

HONORABLE JUSTICE CRAIG

The New Judge for Dawson Royally Banqueted.

By the People of His Own Town, Renfrew, Ont., Before His Leaving for the Yukon.

Hon. Mr. Justice James Craig, of Renfrew, Ontario, who has been appointed as an associate justice for the Yukon, was royally banqueted by his fellow townsmen and many friends preparatory to his starting for Dawson, at which place he is expected to arrive in a very few days. The Renfrew Mercury of June 1st gives a five column description of the happy occasion of which the following are a few extracts:

"It must have been just about the time that Hon. Mr. Justice Craig cast in his lot with Renfrew as a young lawyer that the town took public farewell of the auditor-general of Canada, John Lorn McDougall, ex-M. P. Not in the twenty-two or twenty-three years that have elapsed since that event, has there been any public function that at all approached in brilliance that of Monday night of this week, when the town took formal farewell of another of its citizens who has been called on to devote his abilities and energies to the service of his country in a larger sphere.

"This later banquet was a gratifying success, from all points of view. The temperance hall, which was used as the banqueting hall, and which on some former occasions has been prettily decorated, never looked handsomer. To the flags and bunting and patriotic pictures, which have before this found place on its walls, there was this time added the glamor of handsome mirrors, the contrast of the snowy napery of the tastily set tables, the glint of the glassware and silver, the decorative effect of the ornamental pottery and of the floral pieces.

"Soon after 9 o'clock, Mayor Moss, who presided, invited the gathering to take their seats: and very shortly the tables were well lined. At the head table sat the guest of the evening, Hon. Mr. Justice Craig, to the right of the chairman, and his father, George Craig, esq."

After nearly every known subject had been toasted, Mr. Chas. McDowell arose and read the following address:

"To the Hon. Mr. Justice Craig.
"Hon. Sir: You see gathered together tonight a number of the citizens of the town of Renfrew, your fellow townsmen for over twenty years, and other of your friends: all assembled to express to you their mingled feelings on your departure to assume responsible duties as associate judge and member of the executive council of the newly developed and important Yukon district.

"We cannot help giving expression to our feeling of loss in parting with one who has in so many ways made his presence felt to our advantage. As a friend and associate, you have endeared yourself to many. As a citizen, you have ever shown yourself on the side of progress and development. As a member of the town council, and as its head, you have rendered valuable service in organization and management. As our representative in the county council, your talents have often been used for our weal.

"This selfish regret, however, is lost sight of in the pleasure we feel that our country has recognized your worth, and offered you a position where your many talents will be more widely appreciated, and your influence for good extended.

"We also rejoice in your own advancement, believing as we do that you will do credit to and honor the high position to which you have been called.

"Be assured, Hon. Sir, that our good wishes will go with you to your new home, and that the prosperity of Mrs. Craig, yourself and daughter will ever be our fervent prayer; trusting that a kind Providence may spare us all for a joyous re-union.

Renfrew, May 28th, 1900."

On behalf of the Odd Fellows, Mr. J. H. Walford read the following address:

"Marion Lodge, No. 131.
"Renfrew, 28th May, 1900.

"To the Hon. Mr. Justice Craig.

"Dear Sir and Brother: It has given your brother Odd Fellows of Renfrew much pleasure to hear of your advancement to a high and important position by the government of the country, and they wish to extend their sincere congratulations to you.

"During the many years you have been a resident of this town you have made steady advancement both professionally and socially, and no doubt the

present will be but another step in your upward course.

"It has been a pleasure to us to have your name enrolled with ours in the work of Odd Fellowship, and now that you are about to leave the town, we feel that these fraternal ties which bind all true Odd Fellows together as a family, if not broken will at least suffer by your absence.

"We trust that your new sphere of labor and the associations you will form in your western home will be pleasant to you, and that you may be long spared in health and strength to enjoy them, and trusting also that in your continued prosperity you may not forget the old associations which have been formed in Renfrew."

