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Early Activities Of Oddfellowship In PEI

The name "Oddfellows" has been a household word in Charlottetown since the year 1869, when the first I. O. O. F. body was instituted here on Oct. 13 under the name of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 8, and under the jurisdiction of what was then the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America. The charter members, all of whom have since passed away, were Messrs. John P. Irving, J. W. Falconer, William H. Barnard, Capt. William Patrick and William B. Aldin.

The Lodge took its name from the old St. Lawrence Hotel, in a room of which it was instituted.



E. H. OXNER,
Grand Patriarch

This building stood on King Street between Great George and Prince Streets, and was a leading place of meeting at the time.

The first business was to procure a hall or lodge room, which was secured in the Exchange Building owned by Mr. Peter Hyndman on the corner of Queen and Water Streets. The room was found unsuitable, however, and in the fall of 1871 the Lodge was moved to the Metropolitan Hall, in the Farquharson building on Queen Street.

The progress made at first was not very encouraging, for the membership, on Dec. 31, 1870, only numbered seventeen. A new interest was aroused after that time, however, and the movement grew steadily.

Spreads To Summerside

In 1875 the spirit of the Order invaded the western capital and the following members withdrew from St. Lawrence Lodge for the purpose of forming a Lodge in Summerside: W. W. Stumbles, S. Keith, Theo. L. Chappell, E. D. Stair, F. H. Beer and James A. McMurthy. The Lodge was instituted by John C. G. Ellis, district deputy Grand Master and was named Prince Edward Lodge, No. 22.

In February, 1876, a number of members of St. Lawrence Lodge obtained permission to establish another Lodge in Charlottetown under the name of Willey Lodge, No. 27, which was organized with the following charter members: Messrs. E. H. Brennan, E. M. Estey, Benjamin Bremner, F. H. Beer, E. D. Stair, Arch. D. White, and James McKechnie. All these members also have passed away. The Lodge was named after the



LIEUT. COL. PRESTON FRASER, Commander,
Department Council Patriarch Militant.

founder of the Order in America Thomas Willey.

Grand Encampment

The Encampment branch of Oddfellowship in Charlottetown was organized on Oct. 24, 1876, under the name of Port la Jolie Encampment, No. 13, but in 1892 it received a new charter after the Grand Encampment was instituted, and became No. 4 under the following officers: Messrs. George Waller, Henry S. Coffin, William D. Small, D. R. MacLennan, W. R. Boreham, A. D. MacLeod and Fred H. Sellar.

was instituted on Oct. 27, 1896, by Bro. A. J. Houle, P.G., a member of Pearl Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, Moncton. Mr. Houle was appointed a Special Deputy to institute this Lodge by Bro. T. B. Grady, who was Grand Master at the time. The charter members were T. B. Grady and Mrs. Grady, John F. Whear and Mrs. Whear, Albert W. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, J. S. Nelson and Mrs. Nelson, John Wares and Mrs. Wares.

Other Lodges

The fourth oldest I. O. O. F. Lodge on the Island was instituted

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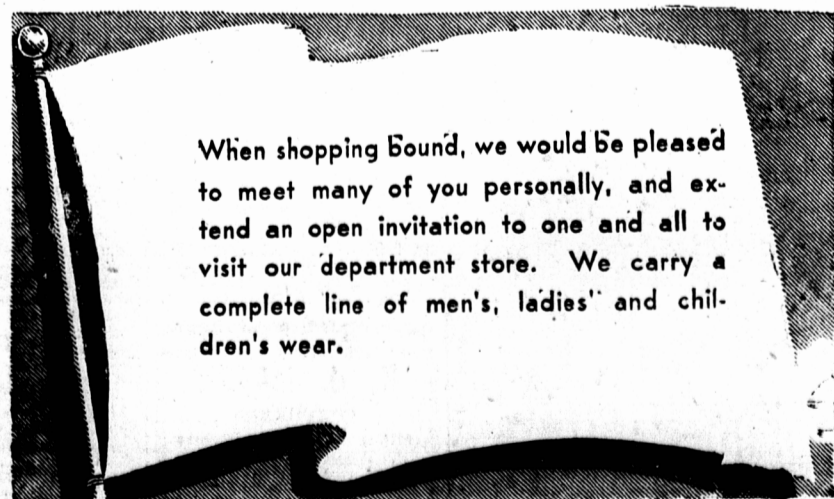
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