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THE WELCOME TO SHAWMUT

Comrades in Arms Clasp Cordial Hands.

BOSTON CHEVALIERS IN ST. JOHN.

Whom They Were, What They Saw and What They Did—Portraits and Sketches of Prominent Visiting and Local Odd Fellows—Rise and Progress of the Order Here.

"All men are brethren," the scripture saith, but some are more: to the Odd Fellows of St. John, the chevaliers of Grand Canton Shawmut are comrades and friends.

The attraction of the Cincinnati encampment of Patriarchs Militant divided the party which had so long been planning to come here, and when the western train drew into the station, Tuesday afternoon, it had but about 75 excursionists on board. These were they who had held out against the seductions of Cincinnati and come to St. John—to have a better time:

Major John E. Palmer and Mrs. Palmer. Capt. C. C. Foye and Mrs. Foye. Capt. A. T. Pierce and Mrs. Pierce. Capt. F. B. Jones and Mrs. Jones. Capt. Geo. A. King and ladies. Capt. Loring and Mrs. Loring. Chev. Jas. White and Mrs. White; Chev. H. E. Boyden and Mrs. Boyden; Chev. J. B. Hancock and Mrs. Hancock; Chev. S. H. Sherman and Mrs. Sherman.

Mr. J. Brown, jr., and Mrs. Brown; Lieutenant and Adjutant S. L. Hodges; Capt. C. C. Blaney; Capt. H. C. Newton, M. D.; Capt. C. M. Charter; Capt. E. W. Bettinson; Lieutenant F. E. Mayall;

Lieut. A. H. Lamson; Chev. R. Gleason; Chev. George H. Glass; Chev. L. A. Greyer; Chev. H. B. Kettledge; Chev. D. J. Fogg; Chev. F. M. Babcock; Chev. A. E. Loomer; Chev. J. B. Buntin; Chev. H. A. Stone; Chev. J. H. Pizer; Chev. S. Ehrlich; Chev. Otto Kramer; Chev. George Leuth; Chev. H. B. Davis; Chev. A. C. Moody; Chev. Jack T. Venner; Chev. Conrad Allen; Chev. L. E. Fuller; Chev. R. C. Clement; Chev. C. W. Fuller; Chev. J. A. Roarty; Chev. H. E. Millette; Chev. H. L. Whiting; Chev. H. A. Sheffield; Chev. J. L. Holbrook; Chev. Thos. M. Carter; Chev. Wm. J. Donnell.

Accompanying them was Carter's band, of Boston, composed of the following capable musicians:

Thomas M. Carter, leader. O. J. Ball, flute. J. G. Proctor, Eb clarinet. O. A. Whitmore, solo Bb clarinet. A. L. Flanders, 1st clarinet. H. C. Freeman, 2nd clarinet. C. E. Cranston, 3rd clarinet. C. H. Thompson, Eb cornet. J. Kennedy, Eb cornet. W. H. Chambers, solo Bb cornet. L. W. Ball, 1st cornet. L. A. Werner, solo alto. F. F. Sawin, 2nd alto. John Silloway, 3rd alto. J. B. Cartwright, 1st trombone. J. L. Aikin, 2nd trombone. J. H. Benest, baritone. A. Verry, tuba. J. B. Bullard, tuba. A. J. Cassidy, small drum. W. F. Donnell, bass drum and cymbals and traps.

Canton LaTour, under commandant Berton, was on hand to welcome the arrivals, and so also were the heads of the order and of the civic authorities. The visitors, drawn up in line, were briefly addressed by Lieut.-Col. Andre Cushing, Mayors Thorne and Chesley, and Warden Peters, and Capt. King responded for the canton in fit and eloquent phrase. Then the line of march was taken for the Park and other hotels, where the party was quartered.

Tuesday evening was devoted to making acquaintances. Odd Fellows' hall, looking most attractive in its renovated furnishings, was the scene of the gathering. The vice chairman, Capt. G. A. King, of Shawmut Canton, presided. Speeches of welcome were delivered by C. N. Skinner, M. P., Warden Thomas W. Peters, Dr. Macrae, Mayor Thorne, Grand Representative Samuel Watts, of McAdam, and others; while Capt. Jones, C. M. Charter, Otto Kramer, J. P. Buntin, J. T. Holbrook, Thomas Venner, W. F. Donnell, Maj. Pierce and several others responded on behalf of the visitors. Capt. Rawlings sang, all hands cheered and everybody went away happy.

