

North American Colonies. This matter will demand your consideration at the present session. It is hoped you may be able to act according to expressed wish of the majority of the members of the Order in this province, as thus expressed.

I have to regret that the pressing duties of my profession have prevented me from studying the interests of the Order to the extent I could have desired. I hope the future may find me with more time on my hands for the discharge of my duties in the onerous office to which you have called me.

Thanking those Deputies who have favored me with their reports, and strongly urging delinquent Deputies to remember their duties in future, and hoping for a harmonious and useful session, and a quarter of signal success, I respectfully submit this brief report in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

ALEX. McARTHUR,  
G. W. P.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The G. Scribe read his report, as follows:—

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF THE  
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA :

*Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brethren,—*

I regret that owing to Returns for the past quarter not having been sent in by a large number of the Subordinate Divisions, I am unable to present the Grand Division with a correct statistical summary, or a true statement of the present condition of the Order under this jurisdiction.

While I must still complain of the dilatoriness shewn by a few of the Deputies, in not attending to the duties of their office, I must also, in justice to some of them, place a portion of the blame on the Divisions, because of their not selecting proper persons to perform the duties of the office of Recording Scribe. I have ascertained that in some instances, the Deputies have depended on the promises of the Recording Scribe to forward the Returns, &c. to this office, but they have neglected to do so, thereby causing blame to be attached to the Deputies, when it should properly fall on the Division, by their neglecting to see that their officers had performed their duties. It is to be regretted that a few of the Deputies have mistaken their position in the Order. Some of them think that by receiving a commission from the G. W. P. they are exempt from holding