

# A GATHERING OF ENGLISHMEN.

## A DISTRICT GRAND LODGE FOR THE MAINLAND OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Resolutions, Expressive of the Desires of the Lodges—A Large Gathering Discuss Matters of Interest to the Society.

New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 14th, 1891.—Dull weather; dull times; but our lodges in the "far west" (and you might go farther and fare worse) are anything but dull. The elections are just over, and the two chief lodges of the mainland of B. C., Wilberforce and Rose of Columbia, may congratulate themselves on having secured a good staff of officers for 1895.

Following are the names of those elected for Rose of Columbia at their meeting of December 11th: J. Bayliss, P. P.; J. Chappell, Pres.; T. Thomson, V. P.; W. H. Boycott, Sec.; W. Blood, Treas.; Rev. H. H. Gowen, Chap.; Dr. R. E. Walker, Surgeon; T. A. Shackleton, S. A. Fletcher, H. Disney, E. Large, F. Broad and H. J. R. Thrift, Committee; Geo. Wolfenden, I. G.; S. H. Webb, O. G.; W. B. Townsend, S. A. Fletcher and S. Disney, Auditors; F. G. Hart, F. Jackson and A. Hardman, Trustees; J. Bayliss, G. L. Delegate; E. Bloomfield, nominated for D. D.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

On Monday, Nov. 26th, a joint meeting of delegates from three out of the five lodges of B. C. mainland was held in Vancouver to consider various matters of interest to the Society, in British Columbia, especially the question of a district lodge.

Bro. W. Bailey, G. D. D., occupied the chair, and after briefly opening the convention the committee on Credentials reported the following brethren duly authorized delegates:—

Wilberforce lodge—W. Bailey, Rev. Clinton, G. H. Robson, W. Collier, W. R. Lawson, J. T. Lawson, G. Hunt, Langham and Airey.

Rose of Columbia—S. A. Fletcher, P. P., Rev. H. H. Gowen, W. H. Boycott, P. P., J. Bayliss, W. P., H. Disney, W. S., F. Broad, T. A. Shackleton and W. B. Townsend, P. D. D.

Vancouver lodge—Sister Gill, S. Achurch and W. J. Tryhall.

The following officers were elected: President, Wm. Bailey (D. D.); V. President, W. R. Lawson (W. P. Wilberforce); W. P. Pres., W. B. Townsend (Past D. D.); Secretary, W. H. Boycott (W. P. Rose of Columbia); Treasurer, G. Hunt (Wilberforce); Chaplain, Rev. H. H. Gowen (Chap. Rose of Columbia); Guard, Jos. Bayliss (W. P. Rose of Columbia).

A question asked was: "How far do surgeons' duty extend? Do they include surgical operations?"

The feeling of the delegates was that a lodge surgeon should perform surgical operations without extra fee, but if it became necessary for him to employ another doctor to assist then the lodge to pay the second doctor. The convention wished for a clearer definition of the duties of lodge surgeon, and passed a resolution asking Grand Lodge for same.

Motions were carried (1) to ask authority to form a district lodge for the province, (2) to add a clause to the Constitution authorizing subordinate lodges (under certain restrictions) to remit whole or part of arrears to brothers in reduced circumstances, and (3) to alter the Constitution so as to allow of all business being done in the W. R. degrees, the first being an initiatory one only.

A committee consisting of the secretaries of the three lodges represented, viz.: Bros. Lister Gill (Vancouver), H. Disney (Rose of Columbia) and G. H. Robson (Wilberforce) were appointed to draw up uniform by-laws for the mainland.

### UNANIMOUS FOR DISTRICT LODGE.

The delegates were quite at one with regard to the question of a district lodge. There are so many little questions constantly arising out here which it takes too long to have settled by the Shaftesbury Hall people, that unless we get a district lodge very soon there will be a danger of losing some of our best members.

The feeling of the delegates also went in the direction of diverting a portion of the capitation tax towards the slight expenses required in connection with the district lodge.

The Convention met at 2 o'clock and adjourned at 6 p.m. to the call of the President, and the delegates repaired to Mr. Hamilton's, to a nice little dinner provided by the executive of Wil-

berforce, at which Bro. Broad distinguished himself as much by his business-like attention to the good things as he had previously done by his strong good sense at the Convention.

