



## NEW BRUNSWICK REPORTER,

Letter From British Columbia. The following is a portion of a letter written by Mr. H. E. L. Smith to his cousin Mr. G. Fred Fisher of this city onthe 25th of July last, being on or about the day of the sad occurrence which ended his life. We have given only that portion descriptive of the country etc. which may be of interest to our readers.

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HERMAN H. PITTS, Publisher and Proprietor

Here we are in Victoria, the Queen city of the West, beautifully situated at the Southern end of Vancouver Island. Nature seems to have done her share, for nowhere do I think one could find such charming walks; and the people as conservative as they are, and very English in their ways, take great interest in their houses and grounds. I will say though that in N. B. I have seen residences just as handsome and grounds appear to greattown and overlooking the straits of San Juan De Fueca. Here on fine afternoons (and the weather is always fine and pleasseen the elite of the city either driving, B.C. fruit, so much variety. or watching the progress of a game of cricket or base ball, or listening to the tails given are so realistic and with all strains of a band. Then for boating the so apparently feasible to those who are harbour and gorge afford grand opportunilooking for the sensational, that there ties. The East must not imagine that seems little for us to add." We might be the West is behind in all that goes to allowed to say, possibly, not with any in- make life enjoyable. People work hard, tention to dispute the accuracy of our earn big pay, and spend freely. Sunday contemporary's sources of knowledge, picnics and outings are popular with is undoubtedly the curse of the land. I for a sucker." The relief this will be to 6000 people there, fine stores, handsome the minds of the few kindred spirits who brick and stone blocks, good hotels, etc. circle around the business office of that only three years old, yet every other paper will, we feel, he sufficient balm for place of business was either a whiskey saloon or a real estate agents office.

Too much boom at present, must be a We are not particularly interested in tumble in prices, and business has got to the article ourselves, but for the satis- get down to solid rock.

Then I think the place will go ahead as it has without doubt a magnificent har-Of course we are not aware what the bour. In fact the whole Burrard Inlet future has in store for us, but we have no some 18 or more miles inland is a shelteridea that our paper will be in the market | ing spot.

Chinamen I know are a curiosity down East. Here one sees hundreds of them. They do almost everything now-a-days. There is going to be trouble with them received any special recognition in this yet. They are coming in all the time. Victoria alone has nearly 3,500 Chinese, while the whites number possibly 11,000. They spend no money in the country. They are first-rate in a menial 'capacity but, the line should be drawn tightly at that.

How do I like the country? First-rate so far, and am satisfied so long as there is work to do. It's all money here; none of this confounded barter business like PORTER with purely monetary gain in down east. Some people come here, stay a few days, can't get work to suit them, some i fancy expect to pick up gold on the streets, don't half try to get poraries, but which we do not resort to. a job and away they go and say the country is no good. Perhaps a little bit of what is familiarly known as "home lodges are in a healthy state. He hoped sickness" or "the blues" gets hold of Our readers are well aware of our views them. When I landed in the Province I northern district of New Brunswick, but politically, morally, religiously, and only had ten dollars in my pocket. I was had been disappointed. All the towns socially, and it is hardly worth while filling in the city four days, heard of a school in there have so many societies already that the country, walked 25 miles to secure it it is difficult to get sufficient members of and have been there ever since. If one the right kind to start a new one so suc-Just here we would like to remark, and wants to get along here one must *rustle* cessfully as to ensure its permanence, it appears a good chance for a little ad- around, let the people see that you want and without the apparent certainty of is the motto that succeeds in this country. | chartered. Since holidays I have been visiting sev-Fraser. I intended going up to Chilliwack, a fine farming country on the good business especially in Victoria where most persuasive terms by mail and wire. get accommodation at almost any price pressing business from accepting a forfrom 2 bits (25 cts) apwards. There are mal invitation to attend the festivities

told him that I must be homesick to write riches and honors, it turns aside, like the him in that way; simply because I told him the simple truth. It often amuses fallen by the wayside. Amid the clang me to read the glowing circulars of the C. of arms, in sight of millions of soldiers in P. R. and other railway companies. I do training for war, it puts before itself the not go a cent on all this harrah about this glorious goal of universal fraternity in the "Glorious British Columbia of ours" for it is a notorious fact that half the country truth are the glorious links of its triple is mountainous and two thirds of the other chain-the friendship that nurses the half is mighty poor land. So long as I can sick, feeds the hungry, buries the dead make a living and a little more I am satis. fied at present. There is no doubt that the climate is very different from that of other parts of Canada, being much milder, especially on Vancourer Island. One has only to go 400 or 500 miles northup Alaska way and Caribou country to get into a land where the thermometer in winter whose work will be crowned by the time reaches 60° below zero. Where I gratitude of posterity and the bene. am located some 25 miles out of Victoria dictions of God. Let us stand at Rocky Point there was but one snow er advantage. Then there is Beacon storm last winter which lasted only one Hill Park just on the outskirts of the day. But in winter it rains, rains, rains, no let up for four months.

