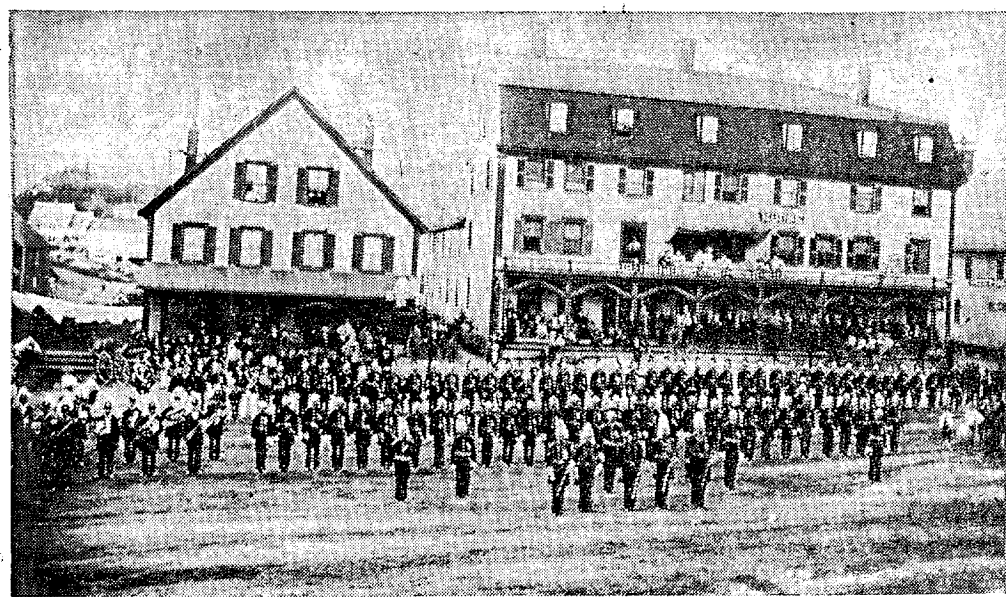


St. Aldermar Commandery Instituted Here 52 Years Ago



This contingent of Knights Templar drawn up in formation was among those who came from elsewhere in Maine and New Brunswick to assist at the installation of St. Aldermar Commandery here in 1885. They are facing the south with the Snell House in the background and flanked on their right by one of the visiting bands.

Commandery Was Installed Here In 1885

The installation of the Masonic body of St. Aldermar Commandery, Knights Templar, took place at the Opera House in Houlton Friday, June 1, 1885 and was attended, not only by representatives of commanderies from elsewhere in the state and New Brunswick, but was graced by the presence of no less a dignitary than Joseph A. Locke, then Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine. The festivities of the day began at ten in the morning when the original Sir Knights of St. Aldermar Commandery, arrayed in their bright new uniforms, formed a procession in Market Square and, led by the Houlton Brass and escorted by mounted police, marched to the railway station where they received the visiting encampments.

Eastport, accompanied by the Calais band. All of these groups had arrived by special train. They formed into a line and, after marching through the principal streets, were escorted to their hotels, the Snell House, Exchange and Clark's.

"The plumed knights with their showy uniforms and drawn swords, marching to the inspiring martial music presented a grand and attractive appearance," the Aroostook Times observed in its report of the day's events.

After dinner the lines of march were again formed and St. Aldermar and the St. John encampment, with the Houlton and St. John bands, proceeded to the railway station to receive Eminent Grand Commander Locke and the officers of the Grand Commandery of Maine who arrived on the 1:50 express and marched down Main street to Market Square.

125 VISITING KNIGHTS

There were 125 visiting members in attendance at the occasion and there was a large turnout of local people to witness the marching of the uniformed bodies.

The visiting knights took part in the installation ceremonies in the Opera House that evening, which were public, with a large number of invited spectators present. The exercises occupied two hours and were followed by a banquet which was given in

Music Hall to which 200 knights sat down.

