

guests, were present. The hall had been handsomely decorated with flags and drapery, neatly festooned, and the two tables—one on either side of the hall—were literally loaded with good things provided by the lady friends. The chair was taken by the present N. G., A. Williams, Esq., who with a few happy introductory remarks stated the object of the gathering, and concluded by calling on Miss Allie Page for a solo, who responded by singing very sweetly "Sing me a Song of my Norah." The refreshments were then partaken of, and good justice was done to the ample supply provided. Although about eighty-five were seated at the first table, a large number had to be accommodated at the second table. An extensive programme of singing and speaking was then entered upon, and occupied the time pleasantly and profitably until one o'clock.

LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.

"Prince Albert" Lodge, No. 26, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of L. P., B.N.A., was organized in the hall in the town of Moncton, on Thursday night by Deputy-Grand Master Gilbert Murdock, Esq., assisted by Grand Representative R. Radford Barnes, Esq., and by Messrs. John E. Hughes, Alex. Rankine, H. A. Vradenburgh, F. Barnes, and Noble Crandall, from St. John, and a number of the members of the Order, from Halifax and Pictou. There were 21 candidates initiated, who, together with the five charter members from Beacon Lodge, No. 12, of St. John, made the total number, 26.

The following officers were elected by the Lodge, and installed by the D. G. M.: A.S. Foster, N.G.; Wm. Peacock, V.G.; Wm. Hayward, R.S.; Thos. Glendenning, P.S.; Geo. Craig, Treas.; David Murray, W.; T. W. Barry, Con.; T. Baffer, I.G.; P. Law, O.G.; I. McLafferty, R.S.N.G.; R. Dickson, L.S.N.G.; J. McCall, R.S.V.G.; Hill Urquhart, L.S.V.G.; Burns McCallum, R. S.S.; Geo. Murray, L.S.S.

Immediately after the close of the lodge, the grand officers and visiting brothers were invited by the members of Prince Albert to the Royal hotel, where an excellent supper had been prepared, and to which about forty sat down. After ample justice had been done to the good things on the table, the Grand Lodge of

L. P., B. N. A., was proposed by A. L. Foster, Esq., and responded to by Gilbert Murdock, Esq., in his usual happy style. The toast of "Prince Albert, No. 26," was responded to by A. L. Foster, W. Hayward, W. Peacock and others; that of "Pioneer, No. 9," by Messrs. John E. Hughes and Gilbert Murdock. "Beacon, No. 12," brought out Mr. R. Radford Barnes in his warmest and happiest style. "Peerless, No. 19," was responded to by Mr. H. A. Vradenburgh, of that lodge.

As it was getting late, and Odd-Fellows are proverbial for keeping good hours, the meeting, which had been so harmonious and creditable to the members of the new lodge, broke up, with the best wishes for the prosperity and usefulness of "Prince Albert, No. 26."—*Telegraph, St. John.*

HALIFAX, N. S.

Reports from this city were to the effect that Halifax Encampment, No. 12, was to have been organized during April.

ST. JOHNS, N. B.

Six years ago there were only three members of the Order in St. John, New Brunswick. To-day three lodges, with a membership of over 400, are located in this thriving place; new members are being constantly added, and another lodge is talked of. The encampment participates in the prosperity of the lodges and is growing rapidly.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

A new Lodge was instituted in Charlottetown, March 14th, by John C. G. Ellis, D. D. G. M., assisted by the Past Grands and officers of St. Lawrence Lodge, to be known as Wildey Lodge, No. 27, so called from the name of the founder of the Order in America—Thomas Wildey. It starts out under the most favorable circumstances, and judging from the names of its Charter members, mentioned below, promises to be an enterprising and prosperous institution. The utmost good feeling exists between the members of both Lodges here, and the brothers of St. Lawrence Lodge assembled in large numbers to give "Wildey" a good start. The following are the officers for the present term: E. David Stair, N. G., F. Herbert Beer, V. G., Edmund M. Estey, Rec. Secretary, E. H. Brennan, P. S., Jas. McKenzie, Treasurer, A. D. White, Warden, Benj. Bremner, Con.—all the appointed offices have not yet been filled.