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THE WELCOME TO SHAWMUT

Comrades in Arms Clasp Cor-
dial Hands.

BOSTON CHEVALIERS IN ST. JOHN.

Whom They Were, What They Saw and
What They Did—Portraits and Sketches of
Prominent Visitors and Local Odd Fellows
—Rites and Progress of the Order Here.

"All men are brethren," the scripture
saith, but some are more so to the Odd Fel-
lows of St. John, the chevaliers of Grand
Canton Shawmut are comrades and friends.
The attraction of the Cincinnati encamp-
ment of Patriarchs Militant divided the
party which had so long been planning to
come here, and when the western train
drew into the station, Tuesday afternoon,
it had but about 75 excursionists on board.
These were they who had held out against
the seductions of Cincinnati and come to
St. John—to have a better time:

Major John E. Palmer and Mrs. Palmer.
Capt. C. C. Foye and Mrs. Foye.
Capt. A. T. Pierce and Mrs. Pierce.
Capt. F. B. Jones and Mrs. Jones.
Capt. Geo. A. King and ladies.
Capt. Loring and Mrs. Loring.
Chev. Jas. White and Mrs. White.
Chev. H. E. Boyden and Mrs. Boyden.
Chev. J. B. Hancock and Mrs. Hancock.
Chev. S. H. Sherman and Mrs. Sher-
man.
Mr. J. Brown, Jr., and Mrs. Brown.
Lieutenant and Adjutant S. L. Hodges.
Capt. C. C. Blaney.
Capt. H. C. Newton, M. D.;
Capt. C. M. Charter.
Lieutenant F. E. Mayall.
Lieut. A. H. Lamson.
Chev. B. Gleason.
Chev. George H. Glass.
Chev. L. A. Greyer.
Chev. H. B. Ketrledge.
Chev. D. J. Fogg.
Chev. F. M. Babcock.
Chev. A. E. Loomer.
Chev. J. B. Buntin.
Chev. H. A. Stone.
Chev. J. H. Fizer.
Chev. S. Ehrlich.
Chev. Otto Kramer.
Chev. George Lenth.
Chev. H. B. Davis.
Chev. A. C. Moody.
Chev. Jack T. Venner.
Chev. Conrad Allen.
Chev. L. E. Fuller.
Chev. R. C. Clement.
Chev. C. W. Fuller.
Chev. J. A. Roarty.
Chev. H. E. Millette.
Chev. H. L. Whiting.
Chev. H. A. Sheffield.
Chev. J. L. Holbrook.
Chev. Thos. M. Carter.
Chev. Wm. J. Donnell.

Accompanying them was Carter's band,
of Boston, composed of the following
capable musicians:

Thomas M. Carter, leader.
O. J. Ball, flute.
J. G. Proctor, Eb clarinet.
O. A. Whitmore, solo Bb clarinet.
A. L. Flanders, 1st clarinet.
H. C. Freeman, 2nd clarinet.
C. E. Cranston, 3rd clarinet.
C. H. Thompson, Eb cornet.
J. Kennedy, Eb cornet.
W. H. Chambers, solo Bb cornet.
L. W. Ball, 1st cornet.
L. A. Werner, solo alto.
F. F. Sawin, 2nd alto.
John Sillaway, 3rd alto.
J. B. Cartwright, 1st trombone.
J. L. Alkin, 2nd trombone.
J. H. Benest, baritone.
A. Verry, tuba.
J. B. Bullard, tuba.
A. J. Cassidy, small drum.
W. F. Donnell, bass drum and cymbals
and traps.

Canton LaTour, under commandant
Berton, was on hand to welcome the ar-
rivals, and so also were the heads of the
order and of the civic authorities. The
visitors, drawn up in line, were briefly
addressed by Lieut.-Col. Andrew Cushing,
Mayors Thorne and Chesley, and Warden
Peters, and Capt. King responded for the
canton in fit and eloquent phrase. Then
the line of march was taken for the Park
and other hotels, where the party was
quartered.

