

ORANGE GRAND LODGE

Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting Opened at Campbellton

A Large Number of Members from All Parts of the Province Present at the Opening.

The Address of Grand Master Douglas McArthur of St. John—Reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer Presented.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., April 23.—The Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick assembled in 58th annual meeting at the Masonic hall here this afternoon, over one hundred members being present.

At two o'clock Grand Master Douglas McArthur called the meeting to order, and after the usual opening ceremonies and the appointment of standing committees delivered the following address, which was referred to a committee:

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., April 23. To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of N. B.: Brethren—The fifty-eighth annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge is now upon us, and once more we are convened in Grand Lodge session to look over the past, consider the future, and generally to consider the best methods to perpetuate the principles of our loyal association in the times in which we are living.

It gives me more than ordinary pleasure to present to you my first address as your grand master. In doing so, brethren, it comes to my mind that for fifty-eight years my predecessors have trodden this same path. Many of these brethren were the foremost men of their times—men of marked ability, considering the things, I do not find it an easy matter to prepare this address.

I have confidence, however, that considering the first year of the occupancy of the chair by the grand master is generally looked upon as a year of education, one in which the experience gained may be stored up for future use, I therefore feel that I can confidently hope for the sympathy of every brother Orangeman present.

I am glad to see so large a representation present at this Grand Lodge. It speaks louder than words for the love and loyalty of the members to Orange principles, and I extend to you all a most earnest and hearty welcome.

I am particularly glad and highly honored to have the privilege of doing this, meeting as we are for the first time in this highly favored and beautiful town of Campbellton.

You will remember how the session that was to have been held here a little over a year ago was looked forward to by the members of this Grand Lodge, and how deep was the disappointment when a sudden circumstance prevented the meeting.

During the year since we last met our dominion has enjoyed much prosperity; peace and plenty have been vouchsafed to us on all sides, and among no body of people has all this been more joyfully accepted than among the members of our loyal and beloved order.

The Grand year of this Grand Lodge just past has, however, brought many changes to our ranks. Brothers who have in years gone by borne the heat and burden of the day have been called from their labors on earth to a higher sphere above.

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about thirty years was a member of this Grand Lodge and was always in attendance when possible.

Other equally faithful but less prominent members have gone from us, who will be missed from their homes, firesides and lodge rooms, for the families and relatives of whom this Grand Lodge has the most profound sympathy.

The grand secretary will doubtless make mention of these, coming as they do under the notice of his office. Let us, brethren, by the death of these members be reminded to be also ready, for we know not the hour when the Son of man cometh.

It is now my painful duty to refer to the death of our late beloved sovereign Queen Victoria. I approach this duty with the greatest reverence. Known to the world over as "Victoria the Good," loved and adored by her 400,000,000 subjects for her Christian virtues and true womanly sympathies, acknowledged to be the greatest and best ruler the world has ever seen, her name will go down to posterity as a sovereign and ruler without parallel in the world's history.

The Victorian era will long be remembered as the one in which the greatest and most rapid strides were made in civilizing the world, science, art, invention and literature, and all that goes to make mankind more happy and contented.

Victoria, the Good, by her example as Queen, wife and mother, and the fostering of all that was good, has left to her subjects greater liberties, greater contentment and greater possibilities than any ruler has ever done before.

The news of the death of our late beloved Sovereign was received by our order with the most profound sorrow, which was voiced by our grand master and Sovereign N. Clark Wallace in a cable despatch to our beloved King Edward VII, and which was duly acknowledged.

But while we yet mourn the loss of so great and good a ruler as our late beloved Queen, we bow with submission to the Divine will, and welcome to the throne her worthy son and successor, King Edward VII, who we feel will be a worthy successor indeed. And I am sure that I voice the sentiments of the Orange order everywhere when I say that we believe the same wise course of our late lamented Queen will be followed by King Edward VII, and that we can all sincerely wish success and voice exclaim: "God Save the King."

I am pleased to be able to congratulate the members of Grand Lodge on the continued prosperous condition of our order in this province. I believe I am not saying too much when I tell you that never before in the history of our order has prosperity visited the different parts of our province to that extent as during the past year.

