

ORANGE ORDER GROWING IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Increase in New Membership
for the Year is 339

There Are 155 Primary Lodges in the Province — W. B. Wallace Re-elected Grand Master — Next Meeting of Grand Lodge in Sussex.

Andover, March 19.—The report of the grand secretary, presented at the meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge, showed a prosperous year. Twenty new lodges were organized in New Brunswick; there are now 155 primary lodges in good standing; net gain in membership for year 339. There is increased representation by adding past primary masters to the membership of grand lodge. A legislative committee is now allowed provincial grand lodges.

At Wednesday's session more than 100 delegates registered. Among those present from other jurisdictions were Rev. Mr. Grace and John A. Wright, of Maine's banner lodge, Caribou (Me.).

The following votes were passed: Capitation tax, \$500; grand treasurer's salary, \$20; grand secretary's salary, \$20; proposition fund, \$150; Pledge orphanage fund, \$100; grand master's expenses to Regina, \$100; special charity fund, \$100.

An address of welcome to grand lodge was presented by the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association.

Mrs. M. E. Flanders, who was accompanied by members of different lodges, read the address.

In the evening a banquet was tendered the visiting lodges by the primary lodges in the county.

The following is the list of toasts: The King; The Provincial Grand Lodge, responded to by Dr. W. B. Wallace, G. M.; David Hipwell, J. W. Clark and N. J. Morrison; The Grand Orange Lodge of Maine, responded to by J. A. Wright, of Caribou (Me.); The Masonic Order, responded to by Dr. G. B. Peat and W. E. Spilke; The L. O. O. F., responded to by Rev. W. M. Field; The O. C. O. A., responded to by Mrs. M. E. Flanders; The Ladies, responded to by J. B. Allan; The Clergy, responded to by Rev. B. Penwarden and Rev. A. W. Currie; The British Empire and Canada, responded to by A. D. Thomas.

This morning grand lodge proceeded to the election of officers, the following being elected:

- Grand master—W. B. Wallace, LL. D., St. John.
- Deputy grand master—J. H. McMann, St. Stephen (N. B.).
- Junior deputy grand master—E. H. Clarkson, Williamsburg (N. B.).
- Grand chaplain—W. McE. Matthei, Beaufort.
- Grand treasurer—H. G. Wadman, Moncton (N. B.).
- Grand secretary—N. J. Morrison, St. John.
- Grand director of ceremonies—F. A. Baird, Beaufort (N. B.).
- Grand lecturer—T. Brewer, Fredericton.
- Deputy grand secretary—S. W. Smith, Mount Pleasant (N. B.).
- Grand auditors—H. Sellem, St. John (N. B.) and G. H. Perry, Sussex.

The next meeting of the grand lodge will be held at Sussex on the third Tuesday in March, 1915.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A CHICAGO NEWSPAPER MAN

John L. Lawson, a Native of P. E. Island, and "Best Reporter in the West," Fell Down Elevator Shaft.

Chicago, March 19.—John L. Lawson, a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, and one of the best known newspaper men in the middle west, met a tragic end this afternoon, when he fell down an elevator shaft in the Chicago Press Club building. It is believed he opened the door of the elevator shaft, used for freight material, for the door of the shaft was closed and stepped in before realizing his mistake.

Among editors and reporters Mr. Lawson was considered "the best reporter in Chicago."

For years his stories have been held up as models of newspaper writing. He was born on Prince Edward Island.

REAL ESTATE

The following real estate transfers have been recorded for St. John:

- W. L. Fenton to B. W. Queen, property in Lancaster.
- E. C. Short to Waldere Heights Ltd., \$66,000, property in Sandy Point Road.
- W. F. Harrison has sold a leasehold property in Alfred street to C. E. Colwell.

In Kings county transfers have taken place as follows:

- Bessie Cheyne to Mrs. M. Cates, property at Westfield.
- A. J. Dunn to Alex. Brighton, property at Sussex.
- D. H. Hanna to Beatrice Cheyne, property at Westfield.
- J. A. McGivery to G. & G. Piewelling Mfg. Co., property at Hampton.

James Lockhart and C. Arthur Doyle, convicted of breaking into summer cottages at Millidgeville and sentenced to three years each, and William E. Doyle, who was given two years for breaking from the chain gang, were taken to Dorchester yesterday in custody of Turney Clifford.

