

Dominion. We had the pleasure of meeting for a few minutes, R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, a gentleman with whom we were extremely well-pleased, and whom we certainly should have met again but for a settled rain which set in and lasted throughout the day of our visit. We also were glad to meet Bro. Hugh Finlay, publisher of the *Printer's Miscellany*, and to hear from him that his handsome little sheet will soon make its appearance again. Our thanks are also due to Mr. John Elder, of the *Telegraph*, Hon. Isaac Burpee, Minister of Customs, and other gentlemen of St. John, for kindness shown to us.

LEEDS LODGE—A HANDSOME ROOM.—One of the best evidences of the amount of interest taken in Masonic work in small communities, and where there is only one Lodge, is the style of the general appointments of the Lodge room; where proper pride exists among the brethren in this particular, so surely is there an unity of feeling for the welfare of the fraternity, and an earnest desire to do all things connected with it "decently and in order." The writer was never more struck with the truth of this than during a recent visit to Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque, a short time ago. The Lodge, which was instituted A.L. 5868, mainly through the instrumentality of P.M. W. Bro. Wm. Byers, numbers some 80 members, has just opened for work one of the most spacious and handsomely furnished apartments in the Dominion, and that is saying a great deal. The room is situate in the upper story of a handsome brick building on the main street, and in point of easiness of access, and general convenience, can scarcely be surpassed. It is sixty feet in length and thirty-two and a half feet in width, having an arched ceiling of thirteen and a half feet high. There are two large ante-rooms, fitted appropriately,

and having receptacles for regalia, &c., and are so situated as to be under the immediate reach of the proper officers. On entering the room, the visitor is at once struck with the beauty of the decorations, and the great amount of good taste displayed in the selection of colors and designs. The ceiling is frescoed in oil in arabesque style, and the walls are pannelled similarly, from designs furnished and executed by Mr. Stephen Dale, an English artist of some ability; the colors, while they are appropriate, are subdued, and all approach to gaudiness has been carefully avoided. The three principal chairs are placed in recesses (painted), and are handsomely carved black walnut, upholstered in blue damask, and over each are the respective emblems of office; the same may be seen over the seats of the secretary and treasurer. Over the W.M.'s chair, and inscribed on a ribbon painted garter fashion, are the letters I. T. N. O. T. G. A. O. T. U., over this is a porch supported by Corinthian columns, forming a handsome *coup d'oil*. The floor of the room is covered by a Brussels' carpet especially imported, and the sides of it near the seats are protected with cocoa matting. A massive chandelier adorns the centre of the ceiling, and at intervals on the walls are placed brackets, from which a plentiful supply of light is obtained. The All-seeing Eye, a painting which evinces much artistic ability, was presented to the Lodge by its W.M. Bro. Jno. Ormiston, who is now filling his fifth term of office, and in fact the brethren have been most fortunate in the way of presents, for the wives and sweethearts of the Lodge (it so may be said,) have given them an organ of most superior quality, and Bro. McKenzie made a donation of a handsome book-case, which is stored with a goodly quantity of lore, dear and interesting to the craft, and withal instructive. The dedication of the room took place on the 10th May last, P.D.D.G.M. R.