CEMENT BANQUET WAS BIG SUCCESS

Splendid Speeches and Good Fellowship Marked Occasion at the Tecumseh.

THE VISITORS WELCOMED

President of National Association Is Pleased To Co-Operate With Canadian Association—The Guests.

Fun and oratory reigned supreme at the banquet of the Canadian Cement and Concrete Association held last evening in the Tecumseh House.

The affair was a fitting climax to the programme of the week.

After the dainty meal had been disposed of, President Peter Gillespie took up the toast list. He proposed the health of the King and Canada, and then Mr. James Pearson, of Toronto, introduced the toast to "Our Guests."

Mr. Richard L. Humphrey, of Pittsburg, president of the National Concrete Association, responded, and expressed his pleasure as president of the National Association, to co-operate with the work of the Canadian Association. Mr. Humphrey again emphasized the necessity for the association to prepare standards of construction that would insure safe structures all over the country. He was delighted that the threatened tariff war had been averted.

He wished the Canadian Association all prosperity, and declared that it had done incomparably better in its earlier stages than the National.

"The Industry."

"The Industry" was proposed by ex-Ald. Donald Ferguson, who briefly welcomed the visitors to London, and expressed the hope that their stay had been pleasant. As for the industry, there was no limit to its possibilities. Responses were made by Mr. J. Augustine Smith, of South Bend, Ind., and Mr. L. V. Thayer, Minneapolis. Mr. Smith spoke of the boundless possibilities of Canada, and declared that the future of the country and the industry was assured.

The toast to "Municipal Interests" was proposed by Mr. A. M. Hunt, and was responded to by Ald. Fitzgerald and Ald. Ashplant.

"The Architectural and Engineering Interests" was introduced by Mr. R. E. Halliday, of Toronto, and was responded to by Mr. E. B. Pulfer, of South Bend, Ind., William Fry Scott, of Toronto, and Mr. R. Arkell, London.

The health of "The Press" was proposed by Mr. R. E. W. Hagarty, the secretary, and responded to by Mr. A. E. Jennings, of the Monetary Times; Ivan S. Macdonald, editor of Construction, and J. H. Fowler, of The Advertiser.

Mr. James Pearson introduced the toast to "The Legal Profession," and Mr. J. M. McEvoy replied.

During the evening, Mr. Gustav Kahn gave several inimitable stories, and Mr. James Pearson recited from Service's poems. Mr. Cyril Dwight-Edwards sang many songs in a splendid voice. Mr. W. A. Bluethner left nothing to be desired as an accompanist.

Those Present.

Among those present were Dr Woodward, E. W. Cole, W. Buchanan, R. E. Holliday, H. A. J. Aldington (Toronto), Ald. W. J. Stevenson, Ald. Ashplant, H. W. Bedell, W. C. Huff, Geo. W. Garnett, Thos. Garnett, H. Hayman, F. Shaw, J. J. Cookson, Harry Boyd, A. E. Hodgert, Ald. H. Pocock, John C. Doidge W. F. Clarke, J. A. Burnett, J. H. Taylor, J. A. Watson, W. H. Essery, A. R. Roberts, A. E. Jennings, Reuben North (London), D. Clark (Pittsburg), James Pearson (Toronto), R. J. Yearsley (Windsor), S. H. Beard (Chicago), D. Horvitz (Detroit), L. V. Thayer (Minneapolis), P. C. Merillat (Winfield, Iowa), J. W. Wilson (Marshalltown, Ia.), J. A. May (Toronto), W. E. Elliott, G. B. Pulfer (South Bend, Ind.), J. Augustine Smith (South Bend), Richard L. Humphrey (Philadelphia), A. M. Hunt (London), Peter Gillespie (Toronto), A. T. McMahen (London), Ald. James Fitzgerald, C. F. Pulfer, Thomas L. Dates (Owen Sound), P. L. Wormley (Washington), C. H. Thompson (Toronto), J. Hilliard Rorke (Toronto), A. J. Copeland, Leslie S. Odell, Donald Ferguson, R. A. W. Hagarty (Toronto), Ivan S. Macdonald (Toronto), R. Arkell, J. M. McEvoy and others.

THOMPSON TO FACE MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Perkins' Death Due to Fracas Tuesday Night, Says Jury.

Windsor, March 31.—The coroner's jury investigating the death of Chester Perkins brought in a verdict to the effect that it was caused through a fall due to a blow inflicted by Joseph Thompson. Thompson, who formerly lived in London and Stratford, will be formally arraigned on a charge of manslaughter.

The fatal fracas occurred late Tuesday night, and, it is said, was due to a dispute as to a rig which Thompson wanted to hire from Perkins' livery.

