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H. F. McLEOD CHOSEN GRAND MASTER.

Orange Grand Lodge Passed Strong Resolution Opposing Separate School Clauses in Autonomy Bills.

SUSSEX, N. B., March 15.—Grand Lodge opeped promptly at 9 30 o'clock and resumed business. The representation was the largest in the history of the order.

The first committee report was that on the returns, from which it is learned that there are how about four thousand members in New Brunswick. The additions for the year number 509. Thirty have died. The value of the real estate owned by different lodges is placed at $65,000. The paraphernalia is valued at $15,000. In addition there are about 50 members in the insurance department in New Brunswick. The committee recommend that the primary lodges strictly adhere to the constitution in the matter of suspension, and request the same to be more explicit in details of expulsion.

A resolution was passed expressive of regret of Grand Lodge at the serious illness of Philip Palmer, and his enforced absence from this meeting.

The committee on appeals reported that no legal business had come before them, which can be regarded as evidence of internal peace and welfare.

It was ordered that Grand Lodge send a letter of sympathy to John Menzie in his recent affliction.

Some time was devoted to discussion of secret matters connected with the internal working of the primary lodges.

The committee on suspension and expulsions reported recommending the sustaining of the return in reference to suspensions, but that those of lodges Nos. 28, 105, 88, 41, 19 and 108 for expulsions be returned for further consideration. There were less expulsions this year than last.

The county master of York and Northumberland submitted his report. All the county lodge reports showed great prosperity in the order.

The credential committee reported a total attendance of grand officers and representatives of over 100.

Grand Lodge ordered that it is not possible to re-elect a county master in place of one removed by death or otherwise, the deputy county masters constitutionally filling the office; that grand tylers not otherwise qualified are not entitled to the privilege of Grand Lodge.

An appeal from Wm. V. Beatteay, in reference to the matter of Philip Palmer and Fred M. Sproul, was referred to the committee on appeals, with Past Grand Master David Hipwell as chairman.

Grand Lodge adjourned till 2 o'clock.

At the afternoon session the committee on the education clauses of the autonomy bills presented the following resolution:

Whereas, a bill has been introduced in the parliament of Canada by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, creating the new provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta;

And whereas, section 16 of said bill contains a provision by which a system of separate schools becomes for all time a constitutional obligation on the part of the new provinces;

And whereas, such legislation is in disregard of provincial liberty as guaranteed by the British North America Act, and a wanton overthrowal of the principle of separation of church and state;

And whereas, we believe that a system of separate schools will strike a fatal blow at our national life, while a free non-sectarian school system will tend to bind all the different nationalities into a united people, and creating in the heart of the great west a spirit of true Canadian citizenship and loyalty to the great Empire of which we are a part;

And whereas, this order exists that it may stand always for equal rights, for the maintenance of free non-sectarian schools, and for devotion to the development of Canada as an integral part of the British Empire;

Therefore resolved, that this Loyal Orange Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, in annual session assembled, place on record its unqualified condemnation of this proposed legislation, and pledge itself and the lodges within its jurisdiction to oppose by every constitutional means any government or body of men who seek to inflict such tyrannous legislation upon a freedom-loving people, and to seek the defeat at the polls of any member who by word or vote gives his support to the principle of separate schools.

Further resolved, that we will accept no compromise in this regard, but will stand always for absolute freedom for the new provinces in all things pertaining to education.

H. F. McLEOD,
W. S. A. DOUGLAS,
J. A. LINDSAY,
J. W. McINTYRE,
GEO. A. HETHERINGTON.

This resolution was moved in a stirring speech by H. F. McLeod of Fredericton, and ably seconded by J. A. Lindsay of Woodstock.

Addresses on the subject, all pregnant with the strongest endorsation of the resolution, were made by S. B. Bustin, St. John; J. Q. McLaren, Moncton; F. M. Sproul, Hampton; Rev. Mr. Fulton, Hampton; Rev. A. J. Prosser, St. John; Grand Master Heine and others. The resolution was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

The financial committee reported at 5 p. m., and the balance of the afternoon session was occupied in its discussion. The report showed the healthy balance on hand of $1,720.