Wilberforce afterwards gave a concert in their hall, which most of the delegates attended and enjoyed fully.

Invitations had been sent to Alexandra and Pride of the Island lodges at Victoria, but for some reason those lodges failed to send delegates. Perhaps in some measure this was owing to the short notice given by Wilberforce, which was the convening lodge. Chelliwack and Rose of Vernon lodges were too remote to send delegates at such short notice, whilst Magna Charta lodge, at Nanaimo, is said to be very quiet just now.

At all events the next meeting will be called in New Westminster, probably early in 1895, and ample notice will be given to the eight lodges of the province, so as to secure the attendance of delegates from each one.

It is the confirmed opinion of the writer, after five years experience, of the inner working of the Order in British Columbia, that unless the Grand Lodge are wise enough to institute district lodges in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, there will be trouble before long in these districts.

A short time ago Bro. Critchley, Secretary of Alexandra lodge, No. 116, Victoria, writing in the Anglo-Saxon, stated his lodge was not in favour of a district lodge for British Columbia. That may be so, but it is a solemn fact that every lodge on the mainland is growing day by day, and every lodge on the mainland is in favour of a district lodge.

If the Island lodges wish to remain as they are, let them. But Wilberforce, Rose of Columbia and Vancouver lodges have spoken for a district lodge, and a district lodge they must have.

### JUVENILE S. O. E.

Lodge Plantaganet, No. 27, New Westminster, is growing steadily. In spite of numerous defections through removals there are between one and two dozen members still on the books. At the election of officers on December 11th Harold Fearenside was elected President; Albert Chappell, V. President; Fred Welch, Secretary; Walter Blakely, Chaplain, and Bros. Northgraves, Mills and Gwynnapp, Committee. Bro. G. Wolfenden was elected Senior V. President; Bro. Shackleton, Treasurer, and Bro. E. Large, Senior Secretary.

This last named brother deserves well of his lodge for the interest he has taken in the juveniles.

The new certificate emblem was much admired, and no doubt so would the new rituals have been had they arrived in time.

All the boys, big and little, are quite enthusiastic, and it is on the cards that a grand joint entertainment will be taken in hand by the three lodges very shortly.

### NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., NOTES.

Salmon fishing has been had this year. Next season will not be a good one either. Many fishermen are taking up ranches for the winter. The winter is likely to be very mild and open. Sir Charles H. Tupper was about to address meetings of fishermen and others on the 12th inst. but was recalled, owing to Sir John Thompson's sudden death. Many fishermen who had assembled to meet him were disappointed.

Anyone who has sufficient capital to keep him a year or two could in that time acquire a fairly reproductive fruit farm in British Columbia by purchasing a suitable piece of land and planting it with three or four year old trees. All trees grow with amazing rapidity here.

Brothers coming west will be wise to consult the secretary of the lodge near which the new corner intends to settle.

### BROOKVILLE, ONT.

The regular meeting of Suffolk lodge, No. 87, held on Monday evening, Dec. 10th, was largely attended, and a very interesting time was spent, it being the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year. The Ven. Archdeacon Jones was present and expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the rapid growth of the Society in Brookville and elsewhere. Three candidates were initiated and three other propositions presented and read. All the old officers were unanimously elected, Bro. W. White, P. P., was again the choice of the brethren to fill the president's chair. Great confidence is placed in him, he being always ready to work, and has rendered valuable assistance and marked ability in looking after the finances as auditor of this lodge. Bros. E. Clint and W. H.

Grace, with Bro. E. J. Wormington, are also valuable servants in auditing the several accounts of this society here. I do not think any lodge has a better lot of men to look after this most important part of the society's work. It is to be hoped the brethren will at some future date show in some way their just appreciation of their services. Including the ever careful officers, Bros. H. Dodd and C. Bacon, a few officers' jewels would be very much appreciated, no doubt.

