

changeable at par, for gold, as the United States notes, their increased issue would necessitate an increase in the gold reserve for their protection.

RETIREMENT OF GREENBACKS.

The Conference recommends the annual retirement of 20 per cent. of the greenbacks, and that no note once paid to be re-issued except in exchange for gold. It is pointed out that "The United States have a total volume of \$908,728,087, all resting for its value on the credit of the Government, except in so far as the bullion in the silver dollar has value. Its great gold reserve is an open mine free to all who bring its notes. As the entire monetary system of the country hangs upon that one reserve, the situation is one of uncertainty and hazard against which no insurance is possible, and which is bound to continue while the Government demand obligations are extant in so large a volume. It would go far to relieve the strain upon and strengthen our financial position at home and among nations to transfer this burthen to the banks and other moneyed institutions."

BANQUET TO MAYOR R. WILSON SMITH.

On the evening of the 12th inst., a public Banquet was given by the leading citizens of Montreal, to Mayor R. Wilson-Smith as a token of the appreciation they entertained of the services he has rendered to the City, while occupying the office of Chief Magistrate, for the past two years. The Banquet was held in the Windsor Hotel, the dining-room of which was brilliantly illuminated for the occasion. The event had a dignity and importance exceeding the record of its kind in the annals of this City. The President of the Board of Trade presided, the nine vice chairs were filled by, Mr. G. F. C. Smith; Mr. George Hague, Alderman Prefontaine, M.P., Mr. A. F. Gault, Senators Drummond and Forget, Mr. James Crathern, Mr. Joseph Contant, and Mr. R. D. McGibbon. The Banquet was honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada. Other distinguished guests were, Sir Adolphe Chapleau, Lt.-Governor of Quebec; Right Honble. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada; His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal; the Venble. Archdeacon Evans, representing the Rt. Revd. the Lord Bishop of Montreal; the Hon. J. Israel Tarte, M.P., Minister of Public Works; Chief Justice Sir Alexander Lacoste; Acting Chief Justice Sir Melbourne Tait; the Hon. Justice Wurtelle; Hon. Justice Davidson; Hon. Justice Doherty, Hon. Sir William Hingston, Senator; and Senators, the Hon. Jas. O'Brien, Hon. G. A. Drummond, Hon. L. J. Forget, Hon. J. R. Thibeaudeau, Hon. Alp. Desjardins, Hon. J. O. Villeneuve, and Hon. A. W. Ogilvie.

Among the subscribers who were present at the dinner last night were the following:—

A—R. B. Angus, Andrew Allan, C. John Alloway, H. B. Anderson, A. W. Atwater, H. Montagu Allan, Fred. R. Alley, C. Alexander, A. A. Ayer, L. J. Archambault, Ald. Jos. Archambault.

B—H. Barbeau, R. Bauset, John Beattie, Hon. T. Berthiaume, L. H. Boisseau, A. J. Brown, B. Hal Brown, G. B. Buriac, Lieut.-Col. Jeffrey, H. Burland, David Burke, Lieut.-Col. T. Butler, J. C. Beauchamp, Z. Benoit, Ald. Jos. Brunet, J. Hume, Balfour, Lewis S. Black, F. L. Beique, Q. C., Tancrede Bienvenu, Henry Birks, S. S. Bain, E. L. Bond.

C—Chas. Cassils, Lieut.-Colonel Caverhill, Jos. Contant, Ald. R. Costigan, E. S. Clouston, James Crathern, A. M. Crombie, Sir Kirk Cross, J. P. Cleghorn, G. J. Crowdy, Robert Craik, M. D., Ald. B. Connaughton, Ald. T. Charpentier, Colin Campbell, Stewart Campbell, F. W. Campbell, M. D., L. G. A. Cresse, T. H. Christmas, Chase Casgrain, R. Charlebois, A. Cote, E. J. Chambers, J. P. Casgrain.