ULSTER OFFICERS STRIKE SOON OVER

Resume Duties After Explanations

Premier Asquith Says Trouble Was Due to Misunderstanding

Liberal Papers Declare That Army Must Be Reorganized as Tory Aristocrat Officers Are a Menace to Popular Government—Lively Debate in Parliament Over the Incident.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 22.—The defection of the army officers who refused to serve in Ulster is now a closed incident, but its consequences are likely to prove far-reaching. Premier Asquith and Colonel Seely, secretary of state for war, made explanations before an excited and turbulent house today that the whole affair was the result of a misunderstanding. This misunderstanding, it was inferred, although they did not directly say so, was due to misrepresentation of the government's position by the commanding general, Sir Arthur Paget, whereby he informed the officers in Ireland that they were to move on Ulster for a repressive campaign.

General Paget and three senior officers from the Curragh camp—General Gough, Colonel McEwan, and Colonel Parkes—were summoned to London for a conference according to official statements, the misunderstanding has been cleared away and these officers returned to Ireland tonight. Sir Arthur Paget, who was entirely satisfied with the results of their visit. The terms on which the officers resumed their posts were such that they were assured that they would not be compelled to fight against the Ulstermen. This is considered a distinct surrender by the government.

Lord Morley, of Blackburn, explained in the house of lords that he did not think in the interests of the efficiency of the army that all that instance of the army council should be made public, and that the king approved the orders to the officers to return.

Say King Mediated.

The part the king played in the crisis has not been disclosed. Army officers address their resignations to "His Majesty" and the king's intervention insisted that the resignations in the present instance should not be accepted and used his influence with the cabinet for a compromise with the army.

The Unionists firmly believe that the government has participated in a fiasco. They think that the two most enterprising spirits of the cabinet, David Lloyd George and Winston Spencer Churchill, were the chief winners in the plan, and that the government proposed a wholesale movement of troops into Ulster to over-awe the covenanters by the display of superior forces and the arrest of their leaders, and that the plan was frustrated only by the opposition of the cabinet.

Some of the Unionist members assert that Andrew Bonar Law recently received a letter quoting one of the high Tories in Ireland as saying: "By Saturday there will be hundreds of dead in Ulster."

The Unionists also accuse the government of making a "surrender" to General Paget for their own "colossal blunder."

Unionists Elated.

The future of the home rule bill is wrapped in clouds. No declarations of "full steam ahead" or "meeting force with force" were heard from the Liberals in the debate in the house of commons today. The army has check-mated the government, according to the Unionists' view, and the covenanters of Ulster have won their fight.

No one will be surprised if the government soon relinquishes the power of arms, as its action had the immediate result of striking a shower of sparks of class jealousy.

Score Tory Aristocrat Officers.

Liberal newspapers of high standing and influence, like the Daily Chronicle and the Daily News, print bitter denunciations of the officers as part of the Tory aristocracy which insists upon the prerogative of ruling the country against the will of the people, and demand the democratization of the army and that the systems of officering it from the sons of the rich be superseded by a system whereby officers may be promoted from the ranks.

The Labor papers are equally bitter, and demand to know why privates should not have the same privilege of promotion as officers. They demand that the government should fire upon workmen when they strike to suppress strike riots.

Debate in Parliament.

In parliament today Bonar Law declared that the government's procedure was a most amazing instance of patting the lion on the back. He declared that the British army, being deflected from the country's eyes had, he said, come on the government like a bolt from the blue. He had, he declared, received proof from other quarters apart from the cavalry regiments that resignations had occurred. Mr. Law then read a letter stating that officers who would not fight against Ulster

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ST. JOHN HOSPITAL BILL AGREED TO

Mr. Tilley Withdraws His Demand for Plebiscite of \$300,000 Outlay

SLIGHTLY AMENDED

Any Issue of Bonds Must Be Sanctioned by Four of the Five Hospital Commissioners — Bill to Superannuate Police Magistrate Marsh—Other Business of the Short Session.

Fredericton, March 22.—The house met at 8:45 p. m.

Mr. Carter presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate the Perth-Sawway district.

Hon. Mr. Morrison presented petitions in favor of bills to authorize St. James' Presbyterian church, Newcastle, to sell certain church lands; in favor of a bill to incorporate the Minto hospital, and to amend the act incorporating the Northwest Balm Company.

Mr. Guthrie presented the petition of the town council of Marysville to amend that town's incorporation act.

Hon. Mr. Clarke introduced bills to confirm certain sales made under the order of the chancery division of the supreme court and amend the children's protection act.

Hon. Mr. Manning introduced a bill to authorize the lease of crown lands for certain purposes.

Hon. Mr. Guthrie moved for the suspension of rules to introduce a bill to provide for the superannuation of John L. Marsh, police magistrate of Fredericton.

