

Another great spread was a dinner given by the town to the volunteers on their return from Sarnia, where they had been doing frontier service during the Fenian Raid days in 1866. One hundred and twenty sat down to the table, which was a most enthusiastic gathering. Mr. Detlor was mayor. This was followed shortly afterwards by a Confederation dinner of over eighty, the principal speakers being Hon. Donald MacDonald and Mr. James Dickson. Later on Sheriff Gibbons and Mr. M. C. Cameron gave me an order to prepare a dinner for the combined County and Town Council and their friends. This party was over one hundred. My instructions were to spare no expense, as they always did these affairs with a most liberal hand. A little later on the officers of the Militia entertained the officers of the two gunboats "Cherub" and "Prince Alfred." Then again I received an order to prepare a cricket match dinner for the Clinton and Goderich clubs.

This was followed shortly afterwards by a dinner given by the Bluejackets of the gunboat "Cherub" to celebrate the marriage of one of their shipmates to an English nurse brought out from England for Mrs. Huntly, the wife of the Captain commanding the ship. This was a very jolly affair, thanks to the lot of good old Naval songs, washed down by an abundance of good beer.

On five separate occasions I was requested to prepare dinners for various law students who had gone to Toronto to pass their final examinations to allow them to practice at the Bar. In this connection I will quote the history of these young men from an article I wrote several years ago entitled "Reminiscences of the Goderich Bar." It is both interesting as well as remarkable that the whole of these young graduates were elevated to the Bench. Here are their names:—Isaac F. Toms, B. L. Doyle, W. R. Squier, L. C. Moore and James T. Garrow. Probably an unparalleled record as well as an extraordinary coincidence. With reference to these law student dinners, which were always very interesting incidents being quite unique in their character, as I never heard of similar affairs in other places, the guests generally numbered about thirty, including