The following appropriations for the current year were made by the Grand Lodge: Revenue per capita to Grand Lodge of B. A., $137, which means that 137 lodges are actively engaged in the propagation of Orangeism in this province; grand treasurer's salary, $50; deputy grand secretary, $15; tylers, each $8; printing reports, estimated $130; fees to imperial council, $5; propagation work, $250; True Blue Orphanage, $125.

Brother R. G. Magee from a committee to consider the inauguration of an Orange orphans' home for the maritime provinces submitted an exhaustive report. A meeting of the island representatives along with those of N. B. had been held, but owing to the absence of Nova Scotia brethren no definite results had been reached. However, as the general meeting was towards the establishment of such an institution, it was evidently the opinion of the lodge that it should found an institution of its own and that in that event the usual grant to the True Blue Home would not be hereafter continued.

The total number of voting members is now about 125.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 7.30.

The following resolution on the death of E. F. Clarke was also passed:

Whereas, the Orange Order in Canada has suffered an almost irreparable loss in the death of that able and fearless champion of Protestantism, our late brother, E. F. Clarke; therefore

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge of N. B. in annual session convened, record our great appreciation of the unselfish life that has passed from us; that we strongly express the great loss that is ours in the death in the prime of his manhood of one who in season and out of season, gave always freely of his great physical and mental strength and courage to the things that touched the welfare of the Protestant cause; that to each of us personally there comes a sincere feeling that a fearless man, a proud Canadian and a patriot has gone from us, and we shall not soon look upon his like again.

Signed, H. F. McLeod, A. J. Prosser, J. M. McIntyre.

The lodge opened in the evening at 7.30. Election of officers took place. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

H. F. McLeod, grand master.
W. S. A. Douglas, senior grand master.
G. S. Dryden, junior grand master.
Rev. A. J. Prosser, grand chaplain.
Neil J. Morrison, grand secretary.
H. G. Wadman, grand treasurer.
J. W. Clark, director of ceremonies.
Mr. Desberane, grand lecturer.
Mr. Mowat, deputy secretary.
Chaplains, J. E. Daggett, R. W. Fulton, A. W. Currie, O. S. Mott, E. H. Thomas, I. N. Thorn, E. H. Cochrane, J. C. Blakney.

At 10 o'clock the members repaired from the lodge room to the Presbyterian Hall, where dinner was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. After dinner they returned to the lodge room, where installation of officers took place. The session will likely last all night.

SUSSEX, March 16.—Among the business transacted at the Grand Lodge meeting, in addition to that already reported, was the following.

The finance and audit committee reported recommending the following grants:

Grand Lodge of British America	$137
Grand Treasurer	50
Deputy Grand Treasurer	15
Tylers	16
Printing report	130
Fees of Imperial Council	5
Loyal Blue Orphanage	125
Propagation	250
	$728

The committee recommended that the salary of the Grand Secretary be $200; that $75 be devoted to pay expenses of the delegates to the Grand Lodge of British America, They found the total receipts for the year were $2,782.52; expenditures, $1,058.63; balance, $1,-742.89.

The sum of $75 was voted P. E. Heine, G. M., for expenses of attending the Grand Lodge of British America meeting in 1904.

Five hundred copies of the journals were ordered printed by Geo. E. Day.

Three places were placed before Grand Lodge for holding the next annual meeting—Woodstock, Sackville and St. John. The first named was selected.

After a long discusison it was finally ordered that the meeting be held on the first Tuesday in April, 1906.

In view of his valuable services to this Grand Lodge, a monetary vote was tendered to J. N. Holder.

It was ordered that the Grand Master's collar be presented to the retiring Grand Master and that a new one be procured for the present Grand Master.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Admiral Nelson Lodge for the many kindnesses extended to the Grand Lodge during the session, particularly for the sumptuous banquet partaken of in the early part of the evening.

It was ordered that hereafter the tellers give the total vote received by aspirants for office, and that candidates be requested to stand on being nominated for office.

