

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR UNION.

Every Knight Templar in Western Ontario will hear with great satisfaction that the two Encampments of Scottish Templars at St. John and St. Stephen, N.B., decided on Wednesday night last to throw in their lot with the Great Priory of Canada. Grand Chancellor Spry received a telegram to that effect on Thursday forenoon. The St. John Commandery has been in existence since 1856, and is a most prosperous organization, embracing all the leading citizens of St. John in its membership. They have clung tenaciously for the past twelve years (since Great Priory was instituted) to the Chapter General of Scotland, and refused all offers until Wednesday night to join with their brother Knights in one Grand and Supreme Body for the Dominion. At nearly every Great Priory meeting fresh overtures were made to them to "come in with us," but they rejected the advances. The last meeting of Great Priory, however, which was held at St. John, seems to have left sufficient leaven to have leavened the entire Encampment, and the result is as noted. Grand Chancellor Spry and P.G. Masters Malone and Sheppard have been most assiduous in pressing unity upon our New Brunswick fraters, and deserve the thanks of all.—*Free Press*.

DEATH OF R. W. BRO. THOMAS PERKINS.

FIRST DEP. GRAND MASTER OF CANADA.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Perkins, aged 79, died at his residence on Goyeau street, Windsor, June 7th. Deceased was born in England. When a young man he came to this country with a regiment of the Royal Artillery. When his time in the army was finished he went into business in Kingston; retiring in 1854, he came west and settled in Windsor. He here secured an appointment on the customs staff, where he served for over 26 years when he was superannuated. Bro.

Perkins was probably best known throughout the country as a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was the first Deputy Grand Master of the order. He was the last survivor of the charter members who constituted the lodge in the City of Kingston. Prior to the death of Sir John Macdonald there were three living charter members of this lodge. They were Sir John Macdonald, William Gunn of Forest and Bro. Perkins. Sir John always had a warm friendship for Bro. Perkins and secured the latter's appointment to the Customs Department. The deceased was married in Kingston to Miss Annie Winchester, who, with a son, an only child, survives him. Bro. Perkins was one of the wealthiest men in Windsor.

ZETLAND LODGE, MONTREAL.

PAST MASTERS' NIGHT.

On May 14, Zetland Lodge held a Past Masters' night. The chairs were occupied by the following Past Masters: M.W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, W. M.; V.W. Bro. McB. Taylor, I.P.M.; V.W. Bro. John Beckingham, S.W.; W. Bro. A. J. McRobie, J.W.; R.W. Bro. P. A. Crosby, Treasurer; R.W. Bro. Hy. Dunne, Secretary; W. Bro. Higinbotham, S.D.; W. Bro. James Walker, J.D.; W. Bro. D. Ferguson, Organist; W. Bro. E. T. Perry, J.G.; W. Bro. A. D. Fraser, D of C.; W. Bro. Grant and W. Bro. Seale, Stewards.

Before the actual work was done, the D.D.G.M., W. Bro. Campbell, and the District Grand Officers were announced and received. The D.D.G.M. and the acting Master were presented with bouquets, and the members of the Lodge received from R.W. Bro. Crosby button-hole souvenirs.

The work of the first degree was then gone through in a manner which showed what early training had done for each and every one of the old time officers and received much approval from the following Worshipful Bros., who had been invited to witness the work: