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

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Brilliant Ball.

The London Hunt's Sixth Annual
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Full List of the Invited Guests—A
Happy Whirl Till the Early
Hours of Morning.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

devolved, and he fulfilled them with discretion and ability.

THE INVITED GUESTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackson, St. Thomas; W. M. Jewitt, Detroit; Mrs. Jeffons, United States Consul Jacks, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Jones, city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Kent, city; C. C. Kippen, Tilbury; Miss Kippen, Windsor; J. B. Kilgour, city; "Kit," Toronto; Dr. Kingsmill, city; A. Kirkpatrick, Toronto; James Kerrigan, Toronto; Miss Kibbe, city.

Mayor and Mrs. J. W. Little, Mr. Laybourn, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Leonard, Col. and the Misses Ley, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lewis, Fred Laing, H. R. Lyon, Arthur T. Little, J. A. Little, city; "Lady Gay," Toronto; Miss Laycock, St. Thomas; Miss Luard, city; W. Leggett, Windsor; N. M. Lockheart, city.

Miss Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. G. Macintosh, Thomas Martin, Mrs. and Miss Macbeth, city; Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Morton, St. Thomas; Miss Macfie, Mrs. Fraser Macdonald, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. George Massie, Chatham; Mrs. Morris, Windsor; George Macbeth, Wilberforce H. Marshall, A. Morphy, Mr. and Mrs. and Misses Magee, city; H. D. Mitchell, Glencoe.

Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses McDonough, Mr. A. Mackenzie, H. A. E. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. McQuill, Woodstock; Miss M. McLaren, city; Percy McMahon, Aylmer; Miss MacKenzie, city; Miss Louie McDonough, Miss Amy McDonough, city; Miss E. McIlwain, Pittsburg, Pa.

Dr. and Mrs. Niven, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. B. Nicholson, Hugh Niven, W. C. Nichol, city; G. Nelles, Woodstock. Dr. Osborne, Hamilton Hunt Club; Miss H. O'Reilly and G. O'Reilly, Hamilton.

Miss Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Puddicombe, city; Miss Pauline, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Patterson, Detroit; Miss Peters, city; W. H. Pratt, A. B. Patterson, city; C. H. Pennefather, Stratford; Miss M. Parke, city; Miss A. Pattullo, Woodstock; Miss Perrin, Percy Peto, city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reid, Frank M. Reid, city; Mr. and Mrs. Huron Rock, Petrolia; H. A. Richards, Capt. T. Robson, city; Miss E. Rich, St. Thomas; Capt. Ross, city; Mr. Rawlings, Falkirk; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rodney, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Smallman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Smith, Major A. M. Smith, Mr. W. Simpson Smith, C. H. Stevens, G. N. Sayers, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sterling, city; Jos. Scragam, Waterloo; Mr. and Mrs. E. Sydney Smith, Stratford; Mrs. E. Sayers, Petrolia; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith, J. B. Smallman, Ward M. Sutherland, city; S. Skinner, St. John, N. B.; Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, Toronto; John Sweeney, president, Detroit Riding Club; Lieut.-Col. and the Misses Smith, Dr. Mrs. and Miss Sippl, city; Mr. Spiry, St. Thomas; Miss Spiry, city; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Simpson, Petrolia; S. Stewart, Ingersoll.

