

arrival entered the ball-room. Mr. Allan Cassels, president of the St. Andrew's Society, assisted by Mrs. Cassels, received the guests at the head of the room, while the various members of the Ball Committee also did much to dissipate, by their genial courtesy, that feeling of strangeness which seems to be an almost inevitable feature of the first half hour of a public ball. The arrival of the Government House party was, of course, the chief event of the first part of the evening, and was made the occasion of a formal and agreeable ceremony of welcome by the hosts. Immediately on the arrival of his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, he was visited in his dressing-room by Mr. Allan Cassels, Major Cosby, and Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., and escorted to the entrance to the hall, and here a procession was formed, and the party proceeded to the upper end of the room, the members of the committee and a detachment from the 48th Highlanders forming a guard of honour on either side, and thus making an aisle through which Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick were escorted. During their progress toward the dais they were greeted with the stirring music of the bagpipes, played by Pipers Sutherland and Murray.

The first set was opened almost immediately, those who danced in the quadrille of honour being as follows:—

Lieutenant-Governor  
and Mrs. Cassels.  
Major Cosby and Mrs.  
W. R. Meredith.  
Sir Frank Smith and  
Mrs. Cosby.  
Hon. Justice Macle-  
nan and Mrs. David-  
son.

Mr. Cassels and Mrs.  
Kirkpatrick,  
Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn  
and Mrs. G. W. Allan.  
Hon. G. W. Allan and  
Mrs. Cockburn.  
Lt.-Col. F. C. Denison  
and Mrs. Alexander  
Fraser.

The Highland dances formed a most attractive feature of the evening. They were executed with grace, precision, and accuracy, and with a heartiness and vigour that did full credit to the enthusiasm of those who par-