On the invitation of Graham Lodge of Fredericton, it was ordered that the Grand Lodge hold a provincial demonstration in that city on July 12 next. This is in conformity with the standing rule that such demonstrations be held only every five years.

After the transaction of some routine business the session of Grand Lodge was brought to a close at an early hour by the singing of God Save the King.

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JAPANESE OCCUPIED TIE PASS AT MIDNIGHT.

Sharp Engagement Eight Miles to Southward, in Which Japs Lost 1000 Killed---Newspaper Correspondent Said to Have Been Murdered by Chinese.

NEWCHWANG, March 16.---The Japanese occupied Tie Pass Wednesday midnight.

Meagre reports have been received from a Russian source of a fight eight miles south of Tie Pass between a Russian force under General Mistchenko and a Japanese column, the identity of which is unknown. The latter was repulsed, it is said, with a loss of 1,000 killed. The rumor that after the evacuation of Mukden, eighty foreigners, including an American newspaper correspondent, had been murdered by Chinese, is discredited by the fact that the correspondent in question reported to his paper on March 14 that he had been captured by the Japanese and was being taken to Kobe. A steamer arriving at Singapore reports having passed a squadron of twenty-two Japanese warships about 20 miles east of the entrance of the Straits of Malacca. Two Japanese cruisers and two auxiliary cruisers previously arrived at Singapore. Presumably these vessels are on the way westward in search of the Russian second Pacific squadron, last reported in Madagascar waters.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 16, 2 a. m.—Flanking tactics by the Japanese apparently are in progress again, the Associated Press correspondent, who remains at Tie Pass at the cost of great personal hardship, telegraphing that General Mistchenko on March 14 engaged a Japanese force on the Russian right. It is possible that the attacking force is a Japanese column which disappeared from observation during the battle of Mukden. The Japanese do not appear to have renewed the frontal attack up to noon yesterday, the demonstration on Tuesday having shown that the Russians were prepared to make a determined resistance.

The office of the censor has already been removed to Santoupu, a point eight miles north of Tie Pass, and there are intimations that it may soon be established even farther north. The Associated Press correspondent, though saying nothing regarding the commissariat arrangements for the troops, declares that the newspaper correspondents have practically been starved out of Tie Pass. This may, perhaps, be an indication of the amount of food available for the army, immense quantities of which were destroyed at Mukden, where practically the entire reserve commissariat had been accumulated.

The rumor of the murder of eighty foreigners, including Richard H. Little, correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, at Mukden, is hoped and believed here to be unfounded. It is assumed that they may have been captured by the Japanese.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15, 7.07 p. m.—M. Kiriloff, one of the Associated Press Russian correspondents who was wounded at Liaoyang, continuing today his description begun yesterday of the causes of the Russian defeats, has drawn a powerful picture of the complete, criminal lack of knowledge on the part of the Russians of the country and the enemy's movements, and of the utterly imprudent gossip and babbling which acquaints the Japanese with every movement and plan before they are inaugurated.

M. Kiriloff adds that the blame for the successive defeats is not Kuropatkin's. It is simply due to the fact that the machine is out of order. A good workman was given bad helpers and miserable tools. The mishaps at first were attributed to the defensive position of Kuropatkin and it was said that when the Russians assumed the initiative all would be well. This was not realized, because every movement was preordained to failure by the premature publication or dilatory execution of the plans.

The merest stripling sub-lieutenant chatters recklessly and informedly of dispositions and movements which should be known only to a few chiefs. The disposition and plans of the battle of Shakhe river, for example, were openly discussed several days in advance in the railroad restaurant at Mukden in the hearing of many Chinese, civilians and camp followers. The general staff gives information to whomsoever asks for it.

While thus opening the Japanese eyes the Russians closed theirs. Not only company and battalion commanders, but even colonels and at times commanders of divisions enter into battle ignorant of the very manoeuvres they are expected to execute.

The Russian intelligence department is defective. It knows nothing of the Japanese movements or positions; not only in the unsettled mountainous regions, but even on the populated plains of Manchuria. Instead of easily securing the sympathy of the Chinese, the Russians alienated them and they now side with the Japanese.

