

COMMUNICATION OF THE MASONIC BODY

Provincial Grand Lodge Now in Session in This City--Election of Officers to Be Held This Evening.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Elegant hangings of royal blue, typical of the Scottish rite, and large bouquets of Victoria's famous roses formed a fitting setting for the thirty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The officers present at the Grand Lodge are: T. J. Armstrong, New Westminster, M. W. grand master; J. H. Schofield, Trail, R. W. deputy grand master; F. Bowser, Vancouver, R. W. G. senior warden; Wm. Houston, Victoria, R. W. G. junior warden; Rev. H. G. Plennes-Chilton, Vancouver, V. W. grand chaplain; H. H. Watson, Vancouver, V. W. grand treasurer; R. E. Brett, Victoria, V. W. grand secretary; F. J. Burd, Vancouver, W. grand senior deacon; J. S. Birnie, Greenwood, W. grand junior deacon; John Shaw, Nanaimo, W. G. superintendent of works; C. C. Fisher, New Westminster, W. G. director of ceremonies; A. W. Currie, Victoria, W. G. marshal; G. L. Esterbrook, Fernon, W. G. sword bearer; E. Bond, Hammond, W. G. standard bearer; Samuel Bonnell, Fernon, W. grand organist; Thomas W. Bain, Revelstoke, W. grand purveyor; T. A. Muir, Victoria, W. grand scribe; D. E. Kerr, John M. Rudd and D. G. Perry, grand stewards; Ambrose Gothard, Vancouver, W. grand tyler; W. A. DeWolf Smith, M. D., New Westminster, V. W. grand tyler.

In the province of British Columbia there are 41 lodges, and membership on December 31, 1905, numbered 3,250 since the opening of the present year. The ramifications of the order are world wide, and on June 8, 1858, King Edward VII. as grand master, upon his accession to the throne, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught became grand master of England, which is considered the supreme body of the Masonic fraternity.

Instituted from time immemorial, with a legendary existence from the building of King Solomon's temple, the teachings of Freemasonry are preserved every day in the world. Various phases of the order's activity have become the theme of fiction and misnamed history, but actual knowledge is practically confined to the members.

Charitativism has taken advantage of the secrecy surrounding Freemasonry to impose on credulous people, but the effect has been ephemeral. The Knights of the Rose Cross, and Rosicrucianism, generally, especially in France, caused trouble to the properly affiliated members, but gradually these parasites have fallen away and to-day the order stands firmly upon an irreproachable basis. Its objects were well described as "Fear God, Honor the King, Succor your brethren," and these are all carried out in their entirety.

When San Francisco suffered the recent disaster among the first to contribute was the Provincial Grand Lodge. A large shipment of provisions was sent when the Teltus left Victoria on the relief expedition and, in addition, many members gave individual subscriptions aggregating a large amount.

Several orders of knighthood have sprung from Masonry's parentage. Among them the Knights Hospitalier, St. John, Malta and Templar are well known to students of history, the operations of practically all extending to the present. The Temple Church, in London, remains a monument to the first named, while the work of the latter has, to a certain extent, recently been carried on by the St. John's Ambulance Association that, although not a Masonic body in any way, may justly be termed an offshoot. The Knights of Malta have passed away, except as an order of chivalry, but while the

in the province during 1905 was 220, and the large sum of \$94,421.35 represents the funds and property of the subordinate lodges. A sum of \$1,716 was issued in relief of members, their widows and orphans during the year. In addition to the sum mentioned as the property of subordinate lodges, the grand lodge has a fund of \$4,445.85. At the conclusion of the business sessions, which terminate to-morrow at noon, the delegates will be taken in hand by a committee from the local lodges, of which F. J. Riddell is chairman, and be given a ride round the city and suburbs on electric cars. In the evening there will be a garden party at the Gorge park, commencing at 7.30. The Fifth Regiment band will be in attendance and special illuminations have been arranged. Special cars will be provided on both occasions.

SCHOONER FOUNDERED. Went to Bottom After Collision With Steamer--Eight of the Crew Drowned.

Dover, Eng., June 21.—The Danish schooner Bertha was sunk near South Goodwin Lightship to-day as the result of a collision with the Dutch tanker steamer America, from Antwerp for New York.

Eight of the schooner's crew were drowned. The captain's son was the only survivor.

The America sustained no damage.

PROHIBITION WITHDRAWN.

Ottawa, June 20.—The Commons began morning sittings to-day. Mr. Barr was told by Hon. R. Lemieux that the late Postmaster-General Aylesworth had removed the prohibition from the socialist paper, An Appeal to Reason, after the editor had shown him that since March 10th, the publication had not been objectionable.

A SHORT LIVED MUTINY IN RUSSIA

ARTILLERYMEN SEIZED GUNS AT SEBASTOPOL

When Loyal Regiments Appeared on Scene Mutineers Decided to Return to Barracks.