As we had more propositions at this meeting of those anxious to join us it was decided to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, December 18th. This was also well attended, over thirty members being present. We initiated three, accepted one clearance card, and read another from Bro. J. H. Baxter, Lodge Cambria, No. 137, (Nanaimo), being the second from Gananoque to join here. We are making rapid progress. Englishmen now begin to find out the good of this society, and how well our finances are kept. We do not meet again for the transaction of business until the second Monday in January, 1895, the night of installation, and a very strong committee, under our able Bro. W. H. Edwards, is arranging to have a social and supper. Invitations are to be sent to several sister lodges, also our District Deputy and Bro. J. Edwards, P. S. V. P., Montreal, and a number of influential Englishmen.

## STANDARD BEARERS FOR 1895.

### WINNIPEG.

Lodge Westward Ho, No. 98, held its sixth annual election of officers Dec. 4th for the ensuing year. The names of the elect are as follows:—P. P., R. S. Cox; Pres., Corbett; V. P., W. H. Walpole; Sec., Joseph Harrison; Treas., Rainbow; Ohp, W. Freakes; Committee, Bros. Hilton, Hayward, T. M. Parker, Lamborne, W. J. Cuthbert, Jr., and Lamborne; I. G., Bro. Moulton; O. G., Bro. H. Henley; Surgeon, (deferred); Auditors, Bros. Wilan, Freakes and Cuthbert; Trustees, Bros. Rainbow and Freakes; S. G. L. delegate, Jos. Harrison.

On Monday, the 10th inst., Lodge Shakespeare, No. 104, followed, the below mentioned brethren being the lodge's choice:—Bro. Bowyer, P. P.; Bro. Pollard, Pres.; Bro. Gilson, V. P.; Bro. F. Clarke, Sec.; Bro. G. Davis, Treas.; Bro. Braxton, Chaplain; Bros. Gowsell, Williams, King, Gage, Trunkfield and Howells, Committee; I. G., (deferred); O. G., Bro. B. Bushell; Trustees, Bros. Braxton and Gowsell; Auditors, Bros. Cuthbert, Futrell and Woodman; S. G. L. delegate, Bro. A. Bush.

Neptune, No. 144, D. O. E., the W. R. D. and Juvenile lodges follow next week.

The new S. O. E. hall is getting to be one of the best patronized halls in the city, for there is scarce a night in the week but that it is the meeting place of some organized institution, and now the W. C. T. U. patronize it some afternoons.

### BROOKVILLE.

The following are the officers elected:—P. Pres., Thos. Guest; Pres., William White; V. Pres., J. Cuthbert; Chap., Ven. Arch. T. Bedford Jones, LL.D.; Dep., W. H. Edwards; Fin. Sec., A. C. Bacon; Treas., H. Dodd; Sur., Dr. R. N. Horton; Committee, G. W. Turner, A. Humble, Ernest G. Guest, Chas. Fisher, Frank White and Jesse Etherington; I. G., Chas. Steeper; O. G., Frederick Sleeman; Organist, Frederick Bellamy; Trustees (re-elected), D. Derbyshire, Chas. Steeper and F. G. Haywood; Auditors, E. Clint, W. C. Austin, W. H. Grace and E. J. Wormington; Hall committee, Wm. White, H. Dodd, J. Burniston and J. Cuthbert; Finance committee, E. Clint, J. Cuthbert and J. Meacham; Janitor, J. Burniston; Juvenile committee, Chas. Steeper, J. Cuthbert, E. G. Guest, A. Humble and John Fox.

### GUELPH.

Royal City lodge, No. 73, held their regular meeting Thursday night last. There was a large attendance and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—W. C. J. Hill, P. P.; E. Broadbent, V. P.; H. Bolton, Sec.; Jas. Hewer, Treas.; J. Wilson, Chap.; Dr. Orton, Sur.; T. Beardmore, C. C. Pilgrim, W. Cray, G. Kirby, Wm. Sturdy and J. F. Goodeve, Committee; M. Snelling, I. G.; F. D. Bristow, O. G.; A. B. Calvert and J. H. Doughty, Trustees; F. Smith, W. P. Howard and E. Broadbent, Auditors; H. Bolton and W. C. J. Hill, alternate representatives to Grand Lodge.

