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### MASONIC CELEBRATION.

Officers of Woodstock Lodge for the Coming Year.

Over Sixty Brethren Present.—Interesting Address by Wm. F. Dibblee.—Sad Accident Ends the Life of an old Resident of Benton.

Monday, being St. John's Day, was duly celebrated by the Masonic Order according to very old custom.

Woodstock Lodge No. 11 F. & A. M. did honor to the occasion. They elected the following officers for the ensuing year, C. N. Scott, P. G. M. installing the new office bearers and W. Jenner, acting as Master of Ceremonies.—W. M., J. R. Murphy; S. W., Thos. Allen; J. W., G. H. Harrison; Sec. D. Munro; Treas. W. Fisher; Sen. Deacon, Frank Currie; Jun. Deacon, Dr. W. D. Rankin; Sen. Steward, Geo. Anderson; Jun. Jun. Steward, Jas. A. Gibson; Dir. Cer., A. Henderson; I. G., Wm. Scott; Tyler, R. Donaldson; Chap. Rev. C. T. Phillips.

This being the 50th anniversary of the founding of the lodge a grand collation served from Lee's restaurant was engaged in the lodge room.

P. D. G. M. W. F. Dibblee gave a historical sketch of the progress of the lodge since its formation.

This was a most interesting summary of the history of the lodge, especially so in view of the fact that, in the great fire of 1877 all the records of the lodge, as well as the jewels and furniture were destroyed. Mr. Dibblee although one of the oldest masons in the county, has so completely retained his faculties that he could give details in all their fulness. When the lodge was started, there were seven charter members, and the first master was the late Charles Perley. On one occasion prior to 1877, the lodge suffered by fire. Throughout Mr. Dibblee's address, the attention of the sixty members or so, who were present, was closely held.

After this followed a song by F. P. Morton, "Bonny Mary of Argyle." Rev. C. T. Phillips, delivered an interesting and instructive address on Masonry, which was followed with a song from George Anderson, "The Slave Ship."

The installation and the literary and musical programme had occupied the attention of the lodge till nearly midnight, and the carnal man by this time craved some substantial refreshment. An elaborate collation was most heartily enjoyed, and the brethren of the compass and square dispersed having spent a most profitable evening.

### A Sad Accident.

S. J. Parsons has received word from W. B. Thomas of San Francisco about the death of his father David R. Thomas which occurred on the 15th inst. Mr Thomas will be well remembered by the older residents of the lower section of the county. He learned his trade as a farmer with the late Stephen Parsons, and resided for 25 years in Benton, where he built a tannery. After this he went to California in which state his brother G. Hirman Thomas, who is very wealthy lives. W. B. Thomas, son of deceased, writes "He (his father) met with a terrible accident on Oct. 20th in Oleta, Anador Co. by falling and striking his head on a stone. His skull was badly fractured, and the pressue was not removed until nine days after as it was necessary to bring him to San Francisco. He never regained full consciousness. I never knew him to be in better health or spirits than just before this happened, and he had everything in shape for a good winter's work. His saddle horse had knocked down the partition of the stall. He was upon a ladder repairing it, and fell about ten feet striking his temple on a rock. Deceased's wife was a Miss Grey, daughter of the late Solomon Grey, who will be remembered by the older people as the owner of the first hearse in Woodstock.

### BENIN'S KING.

He Is Now A Prisoner In British Hands. Overami, the King of Benin, is now a prisoner. Overami it will be remembered escaped when the city of Benin was taken, and a fruitless search was made for him. On August 5 he surrendered at Benin City. He and his chiefs were tried for the massacre of the mission sent to Benin last January. Six chiefs were found guilty. One died before the trial, two committed suicide, two were executed, and one Ologbo Sheri, the chief next in rank to the King, is still at large. The King at present does not appear to have been implicated in the massacre. But his fate is largely dependent on the capture of Ologbo who can if he will throw

more light on the matter. In the meantime the King is a prisoner. On the way to old Calabar Overami was kept constantly on deck so that the natives of the various villages passed en route might see that he was really in the hands of the white men.

