

GRAND ORANGE LODGE OF ONTARIO EAST WELCOMED

Grand Master McLean's Report-References to Home Rule, Bilingualism and the War--The Order's Honored Dead--Greetings From Loyal True Blues.

(From Thursday's Daily)

The fifty-eighth annual convocation of the Grand Orange Lodge of the Province of Ontario East opened Wednesday afternoon in the City Hall, Belleville, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Capt. H. W. McLean in the chair. The Grand Lodge opening in the royal scarlet, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, representing the Triennial Council of the world declared the Grand lodge open in due order by virtue of his authority. Fraternal greetings were received from the Grand Master of Manitoba, W. Bro. John Eaton. There is an exceptionally large attendance of members of the order.

Bros. Berny, Munroe, Boyce, Bayles and A. R. Walker were appointed a committee to appoint standing committees. Owing to sickness the Grand Auditor, Walter Wiggins of Bancroft was unable to be present. It was decided that Bro. Wm. Joint, P.C.M. of Carleton act as grand auditor for the session.

Greeting from True Blues

District Deputy Grand Master T. D. Raston of the Loyal True Blues bore the greetings of that Association.

"On behalf of the Loyal True Blue Lodges of Belleville it affords us much pleasure to extend to you a cordial and fraternal welcome to this beautiful city."

"We regret very much that the season of the year will not permit you to see the beauties of our city which has a good claim to the title we give it the Beautiful City of the Bay."

"Since last you met here what changes have taken place and are taking place. We are now in the midst of a world struggle. Right against wrong. Freedom and liberty against bondage and militarism. We welcome you because your order has done nobly in this great war giving of your best and we pray that those of your noble order who have suffered loss will be sustained of God. We welcome you because we recognize that we are all one family and as brothers we desire to manifest that spirit of brotherly feeling which you know we all feel. We are working to advance the one great and glorious cause of Protestantism."

"It is with pleasure we note that unity exists between your noble order and the Loyal True Blue Association and we trust the same harmonious feeling may exist and that our Orange brethren will be able to assist us in the future as in the past in the good work of rescuing the Protestant orphans from the church of Rome. In conclusion we earnestly hope that the officers and delegates may be guided of God in their deliberations and that they work in harmony in the advancement of your noble order. We trust the delegates will all enjoy themselves thoroughly so that they will look back with pleasure to the time spent in Belleville, so that in the near future we shall have the pleasure of again welcoming your Grand Lodge."

Mayor Ketcheson and Ald. W. B. Deacon, representing the Belleville Council, appeared before the Grand Lodge and were introduced by Bro. W. C. McKel, K. C., who paid tribute to the valor of the mayor's sons at the front. The deputations was received with the usual honors and was invited to the platform. Mayor Ketcheson read the address of welcome as follows:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario East. Gentlemen,—

"It affords us great pleasure as representatives of this city, and on behalf of our citizens, to welcome to a distinguished gathering as you assembled here. When we knew that you had chosen our city for your annual meeting, we felt that you had displayed good judgment in the selection, and at the same time, felt that you had bestowed an honor upon us of which we feel justly proud. It is many years since our Grand Lodge met in this city, and many changes have taken place since then, all of which we believe

have been for the betterment of our city and country. Our city has grown in population and importance and your splendid order has largely increased its membership since your previous visit here."

"Orangeism occupies a large place in the esteem of this community. This is based upon the manner in which your lodges and your individual members who compose them, carry out the principles and tenets of your order."

"We were pleased to observe, that when the Empire of which this Canada, of ours forms no unimportant part, was plunged into the great war in which we are still engaged, how loyally and nobly the members of your association responded to the call of King and Empire."

"It must be a source of pride to your membership that there are lodges which are almost out of existence owing to their members being on active service, doing their bit for the principles of truth, justice and righteousness, and to destroy the force of autocracy and oppression."

