

dens especially, whilst the other officers are well fitted for their several positions. Besides the three lodges, there is also a Chapter and a Preceptory here. Masonry must always prosper in St. Catharines, as long as it has such able exponents of its principles in the persons of M. W. Bro. James Seymour, P. G. M., Dr. Goodman, W. Bro. Carlisle, and a host of others. The Masonic Temple is a building complete in every part, an ornament to the city, and a credit to the Masonic body. It stands conspicuously, and is the observed of all buildings when approaching St. Catharines. The lodge room is very large, with lofty ceiling, and the furniture most appropriate and comfortable. The ante-rooms are convenient, and in keeping with the whole. We congratulate the Masonic body in St. Catharines on their great success, and have no fear for the future.

At Port Dalhousie, we visited Seymour Lodge, No. 277, and we must say we never enjoyed a more pleasant evening. The lodge is beautifully furnished, having Masonic carpet, arched ceiling, comfortable chairs, all fastened, and everything to make a lodge room attractive. They have also an excellent organ, and lots of cash on hand. We also saw the best kept secretary's book, and must say that they have been exceedingly fortunate in the different brethren who have acted in that office. W. Bro. Green is Master, but Past Master Patterson was deputed to put the members through a most thorough course of instruction. We got valuable information in this lodge, and we will not soon forget our visit to it. As many of the members were away on the lakes, the attendance was only about one-half of the usual number.

At Fonthill, ten miles from St. Catharines, we visited Welland Lodge, No. 36, and although the weather was unfavorable a goodly number were present. W. Bro. Dr. Emmet is Master, and for his first initiation

he conferred the degree admirably. This old lodge is the mother of many of the surrounding lodges, and is looked up to by them, although many of her children far out-number her. The jewels are unique, and many articles of paraphernalia are different from any we have seen. Most of the officers are well up in their work. We had a very pleasant drive with our St. Catharines friends, and we are sure none of us will forget the casualties of the road, nor our visit to the pretty village of Fonthill.

At St. Thomas, we visited St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, and we can bear testimony to the excellent working of W. Bro. R. McKay and his officers. His Senior Warden has no superior, and we deeply regret hearing of the railway accident by which Bro. Pullen has lost one of his legs since our visit. The Junior Warden is also well up, and Bro. McKay is to be congratulated on having such good materials to assist him. The hall is well furnished, and of medium size, being as nearly as possible a *double cube*. Elgin Lodge, No. 349, also meets in the same hall, and although not over a year in existence, it has a large and increasing membership, and we can testify to the excellence of those admitted. W. Bro. Hunt and his officers are all young men of energy, and Elgin Lodge will take a prominent position among the lodges in this section. A bright future is before them. DeWarrenne Chapter also meets in this hall, and we were assured it is doing good work, with many energetic Masons as members. Several Chapters have started from it in this section. St. David's Lodge, No. 302, is also in St. Thomas, but meets in a hall in the east end of the town. The hall is most beautifully frescoed; indeed, far superior to any we have yet seen in Canada, and the brethren have shown great energy in the work undertaken. The artist, Mr. W. R. Bevvitt, is a young Canadian who is destined to make his mark in Canada in such work. But