Lots of fruit here, pears, peaches, etc., etc., makes one's mouth water. Sharp the nearer the reign of love and peace to ant during the summer months) may be apple king of N. B. is nowhere alongside

I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge Session at Windsor

OVER ONE HUNDRED DELEGATES PRESENT.

The 33rd annual session of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the lower provinces was convened at 10.30, on Wednesday mechanics and working men. Whiskey morning, in the Temperance ball. There were present the grand officers and about who has been "fishing the Gleaner man was in Vancouver the other day, some 70 representatives. After the usual opening exercises and grayer by the grand chaplain, Rev. Mr. Young, the grand lodge was declared open for business.

The credential committee reported the credentials of representatives correct.

## EXCURSION

An invitation to an excursion from Pessaquid Lodge. of Windsor, was tendered the grand lodge and accepted. The lodge adjourned till two o'clock. The excursion was down the Avon river as far as Hantsport, and was enjoyed by members of the order here and their friends, in all about 250, on board the Hiawatha. The time was delightfully spent, the day being fine, the scenery attractive, and the 78th battalion and Windsor Cornet bands furnishing very pleasant music.

At 2.30 the lodge re-assembled, and some 25 new members were introduced and received the grand lodge degree.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

In his address the grand master says the past year has been one of unbroken peace and harmony in the ranks. No disturbing question has arisen within, nor has any attack come from without. Improvement in the character of the places of meeting, as well as in regalia, is constantly taking place.

The returns will show that the old to be able to report a new lodge 10 the

good Samaritan, to succor those who have family of man. Friendship, love and and educates the orphan: the love that burns to make all men better and happier by imbuing their minds with broad, charitable and ennobling principles; the truth that stamps its possessor with a dignity and nobility greater than a king can bestow. Old Fellowship by our colors, brothers : cultivate the virtues we teach ; be more fraternal to one another ; make greater efforts to raise the reputation and widen the influence of our order, and thus bring the world a step which we are looking forward with serene and unquestioning faith. It our aspirations for the high ideal we have set before us are strong enough to overcome the evil impulses which alloy the pure gold of human nature, we will create for ourselves the happy state for which we hope as the crowning glory of humanity.

Still in thy right hand carry gentle peace. To forgive wrongs darker than the death of night;

To love and bear; to hope till Hope creates From its own wreck the thing it contem. plates

This, like thy glory, Titan, is to be Good, great, and jcyous, beautiful and free; This is alone Life, Joy, Empire and Victory.

It was referred to a special committee for appointment to various standing com mittees.

The reports of the

GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER

were read and referred to the finance and audit committee.

The reports of the year's work, presented by Grand Secretary Frazee and Grand Treasurer Taylor, showed the following evidences of the prosperity of the order in the jurisdiction : Numerical strength last year, as corrected, 2,386, gross increase, 329; gross decrease, 232; net increase, 46; now in membership, 2,432; total receipts for the year, \$13,972; total expenditure, \$12,179; amount paid out for relief of brothers, \$2,275 · for families of deceased brothers, \$312; burial of deceased Odd Fellows, \$466; special relief, \$270; totai amount of invested funds. \$21,100.

The memorial of W. H. Wilson was read and referred to the committee on appeals.

A telegram of congratulation was received from Mizpah Lodge, of Iron Mines. The grand secretary was ordered to return the thanks of Grand Lodge.

The lodge adjourned to 11 p. m. to allow members to prepare for the procession. The officers for the ensuing year are.

W H Weatherspoon, Granville Ferry, N S, grand master.

Joseph Wilson, St. John, deputy grand master J P Smith, Windsor, grand warden.

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not neutral by any means, however.

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view. There are many ways we might in-

crease our revenue if we were so disposed;

ways adopted by some of our contem-

Questionable advertisements are not ac-

cepted at any price. We are not striving

for political emoluments, or preference.

vertisement, that we have quite a large, a job. "Take the first thing that comes" growth and life no new lodge should be printing office, one of the largest if not the largest and most complete office in the Maritime Provinces. We are now publishing four or five newspapers and magazines and have ample facilities for publishing several others. It has not been time, and we believe that none of the or any of his friends should think seriouswill give us an opportunity of giving figures on it. As a matter of business we would about as leave print a political paper for Attorney General Blaur, as a religious paper for Dr. McLeod, particulary if the politicians pay as promptly a the Dr. does. Because we happen to be no such things as copper cents here, noth- incident to the reception of Canton Shaw-'closeted "with some individual, we are talking 'newspaper,' or that we are nego. est denomination of paper money is a V, were practically en fete during the stay tiating for the publishing of one. For all smaller change in silver. instance we had a kindly visit from Mr. Gregory lately, and although he inspected our office he gave us no inducations that you are paying an Indian money he wants Canadian brethren, and the conviction he wished us to publish him a newspaper, but when the Gleaner has taken another twist and sees things through another glass, and he finds he requires an "organ,' we trust our facilities will continue to be such that we shall be able to publish one for him, as well.

