

MR. JOHN ELLIOTT'S TWELFTH ANNUAL DINNER THE BEST YET

attended by 175 of the Most Prominent Dairymen and Business Men of the District — Hon. Geo. S. Henry Delivers Impressive Address, Outlining a Liberalised and Enlarged Highway Policy for Ontario.

Age does not wither or customise the absolutely unique feature of the community life of the Bay of Quinte district that has come to be known as "The Elliott Banquet." Inaugurated twelve years ago, partly as an experiment, by Mr. John Elliott, local manager of the Standard Bank, it has grown and developed until it has become an event of provincial importance.

When Mr. Elliott came to Belleville a dozen years ago, a stranger in a strange community, to open up a new banking institution in a field already well occupied, it was predicted that he would encounter up to work if he succeeded and that failure was among the probabilities. But Mr. Elliott was no ordinary banker, but a man of ideas, of amazing energy, keenness of vision, understanding and forceful character, who would soon make his influence felt in any community. The word "failure" was not to be found in his lexicon. He set out to succeed and he did not take him long to realize that the shortest route to success, and to help himself, was by being helpful to others. Banking, which is too often a distant, cold, exclusive, stand-offish, independent, abstract thing, he made approachable, easy, intimate and affable. In other words, he humanised the banking business. He satisfied the customer. He took just as great pains to please his patrons as though he were selling goods over a counter. He didn't grant favors indiscriminately to all who applied. No man could do so and properly guard the funds entrusted to his care. But, if requests had to be refused, the refusal was couched in such courteous terms that the unsuccessful applicant never went away feeling hurt. Often those of loose financial habits were tendered advice that enabled them to right-about-turn and get upon a sound financial foundation.

The Most Successful of All. All of which leads up to the statement that yesterday's banquet, held at the Hotel Quinte, was the most successful of the twelve that have now been held.

Fully 175 of the men, prominent in the dairy interest, mercantile, business, professional and political life of the district were in attendance. Some of Those Who Were There.

Seated at the head table were: Hon. Geo. S. Henry, M.P.P., Minister of Agriculture, Province of Ontario; A. Rankin, M.P.P., Frontenac; Nelson Parliament, M.P.P., Prince Edward.

J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., West Hastings; F. E. O'Flynn, who presided as chairman; R. J. Graham, ex-Mayor; C. M. Reid, president Ritchie Co.; T. A. Thompson, Almonte, Secretary Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association.

Dr. E. O. Platt, Mayor Belleville; Rev. Dr. E. N. Baker, Principal of Albert College; F. S. Deacon, Vice-President of Deacon Shirt Co.; N. Vermilyea, Reeve, Thurlow; Thos. Montgomery, Reeve of Rawdon and warden County Hastings; Dr. Coningham, Principal Ontario School for the Deaf; Archdeacon Beamish, rector St. Thomas' Church, Belleville; E. V. Ilsey, Manager Standard Bank Hamilton.

Col. Adams, Picton; Lt.-Col. W. N. Ponton; Lt.-Col. Percy Allen; Lt.-Col. E. D. O'Flynn; Lt.-Col. W. Ketcheson; F. S. Wilson, pres. Wilson Mfg. Co.; Capt. W. E. Schuster and others.

"The King." The toast to His Majesty the King brought forth a hearty response in the singing of the national anthem and subsequent cheers.

Mr. F. E. O'Flynn, who has been chairman at all Mr. Elliott's dinners again presided, and was in his usual affable mood and contrived to impart to the gathering that feeling of good fellowship and liveliness that mean so much in the way of true interest and enjoyment. Owing to the lateness of the hour it was unfortunately not possible to carry out the full program as at first designed. The formal addresses were confined to those of Mr. Elliott and Hon. Mr. Henry.

Letters of regret at their inability to attend were read from Judge Wills so much as to learn from hearing

others talk. This was the biggest week in the history of the British people, when we received the enemy's submarines and dreadnoughts with their colors flying only to have them lashed down and the good old Union Jack run up in their stead (cheers). That was the emblem of liberty that had flown a thousand years and would still fly as the emblem of liberty and justice throughout the world.

Reconstruction. We now approach the period of reconstruction. We should meet it with the same courage as we had met the crisis of war.

We had had unparalleled financial prosperity during the war. He appealed to farmers for a stronger agriculture. We could absorb and assimilate a great deal of the soldier element on the farms.

There was nothing more true could be said of any country than that Agriculture was the basic industry. This was especially true of Canada, with great areas still undeveloped. All we needed was increased population to double our agriculture output.

Improved Highways. A very largely improved road policy is being laid down for the coming session of the legislature said Mr. Henry. A large section of highway has been taken over of the leading thoroughfare between Montreal and Windsor.

There was only one county in Ontario that had not already adopted the county system under the provincial department.

