

open to discussion, I beg to move, seconded by Counsellor G. W. Hatchet: That this Society having in view the creation of a National sentiment, and recognizing the importance of an increased list of membership, decides to celebrate its First Annual Dinner on ——— day of ———, 1878. Mr. Macphaister resumed his seat amid loud applause.

Counsellor HATCHET—I think our President has put the matter very clearly and sensibly, and it gives me much pleasure to second his motion. Looking at it in a practical light, I am of the opinion that it covers all the ground necessary at the present stage of this meeting. Gentlemen, I am a practical man and have a habit of saying just what I think on all occasions, and from my experience in public matters, I must admit that the only unanimity which exists upon topics relating to the Corporation, is found at those occasional festive gatherings to which my *confreres* are no strangers. Whether it be a lunch at the New Cut, or at the Water Works; or an official inspection of the Mountain Park, if we do not always meet as brothers on a common footing, we invariably go away with an exalted opinion of ourselves. I say that is just the spirit we should cultivate here. (Applause) As an illustration how elevated it makes a man feel,—let me tell you that I once knew of one who was present at a corporation lunch who felt so good after it, that he would'nt speak to himself for a week. (Applause and laughter). And he was'nt a proud man, either. As there is a great deal yet to be done, I beg to second the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN—I hope there will be no discussion on this motion, but that it will carry unanimously. Let us not have it said there was one dissentient voice in this matter.

Mr. JONATHAN R. FRUGAL—As dinners do not intoxicate, even if toasts have that tendency, I beg to express my hearty concurrence with the motion. (Loud cheers.