

ning Lodge in paying the last tribute of respect to our brave and unfortunate Brother, and I cannot too sincerely express my thanks for the manner in which the Brethren, on that occasion, responded to my request.

The whole most respectfully submitted.

J. T. McMINN,

D.D.G.M., Montreal District.

R. W. Bro. H. P. Newell, D.D.G.M., for the District of Bedford, made the following report:

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Bedford District.

During the year I have instituted one Lodge, constituted one, and have withdrawn the charter from one, granted two dispensations, and visited quite a number of Lodges.

On the 30th of October last, I visited the brethren at Rougemont, and opened Rouville Lodge under what I considered very favorable circumstances. W. H. Code, W. M.; Samuel Vineburgh, S.W.; A. Dame, J.W.; W. McKerness, treasurer; E. Guilett, secretary; James Ashton, I. G.; John Ashton, tyler. Since then I have written twice to the secretary that I would meet the Lodge, but in both cases have been requested to postpone my visit.

In the month of December last, I visited the two Prevost Lodges at Dunham, and used what influence I could to effect a reconciliation or an amalgamation, but was unsuccessful.

I have made several unsuccessful attempts to effect an amalgamation with Royal Canadian and Corner Stone Lodges at Sweetsburg and Cowansville, but local feeling being so strong I can see but little prospect of union at present.

I granted a dispensation to Bedford Lodge to appear in regalia on St. Johns Day, Dec. 27, 1876, for a Masonic reunion. Also a dispensation to St. Johns Lodge, Mansonville for the brethren to appear in regalia at a Masonic Festival, on St. Johns Day, Dec. 27, 1876.

December 27, 1876, I visited Stanbridge Lodge and installed the officers. I found the Lodge in a very healthy condition, working with that peace and harmony which should ever characterize Free Masons.

On the same evening I visited and constituted Bedford Lodge. I also installed the officers, and am happy to report it a first class Lodge.

During the month of December, 1876, and January and February, 1877, I called the brethren of Evening Star Lodge together at three different times, to take into consideration the advisability of their surrendering their