

Moved by Comp. Alex. McLean, seconded by Comp. Ma
T. M. Corbett, and *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter
be reduced to the Orange Degree.

The Grand Lodge was then reduced to the Orange
Degree.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

W. Bro. Wm. Roxborough, Past County Master to W
St. John West, read the following address of welcome
from the loyal brethren of St. John County West t
which the R. W. Grand Master responded in fitting
terms :

ADDRESS.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the R
W. Provincial Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

On behalf of the officers and brethren of St. John County
West we extend to you an earnest and hearty welcome.

We cannot fully express our great pleasure and pardonable
pride in having you hold your fifty-first (51) annual session in
this enterprising and rapidly growing town of Fairville.

Our little town may not present so many attractions as
many of the larger cities and towns in which your annual ses
sions have been held. We acknowledge it does not. But
what we lack in this respect we hope to make up in our
endeavor to make your visit a very pleasant and enjoyable one.

You all know how much our town has suffered from that
terrible destroyer fire. Twice, within the past two years, that
devouring element has laid in ruins the best part of our busy
and flourishing town. Beautiful and comfortable homes, fine
large manufactures, costly churches, public halls and hotels
were, in a few hours, reduced to ashes.

Yet, with that indomitable pluck, characteristic of the peo
ple of New Brunswick, the men, yes, and women too, of
Fairville took time by the forelock, and ere the ashes of the
burned buildings were yet cold, began the erection of new
buildings, so that, Phoenix like, immediately from its own
ashes "came forth a new town," which we hope will continue
to grow and prosper greatly as the years come and go.