

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RECENT
L. O. B. A. MEETING AT ST. STEPHEN

The ninth annual session of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Benevolent Association of New Brunswick took place in the Pythian Hall, April 17 to 19, at St. Stephen, N. B., presided over by Rt. W. Grand Mistress, Sister Alice Saunders.

Grand Officers were as follows:
Rt. W. Grand Mistress, Mrs. Alice Saunders, East Florenceville.
Rt. W. Grand Past Mistress, Mrs. Georgia Taylor, Saint John.
Rt. W. Grand Deputy Mistress, Mrs. James Donner, West Saint John.
Acting Rt. W. Grand Chaplain, Miss Hepsie Willis, Nashwaaksis.
Rt. W. Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Stephens, Saint John, East.
Rt. W. Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, Douglastown.
Rt. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Mrs. Inez Doige, Moncton.
Acting Rt. W. Grand Lecturer, Mrs. Janie McLaughlan, Campbellton;
Rt. W. Grand Deputy Lecturer, Mrs. Emma Campbell, Arthurette.
Rt. W. Grand Junior Deputy Mistress, Mrs. Rebecca Jarvis, Devon.
Rt. W. Grand Outer Guard, Mrs. Dora Lewis, Saint John.
Rt. W. Grand Inner Guard, Mrs. D. A. MacKinnon, McAdam.
Rt. W. Grand Auditor, Mrs. Adella H. Bustard, Sussex.

During the first session Brother Loftus Reid, M. P., the Imperial Scribe, of the Imperial Council of the World and the Most Worshipful Grand Secretary of the L. O. L. of British America was admitted to the Grand Lodge of the L. O. B. A. and brought greetings from the body of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada. His remarks were replied to by our Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Mitsress, Sister Georgia Taylor.

Inspiring Address

At this session an inspiring address on the year's work was made by the Rt. W. G. Mistress, Sister Alice Saunders, who spoke on several phases of the work, stressing the needs of the Protestant Home at Saint John; the growth of the Order; number of Lodges organized during the year; also number of Lodges visited, etc.

Committees were appointed and a very interesting report given by Rt. W. G. Secretary, Sister Sarah Stephens. This was followed by the report of the Rt. W. G. Treasurer of moneys received and disbursed during the year.

A very impressive service of draping the charter in memory of Sisters deceased during the past year, was conducted by Rt. W. G. Mistress Saunders and her Officers.

A very impressive service of draping in the Kirk Hall of the United Church of Canada Wednesday evening at which about 125 members of the Grand Lodge L. O. B. A. and L. O. L. attended. Toasts were given and replied to by many of the Sisters and Brothers.

At the evening Session, the Worshipful Mistresses, Past Mistresses and Deputy Mistresses of the L. O. B. A. lodges of Saint John, worked the first degree for the pleasure of their sisters, in a credible and charming manner their floor work being especially praised by Rt. W. Grand Mistress, Alice Saunders.

Insurance Paid

During one of the sessions, the Grand Lodge received Brother T. H. Bell of Toronto, who is at the head of the Orange Insurance Dept. He stated that in 1928 \$59,000.00 had been paid to Orangemen's widows. Brother Bell spoke in a most pleasing way on matters of his Department as well as the Immigration problems of Canada. He regretted the departure of 73, 154 Canadians for the U. S. during the last year, and stated the cost to our Government in bringing to this country, Britishers and foreigners to fill their places. He declared that there was 203,000,000 acres of land in Canada still unclaimed and that most of the Protestant Churches were now adopting a plan of bringing out settlers to work on the land in Canada.

At the close of the afternoon session Thursday, April 18, a most impressive service was carried on in front of the monument to the soldier dead of Charlotte County by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the L. O. B. A. and L. O. L. Sister Rt. W. G.

Mistress, Alice Saunders then placed a wreath at the foot of the monument with the words "Lest We Forget."

