

Grand Orange Lodge.

WINDSOR, Ont., May 25.—The 68th annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America was opened in this city this afternoon with over 200 members present, representing every part of the dominion. There are a number of delegates from British Columbia and the Northwest Territories and all the provinces east of Manitoba have a good-sized delegation in attendance.

Sovereign Grand Master N. Clarke Wallace occupied the chair and opened the meeting with his annual address. He referred to the gratifying fact that Her Majesty had completed the 60th year of her reign and that throughout her extensive dominions great preparations were being made to celebrate this event. He alluded to the presence in this country at the present time of the papal delegate, Mgr. Merry Del Val, and expressed the hope that he would be taught while here that the people of this country would tolerate no interference on the part of foreign powers in the management of her affairs. The address was received with enthusiastic acclaim and referred to a committee for consideration.

The report of the grand secretary, Robert Birmingham, showed that ten new primary lodge warrants had been issued during the year and one new county lodge warrant. The provincial lodge returns showed that 3,618 new members of the order had been initiated; 1,153 had joined by certificate; 499 had been reinstated; 1,414 had withdrawn by certificate; 2,418 had been suspended; 166 had been expelled, and 396 had died.

The Queen's Jubilee celebration is referred to with congratulations, and the report closes with Mr. Birmingham referring to his long connection with the Orange society and his determination to withdraw from the office of grand secretary, which he has filled for seven years.

The report of the grand treasurer showed as follows: Receipts, \$5,810.41; disbursements, \$2,096.23; balance, \$3,714.18. The report of the benefit fund showed receipts \$38,863.72 and expenditure \$37,723.76, leaving a balance of \$1,139.96.

A resolution was passed instructing the grand master to telegraph to Her Majesty the Queen the congratulations of the lodge on her jubilee.

The Grand Black Chapter of the L. O. A. closed its session at noon to-day. Reports showed the order throughout Canada to be in a flourishing condition. Resolutions to be forwarded to Her Majesty on the 50th anniversary of her reign were passed and a large amount of routine business done. The treasurer's report showed a good balance on hand after the year's work. Officers were elected as follows: A. J. Armstrong, St. John. G. M.; Lt. Col. Scott, Kincardine, Ont. D. G. M.; J. O. Gass, Shub-nacadie, N. S. A. D. G. M.; Rev. William Walsh, chaplain; J. S. Williams, Toronto, registrar; J. W. Wilson, Toronto, treasurer; James Kelly, St. John, grand marshal; R. A. O. Brown, St. John, grand committee; R. G. Mayer, St. John, D. G. lecturer. Prominent members from the order in the United States were present.

May 26.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of British America concluded its annual meeting this evening.

Grand Master Wallace called the Grand Lodge to order and a deputation from the town of Windsor consisting of Mayor Davis, who is a Roman Catholic, and four councillors, was introduced and delivered an address of welcome. This was responded to by the grand master.

A delegation from the grand lodge of the state of Michigan was then introduced and delivered the fraternal greetings of the body they represented to the grand lodge of British America. In the course of their address the delegation said, "As American citizens, who love and revere our flag and the sacred institutions of our own free land, to which we are unflinchingly pledged, we come to you clad in the unfeigned vesture of true friendship and fraternal cheer and pledge ourselves with you in harmony and as a unit to the cause of civil and religious liberty which beneath the flag of the British empire and beneath the starry flag of the American republic we have sworn to maintain." The address referred to the fact that Britain and the United States stand upon a common platform of advanced thought and upon a historic form of constitutional government.

At the evening session the following officers were elected:

Grand Master—Hon. N. O. Wallace.

Deputy Grand Master—Major A. J. Armstrong.

Grand Chaplain—W. F. Wilson.

Grand Secretary—William Lockhart.

Grand Treasurer—W. J. Parkin.

Grand Lecturer—R. A. O. Brown.

Grand Director of Ceremonies—F. F. Floody.

Tariff Amendments.

The amendments made to the Tariff proposed by Mr. Fielding are as follows:—

The original tariff as used below means the tariff as introduced by Mr. Fielding:

Soap, pearline and other soap powders, original tariff 30 per cent; amended tariff, 35 per cent.

