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### Burning of the British Flag.

#### THE SONS OF ENGLAND SEEK REDRESS.

Yankees who do not know good Treatment—Assumed Liberties which Englishmen will resent.

A special news dispatch from Merriton, Ont., gives to the public a description of one of the most aggravating incidents which has taken place for a long time. It is gratifying to us to know that the members of Lodge Union Jack, No. 201, of Merriton, has asked for an investigation. The following are the reported particulars:—

#### YANKEE PATRIOTISM.

Merriton, Ont., July 12.—Much indignation is felt over a flag incident which took place here on the 4th July. Some cotton mill operatives, who are citizens of the United States, recently sought the protection and good wages which the British flag means by taking situations as foremen in the Canadian Cotton Mills at this place. Although absent from their native land they did not allow the fires of patriotism to quench on the anniversary of their country's birthday. They gave vent to their feeling by profusely decorating their boarding-house with the Stars and Stripes.

#### A PLUCKY YOUNG LADY.

The daughter of the house deemed it but right but that the British ensign should float above the foreign flag, and braving the perils of the sloping roof, succeeded in affixing it to the chimney. This so annoyed the Yankees that they immediately hauled down the hated emblem of Britain.

And a second time it was hoisted on the chimney, and a second time removed. But the ardent Canadian girl, not to be daunted, replaced it a third time, when the men from Uncle Sam's domain once more removed it, and although the bit of bunting did not fly over a country enforcing an alien labor law, it was torn in shred and burned to ashes.

#### ENGLISHMEN WILL NOT ALLOW THE DEGRADING OF THE FLAG.

Popular sentiment has been so aroused that the member of Union Jack lodge, of the Sons of England, to the number of forty, waited on the Reeve last night and urged that punishment be meted out to those who so flagrantly degraded the flag under which they live.

The matter has been given to the Crown Attorney.

#### THE LATEST.

They Apologize for the Burning of the British Flag.

Since putting the above in type an apology has been sent to the Reeve and Council of Merriton by the participants of the diabolical outrage. Through the prompt and determined action of the Sons of England the Reeve, and council took the matter up, in doing so they carried out their obligation as citizen of the Dominion, and showed their love to the Old Flag and their attachment to the Empire, The Standard of St. Catharines, reports the action of the deputation as follows:

Before the adjournment of the council, a very large delegation composed of members of Union Jack Lodge, Sons of England, waited upon the council.

About 30 person composed the delegation, headed by the Rev. Bro. F. H. Fatt, District Deputy of the Sons of England, and Messrs. F. Bassett, H. Davis, J. Elliott, J. B. Jackson, W. Greenwood, Geo. Stanley, F. J. Drevitt, Ald. Bye, of Thorold, and others.

#### STIRRING WORDS.

Rev. Bro. F. H. Fatt said that as a citizen and a public man he had been somewhat shocked at certain proceedings, which he knew the honorable body would coincide with him as being entirely out of order. "To make no bones about it," said Mr. Fatt, "rumor has it that the flag of our nation, the flag of Old England, has been dishonored and disgraced, and we desire to remind you, Mr. Reeve, that your obligation insists that you be faithful to your Queen, and as such you must be faithful to her flag. If this outrage—and that is the proper term—has been offered to our flag, your duty and the duty of the council is to see that the offenders are brought to time. An apology should be offered by them to this community. Now we look to you."

The Reeve—If this report is true, they shall be punished. No people of sense would do such a thing.

Councillor Phelps—I'm a British subject and I love that flag and for my part money will be no object in having these people get their deserts.

Mr. H. Davis—The Union Jack is the flag we live under, and these Americans at this time are making their bread and butter under it, too. The council may depend upon it, that we citizens will uphold them in their action.

Moved and seconded that the Reeve be authorized to wait upon the County Crown Attorney in regard to the hauling down and burning of a British Flag on the 4th of July, and to take such steps as he may deem necessary to bring the offenders to justice.—Carried.

To the action of the council, through the Crown Attorney, letters of apology have been received, couched in humble words, from Chester J. Brown, on behalf of himself and family, also from G. W. Robbins and others.

The manly and determined attitude assumed by the Sons of England is due the credit of bring those malignant individuals to time. In the future, before these mischief making Americans pull down another Union Jack, they had better enquire if there are no Englishmen around.

#### "Retired Retaining Rank."

BRO. JAMES LOMAS, P. S. G. P.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at the offices of the Executive, Toronto, on the 24th May. At the last meeting of Supreme Grand Lodge, it was resolved to present a Supreme Past President's Jewel to Bro. Jas. Lomas, one of the founders of the Order. The presentation was made by Bro. J. W. London, S. G. V. P., in the absence of Bro. Geo. Clatworthy, S. G. President, The S. G. Vice called to memory the early struggles which beset the efforts of those courageous and determined band of men, he particularly rehearsed the personal efforts of Bro. Lomas, and the deep interest he always took in the Order. He knew he was voicing the spirit which actuated the members of Grand Lodge, when he said it was an honor only of small value in proportion to what our Order has been to thousands who are now actively interested in the Society—it must be a pride to you to know through your persistent efforts, and that of your few co-labor-

ers the good you have done, by the development of our nationality and the position we hold to-day. We acknowledge all this and attribute it in a large measure to your unabating zeal for the promotion of Englishmen, and the spreading of the principles of the Order for the past 20 years. You are acquainted with the fact that we are established in every province of this vast Dominion, boasting 15,000 members in our society.

