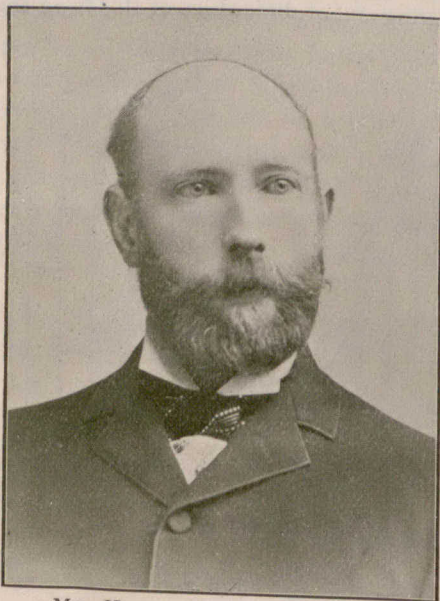


## TORONTO BUILDERS EXCHANGE.

THE annual dinner of the Toronto Builders' Exchange was held on the evening of the 12th inst., and was largely attended and in every respect a gratifying success. The President, Mr. Henry Martin, whose portrait accompanies this article, presided. The vice-chairs were occupied by the following gentlemen: Jos. Russell, Thos. Christie and Jas. B. Thomson.

Among the invited guests and members were His Worship the Mayor, Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P., Mr. Thos. Crawford, M.P.P., Mr. J. E. Belcher, of Peterboro', President, Mr. A. F. Wickson, Vice-President, of the Ontario Association of Architects, C. H. Mortimer (CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER), J. Hoops, A. Young, Britnell & Son, D. H. Hutson, Thos. W. Self, Richard Dancy, Arch. Orr, Robert J. Orr, Alex. Orr, Geo. Orr, Jno. R. Lyon, Geo. Henry, Jno. Wickett, Jas. Wickett, Eli Wickett, Jno. R. Marshall, Wm. Forbes, Geo. Moir, Patterson, E. Dinsmore, Geo. Duthie, W. R. Payne, T. Cannon (sr.), T. Cannon (jr.), Isaac Price, Jno. Maloney, Jas. Crang, David Williams, Ben Brick, Thos. Robinson, R. G. Kirby, F. W. Robarts, J. H. Morrison, C. J. W. Neale, W. J. Bailey, Thos. Gander, Jas.



MR. HENRY MARTIN, President.

Larkin, Jno. B. Vick, Jno. Gander, T. Thomson, W. F. Thomson, R. Robson & Son, McGregor & McIntyre, Wm. Clarke, A. Y. Young, J. B. Reid, Richard Chalkley, Wm. Rennie, Holtby Bros., A. Weller, A. P. Steward, A. W. Steward, Fred. Beharriel, Jas. Muldoon, Jas. Pears, Jno. Hanrahan, A. Whellar, C. C. Witchall, A. Gardner, Edward Gearing, Thos. Painter, Wm. Prowse, F. L. Vokes, jr., (Vokes Hardware Co.), Neil Burton, Jno. Hillock, Johnson (Fox & Co.), R. Harrison, Alf. Maguire, Walter Davidson, W. F. Tasker, Ransome (Pease Furnace Co.), M. Scott (Scott & Cross), Schoulen & Bain, C. E. Williams, Jas. Morrison, Pritchard (World), Elliott, F. Holmes (jr.), Bell Bros., Jno. Price, H. Tucker, Jno. Logan, Geo. H. Orr, Wakefield, A. E. Cameron, Jas. Purse, Harry Simpson, Alex. Young (Aikenhead & Co.) A. Nelson, Jno. Vokes, McConnell, Geo. Clay.

The menu was an unique production, and attracted much attention. It was headed "Specification," and was as follows:

## SPECIFICATION.

SPECIFICATIONS OF MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED AND LABOR TO BE FURNISHED AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE BUILDERS' EXCHANGE, TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12TH, 1899.

