

GRAND ORANGE LODGE MEETING OPENED CAMPBELLTON, TUESDAY.

Grand Master's Address and Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Reports—Will Prepare Resolution Against Changing the Coronation Oath—Presentation to A. J. Armstrong, P. G. M.

Campbellton, N. B., April 23.—(Special) The 58th annual session of the Right Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick, was opened in simple form by the grand master, Douglas McArthur, of St. John, in the Masonic Hall, in this town, at about 2 o'clock this morning.

Among the distinguished Orangermen present are Past Grand Masters A. J. Armstrong, James Kelly and H. H. Pitts, and there is very full representation of the order from all parts of the province, owing doubtless to the great interest felt in the proceedings of this session.

A well written and appreciative address of welcome from the county lodge of Restigouche was read by County Master Thos. Carter. After its proper reception by the grand lodge, the grand master, in a few well chosen words, fittingly responded to the address.

Grand Master's Address. The grand master then read his annual report. He said in part: "It gives me more than ordinary pleasure to present to you my first address as your grand master. In doing so, however, it comes to my mind that for 58 years my predecessors have trod this same path; many of these brethren were the foremost men of their times and men of marked ability; considering these things I do not find it an easy matter to prepare this address."

I have confidence, however, that considering the fact, year of the occupancy of the chair by the grand master is generally looked upon as a year of education, one in which the experience gained may be stored up for future use, I feel that I can confidently hope for the sympathy of every brother present.

I am glad to see so many representatives at this session of the grand lodge; it speaks louder than words for the love and loyalty of the members of Orange lodges, and I extend to you all a most earnest and hearty welcome.

I am particularly glad and highly honored to have the privilege of doing this, especially as we are for the first time in the highly favored and beautiful town of Campbellton.

He spoke of the happy surroundings of the North Shore brethren and of the prosperity enjoyed during the year in the dominion. "This, the old, was not to be wondered at, because a people who are loyal and patriotic to the core, honest, industrious and self-reliant cannot fail of their reward, where peace and plenty abound."

The incursions of death into the ranks were feelingly told of and special reference made to the deaths of Brothers William Brough and Robert Wills, both of St. John. Both were, over 30 years, members of grand lodge, Brother Wills having been grand treasurer for many years. It was recommended that letters of condolence be sent to their families.

The grand master then made feeling reference to the death of Queen Victoria and the sorrow experienced in her demise by members of the Orange order. He expressed hearty welcome of King Edward VII to the throne.

He congratulated the members of the lodge on the prosperity of the order in New Brunswick, which was beyond all previous conditions. He said: "The number of primary lodges reporting a very large and the per capita paid proportionately so. This state of affairs in our jurisdiction is most satisfactory, and would perhaps lead us to suppose that our duty had ended towards our beloved brethren, but it is not so; there are still many parts of our province without the Orange hall, with the flag flying on the 19th of July, and our aim must be to press forward as far as possible in our jurisdiction where it is possible to support an Orange lodge can be found without this adjunct to modern civilization. Let the motto be, Church, Public School House, and Orange Hall in sight of each other; then, and not until then, will our duty be having completely discharged."

He told of visiting as many lodges as possible during the year, but not so many as he intended, because of business and other reasons. He everywhere found great interest in the order, and a cordial welcome. Very little had come up in the lodges in the way of friction necessitating appeal to grand lodge.

He told of representing the grand lodge at the meeting of the G. L. of British America at London, Oct., May 29, along with Brothers A. J. Armstrong, James Kelly and H. H. Pitts. No more representative body of men could be got together in all Canada than at that meeting.

It was not possible for him to attend the triennial council at New York, but Brothers Armstrong, Kelly, Pitts, Grand Secretary Morrison and Grand Treasurer Heine attended.

The grand master recalled the big celebrations of July 12 in New Brunswick. Discussing the work of the lodge, he said he issued dispensations during the year to initiate and advance a number of brethren without waiting the usual time; the reasons given appeared sufficient. He did not think, however, that more than the ordinary number were given.

The grand secretary and himself had allotted to the several counties what seemed to be a fair allotment of the funds to visit lodges and hoped their judgment in this particular case would meet with approval.

The Orange Mutual Insurance Society ought to receive more thought from the members. He felt the time had surely come when more prominence should be given in the lodges to the insuring of their members.

The coronation oath. He then referred to the coronation oath, and said: "You have noticed that recently in the House of Commons a resolution was introduced and passed, praying that a petition be forwarded to the House of Commons in England, asking that certain

warrants having reference to the real presence in communion be dropped from the coronation oath. It is said that the work is distasteful and insulting to the Roman Catholic citizens of the empire, and hence the request. It may well ask themselves, what next? It is not set forth that the use of these words debar our Roman Catholic citizens from any of the rights and privileges the Protestant citizen enjoys. It is not charged that these words in this oath have stayed the progress or enlightenment of the British empire; it is not even charged that these words in the oath are a standing menace to any body of citizens, one way or the other; not so! But we do find that, under the British flag and this coronation oath, the 400,000,000 of British subjects enjoy greater freedom and more privileges than any other like number of people in the world."

"I call upon you, brethren, at this session, to place on record your strong disapproval of this request; and I am glad to see that no uncertain sound let it go forth from this meeting that the L. O. Association of this province is not in sympathy with tampering with the coronation oath."

South African was about closed. Canada's part as generally throughout the province, I hope harmony and good feeling will be the predominating feature of this session and all the business transacted be for the further perpetuation of Orange principles everywhere."

