

AMONG THE SOCIETIES.

THE TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERSHIPS.

The Men Who Organized the Vast Army of Tireless Temperance Workers and What They Have Done for the Cause—Officers of the Lodges, etc.

The order of Templars of Honor and Temperance was organized at New York in 1845 by prominent Sons of Temperance and was designed by them to become a branch of that organization. Marshall Temple No. 1 was the fountain head of the order and the Grand Temple of New York was established by twelve Templars on Feb. 21st, 1846. The same year the order was extended into Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts and Ohio and on Nov. 15th, the National Temple was organized.

The fraternity which was intended to be a select branch of the temperance order was thereafter extended into other states and finally reached this city in April, 1848, just fifty years ago when Crystal Temple, No. 1, was founded, having the distinction of being the first Temple organized outside of the United States.

Its founder and foster father was Rev. W. P. Everett, brother of the city's veteran temperance worker, Mr. C. A. Everett. He went to New York and was initiated into the rites of the brotherhood in temperance by the two leading officers of the National Temple. He then obtained the powers to establish temples and on his return to St. John erected Crystal Temple, which shortly after received a charter from the National Temple. Among the 30 or 40 who united to establish Crystal were Sir Leonard Tilley, C. A. Everett, J. Wm. Boyd, D. C. Perkins, Wm. H. Needham and John Ainsley.

Victoria Temple, No. 2, was organized at Indiantown in the same year but owing to some organic changes which took place in the institution the following year to which very many were unwilling to give their assent they withdrew. It was then considered wise to combine the two temples and as Victoria had the largest number of members it absorbed the other.

The Temple met in a hall of their own not far from where the Portland Methodist church now stands. After that temples were organized in Carleton, Fredericton, Salisbury, Grand Manan and Moncton and in 1848 Rev. W. P. Everett went to Nova Scotia and instituted the first Temple there. The outside Temples have since become defunct and the order is now confined to the city and its suburbs. Besides the United States and Canada the order has spread into England and Sweden but is not nearly so strong numerically as the Sons of Temperance or Good Templars.

The order has three departments. The Templar rite confers three degrees, Love Purity and Fidelity. The council degrees are Tried Approved and Select. Then there are three degrees in the social branch of the order, the only branch which admits ladies. Those are Love, Equality and Fidelity.

The present strength of the order in this province is 541. The membership of the component parts is as follows:

Table listing membership numbers for various temples like Victoria Temple No. 2, Alexandria Temple, etc.

The strongest of the Temples is Alexandria in North end which has a neat hall of its own and has a brass band organized from among its members. Aberdeen in Millford also has a hall.

Several St. John men have occupied positions in the supreme council of the order. Mr. Chas. A. Everitt was elected most worthy Vice Templar in 1870. Mr. D. McNally was most worthy Vice Templar and also most worthy Templar. Mr. S. E. Logan was most worthy Guardian, and Mr. W. T. Fanjoy most worthy Usher. Mr. Everett was asked to accept the position of most worthy Templar but declined.

The supreme council held its thirty first annual session in this city in 1877 and they met here again in 1894.

The Grand Temple of this province was organized in 1867, Mr. C. A. Everett being the first grand worthy templar.

The Templars of the city will celebrate their golden jubilee in April next in a fitting manner and preparations are now going on for the event.

Independent Order of Good Templars.

This is the strongest of all the temperance bodies and has its ramifications extending over the whole world. At the last session of the supreme Lodge held at Zurich, Switzerland, in June last the total membership was reported to be 391,601 with 148,687 belonging to the juvenile branches of the order, a grand total of 540,288. There are 86 grand lodges and the total strength is distributed as follows:

Table showing membership distribution by region: United States, Great Britain and Ireland, Scandinavian Nations, etc.

The Grand Lodge of North America was organized at Syracuse, New York, in 1852 and this was replaced by the International Supreme Lodge organized in 1855.

Rev. W. G. Lane, of Hantsport, N. S., has filled the chief post in the gift of the order, the office of Right Worthy Grand Templar. Mr. B. D. Rogers, of Stellarton, N. S., was elected Right Worthy Grand Marshall.

The first inception of the order in this province was when Mr. John Beamish, present a letter carrier in this city, organized Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, at Sackville. Then followed Morning Star, No. 2, and the first of the lodges now in existence was East Albert, No. 4, at Surrey Albert Co.

The first St. John lodges appear to have been International, No. 23; Seven Stars, No. 24 and Union, No. 29. The Grand Lodge of this province was organized by John Meahan at Dorchester on May 18th, 1869. The chief Grand Lodge officers have been as follows:

- List of Grand Lodge officers from 1871 to 1897, including names like John Meahan, R. M. Taylor, James Watts, etc.

According to the last annual report there were 69 working lodges in the province with a total membership of 3,514. Albert is the banner county with 16 lodges and St. John city and county has nine including Mansbridge at Mispec just lately reorganized. There is also in St. John a juvenile Temple. The following is the membership of the St. John city lodges:

Table listing membership for St. John city lodges like Strion, No Surrender, Dominion, etc.

Royal Arcanum.

The Royal Arcanum is a fraternal beneficiary order with just enough of secret society machinery to make it interesting. It was incorporated under Massachusetts laws in November, 1877. It has a membership at present of about 200,000 members in the United States and Canada and has paid out over \$42,000,000 in benefits. There is one council in this city established 17 years ago and with a membership of 140 including the most prominent merchants and business men in the city.

Canadian Home Circles.