St. Petersburg, June 21.—At 11.50 a. m.—A serious mutiny, which for a time threatened to place the fortress of Sebastopol in possession of the mutineers, was suppressed yesterday, according to a special dispatch to the Novoe Vremya.

The mutiny was started by a battalion of fortress artillery, which declined to obey orders, whereupon the men of the Russian cruiser Kestrel, the other battalions then mutinied, and took possession of the guns in the north shore batteries, but on the appearance of several loyal regiments of infantry the mutineers abandoned the idea of fighting and returned to their barracks.

AN INSPECTION OF PACKING PLANTS

OFFICIALS VISITING SMALL ESTABLISHMENTS

Exports of Meats and Meat Products Have Increased Sixty Per Cent in Ten Years.

Chicago, June 21.—The city sanitary inspectors are making a thorough investigation of the small packing plants throughout the city. The truth of the claim made by the big packers that the former really were to blame for the meat scandal will then be tested.

Exports From States

Washington, D. C., June 21.—Exports of meat and meat products from the United States in the 11 months of the fiscal year 1906, ended with May, aggregated over \$180,000,000 in value according to a report issued by the department of commerce and labor. These figures show a larger exportation of meats and meat products than in the corresponding period of any other year in the history of the export trade and an increase of practically 60 per cent. over 1896. The increase occurs in all the principal products, but especially noticeable in lard, salted pork, fresh beef and fresh pork. Great Britain is by far the largest purchaser of American meat products. Of the \$75,000,000 worth of bacon, ham, fresh beef and canned beef exported in 1905 the United Kingdom took \$66,000,000 worth or practically 90 per cent. Of the total exports of meats, valued at \$100,000,000 worth, \$80,000,000 worth of cattle exported in the same year it took \$38,000,000 worth. Old exports go chiefly to the butter-making countries, the largest part to the Netherlands which took \$8,500,000 worth out of \$11,500,000 worth exported in 1905.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE. London, June 21.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was reduced to-day from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent.

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LIBERAL TRIUMPH IN NOVA SCOTIA

PREMIER MURRAY SUSTAINED IN POWER

Carried Thirty-Three Out of Thirty-Eight Seats—Three Constituencies Still Doubtful.

Halifax, June 21.—Premier Murray won a signal triumph in the provincial elections yesterday, being returned to power with an overwhelming majority.

The Liberals carried thirty-three of thirty-eight seats. The Conservatives elected five members, but in two cases the vote is so close that they may still be classed as doubtful.

The government elected a supporter in every county in the province. The opposition gained three seats, having only had two members in the last house.

The verdict is hailed with great satisfaction by the Liberals. All members of the government holding a portfolio were elected. Hon. Mr. Pipes, commissioner of works and mines, won a notable victory, redeeming Cumberland. A desperate effort was made to defeat Attorney-General Drysdale in Hants, where the Conservatives made a protest on the chief issue. The whole force of the clergy was arrayed against the Liberal candidate. His colleague, Mr. McHaffrey, was defeated.

Two members of the government without portfolio were defeated. Hon. Mr. Wickwire in Kings, and Hon. Mr. Patterson in Pictou. In the former county an Independent Liberal, who represented a strong element of the party to whom Mr. Wickwire was not satisfactory, was elected and will support the government. In Pictou the temperance vote was purely responsible for Mr. Patterson's defeat. The Conservative candidate having declared for prohibition. The victory of three Liberal candidates in Halifax was a notable feature. Hon. David MacPherson, George Faulkner and R. E. Penn secured majorities of twelve hundred.

Premier Murray wired from Sydney: "I fully appreciate the overwhelming renewal of confidence on the part of the electors of Nova Scotia which the government received. I accept this striking verdict of the people as evidence that the record of the government is the best in the history of the province. It will be my best endeavor to continue to administer provincial affairs on broad and progressive lines."

Successful Candidates. Annapolis—Bangrott and Daniels, Liberals. Antigonish—Hon. Mr. Chisholm (acclamation), Trotter (acclamation), Liberals. Colchester—Pearson and Hill, Liberals. Cumberland—Hon. Mr. Pipes and Paul, Liberals. Cape Breton—Kendall and Gillis, Liberals. Digby—Hon. Mr. Comeau and Gidney, Liberals. Guysboro—Whitney and Ellis, Liberals. Halifax—Hon. Mr. Macpherson and Faulkner, Liberals. Hants—Drysdale, Liberal; Wilcox, Conservative.

Investment One Liberal and McMillan, Conservative. Kings—Campbell and Sawyer, Union Reformers. Lunenburg—March, Liberal. Pictou—Cochran, Liberal; Baillie and Tanner, Conservatives. Queens—Hon. Mr. Farrell and Cooper, Liberals.

