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**WELCOME TO WINNIPEG.**

**Honoring the S. G. President and S. G. Secretary.**

**A GRAND RECEPTION BY THE BRETHREN.**

The Future Prospects of the Order and the Northwest Unbounded—Sons of England Notch Another Epoch in the History of the Order in the great Northwest.

[From our Winnipeg Correspondent.]

Winnipeg, Sept. 20th.—Hurried and all as the visit of the Supreme Grand Officers of the S. O. E. B. S. naturally was, that visit has done an infinite amount of good. That it was hurried is a pity, but with such an immense territory to cover, in a short period of time, it could not well be otherwise. The visit of the Supreme Grand Officers cannot be bestowed on a public spirited man like Bro. Thos. Elliott, who has sacrificed weeks of valuable time, and devoted his business capacity to an enterprise which can do him no other possible good than conferring upon him the satisfaction of having performed an important service in a worthy cause. The visit of his confrere, Bro. J. W. Carter, the Supreme Grand Secretary of the institution, though it may by some be said, he is paid for his services as much in one place as another, is equally worthy of mention. The advisability of his accompanying the Supreme Grand President was advocated in the columns of the ANGLO-SAXON months ago, and whatever the extra cost of his so doing, that outlay will in all probability be repaid with interest to the Order in coming years, and his experience of the position of affairs in the now remote, and yet undeveloped territory, will be invaluable to the society for a long time yet to come.

[From the Daily Tribune, Winnipeg, 13th Sept.]

Supreme President Thomas Elliott, of Brantford, and Supreme Secretary Carter, of Toronto, of the Sons of England, arrived in the city this morning, and were met by a deputation from the lodges of the city at the C. P. R. station and escorted to the Manitoba. Those in the deputation, which was principally composed of executive officers of the city lodges, were J. L. Broughton, Wm. Jones, T. C. Andrews, W. H. Reeve, Wm. McDonald, T. L. Gravelly and Joseph Harrison, Geo. Saunders, Fred Clark, J. Marshall.

This morning at the Manitoba a reporter espied two strangers with different outward appearance but with the same inward determination to see the glorious west and to find out how England's sons prospered in it. One was of ample dimensions and looked as if life set easy on his broad shoulders. This was Supreme President Elliott, just as young and as fresh looking as on the occasion when he helped to burst Erastus Wiman's agitation in favor of commercial

union. For President Elliott is an Englishman through and through, and doesn't propose to have a halo of Yankee stars blazing round the lion rampant on the grand old flag. Though he comes from the pleasant fields of Brant, where the lazy Grand River takes its time in coming past the pretty towns, he has never been accused of largely increasing the majority of Wm. Patterson, M. P., nor yet of "Little Thunder" Arthur Sullivan Hardy, a member of Sir Oliver Mowat's cabinet. In other words, Mr. Elliott in spite of all temptations to become a Liberal of the Gritty town of Brantford, has always remained true to the Conservative party. However, he is now visiting the west with the object of building up the order, which has owed not a little to him in the east in the past, and withal to have a good time while he lets the greatness of Canada's heritage in the west grow upon him. He is a whole-souled Anglo-Saxon, and having gained that ideal state of life which Shakespeare has painted for all true Englishmen, he cannot fail to arouse the enthusiasm of all sons of Britain and to create a lively interest in the western lodges of that organization, of which he is head.

With Mr. Elliott was a little man with flowing beard and gold rimmed spectacles, through which a keen and kindly pair of eyes scrutinized the specimens of the western architecture and humanity to be seen from the rotunda of the Manitoba. This was none other than Supreme Secretary Carter, fresh from the wilds of Toronto and anxious to bathe in Manitoba sunlight and civilization.

After a hearty handshake President Elliott outlined the plan of campaign. To-night there will be a meeting and reception given by all the Sons of England lodges in the Oddfellows' hall, and to-morrow they leave for the west. They expect to visit lodges at Morden, Brandon, Qu'Appelle, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Chilliwack, and to institute lodges at Carman, Virden, Medicine Hat and possibly at some other points.

All their work will be done on their westward trip, as they may possibly return via the southern roads and the Chicago Fair. Yesterday they were entertained at a musical evening by the lodges of Port Arthur and Fort William, who turned out in force to welcome the heads of the order. The president and secretary have been struck with the warm spirit of the west and look forward to a pleasant sojourn in this country. The president thinks that there are great prospects for the order in the west, not only because of the large number of Englishmen in the country, but also because of the solid and economical plan upon which it is established.

Speaking of Eastern Canadian matters, President Elliott said he thought if the silver question was settled before October the trade would not suffer. If the discussion were prolonged the effects might be serious. The people of the east had been able to get over the difficulty raised by the McKinley bill by shipping their produce to England. As regards the Chicago Fair Mr. Elliott has not visited it yet and, therefore, could not speak from personal knowledge. He thought, however, that the United States had used Canada somewhat shabbily in not allowing her to erect a central building such as each of the states had, where Canada could have made a consolidated exhibit instead of having her

products scattered in little parcels about the buildings of the fair.

[Daily Free Press, Sept. 15th, 1893.]

