

**WELCOME HOME.**

**Banquet in Horne's Hall in Honor of the Returned Soldiers From South Africa.**

The great Hall of Councillor Horne on Kent Street was transformed last night as by the wand of some magician. Instead of waggons and carts and agricultural machinery, there were presented to the eye of the visitor two long lines of electric light pendant from the ceiling and on either hand hung flags, portraits of famous men, with such mottoes between as "Canada is Proud of Her Sons" and "Welcome Home." On the right a long table stretched from end to end; and at right angles with this shorter tables throughout the length of the long room. The tables were beautifully laid, and under the blaze of light the whole apartment was a delight to the eye.

The guests took their seats shortly after 9 o'clock, Lieut.-Colonel Moore presiding. On his right and left sat Rev. T. F. Fullerton and Lieutenant McDonald, representatives of the guests of the evening. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Lady Davies, Mrs. Moore, Premier Farquharson, Mrs. McIntyre, Sir Louis Davies and Mrs. Farquharson occupied seats on either hand; and throughout the building were scattered the brave young men in honor of whom the dinner was given. The menu was as follows:

**MENU.**

- Spanish Olives. Celery. Salted Almonds.
- Oysters on the Shell.
- Consomme a la Princess. Green Peas a la Marquis.
- Boiled Fresh Dalhousie Salmon. Gherkin Sauce.
- Sliced Cucumbers. Saratoga Potatoes. Tomatoes.
- Boiled Young Fowl. Oyster Sauce. Ham and Ox Tongue.
- Lamb Cutlets with Puree of Mushrooms.
- Fillet of Chicken. Tomato Sauce. Roast Sirloin of Beef. Horse Radish.
- Young Turkey. Ham and Chestnut Dressing. Cranberry Jelly.
- Cauliflower in Cream Sauce. Green Peas.
- Red Cabbage. Potatoes mashed in Cream. Beets.
- Wild Goose. Marmalade.
- Fricandeau of Partridge. Currant Jelly.
- Shrimp Salad. Tomato with Walnut Mayonnaise. Lettuce Salad.
- Royal Plum Pudding. Brandy Sauce.
- Gooseberry Tartlets. Marachin and Orange Jelly. Lemon Meringues.
- Macaroons. Fruit. Plain and Assorted Cake. Wafers.
- Crackers. Cheese. Celery.
- Coffee and Ginger Ice Cream.
- Bananas. Oranges. Apples. Assorted Grapes.
- Tea Coffee.

While the viands were being served and partaken of, the following programme of music was rendered by the band of the Fourth Regiment under direction of Mr. M. M. Galbraith:

**PROGRAMME.**

1. March—Our Soldier Boys. Sutton
2. Overture—From Dawn till Twilight. Bennett
3. Waltz—Spring Flowers. Sutton
4. Song—When the Moonbeams fall at Evening. Roderick
5. Cornet Solo—Addah Polka. Lousey
6. Waltz—Murmur of the Breezes. Moreno
7. Serenade—To Ruth and Helen. Howell
8. Selection—A Night in New York or seeing the Elephant. Watson (Descriptive)

**Synopsis:**—  
Josh Hayseed, a Vermont farmer, starts for New York to the tune of "Wood Up." Ashe "Waits for the Wagen" his wife bids him "Good-by, John." Arriving in the city, the first thing he hears is a band playing "Old Dan Tucker's" march to town. Following the crowd down Broadway he hears a circus band playing, and decides to go and see Jumbo. He sees the fair equestrienne as "Around the ring she goes," and a "Pretty blue eyed Flo." After the Circus "Die Lauterbach" he goes for a beer singing "Independence Day has Come." (He is away from home.) He stays in the beer saloon till the cuckoo calls, then starts for home singing "We won't go home till morning." After several unsuccessful attempts he gives it up and tries, "Whoop, boys, set 'em up again." Cock-crow reminds him that it is morning, but he wanders into a can-can den and has a drink or two more. Then "The old man's full again" he goes to "Lannigan's reel" and dances "Miss MacLeod's reel." He gets into a fight, the watchman gives the alarm and the police take him in to the tune of "Off he goes."  
Moral—"I'll never get drunk again."

9. Characteristic Dance—The Watermelon. Wilson
10. March—El Capitán. Sousa

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**

The night was advanced when the feast of reason and the flow of soul began. After "the Queen" the President expressed his pleasure and welcomed the guests of the evening, whom he described as the equals in point of bravery and other soldierly qualities of any men in the Empire. He gave the toast of Canada. This was responded by Lieut.-Governor McIntyre and Sir Louis Davies, both of whom spoke in eloquent terms of the joys of the evening.

"Our returned Comrades from South Africa" was received with the greatest possible applause,—the singing of Soldiers of the Queen, led by the Rev. and Churlers.