Ladies, Toronto, advertises its re-opening most successful in twenty years.

silver in order to suit their dusky cus- by the whole community." tomers.

asking for advice as to the desirability of two years, and concludes: Odd Fellowcoming to the country. I never would ad- ship! One of the finest fruits of Christian The Bishop Strachan School for Young vise any one to make a move. If they civilization, and the staunchest bulwark come they must take their chances, and of order and virtue. In an age of irrever-Sept. 5. This school greatly increased then no blame attaches to your humble ence, it marches under a banner inscrib its members last year, which was the servant and cousin. One young man in ed with faith in one supreme creator and Woodstock wrote me in teply to what I ruler of the universe. In the rush for his administrator will have a long job

After alluding to some questions reeral localities such as Vancouver, New ferred to him the grand master said: Westminster and a portion of the lower "Two very pleasant visits from United States brethren were received during the year. Visitors and guests demonstrated our privileges of seeing Mr. Blair for Fraser, but too many mosquitoes. 'By by the character of the reunions, that, several months, or any of the parties George' they bite, so I got out of the main- though they belonged to two nations, named by our contemporary for still longer land and returned to Victoria my first they were members of one neighbourlove. Whilst in New Westminster hood. The first visit was paid by the nesday in Aug, 1889. parties are aware of our facilities for news. I saw Arthur Jack who has con- brethren of Houlton, Me., to Carleton paper-publishing. We just take this op. cluded to try chances in that Lodge. They were given, in the words of portunity of remarking that if Mr. Blair city. Lawyers are plentiful enough Grand Representative Watts, a cordial but "they all seem to get along, so welcome and a good country dinner. [ ly of publishing a newspaper, we trust they he has just as good a chance as the rest of deeply regretted not being able to accept. the younger ones. Competition is cheap the kind invitation of Carleton Lodge, this number are the beginning of an inhere as well as in the East. Hotels do a sent by Grand Representative Watts in the tourist travel is very great. You can I also regret having been prevented by Black "stories, and an astronomical series ing smaller than 5 cent pieces and even mut of Boston by the St. John and hardly be said that this is not a new War sorry to say, is no indication that we are these are scarce. On the Island the low- Fredericton brethren. The two cities Series, although the chapters of the first of the visitors, who must have carried No trouble to get gold if you want it, back with them nost gratifying recollecbut strange to say silver is preferred. If tions of the fraternal courtestes of their silver. He would take 20 American silver that Odd Fellowship is not only a power and new. The one now given briefly dollars but won't look at a gold twenty. in itself in this country but a power be-All these Indian traders have to handle cause of the esteem in which it is held

> The grand master is of the opinion that Sometimes I receive letters from parties the election to that office should be for

J C P Frazee, Halifax, grand secretary. H A Taylor, Halifax, grand treasurer. Rev. F M Young, Dorchester, grand chaplain.

H E Codner, St. John, grand marshall. Chas A Sampson, Fredericton, grand

P A McGowan, Moneton, grand guardian.

D R McLellan, Charlottetown, grand herald.

Representatives to sovereign grand lodge-Robt Hochin, Picilou, and Andre Cushing, Dr Jas Christie and Joseph Wilson, St John.

After some further routine business, the grand lodge adjourned, to meet at Charlottetown, P E I, on the second Wed-nesder in Are, 1000

## The Century Magazine.

The Century keeps up its custom of making the August a "Midsummer Holiday Number." The points of novelty in geniously planned story in three parts by by Professor Holden of the Lick University. Mr. Janvier's new serial is called "A Mexican Campaign." It need part are named "The Mobilization of the Troops," "The Parley Under False Colors," and "The Skirmish at Buena Vista." Professor Holden will publish two articles on Sidereal Astronomy, old chronicles the data which astronomy has collected up to date; it tells of the methods of naming the stars, their number, the star charts, catalogues, etc. These articles are appropriate to the star gazing season.

The President of the Waterbury Watch Company is dead. The Maine Farmer thinks that if it takes as long to wind up his affairs as it does some of his watches,