

# THE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY BANQUET

St. Andrew's Day Celebration is Carried Out by Local Society Last Friday

Last Friday evening the members of the Caledonian Society of Restigouche observed St. Andrew's Day by holding a banquet in the Waverly Hotel here. About sixty guests sat down to well-laden tables, the president of the society, Mr. A. D. MacKendrick, taking the head of the table, supported by His Honor Judge McLatchey, Rev. J. J. McCaskill, St. John; Rev. T. P. Drumm, B. D., Chaplain of the society and His Worship Mayor Andrew. F. F. Matheson, Esq., Judge of Probate and Wm. Currie, Esq., Ex-M.P.P. acted as croupiers. There were also present Messrs M. A. Kelly, Alden Mowat, A. R. Fraser, H. R. Ackman, Moncton; R. B. Bambrick, Jacques River; H. W. Ferguson, H. A. Carr, S. Laughlan, Max M. Mowat, Jas. P. Jardine, A. G. Wallace, Murray Duncan, Tide Head; W. M. Ferguson, H. M. McLennan, H. C. Montgomery, H. R. Smith, John T. Mowat, M. S. Alexander, W. H. Marquis, E. H. Anderson, J. L. Winton, D. A. Stewart, M.L.A., Mayor W. S. Montgomery, Dalhousie; R. B. McBeath, A. E. G. McKenzie, Dr. Murray, R. W. Ferguson, J. D. McMillan, J. B. Graham, A. McG. McDonald, Jas. B. Sanson, Jas. W. Morton, J. C. McDonald, Chas. A. Alexander, W. M. McMillan, Harry Miller, J. H. McLean, F. E. Shepherd, A. F. Carr, G. Mercereau, T. R. Busted, Mayor of Mann; and John G. MacColl, Secretary.

The following was the menu and toast list.

**Menu**

**SOUP**

Celery, Lettuce and Radishes

**HAGGIS**

"Great Chieftain of the Pudden Race."

**ENTREE**

Orange Fritters, Lemon Sauce

**BOILED**

Dunn's Sugar Cured Ham

**ROAST**

Dressed Turkey, Cranberry Jelly

**RELISHES**

Tomato Ketchup, Heinz and Morton's Mixed Pickles, Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce

**VEGETABLES**

Creamed and Boiled Potatoes, Mash-ed Turnips, Boiled Green Peas

**DESSERT**

Steamed Fig Pudding, Hard and Cognac Sauce, Apple Pie, Hot Mince Pie

**FRUIT**

Layer Raisins, Assorted Nuts, Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Cheese, Crackers, Cafe Noir

**TOASTS**

The King By the Chairman

Chairman's Remarks.

Reading of Congratulatory Messages

The Secretary

Song, Scots Wha Hae Mr. H. W. Ferguson.

Toast, "The Day We Honor"

Proposed by Rev. T. P. Drumm, B. D., Reply, Rev. J. J. McCaskill, St. John. Quaretted, "Annie Laurie"

Toast, "Our Country", Proposed by Wm. Currie, Esq.

Replies by The Hon. H. F. McLatchey, A. G. McKenzie, Esq., W. S. Montgomery, Esq., D. A. Stewart, Esq. M.P.P.

Reading, Mr. H. R. Smith

Toast, "Our Friends Across the Border,"

Proposed by D. C. Firth

Reply by F. Matheson, Esq. Judge of Probate.

Song, "Asleep in the Deep," Mr. H. N. Ackman.

Toast, "Our Toon," Proposed by D. Murray, Esq. M. D.

Reply, His Worship Mayor A. A. Anderson.

Pipe Music Piper, H. McLennan

Toast, "Our Guests," Proposed by A. McG. McDonald, Esq.

Reply, T. R. Busted, Esq. Mayor of Mann, and others.

Toast, "Our Host" By the Chair.

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

Immediately after the soup the strains of the pipes were heard, and the Haggis was played to the table by Piper H. McLennan, the national dish being borne aloft by Marshall H. W. Ferguson, the waiters bringing up at the rear. Everyone was highly delighted with the Haggis, the Rev. Mr. McCaskill saying that it was the best he had tasted for years, and remarked that in St. John they really did not know the taste of haggis.