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Hon. Mr. Tilley said that he desired the full notice should be accorded to the city in the matter of the proposed hospital and for that reason he was going to move an amendment to section 2 to provide that any issue of bonds must be sanctioned by at least four out of the five commissioners.

The section as originally set out in the bill was as follows: The said council of the municipality of the city and county of St. John may from time to time, at any general meeting thereof, order one or more issues of bonds, in order to raise a loan for the payment of the said proposed hospital in the city of St. John, not on the whole to exceed \$300,000.

With this amendment the bill was agreed to.

The house went into committee with Mr. Witsell in the chair and agreed to the bill to amend the act to encourage the settlement of farm lands, with an amendment providing the farm settlement board should report monthly instead of quarterly and with an amended title.

Mr. Baxter suggested that a more convenient reference to the various acts would be provided if instead of the name of the sovereign with the year of the reign and chapter, each act was referred to by name with the date of the calendar year in which it was passed. This suggestion was adopted in this bill.

The house adjourned at 10 p. m.

LONDON STOCK MARKET STRONG ON ULSTER OUTLOOK

London, March 22.—The premier's statement concerning military movements had a calming effect on the stock markets yesterday with the result that the general atmosphere is more cheerful, showing an improvement in console and home railways as well as a rally in Mexicans.

The early course of console was affected somewhat by the failure of a Tasmanian loan which the underwriters take at 81 per cent. The announcement of the underwriting of the Winnipeg loan of £1,000,000, also gave a slight check, but there was a good recovery.

The disappearance of labor troubles on the Great Eastern acted beneficially on home railways and Metropolitan are showing special strength. Canadian Pacific started well, but lost ground later, while Grand Trunk closed higher. Consols closed 7-16 higher at 74-5-8. A recovery of two points occurred in Bank of England stock.

City of Montreal scrip improved one-quarter and Vancouver lost one-eighth. Canadian Pacific reached 214-1/4, but reacted at the close and was one-quarter down at 214. Grand Trunk hardened and gained one-quarter were marked on the ordinary at 91-7-16, guaranteed at 86 and third preference at 69-3-4. Mexican five per cents. were one-half better at about 86-1/2. Among the Brazilian issues there was a slight improvement in the five per cents. 1914.

GREAT OVATION TO HON. DR. PUGSLEY IN HOUSE

Both Sides Joined in Felicitations

Cheered By His Political Friends and Foes in Parliament for Several Minutes, as He Took His Seat After a Long Illness—Col. Sam Didn't Send Cheer to Ulster—Debate on More Pay for Judges.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, March 22.—Parliament today accorded a remarkable reception to the Hon. Dr. Pugsley, who took his seat after a long illness. He was greeted by both sides of the house and cheered for several minutes, while many Conservatives also cheered his name in greeting. The ovation was a general one and continued for some time.

The break in the proceedings was general, and Dr. Pugsley was accorded a unique reception. Despite the fact that the house was in session, members crowded down to his seat to shake hands and extend congratulations. Hon. J. C. Doherty, minister of justice; Hon. Mr. White, minister of finance, and about a dozen of the members of the government side crossed the floor and joined in the personal reception, which finally terminated in another burst of cheering in which both sides joined.

Then Mr. Lemieux, who was speaking at the time of Dr. Pugsley's entrance, extended felicitations in a formal manner, and was followed by Hon. Mr. Doherty, who was followed by Hon. Mr. White, who expressed the national sentiment of pleasure at the recovery of a high public man.

The Doctor in Splendid Spirit.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley still bears the marks of his illness, but he seemed to be in splendid spirits. He remained in his seat until the close of the session and re-entered at once into the parliamentary routine.

Sir Edward Carson is to be denied the privilege of being "my man Turpin" in the Hon. Sam Hughes in the threatened Ulster warfare, after all Canada's military ministers, who remain in the Canadian government would do nothing to prevent the sending from this country of a "first contingent" of 1,000 picked volunteers to bring the British troops to the Nova Scotia Liberal wanted to know from the premier whether the government had authorized any such communication from the irascible Col. Sam.

Mr. Burden seemed annoyed. "The minister of militia is indisposed," he remarked, "but we expect him out tomorrow. He has, however, communicated to me his assurance that no communication of the kind was sent by him."

Col. Sam Denies Ulster Story.

Ottawa, March 22.—At the opening of the common today, George W. Kyle, Richard, and the Hon. Mr. Borden, the Montreal Star stating that the Yorkshire Post had it on authority that Col. Sam Hughes had made the statement that the Canadian government would take no action to stop Orange volunteers from Canada going to Ulster. He asked if the prime minister had any information.