"We feel that your coming among us will further stimulate our loyalty. We hope that your deliberations will be profitable to your association, and that your delegation will spend a pleasant time in our city."

"Right Worshipful Sir and Gentlemen, we bid you a hearty welcome and extend to you the Freedom of the city."

(Signed)

H. F. Ketcheson,

Mayor.

W. A. Woodley,

Alderman.

W. B. Deacon,

Alderman.

O. A. Marshall,

Alderman.

At the request of the Grand Master, the mayor said a few words: "I'm a brother among you, and have been for many years (applause)." He referred to a remark of Bro. McKel's about his three sons, one of whom is seriously wounded. "I'd rather have a boy of mine buried in France than shirking at home." Once again he welcomed the Grand Lodge to Belleville.

Ald. W. B. Deacon reiterated the sentiments of the mayor. Belleville would do its best to make the stay of the visitors happy. The citizens were at their service.

The Grand Master referred to his happy winter in Belleville with the 235th Battalion. On behalf of the Grand Lodge he expressed appreciation of the welcome extended by the mayor and Ald. Deacon. All would hope and pray that those dear and near to the Chief Magistrate would emerge safely from the great struggle in Europe. As far as Orangemen were concerned, the country need feel no fear that returning will not be properly cared for. There should be no place for the gladder in Canada and an effort should be made so that those who had left Canada to escape service, should be forced to return or forever be kept outside the borders of Canada (cheers).

Bro. Berny, of Kingston, congratulated Belleville on having a mayor who was an Orangeman. The honor of the Orangemen was safe in his hands. Orangemen everywhere are loyal to the Empire today.

Bro. L. E. Stanley, of Ottawa, also spoke appreciatively of the city's welcome, and said that in Ottawa and in fact all over Canada, the prominent men of the country were associated with Orangemen.

After three cheers, which was roundly given by the members of the Grand Lodge, the civic delegation retired.

Grand Master's Address:

The Grand Master, Capt. McLean, in his address to the Grand Lodge, said:

"Brothers,—

"Through God's good Providence we are allowed to join today in the 58th Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge."

"We are justly proud of the manner in which our order has borne its part in the raising of our Canadian armies. It can be safely stated that no organization of any kind whether church, fraternal or political, eye and not even the militia of ante-war times, has furnished as high a proportion of men to fight for their King and country as has the Orange Order."

"We glory in this because it means that Orange principles are right, that Orangemen are true to their principles, and that the thing nearest to the heart of every Orangeman is the inviolate honor of that great and glorious band of nations which forms the British Empire."

But while we pride ourselves that so many of our brethren have not shrunk in this hour of testing, let not this be considered an excuse by any brother of military age and fitness. The duty is cast upon him more strongly than ever before, and instead of sheltering himself behind those who have answered the call, it is imperatively his duty to take their course for his bright example and spontaneously and cheerfully do likewise."

"Canada has promised a half a million men. One hundred thousand are yet lacking, and our honor will never be unsullied until that promise has been implemented."

The School Situation

After, as the result of the agitation by this order for a period of eight years, the question of the right of the Province of Ontario to exclude any language but the English language from the schools of the province, has been finally decided by the highest court of appeal, and the decision is favorable to our contention."

"This final victory following so many years of steady pressure, should be most gratifying to all who believe in the maintenance of Ontario as a British Province."

The claims of the Orange Association will not be abated one jot or tittle, and we are assured that the Government of the Province of Ontario will present an unyielding front."

"Now that the law with regard to bilingual schools has been settled, we are looking forward to the gradual banishment of the French language as a language of instruction and communication in our primary schools."

The Sentinel

"Throughout the year the Sentinel has continued to be the fearless advocate of all that is right and patriotic generally and of the principles of the Orange Order particularly. Under the watchful eye of the Right Worshipful Brother Hockin, Grand Master of Ontario West, it has, without fear or favor, taken the position which our belief dictates upon all occasions."