Richmond—One Liberal and Captain Landry, Conservative. Shelburne—M. Nickerson and Irwin, Liberals. Victoria—Hon. Mr. Murray and Morrison, Liberals (acclamation). Yarmouth—Leblanc and Armstrong, Liberals.

VICTORIA BRIDES.

One Marriage Celebrated at Three O'Clock—Two Others Will Take Place This Evening.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

An interesting matrimonial event took place in Christ Church cathedral at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when Miss Una Nicholas, eldest daughter of Major John Nicholas, was joined in marriage to Mr. W. W. Boutbee, of Vancouver. The wedding is one that has looked forward to in social circles with considerable interest, with the result that a large number assembled at the church to witness the ceremony. This was performed by Right Rev. Bishop Perrin, assisted by Rev. August Alban. The groom was supported by Mr. C. E. Merritt, of Vancouver, while the Misses Murial Nicholas, Roubicek, Emily Nicholas and Lillian Nicholas acted as bridesmaids. The ushers were Mr. W. W. Symonds and Ray Rome, of Vancouver, and Mr. J. M. Lawson, of this city.

A reception of the friends of the bride and groom will be tendered at the residence of Miss Carr, an aunt of the bride, 44 Carr street, this evening, and the happy couple will afterwards embark on the steamer "The Dominion," which is bound for Portland, where the honeymoon will be spent. Another Vancouverite who wins a Victoria bride is Mr. Harry Eagleson, of Vancouver, whose marriage to Miss Annie Davey, eldest daughter of Mr. Fred Davey, of Burnside road, is announced for this evening. This wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents. The bride will be supported by her sister, Miss Lucy Davey, and the groom by Mr. Hughes, formerly of this city, but now a resident of the Terminal City. The bride will be supported by her sister, Miss Lucy Davey, and the groom by Mr. Hughes, formerly of this city, but now a resident of the Terminal City. The bride will be supported by her sister, Miss Lucy Davey, and the groom by Mr. Hughes, formerly of this city, but now a resident of the Terminal City.

A third wedding which will take place this evening is that of Mr. Frederick Heiler, of Burnside road, who is to be celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Fourth street.



THE MASONS "HAVE COME TO TOWN."

—From an Exchange.

HALIBUT FISHING ON WEST COAST

THE DEPREDACTIONS OF AMERICAN SCHOONERS

Scum of The Kestrel's Experiences While Cruising Along Shore Line of Vancouver Island.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Halibut fishing along the banks fringing the west coast of Vancouver Island is at its best at this season of the year. Canadians engaged in the industry are reported to be making exceptionally large catches, and from information received American schooners are constantly coming within the three-mile limit and leaving, after a few days' stay, with valuable cargoes. Capt. Newcombe, in command of the fishery protection cruiser Kestrel, is doing his utmost to prevent the poaching which is known to be largely and systematically conducted by enterprising fishermen from Sound points. The latter apparently are acquainted with the lucrative catches to be made upon the British Columbia coasts. They know also that, according to the law, they are not permitted to cast their nets or lines within a certain specified distance of the shore. But this has not the supposed dampening effect upon their enterprise. They come north prepared to take the chances after having made themselves thoroughly conversant with the conditions and understanding the varied methods of obliterating evidences of guilt should the Kestrel happen to capture them a short way outside the limit. Briefly they act much upon the principle that "all's fair in love and war."

A West Coast Times correspondent gives an interesting account of some of the Kestrel's experiences while cruising recently off the West Coast. On the 7th of May she spoke the schooner Katie, a craft of American registration, just five and a half miles from the coast line—half a mile outside the danger zone. Despite this fact Capt. Newcombe boarded the sailing vessel in search of evidence to convict her of poaching. But the schooner had been wily enough to throw away any halibut he might have had on board and to otherwise destroy any evidence which might have been in her possession. The Kestrel came in contact with the Norman Sunday, another American schooner. She then was lying quietly off Quatsino harbor, well outside the limit. A short way outside the limit the Kestrel departed for the south Mr. Leeson reported that the fishing boat had come within half a mile of shore and was merrily hauling in her haul. The Kestrel hastened back only to find that their quarry had mysteriously disappeared.

These illustrations of the difficulties with which Capt. Newcombe is confronted in his earnest endeavor to prevent Americans from raiding the valuable fisheries off the west coast of Vancouver Island go to show how much more the American boatsmen appreciate the value of the halibut to be caught at these points than do the Canadians. At the present time it is stated that there are no less than 17 foreign fishing schooners strung along the coast. They are all aware of the dangerous proximity of the Kestrel, but, as previously mentioned, are willing to run the risk of seizure in view of the richness of the fishing grounds. Because of this fact Capt. Newcombe is reported to have recommended to the Dominion government that another ship be commissioned to assist the Kestrel in preventing the Americans and others from defrauding the Canadians of fishery resources, which, with development, would prove one of the most valuable assets of the country.