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

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

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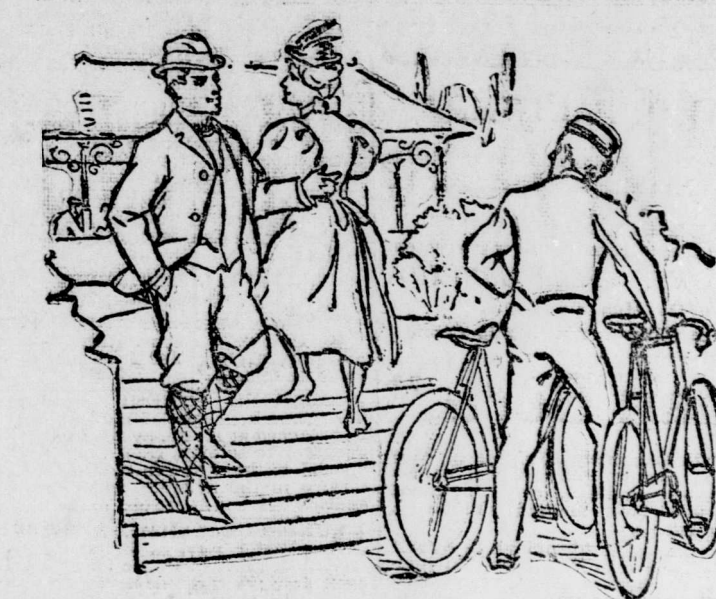
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The Finance Committee

Think the Registrar Gets Too Much Remuneration.

Applications for Increased Municipal Grants—The Salvation Army Wants a Share of the Band Money—Various Petitions Dealt With.

As the Hunt ball last night monopolized the whole of the second story of the City Hall, the finance committee transacted their business in Mr. Kingston's office.

The motion that came before the council at its last meeting regarding the advisability of collecting taxes in the treasurer's office, was discussed, and it was decided to recommend no action.

Ald. Turner regretted that each year there was some motion of this kind, to reduce salaries when there was no necessity for it.

A communication was read from G. S. Counsel, clerk of Wentworth, asking the approval of amendments to the Registrar's Act, to be submitted to the House this session. By these amendments the registrar will be entitled to retain to his own use in each year all fees and emoluments received by him up to \$1,000, over that and up to \$2,000 and less than \$4,000, 25 per cent. Also that the expenses of the registrar's office in conjunction with registrar divisions, be borne by the municipalities in proportion to the fees collected from each. According to the act at present in force, the registrar retains all fees and emoluments up to \$2,500; over that and up to \$3,000, 50 per cent; over \$3,000 up to \$3,500, 80 per cent; \$3,500 to \$4,000, 70 per cent; \$4,000 up to \$4,500, 50 per cent.

In the opinion of the aldermen the office was too fat a situation, and a recommendation will go to the council to approve of the petition, Ald. Douglas, Turner and Winnett voting yeas. A communication from Clerk Finlay, of Kingston, asking the council to sign a petition to Government praying that in future no public moneys of this province be granted to any railway company as subsidies, unless the company seeking the same has built its cars, locomotives and rolling stock in the Dominion, was filed on motion of Ald. Douglas.

Mrs. H. M. Shobottom, of the Protestant Orphans' Home, asked that the grant to that institution be \$500 this year instead of \$350, as last, as the Children's Aid Society used the home as a shelter. Laid over.

Mrs. M. M. Pattullo, of the W. C. T. U. asked for \$250 this year, an increase of \$50 over last, as the money was used in aiding the poor of the city.

Alf. P. Wicks' request for the use of Queen's Park on Civic Holiday for the teamsters' celebration, was granted, on condition that no money be collected at the gates and no expense entailed on the city.

The York street granolithic walk business was taken up. A letter read from the engineer stated that it had never been customary for the city to pay one-third the cost of such work. The matter had been brought up in 1890, and the council refused to countenance it. Referred to the chairman and Ald. Winnett.

The Salvation Army Band applied for \$50 of the usual grant made to the band. Laid over.

The application of Rebecca Yeo for the remission of \$23 84 taxes was filed. Mrs. McNabb's taxes, \$6 45, were charged against her property.

The petition of Ida Summers, that her taxes be charged against the property, was laid over for further enquiry.

The communications of Thos. Bannan and Mary Bruce, of South street, re sewer rate rebates, were laid over. Progress was reported by the committee moving the matter of the mayoralty pictures in hand.

Those present were Ald. Bennett (chairman), Douglas, Galt, Corry, Winnett, Turner and Rumball.

