

ORANGE GRAND LODGE MEETS

Annual Convention Opens at Woodstock—About Five Hundred Delegates

GRAND MASTER SPEAKS

Urges Duty of Canada To- ward Returned Soldiers

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Woodstock, March 5.—The Orange Grand Lodge of Western Ontario opened its annual convention here this afternoon. About five hundred delegates are in attendance. The afternoon session was given over to hearing the annual address of the Grand Master and reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

The Grand Master spoke in part as follows:

"It is with no small degree of pride that I realize that our glorious order is second to none in its contribution toward the establishment of freedom and liberty, which will bring to future generations a world widely democratic, the crushing of German autocracy, and the establishment of freedom for weaker nations against the strong. The noble deeds of valor and heroism achieved by our gallant boys will live long in the memories of the nations of the world. Their social intercourse with peoples of the old lands has infused into their lives a fresh democratic and invigorating influence, which has wrought a wonderful change in the life of the people of the old lands, and has brought about a closer and stronger friendship throughout the British Empire. Through the gallantry and bravery of our boys Canada to-day stands out the brightest gem in the Empire. They have strengthened the tie that binds so strongly that no power will ever be able to sever our connection with the Motherland.

Duty of the Nation.

"But, while we rejoice in their achievements and heroism, while we feel that they have proven themselves vallant and brave, we must not forget that we have a duty to perform toward those who have returned, and those who are returning, home, and to those who will never return, who sleep in Flanders fields amid popples growing. Let us ever keep that duty before us, and see to it that our returning heroes are surrounded with the proper social atmosphere, and that life for the man returned and his dependents is such as will harmonize with the duty we owe to our men. Their country should be good enough to at least give every one of them an opportunity of making a livelihood.

"Another matter that I would like to submit for your consideration—a matter of vital importance to the welfare of our young nation—is the infusion of unnaturalized **aliens** from **enemy** and neutral countries in our midst. This must cease immediately, and further, we must demand the immediate deportation and expulsion of all undesirables from our shores, thus making room for the loyal Irishmen, Englishmen and Scotchmen, who are desirous of assimilating and building up a great Anglo-Saxon nation in this the greatest Dominion within the Empire. I call upon the membership of our Order to see to it that this is accomplished; if we fail, then the battles of Ypres, St. Julien, Langemarck, Festubert, Hill 70, Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele and Mons were fought in vain.

Sympathy With Ireland.

"Our sympathies and our effort should be with our loyal brethren of Ireland at the present time, as never before was there such a desperate effort on the part of the rebel Ireland to gain their Fenian ends. They even have the effrontery to ask for recognition at the Peace table. Rebel Ireland has no place at the Peace table, because their hands are just as red as the hands of the Hun. But, brethren, it is our duty to see to it that loyal Ireland gets a proper representation when peace is made.

"Much has been done, and is still being carried on in our Orphanage at Picton. I say our Orphanage, because we have entered into partnership with our Loyal True Blue membership in supporting that institution. Your support in the past has always been liberal and much appreciated by membership of the True Blue Association, but since your entry into joint responsibility in the work of maintaining it you have shown that responsibility by responding in a generous way, and I know you will continue in this good work."

Grand Treasurer Harper's report showed the total receipts, including balance on hand from last year, \$19,548.19, exceeding last year by \$115.80. The expenditure for the year was \$7,335.48.