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POST CARD LODGE NOTES.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: The members of Portage Lodge, No. 3, gave a little hop in their lodge room on Friday evening and those present had a pleasant time of it.

AYR: The Odd Fellows occupied their new hall over Mr. Fall's furniture establishment last Tuesday night for the first time, with a full attendance. Dolman Lodge is progressing and increasing very favorably, and it is the intention of the members to hold an At Home very shortly. Particulars later on.

BROCKVILLE: This morning (Dec. 6th) Bro. C. C. Lyman, of Brock Lodge, was notified by telephone of the death in Prescott last night of Bro. John Francis, one of Prescott's oldest and most respected citizens. Bro. Francis was a charter member of Unity Lodge, Prescott. The funeral will take place on Sunday under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

GUELPH: Progress Lodge had a good attendance last night, and a rehearsal of the initiatory and degree ceremonies to be given in Georgetown on Monday evening next. About twenty-five expect to go down that evening. One proposition for membership was advanced a stage, and one notice of proposition given. Bro. Parker, P.G., of Reliance, was among the visitors.

STERLING: The Annual Social given by Sterling Lodge, No. 239, in their hall on Wednesday evening was one of the most successful ever held. There was a large attendance of Odd Fellows and their friends; and an excellent programme of songs, speeches and recitations was rendered. Among the speakers were Rev. O. R. Lambly, M.A., of Bloomfield, and Rev. Jas. McFarlane, of Warkworth, Grand Chaplain of Ontario, besides the resident ministers. Bro. Jas. Boldrick also gave a short address and J. Earl Halliwell, B.A., gave a very appropriate closing address.

TORONTO: The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, opened last Monday night, shortly after eight o'clock. Bro. W. Muir was reported sick and another brother as having returned from Baltimore, whether he intends returning in a few days to spend the balance of the winter. The date of our At-Home has been changed from the 9th to 30th of January, 1896, in consequence of the first date being lodge night. One candidate was initiated in the capital style of which this lodge is noted. Bro. Harding presided at the piano. We were favored with a visit from the following: Bros. Leader, N.G., Campbell, P.G., and Smith, of Prospect Lodge; Malaby, of Dominion Lodge, Victoria, B.C.; Taylor, Carruthers and Harding, P.G., of Canada Lodge.

TORONTO: Canada Lodge has selected from among its members a very competent team to perform the initiatory work, of which our star in that line, Bro. H. E. Terry, is captain. At the last two meetings successful rehearsals were held, while last Friday, as it will be impossible to

get all the members out every evening, the second meeting night of each month was named for regular practice. It is to be hoped that those on the team will note this fact, and turn out accordingly. It is only by systematic and untiring practice that any great excellence can be anticipated. On Friday evening, too, a general committee was appointed to conduct our forthcoming At-Home, which will be held on January 17th. Friends of the lodge will do well to bear this date in mind.

OLD 49.

PORT HOPE: The members of Durham Lodge are commencing active operations for the winter season. They have had work on for the past three nights, with very bright prospects for much more right away. They gave a smoking concert in their lodge room on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, which was a grand success in every way. A large number of eligible young men were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Games, music and song was indulged in and appetizing refreshments were passed around. The members are looking for quite an addition to their membership during the coming months. The establishing of a Re-bekah Lodge is also on the tapis. You may expect to hear more from this quarter of the Order's operations.

W. T. G.

TORONTO: On the coming Sunday (Dec. 15th) the members of Broadview Lodge, No. 294, will attend divins service in a body, assembling for that purpose at Dingman's Hall at 10.15 a.m. Brethren of other lodges are invited to join our forces. On the following evening, Dingman's Hall will be the scene of our annual At-Home. A concert will be given by Miss Lilli Kleiser, soprano; Miss Gertie Black, contralto; Mr. W. E. Ramsay, humorist; and Mr. H. E. Hewar, Guelph, comic. Judging by the admitted worth of the talent, this feature of the evening will not be the least pleasant. Bayley's Orchestra will provide music for the dancing. The committee is composed of these gentlemen:—R. Murray, A. Brodie, T. A. Cross, R. S. Grundy, A. J. Jackson, T. Farr, H. Pember, J. H. McFadden, S. Hines, W. J. Clark, J. Sawyer, E. Martin, W. J. Martin, H. Tedd; J. Gibb, Treasurer; J. Howden, Secretary; and W. Reinhold, chairman.

RAMBLER.

TORONTO: Queen City Lodge held their usual meeting last Monday evening, the attendance of members and visitors being large. Tickets for the New Year's Day concert were placed in the hands of members for sale. It was gratifying to note the manner in which the boys took hold of this matter, it certainly augurs success to the enterprise. A committee, composed of Bros. A. Maccomb, A. D. Watson, Geo. A. Kingston, Roger S. Crocker, John A. Wilson and Chris. B. Robinson, were appointed to make arrangements for our annual At-Home. The Committee met at the close of the lodge when Bro. Robinson was chosen chairman and Bro. Maccomb, Secretary. Candidate Montgomery was ballotted for and declared entitled to membership in this lodge. Seeing several of the members asking for the retiring pass-word, Bro.

Donogh rose to say that that unnecessary appendage to the working of lodges had been abolished and that such procedure was no longer necessary. Next Monday the first call for nomination of officers for ensuing term will be received.

SEBER.

TORONTO: The special meeting of Rebooth Encampment, No. 50, on Thursday evening last, was an immense success, and was really most encouraging to the patriarchs. The attendance of members was excellent, and several visitors were noticed, prominent among them being Pat. A. H. Blackeby, of Galt, G. Rep., who happened to be in our city and gave us a call. Precisely at 8 p.m., Chief Patriarch James Munro commenced business, by stating why the meeting had been called, viz.: Owing to the rush of candidates for admission to this, the highest branch of our Order, it was found impossible to confer the degrees on them all at the regular meeting, hence the necessity of a special meeting. After the opening ceremonies had been concluded, and while preliminaries, preparatory to conferring degrees, were being arranged, the C. P. called upon Pat. Blackeby to address the members. Needless to say, our worthy Patriarch responded by giving us one of those well-chosen and to the point speeches which makes the hearts of all Odd Fellows glad. According to the circulars sent out to the members some four candidates for the Second and eight candidates for the Third Degree—making twelve candidates in all—were to present themselves, but at the time of commencing only seven "victims," and they all for the Third, had put in an appearance. The room was accordingly prepared and the seven patriarchs exalted to the highest Degree of Oddfellowship, in a manner not soon to be forgotten by any one present, and more particularly the candidates. The officers, who were all present, appeared to be in the "pink of condition"—especially our J. W., Ed. Clapp, which several of the candidates can testify to—and the floor work, as performed under our Captain, G. C. Mortimer, was the best of the term. At the conclusion of the work all retired to the Board Room where the most tempting viands had been provided by our caterer, Pat. Geo. Cutter, and where all were well able to regale themselves after the heavy night's work. As the hours of the night had passed, and the "wee sma' hours" were creeping on us, speeches were dispensed with. After a song from Pat. Levy, the members dispersed. We hope that every member (in fact, every patriarch in the city will be cordially welcomed) will attend the next regular meeting (for date, see card in advt. col.) to assist in electing the officers for the ensuing year, as well as aid us in admitting the ten candidates who were proposed at our last regular meeting, providing, of course, they are all accepted. I have been informed that the list of nominations as published in last week's issue is not quite correct. I must apologize for any errors or omissions that occurred, as I took no notes and had to depend entirely on my memory, but will assure you that I will give the report of the elections correct.

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