

BANQUET TO THE HON. T. MAYNE DALY

Large Gathering of Rossland's Representative Citizens--Presentation of Silver Service -- Notable Speeches.

Few social functions in the history of the Golden City have been as eminently successful and enjoyable from start to finish as the banquet tendered Hon. T. Mayne Daly, K. C., at the Hotel Allan last night.

The banquet took place in the cozy dining room of the Allan, and the apartment was metamorphosed into a tower of beauty for the occasion.

Shortly after 7:30 the guests took their places. His Worship Mayor Clute occupied the chair, with Hon. Mr. Daly in the place of honor at his right.

An hour was pleasantly disposed of in devotion to the menu, a recherche offering of good things well cooked and admirably served.

On the coverings being removed the gathering settled down to the feast of wit and logic for which Rossland banquets are famous.

"The Guest of the Evening." The pleasant task of proposing the health of the guest of honor was tastefully discharged by the chairman, Mayor Clute.

"Mr. Vice-Chairman and Gentlemen:—In rising to propose the toast of 'Our Guest,' the Honorable Mr. Daly—the toast of the evening—I confess I do so with something of a qualm.

good wishes, coupled with the hope that we shall see him soon again, and indeed, that we may some day have him back with us once more to help fight for the upbuilding of the mining industry in this locality in particular, and generally for the interests of our glorious province.

"Better lo'ed ye canna be, Will ye no' come back again?" "Mr. Daly during his residence here has made many warm friends, and he will carry away with him a host of good wishes for his future welfare and success.

A SPLENDID GIFT. Before calling upon Mr. Daly to respond to the foregoing, which had elicited a magnificent burst of applause, the chair was taken by J. W. Nelson.

"To the Honorable T. Mayne Daly, P. C., K. C.: Honored Sir—On behalf of the citizens of Rossland, we desire on the eve of your departure, to express our respect and esteem for you as a fellow citizen and brother Canadian, and our earnest wishes for your success and happiness in the rising City of the Plains."

"We feel that Rossland is losing one of its best citizens and that your aid and advice in all that appertains to its future welfare will be greatly missed. We shall ever recall with pleasure that you were one of the city's pioneers, and one whose kindly expressions ever tended to inspire hope and confidence in the future.

"Your experience in parliament, in which you held the important portfolio of minister of the interior, has rendered you an invaluable counsellor in regard to public affairs. The church of England in Rossland has always received the benefit of your earnest assistance, and the legal profession has ever recognized in you its leading representative. We have, therefore, sir, good reason to regret your departure; your place we cannot hope to readily fill, and, indeed, everyone of us will miss your genial smile and kindly greeting. May we hope that you will not forget the many friends you leave behind and that your new surroundings will not obliterate your memories of our mining camp and its happy associations.

"We trust you will regard this representative gathering as a spontaneous expression of the high esteem in which you are held and of our deep regret in bidding farewell to one so long and so closely identified with the city's interests. We ask you to receive this piece of plate as a token of our regard and good wishes. In its use you may often be reminded of your many friends in the Kootenay hills. In conclusion we wish Mrs. Daly and yourself long life and prosperity. May success attend you in your professional career and may joy and happiness surround your domestic life."

Signed on behalf of the citizens of Rossland this 6th day of June, A. D. 1902. John Stilwell Clute, A. C. Galt, W. J. Nelson, W. F. Van Buskirk, Jas. Anderson, C. S. Wallis, G. W. Richardson, Bernard Macdonald, Wm. Thompson, William Harp, W. H. Goodeve, W. L. Orde, J. S. C. Fraser, J. L. G. Abbott, F. W. Rolt, Frederick Schofield, T. S. Gilmore, John H. Mackenzie, Carl Davis, James Hunter, A. B. Barker and others.

A GALLANT RESPONSE. Judge Nelson's effort elicited another ovation from the gathering, and the applause was revived frequently as Mr. Daly proceeded with his gallant response. The guest of the evening opened by expressing the deep pleasure he experienced on finding himself surrounded on this occasion by so large and representative a gathering of all classes of the community.

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The mountains uplifting their heads to be crowned With the Storm King's white circlet of snow, Reign all the year round in solitude gowned, With a drop-skirt of old gold below.

Lonely he, who dares on their silence intrude, O'Roragin knew well what this meant; In ruminant mood he savagely chewed At the cud of a sore discontent.

"I've been chasin' my lonesome from pillar to post, Till at last I've a mine, on the quiet. But oh! what a roast, there's never a ghost Of a man who is willin' to out it.

When one has been livin' alone in the hills, On bacon an' beans the year round, It's like takin' pills, or shakin' with chills, To be so persistently downed.

Dod blank a country, say I, what can't see That it's laws are a mine-killin' game; That it's fine filagree of tax license an' fee, Would put a gas metre to shame.

Any one of their laws, they're piled mountain high, Prevents us deliverin' our goods. At the very first shy they would bleed a man dry, So capital takes to the woods.

The Fees for Registering Companies are not, Their License Fees have the same trend, They would make a man hot—but they hit the right spot, If suicide's what they intend.

Who's goin' to pay the big fee that they ask For the privilege of forming a Co., An' uncorkin' their cask for the risk an' th' task Of makin' a mining chance go?

It's not corporations but th' prospector chap, An' his chances that's worryin' me; I don't give a rap, nor a gingerbread snap, About the big companies' Fee.

But with this big fee, an' the license so high, That prospectors don't stand no show, Promoters e'en fly, an' wink their off eye, An' say that they can't make it go.

It's fees, an' it's fees, fees for this an' for that, Free miner's fees an' big fees, too, License fees nice an' fat an' a Revenue, flat, An' Registrars' fees they must freeze to.

An' an Income Tax to top off the cheese, To make sure of no gross oversight; Like pesterin' fleas or a catchin' disease, They ravage the mine industry quite.

It's quite decent of course to be open an' free, An' let capital know from the start, That the entrance fees in this game's up in G, An' that this is a very small part.

It's honor'ble, too, for them to advise That cash comin' here meets a frost— An' they sure advertise, may be it is wise, That our law-makers here are well mosed.

I have room for a kick at th' mine-killin' corps, Which laws at it o'er an' o'er agin, Faith I feel very sore, an' that's why I roar, To the tune of my name, M. O'Roragin."

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