

Portland; New Brunswick Lodge; Leinster Lodge; Carlton Royal Arch Chapter; New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter; St. John's Council Royal and Select Masters; New Brunswick Council Royal and Select Masters; Moore Conclave Knights of Rome and Constantine; Union De Molay Encampment Knights Templars; Harington Lodge of Perfection A. & A. Rite; Harington Chapter Rose Croix A. & A. Rite; The Royal Order of Scotland; New Brunswick Consistory S. P. R. S. 32°.

"The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is also a heavy loser, though it had very little property in the Masonic Hall buildings. Its library and valuables were chiefly kept in the room of the Grand Secretary, W. F. Bunting, Esq., in the City Buildings. All of the books, and there were many rare and curious ones, are destroyed. Indeed, so complete was the destruction that not even was a copy of the proceedings of Grand Lodge to be found. A portion of the Regalia was preserved. This is but a drop of water, however, from an ocean of waste."

Since the above was in type, we have received a letter from the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, which gives the following additional particulars:—

"Grand Lodge lost its Library, containing about 400 volumes, (accumulated principally through my exertions during the ten years of its existence), blank forms, certificates, files of papers, reports, printed proceedings, a large edition of Constitutions and Funeral Services, letter-books, and much other valuable property. There were saved, the Jewels and Regalia, Record-books, Register and some other useful books. Albion Lodge, No. 1, Saint John's Lodge, No. 2, Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, Leinster Lodge, No. 19, and New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, lost their Jewels, Clothing, Warrants, Banners, and all other paraphernalia,—Nos. 3, 10 and 22 also losing their Records. Carleton R. A. Chapter, New Brunswick R. A. Chapter, Encampment of St. John, Union DeMolay Encampment, two Councils of R. and S. Masters, the Bodies under the A. and A.

Rite, and the Royal Order of Scotland, lost everything except their Records. The members of the Encampments lost their private Regalia in the armories. Some of the bodies were insured, others had no insurance.

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"I may add that we have already received substantial aid from several quarters, among which I may mention \$1000 from the Grand Lodge of Canada; \$1000 from the Craft in Chicago; \$1000 is promised from Newfoundland—part of which has already been received; \$300 from the Craft in Prince Edward Island; \$300 from the Grand Lodge of Illinois; and minor amounts have been received from other parts. The Craft in Nova Scotia are getting up a contribution."

We learn that in the Toronto District, the D. D. G. M. (R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry) called a meeting of the city lodges to discuss the question of aiding our suffering brethren in St. John, and it was decided to recommend the Lodges to contribute at the rate of 50 cents per member. We would suggest to the Masters of all our Lodges the desirability of following this example, as by such means a handsome sum would be raised, and our brethren of St. John provided for in a liberal manner, as they deserve to be at our hands. We would urge prompt action, so that there may be as little further delay as possible. Such a call upon our resources does not often occur, but, when such a calamity does happen, as Masons we should be found in the front ranks of all classes extending aid to our brethren in distress.

W. Bro. PETER BEGG, of Brighton, is acting as General Agent for the CRAFTSMAN at present, and has sent us fifty-four new subscribers as the result of a few days canvassing in Ontario District. We cordially recommend W. Bro. Begg to the fraternal kindness of the members of the Craft wherever he may go.

Bro. W. L. HUNTER, Secretary of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, is Agent for the CRAFTSMAN for Toronto and vicinity, where he is meeting with considerable success in procuring new subscribers, notwithstanding the dull times.