central and has been quietly buying its stock.

Henry Miller, who recently returned from the west with $20,000 made in silver mining, lost it all in speculating in oil at Lawrenceville, Pa.

A Wabash passenger train was ditched near Olmstead, Ill. Two coaches were burned. A number of passengers were injured, four seriously.

Polk, the fugitive state treasurer, now in Texas, threatens to make a full and thorough development of his affairs which will criminate a number of high officials.

At Des Moines, Iowa, Coningsby's store and the Clopp block, containing the masonic hall, a bank and several fine stores, were burned, the loss being $200,000.

FORT MONROE—The British steamer Egypt, from Charleston with cotton for Liverpool, is ashore forty miles north of Cape Charles. Assistance has been sent.

PROVIDENCE—The Bricklayers National union voted to refer the question of granting charters to colored unions to local unions for an expression of their sentiments.

BOSTON—The Union Steamboat company, incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, capital $100,000, has failed. Many angry creditors claim the whole business a swindle.

BOSTON—Another movement has been started here for organizing a world's fair, to be held next summer. A company has already been formed. It is proposed to have an exhibition of foreign arts, products and manufactures only.

It is stated that no reciprocity treaty between the United States and Mexico has yet been agreed upon, but the details have been discussed and there is reason to believe that the treaty will be framed and sent to the senate at this session.

ST LOUIS—Dan Taylor, a colored hostler, went home yesterday morning and presented a revolver at his wife. "Give me time to pray," she exclaimed. "Not a minute," he replied, firing three times and wounding her mortally. Jealousy the cause. Taylor surrendered.

SYRACUSE—Rev Augustus F Baird, D D, pastor of Plymouth church, Syracuse, has accepted the pastorship of the chapel of the American church, Paris, France, and the secretaryship of the American Foreign Christian union in connection with the work of French evangelists.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla—A bill was introduced in the assembly incorporating the Florida Ship Canal company, contemplating the construction of a canal from the Atlantic to Gulf of Mexico across Peninsula. Capital stock fixed at not less than fifty and not more than sixty million dollars.

Germany and United States.

WASHINGTON, Jan 12—The foreign affairs committee has authorized Denester to offer a resolution to the house asking the president to make a more liberal treaty with the German empire in place of the treaty existing between the United States and the North German federation. Under the present treaty certain citizens have been wrongfully forced to bear arms, while some citizens evaded the duties of German citizenship by carrying American papers when they had no right to them.

The Shipping Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan 12—The fifteenth section of the shipping bill relating to the tonnage tax on vessels engaged in commerce with Canada, Mexico or West Indies was amended so as to provide that the tonnage tax on other vessels shall not exceed 30 cents a ton. Sections 18, 19 and 20 which contain a drawback on free ship and free materials, provisions and machinery for carrying out those provisions, were struck out and the bill passed.

A Terrible Father.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—John Hoffman while drunk quarrelled with his son and this morning fatally shot him. He escaped. Five years ago Hoffman killed another son, but was not convicted.

Toronto Curlers Victorious.

HAMILTON, Jan 12—Three rinks of the Toronto Caledonian Curling Club defeated the Hamilton Caledonians by a score of 75 to 56. The match was for the Reid challenge cup.

DISASTERS AT SEA

Three Vessels Wrecked—A Heavy Loss of Life.

LONDON, Jan. 12—The British ship Pride of the Ocean, Captain Barclay, from Hamburg for New York, is supposed to have been lost off Harwich, as wreckage is washing ashore.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, Jan. 12—The Haytien brig Goldfinder was towed in today. The crew were all dead except the captain and one man, and they are both frostbitten.

PARIS, Jan. 12—A boat has been found off the harbor of Cette, containing the dead bodies of four persons belonging to a French coasting steamer believed to have foundered in a storm. There were 22 persons on board the steamer.

CABLE NOTES.

LIMERICK—A parcel of dynamite was mailed at the postoffice to-day. No damage. The police are investigating.

PARIS—General Saussier, commanding a division in Algiers, has been appointed to succeed Chanzy in command of the Sixth army corps.

BERLIN—Booth's second appearance this evening was another brilliant success. The crown prince joined in frequent and tumultuous applause.

CONSTANTINOPLE—The British charge d'affairs handed the porte a draft of the scheme for administrative, judicial, financial and military reforms in Egypt, which England proposes to submit to the powers after ascertaining the views of the porte.