L. O. B. A. Officers

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of the L. O. B. A. the following officers were elected and installed by Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Mistress, Sister Georgia Taylor, Saint John for the ensuing year:

Rt. W. Grand Mistress, Mrs. Alice Saunders, Florenceville.
Rt. W. Grand D. Mistress, Mrs. Maud Donner, Saint John.
Rt. W. Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sarah R. Jarvis, North Devon.
Rt. W. Grand Secretary, rs. Sarah Stephens, Saint John, West.
Rt. W. Grand D. Secretary, Mrs. J. gWO PROCEEDINGS Chappelle, Fredericton
Rt. W. Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, Douglastown.
Rt. W. Grand D. Treasurer, Mrs. Rosanna MacKinnon, Douglastown.
Rt. W. Grand Chaplain, Miss Hepsie Willis, Nashwaaksis.
Rt. W. G. Conductor, Mrs. G. Ayles, Moncton.
Rt. W. Grand Lecturer, Mrs. Emma Campbell, Arthurette.
Rt. W. Grand D. Lecturer, Mrs. Arcella Coggan.
Rt. W. Grand Auditors, Sister Janie McLaughlan and Sister Dora Lewis.

The Grand Lodges voted to hold their next annual session in Fredericton. Meetings of the Association closed at an early hour Friday morning after much business had been transacted. Many of the Officers and delegates leaving for their homes on the early morning train.

MOON NO AID TO
CROPS, NO EFFECT
ON WEATHER

Curiosity persistent are the various superstition relating to the effect of the moon on the weather or on the farm crops. One of the most unreasonable of these beliefs, says the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, is that if the horns of the new crescent moon tip downward, it is a "wet" moon, portending rain.

As a matter of fact, on any given date the position of the crescent moon is always the same in places having the same latitude, so the same kind of weather would necessarily prevail, were this sign of any value through, out a belt of latitude extending around the globe. Again near the Equator, in a part of the world notorious for its heavy rainfall, the young moon is generally in an almost horizontal position or, according to the proverb, it is almost always a "dry" moon. If the moon could be viewed from the North or South Pole on the other hand, its positoin would be, for the superstitious, indicative of "wet" weather, but these regions are characterized by so little rainfall and snow that they rank among the arid parts of the globe.

Other superstitions relating to the moon are those which offer guidance in farm practice, such as sowing or reaping, breeding or butchering, shingling or shearing, or any other farm activity supposed to be affected by the "dark" or the "light" of the moon. The scientist points out that the chief things affecting the growth of crops at any stage are: temperature of soil and air; composition of adjacent atmosphere; kind and intensity of light; presence or absence and severity of plant disease; mechanical condition of the soil; and quantity of other vegetation or weeds present. The moon has nothing to do with any of these conditions affecting crops. It has no influence on weather or soil.

Texas has what some men will regard as 28,000 acres of waste land devoted to the production of spinach.

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PLACING BRITISH
SETTLERS ON NEW
BRUNSWICK FARMS

Miss Nan Estabrooks, of Saint John director of the home service branch of the land and colonization work of the Department of Immigration, gave an interesting address before the Rotary Club of Moncton at their weekly luncheon.

Miss Estabrooks explained the arrangement between the British, Canadian and Provincial Governments under which new settlers were brought to Canada. This agreement provides for the placing of 500 British families on semi-improved farms during a five year period, payment of such farms being extended over a period of 25 years.

Miss Estabrooks said that her work was in connection with those who came from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The settlers were met at the steamer and at the railway stations, and in many cases they found already prepared warm meals awaited them on their arrival at their new home. Much credit was due to the clergy in the localities and certain organizations, especially the Women's Institute, which had in one case that she mentioned prepared a meal for a family who arrived at their new home at 3 o'clock in the morning. Miss Estabrooks' work is among the women and she said it presents many interesting problems. The wives were impressed with the importance of saving and contributing to the income as much as possible through work in connection with poultry, dairying and other farm activities.

In some cases settlers do not do much work on their own farms the first year, as they found that they can earn money and acquire valuable information by working for farmers established for the first season or two.

About 150 families will be placed on farms on New Brunswick this year, which will mean an increase of about one thousand in the population of the Province. The largest family placed so far this year included fifteen children.

