

# MASONIC GRAND LODGE IS NOW IN SESSION

Grand Master in His Address Supports Compulsory Military Service—Indictment of the Teutonic Ideals—Substantial Increases in Membership and Finances Recorded

The Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Canada. Later the river was named Canada in the Province of Ontario Moira in honor of the Earl of opened its 62nd annual communication at ten o'clock this morning in the Armouries with a very large attendance of delegates. The drill hall which in 1790 was the Acting Grand Lodge room, a large platform being erected at the south side of the hall. After Grand Lodge was opened by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. J. A. Luke, addresses of welcome were delivered by a civic delegation and by representatives of the local lodges, Moira No. 11, The Belleville No. 13 and Eureka No. 283.

## CIVIC WELCOME

A civic address of welcome was presented by Mayor H.F. Ketcheson, Ald. Woodley, Ald. Deacon and Ald. Nicholls. The address, which was read by the Mayor, who is the present D. D. G. M. for Prince Edward District, No. 13, was as follows:—

To the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. in the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen: On behalf of our citizens I welcome you on this your third visit to the City of Belleville.

We are led to believe that your previous visits were pleasant and profitable, else we should not have been honored by your presence at this time.

You are meeting at one of the most historic localities in this Province, on the shores of the Bay of Quinte. It was here that the United Empire Loyalists with their families, moved down the forests and built their homes. These grand and loyal men brought with them, treasured in their hearts, the principles and tenets of your order, and I am informed that six of the first thirteen lodges on the register of your Grand Lodge are situated quite near this centre.

The seven years that have passed since your last meeting here have brought many changes. There has been a wonderful growth throughout our Province, and I am pleased to inform you that this City and its surrounding country has shared in this prosperity. Our fine and comfortable homes, our substantial business houses and busy factories are all evidences of our prosperity. "We are proud of this city, we are prouder still of our institutions of learning. Our public schools are all new and amongst the finest in the land, while the names of such other institutions as the Ontario School for the Deaf, Albert College, St. Agnes School and Ontario Business College are household words all over this continent.

Every effort has been made for your comfort and entertainment, and we want you to feel perfectly at home while here.

Most Worshipful Sir and Members of this Grand Lodge I welcome you on behalf of the City Council and our citizens, and desire to extend to you the freedom of the City.

(Sgd.) H. F. Ketcheson Mayor.

Dated at Belleville, Ontario, this 18th day of July, 1917.

## Welcome from Local Lodges

Wor. Bro. Harry A. Morgan, extended greetings on behalf of Moira, The Belleville and Eureka Lodges. The Grand Master and others replied to these expressions of welcome.

## Belleville on Historic Ground

"We are assembled in a locality alike renowned in Canadian National and Masonic history," said the Grand Master in his address after extending fraternal greetings to the delegates. "The land upon which the city stands was originally part of an Indian Reserve and was surveyed and settled about 1785 by United Empire Loyalists—those faithful subjects of the British Crown who during the American Revolution refused to fight against their Motherland, and who when the war was over refused to live under a foreign flag and be foreign to what had become a foreign power.

"In those days the settlement and stream nearby was called 'Meyers Creek,' deriving its name from one of the first settlers, Captain John Walden Meyers, who built a grist mill here in 1794, and is claimed as the first brick house in Upper Ca-

But what of Nemesis! Pity it is that the German people have not a 'Cromwell' to tear out the canker before it is too late. Nemesis will come, but unlikely in similar oppression and affliction as they have meted out to others—town for town, eye for an eye. Certainly not in wild shrieks of ill-treated women. The people of Great Britain still believe that there is a divinity that shapes our end. When peace terms are made, they will be just and clean so far as our people are concerned. The Germans in their passion for world power, forget that there is but 'One' who has world power, and the golden rule. 'In that day—not far distant—the German people will not have further use for the Kaiser and his lot will be among the many ex-king and ex-rulers of which just now there are so many. Nationally they will live amid neighbors, will be an object of distrust and loathing with every civilized nation.

