

So many drawbacks have presented themselves from the recent universal commercial depression, and all the British colonies, except Canada, have felt the depression so heavily, that the attention of the English farmer is now turned towards Canada as the most desirable field for his knowledge and energy.

John W. Down, Government agent at Bristol, England, in his report for the month of July to the Minister of Interior, says that there has been a considerable increase in the number of people calling at his office for information concerning Canada, and that there has been an increase, too, in the number of immigrants leaving for the Dominion. "The scarcity of money alone prevents thousands of good farmers from going to Canada," writes the agent.

Large financial syndicates and commercial companies in England are now turning their attention to Canada as a field for investment. With a vigorous immigration policy, less internal political disruption, the straightening out of the Grand Trunk affairs, the large crops in the Northwest, and the general prosperity of Canada, our chances appear extremely good to secure both the men and the money.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The members of the Ottawa Valley of the S. O. E. are now being roused to united activity by the efforts of Bro. Wm. Toague, D.D. He has always held it essential to the best interest of the Order that it could be better served by having a district committee, composed of three members from each lodge. He is visiting the lodges with this object in view during September, when in the early part of October the committee will be called together and the winter's work mapped out.

As was anticipated by a large number of members, the Degree Lodge (Clarendon United W. R.) of Ottawa, passed out of existence on Monday night, the 26th ult. The lack of interest by the officers and persistent apathy in their duties, guaranteed to the members the uselessness of attending. But in the case of the 26th ult. the members were there, but no officers put in appearance to open the lodge. When honors are conferred upon individuals, and confidence reposed, members naturally look for courtesy at least from them.

The picnic committee of the Ottawa lodges closed up their business last week and reported a divy among the lodges participating of \$8 each. We cannot fully endorse the action of the committee in reference to some of its accounts. A broader view might have been given to the details, and arrangements. After explanations had been made, which to ordinary minds seemed quite satisfactory, but to some of the committee it was not, they thought, in accordance with the spirit that should have prevailed, that some individuals had no rights. We hope that wider opinions will prevail in future when a combination is entered into by contracting parties, and the policy of give and take be the measure meted out. Then justice can be better done to all parties, and the broader spirit which should govern such matters have a happier termination.

In another column will be found a communication from our esteemed Bro. Thos. Elliott, P.S.G.P., upon a matter, which to some, is as grave as that of the new constitution—the "official organ." Bro. Elliott is familiar with the machinery and knows the wants and requirements of the Order, he keeps himself posted with its work and progress by reading the *ANGLO-SAXON*, and says, "what would the Order have done without it?" Bro. Elliott saw the necessity of an official organ for the Order while visiting the lodges on the Pacific coast in company with Bro. Carter. The reports which were published of the progress of their movements were appreciated by the whole membership. Bro. Elliott holds that as soon as the official organ is settled fact, and the new constitution fully understood by the members, the Order will go ahead will leaps and bounds.

OFFICIAL EMBLEM PIN.

The Supreme Executive has just received the first consignment of the new emblem pins. The design was approved by the Supreme Grand Lodge at Woodstock, and consists of the "St. George's Cross and Flag." In order to prevent any alteration of the design, the Executive registered the pin with the Dominion Government, so that no one can make or sell the emblem, only through the Supreme Executive office. The price marked was 50c, the Executive are trying to lower the price to 25c.

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IMPERIAL FEDERATION (DEFENCE) COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the *ANGLO-SAXON*:

SIR,—A copy of the *ANGLO-SAXON* for July has been forwarded to me by a Canadian friend, who calls my attention to an article therein dealing with No. 4 publication of the Imperial Federation Defence Committee which, the reviewers say, "certainly contains some new and startling facts."

The article proceeds to state that "it is impossible to study this pamphlet without coming to the same conclusion as the Committee," that "this is not a state of affairs of which we can feel proud, and it calls for a serious effort to put the provision for the general defence of the Empire upon a reasonable and definite footing." "If however we enquire what the Committee is going to do about it, and what the 'serious effort' is to which they refer, we find that all they propose is 'that these facts should be brought officially to the notice of the Colonies.' 'Truly this is a lame and impotent conclusion.'"

This comment might be justifiable if the preceding statement were correct; but it is not the case that 'all the Committee propose is that these facts should be brought officially to the notice of the Colonies'; though that is obviously an essential preliminary to any action.