In reply, Mr. Craig said that a man would be indeed of a cold nature if he was not affected by all the kind things that had been said that night. He felt that they were not all meant exactly for himself, but for the office he now held. (No, No!) While he did not take all of the flattering words that had been spoken, to himself, he had tried to do his little best, and had been more than repaid by the kindness of Renfrew's people. To Renfrew he owed all he had, and had always had extended to him kindness and clarity to his failings. He would never forget this town, which he looked on as his first home and which he hoped would be his last home. It was a pleasure to think that after all the contests and political battles, he was leaving with good will. He thought the political battles in South Renfrew had not been as bitter as in many constituencies, and he hoped that he had contributed in some measure to this. At all events, he could look to some of his Conservative opponents as his best and warmest personal friends. When he came to Renfrew, a young man, he had entered on political work simply from enthusiasm for his party and its leaders and for love of the work, and with no thought of reward. Gradually the thought had dawned on him that some day he might possibly represent the Riding, and he had no hesitation in saying that he would have been glad to have done this. But he thought the office should seek the man. His name had come before his party ten years ago, and had not been received. His call never came. And now he left political life for ever, did not suppose he would ever make a political speech again. When a man came to 50 years of age, he felt it was too late for him to think of entering parliament. He was pleased that Mr. Latchford had told them that he had not sought this honor. It had been offered him six months ago and he had refused it then. Offered again, he had accepted it. He confessed that he would rather not have gone so far away; had had some hope of possibly being appointed county judge in this county. But he was to go to a far distant land. His life here had been a happy one. And he hoped that in his new labors he would be as successful as they had been kind enough to say he had been here. He thanked them also for their kindness to Mrs. Craig. Theirs had been a happy life here. He added a word or two of thanks to his brother Odd Fellows. He belonged to many societies. But he had observed and knew none that attended to their sick brethren as promptly as they of that society, and from what he saw of their good works had been led to join them.

The Masons also tendered the distinguished gentleman a banquet before his departure.

Holding Her Own.
Two weeks ago it looked as though the city would be almost depopulated by the time a few more steamers sailed for down the river; but, notwithstanding the fact that every steamer that goes that way is loaded to her full capacity, there are almost as many people here now as at any time during the spring. There are many hundreds landing in Dawson from up the river who are not seen to walk off gang planks when steamers arrive. They come in scows and small boats and their arrivals are not announced by the tinkling of brass or the sounding of cymbals; but they get here and go to fill the ranks depleted by the down river exodus. It is estimated that from 600 to 1000 people have arrived in Dawson by craft other than steamers within the past 10 days.

Outspoken Cecil Rhodes.
This habit on the part of Mr. Rhodes to betray himself has not been without its value in immediate connection with the present war. On the 17th of March last the Daily Mail, a journal warmly devoted to his interests, published, above the signature of "Julian Ralph," what purported to be "A talk with Mr. Cecil Rhodes," immediately after the retreat of Kimberley. Here is an extract, professing to give Mr. Rhodes' own words:

"Glad to have Kimberley relieved? Of course, we are all glad; but, in

heaven's name, why was it not done sooner? What was the good of all that messing about at Rensburg and Cotesberg? Why did they not do at first what was so readily done at last? The earlier plans were different, you say? I should think they were! There is little use telling you what Gen. Buller's plans were, I suppose; you people in England have such wonderful ideas about his generalship. Do you know what his orders to Lord Methuen were with regard to Kimberley? They were these: Methuen was to come here, relieve the town, carry all the people away out of it, and then fall back to Orange river. * * * I say that it is scandalous. It would have been a disgrace upon England had it been carried out. Take all these people away, leave the town, and fall back to Orange river! I don't refer to the abandonment of the town as a disgrace, but to the falling back to Orange river. Why should an English general plan a retreat, arrange to fall back? It is simply monstrous!"

Moonlight Photography.
It has remained for a Dawson firm of photographers to accomplish what has been heretofore considered an impossibility, perfect moonlight photography, the feasibility of which has been most successfully demonstrated by Messrs. Atwood & Cantwell, who have succeeded in picturing all the tints and shades of moonlight, to secure which a continuous exposure of two hours is required, which produces an effect as natural as the moonlight itself. The pictures secured by Messrs. Atwood & Cantwell at the summit at midnight on the 21st are wonders, as it is only in the far northland that such "sittings" are to be had.

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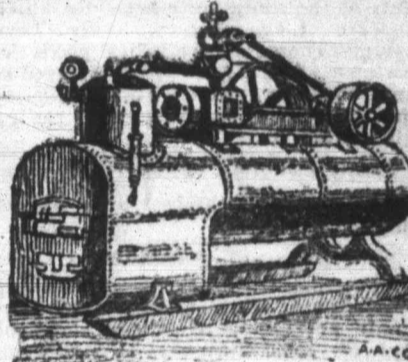
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