The gallantry of the Canadians, some of them Masonic brethren at Courcellette, Givency, Ypres, and Vimy Ridge called forth the Grand Master's praise. "It is unfortunate for our men at the front some of whom need a well earned rest from war, and also for the reputation of young and fit men that have slacked under the excuse that there is no necessity, and for others hiding behind the subterfuge that when Confederation was agreed upon, a pledge was given that certain inhabitants were to be absorbed from having to take part in any war conducted outside of the Dominion. In reply to the first class, one can only say that the situation is still serious, demanding that vast armies be kept on the field and that England and her ally, France, have been denuded of men fit to keep the ranks up to full strength, and consequently Canada must supply the requirement in this regard. For the second contention there does not appear a particle of evidence in support of it. On the contrary the very opposite has been proven by the record of a meeting in England in 1865 when Confederation was under discussion particularly that part respecting defence when the Fathers of Confederation, chief among whom Sir George Cartier, pledged the people of Canada 'to give their full quota according to their ability of men and money for the defence of the Empire.'

"Notwithstanding failure—because if squarely faced, failure has been as regards fusion of the races and unity of action toward the Empire, Confederation has been of wonderful benefit to the whole country, to no section of it more than to that part from which some loud words and violent threats to break it up, conduct which in almost any other country except a part of the British Empire would be deemed traitorous and fitting punishment meted out for the saying.

"I do not claim either experience or foresight but I feel sure that there has been too much coaxing, giving in to whims, with one-sided favouring and in the present issue it favours one's faith in men to hear or read, the maudlin argument put up against compulsory service. Surely there is embodied in our federal law, and the power extended to every man to bear his part in a crisis like the present. To the English-speaking mind—soldier and citizen—the question occurs—Why should one portion of the community by light for the safety of another, which comparatively refuses to fight for itself? Compulsory service should be enforced, fall where it may, so that our promise may be fulfilled, and those who have been long on battlefields, of whom the enemy has said 'Canadians! Why they never retreat or surrender,' may have a well earned rest and we do our part in assisting to bring this war to an end."

During the year, a past grand master, M.W. Bro. J. P. Kerr, of Toronto died after a lengthy illness. In view of the vacancies in the representative list, these were filled, one nomination being that of R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton of Belleville for the Grand Lodge of Texas.

For benevolence in 1917, \$36,485 was expended which is an increase of \$415 over 1916. For the year ending May 31, 1917, the revenue was \$25,799.72, a gain of \$19,239.36 over 1916.

The membership now stands at approximately at 63,500 of Ontario. There are 449 warrant lodges, two under dispensation from 1916. Dispensations have been granted by the grand master for four new lodges. Warrants have been issued to six lodges. Ten special communications were held for consecrating and dedicating lodge rooms.

Substantial Increases  
"As the reports will show" declared the Grand Master in his concluding remarks, "we have made substantial increase in membership and gained financially. Our progress however is not completely covered by these, for in addition Masonry in this province is more and more winning its way to the hearts of men who are not prejudiced by false reasoning and sectarian bigotry. We have passed a year of unusual harmony. The lodges generally are in strong, healthy condition; in many cases having a greater number applying for membership than they would choose if the matter 'in this sense, were one of choice."

"Occasionally a speaker oversteps the mark by advocating as a body—an influential body of men—we should take active part on public questions, and that it will be this day of organization—unions, associations, and guilds, surely we can leave such field to them and continue holding to the well-tried principle that the office of Masonry as a body is not to the field of public questions, nor to the multitude of men, but to the few, whom it endeavors to educate in the fundamental principles of right living and so impress those principles upon their minds that their conduct will render individual action and influence, of greater influence to society than any collective endeavor; which aside from constitutional prohibition, would I am persuaded, prove a failure and disastrous to this old institution.

Grand Treasurer M. W. Bro. E. W. Malone presented his report showing a total revenue of \$78,324.44, with a balance of \$4,335.34. The general fund totals \$113,957.87.

The Semi-Centennial Fund now reaches \$103,288.68. The board of benevolence paid out \$44,695 during the past year.

The report of the committee on audit and finance shows total receipts of \$78,324.44 with a credit balance of \$11,735.91, which deducting a debit balance for 1916 of \$7,400.37, leaves a balance in the bank of \$4,335.54.

The report of the committee on the fraternal fund was read by W. M. Logan, chairman.

The New Deputy Grand Master is generally admitted that Wor. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, official grand master of Ontario will be the next deputy grand master of the Masonic Order.

THURLOW RED CROSS  
The ladies met in Foxboro, July 17 and had a splendid packing—seventeen boxes. Several letters of acknowledgment had been received, telling how much these goods are appreciated.

It was decided to have a garden party on Dr. D. W. Faulkner's lawn, Wed., Aug. 8th. This will be given by the whole of Thurlow and should be the event of the summer. A splendid supper will be served—lots of ice-cream. Mr. Leroy Kenney, the comic entertainer of Toronto, will give the program; Foxboro band will furnish music; everyone will have a good time.

