



VICTORIA EXTENDS A HEARTY WELCOME

Formal Reception on Behalf of City at Theatre--- Citizens and Visitors Join in Ball at Empress Hotel

chief function is that of hospitality. The camps therefore have more the characteristics of a club, and in that feature lies its strength. A visiting member from one camp to another is received with open hand and is assured of help whenever required. While the annual gathering is made the occasion of a grand reunion of members and their friends there is considerable business to transact. This work is being done by the delegates at sittings held each day. The first of these was held this morning. Among the first to join the order was a Victorian, Capt. John Irving, a popular member at the present gathering. For various reasons the attendance at the present grand camp is not equal to what was expected. At the last moment it was found impossible for many who had intended to be here to come. The presidential election clashed somewhat with it also, and was the cause of several being detained who would have been in attendance.



THOMAS BRUCE, of Dawson, Grand Arctic Chief.

Dawson, in further acknowledgment on behalf of the order, said: "Mr. Mayor and citizens of Victoria, on behalf of the grand camp I desire to tender to you our sincere thanks for the hearty reception we have been accorded. In point of numbers, we are not as large this afternoon as we had expected. South of the line we were in the throes of an election just night, and many of our members who were engaged in the proceedings, were not able to get away in time. We expect a large number to-morrow. "We appreciate the welcome we have

GRAND CAMP IS IN SESSION IN CITY

Representatives of the Premier Organization of the Northern Gold Fields Are Gathered Together for Annual Meeting

did not think the occasion too solemn for a story in proof of the fact that members of the Brotherhood recognized that men had at times to effect some improvement in their ways. The Bishop of Alaska was one night lying at a roadhouse on one of his tours of his scattered diocese, the story runs. During the night a "musher" had occasion to go out to feed his dogs, and in the strenuous endeavors which were necessary to separate his own from his other dogs which had crept in, he used some obligatory adjectives which he afterwards thought might not have been pleasing to the Bishop. On his return to the house, therefore, he made an apology to his lordship, and explained that miners were not such bad fellows as his words might have led one to believe; that they might fall down once in a while. "That is all right," said the Bishop, who knew men. "The main thing is that we shall get up again, and be strong for the brotherhood." "Hear, hear," said Bishop Perrin. Principles of Helpfulness. Adapting his story, Mr. Claypool went on to say that the Arctic Brotherhood tried to help each other to get up again. The lack of inspiration kept many men down once they had fallen, and the Brotherhood endeavored to supply a stimulus and inspiration in such cases. The presence of Bishop Perrin on the platform reminded Mr. Claypool of an anecdote of a minister who was polishing up his Sunday sermon. To a question from his young hopeful as to whether God told him what to write he answered "Yes." As the father continued the polishing process the youngster very pertinently asked why, if the former statement was correct, there was so much rubbing out? The members of the Arctic Brotherhood acknowledged that, like other men, they had to rub some things out, but they were on the whole trying to polish their lives up and helping each other to be strong men, not only in the north, but wherever they lived. (Hear, hear) Some Englishman once remarked that the greatest obstacle to a perfect understanding between nations was that the best men of one nation took the worst men of another as a type of the whole. Some Canadians who did not like Americans picked out some mean Yankee and tamed of all Americans as if they were like him. Some Americans who did not like Canadians or Britishers returned the compliment with interest, and in that vigorous language so characteristic of them. One of the principles of the Arctic Brotherhood was to bring both nations together. (Cheers.) By stimulation of common effort they hoped to do a little towards effecting a better understanding between all men as brothers. Brotherhood All Round. The members of the Brotherhood lived mainly in a country which was developing in peculiar and unique circumstances, amid which they tried to show forth the worth of honesty and honor and uprightiness. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness had been the aim of all men for generations, and the Brotherhood was striving to add to this end. Amid the dangers and difficulties of life in the far north divine sparks of manhood were struck out which illumined the world. Continuing, Mr. Claypool said: "Each man should love his own country the best or not call it his own, but we should be large enough and broad enough to recognize each other's country as doing its best to realize the best ideals of humanity. (Applause.) As Anglo-Saxons we have cause to be true and manly brothers, here and in the future, to work hand in hand faithfully together for the subjugation of the earth in order that we may uplift it to higher planes. "One of your citizens, Captain Irving, gave the lumber for the building of the first camp of the Brotherhood, and did his part in the humble beginning of what is now becoming a great order. (Applause.) Each camp has its own hall and meeting place, and everywhere the order stands for clean and healthy sport, for improving social intercourse and for a closer union between decent, honest and upright men who are work-

