

March 25th, 1899: Issued commission to Brother H. J. Raymer, P. G. M., of Rossland Lodge, No. 36, to act as Special Deputy Grand Master to institute Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, at Rossland. This Lodge was duly instituted on 12th April, 1899, with the following officers:

Sister Nana A. Martin, N. G.; Sister Edith Eatough, V. G.; Brother R. E. French, Recording and Financial Secretary; Sister A. S. Shirley, Treasurer.

Issued commission to Brother A. E. Lott, P. G., of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, to act as Special Deputy Grand Master to institute Key City Lodge, No. 42, at Cranbrook. This Lodge was duly instituted by him, assisted by Brothers Clements, Neelands, and others, on the 9th May, 1899, with the following officers.

R. E. Beattie, N. G.; F. E. Simpson, V. G.; F. Hazen, Recording Secretary; H. McMillan, Financial Secretary; J. Mitchell, Treasurer.

MERGEMENT OF LODGES.

July 28, 1898: Granted petition of Acme Lodge, No. 14, Victoria, to merge with Dominion Lodge, No. 4, of the same place.

The mergement was duly consummated under my supervision on the 14th day of August, when 58 members (total membership) of Acme Lodge, No. 14, were enrolled on the books of Dominion Lodge, No. 4. Their books, regalia, etc., together with \$783.75 (their total assets), were handed over to the said Dominion Lodge and accounted for on the books of the same. The charter and rituals of Acme Lodge were duly returned to the Grand Lodge.

March 28, 1899: Granted Petition of Royal City Lodge, No. 13, New Westminster, to merge with New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, of the same place. The mergement was duly carried out on the 14th of April, 1899, when the names of 65 members (total membership) were entered on the books of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3. The total assets of the Lodge, amounting to \$2,915.73, were handed over to New Westminster Lodge No. 3, all under the supervision of Brother R. May, D.D.G.M., who took charge of the Charter and Rituals of the defunct Lodge.

At the end of my predecessor's term of office, or at the beginning of mine, a mergement took place of Friendship Lodge, No. 30, into Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, at Nanaimo. No report of the proceedings has come to me as yet, and I am unable to give any details. Brother Neen, D.D.G.M., of District No. 3, has been instructed to report upon it and will probably do so in a supplementary. The permission to merge was granted by Brother Morton, P.G.M.