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80 YEARS OF ODDFELLOWSHIP IN KINGSTON
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On the 7th of March, 1846, an event that was of more importance than it might have seemed to those interested in it, took place in the City of Kingston, Ontario. Although the skills may have been gray and the winds cold and bleak as few of the citizens knew what was taking place within their borders. We can now look back to that day as one of brightness because of the efforts of a few noble-hearted men. On that day the first Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was instituted in Kingston. The names of some of the men who in the future were to play most important parts in the history and development of Canada were to be found upon its register. John A. MacDonald, afterwards Right Hon. Sir John A. MacDonald, who was its first Noble Grand, and Alex. Campbell, who became Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario, were amongst its members. This Lodge which was born under very favorable conditions; having in its membership many men of more than ordinary ability, was, however, soon to come to an untimely end, for in 1849, a little more than three years after it had been instituted, it ceased to function.

which was given the name and number of the old Lodge that had existed from 1846 to 1849, "Catawaqui Lodge No. 10." Most of the men who became the charter members will be well remembered by the older residents of the City. Most of them have passed away. They were Simon Oberndorfer, who had previously been a charter member of Prince Arthur, afterwards Kingston Lodge No. 59. He had been initiated in Albany, N.Y. W. D. Gordon, initiated in Prince Arthur Lodge No. 59, Nov. 25th, 1870. Bro. Gordon was engaged in the drug business but afterwards gave this up for that of a soldier, rising to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. He has resided in England for many years, but is expected to pay a visit to Kingston in the near future. James H. Werns, initiated Aug. 18th, 1870, and W. H. Martin, Jan. 20th, 1871, in Prince Arthur Lodge No. 59, and the following who were initiated in what had become "Kingston" Lodge No. 59, F. M. Clark, July 28th, 1871, T. C. Wilson, Jan. 18th, 1872, James Jarvis, Feb. 9th, 1872, James Duncan Thompson, Feb. 7th, 1873, Daniel Callaghan, April 25th, 1873, W. T. C. Bethel, Feb. 16th, 1874, F. Rowland and Charles Brooks also withdrew at that time and while not on the charter of Catawaqui Lodge, very soon became members. A grant of one hundred dollars was made by Kingston Lodge to assist the new one to get established.

Abie Leaders.

The brilliant talents of its leaders were (perhaps for the good of the country) but certainly not for the benefit of the Lodge, too soon recognized, and the men who might have made it a splendid success were drawn away to more alluring fields of activity. But the good seed which had been planted in the fertile soil of Kingston's young manhood, although doomed to lie dormant for many years; like the bulbs of some of our most beautiful flowers, after a season of inactivity, emerged again, and on April 14th, 1870, another Lodge was instituted, bearing the name and number of Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 59. This name was changed to Kingston Lodge, No. 59, one year later. Of the men who were responsible for the organization of the new lodge, none now remain. All have passed on to the Great Lodge above. They were then, and for years afterwards, well-known and active citizens of our city. Simon Oberndorfer, S. A. Cohen, R. R. Patterson, G. S. Lee and E. Fagan, were the charter members. On the night of institution two candidates were initiated. They were Dr. Fife Fowler, for many years a leading doctor of medicine, and closely connected with the development of medical education in our University, and George Lee, a pianoforte maker, for many years associated with the piano making business in Kingston. The growth of the Order was steady and substantial. Its work of relief and the care and attention given to its unfortunate members were so well recognized that by the end of 1874 its membership had increased to 116.

Odd Fellows Relief.

On the sixteenth day of April, 1875, an application was made to Mr. J. J. Burrows, county judge, for a Certificate of Incorporation or a Society to be known as the "Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada," the names appearing on the petition being Fife Fowler, Simon Oberndorfer, Daniel Callaghan, W. D. Gordon, J. Duncan Thompson, J. Jarvis, Thomas C. Wilson, John B. Melver, Alex. Smith, John F. Porter and Zachariah Gay.

The object of the Association was to render financial assistance to the wives and children of deceased brothers, which would be more substantial than the small benefits which the Lodges were able to provide. Like all other Societies of a similar character, the Association had many difficulties to overcome. There was little opportunity to profit by the experience which others had gained through their mistakes. Those in charge had little knowledge of the science of life insurance and the result was that rates of assessment that were eventually to prove inadequate were adopted. In the course of years, after the Association had expanded in membership and influence, far beyond the humble conception of its founders, the costly mistake of inadequate fees was realized and an attempt was made to repair the weak spots in the financial structure. It was hard for the members to realize that their organization which had stood so high in their estimation, which had promptly met all financial obligations, should require the drastic revision of rates that was asked for and the result was that it required a number of revisions before the Association had been placed in a position of solvency beyond question. In the various measures of revision, as was inevitable, some members were dissatisfied and dropped out. The tide has, however, again turned in the right direction, and a steady forward advance is confidently expected. During the course of its activities over seven and a half million dollars have been paid to the wives and relatives of its deceased members. The statement of the actuary as at Dec. 31st, 1925, shows that all policies issued by the Odd Fellows' Relief Association had up to that time reached a basis of solvency of 164 per cent.

