

INSTALLATIONS IN TWO MASONIC LODGES HELD LAST EVENING

Albion No. 1 And Carleton Union No. 8 In Annual Session—Presentation of Jewel To P. W. Wetmore.

The installation of the officers of Albion Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M., for the coming year took place last night at the Masonic Temple, Germain St.

Mr. J. Herbert Crockett, W. M., Mr. Francis R. Burpee, I. P. M., Mr. Thomas Walker, P. M., Chap. Mr. Chas. Robinson (P. M.) treas., Dr. F. A. Goshole (P. M.) secretary, Dr. L. A. Armstrong, S. W., Dr. Wm. S. Morrison, L. W., Mr. D. W. Carrens, S. D., Mr. E. J. Hieatt, J. D., Mr. Wm. J. Ingram, S. S., Mr. J. A. L. McMurray, J. S., Mr. G. H. Green, D. C., Mr. D. C. Robillard, organist, Mr. Robert Carson, I. G., Mr. Robert Clarke, Tyler.

Carleton Lodge. The installation of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, also took place last evening, Past Grand Master J. V. Ellis installing the new officers at their rooms on the West Side. The officers installed follow:

Mr. John Emerson, W. M., Mr. Enoch Thompson, S. W., Mr. N. P. McLeod, J. W., Rev. G. F. Scott (P. M.) Chaplain, Mr. Uriah Drake (P. M.) treasurer, Mr. J. F. Brittain, secretary, Mr. Geo. M. Bailie, S. D., Mr. Chas. Lawson, J. D., Mr. D. C. Campbell, S. S., Mr. W. L. McDiarmid, J. S., Mr. T. G. Allan, D. C., Mr. R. R. Lee, I. G., Mr. Samuel Jarvis, Tyler. Previous to the installation Mr. P. W. Wetmore, P. M., who has moved to Fredoncton, was presented with a past master's jewel. The presentation was made by Dr. F. L. Kenney, retiring grand master, in a happy speech. Mr. Wetmore made an appropriate reply.

VOTE TO RETAIN AMERICAN GAME

New York, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Fifty colleges out of approximately eighty-eight in the intercollegiate Athletic Association, have voted for the retention of the American football game with the elimination of mass plays and other dangerous plays. This was made known tonight by the executive committee of the association on the eve of the meeting to be held tomorrow. Five institutions voted that the present game is satisfactory except in minor details; seventeen favored the English game of Rugby, seven took a middle way position between the American game and Rugby and nine voted that either the American game should be radically changed or Rugby substituted.

The executive committee, it was announced, favored the changes proposed by the athletic committee of West Point and would so report to the convention tomorrow. The West Point committee has prepared a resolution declaring that football has developed dangers which are recognized to be intolerable and that it has become necessary to eradicate undue roughness.

DEATHS.

Stewart.—At his residence, 12 Canon street on Sunday, Dec. 26, John Stewart, aged 84 years, leaving a wife, four daughters and two sons to mourn their loss. Service at his late residence today at 2:30 o'clock. (No flowers by request.)

Laird.—On the 27th inst., at Everett, Mass., Fannie E. Laird, second daughter of Sarah and the late Charles Laird, of this city. Funeral on Wednesday from 214 Duke street, at 3 o'clock.

Safety Board Votes Salary Increases

Engineers and Drivers of Fire Department Recommended for Higher Pay—Committee Appointed to Report on Improvements in the Stations—Rentals Raised on Stores in Market Building.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Public Safety last evening, increased in \$10 to the \$1,200 a month and \$5 to the drivers of the fire department were recommended. Proposed increases of \$100 to Chief Kerr and Chief of Police Clark were laid on the table.

Mr. Robert Wisely, director of public safety, reported on an inspection of the fire stations and recommended the land adjacent to Hook and Ladder station No. 1, now used by the Public Works Department for stable, be made the site of a central engine house. There was some sharp criticism of conditions in the engine houses, particular mention being made of No. 1. As a result a committee was appointed to inspect all the engine houses and report back to the Safety Board.

Increases ranging from \$25 to \$400 in the rental of the stores in the Market building were recommended. Ald. Vanwart presided, and Ald. Potts, Hayes, Wilson, Kelley, Sprout, Scully were present with Chief Kerr, Chief of Police Clark, the director, recorder and common clerk.

The recommendation for an increase in the salaries of Chief Clark, Chief Kerr and all members of the fire department which had been referred back, was first brought up and on motion of Ald. Kelley was laid on the table until the other business was disposed of.

Rentals to be Raised. The director submitted a list of the stores in the Market building and recommended increases in the rentals, as follows: A. C. Smith and Company, \$800 to \$1,200; Phillips and Company, \$550 to \$700; M. Mansson, \$800 to \$1,200; John LeLachour, \$350 to \$450; Kane and McGrath, \$175 to \$200.

Chief Kerr read a communication from M. R. A. Ltd., asking for a private fire alarm box in the vicinity of their premises and connected with the central system. He recommended that No. 21 be allotted for their use and that a new wheel be placed on No. 23 to make it No. 54.

