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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

— AT —

SECOND ANNUAL DINNER

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**ALMA MATER SOCIETY,**

**BISHOP'S COLLEGE,**

**LENNOXVILLE.**

Quebec, 4th January, 1887.

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The second Annual Banquet of the Alma Mater Society of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and the re-union of the Old Boys, was held at the St. Louis Hotel, Quebec, and the following is a report of the proceedings:—

(From the Morning Chronicle, 5th January.)

The annual dinner of the Alma Mater Society of Bishop's College and Bishop's College School, Lennoxville, came off with great éclat last night at the St. Louis Hotel. The chair was taken by J. S. Hall, jr., Esq., M.P.P., of Montreal, President of the Society, and the vice chairs by Rev. F. J. B. Allmatt, D.D., and A. S. Nicolls, Esq., M.A., of Montreal. About eighty gentlemen in all sat down to a most sumptuous repast provided by the St. Louis Hotel Company.

The Chairman had upon his right The Lord Bishop of Quebec, Hon George Irvine, R H Smith, Esq, Revd M M Fothergill, and Dr Geo Stewart, junr., and upon his left Mr Heneker, Dr Miles, Revd Dr Adams, and Dr Montizambert. Amongst the other subscribers and guests were Rev Dr Allmatt, Mr Nicolls, MA, Mr J Hamilton, Revd Mr Housman, Revd Canon Robinson, Lieut-Col Forsyth, Mr T A Young, Mr J Peters, Mr A H White, Major Short, Mr G R White, Mr H Petry, Mr J S Gilmour, Mr W Lemesurier, Mr G G Stuart, Mr Chas Gibb, Mr Jas Kinz, Rev Mr Balfour, Revd Mr Deubage, Revd H C Stuart, Revd J Hapburn, Revd Mr Hawton, E Montizambert, Dr H Russell, Revd Mr Rexford, Mr R Campbell, Mr R Harcourt Smith, Rev Lennox Williams, Mr W Hall, Mr E G Meredith, Mr W Montizambert, Mr E T D Chambers, Mr H W Keefer, Mr Borlase, Mr G T Cary, Mr T Sewell, Colonel Rhodes, Mr E J Hale, Mr R R Dobell, Revd A A Von Iffland, Mr S Bennett, Mr E L Sewell, Mr J Anderson, Mr J Laird, Mr T I Poston, Mr J Hewitt, Mr E Joly, Mr N Campbell, Mr E Jones, Mr Geo Campbell, Mr W Scougall, Mr Skelton, Mr Peck, Mr A Rhodes, Capt Russell, Mr W C Ross, Mr R Fothergill, Mr C Fothergill, Mr F Fothergill, Mr C Walcott, Mr H G Ross, Mr Hemming, Mr G Irvine, Mr Chas Elliott, Mr H D Mor-

gan, Mr W Price, Mr W Champion, Mr A Laurie, Mr T Pemberton, Mr H Atkinson, Rev Mr Colston, Mr W Petry, Mr E H Duval, Mr O Smith, &c., &c.

The following was the

MENU.

Oysters on Shell.

Soups.

Mock Tartlet. Consommé Vermicelli.

Fish.

Codfish, Lobster Sauce.

Potatoes à la Parisienne.

Entrées.

Lamb Chops with Green Peas.

Chicken Sauté à la Marengo.

Game Pâtées à la Chevalier.

Roast.

Ribs of Beef. Ham, Champagne Sauce.

Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.

Game.

Haunch of Venison with Red Currant Jelly.

Partridge, Bread Sauce.

Lettuce Salade.

Vegetables.

Mashed Potatoes. Brussels Sprouts,

Green Peas. Sweet Corn.

Pudding and Pastry.

Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce.

Wine Jelly. Charlotte Russe.

Assorted Cakes. Vanilla Ice Cream.

Fruit. Coffee.

Neither the *cuisine* nor the attendance left anything to be desired, while the dining hall was suitably decorated with bunting and evergreens.

The *menu* having been fully and lengthily discussed, the chairman called upon the secretary, R. Harcourt Smith, Esq., to read the letters of regret received from invited guests who were unavoidably absent. These included a telegram dated Fort McLeod, from Messrs. Duncan Campbell and W. Cochrane, wishing success to the Society and the din-

ner, also letters from the Bishop of Montreal, Sir William Dawson, Rev. Canon Norman, Rev. Dr. Cook, Hon. G. Ouimet, Rev. Dr. Weir, Professor Johnson, of McGill University, Mr. Hall, M.P., of Sherbrooke, Mr. Heneker, Rev. Ernest King, Rev. Mr. Scarth, Rev. Mr. Thornloe and others.

