

AN OLD GENTLEMAN MUCH PERTURBED

When He Got in Line of the Fire at Fort Dufferin.

NO HARM DONE.

The Gunners Got in Some Excellent Practice Yesterday—Quebec Men Handle the Guns With Precision and Despatch—Another P. E. I. Contingent in Camp.

The six and twelve pounders pounded in such thunderous fashion at Fort Dufferin Tuesday afternoon that many civilian onlookers pressed their hands to their ears and out of profound respect retired a step or so.

But if they were so obviously conscious of the power of the guns, what must have been the thoughts of a frail old gentleman who hugged the side of the fort, directly in the line of fire? Unwittingly he had stumbled up the slope, quite beyond sight of those on the summit, and was only made sensible of his perilous position by suddenly hearing the crash of cannon overhead.

He could, with safety, have descended to the beach, but the general outlook was so ominous that he believed it to be in his best interests to immediately embrace the ground.

Still after all flow from the crest of the slope and tremulously he prayed for a cessation of hostilities. Above him the gunners bent and sighted and the black barrels of the Hotchkiss swung slowly as they followed the course of the target, but nobody knew of the old and anxious man just under the brow of the fort.

When at length the cease fire was given, and criticism became general, an artilleryman perched on the picket fence emitted an amused yell and pointed to a patriotic figure scrambling up the incline.

"There's nothing much to laugh about," remarked after he had regained breath and composure, "for I don't want to be in front of these fellows when they're going off. I'd sooner be somewhere else. I guess I missed my calculations when I started to climb from the beach, and as soon as I found out just how I was situated I laid down and didn't budge. No firing around for me when I'm face to face with those things."

The Quebec men about Tuesday and the weather was diamond bright. Constant practice makes proficiency. The garrison gunners are familiar with both. They shot with map and precision. Nothing tangled. When they were in a position yesterday is concerned they were devoid of their customary faultless dress. They looked as if engaged in a campaign of reality. Their khaki was stained and wrinkled. They were in rough and ready order.

About 3 o'clock a tug stole by the island, headed seaward. She towed at a respectable distance a couple of spruce, dark blocks about a small ship's length apart.

Presently an order was given and there was mysterious business among the uniformed men congregated on the hill crest. By each six pounder a group of six gunners took up position. More orders, then into the breach of both guns were swiftly slipped the charges.

The tug had gone beyond the island's end and the target—wreath lines of froth rippling past each block—had just cleared the end, when there came a bang, a flash, a quiver of the ground, a swirl of dust around the quick fire and from the watery space between the dark blocks soared a snowy plume.

Another shaking report, flash and pulsation and another white geyser appeared, but slightly beyond the target.

"Independent firing!" Then it was that you clasped hands over your tingling ears and marvelled at the almost thoughtless way in which the artillerymen picked up the charges, shoved them in, slammed the breech top, sighted and fired.

Around the dark patches on the glinting blue of the lay the water was ploughed white. You longed for a field glass and another pair of hands to hold it.

"Cease fire!" Down came your clammy hands, but yet you looked forward with keen pleasure to the moment when you would have to elevate them again.

On the 6:03 train Tuesday afternoon No. 2 company of the Charlottetown artillery arrived and proceeded at once to the fort for practice today. The members are Lieut. Ham Bethune and Dawson, Sergt. Major O. Moran, Sergts. F. McLeod, F. Murray, R. Binn, Corp. G. Lewis, R. Diamond, Bomb. A. Watkins, Gunners S. Higgins, D. Sullivan, F. Blouke, C. Stewart, L. Mellish, T. Cunroy, J. MacKenna, W. Mackland, L. McMath, A. Davey, Chas. Robertson, W. Wilson, A. McLeod.

Flour and Sugar Higher.

Ontario millers advanced the price of their products 10 cents Wednesday. This makes 30 cents an advance this month. Five Roses also went up 20 cents a barrel, which brings it on a par with Ogilvie's, which advanced on the 3rd inst. There is a much firmer feeling in land and the outlook is for higher prices. Some western dealers have already advanced the price 1-8 to 1-2 cent a pound. Since the middle of June there have been five advances in the price of sugar. Each of these was five cents a hundred pounds. On account of increased consumption on the continent and the anticipated shortage of the beet sugar crop, higher prices may be looked for.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ODDFELLOWS MEET.

