

PAST GRAND'S DINNER A MOST ENJOYABLE FUNCTION

Prominent Oddfellows Enjoy Themselves At the Queen Hotel—Lieut. Col. Guthrie and Major Geggie Were Among the Guests and Talked on the War—An Attractive Menue List—730 Maritime Oddfellows Have Gone Overseas.

The fourth annual dinner of the Past Grand Officers' Association, I. O. O. F., of the Maritime Provinces was held at the Queen Hotel last night. Beginning at nine o'clock, the dinner continued until after midnight. It was voted the most successful function of its kind ever held by the Association, and reflected much credit upon the committee in charge and upon the management of the Queen.

W. Stetson Rogers, P. G. M., P. G. R., of Halifax, was in the chair. During the dinner he named Judge S. A. Chesley, of Lunenburg, as the next President, and A. F. Messervey, of Halifax, as the next Secretary, to succeed D. L. Fraser, G. R.

The Menu.

The dinner was served in the best style of the Queen Hotel. The menu was as follows:

"We hope and expect each officer will do his duty."

Soup, Consomme Royal (Rogers blend)
Green Stuff—a la Fraser;
Mixed Pickles, Spanish Olives, Sliced Cucumbers, Celery, Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes;
Broiled Fresh Salmon, Hainre'd Hotel Sauce, Parisienne Potatoes—From the Miramichi, censored by "the Commodore."
Braised Calf Sweetbreads, with Mush-Rooms.—"Jonathan, my son, draw nigh."
Roast Prime Ribs of Western Beef, Dish Gravy.—"Hail to the King."
Roast Stuffed Duckling, Apple Sauce. (Rebekah style—properly dressed)
Fresh Cauliflower, Hollandaise Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, New Green Peas Imported direct from Halifax Public Gardens.
Snow Pudding, Custard Sauce, Apple Pie, Raspberry Pie.—"Come, cheer up! Take heart!"
Vanilla Ice Cream.
"And in the distance the sea is so calm and beautiful."
"We have travelled far and safely, but are now approaching—"
Crackers, McLaren's Imperial and Canadian Cheese, Bananas, Plums, Oranges, Assorted Nuts, Layer Raisins.
Tea, Coffee, Milk. Filtered water (for Sampson only.)
"Right Supporter, perform the last duty of your station."
Those Present.
Those seated at the festive board

were: W. S. Rogers, Lieut. Col. P. A. Guthrie, Major C. G. Geggie, Major Dugald Stewart, M. P., W. S. Hooper, W. B. Belyea, J. A. Craig, L. M. Robinson, R. A. McGowan, S. B. Ebbett, C. A. Sampson, H. L. Hart, J. R. McDonald, S. A. Chesley, A. F. Messervey, James Laidlaw, James Donovan, W. E. Brokenshire, James Bayne, R. H. McKay, J. D. McKean, J. M. Ross, G. L. Thompson, N. J. Conrad, J. J. McKinnon, John McLaughlin, C. A. Murray, M. Archibald, J. L. Stewart, C. N. Waterfield, Thos. Caithness, H. D. Stephens, G. M. Ryan, C. W. Clark, D. L. Dolan.

Chairman's Remarks.

Mr. Rogers, the chairman, began the speech making. He referred briefly to the deaths which had taken place among members of the Association since the last meeting. At his request the secretary of the association, Duncan Fraser, read a letter from Past Grand Master Smith L. Walker, of Truro, N. S., who is serving in France with the Army Medical Corps of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. His wife and son are also serving in France.

Mr. Rogers, the retiring president, then named his successor and the new secretary.

The Toast List.

The toast to The King was received with the national anthem.

Secretary Fraser proposed "The Grand Lodge," coupling with the toast the name of Grand Master W. B. Belyea, of Woodstock.

The Grand Master expressed gratitude for the aid given him by the members of the order during his incumbency.

President Rogers proposed "Our Absent Brothers at the Front," coupling with it the names of Lt. Col. Guthrie and Major Geggie.

Lt. Col. P. A. Guthrie.

