

ed to their unselfish efforts. The scene of festivities was Walker's, and he fully justified the good opinion entertained of him as a caterer. Covers were laid for over fifty. The menu card was an artistic one, the front containing a representation of a brief endorsed, "In the Court of Good Fellowship, Montreal; the Faculty of Law of McGill University, Plaintiff, vs. Defendant: List of Pleadings and Exhibits: filed Tuesday, February 7th, 1893; D. Walker, 231 St. James street, Attorney for Plaintiff."

Mr. Aimé Geoffrion, '93, presided, and to his right sat Mr. W. C. McDonald, Mr. Justice Doherty, Professor C. A. Geoffrion, Professor Fortin, Mr. Donald Macmaster, Q.C., and Mr. C. J. Fleet, while to his left were Mr. Justice Wurttele, Professor J. S. Archibald, Professor A. McGoun, Mr. R. A. E. Greenshields and representatives of the other faculties.

After the toast of "The Queen" had been submitted by the chairman, and loyally honored, Mr. Alexander R. Johnson, B.A., '93, submitted the toast of "Alma Mater," which was ably responded to by Professor J. S. Archibald. He directed attention to the progress of the Law Faculty. The Bar of the province gave evidence of the work of the Law Faculty of McGill, and he related a few reminiscences of student life twenty-eight years ago. There were no clubs for the purposes of sport then in connection with the University, no cricket or football team. They used to play Association football in a haphazard sort of a way. He referred to these accessories of a university because he believed they were more important than many necessary features.

Mr. A. Rives Hall, B.A., submitted the toast of "Dean and Professors" in a speech in which he freely criticized the examination papers submitted to the candidates for admission to the Bar, principally on account of their length.

Gordon MacDougall then favored with a song. Mr. Justice Wurttele, in reply to the toast of Dean and Professors, made a humorous speech, telling a number of amusing stories, specially to be appreciated by the legal and political fraternity. He referred to Alma Mater and his connection with the Law Faculty, recalling the time when as a professor he had to lecture to classes of four students. They had more professors than students. The professors worked for honor, not for emolument. He went on to discuss the appreciation of the grand Roman system of law,—the French civil law. Among the men who had graduated they saw men occupying positions of eminence in the land, in the Commons, at the Bar and on the Bench, men who did honor to the faculty from which they graduated. He referred to a few of these, among them Mr. C. A. Geoffrion, Mr. Donald Macmaster, Mr. Justice Doherty, Sir John Abbott and Mr. J. S. Archibald.

Mr. Justice C. J. Doherty on rising to speak was received with prolonged applause. He referred to his early experiences in legal study and in the professorate, and said he was called on to respond for men whom he had studied under. He then treated of the connections between the students and their professors, and expressed the hope that the students would attain the success the professors expected of them. In their stu-

dent days they did not have the advantages of the library, or others of a social nature. They were satisfied to jump into a sleigh and drive to the Back River, and they were not sorry if there was not a professor there. He was glad to see, however, that they had greater advantages in a social way, and were better equipped and better able to carry on their work than heretofore, thanks to the generosity of Mr. W. C. McDonald.

Mr. Justice Wurttele then paid a high compliment to the generosity of Mr. W. C. McDonald in equipping the Faculty, and proposed his health, which was honored with enthusiasm.

Mr. C. A. Geoffrion was given a hearty reception, and promised to respond for Mr. McDonald. Twenty-five years ago McGill was as great as now, but the students had not the facilities they had now, and this change was in great measure due to Mr. W. C. McDonald. He well remembered three French Canadian students—one was Wilfrid Laurier, one Sir Adolphe Caron and the other *himself*. (Applause and laughter.) There were now seven or eight of the same nationality. He had at heart the success of McGill. He believed it was the greatest university in America, and could not see why there were not more French-Canadians at McGill and more English at Laval. The increase in the number of students attending the Faculty was greatly due to the munificence of Mr. McDonald.

Prof. Fortin also made a humorous response in French, which was received with the heartiest applause, showing clearly that the popular professor occupies a warm place in the hearts of his students.

*Vive la Canadienne* was then sung by the whole room with full orchestral accompaniment.

Prof. McGoun made an eloquent reply, and Mr. Frank Curran favored with a song.

Mr. L. Gordon Glass then proposed the toast of the "Graduates," which was responded to by Mr. Donald Macmaster. *Inter alia* he said:—It must be remembered that the promotion in the profession is too often regulated more with reference to one's nationality or religion or politics than to his legal qualification, even though a mastery of the dual systems should be accomplished. The distinction to be obtained in the profession is, after all, provincial, and there is little before the aspiring candidate beyond this save immolation on the Bench. By which I do not mean that the Bench is less worthy of respect in this country than elsewhere, but that as a people we have failed to recognize that an independent Bench can only be secured by placing our judges beyond dependence. All honor to the men who have struggled to maintain independence. As I had occasion elsewhere to observe, a judge—European or native—in the High Court of India receives a salary of five thousand pounds per year, while our judges in a land, which we ourselves have designated as the brightest gem in the British crown, have to content themselves with one-fifth that sum, or precisely the same amount as the salary of a Hoogly pilot. And still we boast of our Western civilization. One of the first duties of all graduates in law, irrespective of politics or origin, is to rally to the support of the Bench, and to make their views felt on