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"The Defaulter" appears at the Grand tonight. It has a very pretty story to tell, and one that holds the interest of the audience from the rise to the fall of the curtain. The company is said to be well balanced, and with his well-known liberality, Mr. Carter has spared no expense in mounting the piece. The scenes of the prison wall, with Sydney and the harbor in the distance, are very fine.

MY FRIEND FROM INDIA. "My Friend From India" is to be produced at the Grand Opera House on Monday afternoon and evening, and a delightful entertainment is assured for those who attend. On its recent visit the company gave the utmost satisfaction, and proved that the company are capable, while the play gives full scope for the development of their talent. There should be two crowded houses.

BRIAN BORU. At the Grand Opera House, in this city, on Tuesday, March 3, the great Irish success, "Brian Boru," will be presented, coming direct from Philadelphia, where the Whitney Opera Company is now closing an extremely successful season. The company which Manager Whitley brings to this city is one of the largest and most complete yet organized for light opera work, and numbers over 100 people, including a first-class chorus and orchestra of 60—eighteen singing or speaking principals, and a first-class orchestra from New York will assist, in addition to the regular house orchestra. The scenery and costumes are of the most magnificent order, and, without exception, will be on a scale never seen here outside of grand opera. The life and times of the famous old Irish chieftain, who is made the hero of this romantic, poetic piece, afford grand opportunities for effective and brilliant work in this time, and the beauties of the noted Wicklow hills, old Dublin, and the surrounding history, subjects of interest, furnish ample material for the scenic artist, which has been quick to grasp and work upon.

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Covering Year Ending December 31, 1896.

INCREASES

In Cash Income.....	\$ 283,195 41
In Invested Assets.....	273,059 28
In Net Surplus.....	447,420 64
In New Business Received.....	15,142,102 00
In Business in Force.....	16,366,690 00
In Number of Policies in Force, 12,571.	
New Business Received.....	\$ 84,167,997 00
New Business Written.....	73,026,330 00
Total Business in Force.....	325,027,061 00

DECREASES

Expenses of Management.....	\$162,341 13
In Total Disbursements.....	2,869,152
In Liabilities.....	349,642 36
Death Claims paid in 1896.....	\$ 3,967,983 94
Death Claims paid since organization.....	28,825,665 66

A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 118,449 INTERESTED.

A. R. McNichol, Manager for Manitoba, British Columbia and Northwest Territories, McIntyre Block, Winnipeg, Man.

D. Z. Bezzette, Manager for Quebec, 12 Place d'Armes, Montreal, Que.

W. J. Murray, Manager for Maritime Provinces, Halifax, N. S.

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General Manager—M. O. TIBBITS (late of British Columbia), Toronto.

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Ford's Farewell.

Flees to Port Huron and Londoners Mourn His Departure.

A Slick Game That Failed to Work Throws Ford in the Pit He Dug for Others - Failed to Pay His Rent and Took Everything in Sight.