If the reviewer had read the final page of the paper under consideration, he would have seen under the heading, "Are they willing?" a reiteration of the statement which has been made in every one of its publications that the desire of the Committee is "that the Government of the United Kingdom should formally ascertain from the Colonies whether they are willing to take their share in the cost and the administration of Maritime Defence."

It is clear that until this willingness has been ascertained nothing can be done. It would be idle to propose the alteration of existing arrangements to admit of such contribution and representation without first ascertaining that there was at least a possibility of their coming to pass; and it would be discourteous to the Governments of countries like Canada to affect to ignore the obvious fact that without their assent no such arrangement could be carried out.

I do not for a moment suggest that there is any desire on the part of the *ANGLO-SAXON* to misrepresent the efforts of the Committee with whose objects it has always shown considerable sympathy, but I express a hope that your reviewer will in future read its publications, which are brief and to the point, even to their last page.

I am, sir,

Your obediently,

ARTHUR H. LORING,

Hon. Secretary, Imperial Federation Defence Committee, 25 Old Queen Street, Westminster, S. W.

London, England, 1st August, 1895.

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN.

Editor *ANGLO-SAXON*:

DEAR SIR,—As one who has, ever since my first connection with the Society, always taken an active interest in its welfare, I may be pardoned for asking space in your paper for a few remarks upon the question of an "Official Organ."

In the first place, I am one of those who heartily desire to see such a journal in connection with the Order; in fact I think it absolutely necessary that such should be established, and as quickly as convenient with proper conditions.

The proposition to supply each and every member with a copy of the paper I consider a correct one, and THE SMALL CHARGE OF 20 CENTS PER MEMBER PER ANNUM I think a very liberal offer indeed. The profit from same must be a very small one, and it must be a spirit of patriotism that instigates such an offer rather than one of profit.

Surely any Englishman ought to see at once that it is worth his while to support such a liberal proposition—and that at once. It cannot be anything else than a lack of interest that prevents the members and lodges from immediately endorsing such an offer, and I sincerely trust that the officers and members of the different subordinate lodges will at once take this matter up—if they have not already done so—in a fair spirit and return their decisions to the Supreme Grand Secretary. On this question the Order should speak out at once.

I remember while I had the honor to occupy the position of Supreme Grand President, being applied to for endorsement of the last journal started in Toronto in connection with the Society, namely, *The Canadian Englishman*. I distinctly told the pro-

prietor that the Sons of England could only afford to support one paper, and that if he was going to start another journal outside of the *ANGLO-SAXON* that he ought first to well consider what he was doing, as the Executive could not afford to encourage, either financially or otherwise, a second paper. During its short existence it led to discussion and petty jealousies that did not tend to the advancement of the Society. I suggested to the parties that he make a proposition for the purchase of the *ANGLO-SAXON*. My advice was not listened to, the journal was started, the result is well known, and was not successful either as a society journal or from a financial point of view.

My idea of a society journal would be one acknowledged as an authority and supported as such by the Order. The statement of the standing of each lodge should be published monthly, showing members in good standing; amount received from calls, dues, or any other source, number of members suspended or expelled since last report (previous month); it should also contain the deaths of members, No. of lodge and location in which the deceased member had been a member of, and a summary showing the receipts and disbursements in total of each account kept by the Executive of the Supreme Grand Secretary. These should all be certified to by the Supreme Grand Secretary under seal.

If this course were adopted and followed out each member could then see for himself the standing of his lodge monthly, and this would in a large measure prevent the constant shortages and defalcations of secretaries that at present exists to such a large extent. The paper should have some two or three pages or more, if necessary, controlled by the Executive entirely.

Trusting you will pardon my taking up so much space, but, being interested in the Order, and wishing it every success, I have presumed to encroach on your space with a desire to do the Society a kindness, if I may be allowed the term. Believe me,

Yours fraternally,

THOS. ELLIOTT, P.S.G.P.

Brantford, Aug. 16th, 1895.

Supreme Grand Lodge Offer

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The "Anglo-Saxon."

Thousands of the members of the Order have responded in a harmonious spirit to the desire of the Executive, and subscribed to the *ANGLO-SAXON*, while some lodges have not been able to deal with the proposal, as yet. For instance, Fort William has suffered loss by fire, the circular being burnt but the lodge has ordered 20 copies. Guildford lodge's secretary says, the wish of the Executive, as expressed in the circular to the lodges, will be carried into effect at their next lodge meeting. Members of Britannic lodge, Montreal, are also ordering copies of each issue.

Prince George lodge, Quebec, have been out of harness during the summer months, but the middle of September will see them in a position to deal with the offer of the Executive.

