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ODDFELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ARE IN SESSION HERE TODAY

Busy Week Opened With Grand Encampment and the Assembly—Reports Presented in Review of the Year Show Prosperity and Harmony—Membership Figures.

The first sessions in connection with the big convention of Oddfellows here were held this morning in Keith's Assembly rooms when the Grand Encampment I. O. O. F., and the Rebekah Assembly met, the former in the large room, the latter in one of the smaller ones.

The Grand Encampment

Alex. S. Staiker, grand patriarch, presided over the encampment meeting and in his annual report told of substantial progress. While in some districts, owing to the general depression, the encampment has not made much progress, in other sections the gain in membership has been very encouraging and the prospects seem bright for the ensuing year. During the past year the new rituals were distributed and are considered a great improvement on the old. No appeals to the grand patriarch have come up during the year.

Reference is made to the death of grand sire John J. Nolan, and to the loss of the order has sustained through his passing. R. G. P. Jas. R. McKie, of Port La Joie Encampment No. 4, a prominent member of the order, died at his home in Charlottetown during the year. Ill health prevented the grand patriarch from visiting as many of the encampments as he desired, but he was able to visit a considerable number during his term of office and found the work very satisfactory. Attached to this report are district reports from the deputies, all speaking favorably of the condition of the order.

Grand Scribe's Report

The grand scribe, Melville McKean of Moncton, in his report shows the number of encampments to be twenty-seven, with a membership of 1,085, which is an increase of fifty-two over last year. Ninety-two were initiated during the year, eight admitted by card and six reinstated, while seven died, six withdrew and forty three were suspended. Relief was afforded thirty-six members, involving an expenditure of \$257.50, while the sum of \$115 was paid out for burial expenses. The receipts from all sources amounted to \$2,850.71, and were, due \$1,457.52, admissions and degrees \$322, the president's salary \$100, and the grand scribe's salary \$800.89. Subordinate encampments paid during the year \$1,634.35 for working expenses, while the grand encampment paid \$274.04. The invested funds of subordinate encampments now amount to \$4,371.20, and of the grand encampment \$968.21. This information was to December 31, 1908, and is the report made to the sovereign grand lodge.

Dealing with the year ended June 30, 1909, it is shown that on that date the number of encampments was 26, and the total membership had increased to 1,114, the additions being seventy-seven and the loss twenty-five. The number of members relieved during the year was seventy-seven, with an outlay of \$235, while the sum of \$109 was paid in funeral benefits, a total of \$334.

The receipts of subordinate encampments from all sources amounted to \$2,559.54, the amounts being, admissions and degrees, \$546.75, dues \$1,517.35, other sources \$495.84, and expenses were \$1,397.42. The invested funds of subordinate encampments now amount to \$4,371.20. All encampments are now using the new rituals, the old ones having been destroyed. The grand scribe reports nine deaths during the year:—W. E. Crowe, of Halifax; Jas. R. McKie, of Charlottetown; Robert P. Norton, of Charlottetown; Jas. W. Sharpe and Warren Colby, of Windsor; A. J. McDermid, of New Glasgow; W. A. Sutherland, of Goldboro, N. S.; and Rev. Geo. A. Leek, of Economy, N. S. The grand encampments financial statement shows receipts of \$436.40 from subordinate encampments and an expenditure of \$311.15. The deficit for the year with interest added to the invested funds, amounts to \$51.19. The balance on hand is now \$672.32, added to the treasury account.