Following is the list of the first officers of the lodge who were installed: Albert Lovejoy, 2nd, Em. Com.; Frederick A. Powers, Gen.; I. H. Carlisle, Capt. Gen.; Henry F. Collins, prelate; Almon H. Fogg, treas.; William F. Braden, Rec.; Don A. H. Powers, S. W.; W. H. Esty, J. W.; A. M. Bachelder, standard bearer; George A. Gorham, sword bearer; E. J. Hilliary, warder; John H. Bradford, 3rd guard; H. M. Cochran, 2nd guard; E. A. Mansfield, Jr., 1st guard; G. G. Bickford, Sentinel.

The newly organized commandery sponsored the first Commandery Ball in Houlton on January 31, 1890, in the Opera House. Music by Andrew's Orchestra of Bangor "was of a high order, and every arrangement was made to have the affair a success." Managers were Sir Albert Lovejoy, 2nd, Sir H. Miles Cochran, and Sir I. H. Carlisle, who also acted as Marshall. Aids were Sirs W. I. Shaw, James K. Plummer, Hjalmar Edblad, James H. Kidder, Charles E. F. Stetson, and Don A. H. Powers.

The newspaper report described the uniforms of the Sir Knights as "very handsome" and "the toilets of the ladies exceedingly fine." There were about 70 couples on the floor, including about a dozen gentlemen and their ladies from Woodstock

First Gov't Building In Nineties

Early in 1884 news was received in Houlton that the committee in Congress on public buildings had reported favorably on a bill for the erection of a public building in Houlton for a post office and custom house. The favorable report recognized the rapid growth of this county and revealed there had been presented a strong array of evidence in support of the bill.

Accompanying the publication of this news, the Aroostook Times took the occasion to carefully appraise the status of Aroostook County and its shire town as they then stood, in the following terms:

LARGEST CUSTOMS DISTRICT

"The Aroostook Customs district is one of the largest in the state or in New England, comprising an area of territory nearly as great as all Massachusetts. Aroostook has increased over 40 per cent in population during the last decade, showing 41,362 inhabitants in 1880, an increase of 11,939 since 1870, and her present population will probably reach 50,000. The receipts from customs, etc., for 3½ months ending Nov. 30, 1883, amount to \$92,673.15. The receipts for the first five months of the present fiscal year show an increase of more than 33 per cent over those of the corresponding period of the year previous. This district is the only one in Maine, in which the customs house is a rented building.

"During the past year an extensive abattoir and refrigerator packing house has been established at Houlton by western capitalists who have imported and slaughtered 14,000 sheep and lambs, and this year they expect to increase the business by slaughtering and shipping beef. During the year ending Sept. 26, 1883, there were sealed in Houlton 1903 freight cars, and at Fort Fairfield, 1711, a total of 3614.

Many other cars were manifested without sealing for transportation through Canada to Vanceboro, in the Bangor district, and nearly the same number were re-

Dancing "was kept up until 2:30 a. m." after which "an elaborate supper was served in the hall."

ceived to be inspected. There were 1001 pieces of baggage searched during the year.

MUCH LUMBER SHIPPED

"In the district during 1883, manifests were issued for 139,479,404 feet of lumber cut on the St. John waters and exported to New Brunswick to be manufactured by American citizens and returned free of duty. Two branches of the New Brunswick Railroad enter the district from Canada, one at Houlton and the other at Fort Fairfield, the latter extending 29 miles to Presque Isle. The main line of the New Brunswick Railroad extends along the northern boundary a distance of 40 miles, with several trains daily each way, carrying freight into the United States, or for transit through Canada between Houlton, Fort Fairfield and Vanceboro, all of which have to be inspected, manifested, etc.