Home Rule for Ireland

"In my address last year I suggested that before the war was over the people of the British Isles would realize which of the parties there was loyal to the Empire, and which was not, and that result would be favorable to the opponents of Home Rule."

"Ireland has been exempted from the act enforcing conscription although our friends from Ulster were strongly and openly in favor of its inclusion and promised the unqualified support of the people of Ulster."

"Only the other day the leader of the Home Rule Party had the temerity to raise the question again in the British House of Commons. The Premier, the Right Honorable Lloyd George, lately an ardent home ruler, replied stating that no Home Rule would be granted by the government led by him in which was included those parts of Ireland which were substantially against it. In other words, in case of Home Rule, Protestant Ulster is to be excluded. By their fruits ye shall know them."

The War

"The terrible struggle in Europe continues to drag on. Last year we gloried in the exploits of the navy which had swept the seas. This year the situation is changed. At date of writing, our armies are uniformly successful in France and Belgium, and in the far east we are making substantial headway, but today, while the navy is supreme above the water, the submarine peril has so increased, and the nefarious uses to which it has been put by a dastardly enemy have been so extended, that the British Isles are in grave danger of food shortage."

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SOLDIERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Say That Belleville Ladies are Helping Them

With the desire to help and inspire with confidence those who have doubt as to the ability and trustworthiness of Belleville ladies engaged in the work of supplying our soldiers at the front with articles which contribute to their comfort and efficiency, I wish to state that in every case in which our ladies have undertaken to render needful assistance in connection with the defence of the Empire, they have been most successful, and the value of the good results of their labors of love can not be computed in dollars and cents. The hearts of hundreds of our boys at the front have been made glad, and their spirits have been uplifted with renewed and stronger courage to stand firm against our enemies by the ever-present assurance that the Belleville ladies were mindful of them, and were doing all in their power to lessen their discomforts. In work of this kind our ladies are sincere, and know exactly what to do. As proof of this statement, I shall submit one of many personal experiences. I handed to Miss Kate Lazier a small sum to give to Miss M. B. Falkner, 62 W. Bridge St., to help the boys at the front. Since, I have received several letters of thanks from soldiers on active service. All these letters show that the writers are gentlemen and scholars, and that our ladies have been and are helpful and true to the cause in which they are interested. Copy of one of the letters received is as follows:—

On Active Service,

50th Canadians.

France, Feb. 12, 1917.

Reg. No. 448408.

Robt. Bogle, Esq.,

Dear Sir,—

Please accept my sincere thanks for the parcel of good things which you so kindly sent. I may say it was the best selected parcel I have yet seen. Every article was so useful to a soldier. May God bless you for your mindfulness. Pte. James McGregor. I would respectfully suggest that especially the very wealthy men of our city place ample means at the disposal of the ladies who are engaged in this noble, self-sacrificing work. A few hundred thousand dollars could be used to wonderful advantage."

(Signed) Robert Bogle.

A Message from Sir Douglas Haig. In order to hasten the day of victory, I appeal to all to do his full share. We must stint ourselves so that the Forces of the Empire may be kept in the field and thereby secure a lasting peace, and the Liberty of the World.

D. Haig, F. M.

Jan. 21, 1917

GREAT FORESTERS' NIGHT AT COBourg

On Tuesday night of this week the Independent Foresters of Cobourg, held an open meeting at which a most enjoyable and profitable time was spent. There was a very large attendance, including a number of brethren from Court Moire No. 33, Belleville, filling the spacious lodge room in the Town Hall to capacity. The principal amusement of the evening was progressive euchre. Seventeen tables were arranged and five games were played for prizes. Lively interest was taken in the determination of the winners and the prizes were finally awarded amid great enthusiasm."

