

H. F. McLEOD CHOSEN GRAND MASTER.

Orange Grand Lodge Passed Strong Resolution Opposing Separate School Clauses in Autonomy Bills.

SUSSEX, N. B., March 15.—Grand Lodge opened promptly at 9:30 o'clock and resumed business. The representation was the largest in the history of the order.

The first committee report was that on the returns, from which it is learned that there are now about four thousand members in New Brunswick.

The committee on appeals reported that there are about 50 members in the insurance department in New Brunswick. The committee recommended that the primary lodges strictly adhere to the constitution in the matter of suspension, and request the same to be more explicit in details of expulsion.

A resolution was passed expressive of regret of Grand Lodge at the serious illness of Philip Palmer, and his enforced absence from this meeting. The committee on appeals reported that no legal business had come before them, which can be regarded as evidence of internal peace and welfare.

It was ordered that Grand Lodge send a letter of sympathy to John Menzies in his recent affliction. Some time was devoted to discussion of secret matters connected with the internal working of the primary lodges.

The committee on suspension and expulsions reported recommending the sustaining of the return in reference to suspensions, but that those of lodges Nos. 23, 106, 83, 41, 19 and 108 for expulsions be returned for further consideration. There were less expulsions this year than last.

The county master of York and Northumberland submitted his report. All the county lodge reports showed great prosperity in the order. The credential committee reported a total attendance of grand officers and representatives of over 100.

Grand Lodge adjourned till 9 o'clock. At the afternoon session the committee on the education clauses of the autonomy bills presented the following resolution: Whereas, a bill has been introduced in the parliament of Canada by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, creating the new provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta;

And whereas, section 16 of said bill contains a provision which is a system of separate schools becomes for all time a constitutional obligation on the part of the new provinces; And whereas, such legislation is in disregard of provincial liberty as guaranteed by the British North America Act, and a wanton overthrow of the principle of separation of church and state;

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge of N. B. in annual session convened, record our great appreciation of the unselfish life that has passed from us; that we strongly express the great loss that is ours in the death in the prime of his manhood of one who in season and out of season, gave always freely of his great physical and mental strength and courage to the things that touched the welfare of the Protestant cause; that to each of us personally there comes a sincere feeling that a fearless man, a proud Canadian and a patriot has gone from us, and that we shall not soon look upon his like again.

Signed, H. F. McLeod, A. J. Prosser, J. M. McIntyre.

JAPANESE OCCUPIED THE PASS AT MIDNIGHT.

Sharp Engagement Eight Miles to Southward, in Which Japs Lost 1000 Killed—Newspaper Correspondent Said to Have Been Murdered by Chinese.

NEWCHWANG, March 16.—The Japanese occupied Tie Pass Wednesday midnight.

Meagre reports have been received from a Russian source of a fight eight miles south of Tie Pass between a Russian force, under General Mitchenko and a Japanese column, the identity of which is unknown. The latter was repulsed, it is said, with a loss of 1,000 killed. The rumor that after the evacuation of Mukden, eighty foreigners, including an American newspaper correspondent, had been murdered by Chinese, is discredited by the fact that the correspondent in question reported to his paper on March 14 that he had been captured by the Japanese and was being taken to Kobe.

A steamer arriving at Singapore reports having passed a squadron of twenty-two Japanese warships about 20 miles east of the entrance of the Straits of Malacca. Two Japanese cruisers and two auxiliary cruisers previously arrived at Singapore. Presumably, these vessels are on the way westward in search of the Russian second Pacific squadron, last reported in Madagascar waters.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 16, 2 a. m.—Planking tactics by the Japanese apparently are in progress again, the Associated Press correspondent, who remains at the Pass at the cost of great personal hardship, telegraphing that the machine is out of order. A good workman was given bad helpers and miserable tools. The mishaps at first were attributed to the defensive position of Kurapatkin and it was said that when the Russians assumed the initiative all would be well. This was not realized, because every movement was preordained to failure by the premature publication or dilatory execution of the plans.

The mere stripping sub-plotting chatters recklessly and informally of dispositions and movements which should be known only to a few chiefs, the demonstration on Tuesday of the Shapke river, for example, were openly discussed several days in advance in the railroad restaurant at Mukden in the hearing of many Chinese, Japanese and camp followers. The general staff gives information to whomsoever asks for it.

The lodge opened in the evening at 7:30. Election of officers took place. The following officers were elected for the coming year: H. F. McLeod, grand master; W. S. A. Douglas, senior grand master; G. S. Dryden, junior grand master; Rev. A. J. Prosser, grand chaplain; Neil J. Morrison, grand secretary; E. G. Wadman, grand treasurer; J. W. Clark, director of ceremonies; Mr. Resherman, grand lecturer; Mr. Mowat, deputy secretary; Chaplains, J. E. Daggert, R. W. Fulton, A. W. Currie, O. S. Mott, E. H. Thomas, L. N. Thorn, E. H. Cochrane, J. C. Blakney.

At 9 o'clock the members repaired from the lodge room to the Presbyterian Hall, where dinner was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. After dinner they returned to the lodge room, where installation of officers took place. The session will likely last all night.

SUSSEX, March 16.—Among the business transacted at the Grand Lodge meeting, in addition to that already reported, was the following: The finance and audit committee reported recommending the following grants: Grand Lodge of British America, \$187; Grand Treasurer, \$50; Deputy Grand Treasurer, \$15; Tyler, \$10; Printing report, \$130; Fees of Imperial Council, \$5; Royal Blue Orphanage, \$125; Propagation, \$250.

The committee recommended that the salary of the Grand Secretary be \$200; that \$75 be devoted to pay expenses of the delegates to the Grand Lodge of British America; that the total receipts for the year were \$2,784.52; expenditures, \$1,058.63; balance, \$1,725.89.