The tariff on books has been changed so as to divide them into two classes. The late tariff on books was six cents a pound. The Fielding tariff as introduced placed the duty at 20 per cent. The amended tariff reads as follows: Novels or literature of similar character, unbound or paper bound, not to include Christmas annuals or publications commonly known as juvenile and toy books, 20 per cent. Books, printed periodicals and pamphlets, n. e. s., not to include blank account books, copy books, 10 per cent.

On the free list are placed all books on the application of science to industries of all kinds, including books on agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fish and fishing, mining, metallurgy, architecture, electricity and other engineering, carpentry, shipbuilding, mechanism, dyeing, bleaching, tanning, weaving and other mechanical arts and similar industrial books, and for public and university libraries, colleges or schools, it is provided that importers of books who have sold the same for use in a library may receive a refund of duty paid.

Advertising and printed matter on which under the old tariff a specific duty was imposed, was placed at 35 per cent in the original Fielding tariff. He now returns to a specific tariff of 15 cents a pound.

Printed music, 25 per cent in the original Fielding tariff, is reduced to 10 per cent.

Partly printed newspapers, 20 per cent in the original tariff, increased to 25 per cent.

On medicines, the original tariff placed a duty of 35 per cent on liquids and 25 per cent on others. The amended tariff is 50 per cent on liquid medicine containing alcohol, and 25 per cent on all others.

Linseed oil, lard oil, etc., is raised from 20 per cent to 25 per cent in the amended resolution.

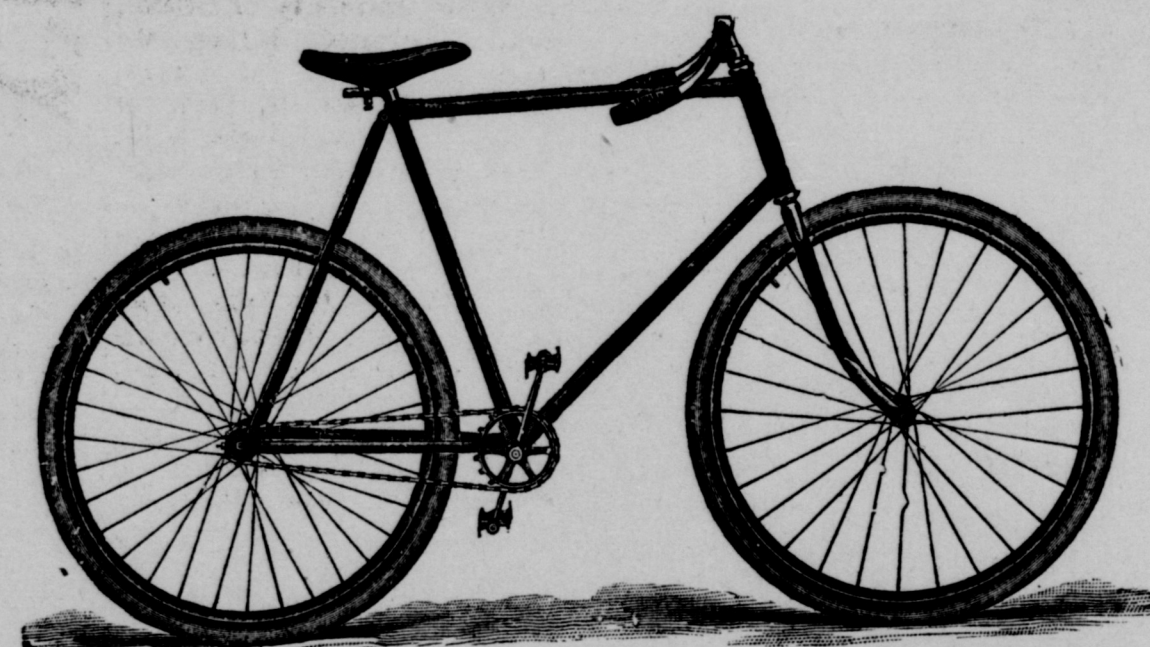
The item of coal dust in the original has been changed back to read as it was in the late government's tariff.

Grindstones over twelve inches, 20 per cent in the original tariff, are changed to 15 per cent.

The same change is made in rough granite, freestone and all building stone and blocks of marble, marble and granite sawn only, flagstones and building stone dressed, 20 per cent.

Roofing slate remains at 25 per cent, with a provision that the duty shall not exceed 75 cents per square.

