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"The Red Route."

John Bull has sons in many lands, his very blood and bone,
Young giants with their father's face whom he will never disown;
Their homes are scattered far and wide, but o'er our ocean path,
These sturdy scions come in crowds to cheer the old man's hearth.

CHORUS:
Here's to the Red Route—the right route—our own route!
Round the world from East to West Britons hold the track;
Colony and motherland,
Grasping each the other's hand;
O'er the sea from strand to strand
Floats the Union Jack.

To-day they send a cricket team; to-morrow comes a crew,
Intent on showing folk at home what folk abroad can do;
They hold their own in every sport—they run, they ride, they shoot,
And Britain welcomes all who come by Pan-Britannic route.

CHORUS:
John Bull is glad to see his boys so resolute and bold,
While they rejoice that Father shows no sign of growing old;
Whatever their views on other points, on this they all agree—
While Britons hold the ocean they will prosper and be free!

CHORUS:
Then strengthen every link that binds the father to the son;
A good beginning has been made, but all has not been done;
We've set our girde round the earth, it's beautiful it's long,
But let us work without delay to make and keep it strong.

CHORUS:
Some call John Bull a tradesman, and would gladly steal his trade;
But let them call him what they will John Bull is not afraid;
He'll fight to keep his commerce, and the victory will be
For those who hold in peace and war dominion on the sea.

CHORUS:
Here's to the Red Route—the right route—our own route!
Binding us together and defying all attack.
Colonies and motherland,
Oldest, youngest of the band,
On together, hand in hand,
Never looking back!
—St. James's Gazette.

THE SENTIMENT OF OUR ORDER.

The Continuance of British Connection and the Binding of Englishmen Together.

Hamilton, Jan. 21st.—About 200 good natured and merry Sons of England assembled last evening for the purpose of dedicating their new rooms, which are situated at the corner of King and Charles streets, and they did it right royally.

BRO. REV. J. F. BARKER, S.G.C.
The grand chaplain's address was the feature of the evening and aroused a great deal of enthusiasm. The object of the Order, he said, was to bind Englishmen together for mutual benefit, and for the purpose of making sure a continuance of British connection. While all its members were loyal Canadians their thoughts went over to the mother land and they were united in the desire for continued alliance with the great Empire. And events of the past few weeks had shown that such connection was worth perhaps more than had been previously thought. The United States may boast of her 60,000,000 of people, but the British Empire has its 320,000,000. Its 5,000 ships and 200,000 seamen enabled it to

rule the wave in truth, and her wonderful facilities for the protection of her borders has made her the spectacle of the world in the past few weeks. All the nations are wondering where that flying squadron is bound for, and

THEY WILL SOON FIND OUT
if any one of them presumes to trouble too much with the lion's tail. Englishmen are peaceable men and England has done more to civilize and Christianize the world than any other nation upon its surface. Though they openly envy her her power yet deep down in their hearts the men of other nations wish that she ruled more peoples than she does, for where she rules there is liberty and freedom such as there is nowhere else. Unity gives strength to an order as well as to a nation, and as it is in the Empire, so it is in the Order of Englishmen—they are strong because they are united.

The chair was occupied by Bro. Wm. Buscombe, and around him were seated Bro. J. Jackson, W. Hunt, Dr. Gaviller, surgeon of the Order, and others. The vice-chair was filled by Bro. Geo. Henderson.
The reading of the report of the committee was by Bro. A. Hannaford, P.D.D.G.P., Bro. R. Hannaford, who prepared it, was unavoidably absent through illness, the report proved to be a very interesting document.
The lodges which will take up their abode at the new hall are Britannia, Acorn, Hamilton and Corwall.

CANADA IS BRITISH.

An Able Letter in the London "Times" by Bro. Dr. G. S. Ryerson, M.P.P., Toronto.

Bro. Ryerson, in his letter gives the true cause which led up to President Cleveland's message, and which has caused such a stir in military matters. Speaking of our position, past and present, says:—"Some American journals talk of over-running Canada in ten days. They either forget or do not know that in 1812-15, with a population of 250,000 we in this Province of Ontario alone, put 40,000 men in the field and at the end of the three years we not only drove them out but we possessed Michigan as well. We have now over 2,000,000 people in the Province and could, put at least 500,000 men in the field; to say nothing of what other provinces could do."

CANADA IS ENGLISH.

In estimating public sentiment with regard to annexation, forcible or voluntary, one must bear in mind the basis of the fabric of Canadian society. English Canada was originally peopled by the United Empire Loyalists, by disbanded British soldiers and half-pay officers and by British emigrants. The descendants of these three classes form the backbone of the Canadian people. They honor their memory, cherish their traditions and make loyalty to the Crown a main spring of national and political life. They can neither be coerced nor cajoled into a change of flag."

HARD AT WORK.—So far the Session of Parliament has been an eventful affair, politically and socially. We have had the pleasure of seeing Bro. E. Coatsworth, jr., M.P., Toronto, Bro. E. D. Wilmot, M.P., New Brunswick, Bro. Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P., Bradford, Ont., and Bro. Senator Vidal, of Sarnia.

