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Rev. the Lord Bishop of Toronto, Hon. Wm. Paterson, Hon. G. W. Allan, His Worship the Mayor of Toronto, Hon. G. W. Ross, Lord Ava, Lieut.-Col. Otter, Vicar-Gen. McCann.

The guests numbered upwards of 300, and among others present were: George Burn, Chancellor Burwash, W. C. Cornwell, Buffalo, J. M. Courtney, D. Coulson, Lieut. Col. Delamere, Lieut. Col. Denison, Hon. E. J. Davis, J. J. Foy, Q.C., M.P.P., Wm. Grindlay, R. D. Gamble, E. Hay, H. S. Howland, J. Henderson, A. H. Ireland, A. Kirkland, Z. A. Lash, Q.C., Dr. Loudon, Col. Mason, J. H. Plummer, Dr. Parkin, C.M.G., M. J. A. Prendergast, T. C. Patteson, George P. Reid, H. S. Strathy, Col. Sweny, Prof. Goldwin Smith, G. A. Schofield, Rev. Father Teefy, Provost Welch, Chancellor Wallace.

Following the toast of "The Queen," came that of "The Governor-General and the Lieut.-Governors of the Provinces," which was responded to by Hon. J. C. Patterson.

"The Dominion and Ontario Parliaments" was responded to by the Honourable Messrs. R. R. Dobell, Wm. Paterson, Clifford Sifton, G. W. Ross and N. Clarke Wallace. Mr. Paterson's remarks dealt particularly with the growth of the country's trade and commerce, and he referred to the mineral districts as cloaking stores of wealth which would make Canada one of the wealthiest countries on the globe.

Mr. Sifton in the course of his remarks said he thought he could claim some credit for the Parliament and people of Canada in that there had never been any serious disturbance of the currency. They had seen in the United States within a short time the danger of violent disruption of affairs caused by interference with the currency, and although they might think such a situation was not likely to arise in the Dominion of Canada, and might feel a great degree of confidence that they were too stable in their ideas, yet sooner or later they might find that the main ideas which predominated with a large proportion of people across the border would be agitated and brought before the people of Canada. The strength of public opinion would some time be tested as to whether or not the currency should be altered; and it was well that the question should be thoroughly understood, and that banking men and men called upon to discuss financial questions should make it clear that they were not a close corporation, and were not calling for legislative protection regarding the currency, adverse to the farmer, the business man, or the labourer. Many years ago,