The dinner which was served in splendid style by Mr. Gorman's able staff was about the best that the society ever had in this town, and much praise was lavished on the table appointments. The decorations in the room were done by Messrs W. M. Ferguson and A. G. Wallace, long streamers of tartan being carried over the electrolights and up to the ceiling.

After the toast to the King, the chairman in a few well-chosen words welcomed the guests to this, the first dinner since the reorganization of the society. He recalled that the society had been first organized about twenty years ago, greatly through the efforts of a past president and honorary member, Mr. Arch. McKenzie.

Mr. McKendrick further stated that the society ought to feel proud at this time, for through the efforts of the executive the membership now exceeded ninety. (applause).

The secretary then read letters of apology for absence from James Reid, Esq., M.P., and John McAllister, Esq., an honorary member of the society.

Felicitous greetings were read from kindred societies in Halifax, St. John, Chatham, a d Fredericton, and copies of congratulatory messages read which were sent to Vancouver, Montreal, Chatham, Fredericton, Halifax, and St. John.

After the song "Scots wha hae" which was well rendered by Mr. H. W. Ferguson, Rev. T. P. Drumm proposed the toast of the evening, "The day we honor", coupling with it the name of

the chaplain of St. Andrew's Society, St. John, Rev. J. J. McCaskill.

Rev. T. P. Drumm in his own humorous fashion told his stories yet kept the guests both grave and gay, while he briefly spoke on what St. Andrew's Day should really mean to Scotmen. One of Mr. Drumm's stories which especially tickled some of the members is worth repeating. He said that a good decent Scotsman returned to his native place, Pictou County, after an absence of nearly thirty years, and was deploring to his listeners how much the present day children had degenerated. In his day said the traveller, the children were brought up on "Porridge and the Shorter Catechism," now nothing would suit them but Tasted Corn Flakes and Eaton's Catalogue.

On rising to reply, Rev. Mr. McCaskill was given a rousing reception, after which he thanked the members of the society for the privilege of addressing them, and congratulated the executive on the success of the dinner. Mr. McCaskill got on good terms with his audience straight away his story against the Secretary being richly enjoyed by all.

In the course of a lengthy address which was intently listened to, Mr. McCaskill said that even as the Israelites of old gave to the world the form of religion, the Romans, the form of law and order, the Greeks the form of beauty in arts and architecture, so to the Scottish nation is allowed the credit of giving to the world the spirit of Freedom, in manhood, in government and all that pertains to a national life.

From that little rocky land well named "noo" has gone out a force and an inspiration, which has been felt all over the known world. Scottish spirit and character is recognized everywhere, and it was generated in the humble homes and pious environment of the Scottish peasantry. Speaking of the men who had made Scotland famous, the rev. gentleman gave a scholarly oration on the manly character of the great Scottish poet Burns, that sweet singer of the land of heather and flood. There was no necessity for anyone to apologise for the weaknesses of the poet, living as he did in an age when he was no better and no worse than his contemporaries, great men all of them, men of even worse habits than Burns, yet no word of scandal or scorn was ever thrown on their memory. Burns in his life ever showed the worst side of himself, yet always did his duty manfully and nobly, where others of lesser mind would have turned aside. At the conclusion of his speech, the gentleman was given a great ovation.

After "Annie Laurie" had been sung as a Male Quartette by Messrs R. J. Lavoie, G. Mercereau, H. W. Ferguson, and John G. MacColl, the toast to "Our Country" was proposed by Wm. Currie, Esq., Vice-President of the society. Mr. Currie spoke of the development of Canada, especially that of the West, and said that there was nothing to hinder us in the East to go on in even a more prosperous way. Coming from one who had spent some time in the West, it was pleasant to hear, and duly appreciated, the fact that in our own county of Restigouche and along the Matapedia Valley is found scenery second to none in this vast dominion of ours.

Replies to the toast were made by His Honor Judge McLatchey, A. E. McKenzie, W. S. Montgomery, Mayor of Dalhousie, and D. A. Stewart, M. P.