The number of primary lodges reporting is very large, and the per capita tax proportionately so. This state of affairs in our jurisdiction is most satisfactory, and would perhaps lead us to suppose that our duty had ended towards our beloved order. This, however, is not so. There are still many parts of our province without the Orange hall with the flag flying on the 12th of July, and our aim must be to press forward until no part of our jurisdiction where it is possible to support an Orange lodge can be found without this adjunct to modern civilization.

I visited as many of the primary and other lodges in the jurisdiction during the year as possible; but have to acknowledge with much regret that I came far short of doing as much work in this direction as was intended by me on coming into office. Business and other reasons prevented me from doing this.

I am glad to be able to state, however, that the visits I was able to make were a source of much satisfaction to me, inasmuch as I was received by the members of the lodges in the most cordial manner, and in every case found the members showing great interest in the order, working harmoniously and anxious for more light on the subject.

I am also glad to be able to say that during the year very little has come up in the lodges in the way of friction that necessitates an appeal to the Grand Lodge. A few matters of minor consequence may come before you, but they are of such a simple character that they can be settled at once.

It is a matter for congratulation that the unfortunate war in South Africa is about closed. It is true war of a guerilla character is still going on, but even this will soon have to cease. The Empire, forced by the misdeeds of the Boers, has had to defend her fair name and fame on that continent, has again showed her supremacy when fighting for right and justice.

As Canadians we are justly proud of our brave boys who in the far off world did their share in defence of our flag and Empire, many of whom lie buried in that distant land.

that the Grand Lodge will not have any difficulty in settling them.

I am glad to be able to report that I had the pleasure and privilege of being present to represent this Grand Lodge at the meeting of G. L. of B. A. held in the city of London, Ontario, on 20th May last and two succeeding days.

There were also present with me from this Grand Lodge, Bro. P. G. Masters, Armstrong, Kelly and Pitts, altogether a good representation. The meeting was most interesting one, and much important business was transacted. I was glad to meet so many of the representative Orangemen of British America, and do not hesitate to say that no more representative body of men could be brought together in all Canada.

A public meeting and banquet were part of the programme for our pleasure and entertainment, at both of which members of the representation from the Grand Lodge took a prominent part. The reports of that meeting being placed in the hands of the members and lodges, it is unnecessary for me to say more on this subject.

The triennial council meeting in New York following so closely upon the meeting of the G. L. of B. A., it was impossible for me to be present. This jurisdiction was well represented, however, by Brothers P. G. M. Armstrong, Kelly and Pitts, and Grand Secretary McArthur, and Grand Treasurer Heine. A report from my brother-in-law was not doubt presented at this meeting.

The glorious 12th of July was, from reports to hand, enjoyed in the usual manner in different parts of the province, and with much enthusiasm. I hope the brethren here, who are so far from the village of Salisbury, and nothing could be more pleasant than the manner in which the day was spent.

The usual speeches from a erected on the grounds provided for the members of the order. After returning from the parade through the village, meals were provided in a large building on the grounds at a moderate price, and nothing whatever occurred to interfere with the celebration, all voting in the most pleasant manner on 12th July for many years.

The committee from Moncton lodges who provided the grounds and the churches providing the meals came in for most lavish praise. The report of the grand secretary and grand treasurer will be placed before Grand Lodge, and from them you will receive more minute information concerning the standing and income from the primary lodges, which will, I believe, carry out my remarks with respect to the success of the Grand Lodge in a previous paragraph.

I have issued dispensations during the year to initiate and advance a number of brethren without waiting the usual time. The reasons given appear to me to be sufficient, but I think, however, that more than the ordinary number were given.

The grand secretary will present you with a report showing how the money voted by the Grand Lodge at its last session to visit lodges in the several counties was disbursed. The grand secretary and myself, allotted to the several counties what seemed to be a fair allotment of these funds, and hope our judgment in this particular case will meet with your approval.

The Orange Mutual Insurance Society in its report ought to receive the same consideration as the other lodges. It has passed the time when any members can doubt its stability, and as it is now becoming an almost every day occurrence to find members of our order being taken from our families, it is to be regretted that the grand secretary and myself, in the most earnest desire, I feel the time has surely come when more prominence should be given in our lodges to the insuring of their members. At all events, the importance of enquiring at the year's meeting if any of the brethren want insurance.