Disappearance of a Young Girl.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—There is great excitement here over the disappearance of Zerelde Garrison, aged 17, one of the belles of the city. Last Saturday she left the residence of her uncle accompanied by her sister, and went to the corner of Fifth and Olive streets, where she took the street car for Wild Hunters, the terminus of the car line in the extreme southern part of the city. The conductor remarked her getting off the car at Wild Hunters. She asked to be directed to the convent of the Sacred Heart, half a dozen blocks away. Since then she has not been heard of. The conductor noticed on the car platform four rough men, who commented on Miss Garrison's handsome appearance. It is supposed they had something to do with her disappearance, and a horrible suspicion has been aroused. Miss Garrison was returning to the convent to pursue her studies. She had previously gone there in a carriage. It is reliably stated that the Garrisons have received information of Zerelde Garrison's whereabouts, and are convinced she is safe. They are very reticent now, closeted with the detectives. It is stated a letter was received at Garrison's mansion informing them that the girl is held for money and the writer would be glad to make an appointment to treat for her delivery. A member of the family says a telegram has been received dated at a point 12 or 14 miles south of St Louis, stating that Miss Zerelde is alive and safe. The mystery will probably be solved before the morning.

The young lady was returned by one of the ruffians who abducted her. She is suffering from chloroform and nervous prostration. Two of the abductors have been arrested.

Searching Among the Debris.

MILWAUKEE, Jan 12—Up to this evening five bodies have been found in the ruins of the Newhall house. As the men worked into and opened up the ruins, odors of burning flesh became more apparent, and by to-morrow night a scene will be presented before which the most stout-hearted will quail. A human foot has been found partially burned, with no traces of the body. Two little heaps of remains were found near the personal effects recognized as belonging to Robert Howie and David Martel, Wisconsin Central railroad conductors, and leave little doubt that both perished. The body identified in the morgue is not Miss Chellis but Mrs. L W Brown of Alleghany, Pa. The last body found was recognized as Emma Hager, a domestic. A most thorough investigation into the causes of the fire and condition of the hotel has been determined upon by the authorities. The district attorney will conduct the examination of the witnesses. James H Earnest, whose name appears among the missing, was a prominent democratic politician of south western Wisconsin.

The Falling off in Irish Crops.

LONDON, Jan 12—The depreciation in the value of crops in Ireland last year, in consequence of the unfortunate harvest, aggregated £5,113,000 as compared with 1881, and £2,528,000 as compared with the average of the preceding ten years, the bulk of the loss being on the potato crop, which was £4,318,000 as compared with 1881, and £2,274,000 as compared with the average of the preceding two years.

The City of Brussels Inquest.

LIVERPOOL, Jan 12—At an inquest on a passenger lost in the City of Brussels disaster, the steward deposed that deceased and his friend could have saved their lives if they had obeyed orders. They were lost while endeavoring to save their luggage. A verdict of "Found Drowned" was rendered.

England's Egyptian Policy.

CAIRO, Jan. 12—Lord Dufferin has informed the Egyptian ministry that Great Britain withdraws from the control of Egypt, and suggests the appointment of a European financial adviser who will not interfere with the public administration.

A Railroad President Indicted.

NEW YORK, Jan 12—Rice, ex-president of the Utica, Ithaca and Elmira railroad, charged with forgery and embezzlement, pleaded not guilty. Ex-Speaker McGuire, his counsel, will apply for a reduction of bail, which is now $25,000.

Peculating Civic Clerks.

LOUISVILLE, Ky, Jan 12—The head clerk of the back tax collector's office, Cope Snapp, has been arrested for complicity in defalcations. His personal peculations are said to be large. Wm Portman, another clerk, is also implicated.

Arrest of a Cashier.

JERSEY CITY, Jan. 12—Edward Shaw, cashier of the broken City bank, was arrested last night. Shaw is a son-in-law of Boise, president of the bank. There was an affecting scene when Shaw parted from his wife.

Episcopal Appointment.

GUELPH, Jan 12—The bishop of Niagara has appointed the Rev Canon Dixon to be archdeacon of the diocese.

OUR LOCAL ASSEMBLY.

THE CHARGES AGAINST COMMISSIONER DOHERTY DISCUSSED.

An Investigation asked for — Petitions Against Aid to Agriculture and Arts Association—Lunatics in our Prison.