The parade, on the following afternoon, was another attractive incident of the week. Capt. Rawlings marshalled it—as well as his horse would allow—and behind him rode Maj. Palmer and Lieut.-Col. Cushing. Carter's band headed Grand Canton Shawmut, which was commanded by Capt. King. Then came Milicite encampment, Capt. George Kerr Berton; P. G. M's Murdoch and Christie, G. W. Wilson and

P. G. Skinner; Pioneer lodge, James A. Paul; the Fusiliers' band; Beacon lodge, William Campbell; Siloam lodge, William J. Fraser; the Artillery band and Golden Rule lodge, C. B. Allan. The parade was creditable in every respect, and the exhibition drill by Canton Shawmut made a wonderful addition to its effectiveness.

Under more favorable circumstances, the drill was repeated, Wednesday evening, in the Lansdowne rink, where a large company was gathered. Carter's admirable band, seconded by the Fusiliers', furnished music for the promenade concert and dance. Every Odd Fellow in the sister cities and hundreds of their friends were present, and all found it one of the pleasantest social events of the season.

Of the day in Fredericton, it is hardly necessary to speak at any great length. All the brethren were there, and the few unfortunate people who weren't have already heard all about it. The weather was perfect, the hosts hospitable, the visitors bound to make the best of everything, and everybody enjoyed himself up to the limit of his capacity.

Yesterday morning, the chevaliers of Canton Shawmut put in a hard forenoon's work in recording the names of the friends they had made here. Last night they said good-bye—and the whole city was sorry to have them go.

But they will come again. Nothing but death can keep an Odd Fellow away from St. John, after he has once become acquainted with the brethren here.

And it may be added, these are the friends whom the visitors ought specially to remember, for it was their hard work that made the reception and entertainment a success:

Reception committee: Andre Cushing, Hon. C. N. Skinner, M. P., Dr. James Christie, Gilbert Murdoch, G. R. Vincent, J. Arch Milligan, W. J. Cornfield, R. R. Barnes, Hon. William Pugsley, jr., M. P. P., John L. Wilson and Joseph Wilson.

Excursion committee: Richard Rawlings, James Kelly, H. E. Codner. Assistants on boat, John Kenney, John L. Wilson, L. W. Ansley, Chris. White.

Procession committee: John L. Wilson, George Kerr Berton, Richard Rawlings, with power to add to their number.

Decoration committee: E. W. Barlow, Fred Blackadar.

GRAND CANTON SHAWMUT.

How and When It Was Organized and What It Has Done.

The prominence which the Patriarchs Militant branch of Odd Fellowship has assumed in the infancy of its existence is something phenomenal. Throughout the United States the handsome and showy Militant uniform has become as well known as that of many older military organizations.

The formation of the Army of Patriarchs Militant is similar to that of the United States army, being divided into army corps, divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions and companies. Companies are called cantons, battalions of two or more cantons are called grand cantons; second lieutenants are called ensigns, privates are called chevaliers; otherwise the nomenclature is the same as in the regular army.

The Militant movement has advanced steadily and beyond the most sanguine expectations of its most ardent admirers; and to prove that the enthusiasm with which it was received still exists, it is only necessary to state that the membership has increased to fully 20,000 and the chevaliers comprising it are, with few exceptions, fully uniformed and officered.

As one of the leading cantons, namely Grand Canton Shawmut, No. 1, Boston, Mass., has just ended a fraternal visit to their brethren in St. John, a short sketch of the canton and its principal officers may not be deemed out of place at this time.

Grand Canton Shawmut is composed of four component cantons formed as a battalion under command of Major J. E. Palmer. Prior to the establishment of the Patriarchs Militant degree it existed under the name of Shawmut Uniformed Degree camp. February 8, 1886, Shawmut Uniformed Degree camp was merged into Grand Canton Shawmut, No. 1, being the first canton of Patriarchs Militant formed in Massachusetts. When it was mustered into service it bore on its roll the names of 180 chevaliers, but its membership rose rapidly to 300 and today, notwithstanding the fact that three new cantons have been formed from its ranks, it still has a membership of more than 200 and recruits are coming in at every meeting.

ITS OFFICERS.

The Society History of Nine of Massachusetts' Most Prominent Odd Fellows.

The portraits and facts given below of the officers commanding the canton show that ability is stamped on its movements for the ensuing year and that if properly supported by their subordinates, the canton under their charge will continue to

show the same high average upon inspection as formerly.