In conversation with Capt. Newcombe a Times representative was informed that the report that the New England Fish Company of Vancouver practically controlled the halibut fishing industry on the west coast of the Island was hardly correct. It was conservatively estimated that out of 18,000 tons caught upon these grounds

WILL CELEBRATE THE TWELFTH HERE

OVER THREE THOUSAND ORANGEMEN EXPECTED

Gathering Expected to Be One of the Most Notable of Order on Coast.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

This year will be a memorable one for the many large gatherings of social and ministerial assemblies in Victoria. There have been Baptist, Methodist and Anglican conferences and grand lodge meetings of the Odd Fellows and the Masons, the latter being now in session. All have brought many hundreds to Victoria from different parts of the province. But it is doubtful if any will be more important in point of attendance than the Loys Orange celebration, which takes place in this city on the 12th of next month. Those who are arranging for the big influx of visitors on that occasion say that they are looking for an excursion of 3,000 Orangemen from different parts of the coast. Last year the Orangemen's celebration was held in Vancouver, but indications are that this year's gathering will be the largest on record with coast lodges. Arrangements for the event have not yet been completed in detail, but in a general way the order of the programme will include a grand parade from the A. O. U. hall on Yates street to Beacon Hill. There have been arrangements can be made with the park committee of the city council a platform will be erected, and on this a number of speakers will be congregated. Several of the more prominent executive officers of the order. There will probably be some amusements after the speechifying, and in the evening a concert at the Gorge.

The Mayor has promised to present an address of welcome and, among those whom it is hoped to have to address the gathering at the hill are Rev. Merton Smith, of Vancouver, and Thomas Duke past grand master. It is also intended to do as much decorating as possible, and the council and citizens will be asked to do what they can in this direction. In the parade there will be represented the lodges of Vancouver, New Westminster, Ladners, Eburne, Ladysmith, Saanich, Tacoma, Seattle, Bellingham Bay and elsewhere. The Fifth Regiment band will lead the procession, and in addition to this musical organization there will be many others from neighboring cities. In fact each lodge is expected to bring at least its own fife and drum band.

The Nanaimo Orangemen have chartered a train of seven coaches to bring the delegation from up the E. & N. to Victoria. They have the assurance of the closing of the mines for the day. The mines at Extension are also to shut down for the day, according to advice which the local lodge has received, if there happens to be no vessels waiting cargo. From Vancouver the excursionists will come on the Princess Victoria and Chatterer, the latter steamer having been chartered for the day. And from the Sound it is expected that another steamer will be required in addition to those on the regular run.

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Funeral of Late Premier of New Zealand. Wellington, N. Z., June 21.—The funeral of Premier Seddon, who died suddenly on a steamer while on his way from Sydney to New Zealand, took place here to-day, and was a striking demonstration of public grief.

An enormous number of people followed the hearse on foot to the grave through streets packed with spectators from all parts of the colony. The day was observed as a general holiday throughout New Zealand.

Broker's Suicide. London, June 21.—Demetrius Schilzi, an old member of the stock exchange, shot himself through the heart in the lavatory of the stock exchange last evening.

Schilzi was a jobber in the American market, but it is said that he had no financial trouble. His suicide is attributed to domestic worries. His son committed suicide about a year ago, and Schilzi never recovered from the shock.

Strange Message. Bottle With Information Picked Up on Coast of Vancouver Island. Superintendent Hussey has received a message from Provincial Officer Kraut at Long Beach, Vancouver Island, in which he says that a bottle has been picked up there with the following message in it: "On life raft hundred miles off Columbia bar. John Mairden alive, come to my rescue. June fifth, nineteen six."

In addition the message says a life-buoy has been picked up with the following on it: "Louis, San Francisco." There is nothing to indicate whether the two discoveries are related in any way.

No further information has been received relative to the message in the bottle and the matter remains a mystery.

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MOBS TO Soldiers Stood in Progress

London, June 19.—The has received this dispatch, province of Vitebsk, southeast of Riga, dated "Fifty persons have been anti-Jewish rioting at far from Bialystok."

Predict Revolt. St. Petersburg, June 19.—The city council of Bialystok have demanded the abrogation of law. Seven St. Petersburg besides the Golas were day, two for their vigil on the attitude of the Bialystok, and the othering letters expressed from correspondents.

A curious incident. Minsk, where Governor trial for inciting in the private letters expressed from correspondents. Kantseff in the lower ment to-day was thank of Jews for measuring to prevent an outburst. Private letters expressed from correspondents. Kharikov predict that of Russia will be a station within a month.

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