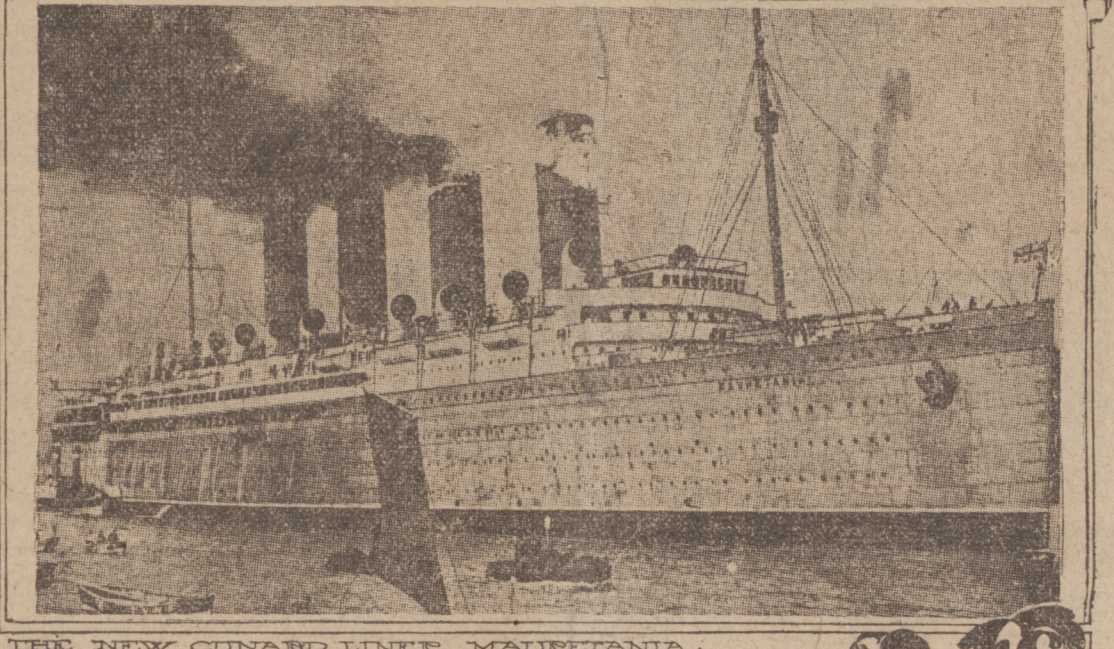
The grand treasurer, Chas. A. Sampson, of Fredericton, submitted a brief statement, showing the receipts in detail. The balance on hand is \$647.32.

The Rebekah Assembly

The Rebekah Assembly meeting was presided over by Mrs. Margaret S. Peters. There was a good attendance. The president, Mrs. Margaret S. Peters, in her report, says:—"It is with pleasure I welcome you to this, our sixth annual session of the Rebekah Assembly of the Maritime Provinces of Canada. I am especially pleased that we are meeting today in the city that I claim as 'home,' although for the past ten years I have been living in inland provinces. I have

CUNARDS REVOLUTIONIZE ATLANTIC STEAMER SERVICE

Land Passengers at Fishguard, in Wales and Get Them to London Hours Earlier Than Now—Likely to Give up Queenstown as a Stop for Mails—New Policy Announced



THE NEW CUNARD LINER MAURETANIA.

New York, Aug. 10.—That passengers and mail for London and Paris may be landed several hours sooner the Cunard company has decided to have its fast liners stop on the east bound voyage to Liverpool, when ever possible, at Fishguard, on the west coast of England, directly opposite the port of Rosslare, in Ireland. The following cablegram was received at the offices in this city:—"The officials of the Cunard line have decided to call at Fishguard with their New York steamers eastbound, weather and other circumstances permitting, commencing with the Mauretania from New York August 25, for the purpose of landing passengers and mails for London, the Continent and other places which can be served by the port of Fishguard. "The Cunard line trusts that the call at Fishguard, having for its object the shortening of the journey between America and London and the continent, etc., will prove of great advantage to the travelling public. "What this means to the passengers on the new big ships, the Mauretania and the Lusitania, can best be told in the words of Captain John Pritchard, commander of the Mauretania, just before the steamship left here on her last voyage to the east:—"I arrive at Queenstown," he said, "at 10 o'clock in the morning of the fifth day out from New York, as the Mauretania ought to under favorable circumstances, it means that the passengers will be landed in London at 8 o'clock that night. Otherwise they would arrive in Liverpool the same night and journey to London the next morning." "The decision by the Cunard company takes care of the passengers that are east bound, and the next step will be the probable abandonment of Queenstown, if it can be done, as a stop for the mails, and Fishguard will be the last stop where the mails will be put aboard at the last moment from London, together with passengers. By such a move the passengers would be landed here on the fourth day out from Fishguard, and the four day boat would be an assured fact.

