

As we could not obtain the services of a suitable preacher to address the Lodge upon the occasion of the seventy-seventh anniversary of the institution of our beloved Order, we held the meeting on Sunday, May 3rd, when Rev'd Bro. J. H. Best, of Westminster, addressed the Brethren, their friends, relatives and neighbors, in our own hall. The address of Bro. Best was really a most enjoyable and profitable affair, and very much appreciated by the people present; in fact it was a revelation to many of the uninitiated.

The Lodge is, I consider, making very fair progress, and, on the whole, it is to be complimented on its showing for the year.

One thing we feel we have missed, and this is the first time since our institution, we have not been favored with the presence of our worthy Grand Master, when reading accounts of his visits to various places and that he was actually passing our doors without calling we felt it was worth something to be located on the C.P.R., the island or the river; possibly since he has had two representatives here we ought to be thankful for that favor, etc.

Trusting the foregoing resume of what has been going on here will be acceptable to you, and that you may have a most profitable meeting of the Grand Lodge at Nanaimo next month, that your deliberations may be conducive to the up-building and advancement of the principles and teachings of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction, and finally thanking you for the honor done me,

Believe me to remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Sincerely yours in F. L. & T.,

HENRY T. THRIFT,

*D. D. G. M., District No. 10.*

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NELSON, B. C., May 20, 1896.

*W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My report, as D.D.G.M., for this year is short. There have been no decisions rendered. On the 11th May, 1896, I instituted Rosslund Lodge, No. 36, as per my report sent Grand Secretary. Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, having been the only Lodge in this part of the Kootenay country, there have been no Lodges, excepting our own, to visit. Sitting regularly in our own Lodge, I cannot say that I have visited it officially, unless at the installation of officers in January last.

Yours Fraternally,

E. C. ARTHUR,

*D. D. G. M. District No. 11.*