

Another Year of Great Prosperity For Canadian Order of Odd Fellows

Grand Master Read His Annual
Report at Convention
Yesterday.

The annual convention of the C. O. O. F. opened yesterday afternoon with a full attendance of delegates from all over the Dominion of Canada.

The roll calls for about 150 delegates, and practically all of them were seated when the convention opened at 2 o'clock.

After the meeting had come to order, the delegates were welcomed by Grand Master W. T. Jenkins, of Fenelon Falls, who read his annual address. It was as follows:

Grand Master's Address.

"London, June 15, 1908.
To the members of the Grand Lodge, Canadian Order of Oddfellows:

"Brethren, — Another year has passed in the history of our society, and it gives me pleasure to again give you greeting in this our annual assembly. I anticipate important legislation will be enacted before we part, that will work for good for the order, and that end, I would request the delegates to discuss all the important measures, calmly, charitably and clearly.

"We should not forget at the outset to return our heartfelt thanks to the Great Source of all Good for the bounteous manner in which he has showered his many blessings upon us, both as individuals and as an order. May our prayers ever ascend that he may continue to let the light of his countenance shine upon us, and give us peace and prosperity.

Order is Prosperous.

"During the year just closed our order has enjoyed a marked degree of prosperity and briefly, I would draw your attention to the following facts. We have now the largest membership at any time in the history of the order. Our assets per \$1,000 of insurance is higher than ever before. We have instituted more new lodges, and received more applications for membership than any year during the last decade. Our death rate has been the lowest for seven years, while our lapses have been fewer than usual. Particulars of these statements will be found in the report of the executive grand officers, so I need not repeat them. This state of affairs will surely meet with your approval.

Growth in the West.

"Our order has been making rapid strides in the 'growing' part of our Grand Dominion, namely, the new provinces of the west, and we are face to face with the fact that something must be done to bring the G. O. O. F. into closer touch with this part of our organization, and I trust some scheme may be evolved to meet that desired end in this grand lodge closes.

An Appointment.

"After many deliberations on the question of appointing a superintendent of organization, the G. O. O. F. (after receiving his resignation as a member of the board), were unanimously in favor of appointing Bro. R. T. McNichol to the position, and the results obtained in the short time he has filled the office amply justify his appointment, and I firmly believe that when the plans he is laying have more time to mature, we will find our organization department more effective than ever it has been in the days gone by.

"I appointed Bro. P. G. M. Robert Clark to fill the vacancy on the board for the balance of the term, knowing his past experience on the board would be of great benefit to us.

"During the year, I received the resignation of the D. D. G. M. of Windsor and Owen Sound districts, and as D. G. M. Bro. Irwin was engaged in those districts at the time, trying to infuse some enthusiasm into the lodges, I did not deem it advisable to fill the position again until this meeting.

Lodges Visited.

"I visited during the year the following lodges, Bayshore, Trent, Molra, Earl Grey, Star in the East, Lily of the Valley, United Brothers, Cambridge, Gull River, Mount Albert, Trent Valley, Lindsay district and a union meeting of Brighton and Belleville districts held at Belleville. At almost every place the attendance was large, and the brethren very enthusiastic, and I am of the opinion if more visits were made by the grand lodge officers to different lodges in their near neighborhoods, much good would result. My best thanks are due to the brethren of these lodges for the kindly and courteous treatment accorded me.

"I am pleased to note that many of our members make use of the columns of our official organ, the Canadian Oddfellow, and I would urge on many more to avail themselves of its space and thereby make it interesting to every lodge and member in the order.

"I wish to thank my colleagues on the executive board for their hearty co-operation during the year, and for the harmonious manner in which our deliberations have been carried on, not one important item of business being settled except by a unanimous vote.

Important Matters.

"I need do nothing more than draw your attention to the important matters that will be brought before you before the close of this grand lodge, namely, the revision of the constitution, optional insurance, Hunter rates for all members, the readjustment of the funeral fund, union with the members of the Manchester Union, settlement of endowment policies, biennial sessions and change of date of annual meeting, and again request that your discussion of them may be concise, calm, charitable and clear, and our meeting this year will be marked with a white stone in the history of our order.

"In conclusion, brethren, let me urge on each member of the order to exemplify in his daily living the great fundamental principles of friendship, love and truth, faith, hope and charity, and by so doing make four grand Canadian Order of Odd-

fellows a power in and a credit to this grand Dominion, this great Canada of ours.

"I am content with Canada, and ask no fairer land than has been given me. No greater joy, no more inspiring task, Than to uphold and share her destiny."

The address was ordered to be printed in the minutes of the convention.

On the completion of this order of business, Bro. Mark B. Thomas, of Toronto, delivered the purple lecture, which admitted forty members of the first time. The ceremonies in connection with the lecture were most impressive. Mr. Thomas was assisted by Bro. James Barnes.

Two Presentations.

Two presentations were on the card. Bro. Jas. Barnes, of Toronto, P. D. D. G. M., of that district, was presented with a D. D. G. M.'s jewel in recognition of his valiant services during many years activity on behalf of the order.

A grand master's jewel was also presented to Bro. Robert Clark, P. G. M., in replacement of the jewel destroyed by fire.

