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THE SUPREME HEAD OF THE SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.

Below we give a short sketch of the career of Ald. William Hancock, the new Supreme Grand President of the Sons of England Benevolent Association. He is a fine type of the self-made man who has fought his way up from the industrial ranks by dint of hard work, practical ability, shrewd common sense, and an integrity which has gained for him the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. Ald. Hancock is not a polished man of fashion, neither can he fairly lay claim to intellectual or aesthetic culture, but he possesses more solid merits than these—he has rugged honesty, sound judgment, a wholesome spirit of fair play, a large heart, an unflinching devotion to the cause which he believes



BRO. ALD. WM. HANCOCK,
Supreme Grand President Sons of England.

to be right, independence of mind, and a right English doggedness of will. In short, Ald. Hancock is thoroughly English in the possession of those qualities of mind and character which usually place Englishmen at the head of any enterprise in which they engage.

He is a Devonshire man, having been born in Plymouth in 1834. He served an apprenticeship as a stone-cutter on the great Kaine works near Plymouth. Having learned his trade, he determined to seek his fortune in the new world, and arrived in Hamilton, Ont., on Oct. 31, 1853. He worked for several years as a mason on the Great Western Railway, and in 1863 he started in business for himself as a builder and contractor, until four years ago, when he retired from active business. He was one of the busiest and most successful builders in Hamilton, and many of the finest structures in that city, both public and private, were erected by him. He was a prosperous wholesale dealer in builders' supplies, and owns a stone quarry and a large brickyard near the city.

Ald. Hancock's first experience of public life was in 1880, when he was elected to serve as an alderman for No. 4 ward. He has already served for seven years as an alderman, and is now filling his eighth term of office. This year he occupied the position of chair-

man of the board of works, perhaps the most important and onerous chairmanship that an alderman is called upon to fill.

In 1856 Ald. Hancock married Miss Louisa Honeycomb. The young lady had been in this country only a year when she was led to the altar.

They have had a large family, six of whom survive—two sons and four daughters, two of the latter being happily married. Mrs. Hancock is a native of Trewetha, Cornwall, and the name of her "dear native vale" has been bestowed upon the pretty summer residence which has been built for the family at Burlington Beach.

Ald. Hancock joined Acorn Lodge, S.O.E., about eight years ago, and is a past president of the lodge. For six years he has been annually elected by his lodge as a delegate to the Supreme Grand Lodge. Three years ago he rose to the second position in the order, that of Supreme Grand Vice-President. In the following year he tried to take the last step and reach the Supreme Grand President's chair, but was not successful. Biding his time, he made the attempt again this year and succeeded.

Ald. Hancock is a past-master of Acacia Lodge, A.F. and A.M., and a past-president of the St. George's Benevolent Society of Hamilton.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

LODGE CHILLIWACK, NO. 191.

The following officers were installed by Bro. W. Bailey, D.D., P.P., for the ensuing term:

Bro. Meillard, President; Bro. Tyler, Vice-President; Bro. Pelly, Past President; Bro. Dixon, Secretary; Bro. Webb, Treasurer; Bro. Bird, Outside Guard; Bro. Newsham, Inside Guard; Guides, Bros. Noble, Nevard, Haines, Souter, Mellinsh, Gay; Bro. Cook, Chaplain.

After the installation the Worthy D.D. presented the P.P. Jewel to Bro. Pelly with a few appropriate remarks, and some sound advice to the officers and members as to the way the lodge business should be carried on to make it a success, numerically and financially, which was well received, after which came speeches from Bro. Townsend, P.D.D. and officers and brethren. There were several songs given, and a very instructive and successful meeting was brought to a close by singing God Save the Queen.

NEW LODGE CARDS.

It is with pleasure we draw attention to the cards of Lodge Duke of Cornwall, No. 185, Petrolia, Ont. President, E. Preston; secretary, Bro. John Read, Box 205, Petrolia, and Wolfe, No. 105, Brantford, Ont., F. Harrison, president; G. H. Golding, sec., Box 415, Brantford, Ont., which appear for the first time in our directory columns this issue. If your lodge card is not in the ANGLO-SAXON point the omission out to your lodge and get it inserted at once.

The brethren of Nelson lodge, Almonte, are arranging to hold a demonstration on the 24th of May, and are making extensive preparations to accommodate the Englishmen of the Ottawa Valley on that date. Almonte is a central point for all the lodges. We trust that the brethren from Arnprior, Carleton Place, Brockville, Cornwall, Pembroke, Smith's Falls, Hull and Ottawa, will join in making the demonstration at Almonte, on the 24th of May, a grand success. Information will be gladly given by Bro. Jas. H. Bennett, Box 217, Almonte.

S.O.E. GRAND LODGE.

The 19th Annual Gathering
in Toronto.