Brockville is waiting to see what the other lodges are going to do before deciding; and so on.

Then there are the lodges who unfortunately have a large proportion of men who feel it their duty to be on hand if any scheme of progress is being brought forward, who have very few ideas of their own, but who make themselves conspicuous by persistently objecting. While this class of members are of very little use to the Order, yet they are the cause of a great deal of annoyance. We will say right here, that when well defined plans for the best advancement of the Order are brought forward the chronic kicker should not be allowed to overthrow them.

Then some lodges are short-sighted, and there are penny-wise members among them who think printer's ink superfluous and the fraternal press of no value. Such ideas come only from those who are narrow-minded, selfish or slow-going enough to wish the world would turn back half a century to the days when railroads, telegraphs and steam printing presses were unknown. The lodges who have not accepted the arrangement which the Executive have entered into with the *ANGLO-SAXON*, are the greatest losers.

To such actions as the above can be attributed the failure of all previous attempts for successfully establishing and unreservedly supporting a paper devoted exclusively to the Sons of England Order. No doubt these prejudices will be over-ruled authoritatively at the next Grand Lodge meeting and definitely settled.

A RAMBLER'S NOTES.

Montreal, P.Q.

Lodge Britannic, Montreal, is already considering the advisability of holding socials during the coming winter, to promote the interest of the lodge generally, and a committee of its most influential members has already been formed for the first, which takes place early in October.

Go ahead Britannic; shew the brother lodges what can be done. What we want is for some lodge to shew us what is to be done to make things interesting. Up to the present time the general routine of the lodges has been anything but inviting to the newly initiated brethren, and too much time is wasted on the small matters of the lodges.

Let us have the lodge meetings made interesting—a little more "music, song and story." A man who has been at business the whole day does not find it interesting to sit for 2 or 3 hours listening to a discussion between a few, concerning a matter of 5 or 10 cents.

It is a well known fact that a man who comes to the lodge to meet the brethren does not want anything but pleasant and interesting company, and the more he finds of that the more apt he will be to try and get his friends initiated.

There has been, and is at present, a cry that there has not been enough clannishness in the S. O. E. An Englishman does not need to be clannish. He shines best as an individual. If he is interested in anything he is bound to work ahead. The Englishman of today is the most conspicuous and go-ahead individual in the world.

But that does not imply that we must keep together. In Canada of all places we Englishmen need to band ourselves together. In England it is Englishman against Englishman, but here it is Englishman against the world. Let us get together then so that we may make ourselves felt all over this fair Dominion, over which our ensign so proudly floats.

The more we band ourselves together the more we can make ourselves felt. Montreal had a parade this summer such as they never had before. Over 600 brethren formed in line, headed by the band and the grand old flag, and walked about two miles to church, "Rule Britannia." The "British Grenadiers," etc., being the style of marches the band played. People opened their eyes with astonishment. They had no idea that such a strong Order was in their midst, and the fact that they were all respectable Englishmen made more than a little talk around the city, especially among the press. Everybody in the Order said it did more good than anything yet. Primrose lodge initiated 13 new members immediately after.

The Order is now getting the right kind of men among its members; men who can and will push its best interests; men of good standing, intellectual and well educated men; men of weight, go-ahead, progressive; men, who do not sit and listen the whole evening and mentally vote everything a bore, but who take a deep interest in things and make lodge night lively; men who bring a new candidate almost every lodge night. These are the men we want. These are the men who are going to make our Order make phenomenal progress during this and the coming years.

A. D. THORNTON.

PREPARING TO ORGANIZE.

A PROPOSED LODGE AT PICTON, ONT. A meeting of Englishmen by birth or descent, who are interested in the formation of a lodge of the Order in Picton, was held in Eyre's Hall, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 10th, to complete the organization of the lodge, and for the selection of officers for the current term.

TORONTO NOTES.

Bro. Geo. Clay, the Secretary of the S. O. E. B. S. Building Loan and Savings Association, has just returned from a two weeks sojourn in Muskoka. George is very modest, strange to say, he has not brought any fish stories with him, his friends are mourning over his reticence.

The coming of age of the S. O. E. B. S. will be celebrated on December 12th next, and in order to make the demonstration worthy of the occasion, Bro. Dr. C. A. Hodgett, D.D., Center Toronto, has brought the matter before the District Council so that the lodges in his district can co-operate with Albion Lodge in making arrangements. A committee was appointed for consultation with the members of Albion Lodge No. 1.

Callander.

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