Kuropatkin is also hampered by fantastic reports from nervous quarters, particularly those of Rennenkampff.

The late Lieut. Gen. Keller was also at fault. Kuropatkin was obliged to reprimand him sharply shortly before his death. These causes existed and still exist. The army has been defeated in the past and present and will be in the future unless they are remedied.

SANTOUPU, March 15, noon.—A sanguinary combat occurred on March 14 on the central advanced line of the Russian army eight miles south of Tie Pass. The Russians repulsed the attack and even made a small advance through a thousand corpses of Japanese, and advancing a large force on the right flank, where General Mistchenko, who has taken command of his detachment, though his wound has not yet healed, is holding the Japanese in check. The Russian troops have regained their normal spirits and fought cheerfully.

It is rumored that Chinese killed eighty foreigners in Mukden after the Russian evacuation of that place, including, it is said, Correspondent Little of the Chicago Daily News. The fate of M. Nadeau, a French newspaper correspondent who lived with Mr. Little, is unknown. A message was sent to Field Marshal Oyama today asking for information as to the fate of the two correspondents. M. Nadeau is reported to have been captured by the Japanese.

F. B. WADE IN TOWN.

Says the Route Through This Province Will Not Be Influenced by Politics.

F. B. Wade, chairman of the transcontinental railway commission, arrived in the city yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Wade, his private secretary, and Asisstant Chief Engineer M. J. Butler.

Speaking to the Sun at the Royal last evening, the chief commissioner said that excellent progress was being made with the surveys, and the report, he thought, would be ready for submission to parliament in a very short time.

Mr. Wade and Mr. Butler were met here by Guy C. Dunn and C. Frost of the New Brunswick survey, and the data collected in this province was considered. Two routes are being surveyed through New Brunswick, but which of them would be recommended in the report Mr. Wade declined to state. He remarked, however, that it would be a "business road," and that political exigencies would not be considered by the commission.

Mr. Wade and his party will leave by the C. P. R. this morning for Halifax, where they will spend a few days and then proceed to Ottawa.

SHE HAD INDIGESTION.

"I had indigestion and dyspesia, the doctor said; but I only know that I almost suffered death, especially when at a delicate period my bowels were bad, and I had such pains in my back every morning I could hardly get out of bed. When I had taken Hutoh Tablets for two weeks as directed, I was a new person. These are facts, and my friends can say the same."

The above words are from a letter written by a young lady living in Montreal, Que., whose cousin, living in Toronto, recommended them. Hutoh cures sour stomach, indigestion and makes eating a pleasure. It's a doctor for ten cents.

COLD IN MONCTON.

Thermometer Registered 18 Degrees Below Zero—Other Matters of Interest.

MONCTON, March 15.—The Junior Orioles hockey team went to Chatham last night and were defeated by the junior team there, 5 to 1. The Orioles report having been treated well, having been entertained at an oyster supper at the close of the game.

It is understood that Marshal Chappell of Shediac is favored by the majority of the council for the position on the Moncton police force vacated by the resignation of Officer Scott. Mr. Chappell left the Moncton force last year to accept his present position in Shediac.

J. E. Jamieson of the R. F. & M. Co.'s works here has received word of the death of his father in Scotland. Deceased, who had carried on a stove and tinware business in Truro, N. S., for over 43 years, went to Scotland about fifteen months ago and intended returning here next summer. When last heard from previous to the news of his death, Mr. Jamieson was enjoying good health.

Arthur Arseneau, who keeps a small beer shop, was fined $50 and costs yesterday for violation of the Scott Act.

Chief Engineer Edington's thermometer last night registered 18 below. The night before it was 17 1-2 below. Some thermometers went 20 below. This is a new record for the middle of March. Both yesterday and today the sun melted considerable snow in the middle of the day.

Misses Alvah Lockhart and Margaret Buchanan have gone to Worcester, Mass., to take a course in nursing in the hospital at that place.