### Christmas Day.

Christmas Day was duly observed in Woodstock, although the lack of snow made the travelling poor, and there was not the usual jingle of Christmas bells. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The usual Christmas services were held in the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches. Christ church, St. Luke's and St. Peter's, Jacksontown, were suitably adorned with banners and evergreens, and there were good congregations at the various services. Ven. Archdeacon Neales preached at the eleven o'clock service in St. Luke's.

The principal service of the day at St. Gertrude's was at 11 o'clock, when, Stearn's Mass was rendered for the first time in Woodstock, and was very creditably carried out by the choir. Thos. McRae is the organist. The Adeste Fideles was well rendered. Rev. Father Chapman preached an appropriate Christmas sermon. In the evening vespers was sung, followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Christmas Cheer.

Baird & Ryder, the enterprising bakers sent a generous Christmas box of cake to Coun. K. B. Jones, to be distributed among the inmates of the Alms House. Coun. Jones on behalf of the inmates takes this opportunity to return thanks for their kind thoughtfulness. The Alms House people were well looked after this Xmas. The committee provided them with a dinner consisting of turkey, geese, and all the usual accompaniments. In the afternoon Coun. Jones presented each inmate with a Xmas box, in a separate bag. The W. C. T. T. had an abundance of foods and offerings for the poor and they distributed the same very generally. There was probably not a poor family in town which did not enjoy a good Christmas dinner.

### For Up River Travellers.

#### GOING UP.

	FRT.	EXP.	SUB.
Woodstock	9 00	12 27	4 35
Hartland	10 17	1 30	5 25
Peel	10 45	1 41	5 40
Florenceville	11 25	2 00	6 02
Bristol	11 40	2 08	6 13
Bath	11 58	2 17	6 25

#### DOWNWARD.

	EXP.	SUB.	FRT.
Bath	2 54	6 50	10 50
Bristol	3 03	7 04	11 07
Florenceville	3 12	7 15	11 25
Peel	3 30	7 40	11 55
Hartland	3 42	7 58	12 17
Woodstock	4 22	8 50	1 30

### Hartland News.

A grand concert was given on the evening of the 23rd under the auspices of the I. O. F. The programme was a good one, and was well received.

We now have a bridge of ice but it is not regarded safe as yet. Last week the horse of G. W. Boyer sr., while crossing at the lower ferry, broke through the ice and was with difficulty got out. Two other teams met with the same fate later in the week but were both rescued.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected for court Walostock No. 103 I. O. F. on Wednesday evening last and are as follows S J Brown, C R; D Porter, V C R; A D Estabrook (re-elected) R S; H E Blakslee, F S; A S Estey, T; G M Shaw, Chap; D Brooks S W; E C Morgan, J W; H D Keswick, S B; Chas Stevens, J B; I B Curtis, M D and A S Estey, M D, Physicians; I B Curtis, C H Taylor, trustees; G M Shaw, W E Thistle, auditors; I B Curtis was recommended as C H H C R.

Miss Bessie, and David Arton spent Xmas in St. John.

Miss Eva Snow and Mrs. Snow spent Xmas in this village the guest of Mrs. S. M. Boyer.

Misses George and Effie Reed were visiting friends in Millville.

E. Alexander arrived home on Saturday from Montreal where he has been in the interests of the O. R. Y. He returned again on Monday, Miss Robin Hay accompanied him on the trip.

Miss Bell Smith, Woodstock, spent Sunday here the guest of Miss Cluff.

The apron and necktie carnival in the roller rink on Jan. 17th, promises to be an up-to-date affair in that line.

The officers of the Hartland Lodge, L. O. L., No. 41, are as follows for the ensuing year:—A. G. Baker, W. M.; H. E. Blakslee, D. M.; A. A. Belyea, Chap.; Allan Rideout, R. S.; A. S. Estabrook, F. S.; G. M. Shaw, T.; Arnold Porter, D. of C.; Gordon McAdam, I. T.; Harvey Goodwin, O. T.

