

AT THE FESTIVE BOARD.

Retiring Manager Hamilton of the Bank of B. N. A.

HONORED WITH A BAN- QUET BY PROMINENT CITIZENS.

The complimentary dinner tendered Mr. J. W. Hamilton, retiring manager of the Bank of B. N. A., at the Queen Hotel last evening, was a success in every particular. The attendance was in the neighborhood of fifty, and included many of the prominent business and professional men of the city. The dinner was first class and the speeches which followed were eloquent and well conceived, and attested the esteem in which Mr. Hamilton is held by the business community.

The spacious dining hall of the Queen, where the function took place, presented a bright and attractive appearance. The tables, which were arranged in the form of a T, were very prettily decorated with carnations, roses and smilax, and a sprig of holly had been left at the plate of each guest.

His Worship Mayor Crocket presided over the gathering which surrounded the festive board, having the guest of the evening and W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P. on his right and Dr. J. R. Inch, Chief Superintendent of Education, and Judge Wilson on his left. The vice chair was occupied by Judge Barry, who had O. H. Sharp, Mr. Hamilton's successor, on his right, and R. P. Foster, manager of the Royal Bank on his left. The other gentlemen present were:

John Kilburn	T B Winslow
R W L Tibbitts	W T Whitehead, MPP
Col Wadmore	A F Street
John Macpherson	H F McLeod
O S Crocket	M Fickler
J W McCready	A R Slipp
C M Manning	E J Payson
D J Shea	A R Tibbitts
R P Allen	Geo W Massie
F P Robinson	J A Winslow
W H Norton-Taylor	A W Edgcombe
Geo W Hoegg	John Palmer
J H Hawthorn	M S E Ritchey
Edward Moore	R W McLellan
T A Peters	H C Mackey
T C Allan	A E Hanson
R S Barker	Dr G J McNally
CH Hatt	F L Cooper
J S Neill	B H Babbitt

The menu card which was specially gotten up for the occasion, was of very pretty design and was much admired by the guests.

An eight course dinner, embracing all the choice viands of the season, was served by an efficient staff of waiters, and it is needless to say the guests, one and all, did it ample justice.

Menu.

Oysters on the Deep Shell.
Potage a la Reine. Jullienne.
Celery. Lettuce. Olives. Radishes.
Salted Almonds.
Boiled Kennebec salmon, sliced lemon, drawn butter.
Chicken croquette aux petits pois.
Baked macaroni au fené. Beignets aux confitures.
Roast ribs of prime western beef.
Yorkshire pudding, brown potatoes.
Roast stuffed domestic turkey.
Oyster dressing, cranberry sauce.
Boiled Dunn's ham, sauce vinaigrette.
Mashed potatoes. Plain potatoes.
French peas. Mashed turnips. Pickled beets. Stewed tomatoes.
Roast saddle of venison.
Currant jelly. Port wine sauce.
Partridge, a la Catalane.
English plum pudding, brandy sauce.
Apple pie. Cream pie. Mince pie.
Maraschino jelly. Pineapple jelly.
Assorted fruit and nuts.
Frozen fruit pudding.
Canadian cheese. M'Laren's Imperial cheese. Crackers.
Cafe Noir.

When the gravings of the inner man had been satisfied, the Mayor called the gathering to order and read nicely worded letters of regret of inability to be present from Bishop Kingdon, Senator Thompson, George W. Allen M. P. P., and George N. Babbitt.

In proposing the health of the King the Mayor referred to his majesty's recent illness and expressed the hope that he would long be spared to reign over a prosperous, contented and happy people.

The toast was drunk with musical honors, the company rising and singing the National Anthem.

The toast to the Governor General, also proposed by the Mayor, was greeted with the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Judge Barry proposed the health of the Lieutenant Governor, which was enthusiastically received.

R. S. Barker, his honor's private secretary, responded to the toast in an eloquent speech, expressing regret at the absence of his honor. His observations were attentively listened to and elicited very hearty applause.

