

gaged on the frontier, while, on the other hand, in stations composed mostly of civilians there had been a marked improvement.

Words of praise and commendation are pleasant to Editors as well as to individuals, and the many complimentary letters which we receive, and the flattering notices which appear from time to time in our exchanges are very encouraging—almost as encouraging as the prompt payment of subscriptions would be, but not quite so substantial. Our big brother, the *London Freemason*, from whom we appreciate a pat on the back, in its review column, a short time ago, under the heading *THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN*, remarks: "This well conducted Masonic Magazine is always worth reading, and pursues the 'even tenor of its way' with much success and marked ability." We, of course, agree with our esteemed contemporary in its opinion as to the "marked ability" displayed in the editorial management of the *CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN*—we would not presume to express dissent—and we also believe that our magazine is "always worth reading," but the "tenor" of the *CRAFTSMAN'S* way is not as even as the *Freemason* supposes, and if its editor could see our long list of defaulting subscribers, he would conclude that the "tenor" of our "way" is rather rough. The subscribers to the *Freemason* are probably prompt and punctual in meeting their engagements, and its editor judges others by himself. We have been hopeful and patient, but "hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and that part of our system is beginning to feel very unwell.

Obituary Notice.

Bro. Joseph Fleury, of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora, was called to his rest on the 29th of September. He was well known as the proprietor

of the Aurora Agricultural Works; and although it is but a few years since he commenced in a small way to manufacture implements for agricultural purposes, his business has become so extended that his implements are known and used in every part of Canada, and at his death he left a fortune estimated at \$250,000. Bro. Fleury has for some time taken an active interest in municipal affairs, has been for several years Reeve of Aurora, and last year was Warden of the county of York.

At his own request he was buried with Masonic honors, and the funeral was the largest ever seen in the village. In addition to the members of Rising Sun Lodge, there were representatives from Richmond Lodge, No. 28; Vaughan Lodge, No. 54; Markham Union, No. 87; Sharon Lodge, No. 97; Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket; Union Lodge, No. 118; Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornville; Thorne Lodge, No. 281, Holland Landing; and some of the city Lodges were also represented—about 200 in all. The band of the 12th Battalion headed the procession. The pall bearers were: R. W. Bro. B. Saunders, D.D.G.M. Toronto District; W. Bros. Wm. Patterson, Jas. Speight, Wm. French, Isaac Crosbie, George Eakin, and Bros. D. W. Down and John Holladay. Among the public men present were W. Bro. Dr. Strange, M. P., W. Bro. P. Patterson, M.P.P., W. Bro. Dr. Widdifield, M. P. P., J. P. Wells, ex-M. P., and Joseph Stokes, Esq., Warden of the county of York. The Masonic services were conducted by R. W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Paterson, P. G. C., and Master of Rising Sun Lodge.

On the return to the Lodge room, the following resolution was moved by W. Bro. Dr. Strange, M. P., and seconded by V. W. Bro. Morrison:—"That the members of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, having performed the last sacred rites over the mortal remains of their deceased Brother Joseph Fleury, desire to place on re-