

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

THE COLONIES PREPARING FOR A NEW CONFERENCE.

The Recommendation of Lord Knutsford Respecting a Uniform System of Reporting Exports and Imports Throughout the Empire—Colonial Defense.

Every week brings additional evidence of the progress which is being made in Australia in the direction of intercolonial federation, and it is clear that all the Australian colonies are more or less preparing for a new conference at which some practical conclusion may be reached.

In New South Wales the government has announced its intention of submitting a resolution at an early date giving scope for a full discussion of the broad principle of federation. Following this discussion the government will introduce a draft Bill, embodying, no doubt, the suggestions made in the course of the debate on the resolution; and as this procedure will probably be followed in the other colonial Legislatures, there should be gathered together a body of material which would form the basis on which a new intercolonial convention might deliberate with every hope of arriving at some practical result. Two items of news which have come to hand during the past fortnight illustrate the urgency of this question of intercolonial federation. Lord Knutsford, before leaving office, had suggested the desirability of making arrangements by which the returns of imports and exports

should be made on some uniform basis. The returns made by the various governments of the world are the raw material out of which statisticians manufacture theories relating to the trade and commerce and the general well being of the world. But at present the difficulties in arriving at any general conclusions which will command the assent of the general body of statisticians are innumerable, and everything which tends to approximate methods of collecting and presenting statistical information is a distinct gain. Of course the ideal arrangement would be the adoption of a universal plan for the various countries of the world; but, short of this dream of perfection, something must be done within the limits of the British Empire. The Australian colonies, as has frequently been witnessed by statisticians, are deserving of all praise for the admirable manner in which they have organized their

STATISTICAL BUREAUS; some are no doubt better organized than others, and no invidious distinction need be drawn. But even on the continent of Australia no uniform plan is followed, and diversity of methods leads inevitably to diversity of results. Now were Australasia federated this is a matter with which the federal government might very well concern itself; as it is, a special conference between the statisticians and collectors of customs of each of the colonies has to be arranged and special machinery devised for the discussion of this particular question. And this of course is true of every question which affects any but the merest internal affairs of each colony. New South Wales some time ago appointed a commission on the defences of the colony. The commission has now reported. Its final recommendation is that "an intercolonial conference should be held to discuss the practicability of taking common action to place the defences of the different colonies on a more homogeneous basis." Here, too, in the absence of any federal government, the only machinery for dealing with a question of such vital importance to Australia and the Empire is found in the somewhat haphazard method of an intercolonial conference which may make recommendations, but can do little or nothing more.

Work for Juvenile Lodges.

Editor Anglo-Saxon:
Dear Sir and Bro.—I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the improvements you are continually making in the ANGLO-SAXON. I am sure the large amount of information we Englishmen get through the columns of your valuable paper and the independent way in which you discuss the various questions that come under its notice prove beyond a doubt that it is published, (not in the interest of any grand executive) but in the interest of Englishmen and their descendants.

It was with great interest that I read the letter from W. J. Cuthbert dated Oct. 16, re Juvenile Lodges. The questions he asks are very proper ones and I hope to see them answered in your next issue by some of our Eastern Brethren.

I think the success of a juvenile Lodge rests with the committee who undertake the responsibility of conducting the business of such a Lodge. They should seriously consider the position they are assuming and unless they can devote the time to it that it requires they should not accept the office.

It is necessary that the meetings of the Juveniles (if possible) should be held in the same room as the adult Lodge, as it would enable the parent Lodge by the use of their regalia and so on, to make the room more attractive and pleasing to the young folks than they could otherwise.

As there is not much business to be done in this lodge I would suggest that the boys appoint an Entertainment Committee consisting of say six members, whose duty it shall be to arrange a programme of songs, recitations, and addresses from the adult members and so on, to be given every meeting night after the Lodge is closed.

