

## Hotel Connaught Debut

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S. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Whiteside, Geo. M. Rounds, Mr. and Mrs. C. Auer, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Kennedy, W. M. Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. Grierson, Messrs. Alex. Smith, Reamsbottom, Dixon, A. T. Short, C. B. Morgan, Jno. McDonald, P. Wayman, H. B. Edwards, W. A. Morrison, J. A. McLaughlin, McLean and others.

During the partaking of the following enjoyable menu a very enjoyable program of music was given by Frank's two piece orchestra of harp and violin and shortly after the commencement a flashlight photo was taken by J. W. Wilson and Co., Toronto, which will appear, with other photos of the new hotel, in the Sunday World this week.

### MENU.

- Fruit Punch
- Green Turtle Soup
- Olives Sliced Tomatoes Celery
- Chicken Salad Lobster Salad
- Boiled Waiwaitin Trout, Hollandaise
- Pomme de Terre, Princess
- Prime Ribs of Beef au jus
- Roast Young Turkey Cranberry Sauce
- Banana Fritters, Wine Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes Creamed Corn
- Green Peas
- Apple Pie Strawberry Short Cake
- Nuts Ice Cream Raisins
- Coffee Tea

The first of a series of toasts submitted and responded to was that of the T. and N. O. Railway Commission presented by Mr. S. A. Jones, K. C., who asserted that they had done everything they could for the north country and quoted instances where requests at Haileybury were met with by the Commission.

Mr. J. L. Englehart in responding expressed his delight at the outset at seeing so many ladies present and remarked that it had now come to pass that social functions of that description could not really be a success without having the ladies with them, despite what might be claimed of having "jolly good times" and so forth when the members of the fairer sex were absent.

"We of the T. and N. O. Commission," proceeded Mr. Englehart, "are trying to do our duty. We are endeavoring to build and run this railway on commercial lines. We are trying to

give you full value and a good deal more and I think the Railway has done more for this camp than was really called for, perhaps."

Mr. Clement, Chief Engineer, referred to the splendid way in which they were entertained when, a year ago, the first train came to the camp. He felt they were well repaid for the work they had undertaken then and he was delighted to participate in the function that evening in such a splendid building.

### TREMENDOUS INCREASE.

A few interesting figures were quoted by Mr. Griffin, General Superintendent, who pointed out that probably he was not giving away any state secrets when he mentioned the figures. It had been his privilege to be associated with the T. and N. O. for seven years, during which period he had seen the gross revenue increase from \$200,000 a year to over two million dollars a year and the mileage under operation increase three hundred per cent. He hoped that in the near future it would materially increase yet.

"I note on the menu card," added Mr. Clement, in conclusion, "that it states, two pullman trains daily. I only wish that in the near future the district of Porcupine may so increase and prosper that instead of running two we will run four and possibly six Pullmans per day." (Applause.)

### OFFICIAL SATIRE.

Mr. Geo. Lee, General Agent, was greeted with musical honors and quite amused the gathering with his satire regarding the T. and N. O. He claimed to be no hand at facing a public gathering, especially when ladies were present. "While I have been connected with the T. and N. O.," proceeded Mr. Lee quietly, "I have heard some things about it of course which were not altogether pleasant. Now, if any of you people have anything to do with the T. and N. O. in the shape of business I would not trust them too far, if I were you. (Laughter.) If you want anything ask for it. This was my experience, and you want to keep on asking for you won't get any more than you ask for and you won't get any more than you pay for."

The toast of the Hotel Connaught coupled with the names of Major H. C. Bickford, Mr. J. J. McKinney and Donald Frood was submitted by Mr. Englehart, who felt that the remarks he might make would fall short of what he desired to make on behalf of their host, Major Bickford. His was a perennial smile. He was a great polo player and in all round athletics he was always at the head. In addition he had taken his part in

defending the greatest and the only Empire which they represented. Major Bickford was with the army in South Africa and India, where he served his country and now he was to come among the people of Porcupine with Mr. McKinney. They were fortunate in having men of that stamp to spend so large a sum of money and invest so much capital in the gold district. There was no hotel in Northern Ontario to compare with the Connaught with its 75 rooms and all necessaries and he felt there was no reason why it should not be kept very busy.

### CLASS BY ITSELF.

"As to the Porcupine camp itself," continued the speaker, "it is in a class by itself. We have a lot of faith in Porcupine and rightly so."

He had been through the Hollinger that day and, while he was very conservative, he was amazed at the magnificent plant they had erected there. It was almost human in itself. Coupled with that was also the Dome and its great possibilities. He referred to the fact of the T. and N. O. Mining Engineer, Mr. A. A. Cole, who was always so very careful, being most optimistic about the camp and the report which Mr. Cole had presented was a revelation to them.

Mr. Englehart referred to other parts of Northern Ontario, including Elk Lake, Gowganda and the agricultural districts. He quoted the recent shipment from the Casey Cobalt mine as an example of what they found after it had been abandoned and thought that if any land had ever had a blessing it was this North Temiskaming land.

He concluded by characterizing the Hotel Connaught as a monument to the gentlemen who had built it and for himself and those present wished the undertaking every success which it deserved.

Major Bickford responded briefly and expressed his thanks to those who had supported him and Mr. McKinney in the undertaking. During the winter months in the extreme cold there were many incidents to make them disheartened, but they kept at it and the result was what they now had.

The toast of "The Press," submitted by the Chairman, was responded to by Mr. Lang of the Toronto World, Ben Hughes of the Toronto Globe and Chas. Hinks of The Porcupine Advance.

"The Ladies" was a toast left to Mr. W. G. Whiteside, the response to which was given by Messrs. McKenzie of the Dome Lake, Morrison and H. N. Joy.