Then followed a most interesting and impressive address by Dr. C. Day Clarke, of Toronto, assistant supreme high chief physician, and one of the most impressive speakers in the order. Dr. Clarke briefly reviewed the fine status of the order, showing that by unassailable government reports and statistics it was more than 100 per cent sound, and also showed its splendid work in the relief of suffering and distress and in looking after consumptives and orphaned children. He closed with an appeal to those who were not members to embrace the opportunity and identify themselves with the order."

Mr. J. O. Herby, P.C.R. of Court Moire, followed with a brief address. Mr. Alfred H. Harrow, of Court Moire, was introduced as the member who had secured fourteen new members in the past four months. Mr. Harrow delivered a characteristic humorous address in which he appealed to the members who were present to assist Mr. Lynde, the organizer, who was devoting a few weeks of his time to Cobourg."

After the conclusion of the speaking light refreshments were served and then the floor was cleared for dancing.

Among the brethren in attend-

TWO OFFICERS ENTER CHAPTER.

Last evening Quinte Royal Scarlet Chapter held a special meeting at which the Chapter from Addington put on the work. Two officers of His Majesty's forces were made members. A large number of the members of Grand Lodge were present.

ance from Belleville there were also Messrs Skinner, Harrison and Kaiser. Past Chief Ranger, H. R. Sanders, very capably presided as chairman and master of ceremonies during the evening. In his duties he was assisted by Mr. Stanley Atcheson, the chief ranger, and Mr. W. J. Sanders, the recording secretary.

COBOURG HEAVY BATTERY

The appointment of Lieut. Chas. A. Payne as officer-in-charge of the eight Overseas Draft from the Cobourg Heavy Battery has been approved. Lieut. Payne has been a member of the local law firm of Porter & Carnew. Lieut. Harry H. Ponton is in charge of the 7th draft which is now complete and in training for overseas.

A cable has been received by Major McKinnon, O.C. Cobourg Heavy Battery, announcing the safe arrival in England of the Sixth Draft, which included several Belleville men.

Nine more men signed up with the Battery during the past week, including two from Picton, G. F. Worrell and W. McCaw. The strength of the overseas drafts is now 2 officers and 67 other ranks.

SENATOR CORBY UNDERGOES A SECOND OPERATION

A cable received by relatives in the city this morning states that Senator Harry Corby has been compelled to undergo a second operation at Honolulu where he has been confined to the hospital since he underwent the previous operation, somewhat over three weeks ago.

His many friends here are very anxious as to the outcome of this second operation which would go to indicate a serious condition on the part of the patient.

DEATH OF MRS. A. S. WHITE

Wellknown Belleville Lady Passed Away Yesterday After Several Months' Illness

(From Thursday's Daily)

After an illness of some months' duration, Jennie May White, wife of Mr. Alex. S. White, passed away yesterday at her home 158 Bridge St. The news of her death was received with many expressions of regret. She was born at Sidney Crossing, being a daughter of the late W. R. Vandervoort and resided in Sidney all her life until her removal to Belleville a few years ago. She was a Presbyterian in religion and while in Belleville was a member of St. Andrew's Church.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, John V. of Belleville and two daughters Mrs. D. Edwin Grass, Colborne, and Miss Dorothy May at home. Three brothers, Stanley Vandervoort, of this city, Edgar Vandervoort of Port Hope, and Dr. Percy Vandervoort and one sister Mrs. F. A. Spafford of Sidney survive.

Mrs. White had a genial disposition, with a great capacity for making friends. The deepest sympathy is extended to the husband and family in their bereavement.

GREAT ACCESSION TO MEMBERSHIP

(From Thursday's Daily)

Last night the Belleville Council of the Royal Templars enjoyed one of the greatest accessions to its membership since the council was organized. Forty new applicants for enlistment in the order were accepted and took upon themselves the vows therewith connected.

Organizer Morris took charge of the meeting which was at first open to the general public. Mrs. Tennyson Smith contributed an instrumental and a vocal solo and was accorded a most enthusiastic reception. Mr. Tennyson Smith gave a recitation which was heartily enjoyed and also delivered a brief address in reference to the aims and benefits of the Royal Templars. Mrs. Tennyson Smith also gave a capital address telling of her work and experiences in various parts of the world.

