

CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

A HIGH MASON.—There is a Mason under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba who is 7 feet, 11 inches high. His name is Small, and he lives in Pigmyville in that territory. This is hard to beat.—*Freemasons' Journal*. We don't believe it. There is nothing small about the Masons of Manitoba.

We learn that two preceptories of Knights Templar have been established in Victoria under warrant from the Sovereign Great Priory Knights Templar, Dominion of Canada, of which Most Eminent Colonel W. J. B. MacLeod Moore is Supreme Grand Master. The Australian Preceptory will be under E. P. (designate) Frater David Munro, and the Daniel Spry Preceptory will be under E. P. (designate) A. W. Musgrove.—*Victorian Freemason*, Oct. 7.

A fever and accident ambulance, after the style of those used by the Metropolitan Asylums Board, London, England, with rubber beds and appliances, has been purchased by R. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, and presented to the Board of Police Commissioners of Toronto, on condition that the ambulance be kept in a central location for the use of citizens free of charge. The ambulance arrived from England recently, and will be ready for service as soon as the patrol waggon stables on Court street are built.

At a regular communication of Vancouver Quadra Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., held on Nov. 17th, Past Master Isaac Oppenheimer was presented with a handsome gold jewel, studded with diamonds. The jewel was a combination of emblems of the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, Bro. Oppenheimer having recently passed the chairs in the chapter. The presentation was made by Past Grand Master Eli Harrison, who

eulogized the Brother as to his work as a Mason and Past Master of their lodge. The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Milne, being present, also made some flattering remarks. Bro. Oppenheimer, in response, stated that he now was a resident of the Terminal City, and he was always ready with his advice and help to do anything Masonic; he should always remember the courtesy of the brethren in Victoria, their flattering remarks and handsome present. The jewel is quite a work of art, and was made by Bro. Pennock, who has more than once proved his abilities as a Masonic jeweller.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

By the kindness of our esteemed Bro. C. Ellis, we are favored with the following extract from the minutes of a meeting of Avalon Lodge, St. Johns, Newfoundland, held on the 8th Dec. last:—

At the regular meeting of Avalon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 776, R. E., the following resolution of condolence was duly recorded on the books of the lodge, that by the sudden death of the late Secretary, Brother Samuel Colton, this lodge has sustained a loss which is duly appreciated by every member; and therefore be it

Resolved,—That with feelings of heartfelt sympathy for the wife and family of our worthy Brother, who has lately been removed from our midst by the hand of death, we beg to tender them our sincere condolence at this time when it has pleased the Great Ruler of heaven and earth to visit their household with such sore affliction, and take from amongst them a good husband, a kind father, a zealous and faithful brother and worker, and just at the high noon of life, when he could reasonably hope to enjoy the well earned social comforts which were so justly his due. His vacant chair at home will be reminding to you all of the terrible uncertainty which surrounds us in this life, and should be a lesson to us all, that the swift messenger of death may summon us at any time, and we should therefore be ready for that long journey, that journey through the valley of the shadow of death,