

elected President, Mr. Fred Hughes (acclamation); Vice-President, Col. O. P. Patten; Treasurer, Mr. Fred. Birks; Directors, Messrs. John Taylor, R. C. Simpson, D. B. Black, M. Murdock, F. E. Benjamin.

From the above it will be seen that the Association is in a most flourishing condition.

THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE DOMINION TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner of the Dominion Travellers' Association was held on the evening of Dec. 23rd in St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, and was, as usual, a great success. The President, Mr. Fred. Hughes, occupied the chair, and had as guests on his right and left, Hon. J. A. Chapleau, United States Consul-General Knapp, J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P. Ald. Hurteau, representing the Mayor and Corporation; Mr. Henry Bulmer, Chairman of the Harbor Commissioners, and others. There were over 200 present, and it is safe to say a jollier gathering could not have assembled around the festive board. The speakers were eloquent, and the songs by Messrs. Dupuis, Clark, Evans, and Youngheart, which enlivened the proceedings, would have put many a professional vocalist in the shade, so well were they rendered. Mr. Arthur Ware, of the Customs Department, astonished the company for a few minutes with his sleight of hand tricks, while the solo, "The Mocking Bird," by Mr. Joseph, with an ordinary coffee pot, was immense. The dinner was simply perfection itself, being served up in the style that has made the Hall famous on such occasions. The menu card was also tastefully got up, having a portrait of the retiring President, Mr. Gustave Piche, on the front. It is needless to say that full justice was done to the good things provided.

The Chairman in his introductory remarks stated that the present enrolled membership of the five associations of Toronto, Montreal, London, Winnipeg and Halifax was 6,500, among whom are many of the most successful merchants and manufacturers of the Dominion, and that these associations could boast of a capital of over \$300,000. He also referred to the fact that there was in connection with the Dominion Association an educational trust, which was being highly appreciated, as, up to the present time, no less than five scholarships had been awarded to children of deceased members, who are being educated in several of the best schools of Montreal. He concluded by proposing the toast of "The Queen" which was received with ringing cheers, the whole company joining in singing the National Anthem.

The next toast, "The President of the United States", was received with cheers. Consul-General Knapp replied in an eloquent speech, during which he caused

great applause by stating that there was no fear of retaliation against Canada by the United States, as she was too prosperous and great to do such an unfriendly act to a friendly neighbor.

The toast of "The Governor General" was drunk with enthusiasm.

Ald. Holland proposed "Our Guests," and on Mr. Chapleau rising to respond, he received an ovation, the company rising to



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their feet, waving their handkerchiefs and cheering vociferously. Mr. Chapleau made a brilliant speech intermingled with humorous points. He humorously contrasted the vocation of a drummer with that of a politician. Then he took up a serious vein urging them to continue extolling their country as they had done in the past, to think that the honor of the community they represented was identified with every one of them, and that when they left this mortal stage it should be their ambition to have it said, a true, good and brave man has left us, who



H. W. WADSWORTH,

Secretary.

was an honor to his association, an honor to his fellow-citizens, an honor to his country, and to his God. His brilliant peroration called forth prolonged cheering. Mr. Bulmer also replied, giving statistics of Montreal's shipping.

Col. Patten, Vice-President, proposed "The Commercial Interests of the Dominion," in a neat speech, during which he paid a deserved tribute to the memory of the late

Hon. Thomas White. Mr. Curran replied eloquently, dwelling upon the increased prosperity of Montreal's trade and commerce and of the progress of the Dominion. Mr. J. X. Perrault also responded.

The other toasts on the list were: "The Railway and Forwarding Interests," by Mr. Wilkins; "The Mayor and Corporation," by Mr. Dwyer, responded to by Ald. Hurteau; "The Sister Associations," by Mr. T. Birks, responded to by Mr. Thomas Harris, Toronto, and Mr. W. H. Mordaunt, London, England; "The Ladies," by Mr. Max Murdock, and "The Press," by Mr. T. S. Cote, responded to by Mr. H. S. Stafford. Mr. Chapleau then proposed the toast of "The President," to which Mr. Hughes replied and the merry gathering dispersed.

NORTH-WEST ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North-West Commercial Travellers' Association, was held in Winnipeg on Dec. 20, the President, Mr. M. R. O'Loughlin, in the chair. The eighth annual report referred to the continued growth and prosperity of the Association and other matters. The treasurer's statement showed the receipts for the year to have been \$2,248.54, and the disbursements \$1,128.88, leaving a balance on hand, together with the balance from the previous year, of \$4,493.14. A mortuary benefit by-law was submitted, discussed and adopted. The officers elected were: President, Andrew Strang; Vice-President, L. C. McIntyre; Treasurer, W. M. Rublee; Secretary, J. M. O'Loughlin; Directors, Messrs. C. F. Church, J. H. Holman, J. Lamb, F. Chilcott, M. R. O'Loughlin, A. A. McKenzie, and J. C. Gillespie; Auditors, Messrs. Cummins and Lindsay.

The annual dinner was held at the Clarendon Hotel on the evening of Monday, the 29th, and was a great success. The chair was occupied by the retiring President, Mr. M. R. O'Loughlin, and the vice-chairs by President-elect Strang, Messrs. M. W. Rublee, and L. C. McIntyre. Among the guests were members of the Local Government and other prominent citizens. The toast list included "The Queen and Royal Family"; "The Lieutenant-Governor and the Legislature," responded to by Messrs. Greenway and Martin; "The Clergy," responded to by Rev. Messrs. Pentreath, Pedley, Crews, and Dr. Duval; "The President of the United States," responded to by Consul Taylor; "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," responded to by Major Coulee and Mr. Steen; "The Commercial, Manufacturing, Grain, and Milling Interests," responded to by Capt. Whitla and Messrs. Fred. Thompson and R. P. Roblin; "The Sister Societies," "The Ladies," "The Press," and "Mine Host." Messrs. Kelly and Hanby enlivened the evening with songs, and Mr. A. Holloway gave two humorous recitations.