Thirteenth Annual Session Opened at Fredericton Yesterday.

Reports of Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe Showed Order to Be Prosperous—Officers Elected and Councillors Appointed.

Fredericton, Aug. 9.—The Grand Encampment convened in annual session in Oddfellows' hall at 10 a. m. The convocation, after the usual ceremonies, was presided over by Thomas M. Grant, grand patriarch. Quite a large number of delegates were instructed into the Grand Encampment degree, and took their seats. The grand patriarch, in his annual address, said:

"It affords me much pleasure to welcome you to our thirteenth annual session of this grand body. Remindful of the fact that another year of life's journey is completed, and thankful to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, let us enter upon the deliberation before us with honesty of purpose. I feel sure the kindly greetings of the brethren whose hospitality we are privileged to enjoy, and of the commendable purpose for which we are assembled here together will ensure to us personally a pleasant and profitable day. Here we meet to deliberate on the welfare of the patriarchal branch of Oddfellowship. I am confident that the result of our deliberations will be discernible in a large increase of interest and activity among the subordinate encampments of this jurisdiction, and that each member of this Grand Encampment will become interested and do some mission work, showing subordinate lodge members that they lack the beautiful teachings of the Patriarchal Oddfellow. As patriarchs we have much to encourage us to persevere and continue the work of improvement and progress, as harmony and love prevail in all our camps. Not a word of complaint has arisen to disturb the peace and happiness within the tents of the Patriarchal Oddfellow."

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I am able to report a gain in membership and a gain in invested funds. While this gain is small, yet it shows our order to be on the way of improvement. "Dispersation Order" was read and approved. On the regular meeting in September, accompanied by a number of patriarchs from Mount Horsham and Cushing Encampments, we had the pleasure of reorganizing and installing the officers and conferring the degrees on fourteen new members and giving them the privilege of holding their meetings at Hopewell, Nova Scotia.

"Cape Breton Encampment was reorganized during the year, and a new encampment was organized at Truro (N. S.)."

The grand patriarch spoke of his visits to the different encampments, and everywhere he found them in a healthy condition. He also referred to the anniversary proclamation, and other matters.

"I thank this Grand Encampment for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to this high position. I trust I have in a measure filled its requirements. I also thank the grand officers and district deputies for their valued and faithful services to the order, and extend to my successor in office my most hearty wishes for his complete success in this grand work of Oddfellowship, which in the future will be just what we make it. Let us not be satisfied with our present standing as a fraternal order, but strive to accomplish still greater results, and we can only succeed by living daily in conformity with the obligations we have taken. I have received from patriarchs everywhere a most courteous and respectful treatment, for which I extend my most sincere thanks. I pray that God will bless you in all your words and works both here and elsewhere."

Grand Scribe's Report. Grand Scribe Melville McKean submitted a lengthy report giving details of the work accomplished during the year, and made several suggestions. I among them being one that the traveling expenses of the grand patriarch be paid in connection with his visits, and in instituting the financial condition of the Grand Encampment committee consider the advisability of granting a sum of money for the use of the incoming grand patriarch for necessary expenses. The grand scribe referred testily to the patriarchs who passed away during the year. The statistical part of the grand scribe's report showed that the total number of encampments is 17, with a membership of 719, showing a net gain during the year of one encampment and 71 members. The amount paid out for relief was \$107. The grand scribe said the financial condition of the Grand Encampment is good. The total receipts were \$300.65, and the expenditures \$234.17, leaving a surplus of \$66.48. He thanked the officers and patriarchs for their continued confidence in him, and for the many courtesies extended during the past year.

