

with its constant practice, paid no attention to the communication, and in the Addresses of different Grand Masters we find reference to this apparent lack of courtesy. However, in 1880 M. W. Brother Harrison informed Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had at last recognized the Grand Lodge of British Columbia—nine years after the request had been made. Even then it was a conditional recognition, Scotland claiming the right

1st. To protect the interest of any of its Lodges which might exist in the Province, and

2nd. To protect the rights of any Lodges which might subsequently be formed in the Province under its authority.

To the first claim, as M. W. Brother Harrison pointed out, there could be no exception, as no Scotch Lodges remained, but to the second he entered a strong protest in which he was strongly supported by the committee on his Address. The Grand Lodge, too, adopted a resolution denying the right of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or of any other Grand Lodge, to Warrant Lodges in the Province. It is satisfactory to note that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has made no attempt to invade the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

In spite of the expectations of rapid progress which obtained when the Grand Lodge was organized, no attempt was made for some ten years to institute a new Lodge in the Jurisdiction. In 1881 the Board of General Purposes reported that the preliminary steps had been taken to organize a new Lodge at Yale, which was then a flourishing town. The Board stated that the requirements of the Constitution had been complied with and recommended that a Warrant be issued. Fifteen Brethren joined in the petition for a new Lodge, a dispensation for which was issued on the 22nd of June, 1881, under the name of Cascade Lodge No. 10. On the 5th of July, 1881, "a more extended dispensation" was issued, and on the 29th of October, 1881, by order of the Grand Master, a Warrant was given it, the officers named in the Warrant being Brothers Alex. Lindsay, Worshipful Master, Isaac Oppenheimer, Senior Warden, and Benjamin Douglas, Junior Warden.

Its existence was of short duration, a fire at Yale and the changes incident to railway construction having made it expedient to return the Warrant to Grand Lodge inside of a year. The Board of General Purposes in 1882 in reporting the fact stated that in view of the circumstances under which the Warrant had been surrendered, it had been agreed to issue a new Warrant free of charge to a sufficient number of the original petitioners at any time during the ensuing twelve months, should it be thought advisable. Unfortunately the happy hour never came, and the first-born of the Grand Lodge died in infancy.

The membership in the Jurisdiction, too, remained practically stationary for a number of years. At the time of its organization in 1871 the Grand Lodge had under its jurisdiction two hundred and ninety-three members, and it was not until 1886 that the Grand Master was able to report any substantial gain. In that year the returns showed three hundred and thirty-three members on the roll, and the Grand Secretary reported the formation of a new Lodge—this time at Kamloops, under the name of Kamloops Lodge and the number of the defunct Lodge at Yale—No. 10.

In 1886 the Canadian Pacific Railway was completed through to the coast, bringing with it a large number of eastern Masons and opening the way for many others to come and settle in the Province.