

WROXETER.

The new lodge organized in Wroxeter a few weeks since by D. D. G. M. Haywood, of Wingham, starts out with good prospects. Five charter members, one admitted by card; and nine initiated the first night. In two weeks they had run up to 22 members with more coming.

MILTON.

Monday morning last a fire was discovered in the upper part of the Kilbride Hotel, Milton, and before anything could be done the hotel was hopelessly gone, the residence of Mr Charles Rasberry and the Odd-Fellows' Hall were also consumed. The Odd-Fellows lost all their regalia, books, &c.—*News*.

LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.

INDEPENDENCE.

A distinguished Brother from the Lower Provinces thus writes: "I admire your periodical for its thoroughly British tone, as well as for the admirable summaries it gives of the progress and principles of our Order, and I hope you will soon see your way clear to go straight for a 'Sovereign G. L. for Canada.' I believe that such a step would be a benefit to the Order, on both sides of the line, and mark a new era in its progress on British territory. Give your correspondent *Canadensis* a brother's good wishes and thanks for his able communications. May he resume his pen again and keep 'pegging away' until the change is made".

ST. JOHNS.

The elective officers of Beacon Lodge, No. 12. installed by D. G. M. Murdoch are as follows: Jno. A. Fish, N.G.; F. W. Wisdom, V. G.; T. W. Peters, R. S.; E. W. Barlow, P. S.; R. Radford Barnes, Treas.

Peerless, No. 19.—H. A. Vradenburg, N.G.; Alex. Duff, V.G.; Joseph Court, R. S.; W. Roulston, P. S.; Jno. Wilson, Treas.

NEW GLASGOW.

The officers of Norton Lodge, No. 6, were installed on Monday evening, Jan. 3rd, by R. Hockin, G.M.: D. McDearmid, N.G.; S. G. Tupper, V. G.; R. G. Graham, R.S.; John K. Fraser, P. S.; Jas. Fraser Downe, Treas.

OHIO.

In this State the Grand Officers are elected by the votes of all the P.G.'s given at a stated period in their several lodges. The election just concluded is said to have resulted as follows: Nathan Jones G.M.; W. S. Cappeller, D.G.M.; Amos Moore, G.W.; W.C. Earl, G.S.; George D. Winchell, G.T.; W. B. Kennedy, G. Rep.

The General Relief Committee of Columbus report for the six months ending Dec. 31st, 1875, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance, July 3rd.....	\$ 94 83
Assessments.....	95 53
Loans and relief returned...	26 00
Weekly benefits returned..	319 00
Funeral expenses returned..	7 00
	\$543 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Loans and relief.....	\$ 29 00
Weekly benefits.....	319 00
Funeral expenses.....	9 00
Paid for nursing.....	85 00
Expenses.....	19 00
	\$459 00
	\$ 84 36

RHODE ISLAND.

The Providence *I. O. O. F. Record* reports the death of a brother who was probably one of the oldest Odd-Fellows living. Brother Benjamin Downing was born in Stamford, Conn., on the 10th day of March, 1784, and at an early age was left an orphan boy to roam and support himself. At the age of 14, by his request he was apprenticed to a Mr. Tilton of New York, to learn the trade of chairmaker, and during his apprenticeship fared roughly. Soon after the expiration of his services, he went to sea and landed in England; and while in that country joined the Odd-Fellows on the 10th day of January, 1808. He returned to America next year. Soon after reaching New York he made enquiries as to whether or not the Odd-Fellows' Society was known in the United States, and learned that the Shakespeare Lodge of New York, had been formed by a party of Englishmen, in the year 1806, having gone into operation on the 23d of December, of that year. He connected himself with the order, and was a useful member—more especially in Columbia Lodge, No. 1, which was organized in 1822.