

upon him, while thanking the toastmaster and Chairman for the selection.

Mr. J. Ferguson said that Rossland was a fine city and their lodge was all right. The subordinate lodges were after all the people. They did the work of the Order. If at first they did not succeed it was only right to try and try again. If they all carried out the work in that spirit there would not be only 29 lodges, but there would be half as many more.

Mr. A. J. Randolph continuing on behalf of the subordinate lodges, remarked that the present membership was 1,500, but he hoped for at least 300 more by this time next year, if all the other lodges did as well as some of their Rossland brothers were doing. He had personally to thank Rossland for the hospitality extended to him.

"The Press" being the next toast in order, it was responded to by the representatives of the "Miner" and of the "Record." Mr. A. W. Dyer said he was more accustomed to reporting speeches than to making them, but he thought that fraternal societies were doing a great work in promoting the federation of mankind, but that before that could be accomplished the federation of the Anglo-Saxon races must be consummated.

Mr. W. K. Esling following, said that the fraternal feeling was a great one, and it prompted the great doctrines of love and truth. He was a member of the Trail Lodge and he believed it to be the banner lodge. This country was a great one, and it mineral resources and wealth would soon put it in the van of progress.

The "City of Rossland" was the next toast. The Mayor said in reply that he had already spoken and he left the theme in the hands of J. S. Clute, jr., who was to follow him, but before sitting down he begged to congratulate the members of the Order upon the honor they had shown the city by their presence and the business acumen they displayed in being the first of the great organizations to recognize its growing importance.

Mr. J. S. Clute said that the city had passed through some very dark days, but now it had learned by experience and was on the high road to prosperity. He said that within a few months there would be over 2,000 men at work, and that one of the best signs of the real progress of the city was the great interest taken by it in fraternal societies.

Charles Nelson, A. J. Scott and R. Brooke responded on behalf of the ladies.

Mr. Charles Nelson said in a witty speech that he was ashamed of the Chairman in thrusting such a duty upon him, as he was known to be a confirmed bachelor. He made some quotation, but unhappily misquoted it, but cheerily ended by saying that Mr. Scott, who was a ladies' man, could doubtless put him right.

Mr. A. J. Scott admitted he was a ladies' man, for he was married. He said that the ladies made their influence felt the world over. A mining camp was rough till the gentler sex found their way in and civilized the inhabitants.

Mr. Brooke, before taking up his task, said he had never, and he had travelled widely over

the world, seen any town make such progress in so little a space of time as the City of Rossland. Enlarging on his proper theme, he said that the Anglo-Saxon races could only gain that pre-eminence in the world to which they were entitled by the respect they paid to the gentler influences which elevated them.

Mr. Goodeve then interposed and pronounced an eulogium on Mr. A. J. Creelman as a whole souled good fellow, whom it did one good to meet.

This brought the Chairman surprisedly to his feet, and in a witty, short and humorous speech he expressed himself very fitly as to the honor done him that evening.

And with the singing of the National Anthem the assemblage dispersed and a landmark in Rossland's history was left behind.

AT NELSON.

Nor was Rossland the only city to bid us welcome. Nelson, through its representatives, as likewise Trail, issued an invitation to visit them, providing us free transportation there and return.

We arrived at Nelson, which by the way is one of the prettiest cities it was our lot to visit, somewhere about 11:30 in the morning, but in spite of this busy time of day there was a large Reception Committee at the depot, which escorted us up town, pointing out all that might interest, and finally conducted their guests to the K. of P. Hall, built on the main street.

A few remarks anent the lodge quarters may not be amiss. The building is a three-storey one, the Castle Hall on the top flat; on the second floor is the banqueting hall. We would think, judging from all the surroundings, that the designer of these quarters must have had an eye to the future, for without exception they are the most commodious of any in British Columbia.

We had all been travelling since 8 a. m., so that the call to arms was responded to with alacrity. The doors of the hall were thrown open and from within were borne the strains of music mingled with the scent of savoury viands. The Mayor of Nelson and Chancellor Commander, Bro. Scott, of Nelson Lodge, occupied the presiding chairs, whilst our Grand Lodge officers flanked them on either side. A sumptuous luncheon was enjoyed; speeches were indulged in by the Mayor, the Chancellor Commander and many well-known knights; toasts were drunk and after a very enjoyable hour the visitors and their entertainers adjourned to inspect the city. One might literally say the freedom of the town was given us, free use of everything, the tram-car system not excepted. Every point of interest, every large industry was visited and inspected, and after a long day of pure enjoyment we bid our Nelson brothers farewell, heartily wishing that we could have taken up our residence there permanently. I for one look forward to the probability of some day locating in this prosperous city, feeling certain of the great and well-deserved good future that lies yet for it in the womb of coming days.