F. L. Cooper, on being called upon by the Mayor, treated the gathering to a very pretty solo, which was heartily received.

Mayor Crocket in proposing the health of the guest of the evening, spoke very highly of Mr. Hamilton, whom he referred to as a good citizen, whose departure would be a distinct loss to the community. In closing he wished Mr. Hamilton and his estimable wife every happiness and prosperity in the ancient capital, which was to be their new home.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm the whole company, joining in singing. "He's a jolly good fellow" and "He's a corker".

Mr. Hamilton on rising to respond was greeted with applause and cheers. His command of the English language, he said, was inadequate to express the feelings of gratitude to the gentlemen whom he saw before him for the excellent dinner and the honor done him. Both he and Mrs. Hamilton regretted exceedingly their intended departure from Fredericton, after their all too short sojourn here, and would always entertain pleasant memories of the city and its people. He referred to a letter he had received prior to coming to Fredericton, from Mr. Robert Inglis, a former manager of the Bank, stating that he (Hamilton) would find Fredericton a charming little city, inhabited by a people imbued with a kindly hospitality. He had found this to be the case, and was only sorry that his residence in Fredericton was not to be of longer duration. On behalf of himself and Mrs. Hamilton he wished to return thanks to the citizens of Fredericton for their kindness and hospitality, and he assured the gathering that the days they had spent in this city would always be remembered by them as the happiest in their lives. In closing he expressed the hope, that the city would continue to enjoy prosperity, and wished all present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Hamilton's remarks were listened to with the closest attention and he sat down amidst hearty and prolonged applause.

R. W. McLellan in a neat and well considered address proposed "Our Business Interests," which was duly honored.

R. P. Foster, of the Royal Bank, was the first to respond to the toast. He referred to bank managers as birds of passage and expressed regret that Mr. Hamilton was about to depart from the city. He spoke highly of Mr. Hamilton as a citizen and wished for him and Mrs. Hamilton continued happiness and prosperity.

John Palmer, who was next called upon, spoke very highly of Mr. Hamilton as a citizen and bank manager and was sorry that he was leaving Fredericton. He (Palmer) was interested in Fredericton and was anxious to see the city go ahead. It had some large manufacturing industries now, and he hoped would soon have more as it was a place where manufacturing industries could be carried on with profit. The city, in common with the rest of the Dominion, was now enjoying wonderful prosperity and he hoped would continue to do so.

John Kilburn was pleased to endorse the remarks of the previous speaker. He had known Mr. Hamilton for some time, and was very sorry that he was leaving the city. Mr. Hamilton would find Quebec a most interesting place, and he (Kilburn) hoped to have the pleasure of calling upon him there some day.

Brief, but happy speeches were also made in response to this toast, by George W. Hoegg and J. H. Hawthorn.

A. R. Tibbitts, at the request of the chair, rendered a solo in his usual exquisite style.

J. H. Barry, in proposing "The Mayor and Corporation," took occasion to add his tribute to what had been said in regard to Mr. Hamilton. He thought he was voicing the general sentiment of the public when he said that Mr. Hamilton during his short residence in Fredericton, had shown himself, not only alive to the interests of the bank, but alive to the business interests of Fredericton as well. He was glad that Mr. Sharp was to succeed Mr. Hamilton, and trusted that the bank would continue to enjoy prosperity under his management. It was hardly

likely that Mr. Hamilton would ever return to Fredericton in an official capacity, but he was sure that in future his thoughts would frequently turn back to the celestial city and its people.

The toast was very heartily received by the company, all joining in singing "For they are Jolly Good Fellows."

Mayor Crocket, in responding, expressed regret that the citizens showed so much apathy to civic affairs. He thought this was not as it should be in a city of the importance of Fredericton, the capital and military and educational centre of the province. The present council had done something, they had reduced the assessment and had modernized the

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