

ORANGE GRAND LODGE OPENS

Grand Secretary's Report Shows Nearly 500 New Members

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Attendance the Largest Ever Known in the History of the Order—Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's Reports Were Very Encouraging.

Woodstock, April 3.—(Special).—The annual meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge of New Brunswick opened here this evening. In addition to the address of welcome a number of reports were read. The statement of the grand secretary showed an increase of nearly 500 in the membership of the order and the establishment of several new lodges during the past year.

The proceedings opened at 8 p. m. R. W. G. M. Harry P. McLeod in the chair. The attendance was the largest ever known in the history of the Grand Lodge and among the distinguished visitors was Rev. E. McLean, P. G. M. of P. E. Island.

Grand Master McLeod.

The grand master referred to the plans made at the last annual meeting, and of the responsibility he had felt on the shoulders of the grand master. He had striven to prove worthy of their trust and hoped that he had been of assistance. They were permitted by Divine Providence to meet again in the 32nd annual session. They must always draw closer to the lofty ideals that made the order great. To open up to us a nobler conception of the grand lodge. In the month of June it had been his privilege to attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge of N. B., which was held at St. John. He had been astounding to listen to reports of the marvelous advances that the order was making.

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Lodges Incorporated.

Walter Albert county, June 23; Clarke Wallace L. O. L. No. 72, McAdam Junction, June 23; Miramichi L. O. L. No. 73, Riverview, June 23; Northumberland county, July 19; Bonaventure L. O. L. No. 78, Waterford, Kings county, July 19; Kelly L. O. L. No. 3, Moncton, Westmorland county, Aug. 29; Tobique Valley Lodge, No. 22, Plaster Rock, Victoria county, Oct. 11.

Orange Halls Dedicated.

In company with the grand master, grand chaplain, and P. G. M. D. Hipwell and others, I was present at the dedication of the new hall erected by the members of the Orange Grand Lodge of New Brunswick on the evening of Aug. 12 last. This building is a credit to the members in the way of its construction, and the address delivered was in line with the auspicious occasion. The members of the lodge held a banquet at the close of the exercises, and all the visitors were right royally entertained.

The grand master also dedicated the halls of Friendship L. O. L. No. 122, Rolling Dam, Charlotte county; Smith L. O. L. No. 14, Woodville, York county; Hipwell L. O. L. No. 2, Middle Bonaventure, York county; West, making a total of four large and commodious halls dedicated to the use of the association.

The large hall erected last summer by the members of Clarke Wallace L. O. L. No. 73, and dedicated to the use of the lodge, was last night at McAdam but had to be postponed on account of the unfortunate outbreak of smallpox in the village, is another monument to the pluck and energy of the members of the association. This hall is one of the best equipped Orange homes in New Brunswick, and will be a great asset to the lodge.

I learn from reports received that other lodges in York county have bought land and are going to build homes for themselves during the coming summer, viz. McLeod L. O. L. No. 3, and PHIL L. O. L. No. 71.

Returns.

I am sorry to have to report again this year, notwithstanding the lateness of the season, the results of our primary lodges. Following is the number of lodges reporting to date by county: Albany county, eight primary lodges and one county lodge; Bonaventure county, three primary lodges and one county lodge; Carleton county, three primary lodges and one county lodge; Kings county, three primary lodges and one county lodge; Northumberland county, three primary lodges and one county lodge; Queens county, three primary lodges and one county lodge; Richmond county, three primary lodges and one county lodge; St. John county, three primary lodges and one county lodge; Westmorland county, three primary lodges and one county lodge; York county, three primary lodges and one county lodge.

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meeting in the shiretown of the county of Carleton, a county noted for the richness of its agricultural capabilities, the beauty and diversity of its natural scenery, and for the loyal and devoted support citizens to the Protestant cause and to the throne and empire.

We congratulate the grand master upon the progress that has been made in the advancement of the principles of our noble order during the year.

We join with the grand master in the tribute to the most wonderful headmaster of the order in British America, Dr. Spry, in his fearless advocacy of the principle of free non-sectarian schools, and his most hearty disavowal of any legislation tending towards the establishment of separate schools in this fair Canada of ours.

We express our deep sense of the loss which this order has sustained in the death of our late lamented brother, W. S. Douglas, deputy grand master.

We congratulate the order upon the number of large and beautiful halls that have been erected and dedicated to the use of the lodge.

We agree to the most wonderful headmaster of the order throughout the province generally.

Condemn Use of Liquor.

We note with pleasure the successful celebration held in Fredericton last year, and we join with the grand master in the expression of satisfaction that no intoxication on the part of any member of the order was witnessed during the entire day, and we rejoice that this grand lodge placed itself on record in its condemnation of the use of spirituous liquors on the part of its members.

We warmly approve of the advocacy of the support to our organ, the Orange Sentinel, and trust that it may receive a hearty response from the members of the order.