Bro. Lomas, in replying, thanked the Grand Lodge, through the Supreme Executive, for the honor conferred upon him. As a member of the Order he had always done his best as far as he knew how, and would continue so to do. "If I am," he said, "not at the head of the Society, I am always ready to be called upon for any service that it might be thought I am capable of rendering in its interest." Bro. Lomas was very anxious to do the honors, but the Executive was about to meet to transact business, and Bro. Lomas' invitation will remain a standing order.

#### Certainly the Best.

The following appreciative and encouraging remarks were made by *Flaneur* in his descriptive page of the Mail-Empire on the 1st July. It is gratifying to know that the Sons of England and the ANGLO-SAXON is so highly esteemed by such an able critic. We quote:

"Certainly one of the best—in my opinion the best—of the patriotic and beneficiary orders in the Dominion is the Order of the Sons of England; there are over twelve thousand members in good standing in Canada today, while the increase is steady and satisfactory; the Order has spread to South Africa and Australia. The Sons of England has just adopted the ANGLO-SAXON of Ottawa, as their official organ; this little sheet has for several years waved aloft the Old Flag persistently and judiciously; with added authority I wish it greater influence and usefulness. Long may the ANGLO-SAXON flourish, and for all time may the Old Flag wave."

The ANGLO-SAXON, of Ottawa is now the official organ of the Sons of England Benefit Society, which shows that it is in a very flourishing condition and growing rapidly.—*Fort William Echo.*

#### THE JUVENILE PROBLEM.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

Sir,—On reading your remarks in June ANGLO-SAXON, on "The Juvenile Question," it impressed me of its importance to our Order. I think with you that the senior members have held too much power over the juveniles—not giving them sufficient scope to think for themselves. Which is one of the chief causes, in my mind, which has interfered with their becoming popular. I do not wish to dwell at any length upon this question, with our juvenile constitution now in the hands of the members juvenile organization should be seriously considered, with over 300,000 to enroll from some effort should be made worthy of so serious a problem.

Trusting your paper will receive the support of the Order, which it deserves for so lavishly maintaining the cause of Englishmen and their institution.

AN OLD MEMBER.  
Toronto, July 4th, 1895.

### The Beneficiary Changes.

SHAFTESBURY HALL,

Toronto, July 11th, 1895.

Though the Supreme Grand Secretary has sent out several notices, members do not seem to understand what the new law requires.

In the first place the payments have to be made on or before the first of every month, to the subordinate lodge secretary. The Secretary must make his returns to the Supreme Secretary, on or before the eighth day of the month. Members whose names are not on the return sheet will be marked suspended, and in case of death will not be entitled to benefits. For the benefit of members we will give the full text of the new law, clause 36, page 132 reads:—

"So soon as any member's beneficiary dues are in arrears he shall, without any act on the part of the Society or this Department, stand suspended from the benefits of this Department; but such suspended member may be reinstated if within one month from the date of his suspension he shall pay all dues owing at the date thereof, as well as all dues that may have accrued up to the time of his reinstatement. A member so suspended, whose dues are more than one month in arrears, but not three months in arrears, may be reinstated upon producing a certificate of good health from a regularly appointed Medical Examiner, satisfactory to the Beneficiary Board, and upon payment of all dues owing at the date of his suspension, as well as all dues that may have accrued up to the time of his re-instatement."

The foregoing clause is clear and explicit, and members who do not pay by the first of the month run their own risks, and suspend themselves. But a member can re-instate himself by paying his dues before the end of the month. If, however, a member should not pay within the month he will be called upon to produce a medical certificate of good health satisfactory to the Beneficiary Board, for which he must pay the examiners fees.

The Beneficiary Board, at a very large expense, have provided a new set of books for every secretary, also contribution books for the members, free of charge. Every effort has been made to simplify the work, and the Supreme Grand Secretary is doing his very best to assist the secretaries in making out the returns.

The new system is a great improvement, and a decided benefit to the members. Some little allowance will have to be made for the first month. The Beneficiary Department will be administered on a purely business basis, to ensure its success. The fact that we have already paid out to the relatives of deceased members over \$85,000 in this Department alone, is sufficient to prove its value and successful working.

SUPREME GRAND SECRETARY.

ENCOURAGE HOME INDUSTRY.—We draw the attention of the brethren to the advertisement of Bro. H. Lovelock, 100 Bellevue Ave., Toronto. The badges supplied by him are of the best workmanship, and the designs are beautiful in arrangement. In fact they are gems of art. Write Bro. Lovelock for prices.

The S.O.E. Society is moving rapidly forward, its progress is marked by the manner in which it celebrated Dominion Day. Its membership is increasing and its national character is being felt in many ways.

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