

auction to The Canadian Magazine, Business or The Westminster. Therefore, I am acting from, perhaps, what I may say, a philanthropic motive in not asking you to wait and hear the reading of this paper. As a matter of fact, I have not got any paper. (Renewed laughter.) I took it for granted that, at this stage of the proceedings, it would not be necessary to produce a paper. I may tell you freely that I have nominated a candidate as a member of the executive, and I ask you to vote for him. By the way, Mr. McNee is my candidate. It was a matter of choice as to whether I should go home at 12 o'clock—not to my home, but to a place to find a meal, which constitutes largely my home. (Laughter.) I think the dictates of my conscience compelled me to remain here and vote for Mr. McNee. It was thoroughly understood that my name should only be put here so that everybody would remain to the end (laughter)—in order to keep the members of the association here till the last. I am glad to see that you have all remained—I am glad to see your remains, (laughter) and I hope that you will excuse me for not having prepared this paper. But if you would like to know my views upon the subject of editorial woes, well, all my suggestion was that an Act of Parliament be passed which would allow us to imprison every subscriber who had not paid up. (Laughter.) If you will bear in mind that my candidate is Mr. McNee, of Windsor, he will honor you for not hearing this paper which I have not prepared. I was a little curious to hear what I had to say upon this matter, and I am sorry I did not prepare a paper. (Laughter and applause.)

The following were then elected by ballot members of the executive committee: A. McNee, J. T. Clark, A. H. U. Colquhoun, H. J. Pettypiece, L. J. Tarte.

CONCLUDING PROCEEDINGS.

President Dingman: "I wish now to turn the chair over to Mr. Willison. I think he is highly deserving of this office, and as a member of the party thinking somewhat differently from him, I am very glad to say I think he has done more than the most of us to raise the tone of journalism in Canada—"

Mr. McGillicuddy: "You two got together last night." (Laughter.)

President Dingman: "and to advance the real interests of journalism in this country." (Applause.)

Mr. Willison: "Gentlemen,—I would like to have it understood that the reason I hesitated to accept the office of president was not because I was not very willing to be President of the Canadian Press Association, but because I feared that, owing to the multiplicity of duties and very great pressure of work, I would not be able to appreciate it satisfactorily. I know very well that in connection with an organization of this kind, if the president is not reasonably active, the organization is bound to suffer; and to a large extent the fortunes of the association are in the hands of the officers. I recognized, too, that in following Mr. Dingman I have a hard president to follow. During the eight or ten years in which I have been reasonably active in the Press Association, I think we have had, without any exception, presidents who have been an honor to the association. I do not think we have had any man who has given more faithful and earnest and protracted service to the association,

and with so good results, as the gentleman who has just retired from the chair. (Hear, hear.) I think I may say that in these remarks I voice the sentiments of every member of the association, that we have learned to appreciate his labors in behalf of the association, and more than that, we have learned to more thoroughly esteem the man himself. (Applause.) I wish to express my very great gratitude to Mr. Cooper for consenting to take the office of secretary for another year. If he had declined, as he intended to, it would have been quite impossible for me to accept the office with a new secretary. I think the association should be grateful to him for the work he has done. I pledge you that, notwithstanding I am a busy man, I promise you, notwithstanding that, I will endeavor to give the necessary amount of time to the work of the association, and to endeavor that, so far as I can prevent it, the association shall not recede under my presidency."

The convention then adjourned.

THE BANQUET.

The banquet was held at the National Club on Thursday evening. Mr. Dingman presided, and Mr. Willison filled the vice-chair. The chief guest was Hon. Geo. E. Foster, M.P. That no Canadian is more loyal than the Canadian editor was abundantly manifested by the singing, enthusiasm with which the toast of "The Queen," proposed by the chairman, was honored by the national anthem.

After the Sherlock Quartette had rendered a couple of selections, President Dingman proposed the toast of "The Empire, in Peace and in War." While the association had for 41 years honored the Queen and the Empire, Mr. Dingman considered that never before had that of the Empire been full of such significance as at present. The die had been cast which identified us irrevocably with the destinies of the British Empire, and now the colonies are sealing with the life-blood of her sons their union with that Empire of freedom. The war that had caused this manifestation of the devotion of the colonies to the Motherland was not a war of oppression, but a fight for that freedom which Britain cheerfully grants to all her own subjects.

In response, Mr. Edward J. B. Pense spoke of the world's keenest interest as centreing on that "dear little, tight little" isle, so insignificant on the map that a boastful American might be excused for declaring that he never took a morning stroll without alarm, lest he should walk off the "darned little thing." But this mite, the seat of Empire, was not alone an example—it was a spectacle! At peace, it is the country of freest trade, giving liberty of entrance to the whole world; a centre of civilization, sending its forces across the earth, with courses marked by reform, progress and that genius of good government in which other nations fall short; the great patron of the arts, science and literature; the foremost seat of law and order, with an unimpeachable judiciary; the great evangelizer of the world, through an ever-increasing army of sacrificing missionaries; the unselfish mother of many lands, beloved by all her children, she is a bright light on the sea of progress—an asylum for the oppressed and homeless of other lands, a benediction to mankind.