MAJ. J. E. PALMER.

Major J. E. Palmer, the present commandant of Shawmut canton, is a great worker in the order. He joined the old uniformed degree camp years ago, and was the first captain of the Patriarchs Militant commissioned in Massachusetts. He was unanimously elected major commanding Shawmut canton April 26, 1888, and under his able direction the canton will no doubt sustain its high reputation. Major Palmer is a member of Massachusetts lodge, No. 1, and Massasoit encampment, No. 1.



MAJ. ALONZO SPEAR.

Major Alonzo Spear, who commanded Shawmut canton last year, has always held office of some kind since his initiation. Besides passing through the various chairs in the subordinate lodge and encampment, he has held the positions of sergeant-major of the 1st Regiment Uniformed Patriarchs, captain of Massasoit Association of Patriarchs, and captain of Shawmut Degree camp. He holds at present the office of past commandant of Shawmut canton, and his friends are awaiting an opportunity to exchange his gold leaf for a silver one. Maj. Spear is also a member of Massachusetts lodge, No. 1, and Massasoit encampment, No. 1.



ADJT. S. L. HODGES.

Adjutant S. L. Hodges joined the order in 1874, becoming a member of Washington lodge, No. 5. He was admitted to Trimount encampment, No. 2, in 1876, and was made a chevalier of Canton Shawmut in 1886. Shortly afterwards he was appointed to the responsible position of Adjutant of the canton, with rank of lieutenant, which position he has held to the present day. Besides holding many other offices, Adj. Hodges claims the honor of being the first major of the old 1st Regiment of Uniformed Patriarchs.



LIEUT. F. E. MAYALL.

Lieutenant F. E. Mayall, the able secretary of the committee on excursion to St.

John, is deservedly popular among his associates. He joined Franklin lodge, No. 23, Feb. 9, 1883; Boston encampment, No. 38, Dec. 12, 1883, and Shawmut Uniformed Degree camp, Sept. 15, 1885. He was made N. G. of Franklin lodge in July, 1886, C. P. of Boston encampment in July, 1887, and elected a lieutenant of Shawmut canton last April. Since passing through the chairs he has been treasurer of his lodge, and a Degree Master both of his lodge and his encampment. He is also trustee of library from Mary Washington lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah.



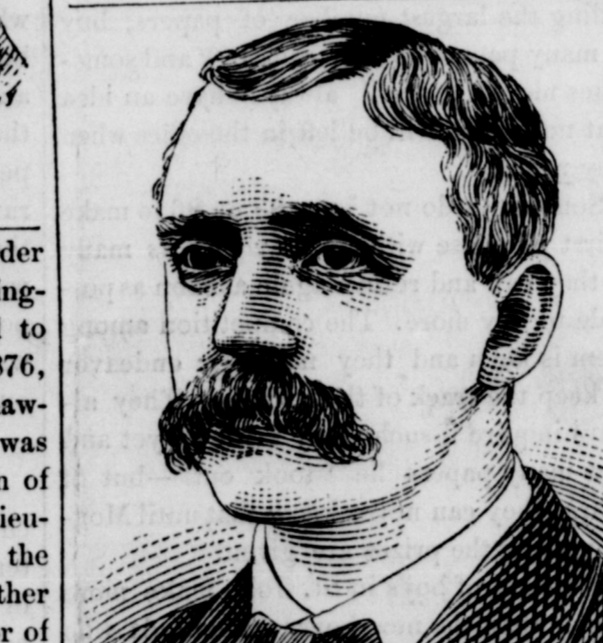
CAPT. T. E. WORTMAN.

Captain T. E. Wortman, who commands the 1st component canton of Grand Canton Shawmut, is also one of the old uniformed degree camp members, and has always been an earnest worker in the cause of Oddfellowship. Although the excursion season is the busiest time of the year for him, he was determined to accompany the canton on its pilgrimage to St. John. Capt. Wortman belongs to Commercial lodge, No. 97, and Trimount encampment, No. 2.



CAPT. FRANK B. JONES.

