

W. Bro. A. E. Lees, Grand Superintendent of Works; W. Bro. Buie, Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Bro. H. A. B. MacGowan, Grand Marshal; W. Bro. J. S. Hamilton, Grand Sword-bearer; W. Bro. E. J. Peck, Grand Standard-bearer; W. Bro. S. J. J. Tunstall, Grand Organist; W. Bro. William Manson, Grand Pursuivant; W. Bro. Jas. Stone, W. Bro. A. Charleson, W. Bro. J. W. Horne, W. Bro. H. A. Berry, W. Bro. T. B. Pearson, W. Bro. P. Æ. Irving, Grand Stewards.

The *Victoria Colonist* thus refers to the meetings of Grand Lodge:—"The reason why we have not presented fuller particulars of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. meeting, just closed in this city, is simply because they were not obtainable. For some cause, the Grand Lodge of B. C. decided that they would not publish to the world the fact that certain individuals representing certain lodges were in attendance, that the membership had been added to or decreased, or that improvements in buildings, etc., had been consummated. There were many of our readers, many among the Grand Lodge membership, who would have been pleased to learn through the columns of *The Colonist* the general information that has usually been forthcoming during the Grand Lodge sessions. However, the G. L. decreed otherwise, and the press of this city was forced to submit. It may be remarked that their action is different from that of similar bodies in eastern Canada and in the States. Still, as they have the power to do as they please in the matter, they have acted quite within their rights."

The *British Columbian* of New Westminster, took this view of the matter, doubtless because it received more particulars than its contemporary in Victoria:—"For very good reasons the business of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., which has just terminated its annual session at Victoria, was not made public as in former years. This course was decided on after mature deliberation. To Most Worshipful Grand Master J. S. Clute *The Columbian* is

indebted for the information that the next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held at Vancouver, on the Thursday immediately preceding June 24th, the festival of St. John the Baptist. The District Deputy Grand Masters for the five districts are as follows: Victoria, R. W. Bro. Morris Moss; New Westminster, R. W. Bro. I. Oppenheimer; Yale and Kootenay, R. W. Bro. T. Dowpie; Cariboo, R. W. Bro. H. McDermott; Nanaimo, R. W. Bro. A. Haslam, M. P. P. The Grand Secretary's report made a most favorable showing, especially in the matter of membership. The increase during the year was fully twenty per cent., a really wonderful record. The Grand Treasurer's report showed that the twelve lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge has funds and property to the value of \$65,000."

Grand Chap. of Canada.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Grand Chapter of Canada held its annual convocation in Owen Sound, on the 19th July, the proceedings being opened with an address by Grand Z. R. B. Hungerford, of London. Among those present were:—Comps. L. H. Henderson, Henry Robertson, Donald Ross, Thos. Sargant. C. W. Postlethwaite, Ed. Mitchell, Hugh Murray, David McLellan, D. H. Martyn, M.D., Wm. Gibson, J. Ross Robertson, T. L. M. Tipton, A. Patterson, W. R. Howse, J. A. Wills, D. Taylor, Joseph Beck, R. Radcliffe, E. T. Malone, R. T. Walkem, etc.

"To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada—Greeting :

"COMPANIONS,—We are again permitted to meet together in annual convocation, and I extend to you each and all a most fraternal welcome. Let us, therefore, return heartfelt thanks to the Supreme Being who guides and rules the universe for the many blessings which we have received during