### TISDALE TOWNSHIP.

In submitting the toast to the Township of Tisdale, Major Bickford remarked that he did not think they would have undertaken to build that

hotel had they not been surrounded by such enterprising people as were to be seen in Porcupine.

Reeve Cook in acknowledging the remarks thought that they had not only in this north country men of brain and muscle but ladies of grace and refinement fit to adorn any banquet of any city of Canada. It certainly spoke well for the camp to have in it men and women of such a calibre as was the case.

Speaking of the hotel the Reeve thought that even the Queens Hotel at Toronto could not house her guests more comfortably or splendidly than in the Connaught.

"The Porcupine Mining Camp" was submitted by Mr. A. S. Fuller, who described it as too big a proposition for any one man to attempt to handle alone. He was very glad to think that the T. and N. O. through their far seeing wisdom had been one of the first to recognize the possibilities of the Porcupine district. It was a tremendous district and no man here tonight could have any idea what it was going to be.

"Look what we have today now," continued Mr. Fuller. "I have no patience whatever with the man who loses faith in a few months' time. Compare some of the other gold camps of the world and see what has happened. The camp in Goldfields is now nine years old and is just having a boom, yet they have got only one big mine."

Messrs. Alec. Smith and C. B. Morgan also spoke, both announcing their faith in the future of the camp to no uncertain degree. Mr. Morgan thought there was a great deal of pessimism afloat which was not warranted. He could say without the least reservation that if the necessary money was advanced they would develop in Porcupine one of the greatest mining camps in the world and that was following his experience of similar camps covering a period of over fifteen years all over the world.

### A GENTLE HINT.

Much amusement and acclaimed approval was evinced when Mr. Morgan quietly added, as a remark more directly to Mr. Englehart, "Of course there are a few small things we need to make a sure success. For instance there is the platform at the foot of Main street and that gasoline engine to Timmirs. Just a few small things you know, and of course we have no doubt we will get them."

### THE DANCE.

The dance which followed in the dining room was participated in by over 200 guests and until after two o'clock Tuesday morning a thoroughly enjoyable program was given to the accompaniment of the same orchestra as at the dinner. Ar-

rangements for the comfort of all were perfect and refreshments were served in the form of ices, light lunches and various iced beverages. In order to make a windup in a typical hospitable manner the "freedom of the hotel" was extended to every one and many took advantage of the privilege of sleeping the first night at the Connaught on which it was opened. To Messrs. Frood and Kenning, the managers of the Connaught, every praise was due for the manner in which the arrangements were made from the first and the way in which the program was executed. The loyal assistance rendered them by every member of the newly organized staff is also worthy of commendable mention as helping in no small way to make the success which the function proved to be.

### ABOUT THE HOTEL.

No more ideal selection could have been made for the building of the hotel than that where it now stands with a full view of South Porcupine, the lake and Porcupine in the distance. It is also in close proximity to the station and should prove a boon to mining men desirous of staying at Porcupine while visiting the surrounding mines. It is indeed admirably located for the summer comfort of guests.

There are in all 75 rooms, double and single, with six bath rooms and modern toilets throughout the establishment. One striking feature of the building is that the first floor of bedrooms is on a level with the main entrance, a significant fact to impress those often met with in travelling who look for every fire precaution.

There are ladies' and gentlemen's writing rooms and parlors within easy access of the rotunda and yet so arranged that quietness and privacy are predominant. The writing rooms are handsomely equipped with desks and heavy oak chairs. The floors of the building throughout are of hardwood. The bedrooms on the first or top floor are similarly fitted out to those below and it is interesting to note that in every room an electric bell and house telephone are installed.

From the upper floor access is easy to the large covered balcony overlooking the lake and from which a splendid view is obtainable on a clear day. All the most modern conveniences have been adopted in the Connaught from kitchen to the best fitted room available. The dining room is below the right wing of the building and opposite is the saloon bar. A point worthy of note in regard to these particular quarters is that the heating apparatus is suspended from the roof instead of by radiator at the sides.

Taking the Hotel Connaught from

## Pathetic Death of Circus Horse

One of the most pathetic incidents in many which took place in connection with the Mighty Haag Shows when at South Porcupine on Monday last was in reference to the loss of a valuable cream colored tricking horse. While at the station with other animals this one was severely lamed by another horse and sustained a broken leg just above the knee. Realizing that to take it with them would cause considerable trouble the show offered the horse to anyone who cared to remove it and do the best they could with it. A resident of the western end of South Porcupine took advantage of the offer and had the suffering animal placed on a jumper, taken to town and the injured limb carefully attended to. In carrying the animal to the stable intended for it, however, a deep mud hole was encountered on Bloor street and the disabled horse was rolled over, bringing the broken limb underneath him in such a way as to undoubtedly cause intense suffering and pain.

This proved too much for the would-be benefactor of the poor dumb creature and in the best way he could think of in order to hasten matters an axe was requisitioned and an attempt made to put the animal out of existence. Several blows on the head did not accomplish this and in the end the sharp edge of the axe was utilized as a means of severing the windpipe and a merciful unconsciousness soon followed the pathetic struggles of the injured former equine entertainer. The remarks of the crowd who witnessed the incident were sympathetic with both the circus, the persevering benefactor and the horse itself which, instead of today drawing the admiration of crowds at North Bay, remains under earth at South Porcupine, where he paid his first and last visit.

top to bottom it can justly claim to stand second to none in Northern Ontario and with the excellence of the cuisine arranged for together with the management of Messrs. Frood and Kenning there is no reason to doubt a large and permanent patronage — and one thoroughly deserving when the great extent of the undertaking is carefully considered.

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