The President proposed the health of the Queen in appropriate terms, referring to the fact that Her Majesty is about to celebrate the jubilee year of her reign, as a reason for drinking the health with additional fervor. The toast was received with all the honors the company joining in singing the National Anthem.

The next toast was that of the University of Bishop's College. In proposing it the President referred to the important part which it played in the educational interests of the country. He traced the history of the University from a mere divinity school at Three Rivers to its development into a university through the aid rendered by the S. P. G. of England, and spoke in warm terms of its claims upon the attachment of all "old boys."

The toast was highly honored, the company joining in singing the school chorus, led by the Rev. Mr. Hepburn.

#### THE LORD BISHOP OF QUEBEC

was received with great enthusiasm on rising to respond, the whole company standing and cheering again and again. His Lordship said he had fully expected to be called upon to make a speech, but had wondered what was left him to speak about, since he had his complete say on the subject last year. While in this quandary there came into his mind a story he had heard some time ago of a country clergyman who upon asking a parishioner on his way to church what he should preach about, was answered "Preach about ten minutes." He purposed to profit by the rejoinder and to act upon the advice in the remarks he was about to offer. (Laughter and applause.) Referring to the dinner of the Alma Mater Society, he considered that the event was a happy addition to the enjoyments of life, worthy of being kept up and perpetuated. This year the meeting was held with good reason in Quebec for while the students of Lennoxville came from Ontario, Montreal and the United States as well as from Quebec, and were the cream of all countries from which they were drawn, old Quebec had been the backbone of the institution in the number of boys she had sent, and Mr. Heneker who was the Chancellor of the Exchequer would agree that in Quebec, Bishop's College found a financial backbone and a stiff one too. (Applause.) But wherever we come from, Lennoxville boys are all one. (Applause.) It will be useless to ask for the reasons of this unity and of our pride in Lennoxville. His Lordship touched upon the dispute as to the advantages of a classical education, Mr.

Gladstone who was brought up upon Greek says there is nothing like it, and Mr. Bright who knows nothing of it says it is of no use. The Bishop referred to the late Judge Ramsay, one of the Governors of Bishop's College, as a firm friend of Lennoxville. He paid a high tribute of respect to his memory and said that if there was over much of severity in his handling there was no malice. He ever regarded his conscience as his king. In his lifetime he was a strenuous upholder of classical and mathematical cultures. There are those who condemn classical education because they cannot see how it will aid in the getting of riches. But "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." What he is, is of more importance than what he has. Classical learning may not enable him to earn his bread, but it will teach him how to eat it. It may not lead him to high social rank, but if he attains it, it will fit him for it. There are many who have attained to high social position only to render themselves more supremely ridiculous. To make good, true, sterling men, gentlemen in every sense of the word, of its students, was the aim, the tendency, and, he believed, the result, of the teachings of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. (Loud applause.)

#### R. W. HENEKER, ESQ.,

who was received with loud applause, said that he understood good fellowship should be the order of the day between them, and he would not therefore bore them with a long speech. He referred to the statement of the Lord Bishop that Quebec had proved the backbone of their institution. But Bishop's College had also to look back to Quebec for its founder, Bishop Geo. J. Mountain. He paid a high tribute of respect to the memory of that good Bishop and proceeded to show that Bishop's College was not a university for this diocese alone but also for the whole civil Province of Quebec. The law faculty of the university had its headquarters at Sherbrooke and the medical faculty at Montreal, and we had here to-night graduates from Montreal as well as from the Eastern Townships and Quebec. He referred to the good work done by the law faculty in Sherbrooke under the worthy Dean, Mr. Hall, who deeply regretted his inability to be present at this dinner to-night. He said all the law students of the district of St. Francis were students of Bishop's College, and eulogized the Professors who gave their services free. Chancellor Heneker argued that the work of the technical college and of the University are two distinct things, and he pointed out that in the Bar Act of last year, the profession sought to lay down to the Universities the curriculum that they should follow by providing that unless such curriculum was adopted by them their degrees would not be recognized as evidence of scholastic standing. He

thought this was putting the cart before the horse. As regards finances he said the college was never in a better position than today. The same could be said of the school. Its tone was good and there were some 70 boys attending it. Still he did not say that the institution was doing all that it could. He hoped to see a faculty of science, a lecturer on chemistry and another on modern languages in addition to the French now taught there. He thanked all present for the splendid manner in which the toast had been honored. (Applause.)

