

Tables giving full particulars as to membership and the financial condition of our Lodges are appended to my report. [Tables will be found in the Appendix.]

NEW LODGE.

The institution of a new Lodge at St. Andrews, N. B., witnessed a larger gathering of Knights than ever before seen in this jurisdiction on a similar occasion. The application contained the names of twenty-one of the very best men in this popular summer resort. The credit of obtaining the names attached to the petition was due largely to the influence of Deputy Grand Chancellor Parker Grimmer, Past Chancellors Clarke and Stewart, of Frontier Lodge, and Past Chancellor Deacon, and Knight Whitlock, of Border Lodge.

The conferring of the Ranks on sixteen of the applicants took place on the 11th of June. On that occasion our Grand Chancellor was ably assisted by the Grand Vice Chancellor of Maine, Brother George M. Hanson, as well as Past Grand Chancellors Moulson and Fleming, Grand Prelate Peers and others. And I will here put on record valuable assistance given in connection with the conferring of the Ranks on our St. Andrews brethren by Past Chancellor Rosborough, of No. 4. He is one of the few Past Chancellors who can fill any office in conferring Ranks, and is always on hand when wanted. The election and installation of the officers did not take place till the 19th June. At that date, therefore, was instituted Seaside Lodge, No. 9, of this Jurisdiction. As I predicted regarding Border Lodge, of Milltown, so I now repeat that this new addition will prove one of our best Lodges. It may not be one of the largest, but the quality is of the highest standard. This makes three Lodges in the County of Charlotte.

From communications received by me from some of our Lodge deputies since the end of June last, I am inclined to believe that the coming year will witness a greater increase in membership than ever before.

UNIFORM RANK.

A new Division of the Uniform Rank has been instituted a few weeks ago in St. John; and before the snow flies another will be instituted in the City of Fredericton. The latter will embrace nearly every member of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6. And I am sanguine that early in the coming year Woodstock will have her Division under way. This is one of the very best means of increasing our membership, and speaks well for the enthusiasm of the Knights in the Maritime Provinces.

As usual I have to thank the publishers of several Pythian newspapers for copies sent me.

I cannot close this report without thanking the present Grand Chancellor for his uniform kindness and consideration, and for the ever ready response with which he met my communications. The