The speaker took the chair at 3 p m.

Petitions in favor of discontinuing the grant in aid of the Agriculture and Arts association, were presented from the county council of Brant and from the county council of Ontario. The petitioners set forth that in view of the great increase of wealth in the various counties, the industries which the legislature aimed to assist were now in a flourishing condition; that many counties now had influential and prosperous associations of their own for the encouragement of such industries; that the provincial exhibition was in fact hurting the interests which it was designed to foster, by drawing exhibits away from the places where they would have proved of most use; and that the localities chosen for the exhibition in the past had been in no sense provincial centres.

The following bills were introduced:—

By Mr Snyder (North Waterloo)—Act to incorporate the Berlin and Waterloo street railway company; act respecting the Waterloo, Wellington & Georgian Bay railway company.

By Mr Field (West Northumberland)—Act respecting Victoria college, Cobourg.

By Mr Mack (Cornwall)—Act to incorporate the Eastern Ontario railway company.

By Mr Long (West Simcoe)—Act to legalize a certain by-law of the town of Collingwood.

By Mr Gibson (Hamilton)—Act respecting the debt of the city of Hamilton.

By Mr Harcourt (Monck)—Act to incorporate the town of Port Colborne.

By Mr Wood—Act respecting ditches and waterways.

By the Attorney General—Act to amend the revised act respecting the solemnization of marriages; act respecting the office of inspector of prisons, and respecting persons committed as lunatics.

Mr Robertson (Halton) moved for an order of the house for a return showing the number of lunatics committed to the jails in each county of the province during the years 1880, 1881 and 1882; the length of time they remained in the jails and how disposed of; also, in the case of those removed to the provincial asylums, the cost of such removal. Mr Robertson stated that during 1882 the number of commitments of lunatics to the jails in the province was larger than during any year since confederation. In 1869 the commitments of insane persons to jail was 271; in 1875, 323; in 1879, 339; and in 1882, 442. In the latter year there were 523 insane persons admitted to the asylums, and no less than 432 committed to jail. Now that there was sufficient accommodation in our asylums, he wished that some change might be accomplished in the matter. Under existing circumstances the new system was in many counties more expensive than the old.

Mr. Wood explained that unless the law was changed the government could do nothing in the matter. It was necessary at present that persons committed for lunacy should be confined in jail until an examination could be held.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Ferris (East Northumberland) moved for a return showing the style and nature of cases in which jury notices were struck out for the years 1881 and 1882, and by what judge, and for what reason if reason assigned. Mr. Ferris said he moved the motion in order to understand whether any particular law was laid down as to what cases must be tried by a jury, or whether it was optional for the judge to decide on the matter.

Mr. Fraser suggested that the words "in the superior courts" should be inserted in the motion. The motion was passed as amended.

Mr Bell (West Toronto) moved for a return of the correspondence relative to the proposed parliamentary buildings. Carried.

Mr Gibson (Huron) moved for copies of correspondence between the provincial secretary and the license commissioners of East Huron relative to granting a license to one Conover. Mr Gibson opened with an attack on the government organ which he characterized as given to stabbing in the dark, and said his motion was made to give the license commissioners an opportunity of defending themselves against its malicious and unfounded attacks. Speaking generally on the license law, he said he did not think a single village or county had petitioned for any change in the direction indicated by the opposition.

Mr Bell said that he was prepared to stand to his position that License Commissioner Doherty had been trading on the fears of the license commissioners. He had seen a petition on this matter in the hands of a reformer, but it had been suppressed. He could substantiate this as far as the license commissioners of Toronto were concerned, that the chairman, Dr Ogden, was much in the same position as Mr Doherty. He understood, further, that while Dr Ogden was visiting these people, and charging $2 a visit, they were neither using his advice nor his medicines, but calling in other physicians at the same time. He had a high respect for Dr Ogden, and believed that did he know this fact he would not visit those places. Those appointed by the government to the position of license inspector should be in all cases thoroughly independent.

Mr Balfour (South Essex) and Mr White (North Essex) discussed the charges against the license inspector of North Essex, the former challenging the latter to put up $300 in the proof of his statement, and Mr White offering to do so could he secure a proper guarantee on the other side.