As was well said by Supreme Grand President Bro. Elliott, of Brantford, the visit of his colleague, Bro. J. W. Carter, supreme grand secretary of the order, and himself, would mark another epoch in the history of the Sons of England order, and no doubt it will, and at the same time Winnipeg Manitoba, and the Northwest generally be placed several notches higher in the estimate of some individuals who hitherto supposed they knew it all. It is deeply to be regretted the two above named gentlemen had not an opportunity of remaining longer, but the Sons in this city have to be thankful for this visit, for it must be said to their honor that these gentlemen receive no remuneration for their services, and that the time taken up by their tour is a dead loss to them from a business point of view.

Arriving at an early hour Wednesday morning they were busily engaged the whole day sending and answering letters and telegrams, and books, and interviewing

In the evening a special meeting of the lodges, Westward Ho, the Pioneer, Neptune, and Shakespeare, was held in the Oddfellows' hall, Princess street. Here, after the usual formalities of opening lodge and other ceremonies had been proceeded with, the president of Westward Ho lodge handed over the gavel, the truncheon of authority, to Canon Coombs, the district deputy for Manitoba.

Supreme Grand President Brother Thos. Elliott being introduced to, and called upon to address the assembly, did so with an earnestness and fervor which in itself bespoke how sincerely he had at heart the cause he advocated. Perhaps the most interesting part of his speech was that relating to the history of the order, which, starting in Toronto in 1874 by the banding together of seven Englishmen for the purpose of mutual aid and assistance, had increased in 1882 to a membership of some 850, while December, 1892, saw some 14,000 Englishmen, Canadians and voters, distributed amongst nearly 200 lodges spread over the Dominion of Canada. The plaudits and hearty hurrahs which greeted his final peroration must have cheered the heart and will long ring in the ears of the genial speaker.

The Supreme Grand Secretary, Bro. J. W. Carter, taking up the thread of the discourse, succeeded in a difficult task of giving facts, figures and statistics a humorous turn, while at the same time he demonstrated beyond all possible powers of refutation that the Sons of England Benefit Society was the cheapest, comparing benefits received with payments made, of any similar institution in Canada; that nearly \$50,000 had been paid out for benefits, and that the life insurance department which is on the assessment plan, represented a liability of two millions. The lives were mostly all young and the deaths of members were more often caused by accident than disease.

At the close of the business programme the assembled members and their guests adjourned to the banquetting room in the upper flat, where a sumptuous supper had been spread by the caterer, Bro. Thos. Musker. After grace by the Rev. Canon Coombs, a vigorous onslaught was made on the fortifications which so temptingly awaited the attack, and but a short interval elapsed ere little was

left, save soiled plates and empty dishes. Then came the feast of reason and the flow of soul, and again was proved: "That those who would leave their foot prints on the sands of time are not they who fill their plates with Graham mush, or their cups with city water."

Under the direction of Bro. Freeman of Neptune lodge, who acted as toast master with a stately dignity worthy a speaker of the House, "The Queen," "Supreme Grand President," "S. G. Secretary," and a host of others were toasted and responded to with a three times three and a tiger. Amongst the speakers may be mentioned, besides the guests of the evening, Bro. Rev. Canon Coombs, Bro. Rev. Waddington Clark, Dr. Phillips, Bros. Gravelly, Harrison, and a host of others, not the least of whom was Bro. McDonald, of electro-motorial notoriety. Some remarks the last named made in reference to the home rule question elicited the fact there are differences of opinion even amongst Englishmen in this particular.

As the earliest milkman was arriving in town, some of the more prodigal sons were yet wending their way

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The Supreme Grand Officers left for Morden by the morning train, and visiting Morden and Carman returned on Saturday evening. At the last named town they opened a new lodge, after having conferred the white rose degree upon that already formed at Morden. The reception committee, together with a number of members of the Winnipeg lodges, were at the C. P. R. depot waiting the arrival of these big guns of the order, who immediately on their debarkation from the cars, were escorted to one specially chartered from the Electric Street Railway Co., which had been previously decorated with flags for the occasion another Union Jack being attached to the trolley pole. In this unique conveyance, with Bro. William McDonald, of Westward Ho, at the prow and in charge of the motor, the cortege proceeded to Kildonan.

Bro. Jesse Marshal was sent to apprise Rev. Bro. Canon Coombs, the first president of the order in the Northwest, of the desire of the S. G. P., Bro. Elliott, and of S. G. S., Bro. Carter, to visit the last resting place of those noble sons of Manitoba and of Winnipeg who had laid down their lives in the country's service during the late rebellion. The reverend gentleman was on hand on the return of the party from the present north end of the electric car system, kindly acting the part of the cicerone for the occasion. After viewing the last resting place of the Winnipeg heroes, the Norway memorial of several of Winnipeg's one time celebrities, a short visit was paid to the humble but historic cathedral. With regret the party had to part from their genial guide at this point, their next being the extensive brewery works of Mr. E. L. Drewry. Here in the labyrinthine ways of the extensive cellars, it is not to be wondered at if some of the party got lost in their bearings, and that it was some time ere they could again be gathered into the car, and all aboard be shouted by the conductor. In this connection it may be stated that the bond of sympathy which binds Germany and England was plainly evidenced by the kindly treatment the visitors received at the hands of Mr. Munberg, the well known brewer of the establishment.

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