

Grand Division opened in form.

On motion, the order of Business was suspended, so that Candidates in waiting might be now introduced.

The Credentials of G. W. P. HITCHCOCK, of Cameron Division, St. Johns, and W. P. McLEOD, of St Andrews Division, were then examined and reported correct. The Candidates being in waiting, were introduced by the Grand Conductor and initiated.

The Good and Welfare Committee presented the following Report :—

*To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.*

Your Committee on the state of the Order, beg to

REPORT :—

We have had under our review, the Report of the G. W. P. and G. S., and which we have given our best consideration.

From the Report of the G. W. P., it is gratifying to observe, that several new Divisions have been added to our number during the past year, while others have been strengthened and enlarged, and that the Order has exerted a healthful influence, on the still too prevalent drinking customs.

We cordially concur in the opinion expressed by our G. W. P., that our efforts as an Order, must be directed to the enlightening of the public mind, and the awakening of the public conscience ; and that we must not cease our efforts by petition or otherwise, as our free and enlightened institutions will permit, until the temperance public have been rid of the all but intolerable burdens imposed upon them, by the prevailing drinking customs ; and we must, in an especial manner, continue to demand our rights, in no uncertain sound, at the bar of our legislative halls, until these have been granted. Every occasion which calls for a review of this question only convinces us the more, that nothing short of the Maine Law, i. e. the prohibiting by law, of the

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