ing for the civilization of the north country. (Cheers.) We are proud of our highest and we are proud of our lowest. No man, no matter how high, has entered our camps and been made worse; no man, no matter how low, has taken the hand of fellowship with us without being made better." (Cheers.) Before the gathering broke up the mayor reminded citizens of the ball in the evening, and announced the programme for to-day. After supper dancing recommenced with renewed vigor, and was kept up until an early hour this morning. Some very handsome and striking gowns were worn both by Victorian ladies and by the visitors. Mrs. Gordon Hunter was a very striking figure in a gold sequin gown over white satin; Mrs. (Mayor) Hall looked very sweet and pretty in a champagne voile, made in director's style, with lace yoke and sleeves and touches of pale blue and black. Mrs. Harry Helmken wore a very beautiful lace overdress over pink silk, with

BALL AT EMPRESS IS GRAND SUCCESS

What to many will remain the happiest feature of the gathering of the Arctic Brotherhood in this city was the ball at the Empress hotel last



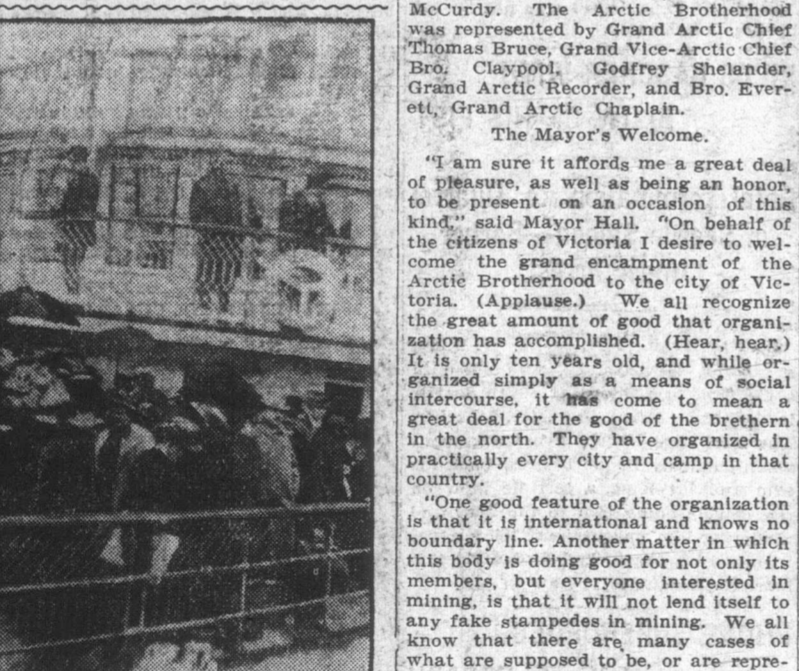
CAPT. JOHN IRVING, One of the First Members of the Arctic Brotherhood.

