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WARDEN'S SUPPER

Mr. Davidson Entertains Over
one Hundred Guests

At a Most Enjoyable Banquet in the
Hotel Rankin—What Was Said
and Done.

One of the happiest features of the annual reunion of the Kent county council—and there are many—is the now permanent warden's banquet, the festive occasion upon which, over choice viands and palatable menu, the members, past and present, and, in more recent years, their good wives and daughters, meet in pleasurable social intercourse and profitable interchange of happy and helpful thought.

Last evening Warden John Davidson of Thamesville, who has directed the deliberations of the commissioners during the past twelve months, was the host, and some hundred guests were gathered around his beautiful table. These included the county commissioners and their wives, ex-county representatives, county officials and a number of specially invited guests. Letters of regret at unavoidable absence were received from Jas. Clancy, M. P., Robt. Ferguson, M. P., ex-Warden Alex. Mason, of Camden, ex-Warden J. S. Fraser, of Wallaceburg, and others.

The sumptuous banquet was served in the dining hall of the Hotel Rankin and the magnificent menu prepared was a tribute to the popular proprietor, Wm. R. Peck, and his capable chef. The hall was brilliantly bedecked with bright bunting, artistic drapery, tasteful streamers and fragrant flowers and foliage. The whole presented an attractive appearance that the guests were not slow to appreciate and eulogize. Not a small made of praise was, too, bestowed upon the artistic souvenir menu and toast list cards, the design and production of The Planet job department.

To Warden Davidson, who, with the close of the present council session, vacates the responsible position at the head of the municipality which he has occupied so energetically and well, the many cordial and complimentary utterances of his colleagues, past and present, last evening must have proved a source of appreciative gratification. Mr. Davidson has enjoyed a municipal experience extending over twenty years, the latter part of which time he has been associated with the county government. He is a clear-headed and capable legislator, a thorough, business-like administrator of public affairs and a fluent and skilful debater. The hearty tribute to his executive ability in the warden's chair was well deserved, and the unanimous expression with which his indicated retirement was met, demonstrates the general recognition of his earnest services. Should Mr. Davidson adhere to his present resolve to retire—and the indications are that his constituents appreciate him too well to allow such a course—the county would lose one of its ablest and best representatives.

Exceeding justice was done the excellent viands which industrious waiters placed before the guests, are the intellectual and oratorical part of the proceedings was reached. The toast list was a splendid one, and the addresses were pointed, pithy and profoundly pleasing. Each contributor was capably received and the muses, selections delightfully interspersed and most heartily honored.

Prefacing the introduction of the toast list, the Warden, who occupied the chair, took occasion in a brief address to cordially welcome the guests present and express his pleasure and satisfaction in the success of the supper.

"I am pleased to say," continued Mr. Davidson, "that the affairs of the good county of Kent are to-day in excellent condition. Much has been spent in permanent improvements, as the House of Refuge and the Moravian bridge. The expense of these has been covered by the issue of debentures, but the work on the county jail, costing some \$11,000, was done under the general rate. The amount has been paid, and the rate was not raised one cent. This was accompanied by careful economy in all departments.

"And now it is my intention to retire from public life for a while at least—to give way to other more capable and energetic men.—Cries of No—I have been in municipal life now for some 20 years, and a retirement will do me good. But, before I conclude, I desire to pay special tribute to our officials, all of whom have done excellent service. County Clerk Fleming and Treasurer Shambieau are deserving of heartfelt gratitude, which is most cordially extended for their assistance and earnest energetic effort at all times.—Applause.

The Warden then introduced the toast list.

The congenial gathering broke up at four o'clock this morning with the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" to the honor of the proprietor, Wm. R. Peck.

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A FINE PROGRAM.

The following program will be given in the Oddfellow's auditorium to-morrow evening in aid of the Public General Hospital, commencing at 8 o'clock:

Piano solo—Air de Ballet—Moskowsky, Miss Brackin.
Violin solo—selected, Mr. McCaw.
Vocal trio—"On These Fresh Living Souls Await (from Creation), Mrs. Cooper, Miss Oliver and Mr. Wilson.
Vocal solo—"Barque of Dreams," Hamilton Gray, Mr. Horace Davis.
Vocal solo—"Doris," Nevin, Miss Maud Oliver (violin obligato) Mr. McCaw.
Instrumental solo—Arabesque—Meyer Hildmann, Miss Flossy Bogart.
Vocal solo—(a) "The Rosary"—Nevin, (b) "My Laddie"—Neidlinger, Mrs. Cooper.
Flute solo—Polka de Concert—J. S. Cox, Mr. Wilson.
Vocal solo—selected, Miss Ross.
Vocal solo—Bandit Chief—Chas. Marks, Mr. W. Brackin.
God Save the Queen.
Chairman, The Sunland, Esq.
Admission, 10 cents.