Election of Officers. At this afternoon's session of the Grand Encampment officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year as follows:—A. D. Fraser, grand patriarch, New Glasgow; D. A. MacGowan, grand high priest, Moncton; H. L. Hart, grand senior warden, Halifax; Melville McKean, grand scribe, Moncton; Chas. A. Sampson, grand treasurer, Fredericton; John Yeomans, grand junior warden, Amherst; Melville McKean, grand representative, Moncton; S. A. Chesley, grand marshal, Lunenburg; A. S. Stalker, grand sentinel, Pictou; A. J. Houle, deputy grand sentinel, Charlottetown.

The installation ceremony was conducted by the retiring grand patriarch.

The grand patriarch appointed the following standing committees for the ensuing year:—

Creditors—J. H. Brown, Cyrus Smith, A. S. McKenzie.

Reports of grand officers—J. D. McKean, C. B. Allan, J. C. P. Frazer.

Returns—S. A. Chesley, J. A. Laidlaw, T. M. Grant.

Correspondence—Jesse P. Smith, P. G. R., Dr. C. A. Murray, J. A. Bayne.

Finance—J. R. Macdonald, J. D. McKean, A. S. McKenzie.

Legislation—J. R. Macdonald, J. H. Sutherland, Cyrus Smith.

State of order—J. A. Laidlaw, J. H. Brown, T. M. Grant.

By-laws—J. C. P. Frazer, J. H. Sutherland, J. H. Balloch.

Dispensations and charters—J. A. Craig, J. P. Smith, C. A. Sampson.

Appellate—William Kenny, P. G. R., J. A. Craig, H. L. Hart.

District deputy grand patriarchs were appointed as follows: District No. 1, Pictou—Alex. Stalker; District No. 2, St. John—C. B. Allan; District No. 3, Halifax—H. M. Hart; District No. 4, Charlottetown—A. J. Houle; District No. 5, Windsor—A. F. DeMont; District No. 6, Moncton—P. A. MacGowan; District No. 7, Yarmouth—J. H. Allen; District No. 8, Woodstock—No appointment; District No. 9, Amherst—John Yeomans; District No. 10, Westville—Andrew Wallace; District No. 11, Hopewell (N. S.)—J. H. McIntosh; District No. 12, Lunenburg—S. A. Chesley; District No. 13, New Glasgow—A. D. Frazer; District No. 14, Cape Breton—No appointment; District No. 15, Goldboro (N. S.)—John Jocelyn; District No. 16, Fredericton—C. A. Sampson; District No. 17, Truro—Dr. Walker.

A lot of routine business was disposed of and at 5 o'clock the meeting adjourned.

The Grand Lodge meeting opens in the church hall tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. A large number of delegates, including Grand Master Hon. John F. Whear, of Charlottetown, and C. B. Allan, of St. John, arrived by boat this afternoon.

Grand Lodge Independent Order Odd Fellows of the maritime provinces convened in annual session at 10 o'clock this morning. Grand Lodge is meeting at 200 Royal Hill, Carleton street. There are 200 representatives in attendance, four from every lodge in the three provinces.

Immediately after calling the Lodge to order Grand Master John F. Whear delivered his address, which was very full, comprehensive, instructive and interesting. After congratulating the Order upon the success which had attended the Lodge's last year the Grand Master spoke of the lodges. Five subordinate lodges were instituted at Lunenburg (N.S.), New Glasgow (N.S.), Liverpool (N.S.), Lower Wood Harbor (N.S.), and at Wolfville (N.S.). St. John's Lodge was reorganized at Kentville (N.S.), and the Rebekah Assembly of the maritime provinces was instituted at Lunenburg (N.S.). New Lodges are soon to be instituted at Grand Manan, McAdam Junction, Newcastle and Caledonia, and Rebekah Lodges at King's and at Amherst.

A large number of rulings and decisions had been given by the Grand Master, and of which were set forth in detail in his report. The grand master regretted his inability to have made more general visits to the lodges, and to have seen the territory he divided into five districts, each to be visited by a Grand Lodge officer.

The fraternal press was highly commended. Five subordinate lodges were instituted during the past year, and a recommendation made that memorial pages be inserted in the journal of proceedings.

