

March, Attended Anniversary of Wellington Lodge, No. 19, Bowmanville.

April 23, Officially visited Victoria Lodge, No. 12, Cornwall. Held a lodge of instruction during the day and attended their annual public meeting same evening.

May 4, Officially visited Lansdowne Lodge, No. 25, Peterboro.

May 8, Instituted and dedicated Windsor Lodge, No. 33, Toronto.

May 24, Dedicated New Lodge Room, Wellington Lodge, No. 19, Bowmanville.

June, Officially visited Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Whitby.

July 3, Attended meeting Executive, Toronto.

" 29, Officially visited Leicester Lodge, No. 33, Kingston.

" 30, Attended reception of S. O. E. volunteers on their return from the battlefield.

Oct. 13, Officially visited Lodges Britannia, No. 8, and Acorn, No. 29, Hamilton.

" 27, Attended Entertainment Stafford Lodge, No. 32, Toronto.

" 28, Officially visited Chester Lodge, No. 18, St. Thomas.

" 29, Officially visited Bedford Lodge, No. 22, Woodstock.

" 30, Officially visited Royal Oak Lodge, No. 26, Galt.

Jan. 5, Installed Officers Wellington Lodge, No. 19, Bowmanville.

" 27, Held Lodge of Instruction, Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Whitby;

And paid many other visits and attended meetings of a non-official nature, not necessary to mention in this report.

I have also had to deal with an almost incalculable number of intricate questions, have given decisions in a great many cases, and have answered a voluminous quantity of correspondence on all subjects relating to our Constitution and Ritual. Have examined and approved of a number of Lodge By-laws, and it is a source of satisfaction to me to find that only one appeal has been entered against my ruling, and that one to be decided by you at this session.

At the time of the outbreak amongst the Rebels of the North-West Territory your Executive were on the watch and were proud to find that a host of our members were ready to protect our country's flag when menaced by the enemy, and many of them did go and had the honor of fighting their country's battles, and met with an enthusiastic reception by the brethren on their return.

Early in March I instructed the Grand Secretary to proceed to Ottawa to watch the insurance Bill then before Parliament, and to interview the authorities who had the Bill in charge, as one clause of it threatened to extinguish our Beneficiary Department. I am glad to say that he, with others, succeeded in their object.

There are other topics that I might call your attention to, but they will all be noticed in the more detailed and complete report of the R. W. G. Secretary, and so I will pass on.

The Shaftesbury Hall scheme will receive your attention, as also the introduction of the new paper printed at Montreal and entitled the Englishman's Journal. Suffice it to say that while approving of the Journal we could not and did not commit the Society in any way, but whilst personally approving of it we recommend that it meet with the endorsement of the Grand Lodge at this session.

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