The next packing will be on Tuesday afternoon, July 31st. Goods were received from the following places:—

Halston Institute—2 quilts, 5 robes, 23 suits pyjamas, 27 handkerchiefs, 40 pr. socks, \$20.00 cash, and \$22.00 from school.

Zion's Hill—73 towels, 20 shirts, 42 pr. socks, 10 suits pyjamas, \$10.00 cash from Zion's Hill school.

Halloway Red Cross—8 doz handkerchiefs, 40 towels, 18 pr. socks, 16 suits pyjamas.

Bird's Eye View—23 suits pyjamas, 20 day shirts, 31 pr. socks, 27 doz handkerchiefs, 2 quilts, \$12.00 cash.

Spencer's Ladies Aid—31 suits pyjamas, 36 shirts, 40 towels, 13 pr. socks, \$8.50 cash.

Camelton Maple Leaf—25 pr. socks, 12 towels, 3 suits pyjamas, 1 day shirt, 2 quilts.

Carmel—4 quilts, 2 suits pyjamas, 2 vernal suits, 6 mouth wipes, 36 wash cloths, 5 pr. socks, 3 robes.

J. Nichols.  
Phillipston Institute—15 suits pyjamas, 17 shirts, 10 pr. socks, 11 wash cloths, 2 quilts.

Phillipston Red Cross—15 pr. socks.  
Foxboro Institute—12 shirts, 17 suits pyjamas, 52 pr. socks, 12 towels.

Vimy Ridge Club—\$45.00.  
H. A. Faulkner, Pres.  
M. VanAllen, Sect.

HOUSEWIVES ENROL  
Hoover is Creating Domestic Army For Food Conservation

Housewives throughout the United States are to be enrolled by the Government to aid in food conservation. The enrolment is to take place between July 1st and 15th according to plans announced by Herbert C. Hoover, America's Food Controller.

Every woman in the country will be asked to sign a pledge to aid the Government by household sacrifices. Hundreds of millions of dollars will be saved by such national effort in the opinion of American authorities.

Millions can be saved in Canada by the same means. Household economy, industrial economy, commercial economy—all these are required if the Dominion is to practice that measure of thrift which is required if the national resources of the country are to bear the increasing war burden. The National Service Board is urging investment in War Savings Certificates. By buying these certificates you are giving your money directly for war purposes. The fighting line must be supported by the financial line.

FRONT LINE BROKEN  
Canadians Score Another Victory at Lens

The Canadians have been active again around Lens. In a difficult advance they stormed a valuable portion of the enemy's front line and won further distinction for the Dominion. Canada must be true to its troops. The spirit of the men in the firing line must animate the whole Dominion if the country is worthy of their record since they entered the bloody Salient. Men and women at home must show the same splendid spirit of sacrifice and self-denial. The war will be won by the nation that best mobilizes its resources. Mobilization of the financial resources of Canada will be a determining factor in victory. The National Service Board is appealing for that mobilization. It wants every man and woman to practise economy and to invest in War Savings Certificates. Consider your expenditures before you make them. If they are not essential buy Government war bonds.

ENTERTAINED BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES  
Lt. Col. and Mrs. Lazier threw their beautiful home open last night and entertained the members of the Board of General Purposes of the Masonic Grand Lodge now assembled in this city. A number of guests associated with the order locally were also present. The evening was most pleasantly spent in animated conversation and with music. Light refreshments were later served in the dining room and another jolly hour was thoroughly enjoyed.

During the evening two banners, beautifully hand-painted on silk, were drawn for and they fell to the lot of R. W. Bro. Rowe of London. Bro. Rowe very generously suggested that the banners should be auctioned to the highest bidder and the proceeds donated to Mrs. Lazier, as president of the local branch of the Red Cross. R. W. Bro. F. E. O'Flynn performed in a conspicuously able manner the duties of auctioneer. The one banner was finally won by R. W. Bro. Harcourt of Toronto and the other by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young of North Bay.

The guests separated at an early hour after expressing to Col. and Mrs. Lazier their grateful appreciation of their princely entertainment.

THE OAK LAKE CAMP MEETINGS  
The Oak Lake Camp Meetings have been proceeding this week under some difficulties which are gradually being cleared away. Lighting arrangements by electricity are now completed and other details are well in hand. Good crowds are assembling nightly.