The recorder was heard on the matter of the Craig lease. For two reasons, he said, there had been no agreement. The company found they expected to get less and because they were not allowed a certain liberty in disposing of the raw material in St. John. As an alternative to the Craig company, he wanted the lease of the Dunn property which were bringing in \$100 rental to the city.

Ald. Potts said he was willing that the stone should be used in the city, but he would have nothing to do with giving up the Dunn properties. Ald. Scully said the sub-committee appointed to deal with the matter had decided against export and granting the Dunn lease.

Ald. Hayes said the safety board was out of its province in considering the matter. The general committee had power to act. The chairman agreed to this and the matter was dropped. On motion of Ald. Hayes, the director was authorized to issue the usual notices to tenants for quit rents.

Report on Fire Stations. The director submitted a report of his inspection of the fire stations. He spoke of improvements at No. 1, No. 2, No. 4 and No. 3 H. and L. station, and recommended changes in the stabling at No. 2. It was necessary, he said, to obtain the consent of the county council and have the rock excavated at the back before there could be any addition. He also recommended that the unoccupied land on Carleton street belonging to the public works department, be used for their own stables and that the land adjacent to No. 1 H. and L. station be used for the erection of a central fire station.

Ald. Potts said that after looking over No. 1 he came to the conclusion that the quarters were not fit for any man to sleep in. They had very little light and it was like sleeping in the bath room. It was a disgrace, nothing less. A committee should be appointed to act on the report and if there was land enough behind four rooms should be erected and an alley run in. Chief Kerr said he was glad to hear Ald. Potts' criticism. He men were huddled together and it was very unhealthy.

THIS YOUNG NEGRO BRITISH INVENTOR

United States Has Recognized Benjamin Franklin Jackson—Almost Caught Big Idea When a Boy.

New York, Dec. 27.—Benjamin Franklin Jackson, the young inventor, has just completed a trip through Canada and is writing a series of letters which will be interesting reading to re-ter Canadian. Benjamin Franklin Jackson's father was a slave in Virginia before the war. The inventor has a gas candle cooker on exhibition at the show of the sort, so he is said, that does twice as much in half the time.

Thirty years ago when Benjamin Franklin Jackson was a ten-year-old negro boy running barefoot along the docks of the Appomattox at Petersburg, Va., he got an idea about building. It is just about the same idea that they are making use of now in the biggest ships.

The youngster set out to build a boat of his own on the usual lines. He laid a keel, matched up a lot of ribs in the shape of a semicircle and nailed them to the backbone. He didn't know how to bend the ribs. He merely saved the semicircle out of a pine board, and when he tried to nail the sides of the boat in place he split the ribs. So he made his ribs solid all the way across.

Didn't Suit. The boat when it was done had six or seven compartments in it, and the youngster found that when he punched a hole in them the boat didn't sink. That was the find that matches up with the way they build ships now. Neither the youngster nor his father knew enough to patent it.

This is what Jackson says about the building of a matrix dryer of the sort that is used in newspaper press-rooms. The used to be a man named Keller, in Boston, who ran a weekly newspaper. In the corner of his pressroom there was a steam furnace for drying a matrix. It was as big as a printing press. I dropped in to see Keller one day and he said to me: 'Jackson, I want to get a new press and I can't because that damn steam volcano'—those were just his words, excuse me, please—'is in the way. What can you do about it?'

Mr. G. V. Anderson resigned as member of Salvage Corps No. 1. The widow Joseph Davidson, late engineer of the fire department, on motion of Ald. Potts, was granted a gratuity amounting to two months' pay.

Salary Increases. Chief Kerr was heard in the matter of the salary increases. He urged consideration of the claims of the men. His own salary was only in line with the agreement when he was engaged. This would be the last raise for him since he had now reached the maximum of \$1600.

The recommendations were: Chief of Police Clark, \$100; Chief Kerr, \$100; Chas. Piercey, \$75 to \$85; F. W. Keithlen, \$75 to \$85; John Cunningham, \$60 to \$70; Samuel Seeds, \$60 to \$70; James Lemmon, \$60 to \$65; Cox, \$60 to \$65; 24 drivers, \$5 each.

The six engineers were first considered. The chairman said that Mr. Seeds thought he did more work than the other engineers and wanted \$15. Ald. Potts moved that the remaining five be granted \$10 increases.

Ald. Hayes pointed out that the increases amounted to \$2500 and that the new company in Carleton would mean \$2500 more. The interests of the taxpayer could not be overlooked. In Halifax the chief received \$1100, the chief engineer \$800 and the engineers \$675, while in St. John the respective amounts were \$1500, \$900 and \$720. He would oppose all increases this year and moved that salaries remain as they are at present.

British Inventor On Future of Canada

George Paish, Editor of London Statist, Writes Interesting Letter on the Dominion—Factors That Will Aid in Canada's Progress—What European War Will Mean to Country.