### MONTREAL.

At the last regular meeting of Excelsior lodge the following were elected for the ensuing year:—T. Hutchison, P. P.; John Best, Pres.; E. P. Perry, V. P.; Jas. Field, Sec.; D. C. Spriggs, Treas.; H. Banan, Chap.; W. Ashdown, J. R. Struther, A. Allebone, F. Glover, A. Nall and C. Price, Committee; T. Whitney, I. G.; W. Daish, O. G.; D. Aspinall, C. R. Crowley and W. Powell, Auditors; Dr. R. Wilson, Surgeon; C. Chappel, F. D. Jones and A. Butler, Trustees; E. T. Perry and T. Hutchison, alternate delegates to Grand Lodge.

Yorkshire lodge held their quarterly meeting on Dec. 7th, when a large attendance of members was present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—W. Thom, P. P. (re-elected); John Thornley, Pres. (re-elected); John J. Eddy, V. P.; B. T. Sellars, Secy. (re-elected); R. W. Whitting, Treas. (re-elected); T. R. Smith, Chap.; C. Dyke, A. Searle, Fred Bennett, John Bland, John Hack and John Strickland, Committee; W. Pascoe, I. G.; Harry Newton, O. G.; Dr. J. R. Spier, Surgeon; Wm. Pappes, C. A. Pease and Geo. Haynes, Auditors; Thos. Lee and W. H. Horrobin, Trustees; B. T. Sellars, delegate to Grand Lodge.

This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, having initiated twenty-two members during the past year, and being composed mostly of young men, have had very little sickness amongst them, each member vying with each other to encourage that unity that should exist amongst Englishmen, especially in this province.

### KINGSTON.

The most important business that came before the members of Lodge Leicester at their last meeting was the election of officers for the incoming year. Following are the names of those elected:—J. Swain, P. P.; George Bonny, Pres.; Chas. Selby, V. P.; W. H. Cruse, Sec.; Arthur Savage, Treas.; R. A. W. Cooke, Chap.; Dr. H. J. Saunders, Sur.; Wm. Watts, I. G.; Jonathan Taylor, O. G.; H. Hughes, J. F. Litton, Wm. Davis, John Beach, G. A. Stanburg and F. C. Swain, Committee; Bros. Leach, Swain and Scrutton, Auditors; Bros. Scrutton and Green, Trustees; Bros. Thos. Lambert and F. C. Swain, G. L. delegates.

Leicester lodge is in a flourishing condition, and the members are expecting to receive a large number of candidates for membership from the ranks of Kingston young Englishmen, who have not forgotten their motherland, although they have made their homes in Canada and are firmly loyal to the land of their adoption.

### PORT HOPE, ONT.

At the regular meeting of Durham lodge, No. 15, a large number was present, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—James Leach, P. P.; W. Jewell, Pres.; David Crawhurst, V. P.; J. H. Rosevear, Sec.; Alf. Skitch, Treas.; Thos. Spry, Chap.; Wm. Roskelly, Stephen, Jex, Robt. Sly, Richard Bridges, Harold Barrett and C. K. Philp, Committee; Alf. George, J. B. White and Alf. Fulford, Auditors; Henry White, T. D. Craig and Asa Choate, Trustees; Jas. Leach and Alf. George, delegates to Grand Lodge.

Immediately after the close of the R. R. degree at our next regular meeting there will be another meeting for the purpose of advancing two of the brethren to the W. R. D.

### OTTAWA.

Clarendon lodge, at their last meeting, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—G. Low, Sr., Pres.; W. R. Stroud, P. P.; J. E. Andrews, Treas.; N. B. Sheppard, Fin. Sec.; E. J. Reynolds, Rec. Sec.; Lieut. Colonel White, Chap.; J. Foss, J. Hawkins, R. Reynolds, G. W. King, F. W. Dawson and F. George, Committee; H. T. Pritchard, I. G.; H. Bott, O. G.; J. Foss and E. J. Reynolds, Trustees; C. J. Folkes and J. T. Hickmet, Auditors.

Bowdell lodge, No. 44, elected officers as follows:—S. Easton, Pres.; J. G. Andrews, P. P.; Frank Low, V. P.; J. Berry, Fin. Sec.; N. B. Sheppard, Rec. Sec.; Rev. A. W. MacKay, Chap.; S. J. Davies, Treas.; Dr. R. W. Powell, Surgeon; Robt. Pegg, I. G.; Geo. Pelton, O. G.; J. Low, J. Mulhall, E. Cox, A. Dackus, C. Thicke and Ed. Coldrey, Committee; Harry Bott, N. B. Sheppard and R. L. Broadbent, Auditors; Col. White and Rev. R. W. MacKay, Trustees; Geo. Low and H. Bott, delegates to Grand Lodge.

