

OUR WESTERN NEWS

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROGRESS OF S. O. E. ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Notwithstanding the dull times on the Pacific Coast it is satisfactory to note that the pioneer lodge of British Columbia still keeps on steadily progressing. The lodge has been very fortunate this year in having very few cases of sickness, indeed in the quarter ending June the 19th it was absolutely free in this respect. The initiations are coming to the front again, two taking place last meeting night, with several propositions in. A competition is going on for the securing of the silver medal to the member obtaining the most candidates for membership during the year. Much speculation is taking place as to who the winner will be. Visiting brethren keep dropping in to see us from time to time and it is a common thing to see a brother from Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal. Last meeting night, Bro. Clark, of Wellesley Lodge, Montreal, paid us a visit, and we were all pleased to listen to his pleasant little speech.

TO HAVE A CONFERENCE.

The brethren of Wilberforce are trying to have a re-union of all the B.C. lodges, to be held in Vancouver during the fall, and the different B.C. lodge secretaries have been written to on the subject. There is much to recommend in this conference. Although the order has been established in this province some few years, we have most of us never seen each other, nor have we ever been able to tell our exact strength. We have little doubt but that such a meeting will do much good, and if these lines should reach the eyes of some of our veterans in the cause, or some of the potent seigniums belonging to those influential Toronto lodges, just send us your ideas so that we may get down to real and lasting business. We would be glad to receive your opinion through the ANGLO-SAXON; it is read greedily by our members out here, and almost every meeting night some member has something to say, or something to read from its columns referring to the Order in the east.

WILL SEND DELEGATES.

It is our intention to be at the Grand Lodge in person next year, where we ought to have been before, only it is a pretty expensive job for struggling lodges to have to stand the great expense of a long journey. Grand Lodge would lose nothing by lending a helping hand in such cases as ours, besides making some provision in the matter of District Deputies' expenses. It looks on the face of it, too much to expect these worthy D.D.'s to pay for trip to outlandish places out of their own pockets or mult new lodges with the charges.

THE ORDER WELL ROOTED.

The order, all the same, has taken root in B.C. This is partly due to the members who have come from eastern lodges. At the same time there are quite a few who don't use their clearances. This is a mistake, as it causes no end of trouble, while it looks strange to see a brother enthusiastic over the Order, all the time delaying coming into the local lodge. We have several members of the S. O. E. in Vancouver who don't visit, and have never been inside a lodge room since they left Eastern Canada. This sort of thing is not encouraging, and is especially inexplicable to members like myself who have never been to head quarters, and whose only ground of belief is faith in the objects of our Society and confidence in its personnel. Undoubtedly in a measure, too, the success of the S. O. E. in B.C. is owing to the handful of pioneers who stuck to their guns and against great odds worked away until we have now five lodges on the mainland alone.

That we can make further progress depends greatly upon the attractiveness with which we draw our fellow-countrymen to our meetings. There are other societies to which Englishmen go.

A great need in our lodge rooms is more expedition in the transaction of business, less discursive talk, new, bright, cheery songs, music, social debate, and last but not least, a pride in the performance of our ritual without the aid of the book.

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SUCCESS ALL ROUND.

In spite of the heat, the drought, and the hard times, the whirl of pleasure flies giddily on and the 2nd inst. brought with it the Picnic of the Sons, and (this time the Daughters), of England, and again with them the Juveniles. In every respect the whole affair was a pronounced success. Queen's weather prevailed, and old sol illuminated the bosky shades of Elm Park with his broadest smile as he welcomed our English maids and buxom matrons to this arena of urban festivity.

Financially also, considering the stringency of the times, matters were satisfactory, and the committee are deserving of all praise for the able

manner in which they conducted affairs.

The Industrial Exhibition brought many members of the provincial lodges to the city, notably amongst whom your correspondent had the pleasure of meeting D.D. Bro. Starkey, of Carman, who is greatly desirous of seeing a District Grand Lodge for Manitoba at the earliest date.

Winnipeg, Aug. 23rd.

HALL AND BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS.

A meeting of the provincial committee of the Board of Directors of the Sons of England Hall and Building Association took place in the Spencer Block, Portage ave., on the evening of the 28th, Joseph Harrison in the chair. On the receipt of a report from Bro. Wm. Freakes, sec.-treas., a resolution was moved and adopted that a notice of application for a patent of incorporation be published in the Canadian Gazette at once.