Among the clergymen speaking at or visiting the camp so far have been Revs. W. B. Tucker, president of the Bay of Quinte Conference, W. P. Rogers, Irwin Lavelle, Garrett, Dr. Baker, Dr. Scott, Dixon, Frederick, Seymour, Reddick, Semith, E. S. Howard, P. H. Howard, Clarry, Moore, Demille, Farnsworth, Richardson and Miss Kathleen Morton evangelist, Toronto.

## THE MARKETS

TORONTO, July 17.—The Board of Trade official market quotations for yesterday:

Manitoba Wheat, Track, Bay Ports. Trade 1 northern, \$2.54, nominal. No. 2 northern, \$2.53, nominal. Manitoba Oats, Track, Bay Ports. No. 2 C.W. \$1.00.

American Corn, Track, Toronto. No. 2 yellow, \$2.05, nominal. Ontario Oats, According to Freight Outside.

No official quotations. Ontario Wheat (According to Freight Outside). No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$2.35 to \$2.40. No. 3 winter, per car lot, \$2.33 to \$2.38. Pass (According to Freight Outside). No. 2—Nominal.

Barley (According to Freight Outside). Malt—Nominal. Rye (According to Freight Outside). No. 2—Nominal.

Manitoba Flour (Toronto). First patents, in 48 bags, \$12.40. Second patents, in 48 bags, \$11.98. Strong bakers, in 48 bags, \$11.50. Winter, according to sample, \$10.45 to \$11.00, in bags, track, Toronto.

Winnipeg Grain Market.  
Winnipeg, July 18.—Not since the middle of last week has there been a trade in wheat on the Winnipeg exchange. There have been bids of \$2 per bushel, without any offering coming out. The attitude of holders and growers illustrates a lack of confidence in the price of wheat for the new crop. With cash prices now 40c over the October bids, there is no disposition to sell the future.

Trade in oats was fairly active today. Favorable crop reports and wire reports that export inquiry was falling below expectations.

Flax was the strong feature, an unsettled market and speculative inquiry sending bids up 5c on July and 7 1/2c on October during the forenoon. Both deliveries weakened at the close.

The demand for cash wheat was fairly good today, with all the meeting and porters and shippers supporting the demand. Cash oats were in good demand.

Wheat—High. Low. Close. July..... 2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2. October..... 2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2. December..... 2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2.

Barley—High. Low. Close. July..... 2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2. October..... 2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2. December..... 2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2.

Winnipeg Grain Market.  
Liverpool, July 18.—Wheat, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 13s. 6d. Clear middling, 14 to 16 lbs., 13s. 6d. Long clear middling, heavy, 14 to 16 lbs., 13s. 6d.

Short clear backs, 14 to 16 lbs., 13s. 6d. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 11s. 6d. Last prime western, 11 to 13 lbs., 11s. 6d. American refined, 11s. 6d. in boxes, 11s. 6d. Cheese, Canadian and American, nominal.

Tallow, Australian in London, 6s. 6d. Turpentine spirits, 5s. 6d. Rosin, common, 2s. 6d. Petroleum, refined, 1s. 6d. War here, 2s. 6d. to 1s. 6d. Cotton seed oil, 1s. 6d.

CATTLE MARKETS  
UNION STOCK YARDS.  
TORONTO, July 17.—The enormous resources and development of the Ontario cattle trade was again borne in upon the commission houses and the big packing companies at the Union Stock Yards yesterday when receipts aggregating in all 184 carloads, consisting of 3,545 head of cattle, and other live stock were offered for sale.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.  
Chicago, July 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000. Unkilled, heavy, \$12.25 to \$13; stockers and feeders, \$10.50 to \$11.50; calves and heifers, \$5.50 to \$11.50; calves, \$5.25 to \$12.

Hogs—Receipts, 37,000. Weak. Light, \$14.50 to \$15.50; mixed, \$14.50 to \$15.75; heavy, \$14.50 to \$15.75; corn and clover, \$14.50 to \$15.75; pigs, \$11.50 to \$12.50; bulk of sales, \$14.50 to \$15.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000. Unkilled; lambs, native, \$10 to \$12.50.

EAST BUFFALO LIVE STOCK.  
East Buffalo, July 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000. Active and steady; prime steers, \$12.25 to \$13.75; shipping steers, \$11 to \$13; butchers, \$9 to \$12.50; calves, \$11 to \$12.50; heifers, \$8 to \$11.25; cows, \$5 to \$7.75; bulls, \$5 to \$7.50; stockers and feeders, \$6.50 to \$8.25; fresh cows and springers, \$8 to \$12.50.