He appealed to the local authorities for a more liberal program for road construction and maintenance. He thought the county council should lay out its program at the December or the February session.

The Need of Food. We all realized the vital necessity of food. Dives and Lazars are on the same footing when they stand in the bread-line. On the American continent we have personal ease and pleasure. There is a scarcity of food. All Europe has been sorely depleted of live stock. Now was the time to hold and develop our live stock industry. He knew the difficulty of feeding at present high prices for food. It would be a long time yet before there would be a marked decline in stock prices.

Farm Financing. He hesitated to speak of lack of capital among farmers. He thought there might be a more generous treatment of farmers in the matter of supplying capital. What chance would there be of establishing a system of rural credits about Belleville? They had this system in the western provinces where it had its advantages. But with a man like Mr. Elliott administering the old conservative banking system the rural credits problem was solved.

Mr. Elliott was giving practical assistance to the local cheese factory boards and they in turn helped Mr. Elliott. If we could only find bankers generally as broad-minded and progressive as Mr. Elliott it would mean much for the prosperity of Ontario.

In conclusion Mr. Henry exhorted his hearers to rise to the opportunities that the immediate future held out. The boys in France and Flanders had advertised Canada as nothing had ever done before. This prestige would not be lost. We would, he believed, receive an influx of immigrants from the Old Land unprecedented in the history of Canada.

He was considering a system of rural settlement for returning soldiers, not merely on the wild lands of the province but to take holdings in older Ontario and engage in intensive agriculture.

Long and enthusiastic applause marked the close of Mr. Henry's address.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the other toasts had to be eliminated with the exception of brief addresses from Mayor Platt and Mr. Wm. Barber, president of Belleville Cheese Board.

The musical part of the program was especially attractive. Solos were contributed by Mr. Herb. Wrightmyer, Mr. E. V. Ilsey, Prof. Staples and Mr. John McIntosh. Mrs. Campbell presided very acceptably at the piano.

The dinner was brought to a close by the "Frishtman's toast" proposed by Col. Ponton in honor of the host, the chairman and Mr. Henry, the guest of honor.

Noted Lawyer Passed Away

George H. Watson, K. C., Practised in Toronto for 45 Years—Liberal in Politics.

One of the most successful and respected commercial lawyers in Toronto died Wednesday in the person of Mr. George H. Watson, K.C., who passed away in Toronto in his sixty-ninth year, after an illness of some two years.

Born at Schomberg, near Newmarket, September 28, 1850, George Hughes Watson came to Toronto when quite young; and after graduating from Victoria University began practicing law about forty-five years ago. He soon gained the reputation of being one of the leading counsel in Ontario, and in time he became the senior member of the legal firm of Watson, Smith & Sinclair.

An Active Liberal.

For many years Mr. Watson was President of the Toronto General Reform Association, and was an active Liberal. He was offered a judgeship in 1906, but declined. In 1908 he was retained, with Mr. J. L. Perron, K. C., of Montreal, to assist Judge Cassels in conducting an investigation into the Civil Service at Ottawa. His success in this case was conspicuous, and the information he elicited led to a number of officials being dismissed or disciplined.

Mr. Watson was a director of the Massey-Harris Co., and third trustee of the H. A. Massey estate. He was also a director of the Crown Life Insurance Company and of the National Trust Company. He was an Anglican by religion and a member of St. James' Cathedral.

Called to the Bar in 1874, he became a K. C. in 1890 and had been a Bencher of the Law Society since 1891.

In the early seventies he taught school at Northport, Prince Edward County.

What Shall be Done With the Ex-Kaiser?

At the regular meeting of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the town of Deseronto held on Tuesday, the 19th day of November, 1918, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Reeve Tom J. Naylor, seconded by Councillor Milton Hunt, and carried unanimously by a standing vote.

That, in view of the apparent uncertainty as to the fate of the former German Kaiser, his sons and the members of his staff, both civil and military—

We, the members of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deseronto, in behalf of ourselves and the citizens of Deseronto, hereby request the Prime Minister of Canada, Sir Robert Borden, who is to represent Canada at a meeting of the War Council, to demand of that War Council, on behalf of all those belonging to British and Allied countries, whether military or civilians who may have suffered through the brutalities inflicted during the course of the late war, and which brutalities were undoubtedly instigated by the Kaiser and his followers, that all such who are living be brought to the bar of justice in the same manner as any other notorious criminals, to be tried and condemned by such Court as the Allied War Council shall create or designate; and further, that all those of the German people or their Allies who may have been in any way responsible for such atrocities as have scandalized the world during the war be similarly dealt with, so that none may escape.

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded immediately to the Premier, Sir Robert Borden.

Victory Loan for P.E.

