
THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Eleventh Annual Dinner of the Society was held on March 15th, 1895, at the Queen's Hotel. It was unanimously pronounced one of the best the Society has ever held, the only regrettable feature being that more of our members did not interest themselves in making it a more decided success by their presence and co-operation.

The Society was honored by the attendance of representatives from the various National and Benevolent Societies of the city; also by a representative from the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society of Montreal, in the person of Mr. J. Hamilton Fern.

SUGGESTIONS.

The Council would earnestly recommend all Irish Protestants and their descendants to unite in the good work of increasing our membership, and so increase the usefulness of the Society in assisting the less fortunate of our people in their struggle to provide the necessities of life.

JAMES HUNTER,

President.

JOHN BAILIE,

Secretary.

Report of the Charitable Committee.

We beg to submit the Twenty-Fourth Annual Report of the Charitable Committee, being that for the year just ended.

In reviewing the work of the Committee we find a gradual increase of applications for relief, due no doubt to sickness, scarcity of work and the severity of the winter. We have, however, been enabled to meet the pressing wants of those deemed worthy of assistance. The very great number of undeserving applicants that continually besiege the office has made the distribution to the deserving more difficult.

Single men were assisted by railway tickets and cash to take them to other parts of the Province. Several of them have since returned letters of "thanks" for help received and report improvement in their worldly prospects.

Many aged widows without children to support them are receiving aid from the Society. In one of these cases the beneficiary is 105 years old.

Very distressing cases are frequently met with where immediate relief is requisite. In one instance the father and mother were destitute