THE SPRAYING
AND DUSTING
ORCHARD TREES

A survey covering some twenty-seven square miles of orchard land in the province of Nova Scotia was carried out two years ago by the Division of Botany of the Experimental Farms to study the practices of the apple growers with respect to culture and systems of treatment for insect and disease control. Each of 193 farms was plotted so as to facilitate the investigations particularly on the spread of any orchard pests. While many of the growers were unable to give definite information, it was ascertained that about 29 per cent reported using dust entirely for the control of insects and disease. Forty-three per cent used sprays, and twenty-eight per cent of the growers used both dust and spray mixtures. A principal dusting picture was found to be Bordeaux and sulphur with varying proportions of arsenic poisons. Nicotine contact dust was also used by a number of growers for apple sucker, green apple bug, and budmth. The most popular spraying materials consisted of lime sulphur of concentration varying from one gallon to forty gallons of water to one gallon to one hundred gallons of water. These observations are reported by Mr. H. T. Gussow, the Dominion Botanist, in his report for 1927 published by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. He states that Bordeaux mixture varying from 1-10-40 to 4-12-40 strength was used for copper liquid fungicides. Hydrated lime was used in varying proportions, a popular rate being 3 pounds of hydrated lime to one pound of copper sulphate. A few growers were found to be using stone lime and preparing a stock lime solution in preference to the hydrated lime method of making the Bordeaux mixture. The report gives interesting information about the cost of the various sprays. It was observed in this survey that growers with more than ten acres paid much more attention to spraying and dusting than their neighbors with smaller orchards.

MILTON J. CROSS ONE OF THE
BEST RADIO ANNOUNCERS

When better radio jobs are available they will be in the announcing field, according to Milton J. Cross, dean of the National Broadcasting Company staff.

Which is merely another way of saying that Cross likes his job. The air veteran—he's been in radio more than seven years and is the second oldest announcer, in point of service in America, believes radio is his field and announcing his particular grassy spot.

Cross came to radio as a singer and is still heard in occasional vocal programs and has a soloists' job outside the studios, but announcing is his profession. Recently he was offered a transfer to another department of the National Broadcasting Company, but declined, saying "there is too much future in announcing."

A Familiar Voice

His voice is familiar to radio listeners all over the nation as a result of his work in the RCA Demonstration Hour, the RCA Educational Hour, the Sylvania Foresters, Philco Theater Memories, the Stromberg-Carlson programs, and the Sunday morning

Children's Hour. Most of these features are heard through extensive networks and in addition Cross handles many special events for the NBC.

Thomas Cowan, now of New York's municipal station WNYC, is responsible for Cross' present status. In 1921 Cross became interested in radio through an electrician who owned a "16 cent" receiving set and was heard on several programs from Station WJZ then located in Newark, N. J. There he met Cowan who urged that Cross be hired when growth of the station made a second announcer necessary.

At that time the announcers were the only persons heard on the air who received any payment for their labors. They not only announced the programs, but "staged" them and were responsible for getting the artists to the studio on time. When an artist was tardy the announcer arranged a substitute, even if he had to serve himself. There were no continuity writers and Cross says he has worked as long as twenty hours gathering data on one program.

Since radio began to "grow up" and announcers have only the task of an-

nouncing before them, Cross has been identified with the higher type of musical programs.

His early training at the DeWitt Clinton High School, and at the Damrosch Institute of Musical Art, in New York, as well as his pre-radio activities have fitted him for this type of announcing. He has been heard in various New York churches, including the First Presbyterian, and also toured the Eastern half of the United States with the Paulist Choristers.

Cross is a native New Yorker, having been born there in 1897. He still lives in Manhattan with his wife and daughter, Lillian Gale Cross, 4 years old.

SPONGE CAKE, ORANGE SAUCE

Sponge Cake
1 cup water
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3 tablespoons sugar
Few grains salt
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 teaspoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 egg
Mix cornstarch with a little cold water, add the well-beaten egg, sugar and salt. Add to the boiling water, and cook three minutes. Remove from fire, add the orange and lemon juice and lemon rind. Serve hot or cold over small pieces of sponge cake.


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