

Their Ninth Annual Dinner.

The ninth annual dinner of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association was held at the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, and the evening of Dec. 29. The attendance of the knights of the grip and their friends was good, about 150 persons being present, including many prominent business men of the city. A. Strang, president, presided, and those present were Premier Greenway, W. Whyte, general superintendent of the C.P.R.; Mr. Thompson, president of the Grain Exchange; Mr. Nairn, president of the Board of Trade; Mayor-elect Macdonald; Rev. James Allen; Hon. D. McLean; R. Kerr, of the C.P.R.; Capt. Swinford, of the N.P.R.; Mr. Macdonald, of the M. & N.W.; James Steen, A. L. Johnson, L. C. McIntyre, J. Lamb, S. S. Cummins, M. Miller, Wm. Webb, N. W. Cole, W. J. Elliot, R. H. Grahame, J. A. Dutton, S. W. Cornell, W. J. Cavanagh, W. Young, E. Guster, J. E. Hughes, H. Dankin, W. A. Richard, A. T. Lawson, F. J. Sharp, C. F. Church, R. Wyatt, R. Munn, A. Gilchrist, P. H. Rosser, J. McLeod Holliday, D. McGregor, G. Gregg, F. J. Cox, W. O'Loughlin, R. McGowan, C. S. Halkett, Heath Jackson, T. P. McIntyre, A. A. Bouhler, J. Lindsay, F. H. Agnew, H. P. Torrance, J. C. Gillespie, M. Freeman, J. T. Black, C. R. Steele, W. J. Pennington, E. Lowe, E. F. Hutchings, W. Roberts, W. E. McMullen, W. J. Evans, F. W. Peters, J. A. Donaldson, C. W. Armstrong, E. Ogeoman, L. G. Fitzgerald, L. Bonny, S. Cummins, J. W. Coombs, D. Macintosh, W. H. Walker, T. Blackwood, W. S. Burns, I. Hazelwood, W. Boyd, A. Byrne, W. P. Wadell, S. C. Harris, A. E. Banfield, G. H. Rogers, C. R. Drake, F. E. Fairchild, W. F. Doll, T. Ryan, J. Lamb, G. H. Shaw, J. C. Swan, Rev. Allen, S. Nairn, W. Whyte, D. W. Buchanan, J. Moncrief, G. R. Thompson, A. G. Morgan, Jos. Oriffin, W. T. Rutherford, T. H. Phippin, W. J. Sharman, Geo. Brynan, L. C. Macintyre, J. J. Brynan, R. Stewart, J. W. Gatter, A. Wilson, W. C. Muirhead, C. R. Dixon, E. Nicholson, J. St. L. McGinn, J. N. Richmond, J. M. Scott, J. B. Curran, J. C. Campbell, J. H. Chambers, David J. Haaby, A. E. Ferte, T. Bailey, R. R. Cromarty, H. W. Lethbridge, E. M. Carroll,

A. McKillop, F. H. Nesbitt, D. B. McLeod, G. M. Manuel, W. Cranston, jr., J. R. Dingwall, R. H. Nunn, J. Thompson, J. F. Whiting, N. P. Preston, J. M. Hays, Toronto, J. J. Morgan, C. E. Carbott, S. R. Hunter.

There was abundance of music, instrumental, during the discussion of the excellent menu, and vocal selections at intervals during the evening. Numerous letters of regret for non-attendance, were read from various parties who had been invited, but were unable to be present.

Following is the toast list:—

"THE QUEEN."

In ring that spans the world, the diamond human.
Its seal,—a womanly queen,—a queenly woman.

The ancient flag that shades half earth unfurled;
The drum (mer) that beats its way all round the world.

"LIBUT. GOV. AND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY."

Wise are the laws they can construe who make 'em.
But if the school doors they must bar, we'll break 'em.

"FRIENDLY FOREIGN NATIONS."

We'll give 'em a hand out an' let their flags float,
But they'd better kape off av' the tail av' our coat.

ARMY, NAVY AND VOLUNTEERS.

A truce to Death, Glory, Skulls, Cross-bones and Powder,
When there's no rag to chew, chin-chin chew clam chowder.

COMMERCIAL INTERESTS All under two per cent. a month.

THE CLERGY.

For long, long years we sinners they've been roasting.
With coals of fire we'll give them now a toasting.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

The blizzard coterie Always toasting each other.
We'd like them better, if they were young women

"RAILWAY INTERESTS."

We wish them: Peace with commerce,
War among themselves.

"SISTER ASSOCIATIONS."

The Drummers are the winds that push the sales.
To them be kind;
We hope you're on the right tack,
Not beating up the wind.

"THE LADIES."

When you left home, if you saw one—all right!
When you go home, if you see two!—good night

"PRESS"

He speaks twice who speaks fast.
Toast them to-night or they'll roast us to-morrow.

The various toasts were replied to as follows:
"Legislative Assembly;"—Premier Greenway.

"The army and navy, etc;" Capt. Swinford and J. E. Steen. "Commercial Interests;" S. Nairn, president of the Winnipeg board of trade, F. W. Thompson, president of the grain exchange, Thos. Ryan and L. C. McIntyre. "The Clergy;" Rev. Jas. Allan. "The Mayor and Council;" Mayor elect, A. Macdonald. "Railway Interests;" Supt. Whyte, of the C. P. R.; Capt. Swinford, of the Northern Pacific, and Mr. Macdonald of the Manitoba Northwestern. "The sister associations;" Messrs. Miller and Hay. "The Ladies;" Isaac Campbell and J. L. McGinn.

Though the dinner did not go off as enthusiastically as on some former occasions, yet it proved a pleasant re-union for the travellers, and was enjoyed by those present.

Northwest Ontario.

A gold brick, measuring about one inch by three inches and weighing 33 ounces, has been produced at the Rat Portage reduction works and to announce this fact to the public Mr. Linn called a meeting on Wednesday night. The general good time expected by him failed to connect and the attendance was not large. Mr. Linn stated that while in the past he had talked a good deal, he would not do so much in the future, as the reduction works and the brick produced, he said, proved these things—that there was gold in plying quantities in the district and that it could be worked at a paying profit to all concerned. He was not at liberty to report the value of the ores tested, nor the quality of quartz it had taken to produce the brick on exhibition. That gold is here and can be tested is proved.

Alberta.

The shipment of dressed beef from Calgary to Pacific coast points, is increasing. The New Westminster *Ledger* says that a car lot of beef has arrived there from Calgary "in fine condition. The beef was refrigerated by means of ice packing and arrived as fresh as the moment it was despatched. The opening up of an extensive trade in fresh beef between this point and Calgary is expected, as the freight rates are very reasonable and encouraging enough to induce the local merchants to make a regular business of importing this beef."

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