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Next annual meeting is at Nanaimo, in September, 1894.

DISTRICT LODGE NO. 3.

J. A. Shearer, D. C. T. Langley  
 Rev. Mr. McCollough, D.Sec. Mission City  
 Next meeting at Sapperton, August, 1894.

DISTRICT LODGE NO. 2.

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DISTRICT LODGE NO. 1.

Earle, D. C. T.  
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 Next session in March, 1894.

OFFICERS OF INTERNATIONAL SUPREME LODGE.

DR. D. H. MANN, New York, Supreme Templar.  
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OFFICIAL.

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OFFICIAL.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—

The future is very hopeful; Nova Scotia has spoken out with a big majority in favor of prohibition. One by one the provinces are coming into

line for battle, and these victories should inspire us at the present time in putting men into power who will carry out our wishes. Let us not waste time or strength on side issues. Forward to the halls of the Legislature! We must do all we can to influence the temperance people in every riding of the Province to vote for men who are true temperance men. Throw away all previous party predilections. If the great body of the temperance electorate are true to themselves and the best interests of the home and the Province we shall see a great change when the new parliament is called together; many better men will be in the house to work to free our Province from the bondage and blight of the legalized liquor traffic.

Many years ago Lord Brougham said: "Trade is innocent; trade is honest; trade is humanising; trade is universally beneficial." The liquor traffic bears none of these marks of trade. It is not honest, for it never gives value for money. It is not humanising, but it is brutalising, and it is not universally beneficial, for the saloon keeper marches off with the profits and leaves the public to pay the loses. If the liquor sellers had to pay the national costs of the traffic, instead of the trade being so profitable that the people scramble to get into it, they would scramble to get out of it, for during the time the drink seller accumulated his little fortune and retired to his fine house, scores of his customers had to retire in poverty to be a burden on the taxpayer.

A great statesman just now passing from the scene of political activity has uttered many a truth: many a sentence that will be cherished for generations as gems of eloquence and high thought, but he has said nothing greater or truer than the words, "It is the function of a government to make it easy to do right and difficult to do wrong." The drink shops to so many, make it difficult to do right and so easy to do wrong that thousands that temperance organization had reclaimed, have been dragged back; scores of saloons to one school or church, not open once or twice a week, but sixteen or seventeen hours a day. It has been made easy to do wrong and difficult to do right. We want to bring forward and elect men to our Legislature to make laws so that it will be easier for them to do right and to remove the temptation to do wrong. Let us co-operate with all temperance voters to bring about this change.

I fear the Dominion Government will seek to ratify the French Treaty and thus retard prohibition. I urge

each and every Lodge to at once send a protest to the members for their respective districts, and to ask them to vote against the Treaty.

Mount Pleasant Lodge is reviving and I hope will become a power for good in that growing part of the Terminal City.

I am asked to state in the TEMPLAR if the obligation is the same now as some years ago when there were "Degrees" in the Subordinate Lodge. The obligation has not been changed; it was for life then as now. The Pledge of the Royal Templars is also for life.

Through sickness in my family I had to cancel all engagements to visit Lodges during the past two weeks. Interested Lodges will please excuse.

Yours for the Cause,  
 A. E. GREEN, G. C. T.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—

With the beginning of this month we enter upon the last half of our Grand Lodge year. Let us all resolve to do our utmost to advance the Temperance Cause in our Province before next Grand Lodge session. I would call the attention of our members to a circular which has been sent to all the Lodges re the introduction of light wines from France to Canada, and would earnestly request that each Lodge take action at once and send the circular to those members of Parliament at Ottawa representing their district.

I am glad to state that the reports presented at the meeting of the Executive, held in Nanaimo, March 20th, show that our Lodges are doing good work and that the Grand Lodge is in good standing financially, considering the hard times. I have just received the password from the R. W. G. Sec. As soon as I can get the passwords printed, I will forward them to the Lodges.

Yours for the Cause,  
 LEWIS HALL, G. S.

A Call has been issued signed by nearly 550 of the temperance leaders of the United States, England and Canada for an International Temperance Congress in honor of the 90th birthday of General Neal Dow, to be held at Prohibition Park, Staten Island, New York, U.S.A., June 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1894. Lodges are entitled to one delegate for every twenty members; District Lodges are entitled to five delegates each, and Grand Lodges are entitled to 10 each. Full information can be obtained on applying to Joseph A. Bogardus, Secretary, 167 Chambers Street, New York City, U. S. A.