

Lodge is situated in a flourishing section of the Province and may be made to take a very important position.

On June 4th, with

R. W. Brother	Edward Willis,	Deputy Grand Master,
"	" F. W. Wisdom,	as Senior Grand Warden,
"	" M. L. Gross,	as Junior Grand Warden,
V. "	" W. F. Bunting,	Grand Secretary,
"	" Smith McLaren,	as Senior Grand Deacon,
"	" Thos. M. Walker	as Junior Grand Deacon,

and accompanied by many other Brethren from St. John, I officially visited Zion Lodge, No. 21, Sussex, and made the usual inspection. The First and Third Degrees were conferred under the direction of the officers of Grand Lodge. Zion Lodge, although it has not a large membership owns a very fine Hall, which is now approaching completion, and is in the hands of earnest and devoted brethren.

On the following evening, June 5th, accompanied by

R. W. Brother	Edward Willis,	Deputy Grand Master,
"	" Henry Leonard,	as Senior Grand Warden,
"	" Chas. U. Hanford,	as Junior Grand Warden,
V. "	" W. F. Bunting,	Grand Secretary.

and by R. W. Brother John Richards, P. G. J. W., and many of the Past Masters and officers of Solomon's Lodge, No. 6, I visited St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, at Fredericton, and witnessed an exemplification of the work. In this Lodge are many masonic veterans, and although she has only recently ranged herself under the banner of Grand Lodge, the officers have made fair progress in accommodating themselves to the new order of things, and there is no doubt but that the association will be mutually pleasing.

Between the 26th and 31st July I officially visited the three Lodges on the St. Croix River in the following order: Alley Lodge, No. 14, Upper Mills, Victoria Lodge, No. 26, Milltown, and Sussex Lodge, St. Stephen. I was accompanied from St. John in these visitations by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, by Past Grand Master Clinch and by W. Brothers Leonard and Forbes from St. John, and by Brother A. F. Street of Fredericton. The Rt. Worshipful Junior Grand Warden accompanied me on the official visit to Victoria Lodge; and the leading brethren of the different Lodges in the vicinity enabled me to select a full and efficient corps of Grand Lodge officers on each visitation. We were also fortunate enough to receive the co-operation of Rt. Worshipful Brother Seymour, our Representative to the Grand Lodge of Maine. At each visit we made an inspection of the records and Proceedings of the Lodge visited. We saw portions of the work exemplified on actual candidates, or rehearsed, in each Lodge. With the condition of the Lodges generally I was well pleased. We had on each occasion large numbers of the Brethren of our own jurisdiction and many from the neighbouring state of Maine, and each meeting was as genial and pleasant a season of fraternal intercourse as it was ever my good fortune to enjoy. Making our headquarters at St. Stephen we laid ourselves under many obligations privately and masonically to the brethren of that place, and more particularly to Past Masters Brown, Main, Inches and Rose. The benefits that must unquestionably accrue to the fraternity in that section from this official visit are largely due to the kindness and liberality of the members of Sussex Lodge.

On the 3rd September with

R. W. Brother	W. F. Dibblee,	as Senior Grand Warden,
"	" E. J. Wetmore,	as Junior Grand Warden,
"	" Jas. McNichol, jr.,	as Grand Secretary,
"	" Robt. McAdoo,	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies,

I made official visit to Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, Woodstock,—the first that has been made to it since the formation of Grand Lodge, inspected the records, and witnessed the conferring of the Third Degree. This Lodge has a hall solely for its own use. It has on its roll many well informed and intelligent brethren, and its general exhibit on the occasion of our visit was satisfactory.

All of these visitations have pleased me very much, not alone because of the cordial way in which I and my officers were received, but because the Lodges appeared to be in better condition than might have been expected, owing to their distance from the seat of the central authority. I will not say that the ritual is in every case, wholly identical in language with that adopted by Grand Lodge, but it is sufficiently near the standard to enable men who desire to live by its teachings to become good Masons. The records generally are well kept, and the business with few exceptions