

examples which proved how eminently well qualified he was to discharge the duties of his late office, nor to hold the high place he did in the hearts of the people. He was sure all present would join heartily in good wishes for himself and Lady Kirkpatrick. (Applause).

The pipers played "The White Cockade," which fired the guests to great enthusiasm.

Another able song was contributed by Mr. J. M. Libster, and well received.

Lt. Col. G. T. Denison was the first to respond to the toast of "The Army, Navy and Volunteers," and referred with pride to the feats of arms for which the Highlanders were famous. He spoke of the magnificent spectacle presented by Britain's soldiers in London on June 22nd, and called to mind some of the splendid achievements of the Glengarry Highlanders in the earlier history of Canada.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

President Cockburn, in proposing the toast of "The day an' a' wha honor it," defended the existence of such societies as St. Andrew's, with its noble charitable purpose. There was no organized Scotch vote, he said—(laughter)—as he well knew, for he had vainly endeavored to charm it into action in his own interests, and had been left by the wayside. (Laughter). In eloquent terms he referred to the heroic deeds of their countrymen at Dargai and woke enthusiastic echoes of applause. England, he said, had never done an action more worthy of her than when she sent a representative of the Gordons to rule over them in Canada. (Applause).

The Earl of Aberdeen, on rising to reply, was enthusiastically received. After allusion to the chairman's remarks, his Excellency proceeded to say:—"Even before our chairman brought forward this central proposition we were not by any means in