Our British Legions.

(By the late S. J. Watson, Toronto.)
There hath now railed by a century,
Since a flag from Cape Diamond streaming,
Brought Freedom's morn, of the battle born,
To a land in the Past's lap dreaming.

Whist the envious gazed, that flag hath blazed,
Our tallman against danger,
It hath warn'd off the foe in overthrow,
But waded welcome to slave and stranger.

Since then we have grown in brain and bone,
On the breast of Freedom nourished;
And the Mother of States' hath kept our gates
While we slept in peace and flourish'd.

We need not shrink on the Future's brink,
Nor fear for the unknown morrow,
For the seed she hath sown, in every zone,
Hath never ripen'd in sorrow.

She leaves us the warnings bought and taught
By our Martyr's blood—by our Sages,
That unwatched trust will bring to the dust
The freedom and hope of ages.

She leaves memories, too, that can rouse anew
The men of the Island Races,
While her battle-torch still guards the porch
To our homes and their holy places.

All this we own; but Fate's trump hath blown
Farewell; still by many a token
Will the Future show, come war or woe,
That the old ties are no more.

So with hearts that swell, we say Farewell,
And honor in all earth's regions;
And a well-won claim to our Father's fame,
To the host of our British Legions.

—England.

NOTE.—The above poem was made by the late Librarian of the Ontario Legislature, (Journalist, historian and poet), on bidding farewell to one of our British Legions from Canada for Home. The poem was never before published, and is now given to the ANGLO-SAXON by the late poet's brother.

LESS THAN TWO MONTHS.

In March the Grand Lodge will be called to deliberate upon the labours of the Executive during recess, and to a great extent, map out the work of the Order for another year. There are no perplexing problems, such as a new constitution to be dealt with—delegates can go untrammelled by instructions from their lodges. There are many features of the new constitution which will need explanation. It has now been working some months, and what is required is a little burnishing—the rough edges taken off.
The "Beneficiary," the "Juvenile," and the "Official Organ" are matters which will have to be dealt with. The Beneficiary members claim they do not get enough official information of the working of that branch of the Order. They are called upon to pay each month the assessments, and they rightly claim they should have, and are entitled to, a published monthly statement; if so, they should have it. These suggestions have been made, and it is claimed, to comply with the full meaning of the Ontario law governing benefit insurance—a published statement should be given at stated periods.
The Official Organ problem has been hanging fire for the past 10 years. Executive after Executive has failed to efficiently and promptly deal with the matter, and that lack of deliberation and cohesion has placed the Order in an unrepresentative position among benefit and national societies in the Dominion.

NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.
During the month of December we sent out to the lodge secretaries a statement of their lodge card account, with the double object in view, of having the amount due us remitted, also that the secretaries would have any changes made in the card caused by election of officers or change in night of meeting. A large number have acknowledged our request, yet there are quite a few who have not. We would thank those who have not done so to give the matter their kind attention.
ALL OVER.—The elections are over and the officers installed. Now, don't rest on the fact that you are simply an officer—a man with authority—but be up and doing. There is a double mission for you to perform—Benefit and National. Room both.

of Englishmen in the Dominion. The cost of these unselfish and patriotic efforts was not found out till there was lost in capital investments some \$20,000 in cash and an equal value in energy. Yet the officers accepted the labors of these unselfish and patriotic efforts as factors to build up our Order without rendering anything substantial in return but good-will and congratulation!

It has been said that these papers, published in the interest of our Order, were commercial ventures, which could not be looked upon as being of a nature applicable to the Sons of England. In that sense they might be right, but why were outsiders so much more alert to the interest of the Order and allowed to be the first to step in and advocate the unity of Englishmen?

The officers are cognizant of the fact the ANGLO-SAXON has been the chief means of keeping open inter-communication among Englishmen and members of the Order throughout the Dominion. Experience has clearly demonstrated that the Order cannot be kept in touch by the old antiquated method of personal letters. It must step out and adopt modern methods of inter-communication. It must have some bona fide and patriotic medium in undertaking such a mission.

The difficulty is apparent when a personal letter is written from headquarters, to a certain official 2,000 miles away for his guidance and that of the members under his jurisdiction. The officials feel they have done their duty, but out of 100 members—who it was intended for—not 10 ever hear of its contents, whereas, if it were published as an official communication, the whole membership would be equally enlightened upon the matter, and would feel the strength and influence of our officers and share in their ability.

The ANGLO-SAXON—for the past 10 years—has worked unreservedly for the unification of our Order and nationality; it has done so against opposing forces, and it has asked the Order to give it support on these grounds, but we regret that the meagre returns rendered leaves us in doubt as to what the society wants. But we are convinced the Sons of England is more of a NATIONAL than a BENEFIT society, and its future will rest upon this basis. It cannot, therefore, fall into the rut of solely chronicling news of the lodges, but it will find its usefulness in developing and expanding the Order among the 400,000 members of our nationality in Canada on patriotic and national lines.

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