

wered in a very able speech by the Recorder of the new Company, Bro. Rev. John A. Clelland. "The Uniform Rank" was proposed by Capt. Geo. M. Spencer, and responded to by Sir Knight Treasurer, George W. Grimmett, in a most enthusiastic speech. The hour being very late, the banquet was brought to a close by all joining in singing "Auld Lang Syne," after which the company fell in line and marched back to the armory, and there changing their uniforms for the clothes of the ordinary mortal, they afterwards went to their respective homes, to sleep the sleep of the just, in the knowledge that they had done their duty.

The officers of the newly mustered in Company are as follows: Captain, Geo. W. Spencer; First Lieutenant, Oscar V. White; Second Lieutenant, Lawrence Doolan; Recorder, Rev. John A. Clelland; Treasurer, Geo. W. Grimmett; Guard, E. Emmerson; Sentinel, Thos. F. Fox.

Upon invitation of First Lieutenant Oscar V. White, manager of the Slocan Star mine and concentrator, I visited, in company with Guard E. Emmerson, the concentrator on Friday afternoon, where we were received by Bro. Chas. Culver, Superintendent of the concentrator, who showed us around, explaining the workings of the concentrator in detail, which proved very interesting, but owing to the short days it was getting too late to visit the mine, so we made our way back to the city. Second Lieutenant Lawrence Doolan, who is Chief of Police, showed us through the city hall, lock-up, etc., while Bro. E. Emmerson, Robt. Cumming, Geo. W. Grimmett, Capt. Spencer, and in fact all the Knights with whom I came in contact, were untiring in their efforts to show me the town and make my stay pleasant, in which they succeeded so well that I stayed in Sandon until Sunday, the 11th Dec., when I left by the narrow-gauge railway for Kaslo. But before going further, I desire to take this opportunity of thanking one and all in Sandon for the many favors and kindnesses shown me while in their city. After leaving Sandon I arrived in Kaslo a few hours later, and going to the Hotel Slocan, I met a brother Knight who told me that he was a member of Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4. I believe his name was Hicks, but I am not sure. I talked lodge business over with him and tried to urge him to organize a lodge at Kaslo, for I believe there is an excellent chance for it, although this brother differed with me, claiming that Kaslo was too quiet at present. However, we arranged to meet again after dinner, but we failed to meet, although I stayed around the hotel for about 1-2 hours. Not meeting our brother any more I went aboard the steamer Moyev and arrived in Nelson at 11.30 a.m. Monday morning, when I stopped at the Queen's Hotel, the manager of same, Bro. J. J. Langridge, making me very comfortable, and after a stroll around town, on returning for lunch, I found several brother Knights in waiting, amongst whom were W. J. Thompson, Chief of the Fire Department; Chas. Hallyer, Bro. Porter and others whose names I have forgotten, but the above named brethren did all they could during my stay in Nelson to entertain me, and as Tuesday evening was their lodge night, they prevailed upon me to stay over and visit their lodge. At this meeting they conferred the Third Rank (short form), the meeting being well attended. The Knights of Nelson complained of not receiving a visit from

the G. C. of B. C., while in Sandon they said that they had written three letters to the G. C. without receiving a reply, but when they wrote to the G. K. or R. & S., that gentleman answered promptly. The brother Knights in Nelson are a very enthusiastic body (as, in fact, I found all Knights throughout the Kootenay wherever I met them). Bros. Thompson, Hillyer and Porter have taken it in hand to organize a U. R. Company, and promise to have about fifty candidates when their company is mustered in, which will be in the near future. In Nelson I met my old friend, Bro. Robt. Riesterer, who, I am happy to say, is prospering, which all of his old friends will be pleased to learn. He is the same old Bob as ever, every inch of him a nobleman and true as steel. I spent several very pleasant hours in his company, and was happy to shake him by the hand. Well, I was forced to leave Nelson on Wednesday morning, and going via Northrope I arrived in Rossland at 11.30, and the first one to hunt me up was my old friend and brother Knight, W. F. McNeill, who is doing well both financially and physically, and who would wonder at it, for Billy is sure to make friends wherever he may be, for he is one of nature's noblemen in every respect. After lunch I hunted up Bros. Graham and Thomas, and they too treated me so royally that I was loath to leave Rossland, which I regretted very much having to do that same evening, on account of my prolonged stays in Sandon and Nelson, and owing to business arrangements I had to be back on Friday, the 16th Dec. This prevented me from visiting New Denver and Trail, which it was my intention to do when I started on my journey. The members of Rossland lodge were to visit Trail lodge in a body on Thursday, the 15th Dec., to confer ranks on 21 candidates. I was very sorry that I could not stay over to visit Trail lodge on that occasion. I may state that while being entertained by Bros. Thomas and Graham at dinner in the Clarendon the time passed so pleasantly and quickly that I came near missing my train, which left Rossland at 6 p.m., and arriving via Trail, where we changed train once more, at Robson about 10 p.m. Here I took the boat again and came via Arrow-

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