## BUSY TIMES AHEAD.

REPORTS THAT WILL BR
 spocial correspondence to the Axelo-SAxos Wnnipeg, Man., April 7th, 1883.
The condition of the average citizen of Winnipeg is now, and has been for some time past, that of Micauber, Dickens' celebrity, who was always
waiting for "something to tarn up." It has been suggested that this last work, and up turned something by his own efforts. Now, in Manitoba, that which is most frequently turned up at this season is the soil, and seeding op orations are usually announced au this year the papers are silent, and for the good reason that though the street of Winnipeg are weltering in mud of the most ordurous, as well as mos malodorous description, the prairie is the ground yet frozen. In the city we are waiting for spring, to escape from the clutches of old winter. There is a very time worn chestnut about winter lingering in the lap of spring, or, as
some say, it would have been better out, but any way the first named individual has been for many ages suppposed to be personitied in the masculine form, and in such case a lap would certainly
be an inconceivable appendage. But we are wandering : let this lap business lapse for the present.
In another month or so the san will e high and will take a course, not as is usually expressed, from east to west, ing us some eighteen hours of day light. Then will nature get to work in earnest and do as much in the fruc tification line in one day as she does in three in the effete regions in the older
half of the world. It would be hard to make new comers believe this, but they, like ourselves in the past, must learn by experience. But, to return from whence we start-ed-waiting. We waited for Lent, then we waited for that fishy season
and its ecclesiastical ceremonials and mild dissipations to be over so we might get the Easter holidays. When this time arrived the milliner shops put on the appearance of professiona green houses -decked in greens, lilacs,
violets and pinks. The dearest of quaint shovel-shaped hats, suggestive of the days of "Bony," attracted
crowds, men and women, the ladies thinking how nice this one or that would suit "my" style of profile or
complexion, while men, the selfish brutes, were thinking how cate that hat would make Sis look, and that one there would just suit my best!girl.
But while all this show is going on within the glass the gazers and admir ers without are pulling up their fur
collars and dragging down their seal skin caps further over their ears, putting off the purchase till later on. A A BUBY TIME BET IN. In point of fact everyone is waiting except the carpenters and the Sons of
England. The first named, as was stated in a previous issue, were pretty well omployed all winter, but now the saw and hammer are beginning to re sound in all directions. The architects state that so far, for the coming sea
son, there are $\$ 900,000$ worth of new building in sight, and that it is expect ed that the total expenditure for new
buildings within the year will be $\$ 2$, builings within the year will be $\$ 2$,
000,000 against $\$ 1,000,000$ for the year past. REhearsals and comatitee meetinas.
If persistent effort can ensure suc
cess, then should the offorts of the Sons of England in the direction o
giving a fair rendering of Shakesperi an drama on the 24th inst. be crowned with success. Weekly rehearsals fo months past, and fortnightly commit tee meetings have, been faithfully at teing spared by the members in thei endeavour to make the performanc worthy the occasion.
A monster pic-nic to Morden is on ommittee's ability to obtain a special train for the purpose, the C. P. R. aut thorities claiming that the expecte number of immigrant arrivals is so
great that it is a question if they can great that it is
spare coaches.
imformation wanted
Another matter which in Sons o waited for is to know what was don at the meeting of S. G. L. in March We have some idea of what has been
not" done, thanks to your columans
but it is natural tosuppose that a body
of men anxious and of men anxious and earnest in any
cause, should, in these days of quick
despatch in every line of business cause, should, in these days of quick
despateh in every line of business, think it strange that no official com munication of any kind has yet rean
ed the lodges here. BOWOOD MOVING FORWARD.
large and hnthusiastic mheting -bro. H. T, P
The regular meeting of Bowood Lodge, No. 44, was held in their hal
Wellington St., on Thursday the inst. Bro. H. T.Pritchard, president, in the chair. A large number of brethren were present, including Bro. Graham, of Black Prince Lodge, Pembroke, Ont. After the routine work of the lodge
had been dispensed with, committee reports read, etc., three propositions were read to the lodge, and Bro. Geo. Low, sr., reported sick. Bowood Lodge is making rapid progress. It is moving lodges in the district.

The secretary, Bro. Broadbent, under general business, read the circular from the office of the Anglo-Saxos, re special offer and picture. He supple-
mented it with a few remarks, in which he stated he would like very much the lodge should get the picture, but, as far
as he knew, all the members of $B o$ wood were already subscribers,
Bro. Hooper, of Derby Lodge, in media doller towards gims 15 copies, as the paper deserves th support of each and every Eng lishman. Bros. Pritchard, president; Andrews, vice-president and Bro. Davis, followed
in the same spirit. Bowood Lodge in the same spirit. Bowood Lodg
decided to take 15 copies for $\$ 10$. Bro. Graham, of Black Prince Lodge, was pleased to hear the members so
willing to take up the ANGLO-SAxo willing to take up the Anglo-saxon It was through its medium that Black Prince Lodge was formed. and he was
pleased to say that it was in the posi tion as Bowood Lodge-all its members were subscribers.
Bro. Prand lohard, as one of the dele gates to Grand Lodge from Bowood reported he was pleased to have had
the opportunity of visiting Grand Lodge. He met men whom it was a pleasure to meet, and men it was an honor to be associated with. He par-
ticularly drew upon Bro. ticularly dres upon Bro. Dr. King as
a man of great ability, and one that had sacrificed a great deal of time to promote the interest of his fellow-
countrymen in Canada. He was man he was proud of, and he knew
others were ako. Bros. Stroud and others were aho. Bros. Stroud an
Elliott, also, were men we should consider were making sacrifices to serve us
and we should all endeavor to uphold them in the efforts they were putting forward for our interest.
Bro. Pritchard's
haustive one, and he was warry ex the Grand Lodge had not adopted the Constitution as proposed by the com-
mittee appointed for that purpose. felt it would he adopted eventually. Bro. Pritchard was heartily thanke
by the lodge for his remarks and by the lodge for his remarks and
servations of the qualifications of the representative Englishmen present. Bros, Andrews, Eastoott, Hooper
Davis and Reynolds addressed the Davis
lodge.
The
The call of receipts and the closing of the lodge brought one of the mos
valued meetings of Englishmen of the capital to an end at 10.20 .
A GOOD MAN
The Winnipeg Tribune states that Sons of England Benevolent Society in that city are looking to the appoint-
ment of a lodge organizer for Manitoba and the Northwest. They have strongly recommended to the parent lodge the appointment of Mr. T. O Andrews, of this city, past president of
Westward Ho Lodge. a gentleman who is well known throughout Manitoba everything pertaining to the success o the Sons of England. Mr. Andrews is an adept at the lodge organizing business, and has lately succeeded in estab-
lishing a branch of the Order at Morden. Should the Grand Lodge endorse Mr. Andrews' appointment it is fully expected that before long a branch of
the Order will be established in every the Order will be established in eve
place of mportance in Manitoba. DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND. Toronto, April 12th--Duchess
Kent Lodge, No. 13 , held their meeting in Dominion Hall, cor. Queen and Dun-
dass streets, W, Miles in the chair dass streets, W. Niles in the chair
Thirteen candidates were initiated

making the membership 50. TTe lodge | making the membership 50. The lodge |
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| will hold its first $\begin{array}{l}\text { Pocial on Mond } \\ \text { April 17th, in their lodge room; tickets, }\end{array}$ | April 17th, in their lodge ooom; tickets,

15c The members intend atending
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