The committee on suspension and expulsion recommended that the several primary lodges be sustained in their several actions in this particular except the case of Lodge No. 145, which was ordered back for further information.

The finance and audit committee reported that its members carefully and exhaustively examined the books and vouchers of the treasurer and secretary of this grand lodge and found them correct and in accordance with the laws reported before them for their consideration.

The following are the receipts and expenditures for the past year:—

Amount on hand last year, \$17,848.80; received during the year, \$13,082.82; disbursements, general fund, \$1,369.31; propagation, \$130.13; balance on hand at the close of the year, \$15,440.47.

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By P. G. M. Heine and on conclusion P. G. M. Hipwell took the chair and installed the elected officers.

Woodstock, N. B., Thursday, April 5. (Special).—The card in the Orange Sentinel was continued during the closing session of the grand lodge and it was ordered that all members of the lodge be held until the next day at first consulting the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Newcastle was selected by ballot as the next place of meeting and the first Tuesday in April, 1907, was decided on as the date.

A resolution was passed against the action of the grand lodge of British America ordering the expulsion of a member of this jurisdiction who had been expelled from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

It was ordered that the grand lodge place on record its hearty approval of the efforts made by the members of the lodge to keep the highway clear of the liquor traffic in the Dominion of Canada and especially in the province of New Brunswick, the jurisdiction of this grand lodge.

The reinstatement of a member in the city of York was approved by resolution. The executive was instructed to engage the services of some brothers in the weaker counties subject to the approval of the grand lodge.

The grand lodge closed its 33rd session on April 5 at 1 o'clock this morning.

KINGS COUNTY COURT.

Important Judgments Delivered by Judge Wedderburn.

The April term of the Kings county court was held on the 3rd inst. Judge Wedderburn presiding. There was no criminal business.

Judgment was delivered in the case of Fred L. Fairweather vs. Annie Quirk, an action for attorney's fees in the defence of a Scott act case. The case was tried by Judge Wedderburn and Judge Wedderburn now ordered a non-suit, the necessary preliminary steps not having been taken before Judge Wedderburn.

Judgment was delivered in the case of John A. Vail vs. Dibble, tried at chambers. This was an action of trover for the conversion of a quarter of beef. Arising out of the same transaction as the previous case, and Judge Wedderburn now ordered a non-suit, the necessary preliminary steps not having been taken before Judge Wedderburn.

The joint intestate and express agents, having ordered for years to individually obtain fair working conditions with the Canadian Express Company, without success, selected a committee to interview the management of the company, and after making having been unable to obtain a hearing of the committee, they decided to bring an action against the company.

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EXPRESS AGENTS OUT ON STRIKE

I. C. R. Station Agents Holding Dual Positions Ordered Out.

DEMAND HIGHER REMUNERATION

Say Canadian Express Company Has Repulsed Them—Company Declares Willingness to Treat With Men, But Not With Order of Railway Telegraphers.

The Canadian Express Company's agents along the I. C. R. who also hold the position of station agents, have been ordered to leave the company's service, as the company has refused to pay them the higher remuneration which they demand.

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Mr. Creighton, Mr. Bryce tells me that he told them he was not unwilling to talk with them, but finally refused to discuss any matters pertaining to the affairs of the agents. They wrote him a number of times on their official paper signing themselves as officials of the Order of Telegraphers, and there was nothing left open but to ignore these letters.

Mr. Creighton said there is no organization of express agents of which the company are aware. "We have not been advised by the agents of any grievance, but if there is we are prepared to discuss such matters with them, collectively or individually, but," said he, "we will not treat with the telegraphers no matter how they might modify their scale."

Mr. Creighton said that if the agents had a grievance, the proper thing to do was to report it to the superintendent of their division, and failing there to take the matter up with him at headquarters.

"The present arrangement," said Supr. Creighton, "is the fairest for all concerned, the men are paid for the work done, and many of them make more than their salary as telegraphers. For instance, some agents are receiving commissions ranging from \$150 to \$200. Then, of course, others get as low as \$3 or \$4. "In the case of these latter," said the superintendent, "to pay them the minimum of \$5 a month asked would amount to \$80 a year, and as it is many of these small agencies are a loss to the company."

"The rate, with very few exceptions, is ten per cent.," Mr. Creighton said, "and where it varies is for some good reason. As for instance where the agent delivers goods, extra is paid to cover the expense. Or, when this is not done the company pays these expenses. Then again," he said, "some agents who are not telegraph operators and who have offices in the town, are paid some little extra to pay office rent."

"The strike order was not by any means unanimous," said Mr. Creighton, "some agents who were not members of the Order of Telegraphers did not, I understand, have any vote at all. Then none of the telegraphers are compelled to work for us, as it does not necessarily follow that we must employ telegraphers, and should we recognize this order they