"We have a thickly settled frontier of 200 miles, and Houlton is the natural centre for business purposes. The town is rapidly growing in importance and in population, over 50 new buildings having been constructed the past year and new industries are being started. The county is as large as Massachusetts, containing the finest farming and timberlands in the state, and it is fast filling with immigration from Canada and other places. In 1880 Houlton had 3228 inhabitants and now more than 4000 while from 6000 to 8000 persons receive their mail at this place. During the year 1883, there was exported from this district, 170,925 cedar shingles, 343,250 clapboards, 4008 casks hemlock extract, 463,290 bushels buckwheat, 92,515 pounds wool, 3825 tons starch, 3870 tons hay, 151,195 pounds cheese, 190,531 pounds meat, 43,000 hops and much other valuable produce.

This report raised great hopes in Houlton that at last their needs were being recognized. But these hopes were soon dashed as the House of Representatives killed the bill which called for a substantial appropriation.

It was six years later, in 1890, before the matter again came before the Congress. On March 11 of that year, U. S. Deputy Collector of Customs A. A. Burleigh received a telegram from Cong. Boutelle containing the gratifying news that a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of a public building in Houlton had passed the House of Representatives.

It happened in . . .

1884

(Notes and comment from Vol. 25, Aroostook Times)

ADVERSE FREIGHT RATES

Receipts of potatoes at Boston continue to be in excess of the demand, and there is no chance for higher prices. Supplies are coming forward from New York State on a larger scale than ever before, owing to the low freight. Carloads of good potatoes can be laid down in Boston from that section at 37½ cents per bushel, including 12½ cents for freight and 25 cents first cost, which is 5 to 10 cents a bushel lower than they can be bought from Maine. This is an important matter to potato growers, as it is cutting off their trade, and they should endeavor to reduce their charges as soon as possible. New York state and other places farther west have large quantities of potatoes to sell, and when Boston dealers can get all they want in that direction, they will not be likely to pay 5 to 10 cents more to Eastern shippers.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Memorial Day, never before publicly observed in this town, will this year be commemorated with appropriate ceremonies. The Frank Hunter Post, G.A.R., of Hodgdon, will conduct exercises in Houlton, Hodgdon and Linneus which will include the decoration of the graves of all Civil War veterans in the three towns. There will also be a parade and orations.

ELECTRICITY HERE TO STAY

According to Mr. Edison it won't be long before electricity will take the place of all other illuminators. He claims that within four years it will exclude even so cheap a com-

seemed far nearer a fact because the previous bill, later rejected by the House, had been approved by the Senate. Accordingly, Senate approval of this measure seemed certain. It passed this body on March 18, 1890.

All doubts were erased when the President signed the bill into

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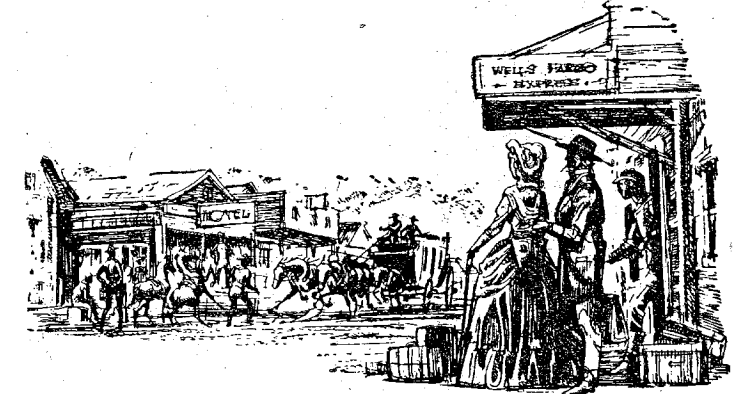
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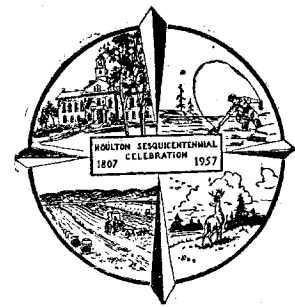
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