A CITIZENS' BANQUET

Tendered to L. K. Cameron at the Tecumseh House.

Farewell to a Londoner Who Will Live in Toronto.

A Magnificent Silver Service Presented to the Guest of the Evening Kind Words for the "Advertiser" —A Splendid Supper.

The complimentary banquet tendered by the citizens of London to Mr. L. K. Cameron, manager of the ADVERTISER, at the Tecumseh House last evening, on the occasion of his departure for Toronto to accept the position of Queen's Printer under the Ontario Government, was attended by upwards of 130 gentlemen, whose main object was to do honor to the guest of the evening. Mayor Taylor acted as chairman, and after grace had been said by United States Consul Leonard the company sat down to the evening's repast. The list of subscribers to the banquet contained, among others, the following names:

Dr. Pingel, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, C. A. Bowman, E. N. Hunt, J. D. McIlwain, T. H. Purdom, Jas. Wilkins, W. A. Young, Joseph Smith, Thos. Beattie, J. J. McIntosh, E. Beltz, W. Ashbury, J. Kennedy, Atwell Fleming, J. D. Clarke, Thos. Coffey, T. C. Hewitt, Samuel Monroe, Geo. Anderson, Geo. M. Reid, A. E. Cleghorn, A. Neighborn, Geo. D. Cameron, C. H. Hunter, J. C. Dodd, J. B. McKillop, A. Screaton, W. Bartlett, J. Purdom, Alf. Robinson, T. G. Davey, T. S. Hobbs, W. J. Craig, John Ferguson, Geo. Laing, Geo. H. Merritt, Frank Adams, J. W. Little, A. E. Pavey, L. W. Burke, Ald. Garratt, J. B. Paul, Dr. Gardiner, C. F. Colwell, C. W. Davis, Geo. C. Davis, Dr. W. J. Mitchell, W. C. Noble, Thomas Trebilcock, J. Westbrook, James Cowan, George Taylor (Mayor), A. M. Smith, J. H. Flock, R. Southam, Dr. H. Z. Leonard, John Fairgrieve, E. H. Flock, W. Ward, P. J. Watt, David Sare, C. H. Elliott, Pigot & Bryan, Hugh McKay, G. A. Somerville, T. Gillean, W. Davis, W. T. Strong, J. A. Roe, W. H. Bartram, J. B. Vining, E. R. Cameron, T. K. Grigg, Jas. Fallane, A. S. Murray, Fred. Henry, J. W. Jones, Dr. Beemer, Dr. Belton, Dr. Balfour, Wm. Elliott, Thos. Taylor, L. McDonald, T. Pethick, Thos. Watson, M. McConnell, W. D. Ross, Thos. Connors, A. Gillean, Jas. Gillean, Geo. C. Gibbons, J. W. Macguire, H. C. Allison, Cameron Brown, E. Cissold, Jesse Symonds, C. H. Fewings, N. P. Graydon, R. W. Graham, F. Love, W. D. Mills, S. Stevely, J. S. Ashplant, Geo. F. Burns, W. S. Barkwell, J. H. Wilson, Jas. Martin, Jas. Dunn, W. J. Thompson, Chief Williams, Fred. Spittal, J. B. Laidlaw, R. K. Cowan, M. H. Rowland.

THE SUPPER.

The repast placed before the company was a credit to Manager Davis and his staff. To particularize the delicacies would be a task, but some idea of their variety may be obtained from the following menu:

Consomme Royal Printanier.
Fried Black Bass, Sauce Tartar,
Boston Chips.
Chicken Mayonnaise. Lettuce.
Supreme of Fowl, a la Toulouse.
Timbale de Nolilles, a la Cardinal.
Ribs of Beef, Yorkshire Pudding.
Spring Lamb, Mint Sauce.
Spinach, Boiled Potatoes, French Peas.
Boiled English Plum Pudding,
Lemon Meringue Pie,
Assorted Cakes,
Sherry Wine Jelly, Rhum Jelly, Vanilla Ice Cream,
Crackers and Cheese, French Coffee.

LETTERS OF REGRET.

