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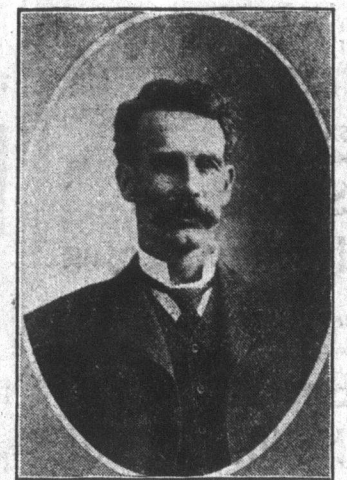
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WARDEN SIFTON ENTERTAINS COUNTY COUNCIL AND FRIENDS

Many Ladies Grace the Banquet Table—Eloquent Addresses by James Clancy, Judge Houston and others—Commissioners Pay High Tribute to their Popular Warden—A Delightful and Memorable Social Event.

And Mr. Warden's banquet has been added to the pages of the history of Kent County. This banquet, however, will be remembered, not because of the banquet, but because of the man who gave it, W. C. Sifton, Warden of Kent County, in the year 1904. He is too big to do anything little or mean, and is a man who stands out among his colleagues. To know Warden Sifton personally is to be impressed. It is easy enough to sit a spectator at the County Council and see Warden Sifton fulfilling his duties in the council as warden and as a plain member, but through it all you would notice that Warden Sifton was careful and cautious but with it all far-sighted and shrewd. He never hesitates about making up his mind, but you can rely upon it that his judgment is the best. It is certain that Mr. Sifton is too big a man to be lost sight of and he will be heard from again. His judgment on county affairs has been unexcelled and should he not return to the council again next year, his loss will be keenly felt. If such should happen, it might almost be termed a disaster. The Warden, from his seat at the head of the table, bade all welcome.

Warden Sifton, with Mrs. Sifton and their daughter, sat at the head of the table. Amongst the guests were H. S. Clements, M. P., and Mrs. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mills, Crown Attorney H. D. Smith, James Clancy, Robert Park, Mr. and Mrs. James Chinnick, Mr. Chinnick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watson, Highgate; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McCoy, John Reycraft and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Blue, Palmyra; Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. James Rossell, Mr. Holson, Mr. and Mrs. Sifton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sifton, Mr. and Mrs. John Sifton, John Vester and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. Houston, ex-Warden Morrison, S. P. Sturges, John Peets, Duane, Shepherds, Somers, Angus G. Sanders, Miss Johnson, Highgate; C. L. VonGuten and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hor-



W. C. SIFTON.

Kent's popular and esteemed Warden, under whose splendid regime the County has just closed one of its most prosperous years.

hal, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Haggart, Miss Blanche Baxter, Dr. Charities and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fleming, Miss Maude Banning, ex-Warden Thomas Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. French, Rev. Dr. D. McCosh, J. H. Cameron, Toronto; P. D. McKellar, Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, ex-Warden Arthur Leverton, John A. Walker, Rev. W. H. G. Colles, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Handy, Major Coogan, C. W. Hobbs, Rev. D. Walter Collins, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John Grant, R. A. Spence.

MR. CLANCY'S SPEECH

James Clancy, the popular Liberal Conservative candidate in West Kent, was the first speaker. He was very warmly received and his popularity was very strongly in evidence. He said he noticed there were just thirteen speakers on the program, so he wouldn't trespass very long.

"Mr. Warden, I thank you for your cordial invitation," said the coming Minister of Agriculture, in his pleasing way. "It rarely falls to men's lot to witness so splendid an assemblage. I am particularly gratified to see the ladies present. Our Divine Creator made the world and then he rested. He made man and then he rested. He made woman and no one has ever rested since—laughter. The ladies are a very important factor, and I am very glad indeed to see them present and also taking an interest in municipal affairs.

"Mr. Warden, I congratulate you upon the splendid administration of your office. I know no greater honor that could be conferred upon you. I see my veteran friend, R. J. Morrison, here to-night, and other able men whom Mr. Sifton has so successfully followed. There is another gentleman present, Mr. Clements, who has been successful. He was first successful in running for school trustee. The man deserves credit who succeeds in any walk of life. "I see," continued Mr. Clancy, "my name is coupled with the toast

to the House of Commons. I know no greater training school for any man than the House of Commons of Canada. There you see a man as he really is. As you see a gentleman on an occasion of this kind, or on the street, you behold three different characters. It isn't fair, although we are apt to compare men who lived in one age with men who live in another age and atmosphere. It is said that the period makes the eminent man, but the man never makes the period. The men of old and the statesmen were men of charming characters, but we live in an age when the government is called responsible. It is responsible government when it is brought close to the people, when the people rule. Let people, when the people rule, finished Mr. Clancy in his polished way, "and congratulate you, Mr. Warden, upon the splendid manner in which you have acquitted yourself, but I hope to see you, Mr. Sifton, occupying a wider field, and fulfilling a greater duty."

