

The references to Nova Scotia Masons and Masonry on the part of our hosts were eloquent, cordial and hearty, and the fraternal sentiments expressed to us were warmly returned by M. W. Bro. Fraser and myself.

#### NON-AFFILIATION.

I would add my honest recommendation to those of my predecessors, that all Masons in every locality throughout the Jurisdiction, should remain connected as active members with the Lodges. Non-affiliation has been properly condemned by all Masons who have observed its deadening effect upon Masonry. I sincerely trust that the influence of these repeated admonitions may result in the return of non-affiliated Masons to their Lodges. Their financial aid is sorely needed in many Lodges, but above all, their moral, social and intellectual influence is desirable.

I would press upon the members of the Craft present, to urge this step of affiliation upon every non-affiliated brother with whom they come in contact.

It is neither Masonic, nor honorable for Masons to enjoy the many Masonic privileges and advantages yet accorded to non-affiliates, while the Craft in many particulars suffers for the need of their practical assistance.

#### OFFICIAL ACTS.

*June 13, 1897.* Granted permission to Albert Lodge, No. 30, to attend in procession to church, etc., on the Queen Jubilee, June 22nd, 1897.

*June 13.* Granted Acacia Lodge, No. 13, Pugwash, permission to meet in Lodge, form in procession, wear regalia, and have church service on June 22nd, being Her Majesty's Jubilee.

*June 18.* Permission granted to Hiram Lodge, No. 12, and Scotia Lodge, No. 31, Yarmouth, to meet in their Lodges, walk together to church to service, and wear regalia, on June 22nd, being the Queen Jubilee, then to return to their Lodges.

*June 18.* Same permission and same conditions granted to Acacia Lodge, No. 8, for the Jubilee on June 22nd.

*July 18.* Dispensation granted to New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, to confer the Master Mason's Degree on Bro. Roderick A. Murray, who was about leaving Pictou for a time.

*Aug. 8rd.* Ordered duplicate copy of Charter to be sent to St. Mark's Lodge, No. 35, Baddeck, original, with the hall, being destroyed by fire on June 17th, 1897.

*Aug. 13th.* Decided that no by-law could be adopted giving Acacia Lodge, No. 8, nor any other Lodge, power to confer honorary rank expressed by the vote of the Lodge as settled by Section 38, Chapter 14, of the Constitution.

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