

BLOWING IN THE FURNACE.

Fires Lighted in the New Smelting Works.

AN EVENTFUL DAY.

Special Train Carries Many Citizens to Witness the Ceremony—Grand Banquet in the Evening—Speeches—Clarke Wallace, Hon. Mr. Gibson, Messrs. McKay, Avey, Wanser and Others.

Yesterday the directorate of the Hamilton Iron and Steel Company celebrated in fitting style the completion of the extensive smelting works plant, which is to earn them a bonus of \$40,000. The ceremony of "blowing in" the new blast furnace was witnessed by a large crowd of citizens, and in the evening a large crowd of guests attended the banquet given at Newport's.

At 2.10 a special train consisting of four heavily laden coaches pulled out to the smelting works. Among those on board were resident John H. Tilden, Vice-President John Miller, Directors W. Southam, A. T. Wood, Hon. Mr. Clarke Wallace, Alex. McKay, M. P.; S. S. Ryckman, M. P.; J. T. Middleton, M. P.; Wm. Gibson, M. P.; N. Avey, M. P.; E. G. Payne, J. H. Land, Jos. Wallace, Hon. Mr. Gibson, A. D. Bralshaw, W. Wood, Lieut.-Col. Moore, H. Carscadden, C. G. H. F. Gardiner, John R. Cameron, W. T. Freed, Wm. G. Walton, Dr. Osborne, Ald. Morris, Ald. Phillips, E. G. Payne, J. H. Land, Ald. McKee, Ald. Colquhoun, Ald. Reid, H. G. Wright, R. M. Wanser, W. Magee, W. V. Osborne, Thos. Brick, John Patterson, Ald. Raycroft, ex-Ald. Milne, C. R. Smith, D. R. Dewey, Sheriff Merton, Ald. Hamilton, Ald. McKee, Wm. Doran, A. W. Gage, James Dixon, W. A. Spratt, J. Jardine, John Kenrick, O. Carscadden, A. F. Pirie, James Farries, R. McKee and P. Bertram, Dundas, W. H. Gilard, J. H. Land, Adam Zimmerman, Ald. McKee, Geo. Roach, Ald. Hancock, St. Clair Balfour, John Anderson, A. E. Jarvis (Toronto), T. Lester, C. K. Dumville, James Wallace, Dr. Baugh, H. P. Coburn, C. A. Birge, W. Hamilton Merritt, W. A. Robinson, Alex. Turner, F. C. Bruce, Rev. Dr. Burns, Fred Carpenter, F. W. Fairman, W. H. Cline, J. V. Teetzel, Q. C. C. Myers, Alex. Garshore, J. M. Lottridge, Wm. Milne, J. N. Young, J. J. Mason, J. H. Beckett, Geo. Lynch Stanton, Thos. Leather, T. Watson and many others.

After all who could get in had crowded into the building and gathered around the furnace, President Tilden made a brief speech, stating that the idea of the directors in arranging the outing was to give as many citizens as possible an opportunity of seeing the furnace "blown in," as the lighting of the furnace is technically known. "We thought," said he, "that the ceremony of lighting the first blast furnace in Ontario was of sufficient importance to interest you. It is true that it has been made before in Canada, but by primitive methods, and this is in reality the first regular blast furnace plant established in the Province. Our plant is up to date in every respect. The furnace stack is 75 feet in height and 16 feet in diameter, and has a capacity of 150 tons, with a possibility of increasing it to 200 tons. I am also glad to state that we are able to start with Canadian ore exclusively, although we had expected to find it necessary to import ore."

Mr. Tilden then relinquished the rest of the formal ceremony to Mrs. Tilden. That lady, who was standing with Mrs. Lazier, Mrs. Millard, Miss Millard, Mrs. T. H. Pratt and Mrs. Hardy, stepped forward and was handed a long stick upon the end of which was a ball of oil-soaked cotton. The ball was lighted by the Superintendent, and then Mrs. Tilden thrust it into the open door at the bottom of the furnace, and the bright light inside showed the workmen who cheered from the assembled crowd.

