

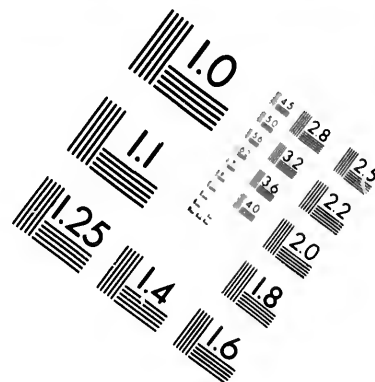
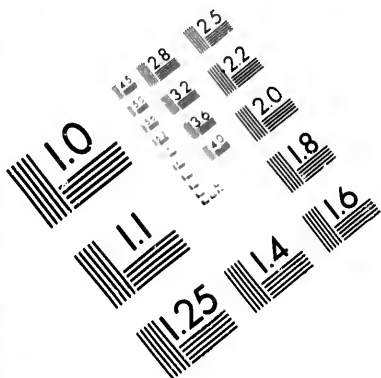
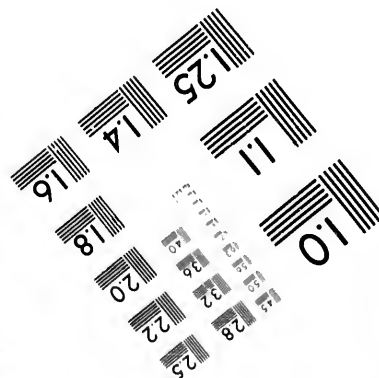
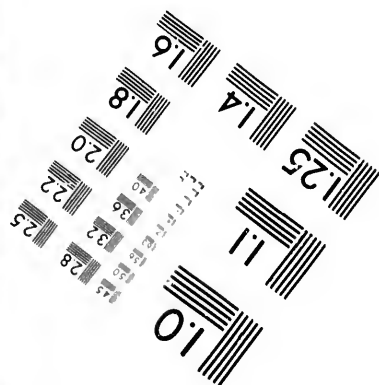
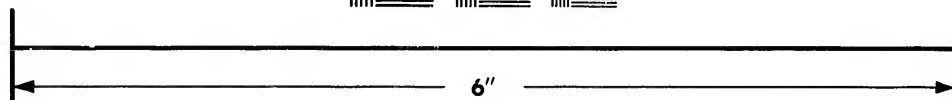
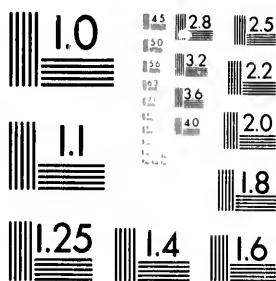


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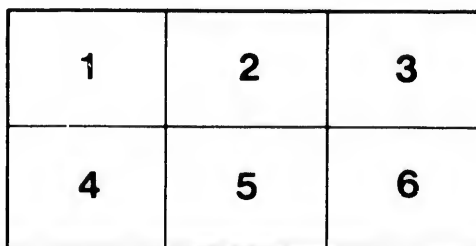
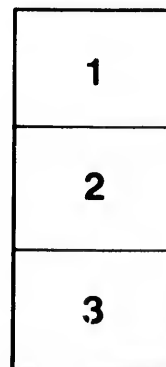
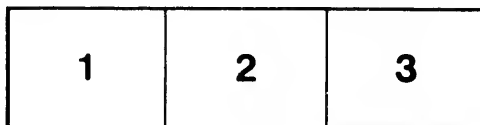
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ST. JOHN'S DAY, DECEMBER 27th.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE:

Agreeably to notice the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia, assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Victoria, at high Twelve on St. John's Day, where the Lodge "Vancouver," with visiting brethren from all the Lodges of our sister jurisdiction in the Colony, were then in Regular Communication and after having been announced as waiting admission, were admitted, received and saluted with the customary Grand honors.

The Provincial Grand Master having been warmly welcomed and conducted to the East and his officers having occupied corresponding stations in the Lodge, he thanked the assembled brethren for the cordial reception which had been given them. He tendered his reciprocal good wishes, assured the Lodge of his earnest desire to forward its interests and trusted that his appointment and the formation of his Provincial Grand Lodge would be conducive to the prosperity of the Order generally in this Colony. As much time had already been consumed in completing the business of the Lodge for the past year, he would at once proceed with the object of his present visit, viz: the installation of officers elect.

The following brethren were then invested and proclaimed officers of the Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year, viz:

R. W. M. W. WAITT, MASTER,
Bro. S. DUCK, SENIOR WARDEN,
" F. H. LAMB, JUNIOR WARDEN,
" F. J. WEISENBURGER, TREASURER,
" H. E. SEELYE, SECRETARY.

Bro. REV. THOS. SOMERVILLE, CHAPLAIN,
" SAMUEL HARRIS, SENIOR DEACON,
" WM. JACKSON, JUNIOR DEACON,
" WILLIAM DALBY, INNER GUARD,
" P. J. HALL, TYLER.

The important and impressive ceremony of installation having been concluded and the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge having vacated the chairs, the R. W. Master on behalf of his Lodge, presented, with a most appropriate address, a magnificent gold Past Master's jewel, to the retiring Master, R. W. Bro. R. H. Adams, and thanked the Provincial Grand Master for his attendance as follows:

" RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR:—On behalf of the Officers and Members of Vancouver Lodge, over whom I have been called upon, by their suffrages, to preside, permit me to thank you, and through you, the Officers of the Grand Lodge for the very able and agreeable manner in which you have performed the ceremonies of our installation. The ability and zeal which has ever characterized your actions in connection with our Ancient and Honorable Order, would alone make it a pleasing duty, as the Master of this Lodge, to tender you the warmest thanks of its members. But the pleasure is doubly enhanced in the present instance, owing to the new character in which you appear before us, and I have no hesitancy in assuring you that among the pleasing recollections of after life, not the least will be, that of having participated in the first installation by the first Provincial Grand Master of British Columbia."

To which the Provincial Grand Master replied:

" RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR:—In responding to the most kind and fraternal sentiments which you have expressed for yourself and those whom you have the honor of representing, permit me to return my heartfelt and reciprocal gratitude. Although received and honored by you in my capacity as Provincial Grand Master, I flatter myself that I am one of yourselves, and that my humble abilities, so kindly and generously referred to, are without avail in fulfilling the duties of my office unless with the assistance and co-operation of you all. Let me thank you for this free expression of your kindred good wishes and to assure you of my humble endeavors whenever required by the principles of our Ancient and Honorable Order generally.

The Lodge was then closed in due form.

The celebration of the day was concluded by a Grand Ball given by Vancouver Lodge, under the Patronage of the Provincial Grand Lodge, in the evening, at Alhambra Hall.

A. G. RICHARDSON,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

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