

sible for the accuracy of the work. The lodge meets four times in each month, at Bowmanville on the first Thursday, at Oshawa on the second, at Whitby on the third, and at Oshawa on the fourth. We congratulate these lodges upon the truly Masonic spirit which has dictated the formation of this lodge of instruction.

⚡ We have been shewn a warrant from the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, authorizing the opening of an Encampment of Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, &c., at St. Catharines, to be entitled "The Plantagenet Encampment." It is to be under the command of Sir Knight James Seymour as Eminent Commander, and Sir Knights E. Goodman and Dr. Mack, as first and second Captains. The warrant bears date 14th November, A. L. 5870, A. D. 1866, and A. O. 748. We heartily wish the new Encampment success.

⚡ A dispensation has been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, for the opening of a new lodge at York in the County of Haldimand, to be called "The Enniskillen Lodge," with W. Bro. James B. Holden as W. M. The Lodge will be opened about the end of this month.

At Rest.

Died, at Richmond, C. E., on Monday, 14th January, V. W. Bro. GEORGE HOPE NAPIEN, Grand Stewart and Past Master of St. Francis Lodge, No. 67, aged 46 years.

Our late Brother was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was interred with masonic and military honors on the 17th January. The funeral cortege was the largest ever witnessed heretofore in that section of the Province. He leaves a wife and two young children to mourn their loss.

At Grimsby, on the 21st January, Brother Samuel Kitchen, aged 85 years.

Brother Kitchen was one of the fathers of Masonry in this Country. Born in Sussex County, New Jersey, he came to this Country with his parents in 1788, and in 1798 the family settled upon the farm on which he lived until his death. He married in 1806,—his wife died only two years ago. He was childless, but with the spirit of kindness which always marked him, he reared some five or six children of other persons who now mourn his death as that of a kind and indulgent parent. He became a Mason sixty years ago, and was a member of Union Lodge, Grimsby, from its formation. During the troublous times of 1812 he did it good service by saving the papers and jewels, being compelled to bury them in the ground for safe keeping. Those papers are now in the hands of R. W. Bro. Fowler of Kingston, who attaches much value to them. When age and growing infirmities made it impossible for him to attend the Communications of the Lodge, he was made an honorary member, a position which he retained until his death.—In accordance with his own request, he was buried with Masonic honours, a large concourse of brethren attending the funeral to perform the last sad offices for one whom they loved and esteemed as a true brother.

MONTHLY RECORD OF CURRENT EVENTS.

—Gold is said to have been discovered in several of the Townships in the County of Peterborough.

—It is said that Count Bismarck is to represent Berlin in the Prussian Parliament about to be assembled.

—The Hon. T. D. McGee sailed for England on the 30th January, to attend the Paris Exhibition as Commissioner from this country.

—It is rumored that the Imperial Government intend to expend two millions of pounds sterling in the fortification of the city of Montreal.

—A gold nugget weighing thirty pounds has been found, it is said, at the De Lery Mining Company's grounds, at the Salbert river.

—Canadian securities in the English market have advanced from three to six per cent since the meeting of the confederation delegates in London.

—The Colonial delegates in England have agreed upon a scheme for the union of the Provinces, which has been submitted to the Colonial Secretary, and accepted by the Imperial Government. It will be presented to Parliament early in the session.

—The American Yachtsmen have been feted in England and France to a great extent. Mr. Bennett, the owner of the winning yacht "Henrietta," offered it as a present to Prince Alfred, but the offer was courteously declined.

—It is rumored that Lord Monck will not again return to Canada, as Governor General, but the appointment, so soon as Confederation has been accomplished, will be conferred upon Lord Naas, an Irish Peer.

—The Imperial guarantee for the intercolonial Railway is to be increased to £4,000,000, and the terms of the guarantee having been decided upon, a cable despatch informs us that it is to be at once placed upon the market.

—The trials of the Fenians remaining in Toronto jail have been going on at Toronto, and a number have been convicted, and sentenced to be hanged on the 5th March next. Of course the sentences will be commuted to twenty years penal servitude in the Penitentiary, in accordance with the despatch of Lord Carnarvon.

—The magnificent subsidy hitherto given by the British Government to the Cunard line of steamers is to be discontinued after the present year, the postal contract being at an end. The American system of sending the mails in bags, by any steamer that may be crossing, paying for the service such rates as may be agreed upon, will in future be adopted.

—The question of Presidential impeachment continues to excite a great deal of attention in the States. The President has vetoed another Bill for the admission of Nebraska as a State, on the condition of impartial manhood suffrage, an act which has rather increased the feeling of hostility against him. It is not likely that anything will be done until after the new Congress meets on the 4th March.

—The trial of the Rev. Mr. Babin, at Aylmer, for the murder of his sister, has excited a great deal of interest; and the verdict of not guilty, rendered by the Jury, has been very generally condemned. Babin's sister was a deformed cripple whom he was anxious to get rid of, and entrusted her to the care of a man named Ledoux, a notoriously bad man of whom he confessedly knew nothing. The theory of the defence was that Ledoux had murdered the girl; but he has gone to the States and could not be found for the trial.

—A fine example of liberality has just been given by the Canada Life Assurance Company of Hamilton. Our late Brother George Veitch of Plattsville, had an insurance on his life in that Company to the extent of \$1000. This insurance Bro. Veitch had allowed to run out at the end of last November, through neglecting to pay the premium, and he expired rather suddenly on Christmas day.—The whole statement of the affair having been laid before the Directors of the Company by their obliging and attentive Agent in Galt, Wm. Cooke, Esq., they have most generously agreed to pay the widow the full amount of his Assurance, as a gratuity. Such liberal conduct as this will ensure to the Company the hearty approval and support of the public generally.

—The Spectator makes a resumé of the receipts and expenditures of the province during the last six months, which exhibits a very satisfactory state of affairs:—

	Receipts	Expenditure.
July.....	\$1,407,223	\$1,665,599
August.....	1,302,657	1,140,581
September.....	1,170,893	716,931
October.....	1,171,071	902,229
November.....	982,116	1,217,126
December.....	798,108	461,282
Totals.....	\$6,832,067	\$6,103,778
Showing an excess of receipts over expenditure of \$728,289.		

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