REV. A. A. VON IFFLAND

In the absence of Professor Roe replied for the faculty of divinity, and referred to the fact that the graduates of Bishop's College were second to none in any part of the world for devotion to the calling and interests of the church. He alluded to the proposition for a united examining board for all the church Universities in the Dominion, and said it was a step in the right direction. Still he did not believe it went far enough and was of opinion that it would be far better if there could be one central University for the whole country. The rev. gentleman sat down amid loud applause.

HON. JUDGE IRVINE

was called upon to return thanks for the law faculty of Bishop's College. He regretted that he knew so little about that faculty. He regretted that he had never been a Lennoxville student of any kind, for had he been so, he would doubtless have known much more than he did. (Laughter.) However, he could not help that for he had grown up and had ceased to be a boy and a fit subject for education before Lennoxville was born. He referred to the importance of a good training for lawyers and said it was not surprising that under such men as Judge Brooks, Mr. Hall and Mr. White, the law faculty of Bishop's College should have become so pronounced a success. He was sorry that amongst certain classes, particularly amongst the uneducated, the legal profession was not more highly esteemed. Its members really deserved to be regarded as public benefactors. (Laughter and applause.) He alluded also to the wonderful success which had attended Bishop's College boys in Laval University, where they had come out ahead of their French-speaking confreres. Referring to the remarks which had been made concerning a classical education, he begged his hearers never to fall into the error of despising so great a boon. (Loud applause.)

DR. HENRY RUSSELL,

who was loudly called for to reply for the medical faculty, expressed his surprise at being thus called upon, and said he had merely attended as an old Lennoxville boy.

He had come to school, and as was often the case before, he had come without knowing his lesson. He spoke in high terms of the faculty of medicine at Montreal of Bishop's College, and referred to the high standing which Lennoxville school boys who had gone to Edinburgh to study medicine had taken in the university entrance and other examinations. There was a kind of freemasonry amongst all the Bishop's College boys, and it afforded him peculiar pleasure to notice around him a number of his old comrades in arms in the old school rifle corps. Several old boys whose faces were not now quite familiar to him were easily recognizable when he heard their old nicknames. He even recognized in the chairman of the dinner the Hall *minus* of twenty odd years ago. He referred to the manner in which the professions in this Province sought to exclude students of all educational institutions, except such as made *belles lettres* and philosophy prominent features of their curriculum.

REV. J. HEPBURN

was also called upon to reply on behalf of the faculty of arts, which he referred to as the ground work of all the others. He regretted the modesty of a son of their late revered principal, Dr. Nicolle, in declining to speak to the toast, which had necessitated the calling upon him, and mentioned a number of interesting reminiscences of school and college life at Lennoxville. The revd. gentleman sat down amid loud applause.

Mr. Hewitt then treated the company to a song, which was loudly applauded.

REV. DR. ALLNATT

proposed the toast of Bishop's College School. He spoke of the school, if not the only attempt at here, at least the nearest approach to the old English grammar school. He based his opinion as to the superior advantages offered by such institutions as Bishop's College School, upon his long experience as Government inspector of superior educational institutions. He spoke of the masculine character so to speak of this school, and of the implicit obedience there insisted upon, which was one of the first steps towards true manliness. He believed that even the roughness of the friction between the boys of the school was calculated to teach them to bear and to forbear, and to practice true gentlemanliness as well as manliness. He trusted that all would use their best endeavors towards the erection of the proposed new Bishop Williams wing.

REV. DR. ADAMS,

in the course of a humorous reply, referred to Dr. Russell's remark that he had come here to-night without having learned his lesson. So far as he was concerned he had learned his lesson before he came, but he found himself pretty much in the position of a boy who



found that the questions he knew had been answered by the boys above him. Since he had been appointed as Principal of the college and Rector of the school he had endeavored, so far as was possible to him, to regard them as one whole. The idea in both was to imitate the English style of public school education. The University has been to-night well represented by the Bishop and Chancellor. The Principal of the college may therefore regard himself chiefly to-night as the Rector of the school. The college has done excellent work and is doing it. The college represents an idea which ought to be maintained and developed in this country, a college for resident students under definite religious influences, where the quality of the teaching in every subject undertaken shall be good and thorough, and the standard of passing for degrees shall be high. The school is in one sense a handmaid to the college. The natural development would be for a boy to go on to the college after a course at the school. That is one reason for broadening as well as deepening the College curriculum, that there may be a field for varied ability and varied tastes. The school may however, be looked upon on its merits, as embodying an idea of its own. Not original to this country, but original in this country. I think Bishop's College School was the pioneer in Canada of the idea of what is known as English public school education. I say there must be boys who will not be able to go to college, but who will go straight into the world. For these as for the others, it is an inestimable advantage to have a school system which has produced such noble results especially from the time of Arnold onwards. This system has flourished in the mother country and there is no reason why it should not flourish, with a few modifications probably, in the colonies. We do not forget the needs of life here. But while I would insist on an education in which the elements are made prominent and in which they are never allowed to be ignored, even in the highest classes, it is not to be forgotten that a boy should be trained in such a way as not only to know how to perform the details of business accurately, but also to be so provided with culture of a rational and elevating type, that he may know how to use his leisure hours profitably to his mental and moral being; so that he should not regard his life as a mixture of drudgery and excitement. The English public school system tends to this. It is a plan for developing boys rather than for forcing them into a mould. The classical studies, which a utilitarian age is apt to under value, are really an admirable mental training. There is nothing in a classical training to prevent a man from business habits. The career of Mr. Goschen, who took the most brilliant degree of his year, and who is now called in as Chancellor of the Exchequer of