Tuesday evening was devoted to making
acquaintances. Odd Fellows' hall, looking
most attractive in its renovated furnishings,
was the scene of the gathering. The vice
chairman, Capt. G. A. King, of Shawmut
Canton, presided. Speeches of welcome
were delivered by C. N. Skinner, M. P.,
Warden Thomas W. Peters, Dr. Macrae,
Mayor Thorne, Grand Representative Sam-
uel Watts, of McAdam, and others;
while Capt. Jones, C. M. Charter, Otto
Kramer, J. P. Buntin, J. T. Holbrook,
Thomas Venner, W. F. Donnell, Maj.
Pierce and several others responded on be-
half of the visitors. Capt. Rawlings sang,
all hands cheered and everybody went
away happy.

The parade, on the following afternoon,
was another attractive incident of the week.
Capt. Rawlings marshalled it—as well as
his horse would allow—and behind him
rode Maj. Palmer and Lieut.-Col. Cushing.
Carter's band headed Grand Canton Shaw-
mut, which was commanded by Capt.
King. Then came Millicote encampment,
Capt. George Kerr Berton; P. G. M's
Murdoch and Christie, G. W. Wilson and

P. G. Skinner; Pioneer lodge, James A.
Paul; the Fusiliers' band; Beacon lodge,
William Campbell; Siloam lodge, William
J. Fraser; the Artillery band and Golden
Rule lodge, C. B. Allan. The parade was
creditable in every respect, and the exhi-
bition drill by Canton Shawmut made a
wonderful addition to its effectiveness.

Under more favorable circumstances, the
drill was repeated, Wednesday evening, in
the Lansdowne rink, where a large com-
pany was gathered. Carter's admirable
band, seconded by the Fusiliers', furnished
music for the promenade concert and
dance. Every Odd Fellow in the sister
cities and hundreds of their friends were
present, and all found it one of the pleas-
antest social events of the season.

Of the day in Fredericton, it is hardly
necessary to speak at any great length.
All the brethren were there, and the few
unfortunate people who weren't have al-
ready heard all about it. The weather was
perfect, the hosts hospitable, the visitors
bound to make the best of everything, and
everybody enjoyed himself up to the limit
of his capacity.

Yesterday morning, the chevaliers of
Canton Shawmut put in a hard forenoon's
work in recording the names of the friends
they had made here. Last night they said
good-bye—and the whole city was sorry to
have them go.

But they will come again. Nothing but
death can keep an Odd Fellow away from
St. John, after he has once become ac-
quainted with the brethren here.

And it may be added, these are the
friends whom the visitors ought specially
to remember, for it was their hard work
that made the reception and entertainment
a success:

Reception committee: Andre Cushing,
Hon. C. N. Skinner, M. P., Dr. James
Christie, Gilbert Murdoch, G. R. Vincent,
J. Arch Milligan, W. J. Cornfield, R. R.
Barnes, Hon. William Fugley, Jr., M. P.,
John L. Wilson and Joseph Wilson.
Excursion committee: Richard Rawlings,
James Kelly, H. E. Codner. Assistants
on boat, John Kenney, John L. Wilson,
L. W. Ansel, Chris. White.
Procession committee: John L. Wilson,
George Kerr Berton, Richard Rawlings,
with power to add to their number.
Decoration committee: E. W. Barlow,
Fred Blackadar.

GRAND CANTON SHAWMUT.

How and When It Was Organized and What
It Has Done.

The prominence which the Patriarchs
Militant branch of Odd Fellowship has as-
sumed in the infancy of its existence is
something phenomenal. Throughout the
United States the handsome and showy
Militant uniform has become as well known
as that of many other military organiza-
tions.

The formation of the Army of Patriarchs
Militant is similar to that of the United
States army, being divided into army corps,
divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions
and companies. Companies are called
cantons, battalions of two or more cantons
are called grand cantons; second lieutenants
are called ensigns, privates are called chev-
aliers; otherwise the nomenclature is the
same as in the regular army.

The Militant movement has advanced
steadily and beyond the most sanguine ex-
pectations of its most ardent admirers; and
to prove that the enthusiasm with which it
was received still exists, it is only necessary
to state that the membership has increased
to fully 20,000 and the chevaliers compris-
ing it are, with few exceptions, fully uni-
formed and officered.

