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MAYFLOWER JUBILEE.

Some eighteen citizens, principally young men, met fifty years ago on 9th February, 1848, and instituted Mayflower Division, S. of T., only six years after the Order itself first came into existence. The applicants for the charter were E. A. Crawley, D. D., R. M. Barratt, Jas. W. Munroe, Jas. Gordon, W. A. Hendry, Jas. C. Barratt, Jno. R. Willis, Jno. Miller, Alpin Grant, Edw. Barnstead, C. A. Waterman, Thos. Bennett, Alex. Simson, A. Fraser, Jno. Buckpitt, J. K. Rouselle, J. Willoughby, Wm. Muir, H. D. Barratt. Of these Alpin Grant and Wm. Muir were guests at the Jubilee celebration of Mayflower, held in the Division Room, Cornwallis Street, last evening. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from a number of dignitaries, including Premier Murray (who had a meeting of the Executive on), Mayor Stephen (who stated that this was the evening of the annual City Council meeting for granting licenses, which could not be deferred according to law), Rev. H. D. deBlois, the G. W. P., and others. The chairman (Bro. Wm. Murray) stated that Mr. deBlois was a native of Halifax; they had played together as boys fifty years ago; then their paths separated, he to the wheelwright's bench, young deBlois to King's College; and in all the interval he had never met the latter until when last year, in the Division Room, he was elected head of the Order in Nova Scotia—(a position which now both have occupied).

The spacious Division hall was tastefully decorated with flowers and flags and welcome mottoes. Bro. James Harris, of the N. S. Nursery, had made a bower of beauty of the head of the room; and the extremely pleasing arrangement