Led by the Superintendent the party then proceeded to the brick building on the bay shore, where the 20-ton engines are being erected. The power for the plant, and another interesting little ceremony was witnessed in the starting of the ponderous machinery. Vice-President Milne made a brief speech giving details of the size and power of the engines, which are the largest in Ontario. They could furnish power for the turning out of 200 tons of iron a day, which would mean a ton every seven minutes. If the furnace was thoroughly dried out and ready for operation the fire which Mrs. Tilden lighted would not be put out for 24 to 24-2 or perhaps 3 years, but would burn continuously, night and day, Sundays included. All the machinery, even to the engines, were in duplicate, "as a precaution against accidents, and there were three batteries of four boilers each, although one battery was sufficient for the needs of the plant."

Mr. A. T. Wood followed with a capital address. Mr. Wood commenced by saying that he was glad to see the ladies present, as their interest and good wishes were always an augury of success. (Applause.) He thought the opening of the smelting works marked the beginning of a new era in the manufacturing history of Hamilton. When the project to establish smelting works here was first mooted he had opposed it strongly because he could not see how iron could be made profitably in Hamilton. During his many visits to England he had observed that the smelting works were always located near the mines from which the ore and coal were got, and he had also known that the difference of one shilling per ton in the cost of these frequently made all the difference between the success and failure of such undertakings. He was now free to confess that, after studying the matter carefully, and obtaining a practical idea of the workings of such plants on this continent, that such an establishment could be made a success here. Even if the coke had to be brought 400 miles and the iron ore 600 miles, the limestone was near at hand in unlimited quantities, and he believed smelting works could be operated here as successfully as anywhere else across the line. (Applause.) When he saw his mistake, he said, he invested his money in the enterprise, "and," he added, with a twinkle in his eye, "I would advise all you capitalists with money to invest to put it into shares if you can get them, because the works will commence to pay dividends in six weeks." (Laughter.)

On getting the signal from Mr. Biesel, the clever young Philadelphia engineer, who has superintended the erection of the machinery, that all

was in readiness, Mr. Milne gave the small starting gear a turn, and in a moment both engines were in motion, and the crowd cheered lustily for the works, for the company and for the city.

BANQUET AT NEWPORT'S.

Nearly two hundred representative citizens were the guests of the smelting works directorate at the banquet held at Newport's in the evening. President John H. Tilden occupied the chair, and to his right and left were Clarke Wallace, ex-Controller of Customs; Hon. J. M. Gibson; Alex. McKay; P. N. Avey; M. P.; J. T. Middleton; M. P.; Rev. Dr. Burns; Wm. Copp; Robt. McKechnie (Dundas); Geo. E. Tuckett; A. F. Pirie (Dundas); H. Carscadden, Q. C.; James Vallance; Alex. Turner; Jos. Wallace; and John Earl. Mr. John Milne was in the vice-chair. There were also present Messrs. W. E. LaChance, ex-Ald. Brick, C. S. Wilcox, F. N. Warburton, F. H. Whitton, Thos. Baugh, Geo. Lees, J. A. Milne, John F. Stewart (Woodstock), H. G. Wright, J. McCulloch, — Turnbull, Wm. McPherson, James Ferries, R. S. Martin, J. H. Beckett, Mayor Knowles (Dundas), A. D. Bralshaw, A. T. Freed, Major McLaren, A. W. Gage, A. W. Peene, Dr. Baugh, A. E. Jarvis, J. B. Griffith, ex-Mayor Doran, John Kenrick, J. King, R. M. Wanser, Geo. Lynch Stanton, Southam, Geo. Lynch Stanton, J. H. Wallace, Stuart Livingston, C. H. R. Smith, Thos. Leather, John Taylor (Toronto), H. W. Kittson, Mayor Knowles, Ald. Watkins, Lees, Morris, Phillips and Miller, J. Marshall, Superintendent Dowd and many others.