Mr Hardy quoted Mr Bell's story of the Doherty affair as given by Mr Bell to the conservative papers, reminding the house that these journals had represented three residents of the city, Mrs Mead and Messrs Hanlan and Paterson as corroborating the story. Each of these individuals had come out voluntarily with a distinct contradiction of the story. Mr Hardy stated further that the licensed commissioners at their late meeting had passed resolutions in favor of Mr Doherty.

Mr Lauder (East Grey)—The hon gentleman is making that statement without any authority whatever.

Mr Hardy said it was well known.

Mr Lauder asked where he found his authority.

Mr Hardy [(grandiloquently)—On the highway (great laughter) so plain that any fool can read it (renewed laughter.) He held that every charge brought by the press in this matter had been completely refuted. Neither he nor the attorney general knew anything of the petition to which the member for West Toronto had alluded. Besides that hon gentleman did not state what was the substance of the petition, which might only allege that Doherty, being a cigar dealer, should not be a commissioner. He charged Mr Bell further with coming down from the specific to the general in making this charge. The name of Dr Ogden had been mentioned. Mr Hardy asked why the names of the families who employed Dr Ogden, paid him and then sent for another physician had not been given. The charge was one that, if made on the street, would have subjected the maker to an action for slander. Before representing that gentleman as forcing himself upon the families of those persons, the hon gentlemen ought surely to have supplied himself with full proofs.

Mr Bell said he had never charged Dr Ogden with forcing himself upon anybody. He had said he did not believe Dr Ogden would continue these visits if he were aware of the facts.

Mr Hardy said he was fairly representing the substance of the hon member's charge. If the principle Mr Bell appeared to advocate were carried out, no man in any business could be safely appointed to the license commission, unless he were a grave digger. (Laughter). Every professional man, be he doctor, lawyer, or even clergyman, might in the same manner be charged with using his influence to better his own business.

Mr Meredith asked if it was the intention of the government to investigate the charges against Doherty.

Mr Hardy said he would do so further on.

Mr Lauder (East Grey) asked why sheriffs, county treasurers or wardens could not have been appointed as license commissioners. The government, however, insisted on appointing and controlling all these license commissioners, and the consequence was that the licensed victuallers were not satisfied, the temperance people were not satisfied and the country was not satisfied. He thought that as cigars next to liquor were the biggest sales in a saloon, a wholesale cigar manufacturer as well as a wholesale liquor dealer should be excluded from the license commission. Without the least personal objection to Mr Doherty, he thought that he was not qualified to be a license commissioner. He charged Mr Hardy with evading Mr Meredith's question as to whether the government intended to investigate the matter.

Mr Fraser asked why Mr Lauder had stopped at declaring cigarmakers to be unfit for the position of license commissioners. Why should he not speak of butchers, of grocers or of bakers working upon the fears of the saloonkeepers? The hon member's argument would apply equally to tailors, blacksmiths, milliners, or even editors, and the line could be drawn nowhere.

Mr Meredith (London) said there were two questions involved in the present issue; first, whether the commissioner was using his position improperly to benefit his own business; secondly, whether his being placed in this position, no matter how honestly he tried to do his duty, was not giving him an unfair advantage over his competitors in the same business. As regards the Doherty question, he understood that a representation had been made to the attorney-general on the matter, and he thought that the provincial secretary had not fairly explained the matter.

The motion was then carried.

Mr Waters, North Middlesex, moved for a return shewing the number of petitions that have been received by the provincial secretary or the attorney-general during the years 1880, 1881 and 1882 from municipal councils, asking that the power of granting licenses may again be placed in their hands, and also for a relaxation of the Saturday night restrictions. He went on to praise the working of the act under the license commissioners.

Mr Hardy said he believed these were petitions for the relaxation of the Saturday night restrictions; as to the others he could not speak definitely.

Mr Meredith said that the house had been sitting since December 12, and a great many bills that had been introduced at the beginning of the session were not yet printed. He asked the reason of the delay.

Mr Fraser said the printers had been overwhelmed with work; that they were at it up till midnight last Saturday and resumed ton Monday morning immediately after midnight.

The house adjourned at 5.40 p m.