Let them appoint their own chair-

man and give them full control of the entertainment. I would also instruct the boys to invite their parents, both father and mother to come to the entertainment, and I am sure that the boys would get an interest in it that in a very short time they would not only have a very strong Lodge but they would have a very useful Lodge.

There is one more very important, and perhaps the most important matter, I would like to point out to the Committee of Management, namely, the importance of educating the boys in the aims and objects of our Society, and by inculcating into their young minds true English sentiments and teaching them to be loyal to Queen and country, will make their lodge an admirable training school for the adult Lodges.

W. J.
Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 7th., 1892.

Good Fellowship at Brantford.
A smoking concert initiated by Bro. C. Dunnett of Salisbury Lodge No. 42, Brantford, with the laudable object of strengthening the Order by drawing together members and Englishmen in sympathy with our movement and having a social evening, took place on Wednesday Nov. 2. Long before the appointed hour the smokers began to arrive and very soon the accommodation of host Bro. Benwell was taxed to its fullest capacity.

Chairman Dunnett had a large and varied programme prepared was carried out to the letter. As song after song was given mid many expressions of loyalty to the old flag and the old land and with an enthusiasm which only Englishmen can manifest, one's mind was unconsciously carried back to the tight little isle beyond the sea where song and mirth are necessary adjuncts to the truly English home.

All the participants in the concert are deserving of great praise especially Bro. J. T. Pollard who rendered "A Soldier and a Man" very acceptably, and Bro. F. J. Temperance whose song "The Congress Dinner" was repeated by request. Signs are not wanting of the fruits of such re-unions, for already several Englishmen have signified their intention of coming into full fellowship with their fellow-countrymen.

Lodge Old England No. 10, Daughters of England.

Toronto, Nov. 8th.—The 7th meeting of the above Lodge was held in Room C Shaftesbury Hall on Friday Oct. 28th. Under the presidency of Bro. A. J. Watkin, W. P. There was a large attendance of enthusiastic members.

Fourteen candidates were initiated, making a total in seven meetings of 122 members.

A very beautiful Bible was presented to the Lodge by sister Sidney, during the evening and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the sister for her timely gift, as the Lodge was contemplating purchasing one.

A very excellent musical programme was rendered by the members during intermission. In fact the way business was conducted would be an example to many of our S. O. E. lodges.

Bro. J. M. Williams, Sec. was unanimously chosen to represent this Lodge at the G. L. meeting which took place in London on Thanksgiving day the 10th Nov.

A New Lodge Daughters of England Benevolent Society.

Toronto, Nov. 9.—The 13th Lodge of that progressive order, Daughters of England, has been instituted at the corner of Dundas and Queen St. W., Toronto, by Bro. Hector Martin, Grand Sec. The name given to the new lodge is "Duchess of Kent Lodge, No. 13." There were 13 members initiated.

The following are the officers elected: Bro. W. Miles, W.P.; Sister Hardwick, W.V.P.; Sister Terry, Sec.; Bro. Aldred, Treas.; Chaplain, Sister Freeman, sen.; Surgeon, Dr. Lowe; Guides, Sisters Freeman, Beall and Stevens, Sister Miles, Inside Guard, Bro. Freeman, Outside Guard.

There was a large contingent of visitors from Old England, Lady Warwick, and Princess Alberta Lodges. After initiation and installation a very pleasant evening was spent with song and speech. Refreshments were supplied by the sisters of the new lodge. Bro. J. M. Williams, Sec. of Old England Lodge, acted as Sec. during the evening.

A Fruitful Time for Leeds Lodge.

Weston, Nov. 3.—Leeds Lodge, No. 48, S.O.E. B.S. held their regular fortnightly meeting in King St. Hall on Friday evening last, Oct. 28th. Bro. W. Tasker, Vice Pres. in the chair, owing to Bro. J. Fitton, W.P. being sick. After the usual routine business had been got through with, an intermission of half-an-hour was had, during which the various members got up an impromptu concert, each one vying with the other who could sing the best and most songs; in fact this should be called the jubilee singing lodge, as nearly every member is a star at singing.