Grand Secretary's Report. Grand Secretary J. C. P. Frazer then read his voluminous and comprehensive report. He said in part:

"It affords me pleasure to present at this time my 28th annual report, both because the past year has been a successful one, and I have a man usually going to work in the city, and because I am making it in the city in which I first had the honor of attending the Grand Lodge, and which I feel it my duty to do so in a position in which it has been my good fortune, by the grace of the Grand Lodge, to continue uninterruptedly during the last four septennials which have since elapsed."

Looking over the present assemblage of officers and representatives, and remembering the Grand Lodge as it was in 1876, I cannot but be struck with the great change that has taken place. Many of the most prominent members of that assembly have passed away, and I have the whole number attending, that session I doubt if there is here present a single one, except myself; not but many might be, but for one cause or another I have the whole present membership, with the exception noted, is completely changed."

At that time there were twenty-four lodges, Willey, No. 27 being the baby lodge, and the present membership 1625. At present there are 80 lodges, Orpheus, No. 92 being the youngest, and a membership of 6847. So, we have grown larger as well as older, not very rapidly, but steadily. This is not a country of mushroom growths, but still growing, and I think it safe to say, kept fully abreast of the average of other institutions that have existed as long as ours, and have outstripped many in the race of progress.

There are now 80 lodges, an increase of 567 during the year; present membership 6847, total receipts for relief fund, \$9,414.71.

Grand Treasurer's Report. Grand Treasurer J. H. Balloch reported: Receipts \$5,026.33 Payments 2,827.82 Balance \$2,198.53

The reports of grand master, secretary and treasurer were submitted and referred to committees.

An invitation from Victoria and Nashwag lodges to sail on the river Thursday afternoon by Victoria was accepted.

The advisory committee reported favorably in regard to an Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada.

The report of committee on subordinate lodges was held over until a future session.

Deputy Grand Master Sampson gave notice of motion to amend the constitution by changing the date of meeting of Rebekah Assembly from the second Wednesday in August to the second Tuesday.

At this evening's session a committee was appointed to consider a way of celebrating the jubilee of the Grand Lodge next year. The committee will report at the present meeting.

The report of the finance committee was adopted. A resolution was passed changing the headquarters of Mayflower Lodge from

Barrington Head to Barrington Passage. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected tomorrow morning, and the next place of meeting will be announced.

Rebekah Assembly. Rebekah Assembly, I. O. O. F., met at Knights of Pythias Hall, York street, at 10 a. m., today. There are eighty ladies in attendance, of whom fifty took the Grand Assembly degree today. The Rebekah Lodges were reported in flourishing condition, financially, socially and numerically. One lodge had been instituted at Kentville (N.S.), and the Pughwash Lodge had been revived. She had had a voluminous correspondence during the year, and had given a number of decisions and rulings.

The secretary, Mrs. Mary McKean, presented her report, showing a membership of 1284 sisters and 792 brothers, a gain during the year of 40, in 27 lodges. Cash receipts during the year were \$300; the payments \$175.40; balance in hand, \$124.60.

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GOOD ATTENDANCE AT BERWICK CAMP MEETING

Berwick, Aug. 9.—Ever since the camp meeting commenced, the services have all been marked with deep spiritual fervor. Rev. Dr. Blackett and Rev. L. A. Nels, both preachers in the New England conference, and who are new men on the ground, are very fine and eloquent preachers. The other ministers who are present this year are Rev. J. Craig, who is superintendent of the year of the services; Rev. A. B. Higgins, Rev. W. H. Hearty, D. D., Rev. T. A. Wilson, Rev. J. W. Ardens, W. R. and J. U. Turner, A. S. Rogers; these are the principal speakers. Other Christian workers are: Dr. May Austen, Dr. Hibbert Woodbury, Miss Ida Stevens and Miss Elmer Stevens. The attendance this year exceeds that of previous years, especially of those who reside on the grounds. The weather is on the whole nice and fine, and all that could be desired.

Miss Alice Alexander, of Messrs. Schofield Bros.' staff, has gone to spend a two

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS GRAND LODGE IN ANNUAL SESSION

Encouraging Report of Chancellor Moulson—Afternoon and Evening Proceedings.