The American Candy Kitchen is no more, and the cook and the scullery maid have fled. J. M. Ford, the cook, started business a couple of months ago on Dundas street, in one of Mr. G. T. Hiscox's stores, where he prospered, too much, at any rate, for his landlord and several other parties. Ford failed to pay his rent, and after moving some of his goods a seizure was made. The candy maker was somewhat of a theatrical turn of mind, and indulged in amateur operatic performances. He obtained the services of Prof. W. Baldwin, the contortionist, Thomas Considine, the Misses Small and others, and gave performances at the asylum on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week. By this means he secured quite a little theater paraphernalia in the way of stage costumes. Baldwin's outfit was worth \$75, Considine's worth in the neighborhood of \$15, while the Misses Small lost pretty dresses. These things were safely packed in Ford's trunks, who had engaged Baldwin at a salary of \$25 per week, but told him he would not be required for a week or so, and the contortionist went away to Ingersoll. The balance of the goods were taken away after the seizure was made, and Thursday night, Mrs. Ford, with the address of a Molly Pitcher, went unhesitatingly to the till and abstracted its contents, amounting to some dollars. The goods, meanwhile, had been taken to the station, examined by Col. Jacks, and after being sworn to by the Fordas were checked through to Port Huron. Considine, not knowing anything was wrong, was induced to accompany them to "Sarnia." Here a young fellow, the name of the man who was working so well, on the train he gave Considine a beating, and then took the 21 miles, bearing the name of Calver. Ford handed this to Considine, telling him that he had the address of "work" the doctor, and to aid him in this Ford gave Considine the checks of five trunks, with instructions to "sing a song to the conductor," and say that he (Considine) was short of money on account of paying for excess baggage; that he had five trunks, and wanted to get to Sarnia. Considine took the checks, but was surprised to see that they were for the little game at once, which was to give him the ship and the five trunks, and would be out of reach of others, and get a good start, as Considine had no money. Considine jumped off the train at Komoka and returned to the city at once, informing the police. Word was sent on to Port Huron to hold the trunks. Yesterday Mrs. Ford came to claim "her trunks," saying she wanted her property, and that a young fellow in London had taken the five trunks, and they both were in possession of Ford. From correspondence found in the store, Ford did business in Ottawa, Hamilton and Toronto. An account for \$30 from a Toronto confectionery house was also left on the table. Ford was a photographer, too, and had some good cameras, but took the precaution to abstract the lenses from them. Considine says that when Ford left the store he had between \$300 and \$400. A wheel of fortune is alleged to have been among his effects.

MINING NOTES.

What Agents and Prospectors Have to Say of the Various Mining Properties Now Before the Public.

The Rossland, Feb. 16, says: A new syndicate of Rossland and Ontario men has recently been formed and has bought nine valuable properties in this district. The company has been incorporated under the name of the Canada Mutual Mining and Development Company, and has an authorized capital of \$2,500,000. The properties which have been taken over by this company include the following: The Minnie, which is situated on the northeast slope of Mt. Mountain, at the head of Center Street, adjoining the Blue Elephant and Big Trout; the Bear, a south-belt claim, situated near the Mayflower; and the group known as the Little Giant, which includes the Copper King, Little Vulture, Little H., and Little Giant, all on Lookout Mountain, and within short distance from Trail. Each of the claims owned by this company has splendid surface showings. The company intend to start up three camps at once, each with a large force of men, and to push work as fast as possible. As soon as the required machinery will be placed on each of the various properties. It is also the intention of the company to acquire and develop property in other districts. A cash consideration of \$2,000 was paid for the above properties. J. A. Ponder will be the Rossland manager, M. O. Tibbets will be the Toronto manager, and E. P. Kendall, Rat Portage.

AN EVIDENCE OF BAD TASTE.

What is more wretched or ugly than a miserable faded looking black? Such blacks when seen in ladies' home or street dresses, or in men's wearing apparel, are evidences of bad taste, poor judgment and indifference.

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Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the above company was held at its offices in Toronto on Thursday, the 25th inst. The Hon. Geo. A. Cox, president, occupied the chair, and Mr. C. C. Foster, having been appointed to act as secretary to the meeting, read the following annual report:

In presenting the annual report of the business of the company for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896, the directors have pleasure in stating that, while there has been a falling-off in the premium receipts, the revenue account shows a profit on the year's transactions of \$115,708 45. Out of this two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, have been declared; \$5,732 38 have been written off for depreciation in securities, and the balance added to reserve fund, which now amounts to \$1,085,908 21.

Owing to the reduction in the volume of business transacted, the amount necessary to provide for running off the liability on unexpired policies is \$23,804 85 less than at the close of 1895. After making provision for this and all other liabilities, the net surplus has been increased to \$318,232 24.

The directors have pleasure in acknowledging the efficient services of the officers and agents of the company during the past year.