The Rev. T. F. Fullerton returned thanks on behalf of the soldiers. As a non-combatant himself, he was in a position to say that the Canadian Contingents had performed no small part in the victory of the British army in South Africa, and that the young men of Prince Edward Island were inferior to none in the Contingent. When the regiment arrived in South Africa it was not, of course, so well disciplined as others of the force sent out against the enemy; but when it came to the labor of building railways, when it came to marching by day and by night, when it came to doing out-post duty in the night and in the cold, when it came to trudging with little food, and less water, over many weary miles of veldt, when it came to the charge, in which individual good judgment was needed, when it came to facing a storm of bullets,—then the Canadians were found the equals of any soldiers in the whole British army and none in the Canadian regiment excelled the men from Prince Edward Island, (Cheers.) At times these men were starved, and at times they were naked, but they never, while in the field, lost their indomitable pluck. One of the Black Watch, after Magersfontein, was addressed by a Guardsman who said "I understand that your regiment received such a terrible blow that it is disorganized and hardly able to make a fight." Drawing himself up the Scotchman said "I believe that the Black Watch is still the equal of any regiment in the army, with the exception of the Canadians." The Canadians had been described as "devils to fight,"—and of the Canadians, Company G., he believed, stands out in the reports made to the Field Marshal. Lord Roberts parted with the Canadians, and the Deputy-Adjutant-General parted with the company of which the Islanders were members, with the utmost possible reluctance. They have rendered a great service to the Empire and to Canada and it is impossible to thank them too much. They have handed back the escutcheon committed to their care, not only untarnished but gilded by deeds of bravery and heroism that ought to make the people of Prince Edward Island proud. In conclusion, Mr. Fullerton again expressed his deep regret on account of the death of Taylor and Riggs; and said that he believed that there were no men in the regiment better prepared to meet their God. Certainly no nobler death could come to any man than that which came to these, while bravely fighting on behalf of freedom and civilization. (Great applause.)

Lieut. McDonald also returned thanks on behalf of the guests of the evening, and bestowed a high compliment upon the ladies whose presence was an unusual feature of such entertainments. All along the line, at the various stopping places, the Canadian regiment had been received with demonstrations of welcome. But in his opinion the reception given the boys who returned to Charlottetown was the best of all. The only charge that he had to bring against these boys, the only charge that he had heard brought against them while in South Africa, was that they were a little too reckless under fire—in fact it was hard to hold them back when danger was near; but this he thought was not a serious charge to bring against soldiers. (Applause.)

Sergeant Lorne Stewart also replied to the toast and expressed the warm thanks of the soldiers for their hearty welcome and reception in Charlottetown.

"The Monument Fund" was responded to by Mr. McCready, who read the following address from Court Avondale:

**TO OUR BROTHER FORESTERS OF THE P. E. ISLAND CONTINGENT RETURNING FROM ACTIVE SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

**BROTHER FORESTERS.**—Your Brothers of Court Avondale, Independent Order of Foresters, proud of the courage and patriotism which prompted you to enlist in the Queen's service, have read with the deepest interest the glowing reports that have come to us of your endurance and valor in South Africa.

Two of your number, Brothers Roland Taylor and Alfred Riggs, both members of Court Avondale, have fallen on the battlefield, where

they acquitted themselves as valiant Christian soldiers. We shall always proudly remember that they gave their lives for Canada and the Empire, and to win Liberty and just government for South Africa.

We think it fitting that their names and your own should be preserved, and handed down to future generations, that the noble example may furnish an incentive to patriotism in the years to come. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we hail the movement to erect a worthy monument on Queen Square as a memorial of the conflict in which they and you have borne so brave a part. Court Avondale donates fifty dollars to the Monument Fund.

Most heartily do we welcome you home, brave, tried and true Brother Foresters and Soldiers of the Queen! Yours in Liberty, Benevolence and Concord.

J. H. BELL,  
JASPER PICKARD,  
L. J. MCPHERSON,  
Committee.

On behalf of Court Avondale.  
Mr. McCready said there are some things that we would not willingly let die; and one of these was the memory of the men who had so nobly fallen in the fight. He hoped that a monument would, ere long, be erected in their honor and that our children and children's children would be reminded of the heroic deaths of Taylor and Riggs.

Mrs. Watts then sang a beautiful and appropriate song, with a chorus in which Mr. R. M. Johnson, Mr. J. Owen, Mr. J. A. Moore and others took part.

"The Provincial Legislature" was responded to by Premier Farquharson and by the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Daniel Gordon. Both gentlemen expressed their high appreciation of the services rendered the Province as well as Canada and the Empire at large by our returned soldiers.

"The Mayor and Corporation" was responded to by Councillor Lyons, who spoke eloquently of the services rendered by the returned soldiers.

"The Clergy" was responded to by Rev. Dr. Morrison, Rev. Mr. Williams and Rev. Mr. McConnell, all of whom referred to the great services rendered by the Rev. Mr. Fullerton and Father O'Leary. The manly young chaplain, Rev. W. J. Cox, also received honorable mention.

"The Bench and Bar" brought up Judge Warburton and Mr. W. S. Stewart, Q. C., both of whom delivered excellent speeches; in which particular reference was made to the services of Messrs. Weeks, Melish and McDonald, and in which the services of the Canadian Contingent were eloquently acknowledged.

"The Army and Navy" was responded to by Lieut.-Colonel McLeod, of the 82nd Regiment, who welcomed the returned men of his force, and thanked God that so many had escaped the dangers of the war.

"The Medical Profession" was responded to by Drs. Taylor and Jenkins, who called to mind the important part enacted by the army surgeons in the saving of lives and limbs.

"The Red Cross Society" brought up Dr. Harry Johnson; and "The Press" Messrs. Cotton and Nash. The former referred particularly to the prompt and excellent service rendered by the Anglo-American Telegraph company and its officials, and the latter acknowledged the deeply interesting letters of the boys, publication of which had been permitted in the newspapers of this Province.

"The Ladies" was responded to by Sergt. Hession, who referred to the great debt of gratitude due by many of the soldiers in South Africa (including himself) to the lady nurses in the army hospitals.

With the singing of "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot," "God Save the Queen" and cheers for the Queen, the assembly broke up shortly before two o'clock this morning.

**VOTE** down Tarte and Tarteism by voting for the Opposition candidates.

The celebration is over. The shouting is done. The soldier boys are home, but not all. And now for a souvenir—a souvenir of those who have come home, of those who are still in Africa, and of those who will never return. Something which you can keep, something which you can send to your friends away, something which contains pictures of ALL of the Island heroes. Such a souvenir can now be had at all of the bookstores and news stands. The price is ten cents each.

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