220 DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE.

SONS OF ENGLAND AND THE
"GARRISON ARTILLERY."

Ald. Wm. Hancock, Hamilton,
S. G. P., for 1894.

The Grand Lodge Will Meet at Woodstock in March, 1895—The Order is Prospering—Receipts and Expenditure During the Past Year—Successful Banquet at Night—Prominent Speakers Address the Brethren on the Political Issues Confronting Englishmen—Fraternal Greetings Received.

SHAFTESBURY HALL,
Toronto, March 13th.

Monday and Tuesday were days of great interest to Sons of England throughout Canada, they were days of hearty greeting. Brethren were meeting each other from distant places, who were all working in the same noble cause—spreading to the breeze the banner of the Sons of England—thereby gathering together Englishmen to compound them into one great national factor, which will bear upon its progressive march the consolidation of the Empire.

This benevolent-national society's banner is being unfurled to thousands of Englishmen in British North America, and has for its object the solidifying of all Englishmen in Canada into one great national society.

The 220 delegates present—representing 15,000 Englishmen—were all imbued with the national sentiment, and all favored strong political activity among the members in all the provinces.

The first day's proceedings were taken up by the credential committee. During the interval required for the committee to report, many patriotic speeches were made. The following important resolution, submitted by our worthy Bro. Dr. G. S. Ryerson, M.P.P., Toronto, in reference to the proposed revival of the Toronto Garrison Artillery, was enthusiastically adopted:

"Whereas in the British Army territorial and national divisions are recognized, and whereas the same custom is already established in the Canadian militia, and our Irish fellow-citizens control one battalion, and our Scottish friends, titularly and in fact, are identified with five battalions,

"Resolved, that this assembly of Englishmen place themselves on record as being in full sympathy and accord with the efforts of their countrymen in Toronto to secure the reorganization of the Toronto Garrison Artillery; and be it further

"Resolved, that this body pledge themselves to give the promoters their hearty support in bringing these efforts to a successful issue."

The credential committee reported some 217 delegates present and entitled to participate in the deliberations of the Grand Lodge. This was the largest number ever present at a Grand Lodge

meeting of the Sons of England. All the provinces were represented either by delegate or proxy.

BOUND TO HAVE A REGIMENT.

The following resolution bearing upon the formation of the regiment of Garrison Artillery in Toronto was passed, in which the claims of Englishmen to such a regiment were urged, and agitation throughout the Order determined upon:

Moved by W. R. Stroud, P.S.G.P., Ottawa, seconded by Rich. Ivens, P.S.G.P., Toronto,—

"Whereas this Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England has given its approval to the formation of the proposed Toronto Garrison Artillery,

"And whereas it is necessary to lay the views of Englishmen in Canada, in regard to this matter, before the Militia Department of the Dominion of Canada, it is the opinion that Englishmen are asking nothing but their rights, and the same concessions which have been made to other nationalities in this Dominion,

"Be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be dispatched forthwith, under the sanction of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England, to every Sons of England member of Parliament at Ottawa, and also to the secretary of every Sons of England Lodge in Canada, calling upon the former to use their best endeavors with the Government to forward the desire of Englishmen in Canada, in respect of the proposed regiment, and upon the lodges to bring the matter before each of their respective subordinate lodges, urging the local and Dominion members in the locality where such subordinate lodges may be situated to use their influence with the Government for the purpose of forwarding this movement, and that a copy of this resolution be printed in the ANGLO-SAXON."

The members of the Order are a unit in the matter of having a regiment in Toronto, recruited from among Englishmen. We trust subordinate lodges will take the matter up and petition for the same. Bros. Lieut.-Col. Denison and E. Coatsworth, M.P.'s, for Toronto, gave assurances at the banquet that their efforts would be directed to bring about the formation of the regiment. The above resolution was unanimously agreed to.

WEDNESDAY.

The second day of the Grand Lodge was practically taken up entirely with the election of officers for the ensuing year. When the roll was called at 9 o'clock 217 delegates answered to their names.

Fraternal greetings were received from the Sons of Scotland Grand Lodge, the Grand Council of Canadian Chosen Friends, and the Loyal Orange Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario West, the latter despatch being as follows:—

"The officers and members of the Loyal Orange Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario West, now in session in the Town of Chatham, send you fraternal greetings, and hope that your deliberations may be conducive to the best interests of your society, and to the welfare of our common country. (Signed) James L. Hughes, Grand Master; William Lee, Grand Secretary."

The first order of business for the day was the election of officers for the ensuing year, but before this was taken up a question as to the eligibility of certain proxy members to sit upon the floor of Grand Lodge was raised by a delegate and discussed at some length. Finally, the matter was referred to the Credential Committee for investigation, and the Grand body adjourned for lunch, and to allow the report to be prepared.

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