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that good results will follow my visit, though they may not appear immediately. The fact that the Supreme Council authorized a visitation awakened much interest in the craft. Possibly the work in Victoria will have to be begun anew. Of the 27 members reported in the proceedings as on the roll of the Lodge of Perfection, there are now scarcely fourteen available at Victoria; and out of this number not more than half would take up the work. Bro. HARRISON, who has discharged many important craft duties, been Grand Master of the Province, and the recipient of many evidences of the good will of his brethren, is infirm from the effects of an accident, and has positively assured me that he can no longer be relied on for the performance of active duties. The brother whom I thought best fitted to take up the responsibilities of work for us was unwilling to do so. There seems to be, so far as Victoria is concerned, nothing to do but to wait. In the young and rising city of Vancouver there are greater immediate possibilities than there are at Victoria. Bro. ISAAC OPPENHEIMER, formerly M. W. of the Khurum Chapter, is now a resident of that place, but he was absent in California at the time of my visit. There are two or three other members of the Rite there who might be depended on to assist us if called upon. Acting upon what I conceived to be for the best interests of the Rite, I conferred the degrees 4<sup>o</sup> to 18<sup>o</sup> upon Bro. WILLIAM DOWNIE, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of the Province, on L. R. JOHNSTON, Master of Cascade Lodge, No. 12, and on Bro. JAMES T. CARROLL, M. D., of the same Lodge, all residents of Vancouver, and I have little doubt whatever from the interest shown by these brethren in the short time I spent with them, the Rite in British Columbia will have a new future. I may add that while on the Pacific coast I visited the city of Seattle, and there met Ill. Bro. J. R. HAYDEN, Deputy of the Supreme Council for the State of Washington, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, who was instrumental in introducing some of our degrees into British Columbia. He again kindly placed his services at our disposal whenever the occasion for the use of them rises. Although I took the long journey of 3,400 miles from my own home with some feeling of dislike, I must add that I had an enjoyable and pleasant trip. I saw a wide extent of country, much of it very fertile, a great deal of it wild and yet beautiful, all of it interesting. Above all I formed friendships with members of the craft on the Pacific slope and in the prairie Provinces, which, I assume, will prove as durable as they are now agreeable.

While on my way back I spent two days at Winnipeg, and visited the Lodge, Chapter and Consistory at that place. Promises made to the Supreme Council last year with regard to a revival of the work at Winnipeg, by Ill. Bro. BELL, have been well kept. A new suit of apartments has been fitted up very tastefully and comfortably, and the Lodge and Chapter have made considerable progress in restoring the properties lost by the fire. Several new members have been admitted and a great deal of interest is taken in the work. I saw the 4<sup>o</sup>, 5<sup>o</sup> and 18<sup>o</sup> conferred in full, with an effectiveness which was most creditable to the brethren. Difficulties which have interposed to prevent successful meetings have now all disappeared, and we may expect a steady progress of the Rite in that city. This has not been accomplished, however, without an expenditure of time, labour and means on the part of the brethren, which is worthy of consideration.