

BANDSMEN OF 52ND GUESTS AT BANQUET

Program of Songs and Speeches at
Victoria—Mayor Murphy
Presides.

Forty men were in attendance at the banquet at the Victoria hotel last night, which was tendered to the returned 52nd battalion band by the Fort William band.

The toastmaster of the banquet was Mayor Harry Murphy, and he disposed of the duty in his usual affable manner. After the splendid dinner had been enjoyed, he announced the purpose of the meeting as not merely a banquet to the returned band, but a gathering of the band men in the city to discuss matters relating to the welfare of the Fort William band, and to ascertain what can be done to improve it and make it one of the best bands in Canada.

The Toast List

The toast list and speakers were: "The King," "Canada," responded to by C. A. Mack; "The Ladies," P. W. Martin; "52nd Band," W. Hoskin Sara; "The Future of the Fort William City Band," E. M. Smith and James Whiteacre. After the regular toast list had been disposed of the proceedings became informal and several speakers and singers were called on to contribute to the entertainment. Those who spoke were: F. G. Brennagh, bandmaster of the 52nd battalion band; C. Faulkner, J. A. Doak, Charles W. Abel, H. Day, W. J. O'Connor, George Ramsay, F. Wellard, G. Hutchison. Songs were also contributed by F. Parish, George Ramsay and E. F. Price.

Wants Enlarged Band

Before concluding the program of the evening Mayor Murphy announced that he had always believed the city should have a good band and if it were not for the difficult times that the city is going through in a financial way he would be in favor of giving the city band a larger grant than has been made this year. The Fort William city band, he explained, is a fine band, but not yet as perfect as it could be made, and he promised that if it is possible to locate members of the 52nd battalion band in Fort William, with a view to placing them in the lo-

cal band, everything will be done to work out the plan.

It was finally agreed that everyone present was to be a booster for the development of the Fort William band, and announcements are looked for very shortly.

The Guests

Those present were: Corporal J. Watson, Charles W. Abel, H. Day, Alfred Bowles, M. B. Collier, F. Stark, W. J. Brigden, L. Redy, P. W. Martin, F. S. Brennagh, H. Murphy, W. Hoskin Sara, H. Sims, E. F. Price, P. Tavarano, S. A. Schofield, F. T. Wellard, W. Powers, W. C. Scrandrett, William Ginn, F. S. Parish, J. Biddulph, Albert Bonin, J. A. Doak, W. J. O'Connor, E. M. Smith, George H. Taylor, J. W. Ramsay, George Ramsay, Charles A. Mack, E. L. Mooney, James Whiteacre, S. J. Lucas, G. Hutchison, C. Faulkner, W. H. Morrell, J. Watson, S. J. Bowles, A. N. Carter.
