

of the Grand Lodge, in company with those of Sussex Lodge met at their hall, formed a procession, and proceeded in a body to the Free Baptist Church, where the Grand Lodge received an address of welcome from P.G.W.C.T., S. H. Gilbraith. This was responded to on behalf of the Grand Lodge by our G.W.C. Templar, J. R. Pidgeon. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by the assembled audience, the Grand Chaplain, Rev. M. Gross, of Hillsboro, preached the annual sermon from the words, "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you." The address was full of practical truths calculated to lead his hearers into a deeper insight of their responsibilities towards the temperance movement throughout the land.

The G.W.C.T. then followed in a very able address of some fifteen minutes, after which this very interesting meeting was brought to a close.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning the Grand Lodge again resumed business. After the reading of the officers' reports, and their assignment to the several committees, the body proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

G.W.C.T.—J. R. Pidgeon, Indiantown, (St. John).

G.W.C.—A. T. Patterson, St. John

G.W.V.T.—Mrs. R. M. Taylor, Hillsboro, Albert Co.

G.W.S.—Samuel Tufts, St. John.

G.W.T.—A. H. Hetherington, St. John.

G.S.J.T.—James P. Nowlan, Letete, Charlotte Co.

G.W.Chap.—Rev. M. Gross, Hillsboro, Albert Co.

G.W.M.—F. J. Todd, Fredericton.

G.D.W.M.—G. M. Stewart, Caledonia.

G.W.I.G.—Ezra Leeman, Lord's Cove, Charlotte Co.

G.W.O.G.—Thomas Blanch, Sussex, King's Co.

G.W.Mess.—William Anthony, Sussex, King's Co.

P.G.W.C.T.—R. M. Taylor, Hillsboro, Albert Co.

J. R. Pidgeon, G.W.C.T. and James P. Nowlan, G.S.J.T., were elected as regular representatives to the R.W.G. Lodge at Toronto in May next, and S. Tufts, G.W.S., and R. M. Taylor, P.G.W.C.T., as alternate representatives.

The afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of the officers' reports and that on the State of the Order.

From these reports we learn that our Order is in a flourishing condition. Under the able management of the Executive of the past year great advancement has been made. More than 1,200 have been initiated, giving us now 1,671, being a net gain of 875. These reports being only up to April 30th, and as many of the lodges have materially increased their membership since that time, our total gain at the present will be at least 1,000.

Our financial affairs have been placed on a firm basis, which, as contrasted with former years, makes a remarkable showing. The receipts were \$413.71; expenses, \$344.81; leaving a balance on hand of \$69.90 with which to begin the work of the new year.

In the evening after the installation of the officers by P.G.W.C.T. John Mehan, and the appointment by the G.W.C.T. of the standing committee, the business of the session was devoted chiefly to the discussion of ways and means of the present official year. A great amount of work was done at this session, and we feel assured that this was one of the best meetings of the Grand Lodge ever held in this province. Harmony and unanimity prevailed through all its meetings and work was done which can not but have a beneficial effect upon the temperance cause throughout the province. After the usual vote of thanks to the different railroads and steamboat lines for reduction of fares, and to the past grand officers for their efficient work for the past year, at 11.45 p.m. the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at Carlton, St. John, on the third Tuesday in July, 1885.

By order of the Executive.

J. P. NOWLAN,

Canada Casket.

Temperance Items.

A TORONTO TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION.—An adjourned meeting of temperance men representing different organizations was held last evening in the Temperance Hall to make arrangements for the holding of a demonstration. There was a fair attendance. Mr. Isaac Wardell occupied the chair. Mr. Wm. Burgess read the report of the committee appointed to consider a programme. The committee recommended the holding of a demonstration on one day during the second week of the Industrial exhibition. They sug-

gested the following arrangements.—That the members and friends meet in the Queen's Park at two o'clock, that a good band be engaged to play on the stand; that arrangements be made with a caterer; that games be held; that a meeting be held in some large and convenient place on the evening of that day, and that prominent gentlemen be engaged to speak, Hon. J. B. Finch and ex-Governor St. John to be secured if possible. They suggested that a fund be raised by subscriptions and appeal to societies, the latter to be asked to contribute as follows.—Independent Order of Good Templars, \$25, Sons of Temperance, \$25, Royal Templars of Temperance, \$15, Church of England Temperance Society, \$25; Temperance Reformation Society, \$25, Father Matthew Temperance Society, \$10, West End Christian Temperance Union, \$15. The report was received and discussed at length. It was decided that the demonstration should be held in the Queen's Park on the civic holiday, August 18th, instead of during the holding of the exhibition. It was also decided, in amendment to the report, to have only an afternoon meeting. It was decided to have a programme of games, and a committee was appointed to take charge of them. The following committee of management was chosen.—Messrs. G. Flint, Jas. French, A. Farley, McFedries, Bell, Fleming, Dupew, Wardell, Burgess, Thomson, King, Rodden, Calder, Jackman, Henley, Hastings, Morphy, F. S. Spence, Henry Bryant, and Dr. McCully.—Mail.

General News.

CANADIAN.

The annual Grand Trunk crop report predicts a more than average yield of crops of all kinds.

The complete returns from Muskoka give the Liberal candidate a majority of 122.

Lieut. Greely and his comrades were honored with a great demonstration on their departure from St. John's.

Obed Manuel, a boy twelve years of age, was drowned while bathing at Port Rowan.

Clarence Carpenter, ten years of age, was drowned at Welland on Friday.

At Parkhill John McIntyre jumped off an excursion train, falling in the cattle guard, receiving injuries from which he died.

A young woman named Haines, while out picking berries in the marsh, in Moulton, the other day, was bitten on the foot by a rattlesnake, and died a few hours afterwards in spite of every attention.

At Montreal, a derrick under which a number of men were working at the line of the Canada Pacific Railway here collapsed to-day with a load of a ton weight upon it. All the men escaped but one, named James Murphy, who was killed instantly by being struck on the head with a heavy stone, which fractured his skull.

An old lady named Mrs. Jno. Cook, was burned to death at Tilsonburg on Monday. She had laid down on a lounge with a lighted pipe in her hand and went to sleep. She dropped the pipe and set fire to her clothing, and before help could arrive was fatally burned.

There are at the present time 305 inmates in the Central Prison, against 247 at the same period last year; 112 in the Mercer Reformatory, 40 in the Refuge, and 704 in the Lunatic Asylum.

The Department of Railways and Canals have decided to undertake the work necessary to give fourteen feet of water on the sills in the Welland canal, so as to enable vessels of larger carrying capacity to pass through.

The Nova Scotia Government has been re-organized as follows:—Messrs. Wm. S. Fielding, Premier and Provincial Secretary; A. J. White, Attorney-General; Chas. E. Church, Commissioner of Mines and Works; Thos. F. Morrison, Thos. Johnson, Isadore Leblanc, and J. Longely, members without office. Messrs. Wm. T. Pipes and Albert Gayton, late Commissioner of Mines and Works, retire from the Government. Mr. Fielding accepting office necessitates an election in Halifax.

UNITED STATES.

All danger from the extensive forest fires in Michigan have been averted by heavy rains.

Crop reports from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky report the wheat the best gathered in years both as regards quantity and quality.

It is expected England will demand from the United States the extradition of the Fenians concerned in the Scotland Yard outrages.

Policeman Coswell, of Chicago, was fatally shot by two pickpockets last week. One of the pickpockets was wounded, but both escaped.

At Wells, Me., a fishing boat with three young men upset in the breakers. Fred. Hovey, son of Col. Hovey, and Wm. Tripp, were drowned.