

Harvey J. McFarland

Mayor McFarland Praised For Work in Community

PICTON (Staff) — Harvey J. MacFarland, Picton's Mayor, Tuesday night played host to some 30 invited members of his past and incoming councils at a banquet in the Royal Hotel. A delicious roast beef dinner was served by candlelight at a tastefully decorated table in the hotel's main dining room. Following the dinner expressions of thanks were extended by His Worship to the outgoing council members and an official welcome was made to the incoming council. Carl P. Reid, supervising principal of Picton's Public schools opened the evening with a resume of the mayor's outstanding contributions to the town and county as a whole. On many occasions stated Mr. Reid "we have been recipients of your wonderful hospitality and we thank you. We also thank you for your deep personal interest in the community and the individual.

In replying the Mayor said that no one man could do everything that has to be accomplished in county business. "We have all," he said, "worked for the good of the county. We have worked for Picton, it is true," he added, "but as I have said before what is good for the town is good for the county and what is good for the county is also good for Picton." Continuing Mayor McFarland said, "that we now have our new bridge which will mean so much to the county. Where the Belleville bridge and also the one at Carrying Place are limited in their load capacity the new one will accommodate a great deal more and perform a greater service in attracting future industry to the county."

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Mayor McFarland said if it were not for the new bridge that he could not possibly interest the new industries that he is trying to encourage to locate in this area. "We have had a successful year," said the mayor, "and if we all pull together we will go ahead."

In concluding his address His Worship said that the best Christmas present that he could ever have was to go to Proctor Silex plant and see 200 or 250 young people employed. This is good to see so many of our young people not leaving their homes and seeking employment elsewhere. "And I will do everything I possibly can," he added, "to attempt to bring more industry to the county.

Fred Ward, Picton lawyer, who expressed his best wishes to the mayor and the council said that he had spent 21 years in the service of the town and that he had served under 15 mayors. "Harvey McFarland has done more since he has been in office," he said, "than all the other 14 put together. He was directly responsible for bringing in Bethlehem Steel, Silex and also the new Green Point bridge. Harvey McFarland," he said, "is a glorified Santa Claus to his Municipality."

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