

THE SMOKER.

Stanley Lodge, Ottawa, held its "annual smoker," last month, and among the invited guests present were Hon. Bro. E. G. Prior, controller of inland revenue, Bro. Wm. B. Northrup, M.P., Bro. Barlow Cumberland, Supreme Grand Vice President of Toronto, Capt. C. F. Winter, secretary of St. George's Society, Ald. Hewlett, Ald. Bro. Fred Cook, James Hope and others.

The President, Bro. E. J. Reynolds, occupied the chair, and referred to the object of the gathering and at once called upon the Supreme Grand Vice-President, saying that they would, before Bro. Cumberland was through, be convinced that the delegates who attended the recent Grand Lodge, had not misplaced their confidence in electing such a brother to fill the position of executive officer of the Order.

Bro. Barlow Cumberland was cheered lustily on rising. He took up many matters of interest to Englishmen, and discussed the position Englishmen held in Canada to-day. He referred to the financial state of the Order and said that during its existence they had paid out \$500,000 and all departments of the society had surpluses to their credit and were working well.

Hon. Bro. Col. Prior made a patriotic address. He reviewed the military aspect of the Empire and compared the position Canada held in military matters. He said he was pleased to have met Bro. Cumberland, and was gratified to hear the able address he had delivered. Before sitting down Bro. Prior sang "Ship Ahoy" joined by the members singing the chorus.

Bro. Northrup, M.P., made a stirring and effective address, and kept the attention of the members for half an hour. His speech was full of touching anecdotes of English character, etc.

Bro. Ald. F. Cook made a few remarks and sang "Rule Britannia."

Bro. Ald. S. J. Davis made a rapid leap to enduring fame as an elocutionist by reciting the following patriotic poem of Bro. Cline Phillip-Wolley:

She wakes! in the furthest West the murmur has reached our ears
She wakes! in the furthest East the Russian listens and fears—
She wakes! the ravens clamour, the winds cry overhead
The wandering waves take up the cry "She wakes whom nations dread!"
AT LAST, ye have roused the Sea Queen; at last, when the World unites
She stirs from her scornful silence, and wakes to Her last of fights.
Alone, with a World against Her, She has turned on the snarling crew
No longer the Peaceful Trader, but the Viking North Sea knew.
She calls and Her ships of battle—dragons Her seas have bred—
Glide into Plymouth harbor, and gather round Beachy Head.
She wakes! and the clang of arming echoes through all the Earth,
The ring of warriors' weapons; stern music of soldiers' mirth.
In the world there be many nations and those gathers round every Throne
The strength of EARTH BORN armies, but the sea is England's own.
As She ruled, She still shall rule it, from Plymouth to Esquimaux
As long as the winds are tameless—as long as the waves are salt.
This may be our Armageddon: Seas may purple with blood and flame
As we go to our rest forever, leaving the world a name.
What matter? There have been none like us, nor any to tame our pride
If we fall, we shall fall as they fell, die as our Fathers did—
What better! The seas that bred us, shall rock us to rest at last.
If we sink with the Jack still floating nailed to the Nation's mast.

The following brethren delivered addresses: Bro. Ald. S. J. Davis, John Trobridge, Capt. C. F. Winter, Ald. Hewlett, W. R. Stroud, P. S. G. P., J. Foss, C. G. Folkes and Wm. Teague, D.D. Songs were sung by Bro. Hunt, J. Parish, J. Foss, Chas. Sharp, Jas. Mason, J. Farmer, and D. Dodson and Mr. Burgen.

Letters of regret were read from Bro. J. W. London, Supreme Grand President, Belleville, Bro. Thos. Elliott, S. G. P., Mayor of Brantford, Bro. Dr. R. W. Powell, Bro. C. G. Corbaud, M. P., and the Hon. Bro. Senator A. Vidal.

St. George's Day at Brandon, Manitoba.

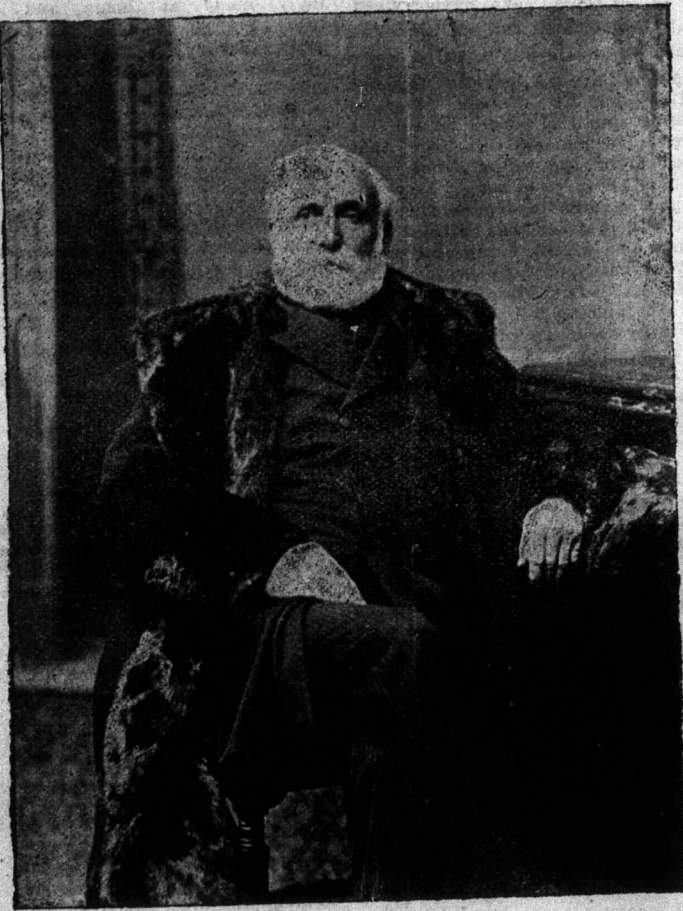
The brethren of Brandon Lodge, No. 174, Manitoba, celebrated St. George's Day by carrying out the following programme:

The regular routine of business being over, members proceeded to Mrs. Stripp's restaurant and regaled the inner man in a manner best known to Englishmen. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, toasts and speeches and songs became the order of the evening.

The President, Bro. H. James, gave the first toast, which was and always is responded to in the most enthusiastic manner. "The Queen and Royal Family," The National Anthem was sung, together with a song by Bro. Brayfield.

The next toast given by the President was "Our Native Land." Bro. Gilles sang "Britannia, the Gem of the Ocean," and also, in his new office of "Poet Laureate," rendered a typical song, based on the current events of the times and specially composed for the occasion; needless to say it was deservedly applauded.

"Canada, the country of our adoption,"



The Late Premier Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

was the toast next proposed and appropriately responded to by Bros. Bartlett and Brytfield. Songs were also given by Bros. Baker and Robey.

"Our St. George" was the next, which was humorously replied to by Bro. Giles. Song by Bro. Hardey.

"Our kindred societies" was next given. Bro. Harrison of one of the Winnipeg Lodges responded, and, in the course of his remarks said that the constitution of the Sons of England was by far the best. Song by Bros. Jones and Herbert.

"The Ladies" was then given and responded to happily by Bros. Bartlett and Patmore, while the humorous and irrepressible Bro. Giles, as a prelude to a recitation, said he never could understand why, at all gatherings of this nature and in every place the responding to so important a toast was assigned to a couple of incorrigible bachelors, generally men who knew least about the fair sex.

"The Press" was the next toast duly honored and replied to in a happy manner by Mr. Cliffe.

"The Farming Community," given by the president and responded to by Bro. C. Pilling very suitably, and a vote of thanks by Bro. Sambrook to the chairman, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought one of the happiest social meetings of the S. O. E. B. S. to a close, one and all feeling that they had celebrated the patron saint in right royal style.

Much praise is due to Mrs. Stripp for the very creditable manner in which every thing was done.

LANCASHIRE LODGE, S. O. E. NO. 190. Ridgetown, Ont., May 7, 1896.

Respected Brethren: Having received permission of the executive of the Supreme Grand Lodge to circulate a petition on behalf of the widow and child of our late Brother Butler, deceased. Brother Butler was a victim of the boiler explosion which took place at Ridgetown on the 6th of April. His wife and child are naturally delicate, and there is a mortgage on the house and lot, with interest, which is due the 1st of June, 1896—about \$350. The house being conveniently situated she will be able to make her living by keeping boarders, if we can raise the mortgage; otherwise in a few years she and her child will be dependent on the cold charity of the world; so we deem it our duty to make an effort to raise this sum among our lodges in the Dominion, and we hope the brethren in Canada will give us a fair share of their liberality in this sad case. We hope you will give this matter your earnest consideration by granting a small donation for which we shall feel truly thankful, and the same will be promptly acknowledged by Yours fraternally,

JAMES SMITH, President, Box 161, Ridgetown, Ont. WM. JACOBS, Treasurer.

We hope the response will be generous from the lodges. It is one of those cases which brings our obligation into brotherly touch and sympathy. If each lodge would do its proportionate share, it would be doing its duty.—ED.

NOTES.

Bro. Geo. Richmond of Severn Lodge, Arnprior, was in Ottawa last week making arrangements with the Ottawa brethren to perfect the details of the coming celebration of the 24th of May, which will be held in Arnprior on that date.

Derby Lodge held an "At Home," which closed the social season among the lodges last month, it was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. Games of all kinds and parlor amusements had been provided, while an abundant supply of refreshments were served by the ladies. On being called upon, Senator Bro. A. Vidal, gave a pleasing address.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. John R. Thompson, which took place at London, Ont. Deceased was suffering from a cancerous growth. He was insured in the Beneficiary for \$1,000.

The sermon to the Sons of England of Ottawa, will be preached by Rev. A. W. Low at St. John's church. The service will be in the evening of the 24th of May.

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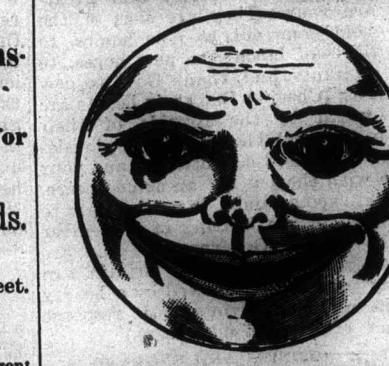
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