

THE ALUMNI SOCIETY DINNER.

Bailliant Gathering of Educationalists at the Queen Hotel.

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Eloquent Speeches Made in Response to Toasts.

DR. INCH THINKS THE U. N. B. SHOULD HAVE SUPPORT FROM PRIVATE SOURCES.

The members of the Alumni Society of the U. N. B. were the hosts at a dinner at the Queen Hotel last evening. The function was most successful in every particular, and will long be remembered with pleasure by those who had the privilege of being present.

Covers were laid for about seventy-five persons, and the brilliant assemblage of guests which gathered around the festive board included the lieutenant governor, members of the government, members of the University senate and faculty, and sixteen male members of this year's graduating class, in addition to the members of the alumni.

The tables were arranged in the form of a rectangle, and with there long stretches of snowy linen and with a wealth of cut glass, bright cutlery and flowers presented a most attractive appearance.

The menu card, which was specially designed for the occasion, was a splendid specimen of the art preservative of arts, and was much admired by the guests. It was printed at the office of The St. John Globe.

The familiar colours of the U. N. B. loomed up conspicuously on the walls, and were also festooned to the chandeliers, and an array of potted plants completed the decorations.

Hosts and Guests.

Dr. Murray MacLaren, president of the Alumni Society, presided very acceptably over the gathering, supported on the right by the lieutenant governor and Chief Superintendent Inch, and on the left by Judge Landry and Chancellor Harrison.

The vice chairs were occupied by Dr. W. C. Crockett and B. C. Foster, vice presidents of the society. The former was supported by Mayor McNally and Rev. T. W. Street, and the latter by J. D. Phinney, K. C., and Col. Marsh.

The other gentlemen in attendance included the following:

Judge Gregory Hon. L. P. Farris
Dr. Bailey Dr. W. C. Murray
Dr. A. M. Scott Hon. W. P. Jones
W. T. McLeod Rev. Canon Roberts
V. Bedell G. B. Whitehead
J. E. Palmer E. B. Jonah
A. W. Wilbur Hugh Alward
G. K. Lutwick J. McNaughton
C. Sansom A. R. Crookshank
Dr. T. D. Walker Dr. J. W. Bridges
Dr. Fisher H. H. Hatt
Dr. Hannay Dr. Macrae
J. T. Jennings P. J. Hughes
J. E. Lenihan H. H. Hagerman
J. H. Dickson A. E. Hanson
G. L. Harris W. Harrison
J. E. Page W. L. McFarlane
A. S. McFarlane Rev. W. J. Armistage
Havelock Coy. Dr. H. S. Bridges
W. L. Tracy K. R. Chestnut
John W. Hill J. D. Black
A. K. Grimmer R. P. Allen
W. H. Harrison E. R. Golding
E. S. Diblee E. Lynch
Dr. W. B. Jack.

A ten course dinner, embodying all the choice delicacies of the season, even to sea trout caught by Landlord McCaffrey himself, was admirably served by an efficient staff of waiters, under the direction of Perry Wortman. The menu was as follows:

MENU.

Oysters on the half shell.
Julienne.
Celery, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, Cucumbers, olives, radishes, salted almonds.
Baked deep sea trout, natural sauce, sliced cucumbers.
Chicken croquettes aux petits pois.
Lobster salad, oyster patties.
Roast ribs of prime York County beef, dish gravy, Yorkshire pudding, roast young turkey, chestnut dressing, cranberry jelly, Dunn's ham cranberry sauce.
Mashed potatoes in cream, plain boiled potatoes, asparagus, petits pois, sweet corn.
English plum pudding, hard and brandy sauce, peach cobbler, ginger cream, lemon pie, apple pie.
McLaren's Imperial cheese cream.
Canadian cheese.
Milk lunch biscuit.
Oranges, apples, bananas, walnuts, almonds, strawberries and cream, vanilla ice cream.
tea, coffee.

The Toast List.

After ample justice had been done the good things enumerated in the menu, President MacLaren proposed the health of the King, which was received with musical honors.

Vice President Foster in proposing the health of the Governor General, made reference to the distinguished statesmen who had filled that office, and remarked that the present incumbent gave promise of ranking with the most illustrious of his predecessors. The toast was received with great enthusiasm and three hearty cheers were given for His Excellency.

