

## ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

MASONIC.—Two Councils of Royal and Select Masters, named respectively St. John, No. 1, and New Brunswick, No. 2, were recently organized by Comp. Garden, of Me., and a third called Carleton, No. 3, was established in Carleton. The first three officers of each of these Councils are No. 1, John Short, J. G. Forbes, and J. Mullin; No. 2, Robert Marshall, D. R. Munroe, and J. Keohan; No. 3, J. V. Ellis, E. J. Wetmore, and Charles Ketchum.

On the day after the organization, representatives of the above bodies met in Convention at the Masonic Hall, St. John, and Mr. J. V. Ellis was called to the Chair, and Mr. D. R. Munroe chosen Secretary. After an ample discussion it was resolved to organize a Grand Council for New Brunswick, a constitution was adopted, and a large amount of other business transacted, and the following office bearers were elected and installed:—

Robert Marshall, M. P., Grand Master.  
 John V. Ellis, D. P., Grand Master.  
 Edward Willis, R. P., Grand Master.  
 James G. Forbes, P., Grand Master.  
 David R. Munroe, Grand Recorder.  
 John Mullin, Grand Treasurer.  
 Rev. Dr. Donald, } Grand Chaplains.  
 Rev. G. J. Caie, }  
 M. S. Hall, Grand Master of Ceremonies.  
 Thomas H. Keohan, Grand Captain of Guards.  
 E. J. Wetmore, Grand Conductor.  
 Henry Card, Grand Organist.  
 George W. Whiting, Grand Steward.  
 Henry Brown, Grand Sentinel.

Messrs. Robert Shives, John D. Short, and Charles Ketchum, were chosen Committee of Finance, and Mr. D. R. Munroe, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The installing officer was Gordon R. Garden, Esq., of the Grand Council of Maine, who was afterwards chosen representative of the Grand Council of New Brunswick near the Grand Council of Maine. Having transacted all its business the Grand Council adjourned.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

The Annual Assembly of St. John Encampment, K. S., holding of the Grand Priory of Scotland, was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, on Monday evening the 16th September. A large number of Sir Knights were in attendance, and the following were chosen office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz:—

W. J. Buzling, E. Commander,  
 John McAllister, Lieut. Commander,  
 Christopher Murray, Marischal,  
 James G. Forbes, Hospitaller,  
 Thomas M. Reed, Chancellor,  
 John Mullin, Treasurer,  
 George F. Keans, Recorder,  
 William Emslie, Chaplain,  
 James Robertson, Bauceniffer,  
 Matthew Henderson, Bearer Vex. Bel.,  
 J. Brunswick Hammond, Chamberlain,  
 John Creighton, Man-at-Arms.

—The elections for the House of Commons for the Dominion of Canada, and the Parliaments of the different Provinces, have resulted in a large majority for the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald, and for the Local Governments of Ontario and Quebec. In Nova Scotia the Anti-Unionists have, elected eighteen out of the nineteen representatives to the House of Commons, and have also secured the absolute control of the Local Legislature.

## THE MASONIC APRON.

Is the symbol of labor, and of purity of life and rectitude of conduct. It should be of pure white lambskin, without any device whatever, and should be square with a triangular flap.

The investiture of the candidate with the apron among the primitive Masons, formed an essential part of the ceremony of initiation, and was attended with rites equally significant and impressive. This badge received a characteristic distinction from its peculiar color and material. With the Essenian Masons, it was accomplished by a process bearing a similar tendency, and accompanied by illustrations not less imposing and satisfactory to the newly initiated neophyte. He was clothed in a long white robe which reached to the ground, bordered with a fringe of blue ribbon, to incite personal holiness, and fastened tightly round the waist with a girdle, to separate the upper from the lower parts of the body. With feet bare and head uncovered, the candidate was considered a personification of Modesty and Humility, walking in the fear of God.

## THE BALLOT.

It is a common opinion that any brother may say how he voted, and may state the reasons thereof. This should never be permitted. No brother has any right to say how he will or has voted, nor has any brother any right to seek by any direct or indirect means, how any brother has voted or will vote, or any reasons for his vote. It will be urged that good men are rejected. Be it so. How come men among you that will reject good men? Seriously reflect that the fault after all often rests upon the whole Lodge. Besides, it would be better to reject ninety-nine good men, than admit one bad man to the honors of Masonry.

## LANDMARKS.

“Remove not the old Landmark.”—SOLOMON.

The Landmark defined the boundaries of landed rights, and beyond these even the prince dared not trespass. The Landmarks of Masonry are the metes and bounds of Masonic law, and beyond these no power dare irapose its dictum. The fields of Masonic rights were carefully surveyed by our fore-fathers, and although we think we might be able here and there to profitably extend our domain, still we must remember, that by removing one corner stone we disturb the whole “base line” upon which our estate was given us as an inheritance. Everything in Masonry must move within well defined limits.

MAN—WOMAN.—Man is strong—woman is beautiful. Man is daring and confident—woman is diffident and unassuming. Man is great in action—woman in suffering. Man shines abroad—woman at home. Man talks to convince—woman to persuade and please. Man has a rugged heart—woman a soft and tender one. Man prevents misery—woman relieves it. Man has science—woman taste. Man has judgment—woman sensibility. Man is a being of justice—woman of mercy.