

I am pleased to state that 19 new lodges have been instituted during the past year, viz.:

SALISBURY, in Brantford.  
NELSON, in Almonte.  
BOWOOD, in Ottawa.  
PORTSMOUTH, in Dovercourt.  
NEWCASTLE, in Newcastle.  
WORCESTER, at West Toronto Junction.  
LEEDS, at Weston.  
PRIMROSE, in Montreal.  
TRAFALGAR, in London.  
PRINCE OF WALES, in Windsor.  
BRITISH LION, at London.  
CAMBRIDGE, at Little York.  
STANLEY, at Ottawa.  
RUSSELL, at Ottawa.  
NORFOLK, at Toronto.  
HAMPTON, at Orillia, and  
JUBILEE, SALISBURY and EAST LONDON Lodges in South Africa.

Seven of which number it has been my especial pleasure to institute, ably assisted by the Grand Officers and prominent members of our Order, at considerable expense to themselves, for which I think they are deserving of the thanks of this grand body; and with a view of still further extending our Order, I would suggest for your consideration the advisability of increasing our Charter fee to \$10 for opening new lodges and giving that amount to any member who sends in a list of names for Charter members, which is accepted by the Executive, as a slight remuneration for any expense he may have been put to in this connection.

I also desire your consideration to the motion on the sessional papers of conferring the W. R. D. on the Executive Officers of a new lodge (free of charge) the same night it is opened, thereby effecting a saving of considerable expense of money and time to the Grand Executive in making a second journey, probably at a great distance; but owing to the large amount of work the instituting officer would have to perform in one night in initiating, dedicating and installing the new lodge, I would suggest that the Executive Officers thereof be merely obligated in the W. R. D., and that a chart be prepared by the Grand Executive with full explanations of paraphernalia, etc., required.

I have during my term of office made official visits to Hamilton, Kingston, Belleville, Bowmanville, Newcastle, Port Hope, Oshawa, Whitby, Peterboro', London, Windsor, Orillia, Weston and West Toronto Junction, and I am pleased to report our lodges are all in a prosperous condition, both numerically and financially, in many cases owning their own lodge furniture, leasing and sub-letting their halls, etc. I have also visited repeatedly all the lodges in Toronto, and in a number of instances installed the officers, and I am pleased to state that they are also in a flourishing condition, having made unprecedented progress during the past year.