### ST. JOHN, N. B.

Lodge Marlborough, I am pleased to announce, is doing well in the City of St. John, starting on August 20th with a membership of 11, and with a membership now of 42 they have elected their officers for the ensuing year as follows:—J. B. Stubbs, Pres.; J. H. Walker, V. P.; Chas. Ledford, Secy.; W. T. Gard, Treas.; C. A. Shampier, Chap.; R. Rawlings, I. G.; L. Thorouggood, O. G.; Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Surgeon; Wm. Hillman, P. P.; R. P. Peake, W. H. Watson, C. W. Till, C. Calvert, A. J. Stephens and D. S. Stewart, Committee; W. H. Fairall, J. G. Clift and D. W. Pilkington, Trustees; J. H. Murray, W. W. J. Haydon and J. N. Rodgers, Auditors.

### LODGE LONDESBOROUGH.

The following officers for 1895 were elected on the regular quarterly night Dec. 7th, 1894:—Geo. E. Williams, P. P.; Geo. Small, Pres.; H. Finton, V. P.; Edmund Crawford, Chap.; B. Lawrason, R. Sec.; Alfred Wilken, Treas.; P. W. Thompson, Wm. Wallace, J. T. Lee, A. Watson, H. Mogridge and F. Gibbs, Committee; Fred Richards, I. G.; George Harvey, O. G.; Thos. Cole and Geo. Thompson, Trustees; A. Woodman, Geo. E. Williams and Geo. Snell, Auditors; Geo. Snell, delegate to Grand Lodge.

At our next meeting we expect our District Deputy to be present to install the officers. This lodge is prospering. We are increasing our membership beyond our expectations. We were organized in July, 1891, with 12 charter members, we have now 47, with one to join at our next meeting.

B. LAWRASON.

### TORONTO.

#### DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND.

Princess Alberta, No. 7, elected the following officers last meeting night:—Sister M. A. Eddowes, Pres.; Sister C. Johnson, V. P.; Sister F. E. Johnson, Chap.; Bro. Leonard Geo. Cross, Secy.; Sister J. Hine, Treas. (the last four of the above by acclamation); Bro. T. Johnson, P. P.; Sisters M. E. Gaskin, L. Sugden, R. A. Fidler, A. Smith, P. J. Eddowes and C. Rutter, Committee; Sister E. Sugden, I. G.; Brother Colard, O. G.; Sisters Hackett, L. Sugden and O. Ratters, Auditors; Sister Elizabeth Sugden and Bro. Hine, Trustees.

### NEW WESTMINSTER.

#### DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND.

Lodge Royal, No. 14, elected their officers at last meeting: Rev. H. H. Gowen, Pres.; Mrs. Fletcher, V. P.; Mrs. Sweet, Secy.; Mrs. Wilson, Treas.; Mrs. Wolfenden, P. P.

A concert and dance, with refreshments, was given by the Daughters on Dec. 4th, which was well patronized, in spite of the bad weather and the splendid concert organized the same evening in the opera house, in aid of the new women's hospital. All the sisters worked hard for the good results which awarded their efforts, and all deserve praise.

### A STORY OF A CHARGER.

It is related that after Sir S. Gillespie fell at the storming of Kalunga, his favorite black charger was, at the sale of his effects, competed by for several officers of his division, but was bought by the privates of the 8th dargoons, who contributed their prize money, to the amount of 500l. sterling, to retain this memorial of their late commander. The charger was always at the head of the regiment on a march, and at the station of Cawnpore it stood in its old station at the colour-stand, where the salute of passing squadrons was given on drill and on reviews. When the regiment was ordered home, the funds of the privates running low, the horse was bought for the same sum by a gentleman who provided a paddock for him, where he might end his days in comfort; but, when the corps had marched and the sound of the trumpet ceased, he refused to eat, and on being led out to exercise, he broke away, and galloping to his ancient station on the parade, after neighing aloud, dropped down and died.

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