

Commercial Travellers Dinner.

The annual dinner of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association was held in the Clarendon Hotel, Winnipeg, on Monday night last, and in every respect was a grand success, in fact the greatest success of any dinner of the association since its organization some eight years ago. The chair was filled by M. R. O'Loughlin, the retiring president, and on his right and left across the head of the large dining hall were ranged the Hon. Messrs. Greenway, Martin, McMillan and McLean, Consul Taylor, Revs. Dr. Duval, Pentreath, Pedley and Crews, Acting Mayor Taylor, General Superintendent Whyte and Robt. Kerr, of the C.P.R., and Major Coutlee. President elect Strang, M. W. Rublee and L. C. McIntyre occupied vice chairs, and among those present were the following:—

M. Ronald, R. P. Roblin, A. McMicken, M. A. McLean, A. Wilson, J. Mowat, F. Clayton, D. West, T. J. McBride, A. G. Morgan, J. T. Black, H. Mulholland, W. Williams, T. J. Gilroy, J. Holloway, F. W. Peters, W. W. McMillan, W. Georgeson, G. H. Shaw, J. E. Steen, D. W. Bole, T. Burrows, W. M. McLeod, A. T. Hepworth, R. Kaye, J. E. Dingman, J. T. Griffin, L. Arnett, R. Driscoll, M. McManus, W. T. Rutherford, J. M. Holliday, D. C. McGregor, R. H. Bryce, J. O'Loughlin, J. Lamb, H. Langelier, W. W. Carruthers, W. Boyd, W. P. Riddle, J. A. Robertson, W. Croig, A. Holliday, A. Code, F. W. Dewry, J. G. Mergan, E. F. Hutchings, J. D. Scott, Dr. McDonald, F. Peck, H. Bell, H. S. Westbrook, J. Carley, J. Mundie, S. S. Cumming, C. Peterson, A. Braddick, L. Masterman, N. D. McDonald, Capt. Whitley, C. N. Bell, F. W. Thompson, W. O. Emery, J. R. Dutton, Mr. Donaldson, H. Brynes, J. C. Campbell, W. G. Agnew, G. Gregg, F. G. Walsh, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Buehler, J. G. Norris, G. Lindsay, F. Neelands, C. F. Church, G. H. Rodgers, E. N. Taaffe, Mr. Astley, Mr. Morden, Mr. Guster, Mr. Oulette, D. D. Stewart, W. D. McDougall, H. Fitzgerald, E. Yeomans, H. Lethbridge, F. G. Cor, P. Ferguson, M. E. Sym, Joseph Ferguson, W. G. Scott, E. Hunter, C. Wishart, A. A. Mackenzie, T. Scott, Chas. Kelly, G. Scott, Jackson Hanby, F. H. White, P. Paisley, Mr. Rattray, J. A. Girvin, N. R. Preston, C. H. Girdlestone, D. M. Horne, J. Leslie, Geo. Ryan, W. W. Watson, W. B. Macnamara, R. Scott, S. R. Parsons, C. Cranston, J. N. Hutchinson, J. H. Housser, J. C. Bishop, A. O. Burkart, Robt. Muir, D. L. McIntyre, Robt. Lane, R. L. Richardson, C. B. Deacon, Mr. Armstrong, G. A. Mitchell, P. J. Russell, A. E. Grundy, W. G. O'Loughlin, J. C. Macdonald.

So far as the menu was concerned, the dinner was inferior to nothing ever laid at a Winnipeg banquet, and after a blessing asked by the Rev. Mr. Crews, all present did ample justice to what was before them.

After dinner the toast list was commenced by the chairman proposing "The Queen and Royal Family," which was enthusiastically received and drank to, a brass band playing the national anthem, with all in the room standing.

The toast of "The Lieutenant-Governor and the Legislature" was responded to by the Hon. Messrs. Greenway and Martin, but neither gentlemen made any important reference to political matters.

The toast of "The Clergy" brought out well timed responses from the Rev. Messrs. Pent-

reath, Pedley, Crews, and the Rev. Dr. Duval. U. S. Consul Taylor responded in his usual spirited style to the toast of the President of the United States, and furnished some interesting facts and figures as to the population of northern and southern shores of the St. Lawrence basin.

