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GRAND LODGE.

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting at St. John, N.B., Aug. 23, 24 and 25.

NEW GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Grand Lodge to Meet at Halifax Next Year.

The sixth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces was opened in the City of St. John, N.B., on Wednesday morning, August 23rd. The Grand Lodge continued in session during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and a great deal of important business was transacted. The full report of the proceedings will appear in the journal of proceedings, which will be issued shortly, but a synopsis of the more important business will be of interest to the brethren.

Seventy-seven lodges were represented at the Grand Lodge meeting.

Following is a list of the officers and delegates: Grand Master Workman, A. W. Blouin; Past Grand Master Workman, Thos. Ligget, Montreal; Grand Foreman, D. McCormick, Q.C., Montreal; Grand Overseer, R. M. Stocking, Quebec; Grand Recorder, A. T. Patterson, Montreal; Grand Receiver, G. Lafebvre, Montreal; Grand Guide, L. R. Morton, St. John, N.B.; Grand Inside Watchman, R. J. Hewton, M.A., Richmond, Que.; Grand Outside Watchman, Ralph C. Thorneio, Lachine; Grand Medical Examiner, Dr. J. Z. Triganne, Plessisville, Q.

Quebec—Montreal, M. Tannenbaum, T. P. Butler, H. E. Hannab, A. Acheson, Louis Lusier; St. John, C. J. Brown, alt.; St. Lambert, H. Bragg, alt.; Montreal, Jas. Armstrong, Jno. Hyde; Quyon, Capt. Davis; Quebec, S. T. Brown, Montreal, W. H. Johnson; Lachine, Jas. Ramsay; Montreal, H. Pepin; Chambly Canton, Brock Willett; Longueuil, L. D. Gareau; Montreal, A. Bouret; Longueuil, Sam Wood; Montreal, Geo. Pare; Plessisville, George Savoie; Montreal, J. A. Perrier; St. Jerome, J. E. Fournier, M.D.; Valleyfield, J. A. Robb; Waterloo, J. A. Jacques, alt.; Bedford, Z. E. Cornell; Montreal, J. Bennet, S. Aubin; Frelighsburg, E. L. Jenne; Quebec, J. A. Blagdon; Westmount, A. Sabiston; Quebec, O. Belanger; Montreal, H. J. Ross; Fraserville, S. C. Riou; Buckingham, W. J. Martin; Montreal, H. Trudel; Sorel, A. Gouvermont; St. Hyacinthe, L. A. Beaudry, M.D.; Windsor Mills, C. F. Goad; Terrebonne, Rene Masson; Coaticook, G. W. Paige; Stanstead, A. T. Allan, jr.; Grand Mere, J. Brown, alt.

New Brunswick—St. John, R. D. Woodrow, J. E. Toole, H. D. Everett; Fredericton, J. D. Perkins; St. Stephen, L. M. Robinson; Moncton, A. Y. Clarke; St. Andrews, J. A. Allison; Newcastle, Charles E. Fish; Chatham, A. Watt; Marysville, James S. Inch; St. John, Frank Pales.

Nova Scotia—Halifax, Rev. E. P. Craxford, L. B. Archibald; Truro, J. F. Gilroy; Springhill, A. W. Moffat.

Grand Master Workman A. W. Blouin opened the proceedings with the customary ceremonial, after which the Grand Master presented his annual report, which was published in the last issue of the PROTECTOR.

The report of the Grand Recorder, which has also been published, was submitted.

Exception was taken to the Grand Master Workman having changed the date of the meeting, but it was finally resolved by Grand Lodge that in view of the special railway facilities that had been granted, the action of the Grand Master Workman should be approved.

The following appointments were made by

the Grand Master Workman: H. G. Winter, Grand Overseer; Members of the Executive: J. J. Ulley, Montreal Lodge; S. Marrott, Windsor Lodge, No. 44; D.D.G.M.W., Dr. J. Nolin, Lalonde Lodge, No. 50.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolution of condolence with Bro. J. J. Ulley, on the death of his gifted young son, was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Bros. R. J. Hewton and R. C. Thorneio, seconded by Bros. G. Lafebvre and R. Masson:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, the Supreme Being, who rules and guides the destinies of man, to afflict an honoured member of this Order, and of this Grand Lodge, by taking to Himself a beloved member of that brother's family, who, by virtue of a divine talent, conferred on him by that Beneficent Creator, gave promise of assisting in

ing their obligations and proud of their manhood, had the loyalty and fraternity to declare their allegiance to the Supreme Lodge, and to proclaim to the world that, though separated by national lines, "We are members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, wherever we may be."