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I have visited both western and eastern Canada and am convinced that this country has entered upon a long period of prosperity. From time to time there will doubtless be checks to the prosperity, but these always come to states which make rapid progress and the reactions are necessary to prevent inflation. But there is not likely to be a check to the expansion for several years.

The most disastrous thing that could come to Canada at this time would be an outbreak of war in Europe which would check the inflow of British capital and of immigrants. With peace maintained, nothing will be lacking to assure to Canada a period of great progress, of active trade, of increasing wealth and a growth of population proportionately greater than that of any other country in the world.

Canada's Wealth. The primary factor making for progress is the possession by Canada of great undeveloped resources of natural wealth—agricultural, mineral, forestry and piscatorial. The greatest of these natural resources is the vast tracts of undeveloped and virgin lands that are merely waiting for farmers to produce a supply of food-stuffs sufficient to support a great population.

The second factor making for growth is the willingness of Great Britain to find all the capital that Canada can profitably employ and to supply it at a low rate of interest in comparison with the rates of interest usually required from young countries. Every man of business is aware of the advantage to a country of a banker in a position to supply capital freely for development purposes and the special advantage of possessing a banker who will supply capital in practically unlimited quantities at a lower rate of interest than he charges to other countries. This is the situation today; British investors are supplying capital freely for permanent investment in Canada at preferential rates of interest. Hence no difficulty is likely to arise in securing the capital needed to develop and to market Canada's natural wealth.

Developing Resources. A third factor of great import is the ability and far-sightedness of Canada's statesmen. They recognize that the essential thing to be worked for it to open up the country and to bring population to the natural wealth. All the energies of the statesmen of the entire country, Dominion and provincial, are at the moment directed to the extension of railways. This is the platform upon which the ministries have been returned to office and it is this policy they are pledged to carry out. Everything possible is being done to encourage and to stimulate railway construction both in the prairie districts and between the prairies and the sea coast, east, west and north.

A fourth factor of great moment and weight is the world's special need of new sources of food supplies at the present time and the high prices that now current for food of all descriptions. This condition of affairs is mainly the result of the great expenditures of capital upon the South African war, and the high price of an expenditure which prevented for about seven years the normal rate of capital outlay for the purpose of developing the food supplies of the world. Instinctively as Canada is one of the most promising fields of food production, the shortage in the world's food supplies and the high prices of foodstuffs are having the effect of stimulating the rapid settlement of the new agricultural districts.

Fifth Factor. A fifth factor exceptionally favorable to Canada is the extent to which the resources of the United States are developed. Canada's slow progress in the past has principally resulted from the existence of the great lakes and a stretch of country several hundred miles in extent—consisting mainly of rock and water—which effectually cut off the farming districts of eastern Canada from those of the western States. As agricultural development proceeded west this geographical obstacle forced the pioneer farmers of Canada into the United States. When railway extensions and railway economies made it possible and profitable to raise agricultural produce in Illinois and in the western States, the pioneer farmers of Canada sold their holdings in their own country and moved into the new districts of the United States. Further, when the Dakotas were opened up to cultivation large numbers of Canadian farmers sold their developed properties at good prices and moved westward. Had topographical conditions in Canada been similar to those of the United States these farmers would have remained in their own country and would have proceeded west as railway science advanced and it became possible to raise foodstuffs for export at an increasing distance from the seaboard. Illinois, Iowa and the Dakotas are now highly cultivated and farmers desiring land at low prices have to go still further west. In these circumstances large numbers of the old Canadian farmers who moved west from eastern Canada into the United States are returning to

Second Edition of Booklet on St. John Valley Now Ready

George Ham In Town Yesterday To Confer With Immigration Department—Mr. Bowder Doing Great Work.

The activity of the immigration department in the new Brunswick government is showing itself in the request that comes from Great Britain for 25,000 more copies of the St. John Valley booklet, issued by the C.P.R., for distribution by Mr. A. Bowder, who is doing yeoman service in England in the interests of this province. Although the order came only the other day the first batch of the new issue of the booklet will be shipped by the Cowles next Friday, and will reach Mr. Bowder while he is on his educational campaign in Lancashire.

Mr. Geo. H. Ham of the C. P. R. came down from Montreal yesterday to oversee the printing of the booklets. He is recovering from his recent illness and was warmly greeted by his many St. John friends. He will return to Montreal today.

Probate Court. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAINT JOHN To the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, or any Clerk of the said City and County—Greeting:

WHEREAS the Executor of the Estate of MARY JANE PRICE, late of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, widow, and also of the said estate as prayed for and as directed by the said testator, MARY JANE PRICE deceased.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Probate Court, this thirtieth day of December, 1909.

Public Notice. THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries for the ensuing year, pursuant to the Act of the Legislature passed at the Session of 1909, and the Fisheries Lots along the East Side of the Bay, River and Harbor, and all the Fisheries for the ensuing year, to be sold on the Western side of the Harbor, will be held on the 10th day of January NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the filing of proposals for the sale of the said Fisheries for the year 1910.

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