

**THE S. O. E. IN QUEBEC.**

**THE ORDER RAPIDLY SPREADING OVER THE PROVINCE.**

**Original Workers Discouraged but Full of Hope.—The Consumption of Individual Efforts—Success at Last.**

The first Grand Lodge of the Sons of England held in the Province of Quebec opens this week in Montreal, and the results are sure to be beneficial to the Eastern lodges of the Order, as it will doubtless tend to bring the brethren scattered over the older parts of the Dominion into closer interest one with the other. In connection with the meeting of Grand Lodge the following facts may be of interest:—

**DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED.**

When Derby lodge No. 30, was originated in Ottawa, in 1884, one of the charter members of the new lodge was Bro. Ed. Ackroyd, who filled the position of treasurer. Through his business connections and family relationships he was intimately acquainted with the discouragements that Englishmen had to contend with in the city of Montreal, and he had observed the strong tendency among our countrymen to drift away to the west from that city rather than oppose the unfriendly and sometimes hostile attitude of those of other nationalities as exhibited in the every-day life of Montreal. He therefore determined to start a lodge of the Sons of England in the city, feeling sure that a foothold gained in this way, other lodges would soon spring up. On his first visit to Montreal for that purpose he was assured by his fellow countrymen that it was of no purpose. Englishmen were not clannish, and would not cling to each other, so discouragement met him at every point.

**SUCCESS AT LAST.**

Meanwhile the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. W. Carter, had been endeavoring to induce the English Workingmen's Society, to become a branch of the Order, but this also failed, and a second trip by Bro. Ackroyd also failed of any apparent results. But in 1885, while waiting for a few hours in Montreal on a return trip from Boston, he came across Mr. Charles Punchard, a former resident of Ottawa, and the question of starting a lodge in the city was introduced, the result being that this gentleman promised to use his utmost efforts to that end if the necessary documents were sent him. This the Grand Secretary complied with, with the results that a lodge was formed by Bros. Wright, Boswell and others, together with Bro. Millington, one of the earliest officers of the order in Toronto. Montreal was then suffering from the scourge of small-pox, being in a state of semi-quarantine, but despite this danger the Grand Officer thought it too good a chance to be missed, and on the evening of Nov. 2nd, 1885, Excelsior lodge No. 36, was opened by Grand President Higginbotham, assisted by Grand Secretary Carter, it having a good list of charter members, among them being Bro. Boswell, who has never failed to advocate the interests of the Order in every quarter.

**A RAPID INCREASE.**

New lodges originated soon after in other portions of the city. Our readers will here note how close and rapid in succession the first three lodges were formed, justifying the anticipation of Bro. Ackroyd, the first is No. 36, the second is No. 39, the third is 41. A band of Englishmen was formed in the metropolis, has united to forward the interests of their fellow-countrymen in no small degree. Among them may be found some of the most active workers in the Order, with the exception of lodges in Quebec city and Hull, these brethren have organized every lodge in the province. The other lodges in the province of Quebec are Yorkshire, 39; Victoria Jubilee, 41; Primrose, 49; Denbigh, 66; Britannic, 113; and Grosvenor, 120, in Montreal; Gloucester, 103, of Sherbrooke; Albert, 114, of Capleton; Clarence, 136, of Lennoxville; Royal Rose, 147, of Lachine; Lincoln, 152, of St. Lambert; Prince George of Quebec and Tennyson, of Hull.

**A Good Move.**

Lodge Chatham, No. 142, of Toronto, at the regular meeting on February 22nd, elected the following officers, a duty which had been laid over from the previous meeting: Bro. G. E. Gibbard, Treasurer; Bro. C. Holmes, 4th committeeman, who were duly installed in their respective offices, D. D. Bro. Wootton acting as installing officer. An entertainment committee, composed of Bro. A. R. Purland, J. S. Simmons and C. W. Holmes was appointed to provide an entertainment at each evening of meeting, thereby

calculating to draw out the membership and making the lodgeroom more congenial to the brethren. In this way, not only do we believe that a larger attendance of our own members will be accomplished, but that the usual goodly number of visitors will be increased and interest in our lodge grow. A number of visiting brethren were present and the attendance of members was above that of any other for some time past. The prospects are encouraging, and in the near future it is expected our lodge will be one of wonderful prosperity and activity.

