THE TORONTO LEIDERKRANZ.

Opening of a Handsome New Hall on Richmond Street West

Monday and Tuesday were great days with the German citizens of Toronto, for they marked the formal dedication of the new Liederkranz Club house on Richmond street west, and the event was celebrated in a manner worthy of the occasion, and with all the vim, enthusiasm and thoroughness characteristic of the children of the fatherland. The new hall is situated at 257 Richmond street west, and is a handsome and imposing four-storey and basement structure, spacious and modious in all its appointments, which in clude a lofty assembly hall, billiard room bowling alley, smoking rooms, dining room, cafe, dressing and cloak rooms and parlors, with all the accessories of a wellequipped modern club-house. It has been erected with commendable expedi-tion, the cornerstone being laid last Seption, the cornerstone being laid last sep-tember 11, upon property purchased in January, 1892.

The Liederkranz, under whose ener-

getic direction this noble building has come into existence, is itself a young society, having been inaugurated as resociety, naving iseen mangurated as re-cently as July, 1882, when the following officers were placed in charge of the in-fant organization:—P. Freysing, Presi-dent; F. C. Nensinga, First Vice-Presi-dent; F. Haase, Second Vice-President; H. Kretchmann, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. Otto, Treasurer, and Mr. Schmidt, Director. From that day to the present the history of the society has been one of steady, uniform progress and among the many who have contribut and among the many who have contributed to its success may be also mentioned Messrs. Theo. Braun, Strohmeyer, M. Wahrer, H. Gunther, J. Kelz, F. Haase, Grothe, Kauffman, Rocamora, Loewe, Laurence, Matricke, Poehle, Kamm, Laurence, Matricke, Poehle, Kannn, Steinle, Kupitz, Gellert, G. George, Vel-chert, C. Ahner, Dahlman, Carl Zeidler, Schack, F. Kormann, Wehrle, W. Mahr, H. Koopman, I. Reinhardt, G. Lettau, P. Lang and Jac. Zweifel,

When it was decided to erect the new building, which from now on will be the centre of German society in Toronto, in fluential and energetic committees were formed to carry out the multifarious dut ies appertaining to the scheme, and these committees, composed of the following gentlemen, have been untiring in the execution of their arduous duties, until complete success has crowned their ef forts

forts:
Building Committee—C. Zeidler, H.
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ance, C. Ahner, C. Arnold, Jac. Zweifel, A. Gottschalk, J. Bourgard, E. Bour-

With these gentlemen should be mentioned the present Board of Officers, com-prising the following: Carl Zeidler, Pre-sident; Carl Ahner, First Vice-President; Peter Lang, Second Vice-President; Henry Koopman, Corresponding and Record-ing Secretary; P. Szelinski, Treasurer William Mahr, Financial Secretary; Ja cob Zweifel, Archivar; C. Arnold and G Lettau, Trustees.

The festivities to which the members of this prosperous institution devoted them-selves began on Monday at 2.30 o'clock, when a reception and promenade conc was held at the club house, and hundreds availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the splendid quarters. At night the formal opening ceremonies began shortly after eight o'clock, when the spacious assembly hall was crowded in every second tenor, Adam Bartmann, Alex-part with stalwart Teutons and their hand-some fraus and pretty frauleins. The architectural beauties of the hall were Joseph Nett, Frank Rohmer, Moritz

greatly enhanced by the elaborate decorations arranged for the occasion. Festoons of evergreens hung in rich profusion from or every crossbeams and archway, relieved with drapings of bunting in the national black, white and red; at frequent inter-vals were suspended Chinese lanterns and floral emblems, and at each intersection were grouped the flags of Germany, Brit ain and the States, blending their ample folds in harmony and brotherhood the back of the platform the best efforts of the Decorating Committee had been concentrated, and there the eye rested upon portraits of Queen Victoria and Emperor William, each draped in their na tional ensigns, surmounted by an allegori cal female figure of Germania bringing peace and plenty to her beloved children. The central piece was a lovely floral harp, and the whole was surrounded by and embedded in a mass of bunting artistically arranged in the national tricolors.

While the guests were gathering a strong and well balanced orchestra discoursed sweet music of the fatherland, and at 8.30 the programme proper commenced with the recitation of an ode of welcome by Miss Amanda Reinhardt as "German-ia." Miss Reinhardt looked wondrous fair in her simple cream robe and flowing tresses, the latter surmounted with a tiar of regal design, and her clearly-enunciaeriods, and feeling delivery, aided by graceful and appropriate action, drew forth a storm of applause from her de-

forth a storm of applause from her de-lighted compatriots.