As one of the leading cantons, namely
Grand Canton Shawmut, No. 1, Boston,
Mass., has just ended a fraternal visit to
their brethren in St. John, a short sketch
of the canton and its principal officers may
not be deemed out of place at this time.

Grand Canton Shawmut is composed of
four component cantons formed as a bat-
talion under command of Major J. E.
Palmer. Prior to the establishment of the
Patriarchs Militant degree it existed under
the name of Shawmut Uniform Degree
camp. February 8, 1886, Shawmut Uni-
formed Degree camp was merged into
Grand Canton Shawmut, No. 1, being the
first canton of Patriarchs Militant formed
in Massachusetts. When it was mustered
into service it bore on its roll the names of
180 chevaliers, but its membership
rose rapidly to 300 and today, notwith-
standing the fact that three new cantons
have been formed from its ranks, it still
has a membership of more than 200 and re-
cruits are coming in at every meeting.

ITS OFFICERS.

The Society History of Nine of Massachu-
setts' Most Prominent Odd Fellows.

The portraits and facts given below of
the officers commanding the canton show
that ability is stamped on its movements
for the ensuing year and that if properly
supported by their subordinates, the can-
ton under their charge will continue to

show the same high average upon inspection
as formerly.



MAJ. J. E. PALMER.

Major J. E. Palmer, the present com-
mandant of Shawmut canton, is a great
worker in the order. He joined the old
uniformed degree camp years ago, and was
the first captain of the Patriarchs Militant
commissioned in Massachusetts. He was
unanimously elected major commanding
Shawmut canton April 26, 1888, and under
his able direction the canton will no doubt
sustain its high reputation. Major Palmer
is a member of Massachusetts lodge, No. 1,
and Massasoit encampment, No. 1.



MAJ. ALONZO SPEAR.

Major Alonzo Spear, who commanded
Shawmut canton last year, has always held
office of some kind since his initiation.
Besides passing through the various chairs
in the subordinate lodge and encampment,
he has held the positions of sergeant-major
of the 1st Regiment Uniformed Patriarchs,
captain of Massasoit Association of Patri-
archs, and captain of Shawmut Degree
camp. He holds at present the office of
past commandant of Shawmut canton, and
his friends are awaiting an opportunity to
exchange his gold leaf for a silver one.
Maj. Spear is also a member of Massachu-
setts lodge, No. 1, and Massasoit encamp-
ment, No. 1.



ADJT. S. L. HODGES.

Adjutant S. L. Hodges joined the order
in 1874, becoming a member of Washing-
ton lodge, No. 5. He was admitted to
Trimount encampment, No. 2, in 1876,
and was made a chevalier of Canton Shaw-
mut in 1886. Shortly afterwards he was
appointed to the responsible position of
Adjutant of the canton, with rank of lieuten-
ant, which position he has held to the
present day. Besides holding many other
offices, Adj. Hodges claims the honor of
being the first major of the old 1st Regi-
ment of Uniformed Patriarchs.



CHEV. WILLIAM J. DONNELL.

Chevalier Donnell is a provincialist by
birth, but removed to Massachusetts in
1870. He joined Mt. Auburn lodge, No. 94,
in Cambridge, where he took his degrees.
In 1872, he joined Charles River encamp-
ment, No. 22. In September, 1874, he was
one of 25 who left Mt. Auburn lodge and
started a new lodge in Cambridgeport,
called Cambridge lodge, No. 13, of which
he was elected Per. Sec. After serving in
that capacity for over a year, he took other
offices, and passed through the chair in
1879. When the 1st Regiment of Uniformed
Patriarchs was formed, he was appointed
orderly sergeant of the Cambridge com-
pany, and served until the Uniform Degree
camp was formed, when he went to Boston
and joined Shawmut camp, so that when
the Patriarchs Militant were organized,

John, is deservedly popular among his as-
sociates. He joined Franklin lodge, No.
23, Feb. 9, 1883; Boston encampment,
No. 38, Dec. 12, 1883, and Shawmut Uni-
formed Degree camp, Sept. 15, 1885. He
was made N. G. of Franklin lodge in July,
1886, C. P. of Boston encampment in July,
1887, and elected a lieutenant of Shawmut
canton last April. Since passing through
the chairs he has been treasurer of his
lodge, and a Degree Master both of his
lodge and his encampment. He is also
trustee of library from Mary Washington
lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah.



