

Blue Ribbon
Twenty-Third Year
House of Commons
Quarter of a Century
LIBERAL LEADERSHIP

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Splendid Banquet Attended by R. L. Borden, F. D. Monk and Other Party stalwarts in Dominion and Provincial Politics—Kind Words and Sage Advice Exchanged.

It was little wonder that J. P. Whitney, leader of the opposition, expressed his inability last evening to marshal into words his gratitude for the banquet tendered him at McConkey's by the Liberal-Conservative members of the Ontario legislature. Every seat around the tables in the capacious hall was occupied, and from the point of enthusiasm and outward display of admiration for the guest of the evening, the banquet was one of the most successful ever held in the city. Union Jacks were tastefully arranged on the walls at the rear of the guest, and the gaiety of the scene was added to by the presence of a bevy of the fair sex in the parlors.

The proceedings were enlivened with musical numbers. An initiatory event was a limelight snap shot at the gathering. Prominent Liberal-Conservatives were present from a great many points in the Dominion.

J. J. Foy, K.C., chairman of the Reception Committee, presided, on his right being Mr. Whitney, the guest, and H. D. Monk, M.P., and on his left Hon. R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons.

An excellent menu was served, the tables veritably groaning with dainties and a generous supply of liquid refreshments, amongst which sparkling Apollinaris was strikingly conspicuous.

The Toast List.
 After the above had been partaken of the chairman arose and amidst enthusiastic cheering and applause, he toasted the King and Queen, which was appropriately honored by the Letters of regret were afterwards read by the secretary, T. A. Wardell, M.P., from St. Catharines, Mr. D. Oronchikha, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Arnold of Bracebridge, Mr. W. H. Brown, Mr. G. H. Bergeron, who would only be exceeded by Mr. Whitney, M.P., and G. H. Bergeron, who evoked vigorous cheering.

In proposing the next toast, that of Canada, Mr. M. Scamblan, M.L.A., of the East Simcoe, said that of the happiest moments of his life to be present at such a large gathering, which was doing honor to the Dominion and entered leader of the Liberal-Conservative party. (Applause.) As a patriot the Liberal-Conservative always placed the glory of his country in the forefront of his mind, and Canada stood high to-day among the countries of the world in a different place, he would say that no Conservative gathering would be allowed to proceed in regard to the man who did so much to make the British Empire what it is to-day, forsooth, were the humble followers of the policy propounded by him. (Applause.)

Continuing, Mr. Whitney commended the services of Mr. Foy, for loyalty and devotion to his party principles, and they were unexcelled in political history. Going back to the time when the Liberal-Conservative party, especially with regard to education and agriculture.

Will Let Ross Steer.
 Alluding to the prohibition bill, he said Mr. Ross had got himself into a stew and it was the interest of the Conservatives to let him stew. (Applause.)

Friends of the Stead.
 Mr. Borden was greeted with enthusiastic cheers and waving of handkerchiefs. He assured all that by his enthusiasm and energy in the past there was little doubt who would be the next premier of the Province of Ontario. (Applause.) He said he was much moved by the kindly reception they had given to the toast, but he did not feel that he could do more for the honor of his country than to stand by the side of the man who had done so much for the Dominion.

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LOSS LAST NIGHT BY BURNING OF MENZIE MANUFACTURING CO. AND MERCHANTS' DYING AND FINISHING COMPANY, PARKDALE, IN EXCESS OF TOTAL FIRE LOSS FOR 1902—INSURANCE WILL EQUAL \$150,000.

But the Fire Spread.
 Despite all efforts the flames spread across the top of the east end of the building, which was the most serious part of the fire. The fire spread rapidly, and the flames were seen to rise into the air. The fire spread rapidly, and the flames were seen to rise into the air.

It Went Quietly.
 In less than half an hour the flames had fallen in, and the fire was under control. The fire spread rapidly, and the flames were seen to rise into the air.

A Tank of Benzene.
 Another source of danger to the fire was a small building in the rear, in which was a tank of benzene. The fire spread rapidly, and the flames were seen to rise into the air.

Flames in Possession.
 When they arrived the building where the fire originated was in complete possession of the flames. The fire spread rapidly, and the flames were seen to rise into the air.

A Little Over an Hour.
 A little over an hour after the fire broke out all the damage had been done. The fire spread rapidly, and the flames were seen to rise into the air.

Five Hundred Casualties.
 The exact cause of the fire will probably never be known, but it is believed to have originated from a spontaneous combustion. The fire spread rapidly, and the flames were seen to rise into the air.

Entire Neighborhood Wrecked.
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Final Bank Game to-night, 8 o'clock.
 Belleville, Feb. 20.—While a party from the city were crossing the bay last night in a bus en route to a wedding at Amelburg, the vehicle upset, and a lamp set on fire. The members of the party escaped with difficulty. The bus was consumed.

Back Again to-day.
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Preference for Colonial Goods in British Markets.
 Montreal, Feb. 20.—Preferential trade with the empire won a splendid victory to-day amongst the merchant princes of the commercial metropolis. The resolution given below was adopted at a large meeting of the Montreal Board of Trade, with but one dissenting voice.

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LIBERALS IN CONTROL OF SENATE

House Was Not Full Yesterday—Conservatives Yielded, and the Government Will Nominate a Majority of Their Followers on the Committee.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Liberals have captured the Senate. The capture of the Conservative forces took place this afternoon, when the government announced that he could not summon a working majority in the Senate. He intended to nominate a majority of Liberals on the Senate committee.

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