

ter pass through it from the city alone in a single day, and the system of dividing the labor in handling it is one of which the Postmaster, Thos. L. James, Esq., may well feel proud, and which has made his name famous as one of the most expert in the difficult features of the P. O. Department, not only in the United States, but throughout the world. He has able assistants in the gentlemen who kindly initiated us into the mysteries of the office—Messrs. Geo. DuBois, H. C. Harris, Chas. E. Charles, night Supt., and Merritt Smith. Space will not permit us to enter into details, or we would be tempted to give our readers the benefit of our five pages of notes, which contain much that would exceedingly interest nearly everyone. The electric light is in use in the building, which is in nearly every part as bright as day. The light is supplied by twelve batteries one to each light, and is run by a 40 horse-power Wells Balance Engine, making 310 revolutions a minute, and revolving the batteries at the rate of between seven and eight hundred times a minute. A curiously constructed "clock," with alarm bells attached, indicates the pressure. Mr. Robt. Clark, Assistant Chief Engineer, was in charge of the engine, and we are indebted to him for a great deal of valuable information. Our thanks are due to the entire staff with whom we came in contact, for their courteous treatment of us during our visit.

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ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

At the regular meeting of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, G. R. C., held on the 2nd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Toronto street, the following Brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite, W. M.; Bro. A. G. M. Spragge, S. W.; Bro. William Roaf, J. W.; Rev. Bro. W. H. Davies, Chaplain; V. W. Bro. A. R. Boswell, Treas.; Bro. Jame R. Roaf, Secy; and Bro. John Pritchard, Tyler.

At the regular communication of Orient Lodge, No. 339, held in their hall, Kingston road, on the 2nd inst., the following officers were elected:—W. Bro. John Jones, W. M.; Bro. N. J. B. Richards, S. W.; Bro. John K. Brydon, J. W.; Bro. J. W. Lewis, Treasurer; Bro. J. McP. Ross, Secretary; Bro. James Bedley, Tyler.

At the regular meeting of Occident Lodge, No. 346, held at Occident Hall, on the 3rd inst., the following were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year:—R. W. Bro. Jas. Wilscam, W. M.; Bro. J. S. Williams, S. W.; Bro. F. Hill, J. W.; W. Bro. Walker, Secy; W. Bro. J. O. Bennet, Treas.; Bro. Gordon, Chaplain; Bro. J. B. Hall, Tyler; Bro. E. J. Firman and R. McLennan, Hall Trustees.

At the regular communication of Rehoboth Lodge, No. 65, held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto street, on the 4th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year:—Bro. A. W. Carkeek, W. M.; Bro. John K. Brydon, S. W.; Bro. Andrew Park, J. W.; Bro. D. H. Watt, Sec.; V. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, Treas.; Bro. A. W. McLaughlan, Chap.; W. Bros. Francis Gallow and Lawrence Gibb, Hall Trustees; Bro. J. Pritchard, Tyler.

At the regular meeting of St. George Lodge, held on the 5th inst., the following Brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. J. A. Wills, W. M.; Bro. W. J. Turner, S. W.; Bro. A. J. Harwood, J. W.; Bro. J. A. Hetherington, Secretary; Bro. Thomas Murray, Treasurer; Bro. J. B. Hall, Tyler.

At the regular meeting of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, held on the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Toronto street, the following were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year:—Bro. Alex. Donaldson, W. M.; Bro. H. G. Wood, S. W.; Bro. G. H. Lander, J. W.; Bro. James Austin, Secretary; Bro. James Smith, Treas.; Bro. Geo. Doughty, Chap.; Bro. Thos. Graham and G. H. Lander, Hall Trustees; Bro. John Pritchard, Tyler. A large number of visiting brethren were present.

At the regular meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, held on the 9th inst., the following Brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. W. Anderson, W. M.; Bro. M. E. Snider, S. W.; Bro. Jas. Hughes, J. W.; Bro. Levi Clark, Secretary; R. W. Bro. Jas. Bain, Treasurer.

The annual election of officers for the Blue lodges take place this month, with the exception of King Solomon, 22, and St. John, 75, the former electing in December, and the latter in June.

At a late meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge, V. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson was presented, on behalf of the officers and members, with a handsome Grand Lodge regalia. The presentation was made by the S. W., Bro. W. Anderson, in a few remarks of a highly complimentary character. He stated that the presentation was made as a slight expression of the high appreciation of V. W. Bro. Wilkinson's eminent services to the Lodge; a recognition of these personal qualities which had endeared him to every member, and in commemoration of his recent appointment to the position of Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Lodge of Canada. V. W. Bro. Wilkinson acknowledged the unexpected honor in suitable terms, and spoke feelingly of the many marks of respect and confidence he had at different times received at the hands of his Masonic brethren. R. W. Bro. Saunders, D. D. G. M., Toronto district, and R. W. Bro. Nettleton, D. D. G. M., Georgian district, were present on the occasion.