Following this pleasant introduction came the formal address by Mr. Carl Zeidler, President of the Society and of the Building Committee, who, in the lat-ter capacity, handed the keys of the building to Mr. C. Ahner, the First Vice-President, who received them in the name of the Liederkranz and acknowledged the labors of the committee in brief but fit-ting terms. Then came short speeches ring terms. Then came short speeches from the German Consul, Mr. Albert Nordheimer, Ald. Hewitt, representing the city. Mr. Karl Mueller, First Vice-President of the Canadian Saengerbund, on behalf of the visiting societies; Mr. Charles Cluthe, President of the German Relief Society, for the German societies of Toronto, and others. This portion of the proceedings concluded with a hearty rend ering of the German national anthem after which an adjournment was made to the refreshment room.

magnificent concert followed, at which this programme was rendered.

Overture... Chorus of 100 male voices—Bundes-Lied Mozart Solo-... "Spring-time of the Heart Miss Kleiser.

Germania Singing Society, Hamilton...
"Die Einschiffung." .Concordia Singing Society, Berlin "Ein Deutsches Lied"......F. Silcher

BAND Orpheus Singing Society, Waterloo... "Uebers Jahr."

Bass Solo" The Man in the Cellar." Herr Schuch Der Man Im Keller

Chorus of 100 male voices......F. Moehring God Save the Queen.

The members of the various societies participating in the above programme were as follows

Orpheus, Waterloo-B. Poehlman, dirtor; W. Conrad, President; first tenor, Hadke, H. C. Raisig, Jacob Hueber,

F. Hadke, H. C. Raisig, Jacob Hueber, A. Bossert; second tenor, F. Frank, G. Allendorf, W. Conrad, A. Kauffmann, L. Pfaff; first base, W. Emmlinger, A. Fischer, P. Conrad, Jac Conrad; second base, P. Guenther, Max Salle, R. Ritz, Germania, Hamilton—W. E. Kraft, director; L. E. Hatzfeld, Prasident; first tenor, Charles Hitzroth, Edward Schu-serond, Jenora, Man, Barthiller, and Con-second, Jenora, Man, Barthiller, and Con-

Mueller; second bass, L. E. Hatzfeld, Leo. Blatz, Max Mueller, J. Riester, John

Berlin -- Chr. Boettcher. Concordia, Berlin.—Chr. Boettcher, director; Karl Mueller, president; first tenor, L. Bardon; Karl Hagen, Valen-tine Weber, Otto Frank; second tenor, Martin Grebenstein, Fritz Vetter, Adolf Vetter, Adolf Glaeser; first bass, Jacob Brandt, Henrich Oswald, Christian Stein, Brandt, Henrich Oswaid, Christian Stein, Friedrich Brandt; second bass, Karl Mueller, Wilhelm Rittinger, Heinrich Weber, Hermann Rathmann, Carl Ras-

bach.
Liederkranz, Toronto.—Fritz Vogt, director; Carl Zeidler, President; first tenor, Carl Hermann, H. Krumreith, J. Keller, A. Baer, B. Rochow, T. Levy, F. Wehrie; second tenor, Karl Ahner, E. Bourgard, B. Levan, W. Mahr, Conrad Schoenchen, S. Gardner, J. Freiberg Max Klee; first bass, P. Lang, J. Zweifel Max Kiee; first bass, P. Lang, J. Zwener, Joe Bourgard, Daniel Roden, A. Betz, H. Koopmann, Ed. Magner, Pb. Aremer-second bass, Fritz Poeble, William Roe-sel. Adolphe George, H. Weihnacht, F. second bass, Fritz Poeble, William sel, Adolphe George, H. Weihnac Biesam, A. Gottschalk, H. Berger.

Harmonia Quartette Club, M. The concert being over, the ball-room vas cleared for dancing, which proceeded with vigor until dawn began to break

uesday the festivities were kept up, a ball being given which was attend by many of the best people in the city.

FUTURE OF THE TROTTER.