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total cash income \$2,395,727 95

Total expenditure, including appropriation for losses under adjustment 2,217,019 53

Balance \$ 119,708 42

Dividends on stock \$ 100,000 00

Total assets 2,224,427 18

Reserve fund 1,085,908 21

Cash capital 1,000,000 00

Subscribed capital 1,000,000 00

Security to policyholders 5,985,508 21

The annual report of the directors, having been read, the president, in moving its adoption, stated that he was pleased to be able to say that the year had not been marked by any serious individual losses such as he had had to refer to at the last annual meeting. The business of the company had been carried on upon the same lines as had been followed in the past, and the results, as shown in the statements submitted, were, he thought, upon the whole, as favorable as the most sanguine shareholder could have anticipated, bearing in mind the prevailing condition of general business throughout the continent during the year 1896.

The comparatively small falling off in the premium income of the company was such as might naturally have been looked for under the circumstances. An amount of \$5,732 38 had been written off for depreciation in securities, which was necessary to bring them up to their market value at the close of the year, and which had been registered as a moderate shrinkage on total assets of upwards of two and a quarter millions.

Briefly speaking, he said that the figures in the report submitted showed that while the company had done a somewhat reduced volume of business, there had been a fair margin of profit on the year's transactions—as shown in the revenue account—and, after paying the usual dividend of 10 per cent, and making allowances for depreciation in securities, there was an amount of \$318,232 24 in the net surplus, which was a very satisfactory result, considering the state of the market and the fact that the company had been carrying on business on a sound footing, and that the officers and

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The vice-president, Mr. J. J. Kenny, seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously.

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Topics of Today.

The failures in Canada this week
were 50, against 58 last year.

Ontario is a great reading province.

There are now 242 public libraries in
the province, an increase of 31 over
last year. The Government gives a
grant to each library to aid in its
maintenance.

Before leaving for England next

summer, Mr. Laurier will be presented
by his Montreal friends with a life-
size oil portrait of himself, which will
cost \$1,000. The Premier and Madame
Laurier will be guests of her Majesty
while in Great Britain.

As a result of the collapse of the

steel rail combine in the United States,
orders for 1,500,000 rails were placed
this week, setting in cir-
culation at least \$25,000,000. Brad-
street's reflects on the stimulus this
gives to trade. There is a tariff ob-
ject lesson here.

The defeated Conservative candidate

in North Ontario is trying to have G.
F. Bruce, returning officer in the by-
election, committed, because he
promptly sent off the papers to clerk
of the Crown in Chancery at Ottawa.

The effect of his action was that the

recount did not take place before the
provisional judge at Bracebridge, who
was the Conservative candidate's for-
mer law partner, but before the county
judge of Ontario at Whitby.

They think they have too many

elections in Nova Scotia, and a bill
has been placed before the Legisla-
ture intended to in future prolong the
life of the Assembly from four years
to five.

Ex-Premier Cecil Rhodes, of South

Africa, made one or two sensational
statements in his examination by Hon.
Edward Blake and Mr. Labouchere,
M.P., before the British parliamentary
committee. Mr. Rhodes said if he had
succeeded in his intention to change
the government of the Transvaal there
would have been a union in
Africa such as we have in Canada.

He showed that in 1895 President

Kruger of the Transvaal was intrigu-
ing with Germany against Britain, and
that the Transvaal policy was always
against the British. Mr. Rhodes fur-
ther denied the assertion of the Ger-
man Minister of Foreign Affairs that
a policy of protection existed at the
Cape. "Protection," said Mr. Rhodes,
"means bad factories and bad articles
for the benefit of a privileged few."

Mayor Dillingham, of Ottawa, is the

champion ladies' man. He entertained
200 of them to luncheon the other day,
Madame Laurier occupying the seat of
honor on his right. In wonderful time
the ladies sang "He's a Jolly Good
Fellow."

Members of the Ontario Legislature

without regard to political predilec-
tions, are contributing liberally to-
wards the cost of placing a life-sized
portrait of Sir Wm. Meredith in the
Legislative building. One of those of
Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. Edward Blake
and others. This is a very laudable
recognition of the place occupied in
contemporary politics by the Chief
Justice.