English farmers who contemplate immigrating to America need to have their eyes wide open and every true Son of England should do all in his power to aid his fellow-countrymen in selecting their homes on this side of the water. A case has just come to light where this is greatly needed. A telegram from Cheyenne, Wyoming, calls attention to the fact that Lionel Sartoris announces that he will colonize with English farmers a tract of land in Wyoming of about 8,000 acres. An agent from England has been to look at the land and returns to say that English farmers will succeed on the land, but the facts are that Sartoris bought the land for ranching purposes, secured water rights and built an irrigation plant and then found it would not pay to run it as a ranch. Now he wants to sell it to a lot of farmers who can "make money out of it." Does the thing look feasible? Land that needs a costly irrigation plant and then will not pay as a ranch is not likely to prove a bonanza to English immigrant farmers. Before any man locates on such properties he should well consider the whole question.

On Wednesday last a bill was discussed in the English House of Commons which if passed would have been very disastrous to Canadian interests. It proposed the entire exclusion of all live cattle from the Dominion at any future time. The bill was introduced by the Conservative member from Antrim, and it caused a heated discussion. But what at first looked like a very black cloud broke away and showed a clear blue sky. The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Gardner, in opposing the bill, referred to Canada as the most loyal of the British colonies and hinted that the day was not far distant when he would recommend the entire removal of the embargo on all Canadian cattle.

**THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST.**

**Settlers from New England Propose to Make their Homes in Canada.**

Montreal, March 9.—There is going to be a very heavy influx of Swedes into the Canadian North-west this spring and summer from the manufacturing towns of the New England states.

They have no more sympathy for a republican form of government than for our own, and in fact their pastors, who are all native born Swedes, are most sympathetic towards this new northern movement. Their delegates who visited Prince Albert, Edmonton and other parts of the great Saskatchewan valley last year came back delighted, and so effective has their preaching of the Canadian gospel been that the hunger for land in our prairie country has taken hold of old and young alike. The delegates paid cash for their homesteads, and they have also taken up four townships of free Government land destined for their New England friends. They, in fact, want more land than is yet surveyed in that splendid district. The largest Swedish settlement is intended to be at Wetaskimir, which is located south of Edmonton, and some 25 families have already gone into that portion of the North-west. These Swedes, about to leave for Canada, have saved from \$500 to \$800 each, and they will be found to be amongst the most desirable class of settlers who have yet made their way into the Dominion. They have mostly all picked up the English tongue during their sojourn of from one to 10 years in New England, and consequently will feel quite at home when they come into contact with the English-speaking settlers of north-western Canada.

Mr. Jay Andrews, one of the youngest and most successful and wide-awake of Emerson farmers lately brought in two hogs weighing over 1,000 lbs., for which he received in the neighborhood of \$55. These hogs were 18 months old. Mr. Andrews says hog-raising pays at even a much lower price than he got for these. It is noticeable that those farmers who say that hog-raising does not pay seldom raise any, in fact often have to buy for their own use.

**Correspondence.**

While we give full publicity to the views of our correspondents, we wish it to be distinctly understood, we do not hold ourselves responsible for them.

**Treasonable Doctrines of Annexationists.**

The Editor ANGLO-SAXON: DEAR SIR,—Having read the report of the meeting of St. George's Society in Toronto on the evening of the 3rd inst., there are several points in connection with the proceedings that I cannot help but take note of, especially in view of the fact that efforts have been made in some quarters to bring to a union the St. George's and S. O. E. orders.