The following sent letters regretting their inability to be present which were read by Mr. George C. Davis, who acted as secretary owing to the absence of Mr. George M. Reid through the death of a relative. C. W. Taylor, Toronto Globe; Wm. Stone, Toronto; L. H. Kribs, Toronto Empire; A. S. Wigmore, Toronto; R. L. Patterson, Toronto; W. C. Callaway, Toronto; Ed. Farrer, Mail, Toronto; George E. Challes, Toronto; H. F. Gardiner, Hamilton Times; T. C. Irving, Bradstreet's, Toronto; J. H. Morley, C. and N. W. R., Toronto; E. F. Clark, mayor of Toronto; John Cameron, Toronto Globe; W. R. Meredith, Q.C., M.P.P. Each epistle contained some reference to personal and pleasant associations which the writers had had with Mr. Cameron and wished him godspeed.

THE TOAST LIST.

"The Queen"—The company sang the National Anthem.

"The Houses of Parliament," coupled with the names of Messrs. James Cowan and E. R. Cameron.

They both made good speeches, Mr. Cowan's being full of kindly sentiment. Mr. Cameron thought that either Mr. Thomas Purdom or Mayor Taylor should have been called on to reply, as it was generally accepted that they were gentlemen who had intentions of entering the political arena. He humorously referred to the amalgamation question and the worry it was occasioning. He and Mr. Lud Cameron belonged to the same clan, and he was glad to say so. Some people mistook one for the other because each resembled crushed strawberries. He closed by extending many good wishes to Mr. Cameron in his new field.

Mr. Thomas Pardom was called on, and referred to the successes which had attended the management of the ADVERTISER by Messrs. John, William and Lud Cameron. The last-named had often been referred to as the "best Cameron of them all." Long might the ADVERTISER continue to do as well as it had done in the past, and he hoped that it would ever continue under the management of the Camerons. Referring to public affairs, he said that this country (with all due respect to U. S. Consul Leonard's presence) was equal, acre for acre, to any place on the continent of America. Ontario was possessed of many fine features, and undoubtedly had a great future. He knew of nothing which could induce him to believe that Canada had not a better condition all round than the United States. He believed both Houses of Parliament held the interests of the country to be dear to them. Toronto had made big progress lately, but London's steady advancement was such as would ensure its success. The ADVERTISER was itself a sample of how this city had progressed. If all would do their duty as the guest of the evening had done his, Ontario's prosperity was assured.

Mr. J. W. McIntosh sang "I Fear No Foe," and in response to an encore gave "The Skippers of St. Ives."

"Our Guest"—Mr. L. K. Cameron.

In rising to propose this toast, after a few preliminary remarks, Mayor Taylor said: "When the friends and acquaintances of Mr. Cameron became aware of his intention to remove from this city to Toronto, they did not wish to allow the departure unnoticed of one that stands so high in the estimation of so many of our citizens. It was decided to express the friendship and kind feeling that has existed by tendering him a complimentary banquet, as a mark of respect and esteem. A number of us have known Mr. Cameron as a school fellow, as a companion, a friend and a good citizen for many years, and I am confident that when I look around this board and see so many of Mr. Cameron's friends present this evening to honor his departure, that he will receive best wishes for his future welfare, comfort and happiness from every one present. While the city of London loses a good man the city of Toronto will gain one."

The toast was received with "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," three cheers and a tiger.

THE PRESENTATION.

Mr. George C. Davis then stepped forward and read the following address:

To L. K. Cameron, Esq.:

Dear Sir,—It is with deep regret we learn that your further advancement in the battle of life necessitates your removal from our city to that of Toronto, and we now desire to testify in a small way to your many excellent qualities. By your faithful perseverance, industry and efficiency you have risen in your profession step by step till you became president and manager of one of the largest newspapers in Western Ontario, with which, indeed, in one position and another you have been identified for the greater portion of yous life. As a citizen, by your many acts of kindness, your unwavering labors and profound interest taken in behalf of the welfare and prosperity of Canada's Forest City, you have ingratiated yourself into the lasting affection and friendship of the people of this your native city. Your social qualities were ever highly spoken of, and have left reflected behind them in the hearts and minds of all who had the good fortune to become acquainted with you a lasting impression of your sterling worth. What is London's loss is Toronto's gain, and we would now, on the eve of your departure to assume the Government position of Queen's Printer in that city, ask you to accept the accompanying silver tea service as a parting token of our respect and esteem, trusting that Mrs. Cameron, yourself and family will long be spared this life, and that this present will always tend to remind you of the many friends you leave behind in the city of London.

Mr. E. N. Hunt uncovered, amid loud plaudits of the company, a magnificent silver tea service.

THE RESPONSE.

