

"I feel it a great pleasure to be able to report so favorably concerning Orangism in this County. The Order never was in better standing than it is at the present time; some Lodges are in splendid working order, and some that were almost dormant have arisen with renewed energy, and are doing very well. The County meeting was never better represented than it has been this year, which I think speaks well for the Brethren of West Lambton."

The County Master of Lincoln reports:—

"I have great pleasure in stating that this veteran County never was in such good Orange condition as at present; from that noble old Lodge, No. 77, of glorious memory, to No. 1297, all are prospering most favorably. We have a splendid Lodge of Orange Young Britons, established last September in St. Catharines, now numbering over sixty, who, I feel confident, will be an ornament to our good old Orange Tree in the course of time."

The County Master of West Middlesex reports:—

"We are gaining steadily, not so much in numbers as in influence; most of the returns were made with greater promptness, and the County meeting was a large and influential one; most every Lodge has a hall of their own to meet in."

The County Master of Muskoka reports:—

"I feel great pleasure in having to inform you that the Orange Lodges in this County are in a very prosperous and flourishing condition, and I have no hesitation in saying that two-thirds of the inhabitants of Muskoka are Orangemen, and as the district of Muskoka is likely to be formed into an electoral district, we expect to show forth our colors as Orangemen, in sending to the Legislative Hall two men of the right stamp."

The County Master of North Simcoe, and D. G. M. of B. A. reports:—

"I am happy to have it in my power to again give a favorable account of the Order in this section of the country. In the adjoining County of Muskoka at the town of Bracebridge, I had the pleasure of dedicating a hall to the Orange cause a couple of months ago, on which occasion I took the opportunity of spreading our principles by an address, which was well received by a very large audience. I also spent a day among the Brethren in an excursion round Lake Muskoka. In the adjoining Orange County of South Simcoe the Provincial Grand Master and myself attended a large demonstration on the Fifth of November, and delivered addresses (in the day time) and also attended another demonstration at night, so we were not idle. I am pleased to add that the building of Orange Halls still goes steadily on, not only in mine, but in the adjoining Counties. I have just prepared a deed for one Hall in the Penetanguishene District; in my County the Hall is up, and I am to dedicate it as soon as the snow falls; and I have instructions to prepare two more, one for Orillia district, in my County, and the other for the County of Grey; so you will see the Order is progressing. I am happy to say the absence of bickering, expulsions and suspensions continue to distinguish my County. When I hear of such things, I visit the locality, and can generally reconcile matters. On the whole, though there are some few instances of decline, I feel assured the Order has gained strength in numbers and influence."

The County Master of South Simcoe reports:—

"The Orange Institution is progressing in this County, even more than could be anticipated. Our District Meetings this year were better attended than heretofore. The Annual County meeting was the largest ever held in this County, about 200 members being present; order and general conduct very good."

The County Master of Toronto reports:—

"It is my pleasing duty to send you the returns for my County, and it is very satisfactory to me (as it will be to you) to know that we have made a very large increase in new members since my last report. Our total number now in connection, or rather up to December last, was 1177, and every Lodge is still increasing."

The County Master of East York reports:—

"I think that our County, on the whole, is in a more flourishing state than it has been for past years. We are getting a few new recruits; shall soon have a good Lodge of Young Britons in Markham village; with care and a good guardian will make a fine Lodge. The Young Britons should be encouraged, for it will be the making of good Orangemen in every County when they come of age to join the Lodges."

The County Master of North York reports:—

"I have much pleasure in being able to report that the Order in this County is still on the advance. We had large meetings at both District and County, and love and Brotherly feeling prevailed. Every Lodge has paid their County and Grand Lodge dues. I have been elected the sixth time unanimously."

"West York is in a satisfactory and steadily improving condition."

I have also received many cheering accounts of prosperity, &c., from private Lodge officers.