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Judge McLatchey spoke of the development of our country since Confederation, holding up to honor the men of that time who showed a Scottish spirit in sinking party, and uniting in a common cause to do what was best for the country as a whole.

Mr. A. E. G. McKenzie continued Judge McLatchey's theme in speaking of the growth of Canada after Confederation, showing how the environment of the Scottish homes had much to do with the development of many great minds, men who had made their mark on the roll of honor.

Mayor Montgomery in the course of his reply said that the previous speakers had dealt with our country at Confederation, and since Confederation, and he must needs go back to before Confederation. He spoke of the great pioneers, who in burning heat and winter's snow, carried on the great work of opening to civilization a great and unknown world. Building the steel path for commerce across the trackless prairie, or making a market for trade in the wastes of the frozen north, who were they? Intrepid Scotsmen every one. Mr. D. A. Stewart laughingly said that the previous speakers had stolen all his ammunition, and after congratulating the society on its attaining a new lease of life, briefly spoke of the great possibilities of our own county and the country round about us.

Mr. H. R. Smith then entertained the company to two readings given in his own excellent way.

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the exports to the United States from this consular district were increasing year by year in leaps and bounds, and our neighbors across the line had new friendships, business and social among our people here. Mr. H. Roy Ackman sang "Asleep in the Deep," acceptably. Dr. Murray then proposed "Our Toon," which was replied to by His Worship Mayor Andrew. In the course of his reply, the Mayor spoke of projects which will take up the attention of the council in the near future, among other things being the necessity for a public park, the extension of the water and sewerage systems, and the great problem of better streets and sidewalks. Speaking of the enforcement of the bye-laws with regard to shade in the fire district, His Worship said that when he accepted the position of Mayor of the town, he went into the council feeling that he would be able to get this matter fixed once and for all, but alas, the law's delay were both vexatious and long, and nothing had yet been done, but he felt certain that by the spring there would be some improvement.

Pipe music was then supplied by Piper H. McLennan, after which the toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by A. McG. McDonald, Esq. This was replied to briefly by T. R. Busted, Esq., Mayor of Mann, W. S. Montgomery, Mayor of Dalhousie, and R. B. Bambrick, Esq. of Jacques River. Mr. Busted in his reply gave a striking statement with regard to the necessity of a bridge connecting the counties of Restigouche and Bonaventure, the enormous area of territory which was served from Campbellton as a distributing centre, surprising many. He jokingly remarked that his home was three miles from Campbellton, but to get to the banquet he left home at half-past two in the afternoon, and after doing the "grand circle," arrived in Campbellton at half past nine. The bridge must come he said, not the bridge that the good God gives us every winter, but a bridge that will be open for traffic all the year round.

The toast to "Our Host" was then proposed and drunk to enthusiastically, and the evening closed with the singing of "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne." After the banquet a pleasing little duty was performed by Mrs. Gorman, wife of the host, who presented each of the guests with a lovely deep red rose, and a few words of appreciation.

The banquet which was one that will long remain in the memory of the members, gives the executive much heart to go forward, and plans will be made in the near future for the celebration of "Burn's Night." A meeting of the executive will be held in a few days to make arrangements for this entertainment.

Although the membership is now larger than it ever was, the executive feel that there are still a number of eligible Scotsmen who were members of the old Society, who have not yet sent in their names, and as the records of the old society were all destroyed in the fire, it is hoped that those who are interested will make application for membership before the next meeting.

As the Toronto Globe remarks, those who glorified in the frustration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's plan to avert the most serious features of the threatened increase in the cost of living are not so joyful now as they were when the election returns came in.

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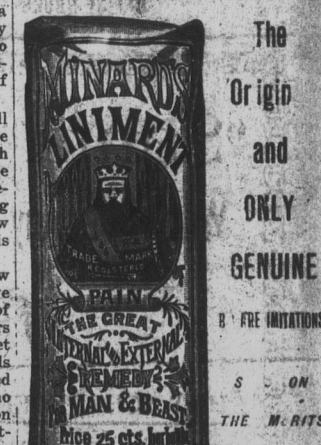


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