"The Army, Navy and Volunteers" was responded to by Major Coutlee on behalf of the army and volunteers, and Mr. Steen on behalf of the navy.

An important toast, "The Commercial Manufacturing, Grain and Milling Interests," brought out able and patriotic responses from Capt. Whitley and Messrs. Fred. Thompson and R. P. Roblin.

"The Sister Societies," "The Ladies," "The Press" and "Mine Host" were among the remaining toasts, which were proposed from the vice chair.

Frequently during the night Messrs. Kelly and Hanby delighted all present with their singing of songs and duets, and A. Holloway brought forth peals of laughter by his rendering of two humorous recitations.

Altogether the dinner was a very enjoyable affair, and the largest gathering the association has yet held.

SKETCH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The association was instituted on the 10th of October, 1892, and at a meeting held a few days later the organization was perfected. Joseph Mulholland, who was then engaged in the hardware business, was elected the first president and he retained the office for two years, being succeeded by Thos. Johnston, one of the representatives of G. F. & J. Galt. The other presidents have been Jos. Campbell, W. M. Ronald and M. R. O'Loughlin.

The association has succeeded during its existence in obtaining for the travellers of this country many privileges they did not enjoy and probably never would have enjoyed had there not been organization. Railway and insurance privileges and concessions have been secured and the association has also been incorporated giving it a legal status and providing for the investment of its funds.

Financially the association is in a most flourishing state, possessing a large and constantly increasing surplus and also a valuable library. Its financial condition is proof that its management has been characterized by economy and has been judicious and careful. If the remarkable growth of this institution continues in the future as in the past, and there is every reason to believe that it will, it will soon be one of the most important in the Dominion. It is now the most progressive and a valuable factor in the extension of the various commercial interests of this city.

The officers for 1890 were as follows:—

President—M. R. O'Loughlin, of O'Loughlin Bros. & Co.

Vice-President—F. Chilcott, of Thompson, Codville & Co.

Treasurer—Andrew Strang, of A. Strang & Co.

Secretary—John M. O'Loughlin, of O'Loughlin Bros. & Co.

Directors—H. Bruce Gordon, of Thompson, Codville & Co.; L. C. McIntyre, of Turner, Mackeand & Co.; H. Bell, of Parsons, Bell & Co.; T. A. Montgomery, of Stobart, Sons & Co.; M. W. Rublee, of Rublee, Riddell & Co.; J. H. Holman, of Shorey & Co.; J. K. Whinerey, of Stobart, Sons & Co.

The membership list revised up to this month with the firms represented, is as follows:—