Mr. Morris spoke briefly and then proceeded to the work of initiation. In the next three months there is to be a contest among local councils to see who can secure the largest additions to their membership."

Mr. and Mrs. Tennyson Smith and Mr. Morris left today for Trenton, where they will conduct a campaign along lines similar to that put on here.

WOMEN'S RIFLE CLUB SHOOT

Mrs. Symons 96
Miss Jenkins 96
Miss McCarthy 96
Miss Thompson 96
Mrs. Spriggs 92
Miss Falkner 91
Miss Docter 85
Miss McGie 80

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Soft, Clear, Smooth Skin Comes With The Use Of "FRUIT-A-LIVES"



NORAH WATSON

86 Drayton Ave., Toronto.

Nov. 10th, 1915.

A beautiful complexion is a handsome woman's chief glory and the envy of her less fortunate rivals. Yet a soft, clear skin—glowing with health—is only the natural result of pure blood.

"I was troubled for a considerable time with a very unpleasant, disfiguring rash, which covered my face and for which I used applications and remedies without relief. After using 'Fruit-a-lives' for one week, the rash is completely gone. I am deeply thankful for the relief and in the future, I will not be without 'Fruit-a-lives'."

NORAH WATSON.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

PEARCE MILLS BURNED TODAY

Big Fire Loss at Marmora this Morning — \$25,000 Damage and no Insurance.

(Special to The Ontario)

Marmora, March 22.—The plant of the Pearce Company Limited in this village was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The fire was occasioned in a peculiar manner. Repairs and improvements were under way at the mill. Some workmen were burning a hole through a heavy beam with a red-hot iron. Unknown to the workmen the beam was saturated with oil. In an instant it burst into flames and the flames spread with incredible speed to every part of the building. The village fire brigade hastened to the scene but could do nothing to check the conflagration.

The company was engaged in the manufacture of lumber, shingles and lath, and had a very extensive and well equipped plant. About \$25000 had been spent the present winter on new improvements and equipment.

The total loss is estimated at \$25,000, a sum unfortunately there is not a dollar of insurance.

Mr. F. S. Pearce, president of the company, was in Belleville, attending the Orange Grand Lodge. He immediately left for home on being notified of the fire.

The junior member of the firm, Lieut. Reginald Pearce is busy recruiting for the newly authorized Forestry battalion.

WOMEN'S RED CROSS AND PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATION

Eleven boxes of hospital supplies containing the following articles, were shipped to the Canadian Hospital in France during the past month. Miss Green is convener of the hospital supplies.

Box No. 1—73 pillow cases, 26 sheets, No. 2—27 sheets, 36 pillow cases, 42 towels, No. 3—18 T. binders, 12 abdominal binders, 3 scutidus binders, 36 complete dressings, 100 compresses (extra large), 250 compresses (large), 15 absorbent swabs (bags), No. 4—36 bed jackets, No. 5—45 hospital night shifts. No. 6—24 dressing gowns, No. 7—450 large compresses, 36 complete dressings, 18 abdominal binders, 12 T. binders, 25 (bags) absorbent swabs, 36 gauze swabs, No. 8—30 sheets, 24 pillow cases, 62 towels, No. 9—24 sheets, 36 pillow cases, 72 towels, No. 10—9 hospital shirts, 27 pairs laparotomy stockings, 8 T. binders, 144 towels, 12 pillow cases, No. 11—13 surgeon's gowns, 12 surgeon's caps, 12 surgeon's masks, 2 yds. combination dressing, 12 scutidus binders, 12 complete dressings, 12 (bags) absorbent swabs.

Mrs. (Dr.) Yeomans reported February the banner month for the Rainbow Knitting Circles. 831 pairs of socks were knitted in during the month.