

their active services will be needed, which God forbid, they will give a good account of themselves.

Received with great enthusiasm.

Music by the band.

Gen. WINDHAM on rising was received with loud cheers. He said, To cast a perfume over the violet, as our chairman said, is a very difficult thing; but I really believe that it is almost as difficult to add anything new in returning thanks for the army. I have had often to do it, and I can only say, as I have always said before, that we have invariably tried to do our duty, and in a great majority of cases we have done it, and if we are again called upon I am sure we shall be able to do it again (Cheers.) The Dominion of Canada has been a quarter very popular with the army, and that has arisen from the fact that we have been received with much kindness at the hands of the inhabitants, and I hope, as far as our means have allowed, we have returned the same. (Cheers.) Sorry are we to be reduced in numbers, and I believe I speak the sentiments of many in this room when I say that there are plenty of them that are also sorry that we are so reduced. (Cheers.) And amongst the many inhabitants that have shown us their kind attention, no one, perhaps, has exceeded our guest, that we are invited to honor. [Cheers.] We do not intend, however, to monopolize all the good feeling that is going to be shown towards him; but as he will be recompanied to his new home by the prayers and good wishes of almost every inhabitant in Canada, to say nothing of this room, I can only tell him that there are many amongst the military that will be second to none on this occasion in accompanying him with their good wishes. We earnestly hope that he may meet on the other side of the Atlantic the same success that he has deservedly won here, and that when he comes back to this country the citizens of London will give him as handsome a dinner as I have now the honor of attending. [Loud cheers]

Col. ROUTH responded briefly for the Volunteers.

"Our Guest, the Hon. John Rose."

The CHAIRMAN—

The duty which I have now to perform is to me a very agreeable one. It is to offer to you what I suppose, in strict after-dinner etiquette, we may term the toast of the evening. You all know the occasion of our coming together this evening; it is to give expression to our esteem and regard for one who has lived long amongst us, and who is now about to leave us; who, entering the legal profession a mere youth, conquered by his indomitable energy and great talent, by his high integrity and upright conduct, every opposition to success; and who, even while young, rose in his profession to the very pinnacle of distinction and honor, and had he consented, could have long since occupied a seat upon the Bench as one of our Judges. You may all remember, some eleven years ago, when this distinguished barrister withdrew from more active practice at the bar, how our mercantile community felt the blank that was created in the legal profession; I myself felt it, perhaps, more than others, because I had been actively instrumental in creating it, as it was myself who ushered the learned gentleman into public life by being his first proposer on the hustings, as member for our city in the year 1857,—and I can now say, that although on some occasions I have differed on public grounds from the learned gentleman, and on a recent occasion

widely differed on one important question,—I have never had reason to regret the part I took upon the occasion referred to. But this entertainment being entirely non-political, we will not discuss political shades of opinion. We have to-night all shades of political opinion, met to do honor to one whom they all esteem, irrespective of political or party leanings. The hon. gentleman himself must see in this assembly, and in the large body of our best citizens, met to do him honor—I say he must see what would make any man proud and happy, a proof the highest that a citizen could receive, that he is beloved and esteemed by all classes of the community. Gentlemen, I beg to offer you "Our Guest, the Hon. John Rose."

This toast was received with immense cheering, again and again repeated.

Band—"Auld Lang Syne."

The Hon. JOHN ROSE, who was received with much enthusiasm, the cheers being again and again repeated, said, after they had subsided: Mr. Mayor and gentlemen, I can with perfect truth say that I do not remember any occasion when I had more need to invoke whatever powers of self control I possess than on the present. Under any circumstances it would be difficult to convey, in fitting terms of appreciation, what is due to such a company as this, who have been good enough to pay a compliment to one about to remove elsewhere. But, in the position in which I am placed, I feel the task to be nearly an impossible one. To charge, if but for a time, a residence of some thirty-five years' duration; to say good-bye to many old friends—to most, I trust, for a time only, but to others it may be a final one; and to retire from a tolerably active sphere of public duty, are incidents in themselves calculated to call forth strong and varied emotions in any one possessed of human sympathies. And when I see before me not only my old friends, but many with whom I have had honest and earnest differences of opinion on matters as well of every day intercourse as of business relations; those whom I have met in keen professional rivalry; and, above all, many political opponents, who have on this occasion put aside the differences of public life—differences often marked by strong and even vehement discussions in the House and on the hustings—and all coming together to pay this parting compliment; it will not be surprising if I acknowledge it to be an effort, to avoid being overcome by a sense of this universal kindness, and of my own unworthiness to receive a tribute so generous and rare! (Cheers.) The difficulty of making a suitable reply is further aggravated by the consideration that it is becoming I should on this occasion avoid all topics of political controversy, and, as far as possible, confine myself to a personal acknowledgment of the kind farewell you are giving. It is true that it is quite understood that my opinions on political affairs have no longer much significance, and equally so that no one is compromised by hearing them. It is equally true that I will be circumscribed within a very narrow range of thought. Yet I think it the better rule to follow, although my observations will necessarily savor more of egotism and personal complacency than is altogether in good taste. I will not be guilty of the affectation of concealing that I have striven with as much kindness as I knew how, to do unto others as I wished they should do unto me; that where there were two ways of performing a duty, one a disagreeable, and the other a pleasant one, I have tried to adopt the latter; but I believe half the world follow the same rule, and that in