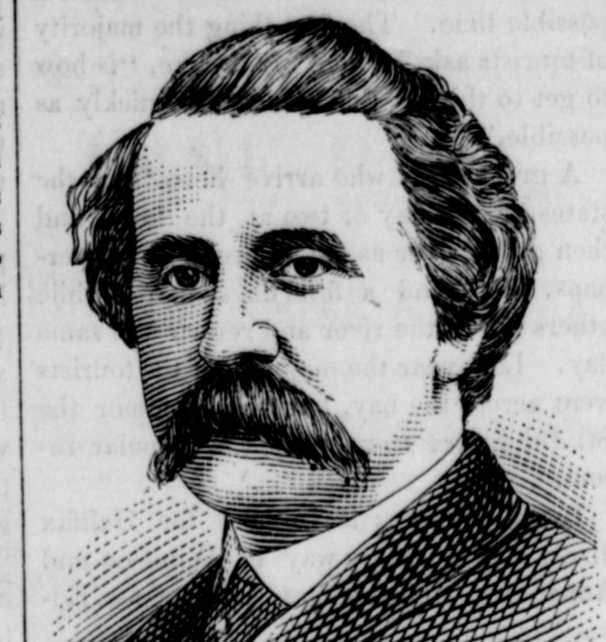
Captain Frank B. Jones, before becoming an Odd Fellow, had served many years in one of the oldest companies of the Massachusetts Volunteer militia, and this fact no doubt has been instrumental in causing his rapid promotion in the military branches of Odd fellowship. On the occasion of the recent dedication of Lawrence hall, the beautiful new home of the encampments and cantons of Boston, he was appointed chief marshal of the grand parade, which was held in connection with the dedicatory ceremonies, and performed the arduous duties of that position to the satisfaction of all concerned. Capt. Jones is a member of Boston lodge, No. 25, and a P. C. P. of Paul Revere encampment, No. 50.



CHEV. WILLIAM J. DONNELL.

Chevalier Donnell is a provincialist by birth, but removed to Massachusetts in 1870. He joined Mt. Auburn lodge, No. 94, in Cambridge, where he took his degrees. In 1872, he joined Charles River encampment, No. 22. In September, 1874, he was one of 25 who left Mt. Auburn lodge and started a new lodge in Cambridgeport, called Cambridge lodge, No. 13, of which he was elected Per. Sec. After serving in that capacity for over a year, he took other offices, and passed through the chair in 1879. When the 1st Regiment of Uniformed Patriarchs was formed, he was appointed orderly sergeant of the Cambridge company, and served until the Uniform Degree camp was formed, when he went to Boston and joined Shawmut camp, so that when the Patriarchs Militant were organized,

Chev. Donnell was one of the first members. It may be added that Chev. Donnell is the very efficient chairman of Grand Canton Shawmut's excursion committee.



LIEUT. CHARLES M. CHARTER.

Lieutenant Charles M. Charter, treasurer of Grand Canton Shawmut's excursion committee, was made an Odd Fellow in New York, being initiated in July, 1873, into Washington County lodge, No. 105. Having resigned his membership in No. 105, he was admitted to membership in Unity lodge, No. 77, of Boston, in 1886, and after filling several subordinate offices, was installed N. G. January 3, 1888. He is a P. C. P. of Massasoit encampment, No. 1 and is at present H. P., having been re-elected to that important and honorable office for the fourth time at the June election. On the evening of his installation he was presented with a P. C. P. and P. H. P. jewels. Lieut. Charter was a charter member of Shawmut Degree camp, No. 1, which was merged into Grand Canton Shawmut, No. 1.



CHEV. THOMAS M. CARTER.

Chevalier Thomas M. Carter of Shawmut canton is the leader of Carter's band of Boston, which accompanies Shawmut canton to St. John. Chev. Carter has not only attained all the degrees of Odd Fellowship, but is also a prominent 32° Mason and he has in his band, besides several members of Shawmut canton, a brass quartette that is composed exclusively of 32° Masons. Chev. Carter is a member of Franklin lodge, No. 23 and Boston encampment, No. 38.

THREE LINKS.

A Few of the Prominent Odd Fellows of This Jurisdiction.