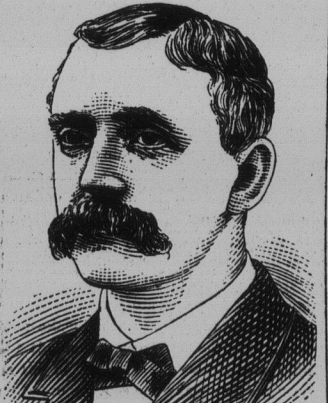
CAPT. T. E. WORTMAN.

Captain T. E. Wortman, who commands
the 1st component canton of Grand Can-
ton Shawmut, is also one of the old uni-
formed degree camp members, and has
always been an earnest worker in the cause
of Oddfellowship. Although the excursion
season is the busiest time of the year for
him, he was determined to accompany the
canton on its pilgrimage to St. John.
Capt. Wortman belongs to Commercial
lodge, No. 97, and Trimount encampment,
No. 2.



CAPT. FRANK B. JONES.

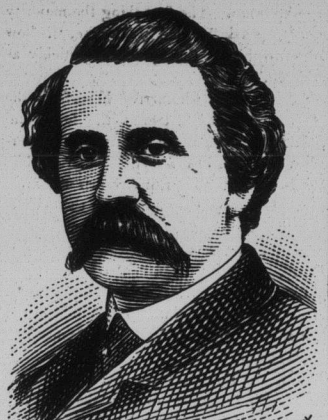
Captain Frank B. Jones, before becom-
ing an Odd Fellow, had served many years
in one of the oldest companies of the
Massachusetts Volunteer militia, and this
fact no doubt has been instrumental in
causing his rapid promotion in the military
branches of Oddfellowship. On the occa-
sion of the recent dedication of Lawrence
hall, the beautiful new home of the encamp-
ments and cantons of Boston, he was ap-
pointed chief marshal of the grand parade,
which was held in connection with the ded-
icatory ceremonies, and performed the
arduous duties of that position to the sat-
isfaction of all concerned. Capt. Jones is a
member of Boston lodge, No. 25, and a P.
C. P. of Paul Revere encampment, No. 50.



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Chev. Donnell was one of the first mem-
bers. It may be added that Chev. Don-
nell is the very efficient chairman of Grand
Canton Shawmut's excursion committee.



LIEUT. CHARLES M. CHARTER.

Lieutenant Charles M. Charter, treasurer
of Grand Canton Shawmut's excursion
committee, was made an Odd Fellow in
New York, being initiated in July, 1873,
into Washington County lodge, No. 105.
Having resigned his membership in No.
105, he was admitted to membership in
Unity lodge, No. 77, of Boston, in 1886,
and after filling several subordinate offices,
was installed N. G. January 3, 1888. He
is a P. C. P. of Massasoit encampment,
No. 1 and is at present H. P., having been
re-elected to that important and honorable
office for the fourth time at the June elec-
tion. On the evening of his installation he
was presented with a P. C. P. and P. H. P.
jewels. Lieut. Charter was a charter mem-
ber of Shawmut Degree camp, No. 1,
which was merged into Grand Canton
Shawmut, No. 1.



CHEV. THOMAS M. CARTER.

Chevalier Thomas M. Carter of Shawmut
canton is the leader of Carter's band of
Boston, which accompanies Shawmut can-
ton to St. John. Chev. Carter has not only
attained all the degrees of Odd Fellowship,
but is also a prominent 32° Mason and
has in his band, besides several members
of Shawmut canton, a brass quartette that
is composed exclusively of 32° Masons.
Chev. Carter is a member of Franklin
lodge, No. 23 and Boston encampment,
No. 38.