The provisional trustees reported having secured on lease for five years on very favorable terms the large room in the Stobart Block, Portage ave. This report was received with acclamation. The Hall committee submitted their plans for the laying out of a hall. The Furnishing committee reported on tenders for carpet, that of Mr. Stobart being considered most favorable, while Messrs. Scott & Leslie carried off the bun for chairs, desks, tables, et al.

A board of directors were appointed, consisting of three members each for three lodges of the Sons of England in this City, viz., Lodge Westward Ho, Neptune, Shakespeare. On the motion of Bro. T. Andrews it was resolved that the balance due on the appropriation of all shares already taken up, being an amount of one dollar on each share, shall be paid by the 1st of October, and expressing the hope that stock holders and members of the order generally will make every effort to assist the members of the various committees to carry out the arduous duties which have devolved upon them.

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.

District Grand Lodges.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

As the Sons of England Society has grown in numbers and usefulness it has gradually extended the territory in which its lodges flourish over an area the vastness of the limits of which far transcends the strength of its membership.

Manitoba and the North-West have within the last two years added to its numerical standing, and, it must be admitted, have also increased the difficulties which the Supreme Grand Executive must find in trying to control from a central bureau, hitherto dealing with comparatively local affairs, a vast territory the social system of which has been evolved from the peculiarities of its own surroundings. As time goes on the present order of things to the lodges here becomes more and more unsatisfactory. District Deputies have been appointed, all of them, strange to say, "new to the Order," or who have taken but little interest in its affairs until they have found themselves in office. If there is a supervisory Grand Lodge Deputy it has never been officially announced to the Lodges, neither have his functions. As it is, any question submitted to the D. D. has in turn to be handed by him to the S. G. Sec. fifteen hundred miles away, when he, if he does not forget it, or ignore it, submits it to the Supreme Grand Executive at a session which takes place once a month; then, if all goes well, after the matter of dispute has been forgotten in the Lodges interested, comes an answer dealing with the affair in such manner that some important factor in the question at issue has in all probability been entirely lost sight of.

How such a state of affairs must end if something is not soon done to mitigate the nuisance it is not hard to imagine.

But there is little use pointing out evils without the suggestion of a remedy.

It surely may be conceded that Manitoba and the N. W. are able to furnish men of sufficient intellectual calibre to control the working of their own lodges?

If so, the time has come when they should see about taking it in hand, leaving to the S. G. L. authorities the management of the Beneficiary, and Funeral Benefit Fund, and the ruling upon all questions relative thereto, also the appointment of a superior, and the retaining of the S. G. L. in annual session, as the court of last appeal for members who may consider themselves aggrieved by the decision of the local authorities.

It is rumored that the United White Rose Degree Lodge of Winnipeg are taking steps in this direction, and that it is proposed to call a meeting of D. D.'s and delegates from the provincial and territorial lodges in Winnipeg this fall. In the mean time it would surely be as well for the S. G. P. and the S. G. S. to extend to members desirous of information the courtesy of a reply to questions with which, for the best of reasons, they do not consider their local D. D. competent to deal.

PROVINCIAL DELEGATE.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 31st.

BRANDON JUVENILE LODGE, NO. 23.

This Lodge held its annual picnic on the 9th August at Lake Clementi, about ten miles south of Brandon. The grounds were reached about ten o'clock, and after choosing the most favorable spot for the day's camp and securing the impedimenta the boys dispersed themselves in the waters of the lake. In the afternoon cricket, football, boating and a second bath were indulged in. The return journey was commenced at 7 p.m., a little sooner than expected owing to the threatening clouds, which literally burst before many miles had been traversed. The boys' ardour, however, was in no way dampened and they lustily sang "God Save the Queen" and "The Red, White and Blue," when passing through the streets of Brandon. They, one and all, thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and a vote of thanks was tendered by them to President C. A. Smith, who had provided the vehicles.

Queen City S. O. E. Notes.

Rugby Lodge has decided to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month in room C, Shaftesbury Hall. The regular meeting of their W. R. Degree will be held on the fifth Wednesday. Visitors are always made welcome at their meetings.

