

AT TRAIL.

Unfortunately I was not able to visit Trail personally, time not permitting. In another column will, however, be found a full report by one who was fortunate enough to be there and he has told me that the lodge to which Bro. Grand Vice-Chancellor Noble Binns belongs, would not and did not allow itself to be outdone in its kind entertainment of the visiting brothers by the other cities already referred to.

The Kootenay has my heartiest wishes for success. It only needs developing; for beauty and scenery, for grandeur, majestic grandeur of waterfall, river, or rugged landscape, few places can equal and none excel it. Its people are like it, go-ahead, energetic, bustling, busy, always kind, always hospitable, always brotherly.

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GRAND LODGE.

Officers and Representatives Entertained by the
Members of the Kootenay Lodges.

The treatment received by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge at the hands of the brethren of the Upper Country lodges will ever be held in kindly and grateful recollection by all who had the privilege of being present at the recent session of the Grand Lodge in Rossland. From the time of our arrival until we left Rossland, the brethren of that city were constant in their attention to our personal comforts and pleasures. During our spare time we were shown all points of interest, their justly celebrated mines, the different industries and the many handsome buildings that have been erected in their enterprising city of mineral wealth. The banquet given by the Rossland members was one that could not be excelled. Around the festive board were gathered almost the entire membership of the Grand Lodge, Rossland Lodge, visiting knights and many prominent citizens of Rossland, notably the Mayor of the city, Mr. Goodeve. The address of welcome given by the Mayor, was probably one of the best orations it has been the pleasure of the members of the Grand Lodge to listen to. Space will not permit us to give a lengthy account of the many excellent remarks made on the occasion. Suffice it to say that at no time have we enjoyed more hospitable and knightly welcome, and in leaving Rossland we carried away most pleasant recollections and good wishes for the knights and citizens of that delightful and ambitious city.

At the close of the Grand Lodge session, the members of Nelson Lodge tendered the members of the Grand Lodge an invitation to visit their city. A special train was placed at their disposal, and some twenty-five members journeyed to Nelson, where they were received with open arms by the members of Nelson Lodge, escorted to their elegant Castle Hall, and right

royally entertained at the banquet given by the Nelson brothers. Mayor Houston, of Nelson, gave an address of welcome, and the freedom of the city was extended to the visitors. Special cars on their excellent tram-service were placed at their disposal and everything of interest that could be seen in the time, was shown by our good brothers. Nelson is a beautiful city, with a water-front second to none in the Province, namely, the Kootenay Lake; handsome and costly buildings have been erected, and beautiful residences are to be seen in great numbers throughout the town; business is generally good, and there can be no doubt that there is a great future in store for Nelson. Our brothers of Nelson did not leave us until we were safely deposited in our train for the return journey and as we said good-bye, loud cheers were given by both sides, and kind recollections were carried away by the visitors, and the knights of Nelson voted the right kind of material to make a prosperous and truly fraternal lodge of Knights of Pythias.

The members of Trail Lodge also extended an invitation to the members of the Grand Lodge to visit them but unfortunately, owing to want of time, most of the members had to leave for their respective homes. The following brothers, Emil Pferdner, G. K. of R. and S.; J. E. Evans, P. G. C., and H. J. Anstie, S. R., however, had the pleasure of escorting Bro. Noble Binns, Grand Vice Chancellor, to his home lodge, Trail, No. 23, and the only regret was that the escort was not larger. We reached Trail about 10 p. m., tired and dusty after a prolonged season of enjoyment at Nelson, and we were immediately escorted to the Castle Hall, where we found Trail Lodge in session. The hall was comfortably filled with the good brothers awaiting our arrival. We were very cordially welcomed by Trail Lodge, and Bro. Binns in particular, who is held in the highest esteem by the members of his lodge, was given a rousing reception. After the business of the lodge was concluded, refreshments were served in abundance, and until the small hours of the morning we were entertained with songs, recitations, speeches, etc., of such a character as to impress us with the knowledge that Trail Lodge had plenty of the best material for entertainments of the highest class.

The following day we were shown all points of interest in Trail. Especially interesting was our trip through the smelter, which was kindly shown to us in all its immense details, under the direction of a good brother who holds a very responsible position therein. We left Trail, as we did Rossland and Nelson, with pleasant recollections, and we can only add that we have no doubt as to the success of a lodge composed of such whole-souled and gallant knights as those who are fortunate enough to be members of Trail Lodge, No. 23.

At Revelstoke we were detained some four hours, and were fortunate enough to meet some of the members of that lodge, who assisted us very kindly in passing the time away. To Bro. Dr. Cross, the C. C. of Revelstoke Lodge, and Bro. Savage, G. R., we desire to return our best thanks for the trouble they went to in making our brief stay so enjoyable.