longed cheers, the audience rising and singing "Jolly good Flag."

Bro. Hunt, of Montreal, was a perfect lion at the banquet. His vocal and instrumental music seemed to inspire a feeling of intense loyalty in the breast of every one present. His lung power is immense on the *forte*, and his selections are rich.

Bro. Dr. Powell, of Ottawa, also displayed refined musical talent, as did also Col. Prior, M.P. for Victoria, (B. C.), Bro. Lomas of Toronto, Bro. J. Hind, Capt. Allan of Toronto, Bro. Hanningford of Hamilton, and Dr. Chipman of Ottawa.

Col. Dennison, of Toronto, was at the banquet, also Col. Tyrwhitt, M. P., Bro. Ward, M. P., Col. Prior, M. P., Mr. Daly, M. P., Mr. McKay, M. P., McDowell, M. P., and Mr. Mara, M. P., Bro. Corby, M. P.

A Son of England writes to the Ottawa *Evening Journal*, justly complaining of the absence of Her Majesty's Ministers at the S. O. E. banquet, not one being present. In explanation we think we cannot do better than quote his own words, which are as follows: "There was one feature, Mr. Editor, of the evening that deserves a passing notice. There was one toast high upon the list that was unproposed, viz., "Her Majesty's Ministers," and at first sight it does seem strange that such a prominent toast coming immediately after that of "His Excellency the Governor-General," should have been omitted from the programme. Did the chairman realize it? I think so. It is not a toast which it is customary to drink in silence, and especially in Ottawa where we exist under the sublime reflection of 14 Ministers of the Crown. It is not to be wondered at that the chairman, in the exercise of his discretion, should have purposely omitted the toast, and I trust that at the next banquet of S. O. E. that takes place in Ottawa the same toast will be again omitted if no Minister of the Crown thinks it worth his while to inconvenience himself in the smallest degree to be present and respond when asked to do so. No doubt a division was called at the Commons and the M. P's. present at the dinner responded to their country's call and went up to the House, but they came back again and brought their friends with them and responded heartily to their own toast of the "Parliament of Canada." By the way, where was Senator Clemow to reply for that August body. Echo answers, where? Mr. Editor, I think I am safe and within the mark when I say that the Sons of England in Canada are a body not to be despised, and if anybody wanted to see a selection of good men and true, loyal to the person and crown of Queen Victoria, Soverign of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India, they should have been at the Russell House diningroom last evening, February 14, 1889. It may happen at the next banquet given by the S.O.E. in Ottawa, in honor of Grand Lodge, some ministers of the Crown may desire to purchase a ticket." Had it been a meeting with a large sprinkling of the Fenian element, no doubt a large quorum of the Cabinet would have been present."

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Barrie.—The officers of Southampton Lodge, No. 28, S.O.E., are: Fred. Edwards, president; G. G. Smith, P. P.; C. Surimerton, V. P.; J. C. Lang, R. Sec.; G. Whitebread, F. Sec.; W. Hubbard, Chap. Committee—B. King, J. Wright, C. Palling, J. Hewitt, J. Tooker, J. Bebb.

Toronto.—Windsor Lodge No. 36. We were installed on Jan. 8th, '89, and were honored by the presence of the G. P., Dr. S. B. Pollard, who officiated, being a member of our lodge. G. V. P., Bro. Kempling; P. G. P. Thos. Skippin; P. G. P., Bro. Caddick; P.G.V., Bro. H. J. Boswell; G. Sec., Bro. Carter; Bro. Miles, Norfolk Lodge; Bro. Peckham, of Brighton; Bro. Charlton, of Richmond; Bro. Willis, of Albion; Bro. Taylor, of Albion; Bro. Webster, of Kent; Bro. T. Cannon, secretary of Surrey, and Bro. Owston, of Surrey, were among the visitors. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: P. Pres., Will T. James; W. Pres., John Fawcett; Vice-Pres., A. C. Chapman; Sec., Frank West; Treas., J. H. Jewell; Chap., H. A. Giles; I. G., Alfred Haskell; O. G., Wm. Barker, Sr. Managing committee, Harry Barker, H. Steel, S. Rich, W. T. Barker, Harry Becton, Henry Fuller. Surgeon, Dr. S. B. Pollard. Trustees, Walter Burnill, Chas. Corin, H. W. Thorpe. Auditors, H. A. Giles, E. Steel, W. Huxley. I will do what I can to advance the interest of your journal in our lodge. FRANK WEST, Sec.