Mr. Cameron, on rising to respond, was received with hearty cheers. He said:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I mean no pun when I say that I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the very hearty manner in which you have drunk the toast proposed in such flattering terms by the worthy chairman of the evening. I cannot but feel, gentlemen, that he has allowed his friendship for me to lead him into what I must regard as extravagant praise of myself, but I can say this, and say it with sincerity and truth, that in no word of eulogy which he has passed upon me has he said one word which it would not give me the greatest of pleasure to apply individually and collectively to every gentleman around the board. No one who has passed the greater part of his life in what is practically my native city could leave it without a pang—a pang that is increased by the reception this evening. I cannot say as Juliet said to her Romeo—

"Parting is such sweet sorrow.
I fain would say good-bye till the morrow."

I do not find the parting sweet, although this evening will do much to sweeten it. Nor do I intend to say "good-bye." In my new position I do not expect to be entirely separated from all my former and present friends. Toronto is not far off. You all may find occasion to visit it, and although I cannot expect many of you to visit it particularly to see me, I sincerely trust that none of you will visit it without seeing me. Moreover, I expect to see our lovely Forest City often again before I die, and the reception given me this evening convinces me that when I do I shall not be considered a "stranger within its gates." But it is not alone for the reception given me this evening that I have to return thanks. My career in London has been a succession of kindnesses received at the hands of my fellow-citizens. Although I have always been connected with a political party and taken more or less active part in all the contests, the faces around the board this evening would convince, if anything were required to convince me, that I have never so conducted myself as to make personal enemies of those who might be found ranged on the opposite side. I cannot thank you too heartily for the reception and magnificent presents given me this evening, and can only say in conclusion that while I fully appreciate all the kind things you have said of me, if you could read my innermost feelings now I could be quite content if you would follow Othello's plea and speak of me as I am, when I am quite sure you would find all your kind words fully reciprocated.

THE TOAST LIST CONTINUED.

Mr. C. W. Davis then sang "Love's Pruding," and gave "The Song That Reached My Heart" in response to an encore.

"Finance and Commerce," coupled with the names of G. A. Somerville, of the Huron and Erie; Chas. F. Colwell and J. W. Jones.

Mr. Somerville made a neat speech, and congratulated the city of Toronto on securing so genial and worthy a citizen. As a commercial city London's influence on Western Ontario was well known, some $16,000,000 being loaned by local companies to farmers and others. He thanked the company for their kind reception and indulged in a few words of praise of Mr. Cameron.

Mr. Colwell had very peculiar feelings in bidding good-bye to Mr. Cameron. In the early stages of the speaker's career he had become a devil (laughter)—a printer's devil—in the ADVERTISER. He was a younger one than he was now, but ever since that early period in his life he had spent much pleasant intercourse with Mr. Cameron. He referred to the poor water which the guest of the evening would have to drink in Toronto, and advised him to use it sparingly. The Government had showed their good judgment in securing such an able man for the position to which he had been appointed. Not alone those who were present, but hundreds of others, would be glad to hear of the prosperity of Her Majesty's Printer in Toronto.

Mr. J. W. Jones also spoke in answer to the toast. London's loss was great, but he felt sure that Mr. Cameron or anybody else would only leave the good city when they profited by the change. Such improvement in Mr. Cameron's position should be a source of congratulation.

Mr. J. M. Williams was called on for a song, and gave "Anchored" in fine voice, receiving a hearty encore.

"The Press" was coupled with the names of Messrs. J. D. Clarke, Francis Love and Dr. Campbell.

Mr. Clarke said he believed it could be fairly said that the newspapers of the city, however much they differed in regard to political policies, were united in their efforts to advance the interests of the Forest City. As to the guest of the evening, he had been acquainted with Mr. Cameron for many years, and had no need to ask with the poet:

Now, in the name of all the gods at once,
Upon what meat doth this our Cæsar feed
That he is grown so great?

Mr. Cameron's popularity, as evidenced by the presence of this cosmopolitan gathering of well-wishers, lay in the fact that he had learned the art of cultivating the social side as well as the business side of his nature. He (Mr. Clarke) regretted as much as any one the departure of the guest of the evening, for his associations with him had ever been of the most pleasing character; but inasmuch as his relations with Mr. John Cameron, who was soon to return to the ADVERTISER, had always been the most cordial, he could truthfully say, "Speed the departing, welcome the coming."

Dr. Campbell did not know what part of the "press" he was expected to reply to. He, however, must add his words regarding Mr. Cameron to those already spoken. He believed that if all appointments of the Ontario Government were as good as the one made in this instance none could ever find cause for complaint. He had known the time when he could lift Mr. Cameron with one hand.

