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Banquetted.

Mayor Little Entertains Some Very Representative Guests

On the Occasion of the Completion of Electric Railway Negotiations.

An Evening Devoted to Congratulations, Reminiscences, and Prophecy—The Lion Dines With the Lamb, But Not On the Lamb.

It seldom happens that a happier, better pleased lot of men congregates within four walls than those who sat around the festive board at the Tecumseh House last night. The occasion was the dinner given by the mayor to the street railway representatives, the aldermen and a number of prominent business men who have taken an active interest in the welfare of the city generally. It was an evening of congratulations, reminiscences and of prophecy. Mayor Little presided. On his right sat Sir John Carling and Major Thomas Beattie, while on his left were Mr. H. A. Everett and Chas. Hyman, M. P. Seated around the tables were: Ald. J. W. Jones, Ald. S. Hyman, M. P., George Taylor, Ald. O. E. Brener, Ald. J. W. McCullum, Ald. W. Skinner, Ald. W. Porter, Albert Jeffery, James Magee, Geo. A. Somerville, E. Leonard, H. Cronyn, Cl. T. Campbell, D. J. Bland, I. F. Hellmuth, W. J. Reid, W. Dewar, J. Sam Munro, Thos. Dickson, Chas. E. A. John Bowman, Wm. Bowman, Break, Geo. M. Reid, Chas. H. Ivey, A. O. Graydon, J. M. Hillon, John M. Moore, C. A. Kingston, T. G. Meredith, Richard Bayly, Q. C., O. Ellwood, John Dore, Geo. F. Jewell, J. S. Pearce, Ald. John Nutkins, Ald. Edward Parnell, Ald. John Callahan, T. H. Martyn, Ald. Andrew Dineen, Ald. Robt. Carrother, Ald. Edmund Wedd, R. K. Cowan and others.

The menu card was ornated with a half-tone cut of a horse car labeled "May 21, 1875." On the front of the card was an illustration of an electric road car on excursion car, such as Londoners line. The supper began at 9 o'clock, and gave all their attention to a systematic effort to deplete the larder of Host David. The floral decorations were most enjoyable. The Harpers furnished excellent music during the progress of the banquet.

At 10:30 the mayor arose, and amidst applause proposed the health of the Queen. In doing so he referred to her Majesty in a patriotic strain, and expressed the hope that the influence of her pure life would long remain in the councils of the nation after she has gone to her rest. This sentiment was heartily endorsed by the assembly singing the National Anthem, and concluding with three lusty cheers. In proposing the toast of "The Dominion of the Mayor and the Provincial Legislature," the mayor took occasion to say that "we Canadians think that we are the best system of government that the circumstances of our country can give. We are quite willing to go on and work out our own destiny under the flag of the great British empire."

Sir John Carling, in responding to the toast, referred to his own experience in the council chamber, and congratulated the mayor and aldermen in having such a happy occasion. It was a very great credit to them, he said, and satisfactory to everybody. He said, Sir John pictured the enviable position of the city, its waterways, railways, and railroads and brilliant future. Coming closer to home, he spoke of the progressiveness and prosperity of the city, its waterworks, public institutions and the future. Speaking of the proposal to discontinue the school children's flag-hoisting demonstration, he rather thought the ceremony should be continued on patriotic grounds.

Charles S. Hyman, M. P., was heartily applauded in referring to the negotiations in regard to the electric road. He said that the whole of the citizens of London would rejoice for many reasons that the street railway matter had been consummated. Now they would be able to pick up their morning paper without reading of any threatening Sullivanistic assaults in the report of the council proceedings. (Laughter.) Now the lion and the lamb could lie down together, and he was glad to know that the lamb was not then they were indeed a happy family. Mr. Hyman warned Mr. Everett that he must give London a system second to none in Canada, and in conclusion he expressed the patriotic sentiments of the previous speaker.

Mr. James Magee, Q. C., raised a laugh by remarking that it seemed like renewing a matter of ancient history. He associated his name with Parliamentarianism, which he claimed was a gentleman of a lady because he had once been to her aunt's sister. (Laughter.) He long represented London in the Provincial House and then to stay with the House and then to stay with the House (laughter) and he had no doubt that with Mr. Hobbs' aid, London would shortly have a normal school. Mr. William Skinner sang in excellent voice "The Wild Creeping Flower." Mr. Moses Masurel then took charge of the toast list, and introduced in a witty speech the toast of "The Corporation of the City of London."