Albion Lodge No. 1.—We have received from the secretary of this the father lodge of the Order, their last quarter's statement which is as follows:

Assets.

Paid on 300 Shares in S.O.E. Hall Co	$1,800 00
Loan to S.O.E. Hall Co	1,000 00
Canada Permanent Co's. deposit	500 00
Government Savings Bank deposit	535 08
Interest due	75 00
Balance	419 17
	$4,329 25

Liabilities.

Doctor	$124 50
Secretary	36 60
Capitation Tax	33 40
Rent	17 50
Funeral Fund	50 10
Registration of new members	16 00
Balance	4,051 15
	$4,329 25

Honorary members 2, active members 398.

To the Editor:—I see by the report in your last issue you have not reported the true statement; the number of Beneficiary policies only gives us credit for 515, I am very glad to say it should have been 775. Please correct, and oblige Bro. A. PARTRIDGE, Albion Lodge.

Montreal.—I am pleased once more to receive a copy of your paper. I was afraid you had forgot us, but I trust your new undertaking will prove successful and the members subscribe more liberally. It ought to be patronized more liberally by the brethren for the valuable information it contains of the working and progress of the Order, also the very useful information it affords to members traveling. Victoria Jubilee Lodge No. 41 held their quarterly meeting on the 28th December last, a large number being present from other lodges. Three candidates were initiated. The election of officers took place as follows: Past Pres., Bro. S. Pike; president, Bro. H. Irons; vice-pres., Bro. Alf. Holt; chaplain, Bro. S. Hutchinson, re-elected. Treas., Bro. S. Stephenson, re-elected; Sec., Bro. J. A. Edwards; Committeemen—Bros. Geo. H. Irons, Jas. Barton. J. Robinson, W. G. Murdock, Ed. Harris and Wm. Senior; inner guard, Bro. A. Lorsby, outer guard, W. Platt; trustees, Bros. John Harris, F. Brownhill and A. Farling; auditors, Bros. T. Hutchinson, C. H. Hildred and R. Jones. This lodge is progressing very satisfactorily, although not yet two years in existence. It has about 80 members and several propositions in for initiation. Judging from the material composing the lodge, it bids fair to outstrip some of its seniors. Also from the systematic manner in which the business is done—perhaps accounted for by the large number of old military men being on its roll, from nearly all branches of the service, including Horse and Foot Guards, Hussars, Artillery, Riflemen and different regiments of the line. Very few better specimens could be seen than our past president, president, treasurer, and last, though not least, our secretary, so don't be afraid, brethren, we are the country's stay in the day and hour of danger.

During the year we have initiated 51 members. Our Auditor's report shows the following funds:

Balance credit 31st Dec., 1887	$104 57
Cash received during the year	491 63
Total	$596 20
Disbursements	221 58
Cash balance 31st Dec., 1888	$374 62

Members good on books 83. We are still marching on and recruiting.—HOLT.

Newcastle.—Newcastle Lodge No. 46, elected for the ensuing year the following officers: W. P., W. Wagstaff; V. P., Chas. Wilmot; Secy., A.A. Colwill; Treas., Wm. Toms; Chaplain, John Petnick; P.P., Thos. Hancock; Surgeon, Dr. A. Farncomb; Committee, Bros. John Scott, W. Mason, Dr. Leitch, J. Fligg, Newcomb and Simmons; Trustees, Bros. Thos. Hancock, J.N. Uglow, and W. Toms; Auditors, Bros. Dr. A Farncomb, J. Fligg, and R. Colwill; Guards, J. Wilkinson and W. Baines.

Bowmanville.—The following are the officers of Wellington Lodge No. 19: Pres., W. E. Pethick; V. P., J. B. Taylor; Secy., J. H. Kenner; Treas., James Elliott; Chaplain, W. Thickson; Guards, Thos. Trick and J. F. Barnes; Surgeon E.C. McDowell, M.D.; Trustees, Jno. Kellyar, Henry Gale; Auditors, L. Cornish, J.N. Kivell, T. E. Higginbotham; Committee, T. F. Richardson, L. Deyman, R. Hamblyn, Fred Boughen, John Gaud, J. N. Rivell. Yours, P. E. W.