The Secretary of the Banquet Committee, Mr. Steadman, read letters of regret from Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, Sir Adolphe Caron, J. J. McGehe, John F. Wood, Hon. Geo. E. Foster, John Haggart, George Gooderham, Edward Gurney, Sir Frank Smith, W. J. Grant, John Stuart, A. G. Ramsay, J. Pottinger, J. M. Lottridge and Hon. W. E. Sanford.

Caterer Newport had the tables gaily decorated with flowers, cut-glass and silver, and the menu was excellent in every respect. During each course an orchestra rendered choice music.

Before commencing with the toast list President Tilden spoke of the importance of the smelting works to the city and that the directors would attract kindred industries to Hamilton. To the Dominion smelting works meant the development of ore mines, of which, said he, "we have a long list of industries which made Hamilton the Birmingham of Canada."

Mr. Carscadden followed, and after reviewing in a humorous way the ups and downs which marked the floating of the smelting works project, he got on to his favorite topic, the local situation. He announced that, notwithstanding the success of the railway project as it stands to-day, he was not yet satisfied but would again appeal to the citizens for aid for the proposed Toronto branch of the road.

THE SMELTING WORKS.

Canada, in having a large number of enterprising men among its citizens. (Applause.) He was glad that the smelting works had secured aid from both the Ontario and Dominion Governments. (Applause.) Some of the Ontario Government was falling into line in the practice of protection, at least to the extent of granting a bounty to such industries as the smelting works. (Laughter.) There were two smelting works now in course of construction in the Kootenay district alone. He believed Canadians should be glad that they were Canadian. (Applause.) He thought the country has not been settled up fast enough, but the speaker believed that there was more gain to the country in quality than in quantity, and he did not think the Government could go too slow in order to get the right kind of people here. (Applause.) Regarding the recent war scare he said that he still believed that Canada would stand shoulder to shoulder, to repel an invasion, and he was confident that the result of a war would be the same as that of the war of 1812. (Applause.) These works, he felt sure, would be but the first of a series of similar industries to be established here in the near future. (Applause.) He was personally of the opinion that the boy who did not care "whether school kept or not." (Laughter.)

The next speaker, Mr. McKay, attributed the protection of the new works. The city had had set backs such as no city in Canada ever had, and it was only the energy and pluck of the iron rank. Hamilton was now the centre of the iron trade, and was bound to become more and more so every year. The speaker made a very kindly reference to the man who had been in the position of the boy who did not care "whether school kept or not." (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Gibson referred to the overtures made by the city of Toronto a few years ago, and then humorously got back at Mr. Wallace by saying that, as the National Policy had done nothing after fifteen years

trial to develop the ore mines of Canada, it remained for the Ontario Government to eventually start the good work of its bounty. (Applause.) Continuing, he said he was with Mr. Wallace in one way at any rate, and that was that both were opposed to the present Dominion Government. (Laughter and applause.) "It is a strange thing," said he, "that just when, as we believe, a change of Government is imminent—(laughter)—it is marvellous to note that a great deal is being said just now by our Conservative friends about the many new industries to be established here." (Applause and cries of "Time!") In conclusion Mr. Gibson said Canadians were proud of their country, and in the event of war with the United States would stand by it with their lives. (Applause.)