Voice—Try it now, Doctor. (Laughter.)

Dr. Campbell—I could not move him now with two. I have ever known him as a man entitled to respect.

Mr. Francis Love said the exact connection between himself as a member of the legal profession and the press was obscure, but he had heard of lawyers who were good writers, for instance, Hon. Wm. McDougall, Sir Walter Scott and Edward Bellamy, author of "Looking Backward." The theory advanced in the latter was that all this world's goods were to be equally divided, and the speaker thought, so far as he was concerned, such a state could not come too quickly. (Laughter). Mr. Cameron was a first-class newspaper man, and his career had been a credit to himself and his city. Mr. Cameron had been referred to by a previous speaker as a "crushed strawberry." He was no such thing—he was a perfect plum. (Applause).

Mr. Fred Saunders sang "Fare You Well," and being encored gave another lively air, the company joining in the chorus.

"The Ladies."—Messrs. N. P. Graydon, L. W. Burke, and G. McDonald.

Messrs. Graydon and Burke gave good addresses, and the latter recited an amusing anecdote.

Mr. Geo. C. Davis was equally happy in his references to the fair sex. He said he was delighted to participate in such a gathering. They were divided in religion and in political connections, but they could all appreciate merit in a citizen of Mr. Cameron's stamp. He was ever ready to honor the ladies, not only because he admired them on general principles, but because in every election he had contested they had unanimously voted for him.

Mr. Wm. McDonald gave a humorous recitation, which was received with rapturous applause.

Capt. Ashplant, who was in excellent voice, sang "The Blue Alsacian Mountains."

VOLUNTEER TOASTS.

Dr. Leonard, United States consul, made an able response to "The President of the United States." He congratulated Mr. Cameron on the testimony to his moral worth which he had heard that night.

Mr. Geo. Belton sang "The Courthouse in the Sky," as only he knows how.

"The Legal Profession" was coupled with the names of Mr. W. H. Bartram, Mr. E. W. Flock, and Mr. J. H. Flock.

Mr. John McDonald gave one of his old-time clog dances.

Mr. Charles Bazan sang "Sailing," and was warmly applauded.

"The Medical Profession" brought Drs. Balfour, Mitchell and Belton to their feet. Each had a kind word to say of the guest of the evening.

Messrs. George Belton and Fred Saunders sang a jubilee song; Mr. C. W. Davis sang "Good-bye, Summer"; Mr. J. W. Mackintosh sang, "St. Patrick's Birthday." All were encored.

Mr. Love proposed "The Educational Interests," coupled with the name of Mr. R. M. Graham, head master of the Simcoe street school. He said we have the best educational system in the world. He defended the teachers as a body, from the allegation that they were inefficient.

Ex-Ald. Connors gave a violin solo.

"The Host" followed, and Mr. C. W. Davis made a suitable reply, and the jolly gathering separated shortly after "the wee short oor ayont the twal" had struck, but not before singing Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

Mr. Kingsley Evans played the accompaniments in his own excellent style throughout the entire evening.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee who managed the affair was composed of Messrs. G. C. Gibbons, Q.C., G. C. Davis, James Cowan, T. H. Purdom, Francis Love, E. N. Hunt, A. E. Pavey, T. G. Davey, J. W. Little, Dr. C. W. Belton, J. H. Wilson, V.S., Dr. W. J. Mitchell, John Marshall, J. H. Flock, Q.C., J. B. Cook, W. D. Ross, C. W. Davis, Wm. Elliot, Ed. Cleghorn, T. S. Hobbs, John Fairgrieve, J. S. Dewar, M. H. Rowland, J. W. Jones, J. B. Vining, W. H. Bartram, Geo. F. Burns, E. Meredith, Q.C., R. Southam, J. B. Laidlaw.

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"You are not speaking now of honorable men," he said coldly.

"Am I not? Why, every man who goes to see a girl tries to make her love him. Did you ever read Adam Bede? Then you will remember where he says to Arthur Donnithorne, 'You have kissed her and meant nothing by it.' That is just it. You all mean nothing by it."

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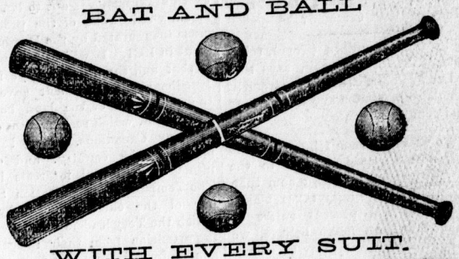

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