St. Andrew's Church Young People.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Young People's association of St Andrew's church was held last night at the usual place, in rear of the auditorium. The attendance was well in keeping with the importance of the occasion. The reading of the treasurer and secretary's reports with the discussions relating to them took up a considerable portion of the evening. The reports show the society to be in a very healthy and flourishing condition. The following officers were elected: Hon president, Rev Mr Macdonell; president, Mr Massie; vice-president, Mr Cameron; secretary, Mr Miller; treasurer, Miss McLachlan; committee of management, Mr Cassels, Miss Wylie, Miss Nicholl, Miss Morrison, Mr Frost, Miss Sutherland, Mr McArthur, Miss Gardener and D J Thomson. The society contemplates holding during the next three months a series of entertainments and debates on live questions of the day. All who desire intellectual and musical treats free should not fail to attend. Next meeting will be on the 26th inst. Strangers welcome.

An Old Torontonian Burned in the Milwaukee Fire.

A dispatch from Detroit yesterday says that Mr W E Wiley who is supposed to have perished in the Milwaukee fire was formerly a resident of Toronto and well known here. Mr Wiley left Detroit on Monday evening to accept a new position as northwestern passenger agent of the Michigan Central railway. For a time he was employed by the Grand Trunk railway at Toronto. Then he entered the service as Canadian traveling passenger agent for the Michigan Central railroad. But a few days previous to the terrible fire in which Mr Wiley lost his life he was appointed general agent for Milwaukee city, and had only taken possession of the office two days before his death. Mr Wiley was well known in Toronto, where he made a host of friends, to whom the terrible news will be a severe shock.

National Liberal Union.

The National Liberal union resumed its meetings after the holiday season last night. There was a large attendance of members and several new men were added to the list of membership. The question under discussion was the advisability of reconstructing the government departments, the main feature being the reduction of the number of ministers to seven. The matter was well and ably debated and the discussion was adjourned until next meeting.

PRIMITIVE MAN IN EUROPE.

The Earlier and Later Stone Periods—Drift and Cave Implements—The Esquimaux of the Garonne—Scotland's Neolithic Age.

The lecture course of the Canadian institute for 1883 commenced last evening, on which occasion Dr. Wilson delivered a lecture on the traces of primitive man in Europe. The doctor was on hand early, and soon proved to his attentive audience that he was thoroughly versed with all the points of archæology, and that he could handle the skulls and archæologic specimens which he had with him with as much ease as he could turn the leaves of an old, familiar book. The question of man's antiquity, he said, is one not only of great importance, but also of great interest to every one. The earliest traces of man which we have are learned from the Danish archæologists. British, French, Welsh and German archæologists commence by assigning the making of the earlier implements found in their countries to the Danes and Romans. Now we regard this supposition as childish, for as early as the time of Philip of Macedon the Britons made gold coins and used the iron sword. The Danish archæologist is under no obligation to assign the making of stone implements to the Dane, since he is the Dane himself, nor does he ascribe the designing of bronze implements to the Romans, since the foot of the Roman never trod his sod. Thomson organized a system of archæology which he classed as the stone, bronze and iron ages. This too we now consider childish, since the North American Indian hewed out and hammered copper into implements without any knowledge of metallurgy. In a village in Switzerland, near lake Zurich, there have been found beautiful copper implments along with ancient relics. A cave near Torbay, Devonshire, has proved to be of great interest to the archæologist. On analyzing this cave it was found to have on the upper surface from two to three inches of black mould; in this was found several bronze implements lying alongside of the remains of ancient Romans; below this were found fragments of large blocks of limestone, and in these blocks were found flint cores. Below this strata again was discovered a black band of charred wood, showing that man, even at that early age, knew how to light a fire.

In the valley of the Garonne in France a cave was discovered which unearths a good many facts hitherto unknown. The climate of France at the time that this cave was inhabited must have been similar to that of the Arctic regions of the present day, as is clearly seen in the remains of the animals found in the cave. There were found the bones of the reindeer, bear and musk ox, animals which are only found in the colder regions of the north. Another indication of this is seen in the fact that the floor of this cave is composed of five layers of charcoal, and between these layers, promiscuously piled, were found bones of animals. In a hot climate, such as France now is, this could not have been the case.

The inhabitants of this cave were however more intelligent than the Esquimaux. We find specimens of their handicraft and art in the shape of ivory sleds on which are painted the form of the mammoth. In tracing the different stages which the head of man has passed through to its present condition or rather speaking about the head of the paleolithic man, Dr Wilson said that the long narrow head is the oldest form of scull of which we have any knowledge. Among the most neolithic remains we find a head in the shape of a boat. This head is narrow and low in the forehead.