The presentations were made by Dr. H. Bingham, of Toronto, who referred in eulogistic terms to the splendid work done by both in the interests of Oddfellowship.

Committees.

The committees for the convention were then struck as follows:

State of Order—Bros. Thomas N. Craup, Dr. Bingham, Dr. Ozonier.

Grievances and Appeals—H. Hahn, W. McWaters and S. J. Plaster.

Miscellaneous Business—Bros. N. A. Ross, Robert Newell and Rev. G. S. Lindsay.

Press Committee—Bros. W. T. Bellamy, C. A. Lapp, and W. H. Shaw.

In the afternoon session, the new constitution was discussed briefly. A general resume of the changes intended to be made were shown, but the matter was not discussed at any great length.

The evening session was also a short one, very little business being taken up. The new constitution was also dealt with, but briefly.

The convention will discuss the constitution at all sessions today, and it is anticipated that a warm debate will take place at the afternoon session.

The Delegates.

The delegates are as follows:

Wilmet Hall, Wm. Fletcher, Dundas; Thomas Maine, Westover; J. R. Fleury, Toronto; R. W. Powell, Hamilton; George Venator, Hamilton; J. A. Ross, Hamilton; Wm. Trotman, Hamilton; Robert McMurphy, Owen Sound; Thos. R. Bryans, Robert Newell, Toronto; Norman Stewart, Sam J. Plaster, Westover, Ont.; Geo. E. Carney, F. W. Traut, Toronto; John E. Ellis, Wm. Dayman, A. E. Deane, Fenelon Falls; James Barnes, W. G. Adams, J. W. Larkin, Toronto; D. Sisk, Oil Springs; E. W. Geddes, Hepworth; W. J. Storey, W. D. Jones, Toronto; Allan Rice, Port Huron; Andrew McClure, Woodbridge; Joseph Hill, W. E. Youmans, St. Thomas; Bentley Meeks, Geo. D. Johnston, Concession, Ont.; J. H. Roberts, Bridge-way, Ont.; W. Lydiatt, St. Catharines, Ont.; T. A. Bellamy, Ingersoll; J. W. Wartiam, J. A. Zufelt, Belleville; R. A. Lewis, G. A. Quackenbush, Trenton, Ont.; H. D. Fleming, London; Nicholas, Missener, Fines, Sayers, Troy; George W. Peister, Brighton; John Green, Thos. R. Warren, Marjona; G. F. Brickman, Wesley Weese, Redversville; G. S. Empey, J. Harris, Bannockburn; C. H. Parsons, London; Alvin Vanhaver, Kingston; Frank Jay, J. A. Ken-p, Montreal; Chas. F. Drader, Joseph Wakelin, Cobocock; Peter Irving, Alvinson; Geo. Nicholson, Sidney; John W. Kemp, Coddington; Richard Martin, Sheffield; Solomon Manning, Shannonville; Thos. Earle, Baltimore; Wm. Smith, Uxbridge; J. R. Artis, Shannonville; J. A. Merritt, Ackwood; E. Fair, Cambridge; Thomas Mitchell, Cobourg; A. Palmer, Minden; F. Roseburgh, Rev. J. E. Hawkins, St. George; L. A. Derrike, Campbellford; Wm. McVaters, Alex. Kennedy, Lindsay; James Casswell, Highgate; P. McCluskey, Nashville; Thos. W. Foster, Montreal; Geo. Hicks, Windsor; James Steele, Robt. Wray, Galt; Rev. J. Lindsay, Jas. Ross, Kintore; Geo. A. Scott, Montreal; E. M. Cramps, Ottawa; J. F. C. Bray, Pemberton Smith, Montreal; Arthur Morden, Allisonville; C. W. Denton, Tillsonburg; E. Thompson, Demerestville; J. A. Weese, Bancroft; Alex. E. Parke, Watson's Corners; Geo. Moore, Montreal; Harry Potter, Frankford; W. J. Beaver, Embro; H. E. Cardinal, Toronto.

D. A. Young, P. G. M., Montreal; W. T. Junkin, grand master, Fenelon Falls; William Irwin, deputy grand master, St. Thomas; Robert Fleming, grand secretary, Toronto; W. H. Shaw, grand treasurer, Toronto; Rev. W. D. Wilson, grand chaplain, Belleville; Dr. H. S. Bingham, grand medical referee, Toronto; W. L. Young, Markdale; C. J. Musson, Toronto, grand auditors; Dr. Adam Thomson, Galt, and Robert Clark, Troy, grand representatives; Dr. J. A. White, Lindsay; John Canning, Belleville, and C. W. Bradfield, Hamilton, committee on laws; C. H. Bampfyde, Hamilton, J. S. Tagg, Brighton, and W. D. Jones, Toronto, committee on finance; Joseph Kirt, Cannington, grand warden; Wm. Lydiatt, St. Catharines, grand guard; Lyman Lee, Hamilton, grand solicitor.

District deputy grand masters—George R. Jennings, Brighton; C. W. Hughes, Lindsay; Dr. Opsomer, Montreal; Robert Hammond, Galt; C. W. Phillips, Toronto; J. W. Boyd, Belleville; Harold Holman, Hamilton; Geo. A. Mason, St. Thomas.

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Depart for the east—*12:14 a.m., *3:20 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., *11:21 a.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m. (Eastern Flyer).

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