Vice President Jennings proposed the health of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. In doing so he

took occasion to refer to the honorable and dignified manner in which the Lieutenant Governor discharged the duties of his exalted position.

The toast was greeted with the singing of "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow."

His Honor replied in a graceful speech and returned thanks for the kind reception accorded his name. He was very glad to be present, and to have the privilege of saying a good word for the University. His Honor spoke words of kindly advice to the members of the graduating class, and urged them to remain loyal to King and country. He assured them that they had his best wishes for future prosperity.

The toast to the legislative assembly was proposed by Judge Gregory. He humorously remarked that he was not a graduate of the University, nor had he been a member of the assembly, although he had tried to be both.

His college course had been very brief, and had been terminated by his entry into legal life. After having engaged in the practice of law a short time he assayed to enter political life, first the Dominion parliament and then the local, but he had failed in both. Had he been a member of the legislature he certainly would have championed the cause of the University of New Brunswick.

It was our great, provincial, high school, and, being non-sectarian, was worthy of the hearty support of all the people. He was at a loss to know why the members of the legislature did not render more assistance to so promising a field. He hoped the young men he saw before him would not forget their alma mater, should the day ever come when they would be occupying representative positions. In old times they used to on frequent occasions, be a battle royal in the legislature over the U. N. B., and members sought to belittle its influence. Perhaps this was in a measure responsible for the fact that the people of the province did not take more interest in the welfare of the institution. The denominational character of the University had been entirely destroyed and there was no reason why it should not receive every encouragement from the people. If the people were to strike hard he believed in time they would be able to influence the gentlemen who keep the keys of the provincial chest.

Judge Gregory believed that if the University authorities would endeavor to raise an endowment fund from small accumulations they would soon find that many friends and graduates in moderate circumstances would be glad to render assistance in that way. The great thing would be to make people understand that there was a fund and that it was being used with the idea of lifting the institution from a state of poverty. His Honor, in conclusion, proposed the health of the legislative assembly.

Hon. L. P. Farris, who was received with cheers, said he was not a graduate of the U. N. B., but took a deep interest in its welfare. He looked forward to the day when a chair of agriculture would be established at the University. He was not in position to promise an increased grant on behalf of the government but could say that the University had his warmest sympathies. His colleague, the solicitor general, was present, and he was quite sure that he would be pleased at an opportunity to address the gathering.

Hon. Mr. Jones apologized for the absence of Premier Tweedie, who had been called away on urgent public business. The same was true of Hon. Mr. Sweeney, who had been unexpectedly called to Moncton. He (Jones) thought both the legislature and University had suffered a loss because of Judge Gregory's failure some years ago to secure election. He favored starting an agitation in favor of the U. N. B., and in the end it would in all probability result in its securing increased assistance. It must be remembered, however, that the revenue of the province was limited, and already about one fourth of the whole was expended on education. The U. N. B. had certainly done good work, and its graduates filled high positions in the British Empire, but this could not have been so had there not been good material to work upon. He was in thorough sympathy with the idea of having a provincial college, and believed it should have a liberal support. He had two sons, whom he hoped to soon have attending the U. N. B. (Applause.)

Dr. Murray MacLaren spoke highly of the work being accomplished at the University and thought the institution played a very important part in the educational work of the province. The addresses listened to in the afternoon from two graduates were certainly of a high order and the suggestions thrown out by Professor Clawson were worthy of being repeated in other places. It behooved the members of the alumni society and friends of the University generally to do all in their power to promote the welfare of the institution. He concluded by proposing the health of the U. N. B.

The toast was enthusiastically greeted, the company joining in singing "Dear Old Alma Mater."

Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education and president of the senate, was the first to reply to the toast. For twenty-five years he had watched the institution closely and had been pleased to note its steady progress. He believed his action in establishing the July matriculation examination had not been without some beneficial effect. Already he had received about seventy applications for the examinations to be held next month. He agreed with all Judge Gregory had said with regard to the claims of this university upon the legislature and government. The members of the government were friendly to the university and so was the leader of the opposition. He wished to state here that in his opinion it might become a source of weakness for a university to depend too much upon public aid. We want a chair of chemistry at the University and he was confident Hon. Mr. Farris would do all in his power to secure it. We also want the government grant increased by at least \$5,000, and we want assistance from private sources. The college needs a residence that will accommodate at least one hundred students. He was surprised, considering all the difficulties under which they labored, that the students were able to keep up their esprit de corps so well. He contended that the fact of its being a state aided institution had hampered its work in the past. Why should not the people of New Brunswick put their hands in their pockets and erect a residence on the hill? A man building is not wanted, but we should have one that would cost \$75,000. Let the friends of the university take hold themselves and do this and then approach the government for an increased grant. The university, like Senator Wark, was now on its second century, and it was his opinion that its growth during the next twenty years would surpass that of the last century.