Moncton, Aug. 9.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, K. of P., of the maritime provinces, opened this morning with a good attendance of delegates from all parts.

James Moulson, acting grand keeper of records and seal, in his report said: "I wish to express my great regret that death has made it impossible for Brother John C. Henry, our late G. R. and S. D. to be with us today. For many years he failed not in attending the convention of the Grand Lodge. He was elected G. K. of B. and in 1889, and served in that position until the end of June last, when owing to ill health he found it necessary to resign. He served for 35 years, and during all that time discharged his duties in a most satisfactory manner. His genial disposition and devotedness to the order enabled him to retain the friendship of old friends and to make new ones."

The report showed that 28 subordinate lodges had on hand and in bank on June 30 \$18,909.47, and that the value of the lodge properties was \$18,031.26. The total expenses were \$6,445.12, and the amount spent on relief was to members \$1,707.33, to widowed families \$735.27, and for burials \$416, making the total expenditure \$2,858.92.

The membership figures show a total of 1,064, a net gain of 82 over the previous year. There are 13 past grand commanders, 424 past chancellors, 1,301 knights, 13 esquires and 13 pages.

In the afternoon Mayor Ryan welcomed the visitors and tendered them the freedom of the city. A parade was held in the forenoon after which Moulson's Division of Moncton gave an exhibition drill on the athletic grounds. Moncton was the only camp in competition and was accordingly awarded the \$25 prize as well as the special prize offered by the Henderson, Ames Co., of Michigan.

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WONDERFUL TOWN IS EDMONTON

Telegraph Correspondent Describes Its Beauties.

BOUNTFUL CROPS. Thermometer Keeps in the Eighties and the Farmers Are Delighted—Haying Season Now On, and the Harvest Will Be Big.

(Special correspondence.) Edmonton, Alberta, Aug. 1.—Don't be afraid of following your second thought or even your last one if it seems on consideration to be sensible. Just to think that I might have missed seeing Edmonton in the glory of the summer sunshines. It is hard for me to credit the fact that as a usual thing there is a great deal of damp, drizzly weather in July and August in northern Alberta. When a few such days appeared the middle of May I was assured that summer was beginning. We have not had six such days the whole summer so far and now no one expects them. Still so much snow lingered late, and this with the thunder showers and a few occasionally rainy day, have kept the crops in good condition.

I have just now come in to wait till it is cooler outside—or at least to cool off myself for a little. It can't be less than 82 or 83 degrees in the shade, I think. Our hottest day in Asker the thermometer stood 88 in the shade for hours. I know the room where I was working it went up to 90 in spite of pails of water sprinkled over the floor. Still most of the days have just been pleasantly warm and for the others we know it helps everything to grow and are content.

How the farmers are rejoicing in this having season! One man who will winter a hundred head of cattle thought he had enough with less than two weeks work to see them through the winter. He is one who believes in taking good care of them, and he will likely have another hundred or so tons for sale.

But this is departing from Edmonton. I have heard a good deal about it the past few months and yet it was a surprise to me. As we drove over in the bus from Strathcona—the railway takes a circuitous route so the old bushes continue—and came in sight of the heights one would hardly be surprised if on nearer view the fine buildings were a fairly palace. Then did I realize that most hills I've seen along these prairie stretches, as we neared them they appeared higher and more steep. Beautiful for situation indeed! Such broad, well kept lawns, and delightful green spots with trees, lawns, and in some cases wild tangle of roses, honeysuckle and various kinds of woody beauties. The latter, of course, not quite in the business part of the town, but not so very far away. Oh, it is a grand city! One that we may well be proud of.

The railway station is on the bottom level of the city. The wood bottom is used as our wood yards.

When I am finished writing I am going down there, and to see the coin mines that are all round the city. Two were closed on account of the danger to the city site. One of them caused a cave in two years ago and has not been in operation since.

After some one not remarked as we came across that the Saskatchewan was usually very clear I should have described it as a decidedly muddy river. I must try and find out what has disturbed its waters so.