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"The Montreal House" which was referred to as the best hotel in Canada "just as tonight, we are referring to the Mount Royal Hotel as the finest hotel in the British Empire."

After further insights into the hotel life of the city, the Premier said, in conclusion:

"It is of the bearing of this feature upon the social life of our nation that I should like to conclude with just a further word. Not only is this hotel a record of our commercial and industrial greatness, but it is and above all else should continue to be a symbol of national unity and international good will. Here, as nowhere else in Canada, will assemble men and women of different races, different origins, different creeds and different tongues. The citizens of our own country and the stranger within our gates. What greater tribute could be paid to our country than that the student of many centuries hence looking back upon the records of our day should find that the traveller of the 20th century was able to say that having travelled through our vast Dominion he found its people 'like one large family.' We are one large family in our celebration on this occasion. We who come from many parts. To be at all times and in all places as citizens of our great Dominion as members of one large family, is to serve at once the ends alike of the highest enjoyment and the truest patriotism."

Sir Lomer Gouin, followed the premier, and referred to the continuous movement of progress which had resulted in Montreal becoming the metropolis of the Dominion with a population of almost one million.

Congratulating the president and directors of the company, he declared their enterprise reflected confidence in Montreal and in Canada, which was all the more gratifying when it was exhibited by men from south of the line.

DOOR NEVER SHUT.

Frank Dudley, president of the United Hotels company, expressed his appreciation of all those who had taken their part in the construction of the hotel, after which he called on Vernon G. Cardy, resident manager to step to the front. With Mr. Cardy in view of the guests, he presented him with a golden key with the remark: "The door of the hotel is now unlocked. This key is a symbol of your authority and I admonish you that the door must never be locked."

W. A. Mackenzie, Walter Stabler,

comptroller of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York, F. M. Tierney, president of the American hotel association, John H. Dodgson, president of the Dominion Commercial Travellers association, and Frank Sumner, president of the Montreal branch added their mead of praise to the company which built the hotel and then there were calls for Sir Henry Thornton, who however, after a few jocular remarks, resumed his seat.

The whole company then adjourned to the ball room on the ninth floor, where merriment reigned supreme for several hours.

Bewitching music; an excellent floor, and admirable arrangements for resting combined to make the ball a thing of delight for the hundreds on the floor, and there were repeated and insistent demands for encores which the orchestra gave ungrudgingly.

AMONG THE GUESTS.

Among the guests were: Walter Mitchell, M.P.; Herbert M. Marler, M.P.; Ald. H. B. Seybold, representing the Mayor of Montreal; Lt.-Col. The Hon. W. J. Shaughnessy, K.C.; Brig.-Gen. F. S. Melghen, W. W. Butler, F. W. Molson, Geo. Caverhill, Gordon C. Cushing, A. D. McTier, Hugh Allan, Gen. J. B. White, F. H. Clegue, G. A. Ross, Dr. Wm. Birkett, H. E. Shorey, Col. McBain, W. A. Fensom, Geo. A. Cantlie, E. A. Sweet, Mortimer Davis, jr., E. M. Boomer, Gen. Leslie Kincaid (New York), E. R. Decary, Grant Hall, Col. Starke, Dr. W. G. Reilly, W. A. Jellett, Wm. Walbank, Guy Tombs, A. Gaboury, W. A. Tuttle, H. P. Buell, Dr. Shires, Major Bell, G. H. Duggan, Wm. Rutherford, A. McA. Murphy, Dr. H. S. Birkett, Colin Campbell, Lt.-Col. McTaggart, George H. Montgomery, K.C., M. P. Fennell, Charles Gurd, Walter Gurd, Dr. E. M. Desaulniers, George McNamee, Joseph Stanford, Adelard Raymond, Douglas Bremner, W. G. Ross, Hon. Frank Carrel, James Carruthers, Dr. R. Craig, E. E. Cummings, Gregor Barclay, K.C., W. P. Kearney and W. S. Weldon.

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