night, Victorians attended in good numbers in order to have an opportunity of meeting the visitors from various other points, and everything passed off in the happiest manner. The affair will long be remembered by citizens, and the Arctic Brotherhood, as a brilliant social function, in which the north and south participated. The reception committee, consisting of Mrs. Gordon Hunter, Mrs. Cran, Mrs. N. F. Shaw, Mrs. Lugin, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. A. Robertson, Mrs. George Simpson and others, succeeded by their tact and graciousness in making everybody feel at home, and forming into congenial groups those who until last night had been strangers to each other. When the dancing commenced, shortly after 9 o'clock, most of the programmes had been filled, and about seventy couples glided over the carefully prepared floor of the Empress rotunda to the inspiring strains of a waltz. The spacious rotunda with its softly shaded light and comfortable green couches made an ideal ballroom. There was no crowding of the dancers, and consequently no fear of collisions, and the company enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The orchestra, under the able direction of Mr. Rumsby, furnished bright, catchy music for waltzes and two-steps alternating, and from start to finish there were very few dances "sat out," the temptation offered by the floor and the music proving irresistible. The beautiful palm room, screened with American flags in compliment to the guests, was as one would naturally



E. A. VON HASSLOCHER, Secretary of Arctic Club, Seattle, and member of Entertainment Committee for Grand Camp.

expect, a favorite resort; its cosy sitting out corners, its refreshing coolness and quiet, and its comfortable seats, combined with a buffet from which were served claret cup and lemonade, made up a most delightful ensemble. At 11.30 the doors of the dining room were thrown open, and the guests formed themselves in congenial parties around the different tables, where an elaborate menu was served by attentive waiters. After supper dancing recommenced with renewed vigor, and was kept up until an early hour this morning. Some very handsome and striking gowns were worn both by Victorian ladies and by the visitors. Mrs. Gordon Hunter was a very striking figure in a gold sequin gown over white satin; Mrs. (Mayor) Hall looked very sweet and pretty in a champagne voile, made in director's style, with lace yoke and sleeves and touches of pale blue and black. Mrs. Harry Helmken wore a very beautiful lace overdress over pink silk, with



ARCTIC BROTHERHOOD VISITORS LANDING AT C. P. R. WHARF.

would grow. From that small beginning the present body has developed. Practically every city and camp in Alaska and the Yukon has its branch, and the membership is numbered by the thousands. There are at present twenty-four subordinate camps in which the best blood of the north is represented. The development of the north, owing to its peculiar features, including long distances and inadequate transportation facilities, called for men of resource and of strong wills. It is from the ranks of these that the Brotherhood draws its members. The order is a secret one, but its



MAYOR HALL, Who Extended Civic Welcome to City.

"I am sure it affords me a great deal of pleasure, as well as being an honor, to be present on an occasion of this kind," said Mayor Hall. "On behalf of the citizens of Victoria I desire to welcome the grand encampment of the Arctic Brotherhood to the city of Victoria. (Applause.) We all recognize the great amount of good that organization has accomplished. (Hear, hear.) It is only ten years old, and while organized simply as a means of social intercourse, it has come to mean a great deal for the good of the brethren in the north. They have organized in practically every city and camp in that country. "One good feature of the organization is that it is international and knows no boundary line. Another matter in which this body is doing good for not only its members, but everyone interested in mining, is that it will not lend itself to any fake stampedes in mining. We all know that there are many cases of what are supposed to be, or are represented to the public as being, good propositions, but which turn out to be bogus. This organization does all it possibly can to prevent anything of that kind. (Applause.) "The Arctic Brotherhood also helps the brethren who happen to be in distress. During one hard winter in the north, especially in Nome, while many poor men lost their lives, not one Arctic brother came to grief in any way. (Applause.) Whenever it was learned that any one of the members was in distress or danger every effort was made and every muscle strained to bring them in safely to camp again. Several lives were undoubtedly saved in that way. "We have come into contact with the order very little here as yet, but by the time this grand encampment is over we will know them better, and as we know each other better we will learn to respect each other all the more. We are especially glad to welcome our guests because of the international nature of the order. They come from the Yukon and from Alaska. When you meet one you do not know which side of the line he comes from. They do not talk about boundary lines; they know no lines, and we are glad it is so. (Cheers.) We hope their sessions here will be harmonious and beneficial to themselves and to those who meet them. "No body such as the Arctic Brotherhood, or any other organized from similar motives, can meet in any city without good accruing from their presence. (Applause.) I extend to the members of the Brotherhood and to the ladies accompanying them, a very cordial and hearty welcome to the city of Victoria. Our citizens hope and trust that after meeting here they will be glad to come back again (hear, hear), and we trust their stay will be both pleasant and profitable. "The welcome voiced by his worship was acknowledged with hearty applause from the brothers present. Arctic Chief's Response. Grand Arctic Chief Thomas Bruce,