PROGRESS regrets that it is unable to publish, in this connection, the portraits of a score of St. John Odd Fellows who have richly merited such recognition. In a complete and comprehensive article, such devoted brethren as, for example, Grand Warden Joseph Wilson and others, who might be named, would be sketched, and it is unfortunate that circumstances prevent full justice being done to them. Since a choice has to be made, however, the gentlemen given below have been selected, in the full confidence that their portraits will be fully appreciated by Massachusetts as well as New Brunswick Patriarchs:



D. D. G. S. ANDRE CUSHING.

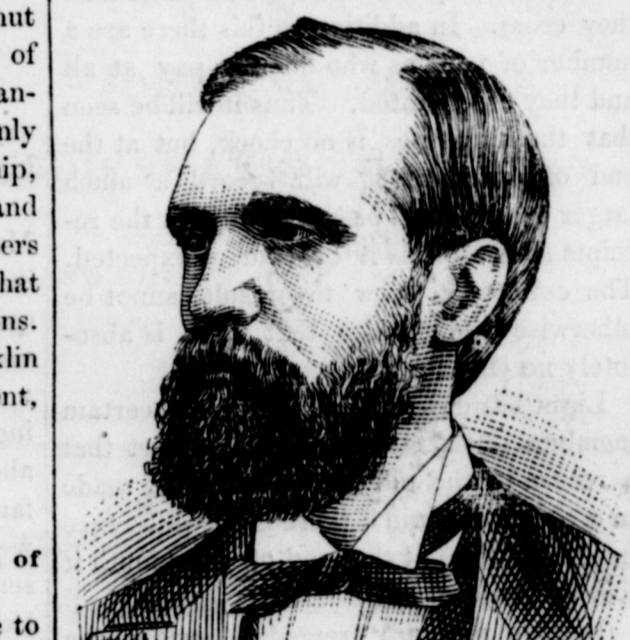
Mr. Andre Cushing, the oldest Odd Fellow in the jurisdiction, has been a member of the order for more than 40 years. He came to St. John in 1854, and was one of the first members of Pioneer lodge, joining it by card shortly after its institution, and passing through the various offices to

Noble Grand. He has represented the lodge in the Grand lodge from that time to this. A statement of the activities in which Mr. Cushing has engaged on behalf of the order would be pleasant to write and interesting to read. It must, however, suffice to say that he has been grand master of the Grand lodge of the lower provinces; is and has been for seven years grand representative to the Sovereign Grand lodge, and was appointed, seven years ago, district deputy grand sire for the lower provinces, which rank he still holds. It should be added that the encampment and canton, like the subordinate lodge, had the benefit of Mr. Cushing's assistance and counsel from the moment of their inception. He assisted in introducing the patriarchal branch of the order, and was elected C. P.; and he was prominent in the formation of Canton LaTour, P. M., and was appointed, three years ago, lieut.-colonel and special aid-de-camp for the lower provinces.



MR. R. RADFORD BARNES, P. G. R.

The services rendered to Odd Fellowship by Mr. R. Radford Barnes have been many and varied during the last 20 years and he has fairly won the honor of ranking with the first of its representative men. Mr. Barnes was initiated in Chrystal lodge, No. 316, New York, in 1850, at the age of 21, making him one of the oldest Odd Fellows in the provinces. The various offices in the lodge were filled by him and he was its N. G. when he left New York. Mr. Barnes was prominent in the introduction of the order into this city, being the first N. G. of Pioneer lodge, and he was presented by that body with a monogram signet ring, "for the part he has taken in the instituting of this lodge." It would be superfluous to say that Mr. Barnes has filled some of the highest positions in the gift of the order here. It may be mentioned, however, that he is a Past Grand Representative, having represented this jurisdiction in the Sovereign Grand Lodge sessions held at Atlanta, Ga., and Indianapolis, Ind.



PAST COMMANDANT C. N. SKINNER, M. P.

That it is not always safe to measure the value of a man's membership in an order by the offices he holds, is shown by the career of the able and popular gentleman whose portrait appears above. Mr. Skinner joined Pioneer lodge in 1872, and is a P. G. of that body and Past Commandant of Canton LaTour. The arduous duties devolving upon him, as a leading lawyer and a public man, have prevented him from serving the order in any higher capacity, but he is none the less a tower of strength to Oddfellowship in this jurisdiction. Few of the public men of Canada excel him as a speaker, and his oratorical talent, always at the service of the order, has added an attraction hardly to be overestimated, to every noteworthy event which has taken place here since he joined the organization. His important share in the festivities of the past week is too well remembered to need recapitulation here.

THE ORDER IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Eleven Prosperous Lodges Placed on the Roll in Nineteen Years.

Odd Fellowship in New Brunswick is of but nineteen years' growth, but the earnest and able men who have guided its destinies have made the history of those years forever memorable.

Previous to 1869, there had been a lodge of the Manchester Unity in St. John, but it had ceased to exist. When the idea of establishing a lodge of the Independent Order was broached, there were few found

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