After this, general business was resumed, and Bro. Drewitt, P.D.D., who kindly paid us a visit and whose genial face is always welcome amongst us was called upon for an address, which he complied with, by delivering in most forcible and patriotic terms the duties devolving upon every member of the Order. He also dealt in an able manner with every branch of our society, giving much valuable information which was of interest to every one present.

The Beneficiary Department with which he is thoroughly posted, was described in such a manner that he must have made the flesh creep of those members who have not already joined such a magnificent branch of

our society which is doing such noble work by relieving the distress of our deceased members' families. No doubt after such an able address several of our members will join this department.

After explaining the workings of the Hospital Board in Toronto, much to the surprise of the members that such good work was being carried on in our midst, and resolving that if notified they would make an effort if possible to be present at the church parade Nov. 20th, to hear the Lord Bishop preach. Bro. Drewitt resumed his seat amidst continuous applause. After speaking of the right royal manner in which the members of Yorkshire Lodge, Montreal, treated our late Bro. H. Bray, and the number of S.O.E. turning out to give him a loyal funeral the Lodge closed by singing "God Save the Queen," several of our members going to the station to see Bro. Drewitt off for home and one and all hoping he will pay us another visit shortly.

Thanksgiving Service.
The Toronto lodges intend having a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday Nov. 20, in St. James Cathedral under the auspices of the Hospital Board. We predict a large turn out of the brethren in the Queen City. The collections are in aid of the Hospital Fund, which is a very worthy object, and we hope that a large sum will be realized. The Board has done a deal of good in assisting members who were not able to pay for themselves while in the hospital.

Lion Lodge Boys' Entertainment.
The Boys of Lion Lodge, No. 9, held their first entertainment in the Workman Hall, Ottawa, Thursday evening, Nov. 3. There was a good attendance, far larger than anyone would have expected, it being a disagreeable night, and there being several other strong attractions in the city.

The magic lantern views presented by Bro. John Woodruff, of the photographic branch of the Department of the Interior, Canadian civil service, were very fine, especially the marine views and those of the Rockies. The list of views comprised places of interest in England, through the Rockies and the West Indies.

The boys are greatly pleased at their success. Masters Lewis, Lintell, and Williams sold the most tickets. The result is, more money for their lodge fund and a delightful evening.

P. S. G. P. Swaite visits Lodge Manchester.

Toronto Nov. 8.—Lodge Manchester held a very successful meeting on Monday evening last. There were a few visiting brethren, among whom, were Bro's. Swaite, P. S. G. P. and Bro. Dr. Allen who both addressed the Lodge with a few encouraging and well chosen remarks.

Bro. Swaite drew the attention of the lodge to your valuable paper the ANGLO-SAXON, and said it was worthy of the support of every true Englishman.

Bro. Rabbits, who is our delegate to the Hospital Board, presented the semi-annual report of that Board, which was very pleasing to the lodge, showing what a good work the Board are accomplishing.

There will be a parade for a divine service here on Sunday Nov. 20, and we expect to have a large turn out of all the city lodges.

Prince Alfred Juvenile Lodge.

Bro. W. H. Cruise, Sec. Lodge Leicester, No. 33 sends the following:—The first regular meeting of Prince Albert Lodge No. 24 Juvenile Order took place on Friday evening Nov. 4, in the Lodge room of Leicester Lodge No. 33 when 14 new names were handed in, 12 of which were initiated that same evening.

The next meeting will take place on Dec. 5, in the same hall, and on the first Monday in the month in future.

