

## ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario, in Grand Lodge assembled.

It is again the pleasing duty of your Grand Secretary to address you on the affairs of the Order in this Province during the past year. It has pleased our kind Heavenly Father to bless our land with continuous peace and plenty within our borders. It is therefore with heartfelt satisfaction that I am again able to congratulate this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge on the increasing prosperity of our GLORIOUS CAUSE in nearly every section of this Province, as is evidenced by the issue of new warrants, the renewal of others long dormant; but more especially the large increase of membership of many of the Lodges; and the more favorable opinion with which our time-honored Institution seems to be regarded by the Protestant community in general. Our large and orderly assemblies in various places on the last ever-memorable Twelfth, have had a very happy effect in removing unfavorable prejudices from the minds of numerous Protestants. The very large and respectable gathering on last Twelfth in St. Catharines, has had a very beneficial effect in the old Niagara District, as well as in other places.

I think I can best show our increasing prosperity by giving extracts from County and other Reports, furnished me during the past year.

The Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of British America, and County Master of North Simcoe reports:

"I have pleasure in being able to report continuous peace and brotherly feeling among the members in my County, together with a slight tendency to a revival of interest in the Institution. During the past year I have visited and delivered addresses in various sections of this Northern part of Canada, as well beyond as within my own County; among others, in Grey and Algoma, and find everywhere a steady progress; and in the new County of Muskoka, the most thoroughly Orange County in Ontario—literally seven out of ten of the settlers in that vast region are Orangemen. Such a phenomenon as a Roman Catholic is hardly to be found. I am really proud of it as an offshoot from North Simcoe. My County Lodge meeting was the best ever held here, which I take to be an indication of renewed vitality. They unanimously re-elected me again, so that I am now entering on my 16th year of service, and have never had opposition."

The County Master of North York reports:

"You will be pleased to hear that the Order in North York is getting along well; the Lodges in the County are all in good standing, and some have a very large membership; in fact the order here is in a better status than it ever was in my time. The best harmony prevails; there was a large attendance at both District and County meetings. Love and unity prevails. All the Lodges have made their returns, and all but one paid their dues."

The County Master of Toronto reports:

"We have made a large increase in membership since my last report, and I am glad to say that all the Lodges in my County are doing well; in fact the order here never stood in a better position than it does at present. The new Lodge 551 has commenced operations and bids fair to become one of the best in the city."

The Veteran County Master of Peel reports:

"The Lodges in the County of Peel have paid their dues in full up to the present time, and they are acknowledged in the Provincial Grand Lodge reports from 1860 to the present time."

The County Master of S. Ontario reports:—

"We are gaining steadily, not so much in numbers as in influence. The returns are made with greater promptness and a much larger representation was at the County Meeting."

The County Master of Welland reports:

"In transmitting you the Annual Returns for this County, I have much pleasure in remarking the continued prosperity of the Cause. It is very satisfactory to notice the steady increase of membership, and increasing strength of our private Lodges. Two new Lodges have been organized, and one dormant warrant renewed. All are under the most favorable auspices. I think they will prove a most valuable acquisition to our good and noble Order here. I am much pleased with our prosperity, and trust, D.V., to be able another year to report a more marked improvement."

The venerable County Master of S. Huron reports:

"Some are still very dilatory about making their returns. I am of the opinion that this to a certain extent, is dependent on the change made in making returns, that Distric

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