Catawaqui Lodge Organized.
 Lodges with a large membership were not the rule in the early days and on May 14th, 1876, a number of members withdrew from Kingston Lodge and organized a new Lodge so

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Granite Lodge.

In 1906 a number of members, deciding there was room in the City for a third subordinate Lodge, withdrew from Kingston and Catawaqui Lodges and instituted Granite Lodge, No. 363. Like the two older Lodges Granite has made steady progress.

In Healthy Condition.

All the branches of the Order in the City are in a healthy condition. The ladies branch is making rapid progress, while the men's Lodges intend to make Nov. 8th, Thanksgiving

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ing Night, long to be remembered by the large number of candidates that will be initiated by a joint team of the three Lodges. It is expected a very interesting evening will be spent. Special speakers will be present and a real boost will be given for the winter's activities. The more than one thousand Oddfellows in Kingston does not represent our possibilities. There is room for several thousand more. As long as there is suffering and want, illness and loneliness, there will be work to do. The principles of the Order are not worn out, they are as true and as imperishable as the everlasting hills that raise their majestic heads across our fair Dominion. Visit the Sick, Relieve the Distressed, Bury the Dead and Educate the Orphan, still call for the service of our members.

NAPANEE ALUMNAE OF QUEEN'S MEETS

Holds Banquet and Hears Addresses—Funeral of Late Mrs. Jermmett.

Napanee, Nov. 3.—About fifty graduates and friends of Queen's University gathered in the banquet hall of the Campbell House on Tuesday evening to partake of a delightful banquet arranged for by the Alumnae Association of Queen's University. After the banquet, the chairman, Mr. E. J. Corbitt, public school inspector, recalled some of his memories of Queen's University. He then called on Rev. A. J. Wilson, who gave a toast to the "Sister Universities," which was replied to by Rev. J. H. Coleman, who spoke in behalf of Trinity University, Mr. U. M. Wilson, K.C., in behalf of Toronto University, and Mr. James Laughland in behalf of Ontario Agricultural College. Interesting slides of Queen's University of the past and the present in all the phases of university life were shown.
 Prof. John Matheson of Queen's University was then called upon and spoke in place of Dr. Bruce Taylor, who was unable to be present. Prof. Matheson compared the advances in the growth of the university, the student body and the staff of a quarter of a century ago and to-day. Queen's University is enlarging its field through summer school and extra-mural work, thereby benefiting thousands not only in our district, but from one end of Canada to the other. Prof. Matheson then called upon Mr. Salford, who outlined the work in connection with the endowment fund.
 After a stirring Queen's yell was given the meeting adjourned and all present voiced the popular opinion that the meeting was of very great benefit.
 George Reid of Coburne spent a few days in town this week reuniting acquaintances.
 Mrs. Freshman, who spent a couple of weeks visiting friends in Buffalo, N.Y., returned last week. Since returning Mrs. Freshman has had a serious attack of pneumonia.
 Miss Dunbar is in Kingston undergoing an operation for tonsil trouble.
 Byard Young of Sudbury was in Napanee last week attending the

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 funeral of his sister, the late Mrs. Fields.
 Mrs. Peter VanLuven, one of Yarker's oldest residents, passed away on Friday last at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Dunn, Brockville, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. The remains were brought to Yarker for interment.
 The funeral of the late Mrs. F. Jermmett, who died in Kingston on Sunday last, took place on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Riverside cemetery. Deceased had been in failing health for two or three months. She leaves to mourn her death two sons, Prof. Douglas Jermmett of Queen's University, Kingston, and Bruce of Halleybury, besides her aged mother and one sister, Miss Christina Mill.
 On Monday evening the Napanee Golf and Country Club gave a very enjoyable Hallows'en masquerade and old time costume party in the armouries. About 300 were present and many quaint, handsome and unique costumes were worn. The ladies' prizes were won by Miss Ruth Graham and Mrs. (Dr.) Beattie, and Mr. J. L. Murray and a gentleman from Enterprise won the gentlemen's prizes. Excellent music was furnished and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Visitors came from Kingston, Belleville, Trenton and Cobourg to enjoy the evening's entertainment.