CORONATION OATH. You have noticed recently in the house of commons of Canada, a resolution was introduced and passed praying that a petition be forwarded to the house of commons in England asking that certain words having reference to the Real Presence at Communion be dropped from the coronation oath. It is said that these words are distasteful and insulting to the Roman Catholic citizens of the Empire, and hence the request.

Intelligent citizens may well ask their friends to do so. It is not at all surprising that the use of these words in our Roman Catholic citizens from any of the rights and privileges the Protestant citizen enjoys. It is not charged that these words in this oath have stayed the progress or enkindled the spirit of the British Empire; it is not even charged that these words in the oath are a standing menace to any body of citizens one way or the other.

Not so! But we do find that under the British Empire, in a coronation oath the 400,000,000 of British subjects enjoy greater freedom and more privileges than any other like number of people in the world.

I call upon you brethren at this session to place on record your strong disapproval of this request being entertained, and with no uncertain sound let it go forth from this meeting that the L. O. Association of this province is not in sympathy with tampering with the coronation oath.

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province will not forget The Sentinel when their list of newspapers for the year's reading is being made up.

The Sentinel fills a place in Canada that no other newspaper does, in as much as it is entirely devoted to the propagation of our principles; and the member who does not read this paper cannot so well keep up with what is being done in our order and is not, therefore, so well able to do his duty towards himself.

I hope the brethren will conclude that to be real live Orangemen they must read the Sentinel, and consequently will subscribe for it at once.

The report of the grand secretary, Neil J. Morrison of St. John, was presented, which was referred to a committee.

Grand Treasurer P. E. Heine presented a financial statement, showing receipts for the year \$1,884.37 and disbursements \$1,084.48, which was also referred to a committee.

CAMPBELLTON, April 23.—The grand secretary, Neil J. Morrison, in his report stated that two new lodges were organized during the year: one at Hibernia, Queens Co., the other at Dundas, Kent Co. The following lodges were reconstituted: Wadman, at Harcourt, Kent Co.; New Dominion, at Cumberland Bay, Queens Co.; Pitts, at Mouth of Bay, York Co.; Protection, at Maple Ridge, York Co.; Star of Hope, at Elgin, Albert Co.

The warrants of three dormant lodges were called in, namely, Havelock, Kings Co.; No. 124, Sussex and No. 10, Campbellton. The grand secretary reports that he has obtained at small cost, a full list of all lodges incorporated under the provincial act, and suggests that it be published in the annual proceedings. The returns from county lodges show that there are 118 lodges in the province, of which 124 are joined by certificate, 88 re-instated, 74 have withdrawn by certificate and two have been expelled.

DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER BILL. LONDON, April 21.—The house of commons today debated the deceased wife's sister bill. When the bill reached its second reading stage in the house of commons in 1891, it was carried by 208 to 155. In 1896 the bill passed its third reading in the house of lords by 142 to 104 but it was afterwards blocked in the house of commons.

Twos Dr. Chase Who Saved Our Baby. Group, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Severe Chest Coughs Cannot Stand the Soothing, Healing Effects of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.

Mrs. F. Weyer, of Chateaufort, says: "I have a child who has had an attack of bronchial pneumonia. My husband and I thought she was going to leave the world, as her lungs were so sore. I bought a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine from our popular druggist, G. B. Bell, and after two or three doses the child began to get better, and we are thankful to say it is all right today after seven weeks' sickness."

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made of Solid Gold... FREE OPAL RING... The bill passed its second reading, 375 to 123.

N. B. PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION. The annual meeting of the N. B. Provincial Rifle Association was held Wednesday with a large local attendance.

The council, submitted its annual report, speaking hopefully of the prospect for the future on account of the early completion of the ranges at Fredericton and St. John, and the stimulus that will be given shooting if rifles are issued to rifle clubs.

The council will meet on the 22nd of May to arrange for the season's shooting.

"Women ought to have administration—her touch will calm and purify the turgid, muddy pool of politics."

"Now, go slow, Eliza; you've temporarily overlooked the Empress of China."

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