The address was referred to the following committees: Grand Chaplain, Mr. Brown; Brothers Scott E. Morrell, W. H. Anderson, Chas. W. Stockton, John Menzies and H. G. Wadman.

Grand Secretary's Report. Grand Secretary Nell J. Morrison made a lengthy report for the 14 months from February 21st, 1900. He eloquently spoke of the beauties of the Restigouche section and the pleasure of Grand Lodge at meeting in Campbellton. Feeling and eloquent reference to the death of Queen Victoria was made and King Edward was heartily and loyally welcomed. Taking up the work he then gave these particulars:

New Lodges. Two new lodges were organized during the past year, viz., United Empire, L. O. L., No. 112, at Hibernia, Queens county, and McArthur, L. O. L., No. 115, Dundas, Kent county, United Empire, L. O. L., No. 112, was organized by County Master John Petty, on November 30th and returns 15 members. McArthur, L. O. L., No. 115 was organized by Grand Master McArthur and Grand Treasurer P. E. Heine, and ably assisted by County Master Lockhart and others from Moncton on November 29th and reports 20 members.

Resuscitations. The following lodges from which we had no returns for 1899 were resuscitated during this year, viz.: Kent county, Wadman, L. O. L., No. 43, Kent county. New Dominion, L. O. L., No. 63, Cumberland Bay, Queens, East. Pitts, L. O. L., No. 71, Mouth of Tay, York county. Protection, L. O. L., No. 119, Maple Ridge, York county. Star of Hope, L. O. L., No. 140, Elgin, Albert county. Wadman, L. O. L., No. 43, was resuscitated by M. C. Lockhart and H. G. Wadman, on Westernland on Sept. 3rd, and now reports 14 members. New Dominion, L. O. L., No. 63, was resuscitated by County Master L. T. Hetherington on Sept. 1st and returns 14 members. Pitts, L. O. L., No. 71, was resuscitated by County Master A. D. Thomas and others from Fredericton August 2nd, and reports 40 members, 21 of whom were initiated since resuscitation.

Protection, L. O. L., No. 119, was resuscitated by County Master Thomas and P. C. M. W. H. Anderson, of York, on November 30th and bids fair to have a prosperous future. Star of Hope, L. O. L., No. 140, was resuscitated by Rev. S. C. Moore, past grand chaplain, on Sept. 4th, making in all a total of seven lodges added to our register during the year. Also re-issued a warrant to L. O. L., No. 60, South Bay, St. John county, to replace the one consumed by fire when they lost their hall. A county warrant was issued to Carleton county (north) on April 10th, 1901, to enable them to establish a county lodge for that part of the county.

Dormant Warrants. The following warrants were called in during the past year, some of which have been dormant, or nearly so, for a number of years, and which at last gave up and sent in their warrants. L. O. L., No. 92, Havelock, Kings county; L. O. L., No. 124, Sussex, Kings county; also, L. O. L., No. 10, Campbellton, this latter lodge surrendered its warrant for some reason not known to your grand secretary, and a portion of the members, I understand, joined a sister lodge, viz., Heine, No. 61.

Through the exertions of the county master of Queens, east, Bro. I. T. Hetherington, I was able last year to get possession for a short time of two very old warrants that were not cancelled when they became dormant, and were in the custody of some of our old veterans of Queens county. Although the numbers of these warrants were issued to other parts of the jurisdiction some ten years ago and

the grand lodge for the past year, in which it is shown that the total receipts for the year were \$1,084.37 and the disbursements were \$1,080.49, leaving a balance on hand of \$388.88.

It was resolved that a special committee be appointed upon resolution which, among other things, shall consider special resolutions to present to the grand lodge regarding the death of our much beloved queen, the fealty, love and loyalty of this Grand Orange Lodge to His Gracious Majesty King Edward VII and the disapproval of the order in this province to any change in the coronation proceedings—this committee to be Bros. F. Spruell, H. F. McLeod, H. H. Pitts, R. G. Magee and Wm. Wynn.

The committee appointed to strike the standing committees reported the following as such: A. J. Armstrong, Geo. L. Haviland, Philip Palmer, John Williamson and Robert Rubin. Correspondence—George Jenkins, W. L. Byles, E. H. Allen, Thos. Carter, J. M. Steves. Finance—J. A. Moore, W. B. Wallace, Isaac T. Hetherington, John B. Gunter, W. C. Wynn.

Suspension and expulsions—S. G. Nickerson, Burell Lison, R. M. Grindley, R. G. Magee, Thos. Glendinning. Propagation—Bro. E. Day, Ira H. Copp, Wm. Grant, Henry Wynn, Danie Melanson. Constitution and laws—H. G. Wadman, Chas. Stockton, Rev. A. F. Brown, J. Van B. Hetherington, C. B. Ward. Adopted.

Grand lodge then adjourned until 8 o'clock. Presentation to P. G. M. Armstrong. This evening a special committee to proceed to a suitable reception to Past Grand Master A. J. Armstrong, made a report which took the shape of the presentation of an address and a handsome case of solid silver. The silver service is one of the richest and best which the committee could procure in St. John. The case bore this inscription: "Presented to Past Grand Master A. J. Armstrong, made a report which took the shape of the presentation of an address and a handsome case of solid silver. The silver service is one of the richest and best which the committee could procure in St. John. The case bore this inscription: 'Presented to Past Grand Master A. J. Armstrong, made a report which took the shape of the presentation of an address and a handsome case of solid silver. The silver service is one of the richest and best which the committee could procure in St. John. 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