

IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE.

COL. GEO. T. DENISON, ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The Annual Council Report—Preferential Trade Resolutions—Election of Officers—Trade with England.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

Montreal, 18th Feb., 1893. The annual meeting of the Imperial Federation League was held to-day in the Windsor Hotel, and the proceedings were unusually animated.

COUNCIL REPORT.

The report of the Council, which was read by Casimir Dickson the hon. secretary, gave prominence to the divergence of policy which has gradually become visible betwixt that of the parent league and the principles adopted by the Canadian Branch.

Lieut.-Colonel O'Brien, M.P., then proposed a resolution in favour of a reduction of duties in English goods, but, as notice had not been given, the chairman ruled that the motion was out of order.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

Mr. Merritt, of Toronto, then proposed that the resolution which had been passed by the Dominion House of Commons on the 25th April last, with reference to preferential trade, be approved, and that the thanks of the meeting be voted to Mr. McNeill, the author of the resolution.

In amendment to Mr. Merritt's resolution, it was moved by Principal Grant, and seconded by Col. O'Brien, "That the first step towards arriving at a system of preferential trade with the Empire should be for the Government of Canada to lower the customs duties now imposed upon goods manufactured in and imported from the United Kingdom."

Proceedings were rather confused towards the close but ultimately the office boards were elected Col. Geo. Denison of Toronto, being elected president. Upon the whole it may be said that the attempt of several of the members to obtain a revocation of the commercial policy of the league in Canada resulted in failure and that it still stands committed to the advocacy of inter-Imperial Trade progress.

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.

"Johnny Comes Marching Home."

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

Sir,—While reading the communication signed by John Reginald Hooper, Ottawa, which appeared in your issue of February 15, I was stirred with the deepest emotion, and the smoldering coals of patriotism, long slumbering in my breast, burst into flames.

You will greatly oblige by giving the above publicity in your valuable paper, as I look upon the ANGLO-SAXON as the guiding star of Englishmen. Please send me ten extra copies of next issue, and find enclosed stamps in payment of same.

Yours truly, J. T. Chicago, Feby. 22, 1893.

How the Beneficiary Works.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

SIR,—Being an old member of the Beneficiary branch of the S. O. E. B. S. I was naturally interested in reading, "How the Beneficiary Works," a correspondence, by HAYWARD, which appeared in your issue of February 15th. Judging from the remarks therein contained I agree with HAYWARD that changes could be made in several ways, or at least in connection with the cost of each call. In this respect I imagine a considerable saving could be made.

Yours, etc., BENEFICIARY. Hamilton, Feby. 23.

English Hearts.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

SIR,—Now that annexationist discord is ripe, I would like to see the following lines in your truly loyal paper: Our English hearts are strong enough, Unshaken and serene, Like English oak trees true and tough Some old, but glad and green.

QUEEN OF THE WEST.

Juvenile Lodge of the Sons of England Concert.

In spite of all meteorological and theological, adverse conditions, this long-promised entertainment has come off at last, and that too with an amount of financial success, which may be considered phenomenal, considering the strained condition of monetary affairs.

At the close of the bi-monthly regular meeting of Lodge Westward Ho, in Winnipeg, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 21, which was called for an unusually early session, that the lodge room might be available for the purpose, Bro. Clark, president of the Juvenile lodge, assumed the chair and opened the proceedings with a somewhat brief, but appropriate address, which was immediately followed by the following programme: Song, "Men of Merry England," Bro. Lee, P. P. of Lodge Shakespeare; piano solo with whistling accompaniment, "Mocking Bird," Mr. Walley; encore. Song, "Across the Bridge," (piano accompaniment by Bro. Broughton), Bro. Jesse Marshall, Comic song, "Solomon's Proverbs," "Nice Young Man," Mr. Richards. Recitation, "You put no Flowers on Papa's Grave," Bro. M. H. Saunders, Duet, piano and oboe, by Mr. and Mrs. Broughton, Negro melody, Bro. F. Roo, Song, "Hoop La," Bro. Johnson, Song "Beautiful Birds," Miss Smally, one of England's Juvenile daughters. Club swinging by Sergt. Judges, R. C. D. This performer, by his exquisite manipulation of his somewhat unwieldy weapons, displayed an amount of skill in athletics which is but seldom, if ever, surpassed.

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The Society is making rapid growth and has lodges extending over Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores, having a membership upwards of 12,000 at present, the ratio of increase being greater as the Society's influence and usefulness is better known. Lodges have been started in South Africa and will soon probably be started in England, etc.

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In our lodge rooms social distinctions are laid aside and we meet on the common level of national brotherhood, in patriotic association for united counsel and effort in maintaining the great principles of our beloved Society. As such we can appeal to the sympathetic support of all true Englishmen—asking them to cast in their lot with us, thereby swelling the grand roll of those bound together in fraternal sympathies and in devotion to England and the grand cause of British freedom.

Any further information will be cheerfully given by the undersigned.

JOHN W. CARTER, Grand Secretary. Grand Secretary's Office, Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, April 1st, 1892.

John Cuthbert, Song "Playmates," Bro. Johnson, Song, "Maggie Murphy's Home," Mr. Mason, Song "Cathleen," Bro. Jesse Marshall, Song, "Hearts of Oak," juvenile Bro. Geo. Storrar, Recitation, "The Course of True Love," Bro. M. H. Saunders, "God Save the Queen," by the audience brought the entertainment to a conclusion, and if one might judge from the sturdy resonance with which was rendered the familiar words by those assembled the would-be annexationist has yet a very hard row to hoe.

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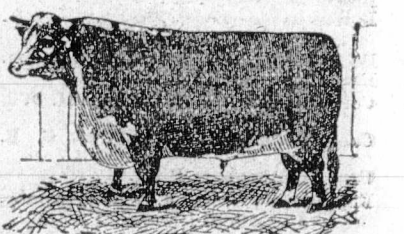
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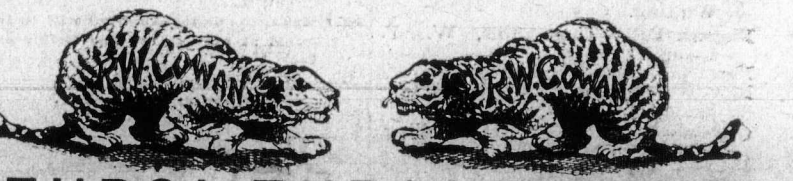
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