TOWNS IN PATH OF AETNA'S LAVA

Borrello and Belpasso May Be Wiped Out by Fiery Streams.

Catania, March 31.—The situation created by the eruption of Mount Aetna is becoming worse. The village of Borrello, which lately seemed to be safe, is now seriously threatened. The lava is increasing in quantity, as well as in the speed of the flow. It has reached within a mile of Borrello, and nothing but the unexpected deviation of the stream will save the place from destruction. The lava is flowing at the rate of 112 feet per hour.

The main crater of the volcano is very active. Dense smoke and vapors are continually emitted, while violent explosions hurl enormous blocks of lava astonishing distances.

The lava stream in many places is running at the rate of 500 metres an hour. The fall of stones and ashes is increasing. There are some fears for the safety of Belpasso, but that place is less imminently threatened than Borrello.

A general exodus from the latter place is impending.

CARRINGTON NOT COMING.

London, March 31.—Rumors are received that Earl Carrington is to be the next governor-general, but they are authoritatively denied as, it is said, Carrington cannot be spared from the board of agriculture.

PET STOCK MEN GAVE PRESENTS

Past Presidents Were Highly Honored at Banquet Last Night.

MANY GUESTS PRESENT

A Very Pleasant Affair Held in the Foresters' Hall in Carling Block.

The annual banquet of the members of the London Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held in the Foresters' Hall in the Carling Block last evening, and proved to be the most successful gathering that the organization has yet held.

President James McCormick was in the chair, and made a splendid toastmaster.

In opening the meeting he expressed regret that Prof. James, deputy minister of agriculture, would be unable to be present.

Vice-President Flawn then read an address to Past Presidents Wm. McNeil, Richard Oke and Ald. J. H. Saunders, in which their work was highly spoken of, and they were then called forward, and on behalf of the members Mr. Kemp presented Mr. McNeil with a handsome gold watch, Mr. Oke with a Knights Templar gold ring, and Ald. Saunders with a handsome roll-top quartered oak writing desk. The recipients made brief addresses, thanking the members for their kindness.

"City of London."

The toast to the "City of London" was responded to by Ald. Saunders and Ald. Morgan, and both speakers dwelt upon the splendid advertising that London has received from the chicken men. Both urged all present to do everything in their power to boost the city.

"Sister Associations and Western Ontario Pigeon Associations" was responded to by Dr. Pingel, and the toast to the "Visitors" was replied to by Messrs. Partlo, Gibson and Fisher, of Ingersoll.

S. F. Glass and Vice-President Flawn replied to the toast to "The London Poultry and Pet Stock Association," and spoke most encouragingly of what has been done in the past and what it is hoped will be done in the future.

A song rendered by Mr. Joseph Irwin was heartily received and encored.

During the evening a number of selections were rendered by Tony Cortese's orchestra and were thoroughly enjoyed.

Among those present were: Past President W. McNeil, President Jas. McCormick, Richard Oke, John Pringle, S. J. L. Charlton, Thos. Taylor, S. F. Glass, W. A. Gurney, H. E. Talbot, F. Waterman, F. Palmer, V. Waterman, N. Olsen, J. A. O'Dell W. A. O'Dell, J. A. Irwin, Ald. J. H. Saunders, R. Taylor, W. McLoud, R. McCurdy, T. J. Kiley, W. J. Sleeser, A. J. Morgan, H. J. Heath (Hyde Park), F. T. Adams, John B. Adams, A. Flawn, R. W. Kemp, F. H. Westbury, J. W. Jarvis, H. W. Partlo (Ingersoll), F. J. Fisher (Ingersoll), S. A. Gibson (Ingersoll), Dr. Pingel, J. Cunningham, Bert Thorne, Charles Finchamp, N. Topping, R. H. Sanders, W. R. Garner, John E. Thorne, Harry J. Bennett, L. Austin Brill, J. Baskett, R. Heard, H. W. McCutcheon, F. D. Brown, B. H. Gilbert, Thos. Lawless, F. A. Andrews, George A. Young, J. H. Hunter, Robt. Thomas and Louis Sage.

BILL TO STOP DEALS IN FUTURE

Will Apply Specifically to Operations on Cotton Exchanges.

Washington, March 31.—The Scott bill, prohibiting dealings in futures in the grain markets of the United States with amendments as to apply specifically to the cotton exchange only, is the indicated outcome of the deliberations of the sub-committee of the House committee on agriculture, of which the anti-option proposed legislation was referred. The sub-committee was in session until a late hour last night, but was unable to reach a final conclusion, although it is not likely that the grain exchanges which made a more favorable showing during the hearings before the committee would be eliminated from the scope of the bill. The committee will hold another meeting late today.