I had always been under the impression, Mr. Editor, that the St. George's Society was composed of none but loyal Englishmen, but after the assertion of one of their chief members that "loyalty was not essential to the membership of the Order" I find it different. It is perhaps well for us that just at this time Mr. J. C. Hopkins should make his motion censuring Prof. Goldwin Smith and striking him off the roll of the Society, which will appear to every true Englishman exactly the motion which should have carried under the circumstances. Surely this will settle the matter of amalgamation, if it is not already settled, for, unless I am very much mistaken, the Sons of England want no such men in their ranks as Goldwin Smith or any of his associates in treason. I know of many, and believe that every true-hearted Englishman will bear me out in saying that in this land of ours British fair play is either misunderstood or carried altogether too far. Is it British fair play to allow a man who has no respect for his country or himself, because he has powers given him in a certain direction, to become greater than some of his fellows? Is it British fair play, I say, to allow such a man to go on misrepresenting and trying in every way to sell his country, and smooth it over, and forsooth, make the excuse of "giving him a chance to be heard?" I say we have heard too much of this treason already, and, as a true Englishman (which I claim to be), I cannot let this go farther without at least raising a protest against the informal and treasonable doctrines of the so-called annexationists. Traitors they are in every sense of the word, and I hereby call on all Sons of England, no matter to what Society they belong, to make themselves heard with no uncertain sound in this matter.

Men a thousand times better than Goldwin Smith have before now paid the penalty of their treason with their heads, and richly deserved it likewise.

The time is coming when Englishmen will be called upon to say on what side they are. Let us all remember our glorious birthright and lawful Sovereign and be ready when the "sound to arms" comes to show the world that true Englishmen are not all dead outside of the motherland, neither are they all given over to treason.

**A SON OF ENGLAND.**

Peterboro, March 4, 1893.

**NANAIMO, B. C.**

**Sons of England in the Black Diamond City**

In a very interesting letter received last week from Bro. Harvey Johnson, Secretary of Magna Charta Lodge, No. 127, he states. With the New Year our lodge officers are resolved, in face of many obstacles to hold their own away to the front, with love of motherland and the good old Union Jack at their head, helped on by our D. D. Capt. Robertson, of Victoria. The following are the officers:—Rev. G. H. Tovey, past president; John Scates, president; Frank Charlton, vice-president; S. Harvey Johnson, secretary; Herbert Charmon, treasurer; Rev. E. G. Miller, chaplain; W. W. Walkem, surgeon; Frank Robinson, 1st guide; W. E. Norris, and E. C. Brooks, auditors; F. C. Garrard, guard.

**Belleville Boys of England.**

Despite the unfavorable weather we had quite a successful gathering on the evening of Feb. 17th, at the juveniles open concert. The program was a good one, and much enjoyed by the audience. Those taking part in songs and selections were Bros. Record, Dobbs, J. Moram, Hurbur, Mr. W. H. Munroe, Mr. Foreman and Miss Tammadge. Bro. Watt was unable through illness to give the promised recitation. Bro. Tammadge, W. P. of Juvenile Lodge ably presided.

It is intended that these entertainments will be held monthly and we expect to add quite a number to our juvenile ranks before the spring opens.

A good deal of interest is aroused here over a proposed Daughters of England Lodge. I am in sympathy with the movement and hope to see it succeed.

Bro. G. Frost says he would not like to do without the ANGLO-SAXON. It is a paper that every Protestant as well as every member of the S.O.E. ought to subscribe for, and no thoroughly true Englishman should be without it.—Bro. Thos. Waymark, Oxford Lodge, No. 17.

**The Family Medicine.**

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DEAR SIR,—For a number of years I have used and sold your "Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills." I consider them the very best for "Family Use," and all my customers speak highly of them. Yours truly, R. LAWSON.

Grosvenor Lodge, No. 120 Montreal.

This popular young lodge gave one of its enjoyable socials in their lodge room. Upper St. Urban street. Bro. Evans was in the chair, there being about one-hundred members and friends present. Refreshments were served after the concert, Mr. J. T. Edwards presiding at the piano, and a few members of his orchestra also added to the enjoyment by their rendering of several selections during the evening. The gathering broke up at an hour early in the morning, well pleased with the way in which they had spent the evening. The following took part in the programme: Bros. Edwards, Lowe, Clark, Bradshaw and Wynd, Messrs. Giles, Lucas, Rushton, Lloyd, and the Misses Barry and Galew.

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Bro. Bonny secretary of Hamilton lodge No. 123, writes that on the evening of March 8th, there were three initiations in the lodge, being G. T. Tuckett of Myrtle Navy fame, John Histed and Wm. Irvine. Also three propositions. The lodge is flourishing and has a very bright prospect.

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