I should be unmindful of my duty as Supreme Master Workman, if I neglected to thank you in behalf of the Supreme Lodge for this example of loyalty, emphasized as it was by your generous and willing contribution to the call for War Relief in 1898. The fraternity thus evidenced speaks in unmistakable accents which will echo reverberatingly wherever the banner of the Ancient Order is found. I should have esteemed it a great privilege to stand before you and voice my thanks in your presence, and sincerely regret that I am obliged to send these written words instead.

It is a source of regret also that official duties prevent the attendance to day of Supreme Recorder Sackett, who instituted your Grand Lodge, and whom many of you have

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you will stand together as one mind, with but one point of contention, and that, "Who will do the most and best work to uphold, strengthen and perpetuate the Ancient Order?"

A vast territory is yours in which to work; a territory rich in its history of gallant deeds and noble sacrifice; a country that has inspired the artist and the poet, and whose legends tell the sweetest story told—of earthly love. It should be, as I believe it is, one of the best fields existing upon the American continent, in which to grow the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

It is our mission to conquer the enemy that besets the household when its guardian has gone to his last long home; to drive back want and desolation, and to whisper words of comfort in times of sorrow and distress.

You, my brothers, are soldiers in this grand army, fighting for the protection of the home, and likewise ministers of comfort to those who mourn. You come together from the impregnable ramparts of historic Quebec; from the commercial metropolis of the old and new world, the beautiful city nestling beneath the shadows of Mount Royal; from the land of Evangeline, and from those provinces where nativity is the synonym of manly vigor and uprightness. And I ask you as you legislate together, to have this one subject uppermost in your hearts and minds: "How can we best serve the Order that protects our homes?" In your earnestness and unselfishness to do this, you will find the answer to the question most satisfactorily demonstrated, as it is worked out by each of you individually; and in serving the Order you are serving the interests of your own homes.

Let the same spirit actuate your deeds that prompted those noble words, "Wherever we may be, we are members of the Ancient Order," and you will make the coming year one which shall be, as I pray for every other jurisdiction, the best that the Ancient Order has ever known.

With my best wishes to you as a Grand Lodge, and to each of you personally for yourselves and your own, I am,

Fraternally and sincerely, your brother,
JNO. C. BICKFORD,
Supreme Master Workman.

Past Supreme Master Workman J. Edward Burti, of Boston, was introduced to the Grand Lodge as the representative of the Supreme Lodge and received with grand honors.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master Workman made the following address:—

Fraternal Protection.

Better and more important than the Accumulation of Small Savings.

The great bulk of population consists of those who are not possessed of large means, but who are dependent upon their own efforts for the support of themselves and their families. Whether artisans, professional men or laborers, they find that in the struggle for maintenance all strength is exhausted, or their time occupied in the daily pursuits of life.

Among such persons the question "How shall I provide for my family?" is without further thought or consideration answered by "I will make all I can, save as much as possible above actual living expenses until I can acquire a home."

The method of saving the surplus above expenses may differ with the persons and opportunities at hand, depositing the same from time to time in a bank, or accumulating the funds in a cash box at home, or investing the same in real estate or corporation stocks, or loaning out such funds to borrowers until the accumulation constitute a considerable sum.

Not often, however, do small savings find

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BRO. DUNCAN McCORMICK, B.C.L., Q.C.

GRAND MASTER WORKMAN.

raising mankind to a higher and nobler state;

Be it resolved, that this Grand Lodge do convey to Brother J. J. Ulley an expression of sincere sympathy with him in his sad bereavement—a bereavement which must be recognized as a distinct loss to all lovers of music—and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Brother Ulley.

Ancient Order United Workmen.

OFFICE OF
SUPREME MASTER WORKMAN,
MANCHESTER, N.H.

To the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

DEAR BROTHERS,—I regret that official duties prevent my attendance at your session. It would have afforded me supreme pleasure to meet and exchange the cordial grasp of hand with Brothers who, withstanding all allurements, resisting temptation, remember-

personally met. His presence would have afforded pleasure to you as well as to himself. I know that his words would have been gratefully received by you, and that your cordial welcome would have gratified the warm heart within his breast, which always beats to fraternal time.

So much for regrets for myself and for you; but there are no clouds without some sunshine, and I rejoice that although I cannot enjoy your session myself, and you are denied the presence of the Supreme Recorder, I can send to you as my representative one who has done yeoman service in our Order, has received the honor of being Supreme Master Workman, and discharged the duties of that office in all faithfulness. I am sure you will give to Past Supreme Master Workman Burti a hearty welcome, and I am equally sure that he will ably represent me during your deliberations.

Brothers, I trust that your session will be a most harmonious one. That whatever differences of opinion you may have upon matters which demand your attention, when the decisive vote is taken they will all be done away, and that at the close of your session