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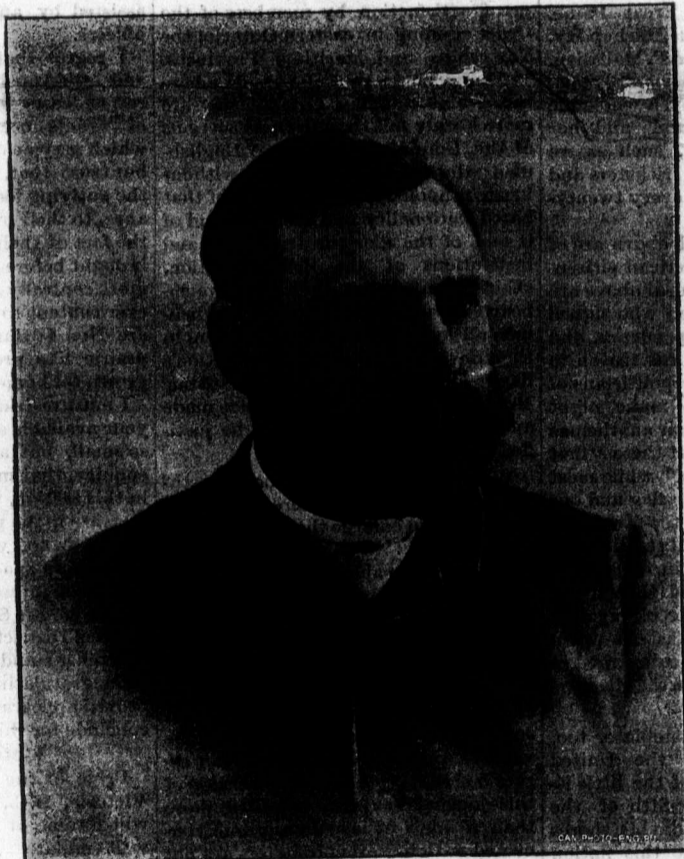
The election of Mr. W. R. Stroud, of Ottawa, to the position of Supreme Grand President of the S. O. E. Society is an event for which—while complimentary to that gentleman personally—all Englishmen of the order residing in Eastern Ontario will be glad. The feeling has prevailed widely, outside of Toronto, that members residing in that city have shewn insufficient appreciation of the zeal and energy of the brethren in the Order not so centrally situated, and the election of Mr. Stroud will at least wipe out the reproach in so far as this section of the Dominion is concerned.

in its career when a policy of drift will be criminal neglect, and which now calls for the best thought and effort of its master minds, in developing the constitutional machinery of an effective national organization; we cannot too heartily commend to his successors in office the statement of S. G. President Ivens in his Report to Grand Lodge, viz: "I am pleased to notice that the members of our Order are realizing the fact that ours is not only a benefit society, but that we have other objects in view. National and patriotic, we are determined to maintain British connection." We trust Mr. Stroud's term of office

fully contested the Presidency at Port Hope with the P. S. G. P. Swait, in 1890.

Mr. Stroud was elected a member of the Ottawa City Council in 1889, and is now chairman of the Finance Committee. His earlier days were spent in a sea-faring career, during which he obtained a Second Officer's certificate from the London Board of Examiners. In 1872 he returned to Montreal and laid the foundation of the now extensive business of tea merchants of Stroud Bros., widely known all over Canada.

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W. R. STROUD, Esq.

Mr. Stroud has for years past evinced a worthy sympathy in all that affects the welfare of his fellow-countrymen, and his sacrifices of time and money, coupled with keen business qualities, have procured him the recognition and appreciation of those whom he has sought to serve. We trust that he, and all others holding this high office, will not look upon it as the goal of effort but as only affording opportunity for greater usefulness and where, if they have the mental capacities for leadership in a great national organization, they will make their personal initiative felt, instead of acting like official automata and wasting the grand opportunities of usefulness in official pomposities. The Society has reached a stage

will be signalized by such wisdom and effort on his part, and his fellow workers of the executive, as to justify the wisdom of the choice made.

The new S. G. P. was born in London, Eng., 18th Jan., 1852. Came to Canada with his parents in 1856, and is the eldest son of the late W. D. Stroud, Esq., of Montreal—one of the most prominent Englishmen of North America; the father having been Vice-President of the North American St. George's Association, and several times President of St. George's Society in Montreal.

Mr. Stroud joined Derby Lodge, No. 30, of the S. O. E. in 1884, and at the Grand Lodge meeting in Ottawa in 1889, was elected to the position of S. G. Vice-President, and unsuccessful

at Bingley, Nottingham and Bingley have by public meetings unanimously endorsed this proposal of preferential trade within the Empire. Meetings in Glasgow, Bradford, Derby and Wolverhampton, etc., are to be held, so that we shall hear more. He also says it is being debated in all clubs and places of public resort. We may add also that under private confidence Lord Salisbury has written what he has yet not dared publicly to avow. A little leaven is leavening the whole lump.

A clergyman in England, pleading earnestly with his parishoners for the construction of a cemetery for their parish, asked them to consider the "deplorable condition of 30,000 Englishmen living without Christian burial."

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