14 Million Spindles Shut Down.

London, Nov. 5.—England saw to-day the beginning of what seems likely to be the greatest industrial war that the country has known in years. Cotton mills employing 14,000,000 spindles were shut down to-day. Out of 44,000,000 spindles run in England, the mill-owners have a Masters' Federation in which 30,000,000 are represented. The owners of 6,000,000 spindles still running will pay to the federation a fine of a farthing a spindle per week for such as they keep at work. There are about 24,000 operative spindles grouped into various local unions, all federated in an amalgamated association of cotton spindlers. Their average earnings for a week of 60 hours are thirty-two shillings, (about \$7.) The local unions combined have a reserve fund of 120,000 (say \$600,000.) This will be further increased by the contributions of four shillings a week from 9,000 members who will remain at work. From all sources 3,400 will flow in weekly to assist operatives. The union-men hope for one great result from the struggle, namely, that it will induce outsiders to join the unions.

The Masters' Federation has received a severe blow at Bolton, where the District Employers' Association has declined to co-operate with the federation in a scheme to reduce wages. Their 13,000,000 spindles are still being kept busy, and the operatives are working on the old scale of wages. This is explained by the fact that at Bolton they use Egyptian cotton, which gives them a margin of profit, their masters using American adhere to the federation and have closed their mills.

If the improvement in trade continues, members of other mills will open, preferring to pay the federation a fine rather than allow their machinery to lie idle, and the position of the federation will be greatly weakened.

Poor Crops in Ireland.
Owing to the poor crops and general depression of prices for farm produce, the tenant farmers of Lord Dufferin's Ulster estates have made a unanimous demand for a reduction in the rents. Lord Dufferin may grant the demand, or, at least, relieve his tenants in some measure.

Rear Admiral Henry Frederick Stephenson, C.B., naval aid to the Prince of Wales has been appointed to succeed Rear Admiral Hotham as commander-in-chief of the Pacific station.

A reduction of five per cent in the wages of the shipbuilders of Belfast went into effect on the fifth inst. The reduction affects 12,000 employees.

Major General Forester Walker, of the Egyptian army, accompanied by his staff, has started for Suakim, to prepare troops for meeting with Osman Digna.

S.O.E. CARDS.—Continued.

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Liverpool No. 140, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in the A.O.Y.W. Hall, corner of North Street and Square. Phillip Holt, Pres. W. S. Knights, Sec.

Boys of England.
Ottawa.
Lion Lodge No. 9, meets in Derby Lodge room on 2nd Tuesday of the month. E. Ackroyd, Pres. A. J. Cawdron, Sec.

THE SONS OF ENGLAND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT. Assessment System.

The Beneficiary Board is now prepared to receive applications for increased beneficiaries. The Beneficiary is now composed of two classes, viz: A and B.

Class A includes the present \$500 and \$1,000 Certificates.

Class B represents the increased \$1,000 Certificates.

All Beneficiary members at present in good standing will be eligible to join Class B (providing they pass a satisfactory medical examination), on payment of \$2.00, \$1.00 of which is to be paid the Local Examiner, and the other sent to the Beneficiary Board, less the Lodge Secretary's fee of 25c.

Class B contains no Total and Permanent Disability clause.

The rates of assessment in Class B is the same as in Class A, and until such time as an assessment realizes \$1,000, the heirs or legatees of a deceased member shall be entitled to receive only such an amount as shall be realized by an assessment made upon all members in good standing in Class B at the time of his death.

All old members of the Beneficiary over 50 years of age, desiring to join Class B, may do so until six months from the date of this circular, that is, November 2nd, 1892, after which time no such application can be entertained.

Members joining both Classes at the same time will pay an entrance fee of \$5.00; \$1.00 to go to the Medical Examiner, and the balance to be sent to the Beneficiary Board, less the Lodge Secretary's fee of 50c.—25c. for each certificate.

The Beneficiary Board meets on the First Wednesday of each month. The age of an applicant is made up to the day the application reaches the Supreme Grand Secretary's office; for example, if the applicant is examined by the Lodge Surgeon, say on the 10th of the month, and he would be fifty on the 22nd of the month, and it doesn't reach the Supreme Grand Secretary's office until after the 22nd, it bars him from being admitted.

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JOHN W. CARTER, S. G. Secretary.
Toronto, May 4th, 1892.

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