

tion was provided for six thousand people, leaving room for two thousand to stand. Halfway down the hall, on the west side of the building, a commodious dais was erected, from which the speaking took place. The floor was covered with green and the facing with red baize. Over the platform the Dominion ensign was suspended, and immediately below were placed the Royal Arms, and the following motto:—"Alexander Mackenzie, a true man and first-rate mechanic, Chief of the State, our young Dominion." In gas illumination in front the letters "V.R." were conspicuous, supporting a centre piece consisting of a beautifully designed crown and star. Immediately over the platform was suspended a "seven-pound loaf" which, according to an appropriate motto, was received by workmen under "a Revenue Tariff" whilst a diminutive crusty one-pound loaf alone was supplied to feed the families of unemployed workmen under a "Protective Tariff." Over the bandstand flamed a gas illumination forming the word "Welcome." Around the hall were displayed a number of mottoes, among which were the following:—"Our ships, fisheries, and foreign commerce." "Welcome! Industry! Intelligence! Integrity!" "Protection to the workingman, \$1 per barrel duty on flour." "Agriculture and manufactures." "Canada our home." "Ships, fisheries, and foreign commerce." "Our exhaustless resources—coal, iron, copper, silver, gold." "Protection to the workingman—75 cents per ton duty on coal."

Among the prominent workmen present were:—Messrs. A. F. Jury, James Lennox, W. J. Lennox, F. Simpson, W. Weston, George Harris, W. Wilson, John Gibbon, James Connors, Thos. Kirk, Robert Pearson, John Barron, John Roberts, W. Davis, George Bulstrode, George Graham, John Gray, C. N. Mitchell, W. Davidge, Thomas Cherrie, John Williams, W. Davis, Ralph Ingledue, J. Fiddes, W. Brown, A. Oakley, N. J. Wells, George Robertson, H. S. White, Geo. Vennell, Thos. McKay, W. J. Graham, R. Heath, John Pearce, E. Meagher, W. McDonald, James Hutchinson, James Shand, S. Davenport, James Mortimer, J. Rose, G. Howell, J. Kelly, James Gaylord, James Phillips, J. Mead, R. Green, George Davis, and W. Easman. After order had been obtained.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Ladies and gentlemen, in the name of the workmen of the city of Toronto we extend you a hearty welcome to this, a workmen's demonstration to the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Premier of Canada. This is a genuine workmen's demonstration (cheers), and the cost has been exclusively met by workmen. (Renewed cheering.) We have seen many demonstrations in this city, pretendedly those of workmen; but in reality they were organized by the wire-pullers of the Conservative party. The Reform workmen of Toronto thought they would show the Opposition that they could organize a demonstration that would not only be a credit to themselves but be positive proof of their political sympathies. This demonstration was organized for the benefit of the Opposition; as there appeared to have been a persistent and malicious conspiracy on the part of the Tory press and orators to mislead the leaders of the great Tory party by causing them to suppose they had the body of the working classes in sympathy with them. This gathering is for the purpose of undeceiving those gentlemen as to the real feelings of the artisans of this country in reference to this great question of a revenue versus a protective tariff now before the people. We have heard of late a