Mistletoe Lodge D. O. England's first Annual Garden Party took place on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at Small's grounds Queen St., East, and it was a great success. Everything was done by the Daughters in their power to make all feel at home. Racing and other sports were indulged in, and in the evening the place was beautifully lit up with Chinese lanterns and electric lights, and dancing was kept up until a late hour.

Hammersmith Lodge held a very successful Gipsy party at the Island on Saturday, 25th Aug. A very large crowd were present. The weather was delightful, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by everybody.

Mercantile Lodge was well attended at their last meeting, as the evenings are getting cooler it is having the desired effect of bringing out members.

London Lodge held a very successful garden party recently at Bro. Ex-Ald. Small's Grounds. The place was thronged with visitors and members.

The committee were indefatigable in looking after the pleasure of those present. Racing and games of all kinds were indulged in, and in the evening dancing was the principal amusement.

Dr. John S. King is taking a well earned rest for a few weeks. Bro. Dr. Bentley is attending to his patients in the meantime.

For the first time in the history of Rugby Lodge a death occurred on Friday last, Bro. Sam. Hague, who had only been ill two days. Quite a large number attended the funeral on Saturday. While in life he made provision for those left behind by joining the Beneficiary.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. B. Hinchliffe, S. G. Treasurer, is laid up by sickness, and trust he will soon be aroused again.

HAMILTON S. O. E. CRICKETERS. The match at the asylum between the Sons of England and the Asylum club resulted in a victory for the S. O. E. men, their score of 126 proving too much for their opponents, whose scores in their two innings were 33 and 43, leaving the S. O. E. the winners by an innings and 50 runs. Green played splendidly for his 44. Risbro, Hunt, Dixon and Moore also batted well for their scores. Green, Risbro and Coles bowled well for the S. O. E., the former gaining the enviable record of six wickets in ten overs for 11 runs. Tucker bowled well for the asylum team throughout. In fact, the whole eleven played good cricket, though the game was against them from the start.

The stock of bullion in the Bank of England is £39,000,000, and the reserve amounts to nearly £28,000,000.

London is agitated over the threatened downfall of a great institution which for years has excited the daily wonder of travellers. The County Council proposes to abolish the cab radius, which extends for four miles from Charing Cross, and to have but one scale of fares for the whole county of London.

The British Admiralty is to try an innovation in transporting seamen. The Gibraltar, a first class cruiser, is to be manned by a crew which will take it to Australia and there relieve the crew of the Orlando, the flagship of the station. The crew of the Orlando will then take the Gibraltar home. Thus the Government will save the expense of a troop ship, the officers and men will be under the regular discipline of the navy, and the new cruisers will be tested by a long voyage.

OTTAWA EXHIBITION.

THE CENTRAL CANADA EXHIBITION AT OTTAWA.

The seventh annual fair of the Central Canada Exhibition Association this month promises to be the most successful in the history of the Association. It will, as far as arrangements are concerned, and judging by the applications for the information, space, etc., from all over Canada, it cannot be otherwise. By the excellent exhibitions in the past, which in many respects equalled if not surpassed those of even Toronto's Industrial Exhibition, the Directors of Ottawa's permanent Fair, as it is called, have won the confidence of all classes; and this year the Directors are not less enterprising than in the past. Recognizing that many farmers are going more extensively into dairying to make money the Directors have paid special attention to that department. A whole building has been given over for exhibits and the prize money increased several hundred dollars. In the building there will be butter making competitions, while Prof. Robertson of the Experimental Farm has been secured to give addresses on the subject. New sections have also been added in the horses, cattle and swine classes. No doubt the enterprise of the Directors and other members will be appreciated. The fair will be from the 21st to the 29th of September.

DO YOU WANT IT.

Just before the writer took up a pen to write this item, the following editorial article, from the Chicago Ledger, was brought to his attention. It says: "Nearly every day the newspapers give an account of some eminent man falling suddenly dead at his desk from heart disease. As a rule, no middle-aged man in active business dies thus suddenly unless poisoned, and that poison, in the majority of cases, is tobacco. Meanwhile the slaughter goes on. The press and pulpit seem muzzled, the majority being participants in the popular vice, and those who are not seem hypnotized and afraid to speak out."

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