Ex-County Councillor Richard Lutz died at his home in Steeves Mountain, parish of Moncton, this morning, aged 78. Dropsy and heart trouble was the cause. Deceased was widely known and greatly respected. He leaves four sons and daughters. The sons are John W., station agent at Harcourt; Douglas, at home; D. N. Lutes, station agent at New Mills, and German Lutes, Bonnell's Corner. The daughters are Mrs. Gilbert Steeves, Steeves Mountain; Mrs. Fletcher Rogers, Houlton, Maine, and Mrs. A. Fowler, Shulee, N. S.

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DIED IN THE STATES

Many People Formerly Natives of the Provinces.

The List Includes Several From St. John and One From Sackville.

BOSTON, March 16.—Deaths of former provincialists are announced as follows: In East Walpole, March 10, Hugh U. Ewing, formerly of St. John; in Chelsea, March 2, William D. O'Donnell, son of Charles O'Donnell, aged 21 years, formerly of St. John; in Forest Hills, March 10, John Logue, aged 43 years, formerly of St. John; in Charlestown, March 8, Mrs. Marion Lord, widow of George A. Lord, aged 58 years, late of St. John; at Malden, March 9, Mrs. Cynthia A. Orcutt, wife of Willitm W. Orcutt, aged 25 years, native of Sackville; in West Newton, Mrs. Angus McInnis, aged 50 years, daughter of the late James Seaton of Halifax; in Roxbury, March 10, Miss Lorent Villard, daughter of Lewis Vilard, aged 23 years, formerly of Prince Edward Island; in Dorchester, March 14, Miss Bertha Bayers, daughter of Jas. A. Bayers, aged 21 years, native of Nova Scotia; in Milford, March 11, John Macdonald, aged 38, native of P. E. Island; in Barre, Vt., Mrs. A. H. Lewis, native of Maitland, N. S., aged 33 years; in Gloucester, March 10, by drowning, Raymond Muise, aged 39 years, of Tusket, N. S.

RICH MISER DEAD.

James Roper Had Amassed Considerable Wealth.

HALIFAX, March 15.—James Roper, an eccentric old man, has just died at Ingonish, C. B., at the age of 83. His life story is a most remarkable one. He was a grandson of Capt. Watts of the Royal Navy, was never married, and till his fiftieth year lived like his neighbors, amassing some wealth by his skill as a trapper. Then for some unknown reason he left all his relatives, went off into the heart of the woods, built himself a rude hut, and never approached civilization again except to sell or buy, and that as rarely as possible. About a fortnight back he was found lying seriously ill in his hut, having been without food, water or fire for a week. He was taken to the home of his nephew, but despite the best of care the hardships he had endured proved too much for even his sturdy frame, and he died, leaving by will about a thousand dollars to his nephew. Since then a plan was found in his hut, which is supposed to show where he had other hoards in the woods. Some people assert that he must have been exceedingly rich.

AGED PRINTER DEAD.

James Davis Had Much to Do With Newspapers in This City.

James Davis, who has served for thirty-five years as a printer in connection with the Daily Telegraph, died Wednesday at his home on White street. His death was caused by a shock of paralysis received last Monday. Up till last Saturday Mr. Davis continued at his post as day foreman in the composing room.

Mr. Davis has worked in the newspaper business all his life. He was a quiet, steady workman, and a very interesting and intelligent man. He was about 76 years of age.

He worked for some time on the Morning News when it was printed on King street, and was foreman of that paper when it was printed on Canterbury street in 1856. Christopher Armstrong, the first proprietor, with Mr. Ellis of the Globe, also worked with Mr. Davis, as also has Price Webber. On Mr. Fenety becoming Queen's printer the ownership of the Morning News was transferred to Willis, Davis & Smith. After Mr. Davis retired from the News he had been employed on the Telegraph till his death.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S FLEET.

LONDON, March 16.—The appearance of Vice Admiral Togo's fleet in the track that would be used in any attempt by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky to make for Vladivostok is the most interesting news of the day. It is not known whether Vice Admiral Togo himself is with the fleet. According to the Daily Mail's correspondent at Singapore, who visited the fleet, the officers were unusually reticent. Two Japanese officers landed and conferred with the Japanese consul and it was understood by the correspondent that the squadron would shortly sail again as it required nothing. The presumption here is that Vice Admiral Togo acquired some information concerning Rojestvensky's intended movements.