Hugh John Macdonald's friends de-

spair of his again carrying Winnipeg
for the Dominion House of Commons,
and have prevailed upon him to enter
the Manitoba Legislature as leader of
the Opposition. Sir Charles Tupper
consents to this change.

HOBBY.

MAPLE LEAFS VS. ASYLUM TEAM.

A large and appreciative crowd vi-
sited the hockey match between the
Maple Leafs and Asylum teams last
evening. The game was an exciting
one from start to finish, and resulted
in a tie. The Asylum team scored
in the first half and the East Enders
in the second. The match was played
in the East End rink. A return game
will be played at the Asylum. A great
improvement has been made in the
lighting of the East End rink, and
neither club had cause to complain on
this score.

Would You Believe Your Neighbors.

London People Give Their
Testimony.

Nothing Like Home Talk From Home
People.

Here is what two well-known Lon-
don people say about the new remedy
which cures heart and nerve troubles:

Mr. August Herle says: "I have
used Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills,
which I procured at W. J. Strong's
drug store, for my own use, because
of the excessive nervousness and gen-
eral ailing which I suffered."

"They gave me great relief at once.
Now my nerves are strong, and I feel
healthy and vigorous, and can re-
commend them as a splendid tonic for
weak nerves, heart trouble, etc."

Here is Another.

Mrs. L. Brown, 338 York Street, Lon-
don, Ont., writes, as follows:

Mrs. Brown: "Prior to taking Mil-
burn's Heart and Nerve Pills I have
suffered from the very worst nervous
trouble, and have been unable to
enjoy life. These pills have made my
nerves strong, and I feel healthy and
vigorous, and can recommend them as
a most beneficial tonic for a tonic for
the whole system."

"I recommend the use of Milburn's
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fer from acute nervousness, or any
ailment arising from heart or nerve
trouble."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills
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Price 60 cents per box or three boxes
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The Brantford firm entailed a loss of
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Anderson & Neill's Baking Powder,
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Our premises are new, convenient and thoroughly up-to-date in every respect. The several stocks in the different departments are also new and bright, direct from the makers. We're here to do business on the latest lines and the newest plan, and we invite you to co-operate with us for our mutual benefit.

We don't propose to cater to any particular class. LONDON'S DEPARTMENTAL will be for the masses, a mart of magnitude, where you can purchase almost anything you want for the household at the minimum price. We recognize no middle-men. We import direct, and domestic goods we buy from the manufacturers, and in such quantities that enables us to supply our customers at jobbers' prices. In fact our facilities for retailing are on a par with the largest stores on the American continent, and you'll find our goods high-class and prices satisfactory.

OUR OPENING WEEK will be one grand carnival of bargains in every department, all over the Big Store, and everybody is invited. Many lines won't last long, but here you're sure to find the newest and the best at all times. We do not come to the Forest City empty handed—we have large interests at stake, and in London's growth and prosperity we want mirrored our own. When our doors open on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, the entire store will be packed with the latest and most desirable merchandise the market affords. Every article in the establishment will be marked in plain figures, and one price only. Our goods will be represented to you just as they are, and your money cheerfully refunded if not satisfactory.

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We expect our advertisement to attract attention, hence offer sufficient inducements to make it attractive. We have still a few of these

50c WALL PAPERS for 12c.
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The Wooing of Nell.

Clifford's cries, however, soon brought help and deliverance. From out of the darkness there appeared a figure which Clifford thought he knew; and a voice which he recognized called out in authoritative tones: "Now, then, stop that!" Clifford's assailant obeyed the rough command without a moment's hesitation, and when Clifford, feeling himself suddenly released, turned round, he only saw a glimpse of a man's figure as it plunged into the darkness again.

"Who was that?" asked the young man, in astonishment, as he perceived that his rescuer made no attempt to follow him. It was Hemming, the London detective, who stood before him, and he only shrugged his shoulders. "Only a man I've got to help me in this business," answered he, with a gesture in the direction of the colonel's house. "He made a mistake—that was all."