Great Britain, is a case in point. Mathematics and science must be also studied. Much might be said on the subjects taught; advocacy of modern languages, drawing, singing, physical training will not be wanting. But it is in moral training that the system we advocate is so superior to its rivals. In Lennoxville the boys were put as much as possible upon their honor and allowed a certain amount of freedom. Where they are kept under a system of espionage, it is only natural that when they get out into the freedom of the world they will adopt about as erratic a course as a cork out of a sodawater bottle. The Lennoxville system teaches the doctrine of personal responsibility more distinctly than any other system. It teaches that the best way to prepare for the freedom of a man in the world is to give the boy at school some little freedom, and to hold him responsible for his use of that freedom; it helps to train his self-reliance, self-control and sense of honour; to help him on all sides but to cramp him in on none: it teaches him that willing obedience is better than grudging submission; that heightened truthfulness is essential to the character of a gentleman. That courage, moral and physical, is essential to true manliness: that discipline is better than disaster. Under the banner of religion, it teaches that religion is manly and true manliness is of the nature of religion, that humble faith is more becoming than incredulous scorn, reverence nobler than indifference.

The school is holding its own and even gaining ground. The Kingston list of 1886 shows this in which a Quebec-Lennoxville boy came out first. Three boys passed the A. A., one boy passed first in the Quebec examination for surveyors. Some of its lighter studies which have employed leisure hours you in Quebec have lately seen the results of and you were pleased. He referred also to the appointment during the past year of an old Lennoxville master, Mr. Young, to the Rectorship of the Quebec High School, and to his nomination of Mr. Petry, an old boy, as senior resident master of Bishop's College School. (Loud applause.)

The progress of the fund for building the Bishop Williams wing is satisfactory but not finally so. We have a good start but we want much more. The addition of a large hall, of a chemical laboratory, workshop and good play room would be a great benefit to the boys. We want Canadian boys to have the same advantages as the English boys have, and to have them without crossing the Atlantic, and towards this we are working and are determined to work. (Loud applause.)

REV. CANON ROBINSON,

of Abbotsford, also replied for the school, as one of the oldest boys, — having been a scholar in 1843. He mentioned a number of interesting reminiscences of the school in days long gone by.

LIEUT.-COL. FORSYTH

was loudly called for and said:—I have to add my thanks for the very kind manner in which you have received the toast of the school, and I need scarcely tell you that a few years have elapsed since I first became acquainted with Lennoxville. I have, of course, forgotten a great deal of what happened in my time, but when a few evenings ago I witnessed the Lennoxville boys of today performing at the Music Hall and doing their part in putting a few bricks into the new building which is to bear the name of that great scholar and Christian man, formerly the master of Lennoxville and now the Bishop of this diocese, reminiscences of the old days came vividly before me and I fancied I could see the waters of the Massiwiipi and St. Francis flowing by under the warm summer sky or frozen over with sparkling ice, and many a jolly day we had there at both seasons. Before going to Lennoxville I had been for a short time at the Quebec classical school. Dr. Lundy was the Principal and Edward Chapman, then a young man fresh from Cambridge, the second master. It was no mean school I can assure you; the late Rev. A. W. Mountain, Sir Charles Stuart, the Hon. Geo. Irvine were among the 6th form boys. Dr. Lundy became Principal of McGill, Mr. Chapman had arranged to take over Dr. Doolittle's school, and from that day to the present a strong interest has existed in Quebec towards Lennoxville. Only five or six Lundy boys then followed Mr. Chapman. More would undoubtedly have done so, but the expense and inconvenience of getting there in winter was very great. It took me three days to drive there, that was in July, 1843. I need not assure you that it would have added more to my pleasure than words can express had the kindly face of Edward Chapman been present with us this evening, for when I call to mind the days I am referring to, he was quiet, strict and always the perfect gentleman in school, but in the play ground he was ever to the front. In the cricket field, near the old Church, he did his best to teach us the "manly game." In the boats he was our most experienced pilot, a splendid swimmer, and few could keep up with him on skates. Besides the school Mr. Chapman had several students, the Rev. Canon Robinson, whom it gives us so much pleasure to see here to-night, the late Kingston Morris, whom most of you knew so well. Then there was John Auldjo. He went straight from Lennoxville to India and fought in those memorable battles of the Panjab and elsewhere, under Sir Harry Smith at Alasa and Sobroon, and under Lord Gough at the bloody fight of Chillianwallah when for the splendid manner in which he handled his troops he won his captaincy. He was a Lennoxville boy and died a few years ago a Major General retired from the service. And,