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Item 229 is amended so that steel rolled or hammered, when of greater value than 2½ cents per lb, will be 5 per cent.
Iron or steel bridges and structural work, original tariff, 30 per cent; amended, 35 per cent.
Tubes of rolled steel not more than 1½ inches in diameter and bicycle tubes, original tariff, 15 per cent; amended, 10 per cent.
On cut nails and spikes, a specific duty of half-cent per lb is imposed instead of 30 per cent in the original Fielding tariff.
On wire nails a specific duty of 3-5 of a cent per lb is placed instead of 35 per cent in the original Fielding tariff.
Buckthorn and strip fencing, original tariff 25 per cent; amended, 20 per cent.
Wire covered with cotton or other material, original tariff 25 per cent; amended, 30 per cent.
Wire of all metals or kinds, original tariff 20 per cent; amended, brass wire 10 per cent, copper wire 15 per cent, woven wire 25 per cent.
Scrap lead, original tariff 20 per cent; amended, 15 per cent.
Iron or steel nuts, washers, rivets, etc., original tariff 35 per cent; amended, ½ of a cent a lb and 25 per cent.
Stereotypes, electrotypes, etc., for almanac and advertising purposes, original tariff 2 cents per square inch; amended, 1½ cents.
Stereotypes for newspaper columns, original tariff ½ of a cent per square inch; amended, ¼ cent.
Veneers on woods, original tariff 10 per cent; amended 7½ per cent.
Jeans, eatens, etc., when imported by corset makers, original tariff 30 per cent, amended 20 per cent.
Two sub clauses are made in the item 369 reducing cotton and other cloths for use in the manufacture of umbrellas and neckties, when these are cut into shape, in bond, to 20 per cent, and reducing stockinettes for the manufacture of rubber boots and shoes to 15 per cent, also placing cotton duck at 22½ per cent.
Item 375—A sub-clause makes the duty on worsted tops from wool such as is grown in Canada, 15 per cent woollen and worsted yarns, costing 30 cents or over per lb, imported by manufacturers, 20 per cent. This is a change in the classification and a reduction.
Nitro glycerine, when imported for the manufacture of explosives, 10 per cent instead of 3 cents a lb, as in the original tariff.
Buttons are divided into two classes, pantoon buttons wholly of metal and shoe buttons being placed at 25 per cent instead of 35 p-r cent, as at first proposed.
Twine and cordage, original Fielding tariff 20 per cent, amended 25 per cent.
Out tobacco, original tariff 50 cents per lb and 12½ per cent, amended 55 cents a pound.
Other manufactured tobacco, original tariff 45 cents per lb and 12½ per cent, amended 50 cents a pound.
The tariff as introduced imposed an excise duty of 10 cents a pound on raw leaf tobacco unstemmed and 4 cents on stemmed. It is proposed to change on the 1st of July to a customs duty of the same amount. The excise duties are to be collected on all goods now in bond. The tobacco clauses excise duty on cigarettes remain at three dollars per thousand as proposed, but only \$1 50 is to be levied on cigarettes made from native grown tobacco.
In the iron schedule an important change is proposed in item of mining machinery.—The late government made free all mining machinery of class not made in Canada. Mr. Fielding placed all mining material on free list. In the amended resolution, he goes back to the late government system, except that he enumerates the machinery which he leaves dutiable and which are made free.

ST. JOHN LETTER.

A brief summary of the day's news

There are now in port nine steamers, one ship, five barques and 41 schooners, all un-cleared.

J. V. Ellis, jr., one of the most talented young men ever employed on the St. John press, is now in Boston, where abilities like his are always recognized and substantially encouraged.

Some boys ten or twelve years of age dishonored the Queen's birthday and themselves by becoming grossly intoxicated on the west side of the harbor on the 24th inst.

There will be a so-called sparring exhibition at the Mechanics' Institute on the evening of June 23.

The city is spending money in the improvement of the appearance of the old burial ground, which for some years has been discreditable.

About 2,000 tons of black granite from the quarries recently opened at Welsford, will be shipped to Aberdeen, Scotland, in the near future.

A signal station has been erected at Brier Island, which will be of great assistance to navigators in the bay.

Mrs. G. A. Stockton of this city is seriously ill in Montreal.

Dr. White of the West Side, aged, infirm and despondent made an unsuccessful attempt to end his own life last week.