The sum of \$75 was voted by F. E. Hodson, G. M. for expenses attending the Grand Lodge of British America meeting in 1904. Five hundred copies of the journals were ordered printed by Geo. E. Day. Three places were placed before Grand Lodge for holding the next annual meeting—Woodstock, Sackville and St. John. The first named was selected.

After a long discussion it was finally ordered that the meeting be held on the first Tuesday in April, 1906. In view of his valuable services to this Grand Lodge, a monetary vote was tendered to J. N. Holder. It was ordered that the Grand Master's collar be presented to the retiring Grand Master and that a new one be prepared for the present Grand Master.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Admiral Nelson Lodge for the many kindnesses extended to the Grand Lodge during the session, particularly

DIED IN THE STATES NEARLY \$6000

Many People Formerly Natives of the Provinces. Spent in Attempt to Clear the Shore Line.

The List Includes Several From St. John and One From Sackville. Other Smaller Roads in the Province Are Gradually Coming From Under the Snow.

BOSTON, March 16.—Deaths of former provincialists are announced as follows: In East Walpole, March 10, Edward U. Ewing, formerly of St. John; in Chelsea, March 2, William D. O'Donnell, son of Charles O'Donnell, aged 21 years, formerly of St. John; in Forest Hills, March 10, John Logue, aged 45 years, formerly of St. John; in Charlestown, March 8, Mrs. Marion Lord, widow of George A. Lord, aged 58 years, late of St. John; in Malden, March 9, Mrs. Cynthia A. Orcutt, wife of William W. Orcutt, aged 25 years, native of Sackville; in West Newton, Mrs. Angus McInnis, aged 50 years, daughter of the late James Seaton of Halifax; in Roxbury, March 10, Miss Loretta Villard, daughter of Lewis Villard, aged 23 years, formerly of Prince Edward Island; in Dorchester, March 14, Miss Bertha Bayers, daughter of Jas. A. Bayers, aged 21 years, native of Nova Scotia; in Milford, March 11, John Macdonald, aged 33, native of F. E. Island; in Barre, Vt., Mrs. A. H. Lewis, native of Maitland, N. S., aged 33 years; in Gloucester, March 10, by drowning, Raymond Muls, aged 39 years, of Tusket, N. S.

RICH MISER DEAD. James Roper Had Amassed Considerable Wealth.

HALIFAX, March 15.—James Roper, an eccentric old man, has just died at Ingonish, C. B., at the age of 83. His life story is a most remarkable one. He was a grandson of Capt. Watts of the Royal Navy, was never married, and till his fiftieth year lived like his neighbors, amassing some wealth by his skill as a trapper. Then for some unknown reason he left all his relatives, went off into the heart of the woods, built himself a rude hut, and never approached civilization again except to sell or buy, and that as rarely as possible. About a fortnight back he was found lying seriously ill in his hut, having been without food, water or fire for a week. He was taken to the home of his nephew, but despite the best of care the hardships he had endured proved too much for even his sturdy frame, and he died, leaving by his will about a thousand dollars to his nephew. Since then a plan was formed to clear the Shore Line since the 25th of January amount to \$5,750, and as there was no result this is money practically thrown away.

It is rumored that Chinese killed eighty foreigners in Mukden after the Russian evacuation of that place, including, it is said, Correspondent Little of the Chicago Daily News. The fate of M. Nadeau, a French newspaper correspondent who lived with Mr. Little, is unknown. A message was sent to Field Marshal Oyama today asking for information as to the fate of the two correspondents. M. Nadeau is reported to have been captured by the Japanese.

AGED PRINTER DEAD. James Davis Had Much to Do With Newspapers in This City.

James Davis, who has served for thirty-five years as a printer in connection with the Daily Telegraph, died Wednesday at his home on White street. His death was caused by a shock of paralysis received last Monday. Up till last Saturday Mr. Davis continued to do his work as day foreman in the composing room.

Mr. Davis has worked in the newspaper business all his life. He was a quiet, steady workman, and a very interesting and intelligent man. He was about 76 years of age. He worked for some time on the Morning News when it was printed on King street, and was foreman of that paper when it was printed on Chamberlain street in 1856. Christopher Davis, strong, the first proprietor, with Mr. Billie of the Globe, also worked with Mr. Davis, as also has Price Webber. On Mr. Fenety becoming Queen's printer the ownership of the Morning News was transferred to William Davis & Smith. After Mr. Davis retired from the News he had been employed on the Telegraph till his death.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S FLEET.

LONDON, March 16.—The appearance of Vice Admiral Togo's fleet in the track that would be used in any attempt by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky to make for Vladivostok is the most interesting news of the day. It is not known whether Vice Admiral Togo himself is with the fleet. According to the Daily Mail's correspondent at Singapore, who visited the fleet, the officers were unusually reticent. Two Japanese officers landed and conferred with the Japanese consul and it was understood by the correspondent that the squadron would shortly sail again, as it required nothing. The presumption here is that Vice Admiral Togo acquired some information concerning Rojestvensky's intended movements.

So far as known in London Rojestvensky's squadron is still off the coast of Madagascar, but as the ice in the harbor of Vladivostok is probably beginning to give, the Russian admiral must soon make a decision whether to dash for Vladivostok or return to Russia. Naval experts here believe that Togo will not come much further in quest of the Baltic squadron, on the ground that he cannot afford to run unnecessary risks.

BOSTON, Mar. 16.—Ard, str. Edouard, from Antwerp; Estonia, from Progreso, Mex; Baker, from Halifax, N.S.; Boston, from Yarmouth, N.S.; Ach Baker Palmer, from Philadelphia.

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