Mr. Borden said that the minister of militia was ill today, but he was in receipt of a communication from him to the effect that he had made no such statement.

Hon. W. T. White announced that the budget will be brought down on Monday.

According to an answer given to Mr. Wallace by the secretary of state, Victoria day will be celebrated this year on May 23. The anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday, comes on Sunday, and according to statute, the following day in such cases becomes automatically a public holiday.

Changed Laurier Junction to Monk.

In answer to Mr. Lapointe (Kamouraska), the acting minister of railways, Hon. Dr. Reid, said that the name Laurier, which had been given to a junction station of the National Transcontinental railway in L'Islet county, had been changed to Monk, in June, 1912, by the commission. The reason for the somewhat peculiar change of name was merely because there was already a station named Laurier, near Levis (Que.), on the I. C. R. The commission thought it advisable to change the name so as to avoid possible confusion.

J. C. Chesley's Motor Boat Comes High.

In reply to Mr. Carvell, the minister of marine, said that John C. Chesley, of St. John, had received \$1,267 since the 31st of March last for motor boat service, furnished the government.

According to an answer given Mr. Farber by the acting minister of militia, the military contests to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York city,

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EXPERIMENTAL FARM FOR WOODSTOCK

Trustees of Fisher Estate to Donate 100 Acres of Land and Build an Agricultural School for the Whole Province—Scheme for Schools at Newcastle and Sussex Will Be Abandoned Now.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Woodstock, N. B., March 22.—It is stated that the trustees of the L. P. Fisher estate will build an agricultural college, which will be handed over to the government, and will also include the gift of one hundred acres of land for an experimental farm. The land will probably include what is now the golf links and other land in the vicinity.

The trustees of the Fisher estate have made the matter his been re-opened. A meeting of the stockholders of Connell Bros. Foundry Company was held today. A student of \$12,500 was received for the school of the government. A committee was appointed to look into the matter and report at a later meeting. If the offer is not accepted, it is rumored that a company of local capitalists will take over the business.

This proposed building will be taken over by the government with the experimental farm and be open to the whole province. The proposed schools at Sussex and Newcastle will not be built, as the two buildings and farm here will fill all the requirements.

The matter was under consideration when Dr. Landry was head of the agricultural department but his attitude caused the trustees to abandon the scheme. Now that a change has been made the matter has been re-opened.

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Mr. Hazzen Did the Bidding of Men Outside His Department and Made Dismissals and Appointments Without Hesitation.

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Ottawa, March 22.—An interesting sidelight is thrown on the patronage system in vogue under the present government, and on the petty troubles and details in which it involves the ministers, by some of the returns which are being brought down daily in the commons in regard to dismissals.

One return tabled today regarding the naming of druggies and barges owned by the marine department, at St. John's, was that the Hon. Bruno Nantel, Hon. L. P. Pelletier, and various members of parliament are taking special interest in the selection of second engineers on tugboats, captains on barges, etc., and are communicating their views on the subject and the interest of their various constituents and supporters to the minister of marine.

In one case Deputy Speaker Blondin writes to the minister in charge asking that he be allowed to appoint the captain of a new barge not yet completed.

Hon. Mr. Hazzen replies that Mr. Blondin had better see Hon. Mr. Cochrane, the minister in charge of the district, "to whom such matters are referred."

Appointments apparently are not made by the responsible minister in charge from the standpoint of the personal fitness of the applicants, but merely upon the recommendation of members or other ministers who are interested in the patronage.

In another instance, Hon. Dr. Reid sends in a list of dismissals which he wants made in the Prescott marine yards. They are made forthwith, and with such promptitude that in one case the notification is sent to the victim that his services will cease "this day afternoon."

Moore Club Heavily Fined.

London, Ont., March 22.—A liquor case of unusual interest came up in the police court this morning when N. W. Shaw, head of the local branch of the Royal Order of Moose, was fined \$300 and costs for a breach of the provincial liquor license laws in allowing liquor to be kept on the premises of an incorporated club.

\$100,000 Heavily Fined.

Minira, N. Y., March 22.—Fire on the Pacific coast, which has been burning since the 15th inst., has now reached the city of Minira. The loss will be \$100,000.

Forty-one Blooded Horses Burnt to Death.

Fort Riley, Kansas, March 22.—Forty-one blooded horses, belonging to the reserve school on the United States military reservation, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the school stables.

The horses were being schooled as jumpers, and a number of them were to enter an overhauled chimney destroyed by the fire. The military contests to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York city,

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McBRIDE IN OTTAWA TO HELP C.N.R. RAID

FINDS BENTON WAS MURDERED

Scottish Rancher Was Slain in Villa's Office During Row

CARRIED NO ARMS

British Consul Makes Inquiry Into Countryman's Death and Gained the Above Facts After Secret Inquiry—Forwards Report to Home Government.