MAIN EXTENSION.

That is the New Policy of the
Water Commissioners.

They Also Think That Members of
the Board Should be Elected
For Two Year Terms.

The water commissioners met last evening and adjourned to meet in two weeks. In the meantime Supt. Jones has been instructed to prepare estimates of the cost of efficiently piping the whole city. It is the purpose of the commissioners to ascertain the cost of the work, and then if the expense is not too great, to submit to the electors their plan which is this:

To pipe the whole city, that every citizen who desires can use the water. The commissioners are of the opinion that if this is done, the increased use of the water would be sufficient to more than repay the outlay in addition to considerably reduce the water rate.

All the commissioners purpose doing at present, however, is to ascertain the cost so that the citizens can get some definite idea of the scheme and decide as to its feasibility and profitability. Beyond ascertaining the cost nothing will be done except what the people direct. It was thought that a lowering of the water rate would secure a more general use of the city water and a direct result would be derived in improved health in Chatham.

There were present at the meeting Chairman Bray, Mayor Smith, Commissioner Sheldon, Secretary Weir and Superintendent Jones.

The following accounts were ordered paid: Thomson Metro Co \$56.67, Bell Telephone Co \$24.00, Park Bros. \$7.50, Shipman & Co. \$247.89, Garlock Packing Co. \$5.75, McKeough & Trotter's account for \$45.41 was left with the superintendent to investigate and order paid if correct.

The secretary's financial statement showed: Bank overdraft, Nov. 30, 1890, \$1920.34; bank overdraft, Nov. 30, 1900, \$887.05; total amount of reduction in overdraft this year \$1033.29.

A petition was received from Archie McFaul for an extension of the 14 inch main on Selkirk St. The cost would be \$13.72 and the revenue \$7 a year. The request was granted.

Mayor Smith moved a vote of thanks to Chairman Bray for the capable way in which he had conducted the business of his office. Mr. Sheldon suggested the motion and it was carried. In making the motion Mayor Smith made some suggestions. He said that the water commissioners should be elected for two years. As it was now, it might happen that two persons, one elected for one year and one for two years, and a new mayor might be elected who would know nothing of the work and it would take them a couple of months to learn the details. Further, instead of two water commissioners, there should be three elected by the people and the mayor should be an ex-officio member. As it was now, the mayor had to sit in the chair at the council board and see his action at the water board criticized, while he, being in the chair, was powerless to defend himself.

Dr. Bray thanked the members for their kind words and also for the ready assistance they had given him in the work. He was glad to be able to praise the Board for the entire absence of friction throughout the year.

He endorsed the Mayor's suggestions and advocated the steps he had taken to secure the reforms that Mr. Smith proposed. Mr. Sheldon said that Mr. Smith's suggestion in reference to having the commissioners elected for two years was one dropping out each year, entirely coincided with his own ideas. He had been thinking of this for some time. The waterworks system of Chatham was now precisely in its infancy, but it was rapidly growing and developing. A large amount of money would be handled by the board every year. It was not in the interests of the city that entirely new men should constitute the board. Mr. Sheldon wasn't any cleverer, he said, than any other citizen, but it had taken him some time and labor to master the workings of the waterworks department, and he felt that other men would find the same difficulty. He felt that the city required that one experienced man should remain at the board.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Pardo suggesting that he secure a change in the law whereby commissioners could be elected for two years, one going to the electors each year after the custom in vogue on the school board.

Mr. Kogelschitz was granted \$5 in full for his claim for damages caused by the leak in the basin.

LATE J. B. CHAUVIN.

The Chatham Herald has the following account of the life of the late J. B. Chauvin, a well-known resident of Tilbury, who died at his home near Stoney Point, on Wednesday, Nov. 29:

John Baptiste Chauvin was born at Stoney Point in 1845, and therefore was in the 69th year of his age. In his bright, young manhood, he was one of the most prominent men in the old Township of Tilbury West, and one of a warmer place in the hearts of the people—both French and English—than the subject of this brief sketch. Kind, courteous and generous, he met with a warm welcome from his numerous friends. At Belle River in 1868 he was married to Miss Natalie Sauve, and the union was blessed by nine children—six of whom, besides the widow, still survive him. In 1877 he was appointed clerk of Tilbury West Township. This position he held un-

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