

The following Report was read and adopted :

Halifax, April 25th, 1870.

The Committee on Charters beg to report, that on 23rd of February they recommended the granting of a Charter to Gervais D'Entremont, and fourteen others, residents of West Pubnico, Yarmouth County, for FLOWER OF WEST PUBNICO DIVISION, No. 317.

In Love, Purity and Fidelity.

PATR. MONAGHAN,
M. A. SHAFFER.

The Financial Statements of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were read and ordered on file.

The following Report was read and adopted :

Halifax, April 25th, 1870.

The Standing Auditing and Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, all which they find correct.

They also find correct and recommend for payment, account of Wm. McNab, for printing Journals, \$23.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. WETMORE,
ROBT. J. WILSON.

The Grand Scribe presented the following Report, which was referred to Committee on State of the Order :

To the Grand Division S. of T. of Nova Scotia.

WORTHY BROTHERS,—

In presenting his usual quarterly Report, the Grand Scribe would congratulate the inhabitants of Annapolis and adjoining Counties, on the advance of improvements since we last met in Bridgetown. At that time the prospects of a railway through the Annapolis Valley was not very promising; then a portion of three days was occupied in coming from and returning to the Capital, with all the enjoyments of not over-safe stage coaches crowded with passengers, and a tedious drive over miry roads; now, a pleasant journey from the Capital, the return trip, and the transaction of all the necessary business of the Session, can be accomplished within the time occupied in traveling to and fro, when our last meeting was held in this Village in 1865. This improvement is owing to the construction of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, which, it is pleasing to know, is proving to be a great accommodation to the inhabitants residing between the ancient and present Capitals of Nova Scotia. It is to be hoped that within a very few years the residents of Digby and Yarmouth Counties will enjoy like advantages, and that the traveler will be enabled to leave Yarmouth town in the morning and reach Halifax early in the evening.

With this advance of material progress we should look forward to the revival of greater interest in our Order, consequent upon a large increase in the number of Representatives attending our quarterly Sessions, which would make our meetings more attractive, interesting and beneficial to the Temperance movement, and cause the infusion of new life into our Subordinate Divisions. With the increased facilities referred to, combined with the readiness exhibited by the Superintendent of the Provincial, and the Manager of the Windsor and Annapolis Railways, to meet our wishes in respect to reduced fares, &c., members of this body should feel it to be their duty to attend our Sessions in much larger numbers than heretofore.