

RETAIL MERCHANTS' IN ANNUAL BANQUET

Successful Function Held By Association—Many Interesting Speeches—W. Cross, M. P. P., and Mayor Armstrong Spoke

A large gathering of members of the Edmonton Retail Merchants' Protective Association assembled last evening for the annual banquet given by the association in Lewis' Cafe.

The following were appointed officers of the association for the year 1911: Hon. president, Mayor Armstrong; president, H. W. B. Douglas; first vice-president, A. Livingston; second vice-president, C. Sutherland; secretary, K. M. Armstrong; and treasurer, M. W. Webb.

The following executive committee was appointed, with power to act in the absence of the president and general committee members: Messrs. P. S. Thompson, W. H. Reed, D. Davies, A. M. Frith, R. G. Lowe, A. R. Allen, R. F. Marshall, K. R. McKenzie, Adam Eche, G. Morris and G. Heffer.

The first speech upon the list was that of C. W. Cross, M.P.P., who responded to the toast "The Province of Alberta." Mr. Cross delivered a stirring address in which he outlined the future of the West and more particularly of Northern Alberta.

An interesting address was given by R. F. Marshall on the objects of the association. In which he set forth the many advantages to be derived by the retail merchants of the association by co-operation.

The City of Edmonton. Mayor Armstrong, responding to the toast "The City of Edmonton," repeated the appeal which he made at the Burns banquet for less criticism and more co-operation from the officials in the furtherance of the city's best interests.

J. K. Cornwall's Address. J. K. Cornwall, M.P.P., was next called upon for an address on the "North Country." Mr. Cornwall has come to be regarded as Mr. Cornwall's special preserve.

A Fine Paper. Not one of the excellent speeches of the evening was a larger and more well-deserved applause than a paper on "Trade Building" by J. E. Brown, manager of Hamilton Bros. wholesale house.

The response to the toast "The Wholesale Trade" was made in brief but interesting speeches by F. M. Morgan and Wm. McNab. The response to "The Press" was made by M. R. Jennings, and the advantages to be derived from an amalgamation of the Twin Cities were set forth in an interesting address by T. P. Marshall.

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City Auditor Richardson has submitted for the consideration of the city commissioners a report of a site for the new \$100,000 armoury, to be erected in the city by the department of militia.

"It is not in the power of the city council to appropriate \$25,000 for the purchase of a site for such a purpose," said Mr. Richardson. At least, that is his opinion. The city of Edmonton as a corporation has no obligation to perform any service in connection with the defence of the country.

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AN ENTIRE FISHING VILLAGE DRIFTS T... Helmsford, Finland... An entire fishing village of 225 men which had been established on the ice of Bjorko Sound, was carried to sea in a gale on Monday.

The disaster was not averted until morning, when the village was already in danger. The rescue party, however, was not able to reach the rescue, but have returned.