FORMAL RECEPTION TO ARCTIC VISITORS

The city yesterday afternoon formally welcomed the Arctic Brotherhood to Victoria at a reception in the Victoria theatre, where a large number of the visitors and a representative gathering



MORDE H. CRAIG, Delegate from Dawson to Grand Camp and member of Entertainment Committee.

of citizens attended. Owing to the fact that the visitors were all expected on the Princess Victoria and that a very large number of them did not arrive till later on the steamer Whatcom, the full strength of the delegation was not present. There was, however, a large and enthusiastic gathering present in the body of the theatre, while on the platform were the reception committee representing Victoria, and several officers of the Arctic Brotherhood. Mayor Hall introduced Bishop Perrin to the visitors. The Bishop then opened the meeting with prayer, announcing that it was a custom so to do among the brotherhood. Following prayer, the mayor made an address of welcome, and was replied to by Grand Chief Thomas Bruce and Grand Past Vice-Arctic Chief of the subsidiary camps Claypool. The reception committee consisted of Mayor Hall, Herbert Kent, John Nelson, C. H. Lugin, Bishop Perrin, Max Lisher, who is a member of the brotherhood, Capt. Irwin, also a member, Knox Courteney, and A. W. McCurdy. The Arctic Brotherhood was represented by Grand Arctic Chief Thomas Bruce, Grand Vice-Arctic Chief Bro. Claypool, Godfrey Shelander, Grand Arctic Recorder, and Bro. Everett, Grand Arctic Chaplain. The Mayor's Welcome. "I am sure it affords me a great deal of pleasure, as well as being an honor, to be present on an occasion of this kind," said Mayor Hall. "On behalf of the citizens of Victoria I desire to welcome the grand encampment of the Arctic Brotherhood to the city of Victoria. (Applause.) We all recognize the great amount of good that organization has accomplished. (Hear, hear.) It is only ten years old, and while organized simply as a means of social intercourse, it has come to mean a great deal for the good of the brethren in the north. They have organized in practically every city and camp in that country. "One good feature of the organization is that it is international and knows no boundary line. Another matter in which this body is doing good for not only its members, but everyone interested in mining, is that it will not lend itself to any fake stampedes in mining. We all know that there are many cases of what are supposed to be, or are represented to the public as being, good propositions, but which turn out to be bogus. This organization does all it possibly can to prevent anything of that kind. (Applause.) "The Arctic Brotherhood also helps the brethren who happen to be in distress. During one hard winter in the north, especially in Nome, while many poor men lost their lives, not one Arctic brother came to grief in any way. (Applause.) Whenever it was learned that any one of the members was in distress or danger every effort was made and every muscle strained to bring them in safely to camp again. Several lives were undoubtedly saved in that way. "We have come into contact with the order very little here as yet, but by the time this grand encampment is over we will know them better, and as we know each other better we will learn to respect each other all the more. We are especially glad to welcome our guests because of the international nature of the order. They come from the Yukon and from Alaska. When you meet one you do not know which side of the line he comes from. They do not talk about boundary lines; they know no lines, and we are glad it is so. (Cheers.) We hope their sessions here will be harmonious and beneficial to themselves and to those who meet them. "No body such as the Arctic Brotherhood, or any other organized from similar motives, can meet in any city without good accruing from their presence. (Applause.) I extend to the members of the Brotherhood and to the ladies accompanying them, a very cordial and hearty welcome to the city of Victoria. Our citizens hope and trust that after meeting here they will be glad to come back again (hear, hear), and we trust their stay will be both pleasant and profitable. "The welcome voiced by his worship was acknowledged with hearty applause from the brothers present. Arctic Chief's Response. Grand Arctic Chief Thomas Bruce,

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