VETO AND BUDGET

Asquith Announces That They Will Be Forced Through by Closure.

London, March 31.—The debate on the veto resolutions continues unsensationally and sometimes drearily. Winston Churchill, home secretary, tonight injected some vim into the discussion and indicated the Government's newest intention.

He said that immediately after the veto resolution was disposed of they would march forward with the budget regardless of consequences. He added that unless the House of Commons carried the budget it was idle to look to the King or the country to carry the veto. Another dictum was necessary, the crown and the House of Commons acting together to restore balance to the constitution and to restrict forever the veto of the Lords.

Premier Asquith announced that both the veto and budget would be forced through by closure. The veto debate will be finally guillotined on April 14.

The resolutions will then be immediately sent to the House of Lords.

Mr. Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, will then introduce the old budget.

FORGET TO TRY AGAIN

Will Once More Go After Control of Nova Scotia Steel Company.

Montreal, March 31.—Rodolphe Forget, M. P., who was unsuccessful in his fight to obtain control of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, wires he is taking steps to have another meeting called, which, he claims, he is entitled to under the bylaws, and one of the most important items on the order paper, if the meeting is secured, will be a resolution for the deposition of R. E. Harris from the presidency.

WELLAND DRIVING CLUB.

[G. N. W. Service.]

Welland, March 31.—The Welland Driving Park Association organized and elected the following officers: Honorary president, W. M. German, M. P.; president, W. G. Somerville; vice-president, W. J. Best; second vice-president, R. Cooper; secretary-treasurer, A. Griffith. One thousand dollars will be offered in purses for the meeting June 30 and July 1.

300,000 MINERS QUIT THE PITS

Strikers Declare Suspension Will Be Short, That They Will Win

OPERATORS DENY THIS

Latter Say Mines May Be Closed For More Than 60 Days—Famine Not Feared.

Indianapolis, April 1.—Three hundred thousand organized miners of the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas quit work last night.

The miners, members of the United Mine Workers of America, declared the walk-out was not a strike, but merely a suspension of work pending an arrangement between themselves and the operators of a wage scale for another year, the old scale having expired with the month of March. The men demand an increase of pay in some instances of 5 cents a ton and in other instances more, and certain changes in working conditions.

Confidence was expressed by the operators that there will be no general coal famine, large supplies of fuel having been secured in anticipation of the walk-out.

Operators Foresee Trouble.

While the miners predicted the suspension would be cut short by a prompt signing of wage scales, some of the operators maintained the mines might be kept closed for a month or 60 days or longer.

The conditions in the various states were as follows:

Illinois.—Nine hundred mines closed and 75,000 miners quit work at 5 p.m.; a joint conference on wages called for Monday in Chicago; operators say men demand increase of 10 cents a ton, which would mean an annual increase in expenses in Illinois of $14,000,000; possibility of a four months' shutdown; two months' supply of coal on hand; no immediate coal famine to Chicago industries.

Indiana.—Eighteen thousand miners ordered to quit at midnight; conference arranged for next Wednesday at Terre Haute; miners say shut-down will be short-lived.

Pennsylvania. — Approximately 40,000 men ordered to quit at midnight; temporary scale allowing a 5-cent run-of-mine a ton increase hoped to be reached by Saturday, settlement of the powder question to be held in abeyance.

Iowa.—Every mine in Iowa ordered closed, pending settlement of the wage scale.

Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas—Comprising the southwestern interstate fields, 35,000 miners quit; early settlement hoped for, but miners assert they have fund of $400,000 to draw on.

Ohio.—All miners ordered to quit; state leader declaring it is not a strike but merely suspension; at Lorain, O., one steel plant shut down and threw out 4,000 workmen, the managers announcing a shortage of coal.

BIG DEMOCRAT SAYS CANADA WON DISPUTE

American Views of the Tariff Settlement by No Means Unanimous.

Washington, March 31.—Senator Smoot, of Utah, who was Senator Aldrich's chief aid in handling the tariff bill in the Senate last year, said today that he was well satisfied with the Canadian tariff agreement. "It is fair to this Government and fair to Canada," he said. "It is about what I expected, and will not harm any industry. I am delighted that the negotiations have been carried out with such success."

Chairman Payne (New York) of the ways and means committee of the House, said:

"Some of the statesmen on the Democratic side, who were howling calamity and swearing that the maximum and minimum tariff plan was merely a trick to put in force the higher rates, are now rejoicing with the rest of the country—or ought to be—in the results which this his accomplished. The Canadian agreement is another example of this."