"What business do you mean?" asked Clifford uneasily. "Well, sir, I think you ought to know by this time," replied Hemming, evasively. Clifford pondered for a few moments. Then he asked: "Have you been to the house?" "No, sir. I'm waiting for further instructions from the police, sir."

Clifford looked at the little weather-beaten dwelling, which had lights in two of the upper windows. He fancied he could detect a watching figure behind the narrow curtain of one of them. "I suppose it was your man," he said, suddenly, "who has alarmed the

poor lady so much by his knocks and thumps at the doors and windows?" Hemming's face could not be seen distinctly in the darkness; but Clifford had a fancy that he was smiling as he answered:

"Very likely, sir."

Clifford, who was growing more puzzled, more curious, every minute, turned abruptly away, and walked round to the back door of the kitchen, by which he had been admitted that morning.

He knocked two or three times with his stick against the door before he heard a window above his head softly opened. Looking up, he heard a whisper in Miss Theodora's voice:

"Is that you, Mr. King?"

"Yes."

"Why, yes, of course I am. I have just seen Nell."

As he had expected, this answer brought the little lady down in the twinkling of an eye. He heard the bolts drawn, and a minute later he found himself dragged inside the door, while Miss Theodora, panting with her exertions, hurriedly fastened the bolts again.

"I have seen your boy," said Clifford, "the man who torments you at night. He attacked me just before I came to the corner."

"Ah!" cried Miss Bostal, with a shake of her head. "I have found out who he is now. He is the man who is at the bottom of all these robberies, and of the murder of poor Jim."

"Indeed," said Clifford, politely, but without deep excitement. "For he looked down upon the little lady's intelligence, which he thought was by no means so strong as her kindness of heart."

"The notion was so shocking that, improbable as it appeared, it made Clifford shudder."

"But why," he asked impulsively, "should Hemming let him come here and worry you?"

"Hemming!" echoed Miss Bostal. "Then she was silent. They remained in the little stone passage for a few seconds, unable to see each other's face. Then she passed him, and running quickly to the dining room door, threw it open and entered, beckoning Clifford to follow."

"Papa," said she breathlessly, and in a little flutter of excitement, patting her little hands softly and rapidly the one against the other, "it is the detective Hemming who is sending this wretch to annoy us! Mr. King says so."

The colonel, who, as it seemed to Clifford, had aged since the morning, got up slowly from his chair and stared at Clifford with haggard eyes. "Hemming?" said he in a broken voice. "The detective? What is he here for?"

"You don't understand, papa," piped Miss Theodora's bright, shrill voice. "I didn't say he was here. But Mr. King tells me it is he who sends the man to knock at our doors and windows at night. Didn't you, Mr. King?"

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"Indeed," said Clifford, politely, but without deep excitement. "For he looked down upon the little lady's intelligence, which he thought was by no means so strong as her kindness of heart."

"The notion was so shocking that, improbable as it appeared, it made Clifford shudder."

"But why," he asked impulsively, "should Hemming let him come here and worry you?"

"Hemming!" echoed Miss Bostal. "Then she was silent. They remained in the little stone passage for a few seconds, unable to see each other's face. Then she passed him, and running quickly to the dining room door, threw it open and entered, beckoning Clifford to follow."

"Papa," said she breathlessly, and in a little flutter of excitement, patting her little hands softly and rapidly the one against the other, "it is the detective Hemming who is sending this wretch to annoy us! Mr. King says so."

The colonel, who, as it seemed to Clifford, had aged since the morning, got up slowly from his chair and stared at Clifford with haggard eyes. "Hemming?" said he in a broken voice. "The detective? What is he here for?"

"You don't understand, papa," piped Miss Theodora's bright, shrill voice. "I didn't say he was here. But Mr. King tells me it is he who sends the man to knock at our doors and windows at night. Didn't you, Mr. King?"