Mr. Avey made a brief patriotic speech, and was followed by Mr. Stanton, who said that after hearing that an old free trader like Hon. Mr. Gibson had become a protectionist, he was prepared to hear that Mr. Clarke Wallace had become a separate school supporter. (Laughter.) Proceeding in a serious strain, he said he believed that Canadians would always present a united front to an outside enemy, but he thought Canada's greatest danger lay in the possibility of the country being torn asunder by internal dissensions. Reasoning that it would be impossible for religious prejudices could never be allowed to come between the people. "Soldiers" was the next toast, and coupled with it were the names of Lieut.-Col. Gibson and Major Wm. H. Cornwall. Mr. Avey, claiming to be a former said that, as far as the Thirteenth Battalion was concerned he thought that there was little doubt that the Gowski Cup would again come to Hamilton within a few days. Speaking about the threatened war between England and the United States he said that in his opinion the feeling in Canada to-day was that it would be impossible for Canadians to be subjugated by a foreign power. Canadians might be exterminated by force of numbers, but would never be conquered. (Applause.)

The toast of "Hamilton" elicited responses from Mayor Stewart, Q. C., and J. T. Middleton, M. P. P. Mr. A. H. Watkins thought it a grand thing for the city that the smelting works had been established here. Like many others he had had doubts a year ago about the success of the project, but was delighted to see the day for aid for the proposed Toronto branch of the road.

A voice—"We'll get it anyway." "My friend, you've been going to get it for eight years," replied Mr. Carscadden, "and you've not got it yet, and you won't get it except in the way I suggest."

"Iron" was the subject of the next toast, and coupled with it were the names of Mr. William Copp, Mr. A. T. Freed, Mr. Pirie and Mr. McKee. Mr. Carscadden, of Dundas. The latter stated that before the present works were projected there were four smelting works plants in operation in Nova Scotia and three in Quebec, without any Provincial aid, and they had been successful. The works here he believed to be equal to the best in the United States. Canada in 1884 produced 25,000 tons of iron and imported 52,000 tons. In 1894 the production rose to 62,000 and the imports to 75,000. Therefore he thought there was a market for the steel produced here. England last year produced over 8,000,000 tons of iron and the United States over 7,000,000 tons. He saw no reason why the works here should not be a success.

Mr. Pirie made one of his humorous speeches, winding up with an eloquent peroration on the greatness of Canada. He said that within the confines of the broad Dominion. "Manufactures" were responded to by Messrs. R. M. Wanser and Geo. E. Tuckett; Mr. H. N. Kittson responded for "Trade," and Mr. A. F. Pirie for "Women."

During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. E. G. Payne, H. Morton, H. Bull, J. J. Jardine and W. A. Spratt. Mr. E. Pearce presided at the piano.

HAMILTON MUSICIANS.

The Toronto World has this to say of the recent performances of two Hamilton artists in the Queen City: Mr. Archibald G. Alexander, of Hamilton, pianist, a pupil of Leschetizky, made a profound sensation by the brilliancy of his playing. He proved himself a careful player with a good touch and perfect execution. Mr. Alexander has but recently arrived in Canada, thus giving employment to Canadian workmen. (Applause.) He was glad to know that the man composing the Smelting Works Company were all Canadians and nearly all Hamiltonians. (Applause.)

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ALDERMANIC SURPRISE PARTY.

The City Council Got Through Its Business in 45 Minutes.

IMPROVED STREET SPRINKLERS.

For the first time this year the City Council rushed through business last night. With the day's electioneering behind and a banquet at Newport's in connection with the opening of the smelting works before them the members were not at all anxious to make long speeches, or, in fact, to speak at all, and less than three quarters of an hour sufficed for the business. Mayor Stewart and the following aldermen were present: viz.: Messrs. Watkins, Brown, Reid, Ten Eyck, Colquhoun, Lees, Frid, McKee, Hannaford, Hall, Hancock, Judd, McAndrew, Miller, Phillips, Morris and Raycroft.

Clerk Bessley announced the receipt of the following letters, petitions, etc.: From W. T. Evans on behalf of V. H. Cornwall and B. Jones, giving notice of claims for compensation for damages caused by the construction of the T. H. & B. Railway.

From C. W. Winton on behalf of Miss C. W. Winton, claiming \$100 compensation for damages to her business by reason of the tunnel construction. From Gibson, Martin & Osborne on behalf of J. J. Winton, claiming compensation for injuries to his property by reason of the T. H. & B. construction.