Underwood (Alabama), Democratic tariff expert: "Just from the newspaper accounts, it looks to me like Canada had stood pat and the United States did the conceding. Canada apparently has only made concessions on articles on which there is no competition there—like cotton seed oil, for instance."

Francis Burton Harrison, Democrat: "I am delighted that we have finally concluded a tariff pact with Canada. We have treated Canada very unjustly for years in the past. Of course, Canada got the best end of it. We had to give way in everything, and we got very little. This is the inevitable result of the substitution of the ridiculous maximum and minimum plan for the reciprocity treaty."

STORED DYNAMITE NEAR THE BOILER

Sherbrooke, Que., March 31. — The boiler-room and its contents at Johnson's asbestos pits, Black Lake, were destroyed yesterday, when 50 pounds of dynamite exploded.

The dynamite had been placed in a corner of the boiler to thaw, and shortly afterwards the fireman noticed it was ablaze. He immediately ran out and warned his fellow-employees to run for their lives. This action saved many lives.

The fireman returned to try and extinguish the fire, but when he was near the boiler-room the explosion took place, completely destroying the building. The fireman was found in an unconscious condition, and slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

The shock was felt for miles, and timber and bricks were thrown into the air 300 feet.

About 200 pounds of dynamite was stored in boxes about 15 feet from the boiler-room, but did not explode, owing to it being frozen.

JUSTICE BREWER'S FUNERAL

Washington, March 31. — Funeral services, simple and unostentatious as he had wished them, were held today for Justice David J. Brewer, of the supreme court of the United States, and an hour later his body was on its way for burial at Leavenworth, Kansas. The President of the United States, the members of the supreme court, and representatives from the House and Senate attended and acted as honorary pallbearers. Only members of the family and a few intimate friends were present beside them.

IRVING'S ADVISER DIES

H. J. Loveday Was Associated 35 Years With the Great Actor.

London, March 31.—H. J. Loveday, who was for many years associated with the late Sir Henry Irving in the capacity of stage manager, is dead.

Henry J. Loveday began his connection with the stage by playing a fiddle in the orchestra of the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh. He became director of the orchestra before he was 19 years old. At the same time Henry Irving was a young actor in the theatre and the two became fast friends.

When Irving rose to fame Loveday became his artistic adviser and later his stage manager. The association between them lasted for 35 years and much of the credit for the admirable Lyceum Theatre productions was due to Loveday. Since Irving's death he had been stage director for Martin Harvey.

He was a director of the Royal General Theatrical Fund of England and a member of the executive committee of the Actors' Benevolent Fund. He was one of the founders of the Green Room Club of London.

PROHIBITION ISSUE AT NOVA SCOTIA POLLS

Halifax, March 31.—It is expected that there will be a general election in Nova Scotia early in the summer, with prohibition as the issue.

The Government's prohibition bill will be introduced immediately, and as Premier Murray brought down the financial returns for the year ending Sept. 30 today, it is likely that the House will prorogue next week.

The Government's proposed prohibition will likely call for provincial prohibition outside of Halifax City, but some members will insist on its provisions applying to the whole province.

HAWARDEN CURATE DEAD.

London, March 31.—The Rev. Harry Drew, rector of Hawarden since 1894 died today. He was curate of Hawarden 1883-93, and served as first warden of St. Deiniols Hostel and Library, founded by Mr. Gladstone for the promotion of sacred study.

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Dowler Hand-Built Suits

A year's guarantee goes with each; your money back if they do not retain their shape. These are made from the best imported English worsted cloths, pure wool, best high-class tailor trimmings; blue, black, all the new grays and mode shades **$14, $15, $16, $17.50, $18, $20** to **$26**

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An immense assortment in pure wool, guaranteed 100 per cent pure dye, hand-built collars and shoulders, haircloth all bound in, all cloths double steam shrunk, and only best trimmings used; **$9.80, $12, $14, $15, $16, $18, $20, $21** and **$22**

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In the new 1910 colorings and styles, tailored by the most expert artists; will be found in many instances equal to any shown at $18 to $20. Men from outside towns can save their fare and a good day's pay here. Come and see.

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In dark grey, full length, full lined, padded shoulders, fronts carefully canvassed. Special, Saturday..... **$4.95**

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300 pairs $1.50 and $1.75 Work Pants **$1.19**

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Best 50c Black and White Work Shirts. Special **39c**

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NEAT, TAILORED SUITS in serge and vicuna cloth, in grey, brown, green, rose, wine, taupe, cream and black. Coats 32 inches long, trimmed with braid and buttons, and lined with brocade. Skirts are new pleated styles. Only **$15**

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Fat, or even fattish, women readers who want to be in the mode this year must understand that the demand is for lines, not curves, and govern themselves accordingly.

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