Dr. Harrison returned thanks for the kindly reference made to the U. N. B. He stated that the chair of engineering at the U. N. B. had been filled by the appointment of a first class man, Prof. Muir Edwards of McGill. He was a young man, 26 years of age, and was very highly recommended. Considering the many opportunities now open to engineers, they were most fortunate in getting such a good man. He had heard it intimated that one reason for his wishing to come here was that he was anxious to get married. The chancellor thanked the members of the Alumni Society for the interest they had shown in the welfare of their alma mater. He was heartily in sympathy with the idea of establishing a chair of agricultural chemistry. The cost of such a chair at the college would be about \$1500 per year, and it would be money well spent. He was sorry that the University was about to lose Prof. Clawson. His work had been entirely satisfactory, and his departure was generally regretted. The chancellor, in closing, paid a warm tribute to Prof. Brittain for the service rendered by him to the University and province.

Inspector Bridges, in response to a call from the chair, rendered "The March of the Cameron Men" in his usual spirited manner.

Dr. Bailey also replied to the toast to the U. N. B., and his bright sallies of wit provoked great laughter and applause. He said he had reached the age when, according to Dr. Osler, he should be chloroformed. He was glad to note that Mr. Carnegie had provided an easier way for caring for old professors, but, being connected with a state university, it was rather doubtful if he would ever receive any benefit from Mr. Carnegie's liberality. The doctor remarked that he had been connected with the University for thirty-five years, a longer period than any other member of the staff. He next briefly recited some of the changes that had taken place at the U. N. B. during the past twenty-five years, and, in conclusion, expressed the hope that the University grant would soon be increased, so that it might be able to do better work.

Dr. W. C. Crockett, in proposing the toast to the sister colleges, spoke in a great influence that the Maritime Provinces had exercised on the educational life of America.

His Honor Judge Landry, was the first to reply to the toast. He said he had no direct connection with any college, other than being an alumnus of St. Joseph's. He thought there was plenty of room in New Brunswick for all the colleges the province now possessed, and all were doing good work. St. Joseph's, he said had done a work that no other institution could have accomplished, because of the benefit upon the French people, who, on account of their lack of knowledge of English, could not have obtained admission to another college. He was glad to say that the French people of New Brunswick had made more progress in the past twenty-five years along the lines of education than had the English speaking people. All this was for the good of the country generally, and all should be pleased over it. As a French Canadian, he was proud to know that his people had overtaken their English brethren in the race. Referring to St. Joseph's college, the judge stated that it enjoyed an annual revenue of about \$16,000 per year, all of which was derived from students. They had a residence at St. Joseph's and were able to board students for ten cents per meal, with no charge for a bed. The professors do not go to St. Joseph's because they intend to get married, but it is because they do not intend getting married that they come there. (Laughter.)

In conclusion the Judge paid an eloquent tribute to the French Canadian people, returned thanks for the kindly hearing given him, and resumed his seat amidst applause.

Prof. Murray of Dalhousie, also replied to the toast in a witty and able speech. He thought it a mistake to use the term "sister universities," as all educational institu-

ties, save those to provide some superior professor thought that if the Maritime Provinces were to maintain their influence in Canada it would be necessary for the universities to put forth greater efforts.

Rev. Archdeacon Neales, in a neat speech, proposed a toast to the public schools. In the course of his remarks he made a strong plea for increased salaries to teachers.

Dr. H. S. Bridges, who replied to the toast, said that the public schools had made as much advancement in thirty years as had the University. He looked upon our public school system as being a credit to the province, and this he attributed to a large extent to the able men who had filled the office of chief superintendent.

Inspector Bridges proposed a toast to the graduating class of the U. N. B. As secretary of the alumni, he had been brought into touch with graduates of the University, and had been struck with the way in which those living at a distance were drawn towards the society. The membership was now 250, and it was the intention of the society in the near future to issue a booklet giving the addresses and occupations of the graduates.