Clifford did not immediately answer. He saw that he was upon the threshold of a mystery, to which the staring eyes and trembling limbs of the unhappy old man before him seemed already to give him the clue. Without waiting for Clifford's answer to her question, Miss Theodora suddenly went on again:

"You said you had just left Nell, Mr. King. Where was that?" He hesitated. He was overwhelmed with a feeling akin to pity for these two forlorn people, shut up and barred

within their poor, tumble-down house. So that, although he certainly had a vague belief that the old colonel was in some unknown way involved in the crimes which had made so great a stir, yet he longed for his escape almost as much as he longed for Nell's. So he answered in a troubled voice:

"I left her—in the hands of the police."

There was the warning, if the colonel needed it. The old man shook so much as he heard the announcement that Clifford began to fear the "stroke" which the police sergeant had predicted.

Miss Theodora turned pale, and clasped her hands.

"The police!" she exclaimed, as if scarcely able to grasp the dreadful fact. And she twisted round, as if moved by a spring to her father. "Papa!" she almost screamed, "if the police have arrested Nell, I shall be called to give evidence against her! I will never do it! Never! I would die first!"

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Two Years of Bladder Torment—Had Attacks of Inflammation—Cured by a Few Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Owen Sound, Feb. 22.—The people of this town are talking again of another cure credited to Dodd's Kidney Pills. This is the case of Mr. W. Cruse, caretaker of town buildings, who, when seen, had this to say of the matter:

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From the Ottawa Journal.

Mr. David Moore, a well-known and much-esteemed farmer living in the county of Carleton, some six miles from the village of Richmond, Mr. Moore has been an invalid for some years, and physicians failed to agree as to his ailment. Not only this, but their treatment failed to restore him to health. Mr. Moore gives the following account of his illness and eventual restoration to health. He says: "My first sickness came on me when I was 60 years of age. Prior to that I had been a healthy man."

"Was under doctor's treatment, and I had a bad cough, and was growing weak and in bad health generally. I went to North Gower to consult a doctor, who, after examining me, said: 'Mr. Moore, I am very sorry to tell you that your case is very serious, so much so that I doubt if you can live two months.' He said my trouble was a combination of asthma and bronchitis, and he gave me some medicine and some leaves to smoke, which he said might relieve me. I took neither, because I felt sure I had neither trouble he said, and that he did not understand my case. Two days later I went to Ottawa and consulted one of the most prominent physicians there. He gave me a thorough examination and pronounced my ailment heart trouble and said I was liable, in my present condition, to drop dead at any moment. I decided to remain in the city for some time and undergo his treatment. He wrote a few lines on a piece of paper, giving my name and a place of residence and trouble, to carry in my pocket in case I should die suddenly. I did not seem to be getting any better under the treatment, and finally left the city, determined to consult a doctor nearer home. I was again examined, and the doctor, who had heard of my case, was so much surprised that he made no charge. He remained under the treatment of this doctor for a long time, but got no better. Then my case was made worse by an attack of la grippe, which left behind it a terrible pain in my neck and shoulders. This became so severe that I could not raise my head from my pillow without putting my hand to it and lifting it up. I doctored on until I was trying my sixth doctor, and instead of getting better was getting worse. The last doctor I had advised me to was an old man, a Quaker, whose name was over, when he would blister me for the pains in my neck

and shoulders, which he felt sure would relieve it. I was on my way to Richmond to undergo this blistering when I met Mr. George Argue, of North Gower, who told me of the wonderful cure Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had wrought in him, and advised me strongly to try them. I went on to Richmond, but instead of going to the doctor's, I bought some Pink Pills and returned home and began using them. Before I had finished my second box there was no room to doubt that they were helping me. I kept on taking the Pink Pills, and my malady, which the doctors had failed to successfully diagnose, was rapidly leaving me. The pain also left my neck and shoulders, and after a couple of months treatment I became strong and healthy. I am now in my 77th year and thank God that I am able to go about with a feeling of good health. I still continue taking the pills occasionally, feeling sure that for a person of my age they are an excellent tonic. After the failure of so much medical treatment, I feel sure that nothing else but Pink Pills could have restored me to my present condition."

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