MR. CLEMENTS AND THE LADY

H. S. Clements, M. P., spoke on the toast, "Education." He was sure that it afforded everyone a great pleasure to be present at such a magnificent gathering. He hadn't expected to make a speech. He believed that all were true Canadians and wished their country well at all times. Personally he wasn't dabbling in his politics, but he was a protectionist and he didn't care who knew it. Personally he felt that the agriculturists needed more protection. He was pleased to see the ladies present. He believed they were great factors. Out in Romney during the late election he was instructed to go to a certain house and see the lady for her influence. She told him to get out that politicians only shook hands when there was an election on and he would not shake hands after it was over.

Being out that way the other day Mr. Clements remembered his promise to shake hands after election. He went over to do so and, having reminded the lady of his promise, he wanted to shake. The lady, however, still held to her previous opinion. "Get out," she said, "there's another election on." Laughter. In conclusion, Mr. Clements congratulated Mr. Warden on his successful administration of his office.

Walter Mills, barrister, of Ridgeway, sang "Annie Laurie." Mr. Mills is the best natural singer in Western Ontario and his rendition was much enjoyed. He gets considerably more expression into his singing than the ordinary soloist.

THE CROWN ATTORNEY

H. D. Smith, County Crown Attorney, was the only one who appeared to speak to the toast of the Ontario Government. John Lee, M. P., and T. L. Pardo, M. P., were down for this toast, too, but they didn't appear. They probably knew too much about the Ontario Government.

Mr. Smith said he had often been placed in a position, politically and otherwise in embarrassing positions. At this time it was a brave official who would discuss anything that they cannot show the people. The Warden must have put him on the toast the Ontario Government because he knew the Crown Attorney

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was politically dead. Laughter and applause. He thanked Mr. Sifton for his kind invitation and assured him that he appreciated it very much because of all the past Wardens none was the peer of W. C. Sifton. The functions of the Ontario Government were many. One education of the youth of the Province was in their hands.

Miss Blanche Baxter, the popular Maple City soloist, sang "Sing me to sleep." Miss Baxter's solo was splendidly received.

THE COUNTY OF KENT

Judge Houston spoke upon the toast the County of Kent. He was pleased to be present. He said that the County Council meant more to us than Parliament, because we came closer in touch with them. He believed with Bobby Burns that the Creator tried his hand on man and then made woman as improvement. He considered the County of Kent a garden. In this County there was nearly every kind of fruit produced. An acre in the County of Kent was worth three acres east of Toronto. He loved Canada. He loved the Empire, but he loved the County of Kent best because it was his native County and a good County besides.

James Ross, a member of the Council, spoke to the toast the County of Kent. He was highly gratified at being present and had nothing but good to say of the Warden and the Council. He referred to the success young men from Kent were attaining in educational institutions of America.

OUR COUNTRY

Rev. Rual Dan McCosh was called upon to respond to the toast "Our Country." He took this opportunity of thanking the Warden for his kind invitation and also to congratulate him upon his useful career as Warden. He felt that he wasn't very qualified to respond to the toast. Ministers in fact, got tired listening to themselves. He, however, desired to say a few things about this vast Dominion of ours. In Canada, there was civil and religious liberty and Canada had a goodly heritage.

J. N. McCoy said that it was a magnificent country. It was possible to talk of Great Britain and her navy, of Russia and her warlike character, but here was where we lived and where the country Canadians were proud of. He felt proud to be a citizen of this country.

Thomas Robinson, ex-Warden of Kent, said that the Warden had apparently a too high opinion of his own ability, since his name had been coupled with some of the best debaters present. He was glad to be able to speak for the country of Canada. Mr. Robinson told several witty stories and is apparently developing into quite a brilliant after dinner speaker.

EDUCATION

Rev. W. H. G. Colles spoke upon the toast "Education." He thanked the Warden for his invitation. He had attended many similar banquets and this was a little ahead of them all. No doubt these were the most brilliant and finest social events of the year. The education that the older men present received was a good education, but was not up to the standard. He advised that the schools should visit the County Council.

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AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

John Grant spoke upon the subject of Agriculture. In conclusion, he said that the citizens of Kent should congratulate themselves upon being represented by such an able man as Warden Sifton.

John Reycraft expressed his thanks and pleasures at being present. There had been great changes in the nature of the banquets since he had entered the County Council 22 years ago. The brainy men who enter the learned professions almost always come from the agricultural districts of our County.

James Chinnick was pleased to have his name coupled with the toast Agriculture. He was a farmer and was proud of it. The farming community was composed of the most independent people in the Dominion to-day. He thanked the Warden for his kind invitation and entertainment. He also congratulated Mr. Morrison upon his good health and good speech.

John Vester talked about the ladies. He said that all the other subjects sank into insignificance before the toast to the ladies. In the first place he loved the ladies, and secondly the ladies always gave their support to any institution that had for its object the uplifting of humanity. Mr. Vester characterized the ladies as home-makers. He closed with a song of mother's love and kindly care.

Mr. Gillanders was especially pleased to be present because he had had the pleasure of sitting at the Municipal Board of the County of Orford. He saw in him a man who would climb. The toast to the ladies was of great importance, because the country of Canada owed its greatness to the mothers.

Henry Watson, Clerk of Orford, expressed thanks at being present. Experience of six years with the Warden and his good judgment was often exhibited.

There were the usual toasts to the press and to the host. Then the happy gathering was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

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