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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION.

We had intended to present our readers with a report of the proceedings of the Local House, but as nothing of importance has been done, we deem it better not to, and instead, to give a synopsis. On January 18th the Lieutenant-Governor presented his address, and the House passed a suitable reply. The honorable members of the Opposition have asked the honorable members of the Government numerous and sun-dry questions—important and otherwise—to which the honorable members of the Government have made replies more or less satisfactory. The Chinaman has received the usual respectful and distinguished consideration of the House. (Election this year). The speeches of the Opposition have *proved* most conclusively that the present Government is utterly incompetent to run the country. While the Government have *proved* that there are not enough members in the Opposition to form a corporal's guard. After a careful examination of the effusion from both sides we believe they are both correct,

and that if the electors do their duty every one of both sides of the House will have their political heads cut off.

With all the grave questioning and speaking we have not heard one word about the liquor traffic. Are we to have a plebescite? and other similar questions, might be asked. These questions should be settled, and that very soon. The sooner the local authorities recognize it the better for the province. The temperance people of this province mean business.

SCIENCE.

We beg to call special attention to this department, which has appeared in our two last issues. We congratulate ourselves on being able to have as editor, such an authority on the subject of the effects of alcohol as Brother Ernest Hall. Brother Hall has been recognized for some years by reason of the advanced stand he has taken on this question, and we hope that our readers will appreciate this new feature in our work.

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OUR LODGES.

FORT LANGLEY LODGE NO. 46.

J. A. Shearer, Reporter:—

In submitting this report at the end of the quarter and the first of a new, I think it but right to give a short review of the work accomplished.

Our reading room opened in Nov. last, and was attended to each evening of the week by one of our Brothers; it contains some of the leading periodicals, daily and weekly papers, games, etc. Although not patronised as we hoped it would be, it is, I believe, doing some good, and so long as we do our part faithfully and well, we believe that good results will surely follow.

During the year our membership rose and fell, leaving us with 30 members at the first of this quarter. We now have 47, giving a net gain of 17. On the 16th Jan. our Lodge gave an entertainment which was well attended, considering the state of the weather and roads. The proceeds go to the District Lodge extension fund.

The two visits of Sister Harris have been very much appreciated in this locality, and her lectures have been the means of bringing our cause more fully before the thinking part of the community. What we need in our order is more of the knowledge and courage displayed by Sister Harris.

WELLINGTON LODGE NO. 43.

J. A. McDonald, Reporter:—

I am pleased to report that Wellington Lodge is still in the land of the living. Our membership is not as large as formerly, but still we are doing good work. Our principal officers are: C.T., Bro. L. Doran; Sec. Bro. G. Trites; S.J.T., Bro. J. A. McDonald. I have thought that it might be appropriate to say a few words to some of our members. Do keep away from the Dram Shop: it is the gate of hell. Anacharsis said the wine had three grapes—pleasure, drunkenness, misery. Richard III. drowned his brother in a butt of wine. These two incidents are quite typical of every saloon. Men keeping these hell-holes sometimes say that we do not appreciate the large revenue derived from the "trade." Then we should remember what Gladstone once told a committee of the "trade" who came to him to ask that they be treated with more consideration. "Gentlemen," he said, "don't be uneasy about the revenue. Give me thirty million sober people and I will pay all the revenue and have a large surplus."

VERNON LODGE NO. 41.

S. A. Shatford, Reporter:—

I am pleased to report our Lodge doing well. Last night we installed the following officers. P.C.T., Bro. Cryderman, C.T., Bro. Latmer; V.T., Sister French; S.J.T., Bro. Wood; Sec., Sis. Fierheller; Asst. Sec., Bro. S. French; Fin. Sec., Bro. F. French; Treas., Sis. E. Riley; Mar., Bro. Goodmurphy, D.M., Sis. Mohr, Gd., Bro. Gordon, Sentinel, Bro. Callum, and with these officers the Lodge is bound to keep on making rapid progress. Last quarter we initiated