SPRINGHILL STRIKE IS ON FIFTEEN HUNDRED ARE OUT

Movement Far Reaching—Merchants to do Business Only on Cash Basis, is Report—Manager Cowans Refuses to Recognize U. M. W.—Some Speculation

Amherst, N. S., Aug. 10.—(Special)—As a result of last night's decision, there are today 1,500 men and boys walking the streets of Springhill, while a few of the officials and office staff are endeavoring to keep the engines and pumps going to prevent the flooding of the mine. Never in the history of Springhill has a strike assumed such far reaching proportions. Every employee has already abandoned work, with the exception of about 100 men belonging to the Brotherhood of Railway Employees, and the strike will soon effect them, because of the fact that if the mines are tied up it will leave nothing for the railway men to do; and they will be idle, whether willing or not. A representative of the Times interviewed a number of the leading miners today, and they intimated that the strike would be a fight to a finish between the U. M. W. and the Cumberland Railway & Coal Company. The best of order is prevailing, and a large number of the young men are now preparing to go West on the harvest excursion. Mr. Cowans refused to state anything with regard to the situation this morning, but it is understood that he utterly refused to give any concessions whatever to the U. M. W. or to recognize that body in any way whatever. "The merchants are greatly depressed concerning the outlook, and it is now considered that they intend to conduct business on a cash basis only during the strike period, and not carrying credit accounts as in a previous strike. "One of the leading officials said that he did not expect to see another ton of coal ever taken out of the north shore. It had not been paying for years, owing to the large percentage of duff, or slack, produced, but it had been worked to furnish the men with employment. There is no doubt that the future of the town is threatened. "The demands of the men are in the following resolutions:—"Whereas, the mine workers of Springhill have various grievances which we have endeavored to have adjusted by and through the medium of conciliation; and "Whereas, the various boards of conciliation have failed to give us the desired end. "Be it resolved, that we, the mine workers of Springhill, cease work Tuesday, August 10, 1909, and remain idle until the Cumberland Railway & Coal Company grant the following demands:—"1.—Recognition of the union. "2.—That 1,770 pounds be the standard weight of a box of coal, as decided by the Patterson board, that the price per ton be based on this standard, and the miners be paid by the ton. "3.—The establishment of a schedule of prices for all kinds of work, in and about the mines, and such regulations as are necessary for the proper government of mutual interests. "4.—The establishment of a fair docking system."

VICTIM OF SHOOTING IN CARLETON COUNTY DIED LATE TODAY

Laguy, in Anti-mortem Statement Says: He Was Shot By Man and That He Had Taken No Part in the Row—No Word in Woodstock of Arrest of the Derer.

Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 10.—(Special)—At noon today Nicholas Laguy, the injured Italian, shot at Beechwood, was slightly better. At 11 o'clock last night, before A. D. Holyoke, J. P., in the presence of J. C. Hartley, barrister, Chief Kelly, Misses Lane and Howard, nurses, and by permission of Premier Hazen, a deposition was taken. The Italian said that he had lately been living in Boston and came to this country to work for the C. P. R., that he was working for the railway at Beechwood, this county, and at 7.30 o'clock Sunday a man named Manahie shot at him four times, hitting in the shoulder, in the arm, in the chest, and in the back. He was five or six Italians present, he and all of whom were drinking, but himself, and he had no row with them. All were in Evelyn Demerchant's house. He was feeling very sick now, caused by the shooting. He expected to die, as Dr. Grant told him he would likely die. There have been no arrests made yet so far as Woodstock knows. LATER. A late despatch from Woodstock says Laguy died early this afternoon.

NO FREE TRIP USE IT IN CANADA

Railroad Declines Free Transportation for Japanese Business Men on Tour. Pipe Taken up After Eighteen Years and Sold—Two Much Rush to Fill Order.

