

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 sharp 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 is 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 12th of July, and our aim must be to press forward into our province wherever it is possible to support an Orange lodge that 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."

words 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 will be for the further perpetuation of Orange principles everywhere.

The address was referred to the following committees: Grand Secretary, 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 joyfully 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. No. 112, at Hibernia, Queens county, and McArthur, L. O. No. 115, Dundas, Kent county, United Empire, L. O. No. 112, was organized by County Master John Petty, on November 30th and returns 15 members. McArthur, L. O. 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, L. O. No. 43, Kent county. New Dominion, L. O. No. 63, Cumberland Bay, Queens, East. Pitts, L. O. No. 71, Mouth of Tay, York county. Protection, L. O. No. 119, Maple Ridge, York county. Star of Hope, L. O. No. 140, Elgin, Albert county. Wadman, L. O. No. 43, was resuscitated by M. C. Lockhart and H. G. Wadman, on September 3rd, and now reports 14 members. New Dominion, L. O. No. 63, was resuscitated by County Master L. T. Hetherington on Sept. 1st and returns 14 members. Pitts, L. O. 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. 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. 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. E. 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 warrants useless, yet these loyal brethren did not like to part with what to them a sacred memento of the time they used to meet under their authority and conduct an Orange lodge, and it was not until they had been notified that they would consent to part with them.

Incorporations. Owing to many enquiries from masters and secretaries asking whether their lodges were incorporated or not, I made application to the provincial secretary's office at Fredericton for a list of all the lodges incorporated from 1870 to date, with the intention of asking Grand Lodge to have the list printed, and the lodges could refer to it. I am pleased to report that I received the list at a small cost, and would recommend its publication in the journals, if this year.

Returns. I have received returns from the following county lodges, viz.: Albert returning nine primary lodges with one to hear from. Carleton (north), returning eight primary lodges with two to hear from. Carleton, returning nine primary lodges with two to hear from. Kings (east), returning three primary lodges with one to hear from. Kings (west), returning six primary lodges with one to hear from. Northumberland, returning three primary lodges with one to hear from. Queens (east), returning six primary lodges with one to hear from. Queens (west), returning five primary lodges with two to hear from. Sunbury, returning four primary lodges. Restigouche, returning four primary lodges with one to hear from. St. John, returning 12 primary lodges and one district lodge. St. John (west), returning five lodges with one to hear from. Westmorland, returning nine primary lodges with one to hear from. Kent county returns three primary lodges. Gloucester returns two primary lodges. Charlotte county returns two primary lodges.

Making a total of 310 lodges with six to be heard from. From the above returns I have learned the following statistics: 400 have been initiated by certificate and 98 re-initiated; 123 have withdrawn by certificate, two expelled and three died.

The large list of withdrawals is accounted for in the activity of the order in the United States in procuring cards for all the brethren who go from this province to that country, and insuring that they must connect with them and help in the great work in which our order is engaged under the stars and stripes.

I must especially congratulate the officers and members of the counties of York, Queens (east), Queens (west), Northumberland and Kent, on the splendid increase in membership for the last year, and hope other counties will follow in their wake this year.

The large increase in the county of Kent this year is due to the exertion of M. C. Lockhart, county master of Westmorland, and other workers from the city of Moncton, and goes to show what could be done if brethren could spare time to give to the work. It is to be regretted in several counties in our province. Let us hope that the good work so well begun by Bro. Lockhart last year may be followed up by others, and in the meantime things to be met in membership brought up to the position they should occupy in our order.

The grand secretary regretted he could not make so many visits to the lodges last year. The triennial council and the dominion elections prevented. He recorded another trial of propagation work.

There had been a great deal of correspondence during the year and it was carried on by the county master of York and New York and the brotherly treatment received there.

Deaths. It is with sorrow, he said, that I have to report that from the returns at hand I find that 33 of our members have been gathered to their Father by our grim reaper, death, during the past year. A number of whom used to take great delight in attending past sessions of this Grand Lodge, and who, by their ripe experience, aided very much in the legislation enacted. I may especially mention the names of William Roxborough and Robert Wills of St. John county, brethren who, in the past, held very high and responsible position in this lodge. Bro. Roxborough's name is very familiar in the records of this association from the early seventies up to last year, and the active manner in which he always took hold of anything he thought was for the benefit of the order, was in keeping with the zeal he displayed in everything he was in sympathy with.

We will miss these brethren very much, but let us hope that others will come forward to fill the gap made in our ranks and help in carrying on the work of building and maintaining the principles which our order enunciate, and which tends to raise man to the high position which his Creator made possible for him to occupy in this world.

The claims of the Sentinel were urged and also of the Fredericton Reporter and the grand secretary said: "Until such time as a thorough Protestant daily paper is established in this jurisdiction, we would do well to patronize the material we have."

This report was referred to the committee on correspondence and on finance. The grand treasurer, P. E. Heine, read his report of the financial proceedings of the grand lodge for the past year, in which it is shown that the total receipts for the year were \$1,044.37 and the disbursements were \$1,090.49, leaving a balance on hand of \$53.88.

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. Wadman, and J. M. Steves.

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 Wyes, Danie Melanah.

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 residence 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. The case bore this inscription: 'Presented to Past Grand Master A. J. 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