From Nesbitt, Gaud & Dickson, on behalf of John Campbell, J. O. Callaghan, Mrs. Roe, Geo. Rae, Mrs. J. S. Kennedy, Mrs. Newman, D. Lemessur, Henry Dow, Mrs. Dodman, James Dodman, A. L. Pentecost, Mrs. J. S. Hendrie, E. G. Zealand, Mrs. Mary McBride and F. G. Foster, claiming compensation for injuries to their properties on account of the T. H. & B. construction.

From Bruce, Burton & Bruce, asking that an engineer be appointed to make an inspection of the T. H. & B. railway as the same may stand on January 1, 1896, for the purpose of determining if the bonus has been earned.

From S. F. Washington, on behalf of the Aymer Canning Company, asking for exemption from taxation. The aldermen are negotiating for the purchase of the old Zinsheim factory.

From Chisholm & Logie, on behalf of the Gillies estate, giving notice of a claim for damages on account of T. H. & B. construction.

From W. J. Nex, giving notice of a claim for damages on account of T. H. & B. construction.

From the Kramer-Irwin Company in reference to its claim for extras on the street paving contract.

From Stanton & O'Heir, on behalf of William Lavelle, claiming damages for injuries sustained by a fall on the Jolley Cut road.

From Nesbitt, Gaud & Dickson, a writ in the action of W. H. Taylor vs. the City of Hamilton, claiming damages on account of the nuisance caused by the east end sewer.

AN EVENTFUL DAY.

After the opening routine Mayor Stewart referred to the opening of the T. H. & B. Railway and the smelting works that day, and said that he looked upon the day as one of the most important in the city's history. He hoped both concerns would be successful, and would be great feeders to the city's business. He expressed his gratitude to the aldermen for "enabling him" to bring the city's business to the close of the year with a handsome balance on hand, instead of an overdraft.

IMPROVED STREET SPRINKLERS.

The committee reports were hastened through until the waterworks report was called for. Chairman Hannaford announced that he had no report, but wished to put in a resolution in reference to street sprinklers. A short time ago the committee had decided upon getting five new wagons, and had let tenders. Since that time he had learned of a new sprinkler by which the water could be controlled so that little or much water could be used as desired. He therefore moved, seconded by Ald. Lees:

That the waterworks Committee be authorized to purchase five sets of the Studebaker improved street sprinklers for the purpose of placing them on the five new wagons ordered by this Council.

Mayor Stewart asked what the cost would be, and Ald. Hannaford replied: "About \$525."

THE T. H. & B. AGREEMENT.

Chairman Colquhoun, of the Finance Committee, submitted a report with an addition, recommending the adoption of the agreement between the city and the T. H. & B., discussed at the committee meeting in the afternoon.

Ald. Judd asked if the agreement gave the company the right to claim the whole of the bonus or any particular part.

Mr. McKee replied that the signing of the agreement had to be done before the company could even ask for the payment of any debentures.

The clause was adopted.

THE LEES-MORRIS ACCOUNT.

Ald. Hall referred to the item of \$20 in the accounts for the services of Mr. G. L. Stanton on behalf of Ald. Lees and Morris, when before the Police Commissioners two months ago, on the question of Sunday street cars. Last night he explained that the question having got into the courts, he and his second, Ald. Raycroft, thought it wise not to move the resolution, and he therefore asked leave to withdraw it. Leave was granted and Council adjourned.

SUNDAY CAR QUESTION.

Last April Ald. Hall gave notice of a motion, the effect of which was that a vote of the electors be taken at the time of the municipal elections on the question of Sunday street cars. Last night he explained that the question having got into the courts, he and his second, Ald. Raycroft, thought it wise not to move the resolution, and he therefore asked leave to withdraw it. Leave was granted and Council adjourned.

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6c. per yard for Unbleached Canton Flannel, worth 10c.

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