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A NEW LODGE FOR WINNIPEG.

GRATIFYING GROWTH OF THE S. O. E. IN THE N. W.

Other Winnipeg Matters—Agrarian work Engaging the Attention of the Winnipegers.

[From our Winnipeg Correspondent.]
Winnipeg, Sept. 5.—For the past two weeks business and everything but the weather has borne an air of unusual dullness for this city. The explanation of this state of affairs is found in the fact that every body who is any body, is more or less interested in agrarian pursuits. What the city has lacked in life and enterprise has been amply compensated for by the fierce energy displayed in the vast and bounteously plished harvest field of our Province and surrounding Territories, so none of us being so far, as I am aware gifted with the power of ubiquity, or of being in two places at the same time, will account for the comparatively deserted appearance of our streets.

But even in the city things are not dead if they have been apparently sleeping.

ELECTRICITY INSTEAD OF HORSES
Last evening the air was resonant with the discordant yells and shrieks which yet do duty amongst Canadians for a cheer. The cause of the uproar was the first trip of the electric car on Main street, proper.

There has been an electric car system for one year, in the suburban residence portion of the south end, a locality known as Fort Rouge, but this is a new innovation about which perhaps the least said will be the sooner mended. Suffice it, that our magnificent chief artery of traffic which it may be truly said had the opportunity of being second to none as a drive way, with any city on the American continent, is traversed by four lines of street car rails with the usual switches and combinations.

Horse car tracks and electric car tracks parallel each other side by side. The advent of electric cars in Toronto is giving a death rate of one person per week, here. If the statement be true they intend making a speed of 12 miles an hour, and as we never do anything in a small way, it may reasonably be expected that the death rate will be such as to show a perceptible depletion in the population ere the termination of the present year.

THE HARVEST.

Seed time has passed and harvest has nearly concluded, nature will soon be preparing herself for the long sleep she requires in this country to recuperate herself after her tremendous efforts during this short but fruitful summer; but things are not thus with the Sons of England. With them there is no let up. Like the mills of the gods, which the ancients tell us, ground slowly, they go ever on in their remorseless course. These unfortunate Englishmen are always accused of being apathetic, slow to move, lacking in energy, but still somehow as a power and as a people they get there all the same. It is an old axiom in mechanics that speed and power cannot be gained at one and the same time; but there are exceptions to all rules, even this one, as was illustrated by the rural philosopher when he headed the school-master up in a barrel and sent him rolling down the hill, by this means gaining both power and speed at one time.

But what has all this got to do with the "Sons"?

Just simply this—On Oct. 18th, 1889, was instituted in this city at the hands of Bro. Kemping, S. G. P., of Barrie, the first lodge of the Sons of England in the Northwest, Lodge Westward Ho, No. 98.

At the time of its inception it was touch and go whether it could get a start at all, and but for the energy displayed by a few members of the St. George's Society and one or two outsiders it would not then have obtained a footing.

A NEW S. O. E. LODGE FOR WINNIPEG.
Now we have two vigorous lodges, and ere this appears in print, will likely have inaugurated a third. It is intended the new lodge shall rejoice in hearing the name of England's immortal bard, Shakespeare. The last named great authority has asked, "What's in a name?" It would seem in this case, truly, not much. Athleticism rather than aestheticism appears to be the characteristic of the members elect.

In any case it starts into existence well developed and vigorous, it being quite within the bounds of probability that it will enroll fifty members on its chart.

The names of its most prominent promoters, Bros. Gravely and Jones of Lodge Neptune, deserve to be most publicly recorded, for it is greatly due to their strenuous efforts that this new addition to the Order owes its existence. That it may enter with hearty good will into the noble work its sister lodges have so gallantly undertaken and carried out, that it may join with them in building up our Order in this city and the Northwest, that a spirit of forbearance and conciliation may prevail in its councils, especially in all cases where its sister lodges are concerned, is the earnest wish with which your Winnipeg correspondent concludes this letter.

ENFIELD LODGE 159.

Initiation of 18 Members at Richmond, P. Q.—Hearty Addresses and Pleasant Wind-up.

On Saturday, 3rd inst., Bro. E. Avery, the D. D. for Sherbrooke, accompanied by P. P. Bro. W. Parr, proceeded to Richmond, where they were met by Bro. J. A. Edwards, of Montreal, for the purpose of instituting the White Rose Degree, which it is needless to say, was efficiently done, by the initiating of eighteen members, who were thoroughly instructed in the workings of that beautiful and impressive ceremony.

Several of the members expressed their satisfaction, the beautiful ritual had given them, and the resolve to become interested workers in our beloved order, and promised to do all in their power to fulfil their obligations, and work to further our extension to other places in the Province of Quebec.

