

E. C. BRITTON, P. C.

Second Lieutenant Vancouver Company No. 4,
U. R.

Bro. Britton joined the Order as a Charter member of Granville Lodge, No. 3. He has been one of the most regular and active members of his lodge, and he was elected Chancellor Commander in January, 1897, and at different times has served his lodge in various other offices. He was one of the Charter members of Vancouver Company, No. 4, U. R., and has filled the office of Sir Knight Treasurer almost continuously since organization, until this year, when he was unanimously elected Second Lieutenant of the Company. In every position our brother has been elected or appointed to, he has fulfilled his duties faithfully and well, and is looked upon as one of the solid knights of Vancouver.

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PAST-CAPTAIN JOHN CROW, U. R.

Bro. John Crow, Past-Captain of Vancouver City Company, No. 4, U. R., K. of P., was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Queen City of the West, on September 12th, 1852, and became a Charter member of Granville Lodge, No. 3, December 15th, 1896. He ably filled the position of M. at A. at the institution of Loyal Lodge, No. 6, New Westminster, Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, and Crusader, No. 19, of Vancouver, as well as at that of Nanaimo, No. 4, and at Myrtle, No. 9, of the Coal City. At present, although a P. C., he is serving as I. G. of Granville Lodge, No. 3. He was elected Representative to Grand Lodge, taking great interest in the good work done there. His knowledge of military service in the U. S. Army and Navy was appreciated by the Knights, who elected him Captain three terms in succession.

Bro. Crow is ever at hand when wanted and takes a prominent part in the Amplified Team. That he long may be with us, is our earnest wish.

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Charles Nelson, the head of the Nelson Drug Stores Company, of Vancouver, B. C., arrived in the Terminal City soon after the Big Fire of 1886. After several weeks sojourn he made up his mind that Vancouver was to be the Liverpool of the Pacific and decided to settle down to business. He learned his business and profession in Manchester, England, with one of the oldest and best chemists of the North of England. His business abilities cropped out in his work for others in Manitoba and the North West, his late employer offering him a partnership in his business to stay with him. The City Drug Store (Nelson's) was opened on December 15th, 1886, adjoining the now "non-exist" Bodega, and for some two years continued there successfully. On the completion of the first brick block on Cordova Street, the Wilson Block, he moved there. At this time, 1888, he was told by many he was going too far west. What do they think now? On the vacation of the corner by Rand Brothers, Mr. Nelson moved again to No. 100, at the corner of Abbott, where the Nelson Drug

Stores Company was incorporated, and is to-day one of the brightest samples of commercial success of Vancouver and British Columbia. Thus for nearly fourteen years Mr. Nelson has successfully conducted business in our midst, besides investing in many of our primary industries to be for the good of Vancouver and British Columbia, but not as a rule much good to the investor. The Nelson Company now carries on a general drug and sundries business, wholesale, jobbing and retail, and has one of the largest stocks in the Province. It also gives the part of the efforts to the seed business. This is where the abnormal increase has been, from a sale of 25 in 1887, to 3,000 in 1897 (10 years); 1859 and 1900 will run to nearly 5,000 pounds. They issue an annual catalogue of seeds, which is a credit to the Company and British Columbia. Altogether Mr. Nelson is one of our most energetic and successful business men, and any thing he or the Company say they will do can be relied upon. Bro. Charles Nelson is one of Granville, No. 3, members, and has been a patron of our advertising columns since the paper was started.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to Kurtz & Company's Pioneer Cigar Manufacturers' advertisement in the "True Knight." This firm is, as their name indicates, the pioneer white labor cigar factory in the Province, being established in 1878 by John Krutz, who was well and favorably known throughout British Columbia; and who remained at the head of the firm until his death in 1891, when he was succeeded by our Bro. C. L. Behnsen, P. S. R., who had been with this firm since January, 1882, and who is still at the head, and through his management and knowledge of the business has succeeded to make the name of his firm, "Kurtz & Company," stand as a guarantee of honesty and excellence for their brands of cigars, the best and leading brands of their manufacture being the "Kurtz's Own," "Kurtz's Pioneers," and "Spanish Blossoms," and any brother who desires to smoke a really good cigar, should smoke either of said brands. Bro. Behnsen has been a true friend of this journal, having carried their firm's advertisement from the very first number, without intermission. It may also be of interest to know that the majority of their workmen are members of our Order and very active ones at that.

The Army and Navy cigar and tobacco store, 46 Cordova Street, carries one of the best assorted tobaccoist's stocks in the city. Mr. Gerster has always been a strong advocate of Union Label cigars and carries in stock a complete line of British Columbia and Eastern Union cigars, with the result that he is to-day enjoying a splendid business. If seeing is believing, it would almost seem that the Army and Navy is the headquarters for a good percentage of the Union men in the City, and they can always rest assured of receiving the very best of treatment at this store. The reading and smoking room is at all times at the disposal of the patrons, where Unionism is often debated with beneficial results.