D—H. Dalby, L. O. David, Peers Davidson, Thos. Davidson, Hon. A. Desjardins, W. M. Doull, Geo. E. Drummond, Thos. Drummond, C. A. Ducloux, David Denne, B. W. DeCourtenay, R. Deschamps, Ald. H. Dupre, Robert Dalglish, Arthur Dansereau, J. P. Dawes, G. N. Ducharme, W. E. Davis, Chas. E. Dowling, Hon. Justice Davidson, J. E. E. Dickson, J. Try Davies.

E—Rev. Canon Ellegood, L. J. Ethier, Fred. W. Evans, Wm. Ewing, A. S. Ewing, Wm. Euard, S. H. Ewing, J. U. Emard, E. A. Ekers.

F—Hon. L. J. Forget, Geo. G. Foster, R. Forget, O. Faucher, Alex. Falconer, Wm. Farrell, E. M. Fulton, Thos. Fyslie, Samuel Finlay, A. J. Ferguson, M. M. J. Flanagan.

G—A. F. Gault, Charles E. Godfrey, Hugh Graham, J. O. Graham, Hon. C. A. Geoffrion, L. H. Gault, C. E. Gault, Lachlan Gibb, M. T. A. Grothé, J. N. Greenhields, Q. C., R. A. E. Greenshield, Charles Garth, R. R. Grindley, Arthur Gagnon, E. Kirk Greene, Thos. Gauthier.

H—George Hague, Edwin Hanson, J. Cassie Halton, E. P. Hebert, C. P. Hébert, E. N. Heney, Sir Wm. H. Hingston, Jonathan Hingston, C. R. Hosmer, Lieut.-Col. G. A. Hughes, Chas. M. Hays, R. J. Edgar Hill, W. C. Hinshaw, T. H. Hubson, Chas. W. Hagg, Angus, W. Hooper, Frank J. Hart, Ald. J. Harper, Henry Harman, Wm. Hanson, Chas. Harman, E. F. Hand, Danl. Hoctor.

J—W. J. Joseph, C. R. G. Johnson, Ald. L. A. Jacques, Hon. Joseph.

K—H. J. Kavanagh, J. L. Kerr, W. S. Kerry, G. R. Keane, Ald. T. Kinsella, F. Kennedy, A. Kleczkowski, Thos. Kerr.

L—Ald. H. Laporte, R. M. Liddell, Hon. Justice Loranger, A. Lilley, Hon. P. E. LeBlanc, J. B. Learmont, W. J. Learme, Lansing Lewis, E. H. Lemay, Robt. K. Lovell, James Law, E. Lachapelle, M.D., A. Lionais, John W. Loud, Z. Lefebvre, Cyr. Laurin, Jos. A. Laurin, Jos. Lanctot, M.D.

M—L. T. Marechal, J. W. Marling, G. H. Meldrum, H. Meredith, James Morgan, Chas. Morton, T. L. Morrissey, J. Molson, Paul G. Martineau, Lt.-Col. Fred. Massey, W. de M. Maréchal, Ald. G. Marsolais, D. Morrice, W. J. Morrice, Robt. Meredith, Markland Molson, Robt. Meighen, T. B. Macaulay, F. S. Maclellan, Robt. Mackay, J. F. Mackay, D. Macmaster, Ald. Jas. MacBride, D. McGibbon, J. McKergow, H. Mackenzie, R. W. MacDougall, George J. McCuaig, Alex. McArthur, Thos. McDougall, Jas. F. McCall, John J. McGill, W. M. Macpherson, Wm. McMaster, T. Markey, Jas. McGregor.

N—Hon. G. A. Nantel, Wm. F. Notman, T. H. Newman.

O—Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, W. W. Ogilvie, John Ogilvie, A. L. Ouimet, Hon. James O'Brien.

P—E. L. Pease, J. N. Penteault, Charles S. J. Phillips, Ald. Prefontaine, Lt.-Col. Hector Prevost, Frank F. Perkins, R. MacPaterson, F. Paul, Thomas Peck, Ald. F. N. Prenoveau, Ald. Guff Penny, J. W. Palmer, G. Sewell Page, James W. Pike, R. Paton, Hugh Paton, John A. Pillow, Geo. R. Prowse, S. J. Peart.