In Miller's mill at Pokick last week a man named Hanlon lost three fingers while working with a saw.

In staple groceries and canned goods, Northrup & Co. of South Wharf, carry the largest variety of any firm of wholesale grocers in Eastern Canada.

Business is quiet owing to the continued wet weather and there are no changes of consequence to note in the markets. Eggs are arriving freely and are in good demand at 8 cents. Butter is dull; new dairy sells at 14 to 16 cents, choice creamery 16 to 18 cents and common stock at 10 to 12 cents. Choice pure lard is quoted in tubs by De Forest & Sons at 6½ to 7 cents in tubs, and No 1 Shelburne herring at \$3 per barrel and \$1 75 per half barrel.

Strawberry barrels begin to arrive from the States just as the fruit begins to blossom.

Rose Coghlan, the actress, will spend the summer at her home in P. E. Island.

Eight or ten old street cars have been purchased for the Beulah Camp meeting grounds.

Gaspereaux, shad and salmon fishing is unusually good in the harbor this season.

John H. Yorke, of Bear River, blew out the gas when he retired at Hotel Dufferin last Friday night. His recovery is doubtful.

Seven deaths were reported in the city last week.

Kings Co farmers, who are among the most progressive of any in the Province, have found by experience that Albert's Thomas Phosphate Powder is the best and cheapest chemical fertilizer for general purposes that is within their reach, and are using it more extensively this season than ever before. On grass, grain, roots, vegetables and fruits its effects are immediate and it produces abundant and healthy crops almost invariably, even on worn out land. Farmers who desire to increase the fertility of their land, permanently, to rid it of insects injurious to vegetation, and to increase the feeding value as well as the bulk of their crops, have found nothing like this phosphate, the sale of which in England, where it is manufactured, amounts to several millions of tons annually.

Northrup & Co. of South Wharf have as large a variety of staple groceries, canned goods, etc., as is kept by any wholesale house in Eastern Canada.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St. John, May 31.

Lower Brighton Items.

This busy enterprising little town has gone ahead with its manufactures and industries with rapid strides since last heard from, and is, as usual, far ahead of its little sister, Newburgh Junction, although the latter is brought before the public very frequently in a startling manner.

Our popular teacher, Mrs. H. L. Ross, we are sorry to say, is quite ill, and has gone home for a much needed rest. Miss Mary McCredy, of Jacksonville, has taken her place.

Mr. John Buckingham, an enterprising young business man of Havelock, has opened a large departmental store here. We wish him a successful business career.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richardson, who have been spending the winter at Newburgh Junction, in order that their children might have better school advantages, have returned to their summer residence here.

Mr. Willie McGee has returned to Fredericton, where he will spend the summer.

In looking over Newburgh Junction items of last week, several thoughts came to us. First, that the correspondent must have a very elastic imagination and callous conscience, and another such stretch of the former will render his already weakened brain a total wreck; also, owing to the crowd of bicycles and riders we noticed on a certain platform on Sunday evening, we concluded that bicycles were getting so they did not care who rode them.

CHARITY.

Lorne, Victoria Co., Items.

May 27, 1897.

The long continued wet weather (and still it rains) makes slow work for the farmers, it being almost impossible to work the ground, it is so wet.

William E. Everett, of Burnt Land Brook, while rolling in logs for G. T. Baird, jammed his foot severely, at present date being unable to stand upon it.

The last of the drives passed Burnt Land Brook to day.

A pair of sea gulls were seen by the writer flying around and floating on the Tobique river.

TOBIQUE.

Lakeville Items.

The time is fast passing and as yet the farmers have little grain sown, owing to the extreme wetness of the season.

The Smith Bros. left this week en route to their farm in Jacksonville.

Mr. Wilson of the firm Wilson & White, is putting repairs on his residence.

Mr. Fowler is roofing his house anew.

On the 24th, a new boat belonging to Mr. Robert Carvell, was launched on the lake.

What might have proved a serious accident took place last week when Mr. Fred Annett in the employ of Carvell & Sons, losing his balance, while on a log, fell into the water. However after much difficulty, he succeeded in reaching the bank in safety.

The Queen has consented to the proposal that she should send a message to every part of her dominions simultaneously during the jubilee services at St. Paul's. For this purpose a wire communication with all the cables will be carried up the cathedral steps and probably into the sanctuary.