

The banquet tendered last evening by the Opposition members of the Legislature to their leader, Mr. J. P. Whitney, while not revealing any new features of the party programme, was a great success from the standpoint of enthusiasm and good-fellowship. The company was made up largely of the Parliamentary delegation and the Presidents and Secretaries of Conservative associations and candidates for the Legislature throughout the Province, and numbered nearly four hundred. In addition to the guest of the evening, there were such prominent speakers as Mr. R. L. Borden, the Dominion Conservative leader, and Mr. F. D. Monk, M.P., the Conservative leader in Quebec, who came up to say a word of cheer to those about to enter upon the Provincial campaign. Mr. Whitney's speech contained a recital of his attitude toward Provincial issues, similar to those of his former speeches. All three speakers alluded in a long-range manner to the prohibition question, their attitude, succinctly stated, being of non-interference in what they considered to be a perplexing situation in which Premier Ross found himself.

Some of Those Present.

Mr. J. J. Foy, M.P.P., Toronto, occupied the chair. At his right sat Mr. J. P. Whitney, M.P.P., the guest of the evening; at his left Mr. R. L. Borden, M.P., Conservative leader in the House of Commons. Others at the head table were:— F. D. Monk, M.P., E. F. Clarke, M.P., Col. Sam Hughes, M.P., A. E. Kemp, M.P., J. W. Flavelle, Hon. David Tisdale, M.P., Dr. G. S. Ryerson, Geo. O. Alcorn, M.P., Rev. Dr. Chambers, W. J. Douglas, C. H. Ritchie, K.C.; Mr. Shaw-Wood, London; Dr. Reaume and Mr. J. A. O'Connor, Windsor.

Among the others present were:— Emerson Coatsworth, jun., W. D. McPherson, A. J. Russell Snow, T. L. Church, Charles Calder (Brooklin), J. A. Worrell, K.C., Ernest Thomson, John Greer, Dr. A. R. Pyne, Wm. Laidlaw, K.C., Dr. Willoughby, ex-M.P.P. (Colborne), Major Donald Robertson, Mayor Beck (London), J. W. Moyes, Geo. Kappel, A. H. U. Colquhoun, George Bell, R. R. Holt, G. W. Monk, J. O. Dromgale (London), Major John A. McGillivray, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Frank Arnoldi, K.C., E. B. Ryckman, Major Beck (Goderich), Frank Reid (Simcoe), F. George Henderson (Kingston), Dr. Musgrove (Niagara Falls), Dr. Gillespie (Cannington), N. B. Colcock (Niagara Falls), Thos Berriman (Stamford), Henry Cronmiller (Port Colborne), Earland Lee (Stoney Creek), R. H. Lewis (Barton), J. L. Ross (Hamilton), J. S. Williams, James Robinson (Markham), C. Pearson, S. Fitzgerald, W. H. Best, S. W. Burns, F. J. Gribble (Niagara Falls), M. Avery, M.P. (Addington), R. Blain, M.P. (Brampton), Dr. Kirkland (Collingwood), John Mackay (Creemore), G. H. Pettit (Welland), Edmund Bristol, Major Beattie (London), R. A. Sinclair (Cannington), E. R. Anderson (Uxbridge), Ald. Foster, W. A. Robinson (Cannington), M. McConnell (Cayuga), J. Castell Hopkins, Dr. Kaiser (Oshawa), Thomas Caswell, A. F. MacLaren, M.P. (Stratford), J. S. Fullerton, J. W. St. John, C. J. Durant (Niagara Falls).

The dinner over, the Secretary, Mr. Wardell, read letters of regret from Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, W. R. Brock, M.P., T. S. Sproule, O. M. Arnold, E. Clancy, Dr. Oronhyatekha, Charles A. Munro, W. D. Hogg, George Taylor, M.P., Lieut.-Col. Alex. H. Moore, M. O. Broder, James Leitch, Dr. Armstrong Black, D. M. Jermyn and Wm. Gray.

The toast of "The King and Queen" was loyally honored, after which Mr. Andrew Miscampbell, M.P.P., Orillia, proposed the toast of "Canada." In doing so he paid a warm tribute to the guest of the evening as a gentleman who put self as a secondary consideration when the interests of his country were at stake. He then referred in turn to the great Conservative leaders, the late Sir John Macdonald, Mr. R. L. Borden, Mr. F. D. Monk, and Mr. Carscallen, each of whom had shed lustre not only on their party but on their country.

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