Seattle, Wn., Aug. 10.—As a result of the refusal of the officers of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to haul free of charge the special train bearing the delegation of Japanese business men, who are to tour America next month, it is probable that several large industrial towns along the line of the road in New England will be cut off from the itinerary of the excursion. In reply to the request that the railroad furnish free transportation over the line of the excursion, the officers intimated that the visit of the Japanese business men would be of no particular value to them, as their territory had no trade connections with Japan. Pittsburgh, Aug. 10.—Because the pipe mills of the country are too rushed with orders to accept new business for immediate delivery the Union Petroleum Co. of Buffalo, has purchased eighty miles from the National Supply Co. of Pittsburgh. This pipe was made about twenty years ago and was laid in the Fort Wayne Field of Indiana about eighteen years ago. The pipe, however, is in perfect condition. The pipe will be laid from the Chatham Gas field in Ontario to Sarnia, Ont.

SAVE \$20,000 DUTY

Half Million Philippine Cigars Allowed Into States Under New Tariff.

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—By telegraphic order from assistant secretary of the treasury Reynolds 500,000 Philippine cigars were released from bond yesterday and admitted free of duty under the new tariff laws. This is the first importation from the islands to fall under the new customs provisions relating to Philippine products. The former duty of Philippine cigars was \$45 a thousand. Under the new law 150,000,000 cigars will be admitted annually duty free. The shipment released yesterday has been held in bond pending the settlement of the tariff question. The duty collected under the old tariff would have amounted to \$20,000.

ABRUZZI AS A MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

Allahabad, India, Aug. 10.—The Duke of the Abruzzi has established another record in mountain climbing. He ascended Mount Godwin Austen to a height of 24,600 feet. Godwin Austen the name given in 1858 by the Royal Geographical Society to a Himalayan peak in honor of the first explorer of the mountains of this region. It is the highest known summit in the world except Mount Everest, altitude 28,265 feet.

ANNIVERSARY OF CORONATION OF POPE PIUS CELEBRATED



Pope Pius X.

Rome, Aug. 9.—The sixth anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius was celebrated with great pomp today. High mass was celebrated in the Sistine Chapel with Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, pontificating. A large number of the cardinals, members of the diplomatic corps and the Pope's relatives were present. This afternoon a grand concert in honor of the occasion was given at the Vatican. Catholic dignitaries from all over the world who are now in Rome are united in the belief that at the next consistory Pope Pius X. will take final steps toward filling the 171 vacancies which now exist, owing to the death of recent years, in the Sacred College of Cardinals. At present there are only fifty-three cardinals, though the full membership of the college numbers seventy, which number, however, has been but rarely reached since the reign of Pius IX. England has no cardinal, and it is expected that Monsignor Bourne, archbishop of Westminster, or Abbot Cresser, the famous English Benedictine who is now in charge of the revision of the Vulgate, will be made the successor of Vaughan, Manning, Newman and Wiseman. The great Irish element of the church is represented solely by Cardinal Logue, the only cardinal from Ireland, though Cardinal Gibbons of the United States and Cardinal Moran of Australia are also sons of the Irish race. There has been no Canadian cardinal since the death of Cardinal Taschereau in 1898. Counting the 14,000,000 Catholics in the United States and adding to them the millions of Catholics in the Philippines, Porto Rico and Guam, the United States is now entitled to fourth place in point of Catholic population, coming after France, Italy and Austria.

BREAK FROM ONTARIO, FORM NEW PROVINCE

Timber Policy Basis of Dissatisfaction—We t Call Again for Men for Wheat Fields—A Sunday Observance Matter in Hamilton.

Port Arthur, Ont., Aug. 10.—(Special)—G. G. Bagley has announced a public meeting to be held in a few days to discuss separation from Ontario and form a new province on account of dissatisfaction with the government's timber policy. Montreal, Aug. 10.—(Special)—A hurry call for harvesters was received by the C. P. R. last night from their western crop experts, who telegraphed that cutting will be general next Monday. The advisability of having harvesters' excursions within a few days of the dates originally set is being discussed by the railway and western government officials today. Manitoba is calling for 15,000 men. Saskatchewan and Alberta have yet to be heard from officially, but careful estimates of their needs show that work for from 7,000 to 8,000 outsiders will be offering in those provinces. This means a demand for about 23,000 of experienced farm hands from the east. Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 10.—(Special)—Police have decided not to prosecute the proprietors of ice cream parlors who kept open on Sunday, in view of the decision of Judge Monk that if cakes and other refreshments are served with cream, prosecution cannot succeed. The Lord's Day Alliance will probably have a test case taken to the higher court. Winnipeg, Aug. 10.—(Special)—A civic reception awaits Sgt. Blackburn upon his return from Bisley. He will be given a gold watch and chain by Mayor Evans, on behalf of the city.

