

THE QUEBEC ASSOCIATION'S BANQUET.



DUNBAR BROWNE
President Quebec Press Association

THE men who help to mould public opinion in the Province of Quebec—the Quebec Press Association—foregathered with a lot of their friends at the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, on Saturday evening, April 11. After doing justice to the really excellent dinner provided by Mr. Henry Hogan, who is the personal friend of all the older newspaper men in the province, they communed together, under the direction of their president, Dunbar Browne, of The Shareholder. They did so in their own way, with short pithy speeches.

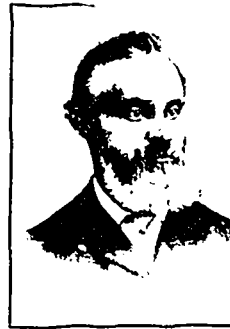
Brother Brierley, of St. Thomas, who sat in the seat of honor on the chairman's right, represented the sister association of Ontario. Mayor Wilson Smith, who is a journalist himself, being the proprietor and editor of The Insurance Chronicle, sat on the left of the chair, and gathered at the other tables were: R. R. Samuel, of The Electrical Age; J. B. MacLean, of PRINTER AND PUBLISHER; Henry Mason, Trade Bulletin; P. D. Ross, Ottawa Journal; H. Harvey, Trade Review; Alfred Leithhead, Star; W. E. Cooper, Star; R. S. White, Collector of Customs; J. P. Roche, Gazette; E. G. O'Connor, Herald; Robert Reid; George R. Flint, Witness; Col. F. Massey, president Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association; Ald. E. G. Penny; Lieut.-Col. Stevenson; P. F. W. Campbell, Dean Bishop's University; Hon. Peter Mitchell; B. Hal Brown; G. E. Langlois, La Patrie; Frank Murphy, manager Academy of Music; R. G. Starke; Rev. John B. Pyke; M. Porteous; J. T. Mitchell, Witness; G. H. de Kermeno, Minerve; J. A. Garvin, W. E. Burgess, Miller McConnell, Herald; A. G. Macpherson, W. A. Weir; C. S. Roy, La Patrie; Jos. R. Roy.

Mr. James Harper, secretary treasurer of the Press Association, read letters of regret for non attendance from the following: H. Beaugrand, La Patrie; D. McNicoll, passenger traffic manager C.P.R., and N. J. Power, general passenger agent G.T.R. Sir Mackenzie Bowell wrote saying that nothing would give him greater pleasure than to spend an evening in the company of the association, and regretting that his public engagements prevented him from leaving the capital.

Before proposing the toasts of "the Queen" and "Governor-General," President Browne spoke a few words on the importance of looking after the junior members of the profession. They were the men of the future and the older members should make it a point to associate with them more and draw them out. He concluded with the loyal toasts named, and then the health and prosperity of Canada was drunk with three times three. The Hon. Peter Mitchell, in responding, gave a very interesting talk on the difficulties he had experienced getting the Maritime Provinces to agree to confederation. He extolled the proud position which the Canada of to-day had attained as a result thereof. There was no country with greater facilities, with greater security to life and property and with a greater degree of justice administered by the courts of the land. "Sink party politics," said Mr. Mitchell, "when the interests of our country are to be considered. I am an old pressman and I

have suffered dearly for it. I am no party man, I am a New Brunswick Liberal, born one, brought up and educated one, and I will die one."

President Brierley, of the Canadian Press Association of Ontario, opened a capital speech by some pleasing compliments to the beauty and financial position of the city of his hosts. It was a city of which they had every reason to be proud—not only Montrealers, but all other Canadians, for, as the speaker pointed out, its progress and development, from the days of La Salle to the present time, were so intimately associated with the growth of the country in general that one could not be divorced from the other. He then went on to speak of the work that was being done by the Ontario Association, pointing out that its intent was the practical benefit of its members. With this object in view their annual conventions were devoted to the discussion of all matters pertaining to the business of publishing a newspaper. He showed clearly how the conventions of the Ontario Association were made valuable to those who attended by the interchange of ideas on such subjects,



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for instance, as uniformity of advertising and printing rates, publication of advertisements and in other ways emphasizing the responsibility of newspaper proprietors to the public. He urged that if the responsibility was not recognized the result would be slovenly work. He illustrated his argument by a comparison of the treatment accorded the Venezuelan troubles by the English and Canadian and American press respectively. The

former had treated the matter calmly and logically, while the latter had seized on the sensational features and neglected all else. That such a course was dangerous none could deny. If the Press Associations could educate the profession up to a higher standard in all matters of this kind and the cultivation of a broad national spirit among Canadians their work would not be useless. President Brierley closed an eloquent and patriotic address by urging his hosts to extend their provincial association with the view of merging it into a Dominion association, and promised the hearty co-operation of the Ontario Association in this connection.

Speeches from P. D. Ross, of The Ottawa Journal, His Worship the Mayor, Col. Stevenson and Dr. F. W. Campbell, all short and crisp, followed. During the evening there was some capital singing, Johnny Roche, of The Gazette, giving "The Vicar of Bray" as he usually does, and Bob White, in lieu of a speech, the patriotic song and chorus, "There's a Land That Bears a Well-known Name." Dr. Reid delivered his own poem, "Canada," and a lot of other talent helped toward the evening's enjoyment.

THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Dunbar Browne, M.A., D.C.L., the president, is one of the editors of The Shareholder. He is a graduate of McGill College, where he took high honors. He practised at the bar for a number of years, but eventually the attractions of journalism fascinated him and he joined the staff of The Montreal Herald as one of its leader writers. After three or four years' service in