

The toast was honoured amidst the greatest enthusiasm, those present singing the National Anthem.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of "The Governor-General," said the Marquis of Lorne was not only the representative of Her Majesty, but he had married a Royal Princess, in whose welfare all Canadians felt the greatest interest. He belonged, also, to a very ancient and noble Scottish house, which gave him an additional claim to our regard. It was understood that their departure would take place before the close of the year, and he was convinced he expressed the general sentiment, when wishing them all prosperity wherever their lot was cast. He asked leave to make an addition to the toast, and proposed "His Excellency the Governor-General, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise."

This toast was also received with great enthusiasm.

"OUR GUEST."

Mr. CRAMP, in rising to propose the toast of the evening, said he desired to express his thanks to the members of the Club for the honour of presiding at this banquet to their President. The City Club was young, but its President was one of the most distinguished men in Canada. (Cheers.) Were he to attempt anything like an adequate reference to his public services, it would be a sort of history of Canada during a very long and eventful period. His own recollection dated back nearly forty years, and at that time, in 1844, Sir Francis was in Montreal editing a very influential journal, the *Pilot*. He had heard Sir Francis say not long ago that he was indebted to his connection with the press for the principal opportunities of his early career, and he (Mr. Cramp) would say that this fact placed them all under additional obligations to that important and powerful profession. (Hear, hear.) The time he was now referring to was a stormy period, and we now enjoyed what might be called a great calm. But it was well to recollect the struggles that had gone before, and we had now at his right hand one of the old pilots who had weathered the storm, and, having carried them through the dangers of the voyage, they rejoiced now to meet him in this snug harbour. (Cheers.) These were the early days of responsible Government, which had not been conceded without great difficulties, while there existed both in England and Canada, among powerful politicians, a great unwillingness to bring it thoroughly