W. M. Ronald, Porter & Ronald; M. R. O'Loughlin, J. M. O'Loughlin, O'Loughlin Bros. & Co.; T. Nixon jr., Nixon & Co.; F. Fahey, Carscaden, Peck & Co.; L. Labonde; W. T. Heddie, McKenzie, Powis & Co.; J. J. Tomlinson, A. S. Binns, D. D. Stewart, R. J. Whitley, R. J. Whitley & Co.; Geo. Wishart, Wishart Furniture Co.; E. L. Thomas, Wm. Roberts & Co.; W. J. Taaffe, R. McLennan, Jas. O'Brien & Co.; W. S. Burns, G. F. & J. Galt; J. K. Whinerey, J. Josa, F. W. Stobart, Stobart, Sons & Co.; J. B. Curran, J. Robertson & Co.; J. R. Miller, M. Vineberg & Co.; J. D. Roberts, A. Jardine & Co.; C. F. Church, W. E. Sanford Mfg. Co.; G. W. Erb, Watrous Engine Works; J. Thomson, Hudson Bay Co.; Liehlin MacIntyre, C. R. Dixon, Jas. L. Turner, Turner, Mackeand & Co.; G. F. Stephens, W. Hargreaves, G. F. Stephens & Co.; Andrew Strang, G. Mitchell, A. Strang & Co.; W. D. Pettigrew, J. Robertson & Co.; H. Mulholland, W. D. Pettigrew & Co.; W. F. Doll, G. M. Boyd, W. F. Doll; T. Ryan; O. E. Collins, Hope & Co.; J. H. Ashdown; A. Buehler, W. Anderson, J. H. Ashdown; J. H. Holman, Shorey & Co.; J. W. Driscoll, McClary Mfg. Co.; G. Stott, R. S. Norton, H. Insull, Cornell, Spora & Co.; A. L. Johnson, F. Morgan, Ames, Holden & Co.; G. Gregg, O'Loughlin Bros. & Co.; S. A. McGaw, Lake of the Woods Milling Co.; A. Colquhoun; H. E. Sharpe, Imperial Oil Co.; F. Chilcott, H. B. Gordon, Thompson, Codville & Co.; E. F. Hutchings, J. C. Campbell, E. F. Hutchings; W. W. Watson, W. E. Sheldon, Watson Mfg. Co.; H. Bell, J. Love, Parsons, Bell & Co.; J. H. Housser, G. Forsyth, Harris, Son & Co.; J. Lamb, Paulin & Co.; W. B. Macnamara, A. A. Mackenzie, McKenzie & Mills; F. G. Simpson, S. Ogilvie, Ogilvie Milling Co.; J. H. Smith, Smith & Ferguson; M. Campbell, Campbell Bros.; H. Byrnes; S. Nairn; G. B. Brown, J. C. Gillespie, G. D. Wood, G. D. Wood & Co.; R. Muir, Muir & Co.; D. Hope, Hope & Co.; H. Beliveau, Richard & Co.; J. C. Macnab, D. West, Standard Oil Co.; R. Scott, A. C. McPherson & Co.; C. H. Cranston, W. J. Mitchell, Mitchell Drug Co.; H. G. Middleton, Brown & Erb; S. S. Cummins, M. Patnam, Hingston Smith & Sons Co.; R. T. Riley, Sanford Mfg. Co.; W. P. Riddle, M. W. Rublee, Rublee, Riddell & Co.; W. Hall; F. W. Dewry, E. L. Dewry; F. E. Fairchild, Fairchild & Co.; W. G. O'Loughlin, O'Loughlin Bros. & Co.; T. J. McBride, E. A. Healey, Massey & Co. Ltd.; H. S. Westbrook; D. B. McLeod, Patterson & Bro. Co.; J. S. Dunnett, H. S. Westbrook; S. R. Edwards, D. J. Taylor, Patterson B.O. Co.; J. Burridge, E. & C. Garney Co. Ltd.; J. Stevens, Stevens & Burns; J. M. Macdonald, Cochrane & Cassels; J. N. Adams, Robertson, Linton & Co.; W. W. Serimes, Carruthers & Block; J. M. Holliday, A. Holliday, J. M. Holliday & Bro.; W. R. Richards, Dawson, Bole & Co.; J. M. Coombs, Carscaden, Peck & Co.; D. W. Marsh, T. C. Power & Bro.; P. A. Prince, Eau Clair Lumber Co.; W. Johnston, H. R. Cameron, Johnstone & Co.; G. Thexton, Bryce & Co.; Isaac R. Reilly, I. R. Reilly & Co.; J. W. Clark, Singer Sewing Machine Co.; J. E. Menzies, D. Maxwell & Son; R. W. H. Van Allen, Massey & Co. Ltd.; Fred. H. Nesbitt, Gowans, Kent & Co.; James W. Fullbrook, Adams Bros.; A. Thos. Blackwood, W. H. Walker, Blackwood Bros.; Jas. C. McLean, McLean Bros.; C. J. Redmond, S. Greenshields, Sons & Co.; Fred. J. Calvert, Haggart Bros.; W. D. Ross, Singer Sewing Machine Co.; James Russell, jr., Snow Drift Baking Powder; C. Burley, Keewatin Lumber Co.; James F. Whiting, Porter & Ronald; F. A. Fairchild & Co.; Kenneth McKenzie, McKenzie, Powis & Co.; Geo. Parr, D. S. Perrin & Co.; Geo. Clark, Stevens & Burns; J. S. Paterson, Frost & Wood; Alfred Hall, Watrous Engine Co.; R. J. Orris, Phillip & Co.; A. E. Lewis, Miller, Morse & Co.; Thos. Bellamy, Harris, Son & Co.; D. W. Bole, Dawson, Bole & Co.; Chas. Adams,