FOUNDATIONS—Oysters, malpecques, on the half-shell. To be bedded on an undisturbed stomach.

GROUTING—Soup. Consomme a la Macedoine. To be well mixed in proper proportion, and ladled into position.

COURSING—Fish, Lake Superior Salmon, Pommes Duchesse. To be of a rich portage entry color.

BOND TIMBERS—Supreme of Sweetbreads in cases.

JOISTING—Bread and Butter Rolls. To be laid on bond timbers and properly bridged, and to be covered diagonally with Butter (nut), knots less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch allowed. Hair joints will not be required in this flooring.

JOINTS—Roast Young Turkey. Properly trussed and braced and strapped at angles with  $\frac{1}{2} \times 3$  inch Cranberry Sauce straps.

Beef Sirloin. To be laid up and neatly pointed with Horseradish, with not more than 6 joints in 12 inches.

Lamb (Mary had one). This material to be well soaked with Mint Sauce; to be white struck joint and tied with French Peas.

NOTE.—Carving to be executed by experienced workmen, and to detail.

PLASTERING—Mashed Potatoes. Best 3-coat work, corners to be neatly rounded.

CELLAR FLOOR—Plum Pudding. Concrete foundation to be 12 inches deep, with broken Suet, Raisins, Currants, Peel, Flour and Eggs in proper proportions, well mixed and pounded, adding Brandy Sauce. Top 5 inches to have Celery, Cheese and Biscuits added to above and troweled to a smooth hard finish.

## DESSERT.

TRIM—Unless where otherwise specified, to be clear pine, spoon cleaned, and principal rooms to be for enamel finish (Neapolitan Ice Cream) a nice cream.

HEARTHES—To be of assorted Cakes and Wafers with a border Bon-Bons and Chocolates.

HARDWARE—Except bolts (Nuts and Raisins) to be supplied by proprietor, but put in place by contractor.

DECORATIONS—The dining room to be frescoed with Apples, Oranges and Bananas.

GLAZING—To be best cut glass lemon (ade) color. Any glass of other than this color brought on the job will be entirely at contractor's risk.

TILING—To be best brown glazed Spanish (T and Coffee) make of tiles, finishing at ridge with tooth pick ridge-roll to special detail.

EXTRAS—Are to be paid for when ordered.

NOTE—This work must be strictly carried out according to details, which will be supplied by architect after the completion of work.

## TOASTS.

"The Queen," "Our Country," "The City of Toronto," "The City's Industries," "The Ontario Association of Architects," "Sister Exchanges," "The Press," "The Ladies."

After an hour had been given to considering this specification, the Chairman rose to propose the toast to Her Majesty The Queen. In doing so, he remarked that, contrary to usual custom, the builders this evening were acting as the party of the second part of the contract, there being no party of the first part on this occasion. He did not think that the party of the first part would be disposed to accuse the party of the second part of not fulfilling their obligations. He heartily welcomed the visiting guests.

After the singing of "The National Anthem," Mr. Christie rose to propose the second toast, that of "Our Country," coupling therewith the names of the local representatives in parliament, Messrs. Clarke and Crawford. Mr. Christie in proposing the toast, referred to the fact that Canada had at last taken her proper position in relation to the Empire by sending a contingent of her soldiers to South Africa. This position Canada should have taken long ago. The Dominion was destined to be the strong right arm of the Empire.

Following Mr. Christie's remarks, the Canadian national anthem, "The Maple Leaf," was heartily sung by the company. Owing to the non-arrival of Mr. Clarke, Mr. Crawford first responded to the toast, and in doing so referred to the wealth possessed by Canada in the form of mines, fisheries, and forests. Her possessions of this character were greater than those of any other country of the same population. Canadians could boast also of their connection with the great British Empire. He referred to our excellent system of government which is so planned as to work out to the best advantage of the people. He trusted that the growth of the Builders' Exchange would keep pace with the "growing time."