The District Deputy in presenting the charter to the President Bro. W. Young, drew their attention to the importance of their obligation and to the responsibility they were assuming to our society. These remarks were heartily endorsed by Bro. J. A. Edwards in a forcible and patriotic address.

The business being finished an adjournment was made to the residence of Bro. T. H. Wells, the energetic secretary, where a bountiful repast was waiting for them.

The time was spent happily in songs, recitations and speeches by Bro. J. A. Edwards, Bro. W. Barker, Bro. Whit- ing and others, until the hour of 12, when the party sang God Save the Queen for a finale.

The members of this lodge are composed of some of the best material of Englishmen, and have good prospects before them for the future.

ROSE OF COLUMBIA.

A "ROSE" BORN IN JUNE THAT FLOURISHES EXCEEDINGLY.

The Youngest and Fairest of the Flowers that Bloom in the Garden of the White and Red Roses of the British Pacific Coast.

(Special correspondence of the ANGLO-SAXON.)

New Westminster, Aug. 27.—The brethren in the East who sometimes regale themselves on "Fraser River" salmon (canned) must often allow their imagination to carry them to this land of the mountain and the flood, and in fancy picture to themselves the broad and deep, full flooded Fraser sweeping under its cedar fringed, fir crowned banks, and the picturesque fishing boats floating lazily with the current. But most of our Eastern brothers have never beheld

FATHER FRASER

with the waking eye; nor have many experienced the pleasure of standing in the flat-bottomed boat and seeing the lively-fighting silver-fashing king of fish come tumbling, quivering, springing over the side as the long net is drawn in. Nor can those who have not tasted know the exquisite flavor of that same fish broiled over hot embers and eaten ten minutes after your first sight of him.

"But this is not lodge business," says some one. Well our lives don't consist of lodge business alone. We need fish also; and here is the connection. Many of our members here "go fishing" in the summer during the salmon run, of which you have heard, and sooth to tell the run this summer has been poor, and the fishermen, consequently, lack that which is known to the lordly Siwash as "chickamin," otherwise known to many of our brethren as "spondulicks"; quite as good a name for the necessary evil. For after all, "what's in a name?" Its stuff itself that speaks and enables its owner to speak. Then, this being the case, and also it being a lamentable fact and which cannot be gainsaid, however boomers may try, that the other staple trade of the Lower Fraser, the great lumber industry, is just now at a very low ebb, is it not a matter of just pride and thankfulness to state that the Sons of England B. S. is making steady headway on the Pacific.

THE FIVE LODGES

here are growing in numbers, wealth and influence. At Victoria, in spite of the little recent scare, owing to the incoming of that fell disease, of which the beginning is small and the consequences great, they are growing. At Nanaimo, the Black Diamond city, in spite of strikes and colliery accidents, they are multiplying fast under Bro. the Rev. G. H. Tovey's fostering care. Coming to the mainland, Vancouver is second only to one, and that is the "Rose" herself. Youngest and fairest of the "Rose" lodges, she stands first in British Columbia. Since formation two hundred Sons of England have been enrolled, and of that number one hundred and forty still acknowledge allegiance to the "Rose." Of the others, alas, four have joined the Grand Lodge "beyond the veil." Upwards of twenty have cleared to other lodges, ten have been expelled, and the remaining score are twelve months in arrears. The "Rose" has seen sorrow in her two years' existence. Of her first president, a standing resolution forbids me to speak. It was the first of the ten spoken of above. When the lodge was not six months old, a mere babe, a

suckling, he, her father, left her for parts unknown. Oh, if that One can see these lines, let him repent whilst life remains. He left his child-lodge, his "Rose," bare and desolate. But her sons gathered together and swore (at least some of them) that his defection should make no difference, that the "Rose" new planted by the great river should flourish. And nobly have they kept their word, the faithful few. The "Rose in June," is ever the fairest and "Rose of Columbia" first saw the light 18th June 1890. In the following February

THE FIRE FIEND

arose amid the snow and harried the garden of the "Rose." She lost all her splendid garments and jewels, and even her charter. But these things went in good company. The Masons and Oddfellows and the Knights of Pythias lost also—some more, some less. The "Rose" was sore smitten, but again her Sons rallied and new jewels and regalia were bought. Another gardener was elected as president, one worthy of the name this time. When the first anniversary arrived it was resolved to celebrate

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE ROSE.

