

NEW COUNTY LODGES.

As instructed at our last Grand Lodge meeting, new County Lodges have been organized bearing the names of "North Bruce" and "East Grey." I had the pleasure of conducting the opening ceremonies of the North Bruce Lodge, and was greatly pleased at the unity and harmony prevailing thereat. As an evidence of the truly loyal feeling and the desire to participate in anything of advantage to the Order, I might mention that brethren came to that meeting by conveyance a distance of 60 or 70 miles. In fact one old and zealous brother walked nearly 40 miles to be at the meeting, as he lived in the rocky portion of the Bruce Peninsula and was unable to drive the greater portion of the way. I think our brethren in cities and towns who complain of attendance at lodge meetings once a month fall very far short of the idea of true Orangeism in view of the self-sacrifice shown by the brethren in the rural districts. Amongst the officers installed on that occasion, I might mention the County Master, W. Bro. Wm. Simpson, who is one of the oldest Orangemen in the Peninsula; and Bro. Alexander McNeill, who so worthily represents the Riding in the House of Commons, and who was elected Treasurer. Most Worshipful Bro. Parkhill presided at the opening services of the East Grey County Lodge, and advised me that it was one of the largest and most representative gatherings of Orangemen he had ever had the pleasure of presiding over in County Lodge. The County Master elect, Bro. J. C. Irish, is well known to the members of this Grand Lodge as one of the most indefatigable and painstaking members of our Association. I have no doubt at all but that the division of these Counties will not only be of great convenience to the brethren, but will result in better attention being paid to the management of the Lodges.

THE SENTINEL.

The management of THE SENTINEL continues to improve year by year. As a weekly paper to-day I doubt if it has its equal in this City, and as an exponent of the Orange Association it is most faithful on every occasion. In fact were THE SENTINEL to be withdrawn the Society would suffer a great loss. I deeply regret that it is not as well supported as we would wish, or in fact believe it should be. The members of the Grand Lodge will be delighted to find the proprietor of the paper stood so high in the estimation of his fellow citizens that on the occasion of the recent Provincial elections he was selected as one of the standard-bearers of the Conservative party in Toronto, and elected by the largest majority given to any public man in the contest. That Bro. Clarke will faithfully represent the citizens of Toronto and reflect great credit at all times on our Association, with which he has been so intimately connected, is beyond all doubt.

The election of a large number of brethren to both the Parliament of Canada and the Local Assembly is also a matter of congratulation. Their presence at this meeting will no doubt encourage you to continue on in the work, many of the brethren now around the room probably filling their places as time rolls by.

In my last annual report I referred to the fact that great battles are decided at the polls, and I am sure that that statement has been fully realized during the last three months. As an Association we have only commenced our work, and we must be up and doing. The great minds of the country turn to us for the purpose of getting an expression of opinion from the members of our Association on the questions of the day, and I