Mr. Chairman, I can only add that I think the college and school should win the hearty and loyal support of every Lennoxville boy as well of every churchman in the Province of Quebec.

MR. PETRY

being loudly called for expressed his surprise at being asked to speak and his pleasure at hearing all that had been said about the *esprit de corps* and honor of the present boys, which he was glad to be able to thoroughly endorse.

MR. ARMINE NICOLLS,

advocate, of Montreal, proposed the Sister Universities, and was glad that they seemed to avoid all jealousies and to strive together for the great cause of education.

REVD. ELSON I. REXFORD

was called for to reply, in the absence of Dr. Dawson, for McGill University. He expressed his pleasure at being present and listening to the speeches which had been made and said that if he lacked enthusiasm in his remarks it was due to the fact that he was not a Lennoxville boy. However, it seemed to him that he had caught some of that enthusiasm. He was proud to be able to express the greetings of McGill University. At celebrations of that University, Bishop's College had on former occasions been admirably represented by Chancellor Heneker, Principal Lobley and others. He referred to the interesting traditions and reminiscences connected with the old educational institutions of the Province, and was anxious to see them reported and published. He said the action of the learned professions in seeking to change the curriculum of our universities deserved attention, and enquiry should be made to ascertain whether the fault was with the professions or with the curriculum itself. (Applause.)

DR. GEO. STEWART, JNR.,

was also called upon to reply to the toast. He rose amid loud applause and thanked the society for inviting him, and the company for the manner in which it had honored the toast. He said the University which he represented, that of King's College, Nova Scotia, was not only the oldest in the Maritime Provinces, but also in the country, being 99 years of age. He felt a double interest in Lennoxville. The present Principal of King's College was an old Bishop's College man—Rev. Isaac Brook; and one of the first contributors to a review which he (Dr. S.) established several years ago, when quite a young man, was Dr. Miles, a Lennoxville master. (Applause.)

Dr. Montzambert proposed the Alma Mater Society of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

MR. JOHN HALL, M.P.P.,

the President of the assembly and of the Society, replied, thanking the society for the honor done him in electing him President, and thought they might congratulate themselves upon the success of the dinner. He spoke of the feelings of attachment and respect which he entertained for his Alma Mater. He was very young and very small when he first went to Lennoxville, and he spent there six years of his boyhood. He had never regretted the time he spent there, and if he could be a boy again he would wish his father to send him again to Lennoxville. He had a boy himself, and if he lived long enough, they could have him at Lennoxville too. As his friend Dr. Russell had said there seemed a kind of freemasonry amongst the boys of Bishop's College, and no doubt this was increased by the nick names which the doctor had referred to. Referring to an old friend whom he fancied he recognized to-day he had asked "Is that Dad Young?" He was told he had better mind how he spoke, as that gentleman was now Rector of the Quebec High School. Speaking to a friend of Bishop Williams, he had been asked, "Were

you at Lennoxville when he was elected, and do you remember how we tore the coat of many colors?" And somebody else had reminded him of an old incident of asking if he remembered "how we took old Smith's honey." Mr. Hall sat down amid loud and long continued applause.

The company joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen," and dispersed shortly before one o'clock this morning.

The success of the dinner was complete and was largely due to the energy of the officers of the Alma-Mater Society for 1886-87, who are as follows :-

- President—John S. Hall, jr., M.P.P.
- Vice-President—Rev. F. J. B. Allnatt, D.D., A. D. Nicolls, M.A.
- Sec'y.—Treasurer—Rev. Thornloe, M.A.
- Committee—Rev. H. Roe, D.D., G. R. White, Rev. J. Hepburn, M.A.
- Local Committee—Lt.-Col. Forsyth, E. J. Hale, Esq., A. H. White, W. C. J. Hall, R. Campbell, Rev. L. W. Williams, J. Hamilton, R. Harcourt Smith, Sec.