A grand dinner was held at the Queen's hotel, at which were nearly 100 guests. The fun was fast and furious. The Rose took deeper root than ever from that banquet. At the end of his year of office, the president, E. Bloomfield, was presented with a past president's jewel—a gift which is an honor to the recipient. A worthy successor was found in Bro. R. C. Blaker, who is ably seconded in his cultivation of the Rose by Bro. Wolfenden, V. P. On the 28th May last, although the day was wet, sixty "Sons" of the Rose of Columbia paraded to Holy Trinity Church, and heard an intensely interesting and patriotic sermon by the Rev. H. H. Gowen, late missionary at Honolulu, and now incumbent of the West End Church in this city. The sum of \$16 was collected and given to the Royal Columbia Hospital Fund. It is proper to say here that the lodge has a private room at the hospital where any sick Son without home is attended to by the nurses. It is a comfort to many to be away from the open ward. Other lodges might do worse than follow the example of the Rose in this respect.

The third annual banquet of the "Rose of Columbia" was held, again at the "Queen's," on the 18th of June this year. Once more the "Rose's" Sons pledged themselves and each other, and there was "a sound of revelry by night" such as never was. President Bro. Blaker was of course "to the fore," supported by I. Brown, Esq., M. P. P., and acting D. Deputy, Bro. Rev. H. P. Hobson, of Vancouver. The table was horseshoe shaped and the extremities were right worthily upheld by Bro. Ed. Bloomfield, P. Pres., and by Bro. G. J. Wolfenden, V. Pres., respectively. Bro. Bloomfield was voted toastmaster and not only maintained his old reputation, but even surpassed himself. The list included, in addition to the time honored toasts, that of "the Lieutenant-Governor and Provincial Legislature," which was responded to by I. Brown, Esq., M. P. P., as was also the toast of

SCOTLAND, IRELAND, AND SISTER COLONIES.

As both Scotch and Irish blood flow in the veins of the worthy legislator no better man could have been chosen to reply to this toast, which he did happily and well. Mr. J. Theo. Wilson spoke to "The Old Pals at Home," in a rousing speech which is still ringing in the ears of all who heard him. Editor

Bayley and Principal Stramberg made good speeches. Bro. W. B. Townsend, Mayor of New Westminster unbent to the "Rose" and gave "Little Annie Rooney" in his own inimitable style. Bros. Stinchcombe, Williams, Blood, Wilson, Bloomfield and many others kept the ball rolling and when the Sons of Merrie England separated at morn every one felt convinced that with such an annual "watering" the Rose of Columbia will never languish, especially when it is considered that the water was not taken "straight"—no, not by any means. Yours fraternally, ROSE OF COLUMBIA.

S. O. E. Notes.

It affords us great pleasure to draw the attention of the readers of the ANGLO-SAXON and the brethren generally to the following lodge cards that appear for the first time in our Lodge Directory Columns in this issue:—

Sheffield Lodge, No. 83, Clinton, Ont., Bros. John Scruton, Pres.; W. S. Swaffield, Sec.

Halifax Lodge, No. 150, Halifax, N.S., Bros. Thos. W. Offen, Pres.; John Redford, Sec.

Black Prince Lodge, No. 157, Pembroke, Ont., Pros. H. R. Neapole, Pres.; L. N. Pink, Sec.

Rose of Stanley Lodge, No. 180, Stanley, N.B., Bros. John A. Humble, Pres.; Wm. T. Howe, Sec.

Lodge Stanley, No. 55, Ottawa, met at their Hall, Wellington st., on Thursday the 8th inst., President Bro. Geo. Brown in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. After the general business of the lodge had been disposed of, Past Pres. Bro. E. Bull, urged the brethren of the lodge, who were not subscribers to the ANGLO-SAXON, to take advantage of the opportunity afforded, and subscribe for present year.

The worthy president urged the matter in clear and forcible language, telling the brethren of the four papers he subscribed for, he preferred the ANGLO-SAXON; it kept the brethren in touch with sister lodges of the order in the distant provinces of the Dominion. He said he read with feelings of the deepest interest the news published in every issue of the ANGLO-SAXON from those provinces.

Several other brethren expressed their opinion as to the value of the paper as a news medium for members of the order and the British in Canada, and of the efforts of the proprietary in giving Englishmen such an invaluable publication. All brethren of the lodge not already subscribers handed their names into the secretary. Thanks, Stanley No. 55.

A brother from Sheffield Lodge 83, Clinton, Ont., under date of Sept. 3rd, writes as follows: "Regarding subscribers, I have canvassed and obtained a number of brethren to-day, and have the promise of several more. I trust the Sons of England generally will see the necessity and importance of standing by the ANGLO-SAXON, that its publishers may have no cause to be ashamed of Englishmen in this respect. I wish you the greatest success."

Bro. L. N. Pink, Sec. of Black Prince Lodge No. 157, Pembroke, Ont. writes: "We are getting along finely, and are about to start to have something entertaining during the evening's to interest our members, and try to bring in outsiders. We are to have an open meeting soon to which we intend inviting all Englishmen of the town and their wives." Go ahead Black Prince.

For further S. O. E. news see page 8.