

three years. The Dispensation having been extended, an election of officers was permitted, which took place on December 23, 1867, resulting as follows:—Bro. A. G. B. Bannatyne, W. M.; Bro. Thomas Bunn, S. W.; Bro. John Bunn, J. W.; Bro. E. L. Barber, Treas.; Bro. Hector McKenzie, Sec.; Bro. C. J. Bird, S. D.; Bro. Charles Curtis, J. D.; Bro. E. H. G. Hay, Tyler.

During the year 1868, the Masonic horizon in the Red River Settlement became somewhat cloudy; the prospective change in the proprietorship of the territory, and other causes, had materially dispersed the members of the lodge; the Grand Lodge of Minnesota also seemed to doubt the propriety of maintaining the right of jurisdiction within this territory. A sort of apathy for a time prevailed, and finally the Grand Lodge cancelled the Dispensation, and thus ended the course of the pioneer Masonic Lodge of Rupert's Land.

The few members of the old lodge who remained in the Province have affiliated with the lodges formed more recently.

After the transfer of the territory to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, the troubles of 1869 and 1870 occurred; a military force from the eastern Provinces arrived here for the restoration and maintenance of order, and amongst them were many members of the fraternity. True to the traditions of their ancient privileges, they soon arranged for the establishment of lodges where they could practice the mystic art, and promulgate the principles thereof in the new Province.

ANOTHER LODGE FORMED.

The first petition sent to the Grand Lodge of Canada, was for permission to form the Winnipeg Lodge, with Bro. the Rev. Robert S. Patterson, as W. M.; Bro. Norman J. Dingman, S. W.; and Bro. W. N. Kennedy, J. W. The Dispensation was duly received, an emergent meeting was held on the 10th December, 1870,

but owing to Bro. Dingman having returned to the east, Bro. W. N. Kennedy was elected S. W., Bro. Matthew Coyne, J. W., Bro. James B. Morice, Treas., and Bro. Henry T. Champion, Sec.; a regular meeting was held on the 22nd, at which several applications and petitions were received, and, on the 27th, St. John the Evangelist's Day, the brethren dined together.

At their next meeting, the name of the lodge was changed by permission from Grand Lodge, and called Prince Rupert Lodge. The meetings were held in the second story of a building on the corner of Main street and Portage avenue.

At the end of one year from the first regular meeting it was properly constituted No. 240, Grand Register of Canada, and its register contained 55 members.

MANITOBA LODGE.

Simultaneously with the receipt of the Dispensation for this lodge similar documents were received for the institution of two other lodges in the Province, namely, Manitobian Lodge, at Lower Fort Garry, which held its first meeting, February, 1871, with Bro. George Black as W. M.; Bro. Thomas Bunn, S. W., and Bro. W. J. Piton, J. W.; and International Lodge, at North Pembina, with Bro. F. T. Bradley, as W. M.

The name of Manitobian Lodge was subsequently changed to that of Lisgar Lodge, their warrant was received in due course, No. 244, G. R. C., and the old lodge still remains healthy and prosperous, in the thriving town of Selkirk.

The authority to form a lodge at North Pembina was not acted upon. Bro. F. T. Bradley found unexpected difficulties to prevent the formation of a lodge on an international basis, and the population north of, and in proximity to, the boundary line, was too sparse to admit of its success if limited to Canadian territory, therefore the Dispensation was allowed to lapse.