The question then which puzzles us—if we believe that the farther we go back the more man degenerates—is: If we go back far enough will we find man analogous with the lower animals? The Australian is the lowest order of man, and yet there is a vast difference between his head and that of the ape. Man by nature is the most helpless animal. The gorilla has its claws and fur, but the brain of man has been so constructed as to be quite a match for these. Though at present the truths of science seem to differ from the truths of scripture, yet the time will come when the one will not only seem not to be contradictory of the other but the truths of the one will be brought out more forcibly by the facts which the other discloses.

BREACH OF PROMISE OF MARRIAGE.

A Widower Sued for $2000—The Story of Plaintiff Told in Court.

Catharine Bond, spinster, aged 33, brought an action in the assize court yesterday afternoon against John Woodhouse, a widower, aged 46, for breach of promise of marriage and seduction. Plaintiff laid her damages at $2000. Both parties belonged to Toronto. Miss Bond described herself as a workingwoman, being employed at various times in the straw business and a corset factory. Woodhouse is a biscuit maker and has been employed for 11 years by Christie, Brown & Co. The plaintiff is not strikingly handsome. Mr N Murphy appeared on her behalt and Mr G N Bigelow defended Woodhouse. A feature of the case is that plaintiff's sister is married to defendant's brother, both of whom are witnesses in the case. Plaintiff was examined and cross-examined from 4:30 till 7 o'clock when the court rose. Her story was that she met defendant in July, 1878, with him it was a case of love at first sight. He proposed marriage at their first meeting, but said it might be five years or it might be ten years before he fulfilled the contract. Plaintiff gave consent, time went on from that date, and Woodhouse succeeded in seducing Miss Bond. These criminal habits continued until July last, when plaintiff became enciente. She then urged defendant to fufill his promises. He fixed Sept. 15 last as the wedding day. But he never kept his promise; hence the suit. It came out in evidence that Woodhouse owns a farm in Muskoka and a house and lot in Seaton village. Plaintiff stated that Woodhouse kept deferring their marriage because he did not want to take a wife to his house as long as his father and mother were alive. "But," she added, with embarassment, "he told me that if I were the mother of a child, that fact would overcome their objection to my presence in the house." The case will be continued this morning, when plaintiff will be re-examined.

Sergeant-at-arms of the house of commons, Mr D W McDonnell, Ottawa, Canada, thus endorses the Great German Remedy: "St. Jacobs Oil is a splendid remedy. I used it on my left hand and wrist for rheumatism, and found it all that is claimed for it".

THE OLD BRIGADE BOYS.

THEY RE-UNITE LAST NIGHT AFTER A LONG SEPARATION.

Fraternal Greetings and Unbounded Merriment—The Boys Older but Jollier—A Red Letter Night.

Old St Lawrence hall might perhaps have held larger (no, that is almost impossible), gatherings than it did last night, but certainly it never held one around which there were so many happy associations and historical recollections. And why should it not be so? It was the occasion of the first annual ball and reunion of the Old Toronto Fire Brigade association, which now promises to be one of the most flourishing of our many societies, such an impetus did it get from the inaugural gathering of old friends, "After Many Years," as the long scroll which stretched across the front of the hall announced. The old hall never looked better, not even in the palmy days of "old times," when a fireman was of as much importance in the eyes of the average citizen as an alderman. Flags and bunting were displayed in profusion, and the two long walls on either side were emblazoned with large shields on which was painted in colored letters the names of the old companies. They were: "Sly Boots—3—British America," Deluge Cabbagetown Pets—5," "Hooks Rackers," "Provincial Tigers—6," "Saucy Rescue—2," "Victoria West End Lillies—4," "Phœnix Manchester Pets," "Toronto Hose Skippers."

Previous to commencing dancing a concert was given, when a good program of musi was arranged by lady and gentlemen amateurs. Mr James Bennett, president of the association, delivered an address at the opening of the concert. His remarks bristled with reminiscences of lore attached to the old brigade. Mr Frank Reynolds conducted the musical arrangements to the satisfaction of all.

The committee which had the ball arrangements in hand did not spare any pains or time in making it a success. Their most sanguine hopes were more than realized. While many of the old volunteer brigade have long since passed away, still there was an endless interchange of greetings of old comrades. One of the most conspicuous figures in the room was Mr James Ashfield, looking like a knight of old in his swell red coat of the old regime. Many a boy, who is now a man, has feasted his eyes on that uniform years ago and no doubt longed from the bottom of his heart to be the wearer of it. Then there were the relics of the old brigade strung around the walls and laid out in appropriate places. Adorning the west wall was the silk banner presented by Mayoress George Gurnett and the ladies of Toronto to the brigade in 1848. The address accompanying the banner was also to be seen across the room from it. Both of them had lost much of their lustre to be sure, but they were all the more admired for that.