So far as known in London Rojestvensky's squadron is still off the coast of Madagascar, but as the ice in the harbor of Vladivostok is probably beginning to give, the Russian admiral must soon make a decision whether to dash for Vladivostok or return to Russia. Naval experts here believe that Togo will not come much further in quest of the Baltic squadron, on the ground that he cannot afford to run unnecessary risks.

BOSTON, Mar. 16.—Ard, strs Etonian, from Antwerp; Estonia, from Progresso, Mex; Baker, from Halifax, NS; Boston, from Yarmouth, N S; sch Baker Palmer, from Philadelphia.

NEARLY $6000

Spent in Attempt to Clear the Shore Line.

Other Smaller Roads in the Province Are Gradually Coming From Under the Snow.

The different small railway lines in the province are very gradually emerging from their covering of snow, but as yet there is very little doing anywhere. The Salisbury and Harvey is making a gallant attempt to get into working order again, and yesterday the line was declared open from Salisbury to Hillsboro. From there to Albert the teams are still in use for carrying the mails, but a regular service is being kept up.

The N. B. Coal & Railway Co.'s line from Norton to Chipman is now open, and single trips are being made daily on that section. This started on Tuesday last. A gang of men are at work and it is expected that the remainder of the road from Chipman to Minto will be opened by Friday or Saturday, when regular return trips will be resumed.

The hardest job of all which the railway mail service department has been called upon to handle this winter is on the N. B. and P. E. I. line from Sackville to Cape Tormentine. This road was so completely blocked that even now, some weeks after the storms have ceased, the men who are working on the line have been able to get to a point only some seven or eight miles from Sackville. The mails, of which there are large quantities, are being carried to the Cape by teams. The distance is forty miles and the teams go both ways every day. Those horses which leave Sackville in the morning go to Port Elgin, and there meet the other teams coming from the Cape.

This morning a large gang of men will begin the work of trying to clear the Shore Line. Col. McLean and Supt. McPeake had a conference yesterday, and it was decided not to wait for the spring thaws, but to do as much as possible towards resuming operations. For about four miles from Carleton the line is open, and the workmen will go at least as far as Spruce Lake. This is all that is planned for the start, but it is probable that the work will be continued right through. The bills for clearing, or rather for attempting to clear the Shore Line since the 25th of January amount to $5,670, and as there was no result this is money practically thrown away.

N. S. LEGISLATURE.

Bill Read Regarding Capital of Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company.

HALIFAX, March 15.—A bill was read a second time in the legislature today regarding the capital of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company. The preamble to the bill sets forth that the capital of the company amounts to the sum of seven million dollars, and consists of fifty thousand shares of common stock and twenty thousand shares of preferred stock, all of which has been issued with the exception of nine thousand seven hundred shares of preferred stock, which remains in the treasury of the company, and the company is desirous of reducing its capital to the sum of six million and thirty thousand dollars by the cancellation of the said nine thousand seven hundred shares of preferred stock in the company's treasury.

SIFTON AND HAULTAIN

Will Not go on the Stump Against Separate Schools.

TORONTO, March 24.—At a meeting this evening to arrange for the campaign in Toronto against the educational clauses of the autonomy bill, chairman Caldecott stated that he had received a letter from Hon. Clifford Sifton stating in reply to an invitation that he did not intend to address any public meetings on the question, but to reserve his remarks for the house. Premier Haultain also declined. Replying to a petition, E. B. Osler, M. P., also announced his intention of opposing separate schools.

FIRE AT ANNAPOLIS.

Riordan's Store Totally Destroyed.

ANNAPOLIS, March 14.—The store occupied by D. S. Riordan was burned last night. The fire broke out about 1.30 a. m. and was well under headway before it was discovered. The fire department was quickly summoned, and after putting a good force of water on the building it was pronounced out, leaving only the shell standing. The owner had no insurance, but as the building was very small the loss was not a heavy one.

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