Colonel Guthrie referred at the opening of his remarks to the presence of Commodore Stewart, M. P., who had gone through a severe illness, but who was as sparkling as ever. (Applause.) The speaker then proceeded to contrast the viands served to his hearers to the hard-tack and bully-beef which the men in the trenches were eating. He also told of seeing beside a trench in France a dead private with the Three Links on his coat. He himself had exchanged his own pin for that on the dead man's uniform. Colonel Guthrie also spoke of Major Geggie's self-sacrifice in an attempt to find him (Guthrie) after being wounded in France, and also on board the Hesperian after she was torpedoed. Major Geggie, although young in Oddfellowship, had well demonstrated the principles of the order.

The speaker also put in a word for recruiting, saying that it remained with those of his hearers of a military age to decide themselves whether they should be in khaki or in civilian garb.

Introducing Major Geggie, Col. Guthrie stated that he had the intention of returning after the war to the only little town on earth, Fredericton, and hanging out his shingle.

Major C. G. Geggie.

Major Geggie said that he would finish the story partially told by Colonel Guthrie. The latter had been wounded while performing duty for which he had volunteered. His own battalion had gone back for a rest of several days, but Col. Guthrie had voluntarily guided the relieving battalion into the trenches. Major Geggie also told of seeing the Three Links carved on the cross over a soldier's grave in Flanders.

In response to a request Grand Secretary J. J. McKinnon stated that 730 Oddfellows of the Maritime Provinces had gone overseas on military service. "Dominion and Provincial Parliaments" was proposed, coupled with it the names of Major Dugald Stewart, M. P., of Lunenburg, R. H. McKay, M. P., of Pictou, and J. L. Stewart, M. P., for Northumberland. All responded briefly.

Several Past Grand Masters were called upon. Short addresses were delivered by Judge S. A. Chesley, Dr. C. A. Murray, J. R. McDonald, W. S. Hooper and C. A. Sampson.

The toast to The Press was the last. Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King followed, and the gathering dispersed.

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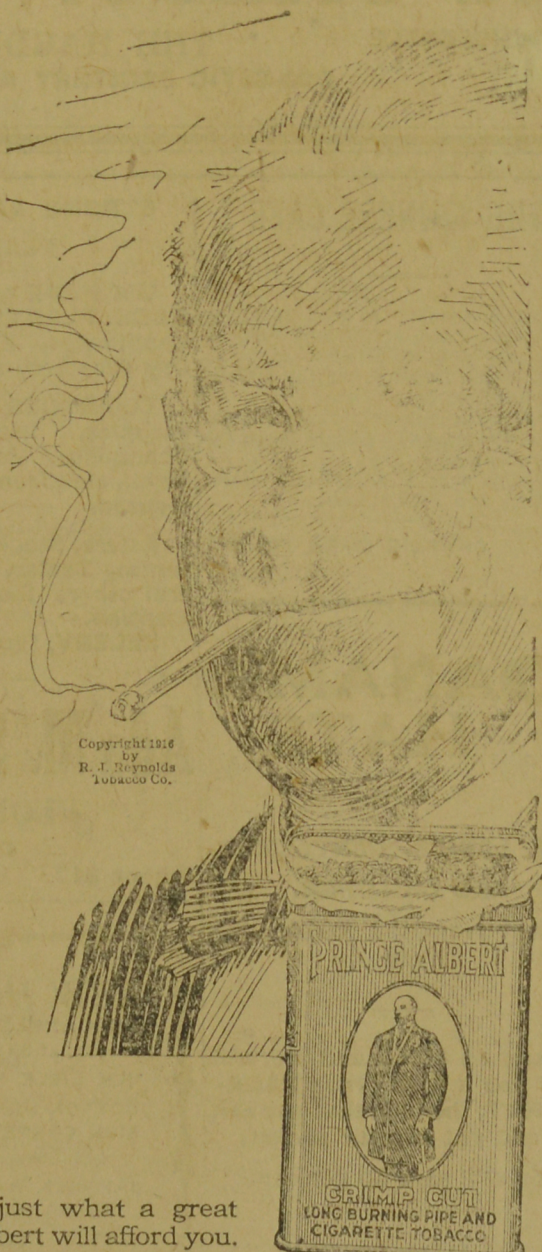
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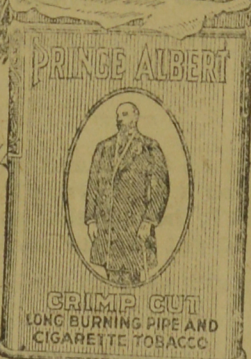
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