

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Quebec A. F. & A. M.

It affords me great pleasure to report masonry, in the district of Ottawa, in a more prosperous condition than it has been since I have had the honor to preside over it.

I have established two new Lodges, one in the town of Aylmer, and the other at Portage du Fort. Regarding the former, I am happy to state they are progressing very well, as will be seen by books, &c., in hands of Grand Secretary. I trust the M. W. the Grand Master, will grant them a warrant, with same number as the late Aylmer Lodge.

The Portage du Fort Lodge has had a good deal of trouble about the room, but at present I can say they have as neat a lodge, and as well furnished, as could possibly be desired. They have only held two regular meetings since receiving the dispensation, and have (4) four applications before the board, and two more to present. I do not hesitate to say this will be one of the largest and finest lodges in this district in a very short time, and I would respectfully suggest that their dispensation be continued until the next regular meeting of Grand Lodge. The Pontiac Lodge has not prospered as I should have liked, but as R. W. Bro. Lyon has been elected to preside in the East for the next twelve months, new vigor and life will be infused, and a happy change manifested. The Eddy Lodge is still in a flourishing condition and the work has been conducted correctly and as perfectly as could be desired.

It is with feelings of sorrow I have to report the death of our esteemed and respected Bro. Joseph Tye Flatters, Secretary of Aylmer Lodge, who was buried with masonic honors on the 3rd day of July last at Aylmer.

The Eddy and Aylmer Lodges attended a special service in St. George church, Ottawa, on the eve of St. John the Evangelist, in company with the members of the city lodges. The sermon was delivered by R. W. Bro. C. B. Petit, rural dean of Cornwall, and was both able and appropriate. The full turn out of the masonic body was favorably commented upon, being one of the largest ever seen in Ottawa. The collection was taken up for the benefit of the Burial Plot Committee, and a very handsome amount realized.

On the 28th December I had the honor of installing the officers of Eddy Lodge.

During the year I have had many petitions for dispensation, which I referred to the M. W. the Grand Master, who has always very courteously acceded to the request.

I must not close without thanking R. W. Bro. Isaacson, with whom I have had large correspondence, owing to the opening of two lodges, for the many acts of kindness, punctuality in replying, and good advice, so cheerfully given.

Fraternally submitted,

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