The toast was drunk with musical honors, and was ably responded to by Mr. John McNaughton. He said it was a pleasure to belong to an alumni society of a university which boasted of such distinguished graduates. He regretted that there was not more of the graduating class present, but, as the hour was late and they had to give a parting salute to the citizens of Fredericton, their absence would be excused. The class of 1905 greatly regretted the departure of Prof. Clawson, but were hopeful that at some future date he would again join the staff of the college. He hoped the graduates would show greater enthusiasm towards their alma mater.

Rev. W. J. Armistage, Halifax, in response to a call from the chair, delivered an interesting address. He referred to the high position attained by graduates of the U. N. B., mentioning the names of Dr. McCurdy of Toronto, Dr. Murray of Halifax, Prof. Roberts, George R. Parlin and Dr. J. P. Sheraton, whom he regarded as one of the greatest men New Brunswick ever produced. He (the speaker) owed more to Rev. Dr. Sheraton in the way of stimulus and training, than to any other man on the face of the earth.

(Dr. Sheraton graduated in 1862, and is principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto.)

Dr. Brittain said he had the honor of giving one or two students to the University and he might be able to send one or two more. He had always taken a warm interest in the U. N. B., and wanted to see it grow and prosper. He felt proud of the fact that he had been temporarily attached to the academic staff last winter, and now could boast that he had taught in all kinds of schools.

Ald. A. W. Macrae, D.C.L., of St. John, in a speech of great force and eloquence, proposed the health of the city of Fredericton. In the course of his remarks he referred to some of the questions agitating the public mind here at the present time such as water filtration, sewerage, and improved railway connection. He mentioned the fact that he had more than a passing interest in Fredericton, because his better half was a native of this city. He also stated that the whole province was more or less interested in Fredericton and would rejoice to see the city take steps to improve its sanitary condition.

The toast was enthusiastically received and His Worship Mayor McNally replied in a brief speech. He spoke of the university as being one of the feeders of the city and assured the students that the presence of the citizens was appreciated by the city. The growth of the city had not been rapid in recent years, but the prospect for the future was bright. The question of sewerage and also an improved water supply were to receive the early attention of the council. It was well known that large bodies moved slowly (laughter) but they expected to accomplish something tangible before long.

It was three o'clock when the pleasant gathering came to an end with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

Hanson's orchestra of seven pieces, from a position in the hall, rendered the following excellent programme during the evening:

Two-step, Yankee grip—A. Holtsman.

Loveland waltzes—A. Holtsman.

Selection, Evening Slumbers—Ben-nett.

March, By Right of Sword—Chambers.

Waltz, Daughter of Love—Bennett.

Trombone solo, Beautiful Home in Paradise—Collin.

Waltz, In Northland.

March, Jolly Good Fellows.

God Save the King.

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W. E. SMITH, Secretary.

Fredericton, N. B., May 20, 1905

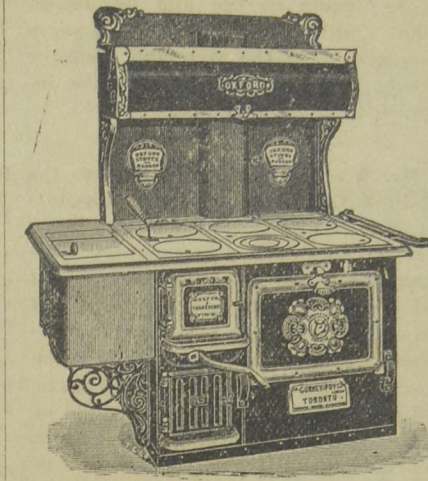
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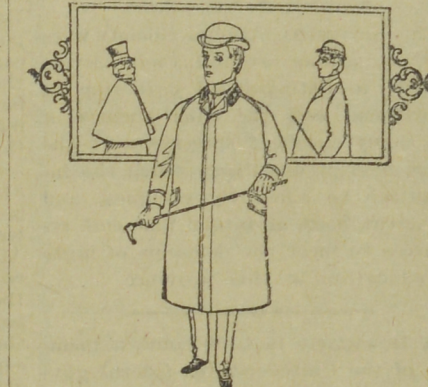
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