But when Joe Timson's band broke in with the old time dance tunes of twenty years ago there was no containing many of the veterans. All their latent agility seemed to find a spontaneous mode of egress. That music caught them all; there was quite a hunt for it, too. Joe had stowed it away, but it had to be found. What would the veterans do if they were put to the test of dancing old steps, crossovers, quadrilles, cotillions, reels, lancers, money musks, etc, to new-fangled music, over which some æsthetic composer had racked his brain for a year in a Boston garret to perfect. Oh, no; we must have the old tunes. The program of dancing was as follows, which will be found of interest on account of the happy sentiments attached to each:

1 Circassian Circle	Happy to Meet
2 Quadrille	As Old
3 Scotch Reel	Acquaintances
4 Money Musk	The Hose "Skippers"
5 Waltz	Firemen's
6 Lancers	Hooks, "The Rackers"
7 Patanella	Once More We Meet
8 Polka and Galop	After Twenty Years
9 Two Sisters	With Phœnix No 1
10 Quadrille	Not Forgetting
11 Opera Reel	Rescue No 2
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12 Navy Island Reel	Who Used to Fly to Save
13 Waltz and Mazurka	When Boys and Girls Together
14 Lancers	Along with "Sly Boots"
15 Ladies' Triumph	British America No 3
16 Eight-Hand Reel	Our Noble Queen Presented
17 Polka and Varsoviana	By Victoria No 4
18 Waltz Medley	The "Cabbage Town Pets"
19 Quadrille	By Deluge No 5
20 Macdonald's Reel	And Last, but Not Least
21 Sir Roger de Coverley	By "Tigers" Provincial 6

The floor managers were Messrs G C Dunn, G Pearsall, E Merrett and B Morrison. As a sample of the congratulations received from old friends by Mr Geo McConkey, who, by the way, has taken a deep practical interest in making the reunion a success, the following are given, which will be read with interest by the old veterans who were not present:

CHICAGO, Jan 12, 10:20 p. m.—*Geo McConkey, St Lawrence Hall*—I greet you "Manchester pets" (virtue, love and patience), "Sly Boots" (run and confusion), "Pride of Cabbagetown," "All Desperandum or Never Despair," "Better Late than Never," "Destroying Angels." The unknown correspondent of the Boston Fireman, HOSE.

CHICAGO, Jan 12.—*Geo McConkey, 155 Yonge street*—At last moment have to forego pleasure of being with you to-night. Greeting to the members of the old brigade on this their first annual reunion. SLY BOOTS (E K MacGillvery).

ERIE, Pa, Jan 12—*W J Graham, secretary Old Fire Brigade association.* Dear old friends, intended to be with the boys to-night, but can't make it. Long may you live to keep the old boys together. It would have been one of the greatest pleasures of my life to meet the boys to-night, ROBERT DELL.

There were over 500 ladies and gentlemen present. It would be almost impossible to enumerate even a quarter of them. But it was such a gathering of old associates that is rarely seen in this city. Mr Harry Webb catered to the wants of the hungry. The fun was kept up at a lively pace till 4 o'clock this morning.

"AFTER MANY YEARS."

Sick and bilious headache, and all derangements of stomach and bowels, cured by Dr. Pierce's "Pellets"—or anti-bilious granules 25 cents a vial. No cheap boxes to allow waste of virtues. By druggists.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

If I'm not mayor I'm commodore sure—A S Boswell.

Young! I should think so; I out-danced my son last night—P Hughes.

I was to have worn Eddie's yachting uniform but not turn up—His brother-in-law.

I was the only man there with spurs—Capt Law. Yes, our poor flounces know all about it—The Ladies.

MORE REMARKS AT THE SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

I'm solid as a brick—John Herbert.

I'm sock of the walk now—Jas Ryan.

I always make things pleasant—Dr Kennedy

Send me that wagon—Thompson.

I can't see how your pills—E Burns, J P.

Ah! but I've got the remedy—Dr McConnel.

But I will control the finance—Father Bergen.