Mr. W. J. Reid was called on for a song, and responded with "Mortality." He prefaced the selection with a few remarks in a humorous vein. Mayor Little was greeted with "He's a Daisy." He spoke of the fact that while the council experienced all the levying of the taxes, and were responsible for the collection of the same, they often had very little to do with the

spending of the funds so provided. He bore testimony to the fact that the majority of the representatives of the people evinced a desire to do the best they could in the interests of those who elected them. Referring to Sir John Carling's remark with reference to the flag-hoisting, the mayor said: "I should be sorry if any of you gentlemen have got the impression that the city council or any member of the council were anxious to prevent the demonstration on that occasion. (Hear, hear.) As you are no doubt aware, the law requires the City Council to furnish what the School Board is demanded by the School Board for school purposes. There was a very general feeling all over that we should exercise as much economy as possible this year, and that was the only item that the law would permit us to strike out. We did that, not because of a desire to prevent the demonstration, but as a gentle hint to off their expenditures in other directions. (Hear, hear.) There appeared to be a very general feeling that the school board expenditure was getting to be a very large item, and it was very desirable to cut it at all possible, to curtail it." (Applause.)

Then the mayor fell into a reminiscent strain. It was just twenty years ago that the horse car system was instituted, and he mentioned the fact that it was in that year that Mr. Little came to the city. There were parks, electric lights, waterworks or other improvements then. He referred to the fact that the assessment had just been doubled since 1876, and the population had increased from 18,000 to 33,427 in the same time. It would go on at that rate the investment would be a good one for the company, and with an efficient service everybody would find that the convenience would be met as far as possible. Ald. J. W. Jones came to London in 1881. Then the city was even in a more primitive state than when Mr. Little arrived. Mr. Jones referred to its condition, most democratic city on the continent own the five per cent of the people on the continent can say that. (Applause.) People complain of the aldermen, but as the mayor has stated, it is men have the taxes that the aldermen only the spending of some 50 mills, so that you cannot find very much fault with the aldermen."

The gathering sang "They Are Jolly Good Fellows," and as President Everett rose to his feet he was greeted with the chorus "Work At Him Smiling." With his customary modesty Mr. Everett stated that he was not a speaker. But he said that they were endeavoring to put down in London as good a system as could be found anywhere. A success was made in making a railway of the people of London. The good of the street railway patronage had motive power used, and this would no doubt improve with the change. "It is our desire to make the system a pattern one," said Mr. Smallman, "and it will be an object lesson for other towns in the country that may be contemplating an electric system." He said that when the road was completed he hoped to see such another standpoint, however, of the Street Railway Company. (Applause.)

Messrs. Ivey, Break, Carr, Wm. Bowman, and Hellmuth also responded to the toast, and their remarks, like those of other speakers, were in a felicitous strain.

Mr. Will Skinner sang, "An Elephant On His Hands." The toast of "The Press" was not the mere formality that it generally is. Mr. T. G. Meredith in proposing it referred to the aid which the newspapers had rendered the city in working hand in hand with the representatives of the citizens to secure the best offer obtainable. When it was found that certain matters which might prejudice the city's best interests should not be published the press of the city had always been willing to withhold such publication.

Mr. John Cameron, in responding on behalf of the "Advertiser," spoke of the advantages to be gained by putting a report on the "Advertiser." From long experience he could say that a newspaper seldom, indeed, that a newspaper man betrays a trust. (Hear, hear.) Continuing he spoke of the fact that London had more railway trains rushing in and out of the city than any other city in Canada. With the exception of Toronto, where early morning editions, as well as evening editions, of the one paper were published, giving London newspapers. The two London dailies inside the city were more than any other city outside of Toronto. Mr. Cameron congratulated the mayor on the successful completion of the negotiations, and hoped the transaction would be profitable to the company and to the city. He also hoped the good-will of Sir John Carling and Mr. Hyman, that they may differ in some matters, would take as in some matters, "First." (Hear, hear.) "London to the welfare of the city, civic pride should be cultivated and all political differences forgotten. Mr. Cameron concluded with the belief that with the electric road London would begin a new era of prosperity.

Mr. R. F. Matthews, jun., of the Echo, and Mr. Richard Bayly, Q. C., on behalf of the Free Press, also responded. In proposing the toast of "The Ladies," Mr. Meredith took occasion to speak of the very many hours of valuable time the mayor had devoted to the negotiations. The business had been the benefit of his great business ability, and the citizen were indebted to him not only for the time so devoted, but also because of the business ability which had helped to frame the agreement. Mr. Meredith's remarks were liberally applauded. The guests sang "For they are jolly good fellows," and then the fair ones were championed by Col. Beattie, R. K. Cowan, A. O. Graydon and H. Cronyn. The gathering dispersed after singing "God Save the Queen," shortly after 1 o'clock. Manager Carr thoughtfully had street cars waiting outside to convey the banqueters home.

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Black Spanish Lace, 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c to \$1.75.
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