

and guests to the number of 140 lined the tables, and the after dinner speeches were able and well received.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RESIGNED.

Immediately after the last annual meeting, Messrs. F. W. Stobart and John Galt, who had been elected to membership on the Council, sent in their resignations. The Council, under authority of our by-laws, thereon elected Messrs. N. Bawlf and W. D. Pettigrew to fill the vacancies.

SETTLEMENT OF VACANT LANDS.

A committee of the Council took up the matter of securing settlers for the vacant lands in the vicinity of Winnipeg with Mr. W. C. Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, in May last, asking him if the railway company would assist a local organization in bringing these lands to the notice of intending settlers as a field for settlement. Mr. Van Horne agreed to place any lists of lands for sale in this district in the hands of their principal land officers, who would present them to persons asking information on this subject, and would also assist in any other way that the company could in getting these lands settled on. The Committee afterwards agreed that, in their opinion, the only feasible way to secure settlers under existing circumstances, was for owners of lands in this district to form a company and place their lands in the hands of an executive to dispose of after a fair valuation had been placed upon them. Since May a company, having in a general way the plan outlined above as their object, has been incorporated.

FLOUR BRANDING,

It having been brought to the notice of the Council that, in cases, flour, ground in mills in Ontario of wheat grown in Ontario is placed and sold in sacks branded "Strong Bakers," etc., and in some instances branded "Manitoba Flour"; the matter was, after reference to the Flour Board, represented to the Department of Inland Revenue, at Ottawa, with the request that it be looked into. The Department was also