Expected Permanent Increase of Average Values-Breeding Previously Overdone

A REFERENCE to the advertising depart ment of this paper will convince the most skeptical that the trotting business is still very much alive, and the splendid stakes purses which are offered by the big associations all over the country are plenary proof that it is not the intention ng-horse men that it shall become any less alive than it is now. Although times are still hard, and although there is somewhat of a surplus of trotters (more or less properly so designated) on the marhere is no dimunition in the inter est which people take in trotting races. It is true that in the existing depression there are fewer purchasers than heretofore for road horses, and it is true that the demand for breeding stock is greatly curtailed. The sales indicate, he that money winners are as much in de-mand as ever, and probably more so. Let one start out to buy a horse capable of winning big stakes and purses and he will soon discover that this class cannot be purchased for an old song. When business is relieved from its present conthat money winners are as much in de gested condition, and the avenues of commerce are again filled with healthful currents of trade, the trotting horse business will quickly recover its normal condition. We do not mean by this that all kinds of trotting horses will command the sort of prices which have hitherto been obtained, but that there will be a fair demand at remunerative prices for the sort of horses that have trotting merit. This is all that breeders should ask, and just at present would suffice to satisfy them.

The fact, however, that good trotters now, even with a redundancy of stock on the market, and with many conditions of almost unexampled stringency, sell for good prices, shows the value to the breeder of the trotting associations of the country, and should further convince him that his wisest policy lies in their gener-ous and hearty support. It is these as-sociations and the rich rewards which they offer that at the present the enable owners to realize renumerative prices for good trotting horses. In the absence of these aids there would just now be scarcely any market at all.

at is, however, an encouraging fact that easons of great business depression are emporary. The present stringency has temporary.

already insted a considerable time—much too long for comfort. But it is sure to succeeded by a period of prosperity. and it would seem to be impossible, reasoning both from general principles and from experience, that it can be of very such greater duration. Whatever may be the general conditions, the trotting horse business will be sure to regain its normal equilibrium. Influences al ready at work will tend to an ameliora ready at work will tend to an amelionation of the business. There will this year be much less breeding than heretofore. It has been estimated that only about 60 per cent. of the number of mares bred in 1892 were bred in 1893. Whether this estimate was even approximately correct or not we cannot say, but it is certain that the number in the latter year was very much smaller than in the former. This year there will be a greater reduction This year there will be a greater reducing than in 1893. A prominent breeder in an interview puts the proportion at about ten per cent. We think this an under estimate of the number of mares that will

estimate of the number of mares that will be bred this year. The reduction will, however, be very considerable. The crop of foals this year will there-fore be smaller than last. If there is a diminution of forty per cent. in the num-bers, the effect will be very perceptible in the market. With a largely increased reduction in 1895, this effect will be will in the market. With a largely increased reduction in 1895, this effect will be still the more marked. As business conditions improve there will be a great revival in the demand for good road horses, and the supply this year and next will hardly be in excess of the legitimate demand for the in excess of the legitimate demand for the track. In this way, answering to a general economic law, the business will regu-late itself. There will not be a return to the high prices of 1869, 1890 and 1891 for any kind of a trotting-bred horse. These prices were abnormal, and the number of trotting horses in the country will prevent a recurrence of the flush times of those years. But there is always a strictly legitimate and steady demand for trotters There never was a time when they were not used by a very large class of people, and never will be. There is nothing that can take their place, and the taste of the can take their place, and the taste of the American people for the trotter is too firmly implanted for it to die out. Con-sequently this demand will have to be supplied. The men who breed for it. The men who breed for the wants of the future market will reap substantial reward.

There is a tendency in human natu possibly as largely developed in this country as any other, to run to extreme. When a business is very remunerative everybody rushes into it. When overproduction ensues, as it inevitably dos, everybody rushes in the opposite direc-

The men who are strong enough and shrewd enough to pursue the even tener of their way without "losing their heads." either in extremely prosperous or advan either in extremely prosperous or arvave ced circumstances, and continue just as they would in any other line of busines, will be successful. There will be steady and legitimate profits, while occasionally they will produce a horse that will sell for a very large sum.

The people who imagine that because a very considerable temporary depression the trotting-horse business has gone to the dogs, will sadly miss their reckoning. With the American demand alone it will continue to subsist as a profitable branch of stock raising, and with the prospet ahead in foreign countries it is liable at any time to take an upward turn that will surprise even its most enthusiastic devesurprise even its most enthusiastic devo-tees.—Kentucky Stock Farm.

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