HUNDREDS FLEE AS HOMES BURN

Rows of Houses in Chicago Destroyed—Some Lives May Have Been Lost.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Hundreds of persons were driven from their homes today by a fire that destroyed two rows of frame houses in Superior and Buffalo avenues, South Chicago. More than a score of homes, which were cottages and two story buildings of frame construction, were burned to the ground. For several hours it was believed that at least six persons had been burned to death in the buildings. The police, in seeking among the excited residents, who were foreigners, generally unable to speak English, could not account for many who were in the buildings when the fire originated. It is believed, however, that all escaped the flames. Many of the residents were carried from the buildings by firemen, while others were injured in leaping from windows or buried under walls.

THE JOHN CLARK ESTATE CASE

In the Probate Court today in the estate of John Clark, mill owner, one of the accounts was before the court again. The accounts being of a very intricate nature, and extending over some twenty years, the court some time ago appointed Paul F. Blanchet, auditor, to examine the accounts. Mr. Blanchet produced his report. The opposing counsel stated that they were willing to accept the report, but they would claim interest upon the various sums advanced to the executors from time to time which would necessarily mean a large amount of coal. The case is still before the court. Before recess the executors produced their securities in court, showing the same to be in tact. J. B. M. Baxter, J. A. Belue, J. A. Barry are the lawyers engaged. St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 9.—Archbishop John Joseph Keane, of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Dubuque is to retire from active duty on Aug. 18, when a coadjutor is to be recommended, according to advices received today from St. Paul. Ill health, it is stated is the cause of the venerable prelate's action.

DRUMMONDS WANT GLOUCESTER LANDS

Interest in Which St. John Men Have Part Oppose Application

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 10.—(Special)—The local government is in session here today with all members present. This afternoon the government will hear an application from O. S. Crockett, M. P., and W. F. C. Parsons, on behalf of the Drummond Mines Company for lease of some 3000 acres of lumber lands in Gloucestershire county. It seems that the lands asked for, are now held under lease by the Nipisiguit Lumber Co., the Bathurst Lumber Company, and Adams, Burns & Co. Dr. MacRae and George Gilbert will oppose the application on behalf of those concerns. Governor Tweedie is here. Expressions of regret were heard on every side at City Hall today at the death of the consulting engineer, Hurd Peters. Every employee in the building had sought the kindest feeling for the engineer.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY The announcement that Mayor Bullock has extended executive clemency to the yellow dog, imprisoned for vagrancy by the north end police, has given great pleasure to the citizens. There is no likelihood of a protest of any kind. The dog, by its gentle behavior, and the fact that it would eat from anybody's hand, had won the hearts of the officers, and golden opinions from the reporters who visit the north end station. There was only a question of time when kind-hearted ladies would have sent daily garlands of beautiful flowers for its untagged neck. It will be greatly missed by the officers at lunch time. To have put this inoffensive creature in a pound or the lethal chamber would have been an act of positive injustice and cruelty. There are lots of men going around with their knees out and a half pint in who deserve less consideration than this amiable canine, which was more sinned against than sinning. It was a good flea-dog, and never had hydrophobia. Mayor Bullock very properly pointed out that if the police arrest all untagged dogs their board and lodging will soon eat up the city to float another loan. GLOOMY OUTLOOK. Winnipeg, Aug. 10.—(Special)—The grain crop is a failure. Early drought, late frost, hail storms, and speculators were too much for it. Prices, however, continue to show strong evidence of healthy vitality. A barrel of flour looks like a punchon to a man on small salary. Winnipeg, Aug. 10.—(Later)—More hail. Twenty thousand harvesters required to gather the harvest.