The Order of Canadian Home Circles was organized Oct. 2, 1884 and was introduced here six year ago by Rev. W. J. Stewart, at that time pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church, St. John Council, No. 143, was the first one established and Fairville, No. 266, and Carleton, No. 270, followed. There are in this city about one hundred members and between 500 and 600 in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. B. A. Stammers of this city is Supreme Guard of the Supreme Circle and intends to be present at their annual meeting at London Ont., on the third Tuesday in March when matters affecting the circles which number over 300 are throughout the length and breadth of Canada will be considered.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.

This order was established in Pennsylvania 29 years ago and now has in the United States and Canada 339,000 members and has paid \$70,000,000 in benefits. Chambers lodge was organized here on August 14, 1869, and has 112 members. It is under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of Quebec and the maritime provinces which has 59 lodges in its field of action. Car-

leton, Adelphoi, and Valentins, lodges have since been organized and the total membership in this city is about 200. Messrs. W. T. Fanjoy and Andrew J. Stephens of this city have held office in the grand lodge and Messrs. Morton, Fanjoy, Fred Whitaker and Chas. Patterson will attend the meeting of the grand lodge at Sherbrooke, Quebec, in March.

AN IMPORTANT CASE.

A Pedlar Sent to Prison for Representing an Imitation Pill to be the Same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—A Far Reaching Decision.

MONTREAL, Jan. 24, 1898.—A case of more than ordinary interest to the public came before Judge Latontaine here to-day, the facts being as follows: For some time past one H. E. Migner has been going about peddling a pill which he represented as being the same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. placed the matter in the hands of Detective Haynes, of the Canadian secret service, who soon had collected sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of Migner upon a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. Meantime Migner had left Montreal, going to St. John, N. B. On his arrival in that city he was at once placed under arrest and an official sent to bring him back here. He was brought before Judge Latontaine this morning on two charges, and pleaded guilty to both. It was pointed out that his offence was a grave one and liable to a lengthy term of imprisonment. The counsel for the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. stated that his client did not wish to press for severe punishment at this time; they only wished to establish the fact that representing an imitation pill to be the same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills was a crime which left the perpetrator liable to a lengthy imprisonment. On one charge the judge then imposed a sentence of ten days, with the option of a fine of ten dollars, and in the other case a sentence of two days in jail without the option of a fine.

This decision is likely to have a far-reaching effect, as it seems to establish the principle that substitutes and those who sell imitations representing them to be "the same as" Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, are liable under the criminal code, and it will no doubt, to a considerable extent, put an end to this nefarious business, as it is evident from the fact that the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. went to the expense of bringing this man back from St. John, that they intend sparing no expense to protect both the public and themselves in such cases.

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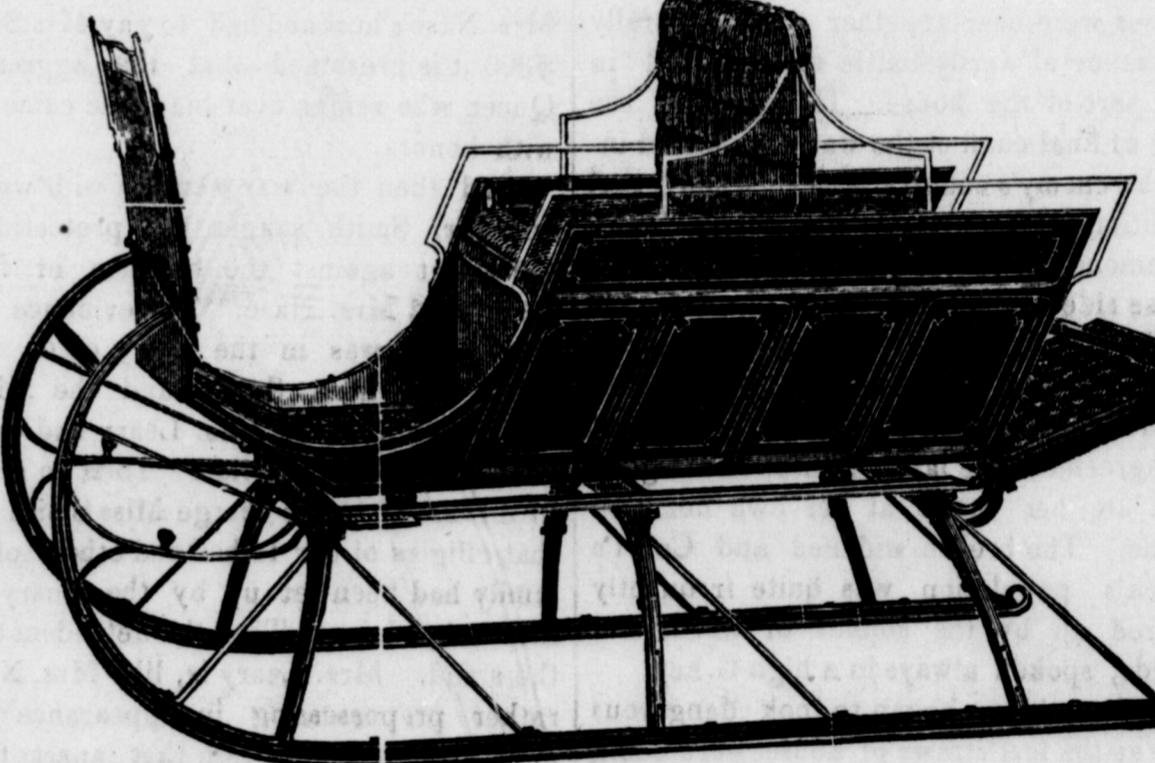


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