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, March 22.—The inquiry into the death of the Scotchman, Benton, five weeks ago in Juarez, directed by the British foreign office, has been concluded and today the results were laid before the British ambassador here for transmission to London. The investigation was conducted by C. E. S. Perceval, the British consul at Galveston, whose district includes the town of El Paso, opposite Juarez.

Originally ordered to El Paso to cooperate with the commission appointed by Secretary Bryan to inquire into the Benton case, Mr. Perceval, finding that the American commission was helpless to act as the result of the refusal of the rebel leaders to allow them to examine and examine the dead body, conducted the investigation on his own account. He employed such agents as he thought necessary, and secured a mass of testimony bearing upon Benton's death. Much of this was collected in secret, because of the fear of the witnesses of condign punishment at the hands of the constitutionalists, and for the reason not even the names of the witnesses will be given publicly at this time.

Necessarily the evidence as to what actually took place in Villa's headquarters at Juarez, where Benton was last seen alive, was meagre. Most if not all the eye-witnesses were officers and privates under Villa's command who are now with the general down in the interior of Mexico. Some of them are men whose names were given in the first report on Benton's death by Villa himself as having been witnesses before a court martial which was said to have tried and convicted Benton.

The testimony quoted by the consul makes it appear that Benton was unarmed when he entered Juarez, and sought Villa's headquarters, that he entered Villa's office, that there was a tremendous scuffle, followed by perfect quiet. No witness could be found who heard the sound of a shot. Benton did not emerge from that office alive, but where and when his body was removed the report does not disclose.

Accepting the British view nothing further can be done in the case at this stage.

No immediate action is expected at the British embassy as a result of this report, but it was recalled today that Sir Edward Grey in his last statement to the house of commons upon the Benton case, with regard to the British subject and that the debtor would be the future permanent government of Mexico.

"There is absolutely no question," he said today, "of the soundness of the policy of giving assistance both to the C. N. R. and to the G. T. P., where any necessity of doing so is shown. The dominion cannot allow the completion of either of these roads to be jeopardized. This is no time to call a halt. As far as the Canadian North-west is concerned it is certain that any building a first class transcontinental line in every particular."

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In regard to the question of oriental immigration, the government is now considering extending for six months the order-in-council passed last fall excluding altogether the landing of laborers from any country on the Pacific coast. That would temporarily solve the whole difficult and complex problem for another six months.

Says Women Will Get Ballot When Majority Wants It.

Montreal, March 22.—Addressing the Montreal Women's Club today Hon. W. Crothers, in answer to a question, stated his personal belief that women should be granted the franchise on equal terms with men, and he said that as soon as a majority of women really wanted it themselves, they could get it.

The way for them to operate was to get most of the women on their side, and then persuade their husbands. It was, however, a provincial matter as the dominion government accepted provincial laws. He described with approval recent legislation in England with regard to the hours of labor, the minimum wage, and the establishment of labor bureaus in different centres so as to keep the employer needing men and the employees needing work in constant touch with each other. He is himself considering a Canadian adaptation of the latter act.

Mon. Mr. Crothers Tells Montreal Women's Club That Matter Rests With Provincial Legislatures.

Says Aid Should Be Granted

Tory Opposition Said to be Almost at an End

Government Experts Now Analyzing Company's Statement—Sir William MacKenzie Returns to the Capital and is Busy Lobbying for the Big Bond Guarantee.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, March 22.—Sir Richard McBride, the Pacific head of the Conservative party, arrived in the capital this morning for a somewhat extended stay, on business, personal, political, British Columbian, and Canadian Northern. The Canadian Northern end of his mission probably ranks first in importance at the present time.

Sir Richard is the man chiefly responsible for the way British Columbia has backed MacKenzie & Mann financing to the extent of tens of millions, and is naturally very anxious that nothing should go wrong now with the latest application of the Canadian Northern for federal aid. Were the province of British Columbia compelled to make good any default of interest payments by MacKenzie & Mann on the bonds guaranteed by the province, it would be a serious thing for the credit of the province, and for Sir Richard McBride and his government.

The political and financial alliance between the McBride and the MacKenzie & Mann forces, makes necessary Sir Richard's personal intervention at Ottawa at the present juncture. Naturally, he is not saying anything for publication as to the proposed bond guarantee at the present moment, but he has no time in publicly giving the Canadian Northern a substantial boost.

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