THREE LINKS.

A Few of the Prominent Odd Fellows of
This Jurisdiction.

PROGRESS regrets that it is unable to
publish, in this connection, the portraits of
a score of St. John Odd Fellows who have
richly merited such recognition. In a
complete and comprehensive article, such
devoted brethren as, for example, Grand
Warden Joseph Wilson and others, who
might be named, would be sketched, and
it is unfortunate that circumstances pre-
vent full justice being done to them. Since
a choice has to be made, however, the gen-
tlemen given below have been selected, in
the full confidence that their portraits will
be fully appreciated by Massachusetts as
well as New Brunswick Patriarchs:



D. G. S. ANDRE CUSHING.

Mr. Andre Cushing, the "oldest Odd
Fellow in the jurisdiction, has been a mem-
ber of the order for more than 40 years.
He came to St. John in 1854, and was one
of the first members of Pioneer lodge, join-
ing it by card shortly after its institution,
and passing through the various offices to

Noble Grand. He has represented the
lodge in the Grand lodge from that time to
this. A statement of the activities in which
Mr. Cushing has engaged on behalf of the
order would be pleasant to write and inter-
esting to read. It must, however, suffice
to say that he has been grand master of the
Grand lodge of the lower provinces; is and
has been for seven years grand representa-
tive to the Sovereign Grand lodge, and was
appointed, seven years ago, district
deputy grand sire for the lower provinces,
which rank he still holds. It should be
added that the encampment and canton,
like the subordinate lodge, had the benefit
of Mr. Cushing's assistance and counsel
from the moment of their inception. He
assisted in introducing the patriarchal
branch of the order, and was elected C. P.;
and he was prominent in the formation of
Canton LaTour, P. M., and was appointed,
three years ago, lieut.-colonel and special
aid-de-camp for the lower provinces.



MR. R. RADFORD BARNES, P. G. R.

The services rendered to Odd Fellowship
by Mr. R. Radford Barnes have been many
and varied during the last 30 years and he
has fairly won the honor of ranking with
the first of its representative men. Mr.
Barnes was initiated in Chrystal lodge, No.
316, New York, in 1850, at the age of 21,
making him one of the oldest Odd Fellows
in the provinces. The various offices in the
lodge were filled by him and he was its N.
G. when he left New York. Mr. Barnes
was prominent in the introduction of the
order into this city, being the first N. G. of
Pioneer lodge, and he was presented by
that body with a monogram signet ring,
"for the part he has taken in the instituting
of this lodge." It would be superfluous to
say that Mr. Barnes has filled some of the
highest positions in the gift of the order
here. It may be mentioned, however, that
he is a Past Grand Representative, having
represented this jurisdiction in the Sovereign
Grand Lodge sessions held at Atlanta, Ga.,
and Indianapolis, Ind.



PAST COMMANDANT C. N. SKINNER, M. P.

That it is not always safe to measure the
value of a man's membership in an order
by the offices he holds, is shown by the
career of the able and popular gentleman
whose portrait appears above. Mr. Skinner
joined Pioneer lodge in 1872, and is a P.
G. of that body and Past Commandant of
Canton LaTour. The arduous duties de-
volving upon him, as a leading lawyer and
a public man, have prevented him from
serving the order in any higher capacity,
but he is none the less a tower of strength
to Oddfellowship in this jurisdiction. Few
of the public men of Canada excel him as a
speaker, and his oratorical talent, always
at the service of the order, has added an
attraction hardly to be overestimated, to
every noteworthy event which has taken
place here since he joined the organization.
His important share in the festivities of the
past week is too well remembered to need
recapitulation here.

THE ORDER IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Eleven Prosperous Lodges Placed on the
Roll in Nineteen Years.

Odd Fellowship in New Brunswick is of
but nineteen years' growth, but the earnest
and able men who have guided its destinies
have made the history of those years for-
ever memorable.

Previous to 1869, there had been a lodge
of the Manchester Unity in St. John, but it
had ceased to exist. When the idea of
establishing a lodge of the Independent
Order was broached, there were few found
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