The altogether satisfactory results of the Victory Loan campaign, celebrated last Saturday evening, and especially the creditable share our town and county had in this success, completed the remarkable record of a wonderful week that no one is likely to forget in a lifetime. There was everything to be thankful for, and crowds gathered on streets at afternoon and evening showed unanimously the intense enthusiasm that was filling every heart and waiting to be expressed in every way possible.

Victory Loan headquarters were naturally the centre of interest and many hundreds thronged pavement and roadway, appeared to make a fitting climax to celebration week, and proved that Canadians have again measured up as expected in the financial campaign just ended.

Canada will have the money to carry on in the settling of peace problems and we Prince Edwarders with the rest of Canada are profoundly thankful.—Picton Gazette.

Five in One Family Die in Three Weeks

Brookville, Nov. 23.—The death of Mr. Charles Stonebridge here on Wednesday makes the fifth in the family of Samuel E. Lennox from influenza and pneumonia within the past three weeks. The first death was that of the father, Samuel Lennox; then followed his son-in-law, Charles Stonebridge, recently returned from France, and husband of the present victim; George Lennox, a son; Mrs. Fennell, a relative who cared for the sick ones; and last Mrs. Stonebridge, daughter of Mr. T. Lennox. She was a nineteen years old and leaves a baby daughter of a few weeks. In the family of Charles O. Pearson, residing three miles east of town, three deaths occurred within three days of the same disease. The ban on public gatherings in Brookville is still on but will be removed Sunday.

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Douro Farmer Meets Death

While working about a threshing machine at the farm of Mr. Fred Walsh, Douro, Mr. W. Robinson was caught in the machinery and sustained injuries which proved fatal before Dr. Gallivan, who was called, could reach him.—Peterboro Review.

A New Pet

Mr. Chas. Hadden, while on his recent trip south this autumn, secured a very small, young Angora goat, which arrived safely in Picton a few days ago. It is a very pretty little creature and appealingly intelligent brown eyes look out from tiny sharp features, and ears and horns sharply outlined give character to the gentle expression. The long white silken hair which forms its remarkable fur coat is very beautiful and the small specimen of an unusual sort of animal promises to be a great pet with its mistress, little Miss Katherine Hadden, and her several small friends.—Picton Gazette.

Capt. Burnham Denies Rumor

Mr. J. H. Burnham does not leave to announce that the report that Mrs. Burnham and he are separated is untrue. Mrs. Burnham preferred Ottawa for Mrs. Burnham until Parliament expires and he is no longer member, for the following reasons: Being unable to keep two places going, he had to choose between leaving Mrs. Burnham alone when he was at Ottawa or when he was at Peterboro. Mrs. Burnham has many friends there and is almost a total stranger here. The Military Hospital Commission at Ottawa, on account of her long experience and efficiency, asked her to go back and help them with war work. This she is doing. Mrs. Burnham paid Mr. Burnham a week-end visit recently and perhaps if the visits of husband and wife to each other had been chronicled in the "personals" this unpleasant talk would not be necessary.—Peterboro Review.

Midland's Heavy Death Toll

The total number of deaths from influenza at Midland, says the Free Press, was 56, and several of these were cases brought in from outside places. During the period of the epidemic there were 11 deaths from other causes, which brought the total interments up to 67.

James Keith Dead

Lindsay, Nov. 23.—James Keith, for upwards of thirty years secretary of Lindsay Central Fair, a veteran whose advanced age of eighty-two did not prevent him from curling all last winter, leading grain merchant in Lindsay for years, passed away on the 19th inst.

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Belgium's Crown of Glory

Written for The Ontario by Chas. M. Bice, Lawyer, Denver, Colorado.

Compact, and economically solid, Belgium when she made the heroic decision, its government knew what would befall it when she German war machine came tramp-tramp over her borders, and just what was expected happened, only in an accentuated form, for even Belgium did not know what was hidden behind the veneer of German "kultur".

The nation was overrun by the barbarian hosts, its people massacred and outraged, its property stolen and wrecked, its beautiful historic buildings wantonly razed. No nation ever suffered so much, no nation could have suffered more. And an easy way had been open to it to escape most of its calamities. It could have left a path for the German hordes and claimed damages after the war. But an inscrutable Providence decreed otherwise.

Belgium had a king, a king in his own name, a king in fact as well as in name, who lived up to his kingship in the most trying moment that ever kingship had to face and make a decision. His people believed in him and followed him. Belgium placed honor first and gave a lesson to mankind that will never be erased from human history.

Belgium alone stood in the way held the "world bridge", against the enemy long enough to save humanity from the curse of German "kultur." She paid a terrible price, but today if decision had to be made again, with knowledge of the consequences, there is no doubt it would be the same as in July, 1914.

The armistice provisions provide, and the peace treaty will require, that Germany make full reparation and restitution to Belgium, and to that all nations can give but one answer. The enemy can have nothing.

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