Xmas Day passed off very quietly in this village. All places of business were closed. The rink drew quite a crowd both afternoon and evening.

JOHN R. ALLEN, Lynn, Mass., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Phillips for a few days. Today he will marry Miss Addie E. Phillips, also of Lynn, who has been spending the winter here with Mr. and Mrs. Phillips. The wedding will take place in the Free Baptist church at 12 o'clock, Rev. C. T. Phillips will officiate.

### IN THE KHYBER PASS.

Letter From a Soldier in Hammond's Brigade.

He Wants to Come to Canada. When The India War is Over.—His Brother in The 67th.—A Military Family.—A Northampton Veteran.

Presuming that the following letter written to Lieut. J. J. Bull, Northampton, of the 67th Batt., might be of interest to the military readers of THE DISPATCH it is produced below with an apology to the writer for the publicity given it.

BARO, Fort India, Nov 14th., 1897.

Dear Sir,—I drop you a line to let you know that I received the note which you enclosed in my brother's letter. I was very glad to learn of my brother's promotion in your regiment, and as I would like to go out there as soon as I get clear of the Indian army, would be very glad to get the chance to join the militia. I suppose it would be a bit of sport for me. I am now in General Hammond's Brigade about ten miles from Peshamar. It is called the Peshamar column the Irrah (?) field force. We are in camp and are expecting to move any minute through the Khyber Pass. We have a lot of trouble with the tribes firing into the camp at night, and we are out searching the hills in the day time for them. General Lockhart's Brigade is expecting to meet us in the Khyber some of these days where we expect to have a hard fight. Soldiering is very strict here. It is very warm in the day time and cold at night. I have five years service in the second Batt. of the "Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers." It is a very good regiment to be in. Lt. Col. Wordhouse is in command. Lieut. Clark is in command of my company—E. He is a very good officer and standing about 6 feet 3 inches in height. There is a lot of fever knocking about but I have the best of health. We have been on this expedition about two months and we are about filled up with it. This is all I have to say at present, but remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. MONTEITH.

P. S.—Please excuse pencil writing for it is not very easy getting everything you want in active service. W. M.

One cannot but observe the entire absence of sentiment on the part of the writer towards the fatalities which the future may hold in store for him. Perhaps one can overlook this stoicism, so to speak, when one recalls the fact that the Monteith are a family of soldiers and regard a little fighting much the same as an ordinary person would a deer stalking expedition.

This young man's brother, James Monteith referred to in the letter, is a corporal in the 67th Batt. He served some months in the Inniskillen Fusiliers in Ireland and on coming to this country took a short course of instruction (3 months) in the Royal School of Infantry at Fredericton. Another brother of these young men, John, is serving in the artillery in the old country. Their father James Monteith, sr., also served in the 27th Royal Innisk. Fus. and was stationed at Dover, Chatham, Aldershot, Thorncliff, and other places in England. Their Uncle Robert now residing in Northampton, a brother to James, sr., served also in the same regiment. He enlisted on the first of August 1874. He was stationed at first in Inniskillen and then in Belfast where he did police duty during some of the famous riots which have taken place in that city. His next station was Malta where he remained two years. He was there during the Turco-Russian war, and was one of 30,000 troops, mostly Indian, who were collected there in view of English complications in the famous Eastern question. He was next in Hong Kong, China, from thence he proceeded to England and from there to Ireland where he took his discharge. Not wishing to weary your readers we will close these reminiscences but before doing so I cannot fail to mention another old soldier, who has been a much longer period in the army and who has seen much active service Mr. Arthur Waller. With his permission we may at some future time present your readers with a short sketch of his adventurous life.

Yours etc.,

TOMMY ATKINS.

The woman who enjoys being bullied and trampled upon is dying out from the world; she will soon survive in a few novels only; and not merely woman but man will be the gainer. His happiness will be increased not merely in quantity but in quality, and will be freed from that compensation of fate which causes every oppressed being to secure by wheedling what is denied by justice.

Wallace Gibson and wife have been visiting Mrs. Gibson's parents at Grafton.

## Grand Concert, Opera House, To-Morrow Night.