

We will try and do better in the coming year. Wishing that the present session of the Grand Lodge may be a pleasant and profitable one in the interests of our Order; I remain on behalf of the District of South Ontario

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DISTRICT OF LINCOLN

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Loyal True Blue Association:—

Most Worshipful Sir, Sisters and Brethren—It is with pleasure that I now present my fourth annual report as D. D. G. M. for Lincoln, and while I cannot boast of any great achievements, on my part, still the duties of the office have been of the most pleasant kind, having had no trouble to contend with.

I regret that, owing to the removal of one of the manufacturing industries from Merriton, which necessitates the removal of some of the families of the employees, the two lodges there will be somewhat disturbed, but have every reason to believe that they will still continue to uphold the Banner of our Association.

Princess Beatrice Lodge No. 3—Is progressing very nicely. This Lodge has inaugurated what I believe to be a very profitable as well as pleasant movement. The members all take turn in entertaining the members of the Lodge every two weeks and enjoy themselves and get better acquainted with one another. I would recommend that more of our Lodges try the plan for it has certainly helped this Lodge very much. The Lodge went for a pic-nic to the old historical Queenston Heights. Brother Cunningham, of Prince of Orange Lodge, was their guide. The Lodge and Princess Louise Lodge No. 2, Merriton, gave the little ones of the Local Protestant Orphans' Home a trolley ride to Sister Holland's pleasant home at Thorold, where they were entertained with games and refreshments.

Prince of Orange Lodge No. 3—Is still holding the fort and making some gains. Perhaps they could increase faster if we were not so particular as to quality instead of quantity. This Lodge made a fine appearance on the 12th July in spite of the weather. We also had the honor of heading the big procession in Hamilton on August 12th, on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the new Orange Hall. The boys were a credit to themselves and our association.

I expect a good delegation present from this district to urge that the next Grand Lodge Meeting be held in the Garden City of Canada, better known as St. Catharines.

I must again call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact that the blank forms promised some two or three years ago, whereby members could designate to whom they wished to leave their funeral benefit have not been received. Now, I am convinced that it is not the