Steady; \$6 to \$17.75. Hogs—Receipts, 3,800; heavy, \$15.50 to \$16; mixed, \$15.50 to \$16.75; light, \$15.50 to \$16.75; corn and clover, \$15.50 to \$16.75; pigs, \$11.50 to \$12.50; bulk of sales, \$14.50 to \$15.75.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.  
Butchers' cattle, choice, \$10 to \$12.50; 40, medium, \$9.25 to \$9.75; 70, do, common, \$8 to \$9.50; do, choice cows, \$7.50 to \$8; 50, medium, \$6.50 to \$7.

Sheep, cows at \$7.50 to \$8. Lambs at \$12. Hogs, fed and watered, at \$15.75 to \$16. Calves, milk-fed, at \$8 to \$11; grass-fed at \$6.50 to \$8.

German Thrust Falls.  
LONDON, July 17.—The Germans in Champagne have again attempted with large bodies of men to recapture positions taken from them recently near Mont Haut and Teton. They were entirely repulsed near the Teton, suffering heavy casualties. On Mont Haut during a night-long battle their efforts, according to the French War Office, were momentarily successful in regaining the nearly all the ground they had lost. Violent counter-attacks launched by the French, however, succeeded in the return to General Petain's forces of all the German gains.

Bohemia Has No Hope.  
AMSTERDAM, July 17.—It is reported from Vienna that the German and Bohemian members of the Upper and Lower Houses of the Austrian Parliament have adopted jointly a resolution setting forth their desire for peace within the country and the possibility of living side by side with the Czechs without recognition of the "national self-determination" of both elements. The resolution says, however, that a separate Bohemian constitution would not be recognized.

The Finance Minister announced that subscribers to previous war loans could on new issues convert their prior holdings at par.

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NEW PRINCIPAL FOR UPPER CANADA COLLEGE  
Professor Major W. L. Grant, who from 1910 has occupied with distinction the chair of colonial history at Queen's University, has been selected to fill the important post of principal of Upper Canada College, Toronto. Major Grant is at present on military duty in England. He is the son of a distinguished father, the late principal George Grant of Queen's.

SUMMER HEAT HARD ON BABY  
No season of the year is so dangerous to the life of little ones as the summer. The excessive heat throws the little stomach out of order so quickly that unless prompt aid is at hand the baby may be beyond all human help before the mother realizes he is ill. Summer is the season when diarrhoea, cholera infantum, dysentery and colic are most prevalent. Any one of these troubles may prove deadly if not promptly treated. During the summer the mother's best friend is Baby's Own Tablets. They regulate the bowels, sweeten the stomach and keep baby healthy. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ontario.

Capt. William Mathews of Cobourg, died suddenly on Tuesday morning.

C. Thornhill, Sign Painter and Letterer, will be here soon. Parties wishing work done, kindly leave work at Stafford's Hardware Store.

Poor tea that can be sold at a low price is most extravagant in use. A little good tea, like Salada, makes many more cups; hence it's real economy.

Mr. E. W. Bailey was in Peterboro, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wooten and baby are visiting the former's parents in Peterboro.

Mr. H. A. Thompson, for a number of years, manager of the Moisson's Bank, Trenton, and for the past two years, manager of the branch at Owen Sound, has been promoted and is now removing to become manager at Port Arthur.

Determined to avenge the killing of her two cousins and her wounded brother, an eighteen-year-old Ottawa girl donned male attire and applied at the base recruiting office a few weeks ago to be enrolled as a stretcher-bearer in the 'ammunition column'. The masquerade was discovered. Being compelled to admit her sex, she explained that she had tried to go overseas as a nurse, but could not take the necessary three years' course, and believed she would be accepted as a stretcher-bearer.

B. Q. CONFERENCE TENT MEETING AT OAK LAKE GOING STRONG  
Sunday July 22 at 2.30 and 7. Wednesday, July 25, 2.30 and 4.7. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7.45.

Every night each week except Saturday night. Finest Scenery. Best Music. Bring your family and come along.

Services continue till and including Aug. 5. H. A. Yeomans, M.D., Chairman. Rev. A. J. Terrill, Business Manager.

Their Ball too soon, as conducted by R. deane, O. attendants beautiful money to late Mr.