

devised to pay the Representatives either their mileage or *per diem* it would result in having delegates from each Lodge present.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot close my report without expressing my thanks for the many obligations I am under to our worthy and efficient Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother George H. Mitchell, who has extended to me his hearty support on all occasions when called upon.

With continued and earnest wishes for the success of our Order, this report is respectfully submitted.

JNO. H. LUMSDEN,
Grand Chancellor.

[SEAL]

Toronto, June 14th 1881.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL,
GRAND LODGE K. OF P. OF ONTARIO,

Toronto, June 14th, 1881.

To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge:

I beg to submit for your consideration my report for the year ending May 31st, 1881.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The Order in this jurisdiction during the past three years has been in anything but a flourishing condition, and it has been a question whether or not it was going to survive. We meet to-day, however, to see ourselves nearly entering upon a second decade; and I trust that this, our tenth annual session, will be marked as the commencement of a fresh and vigorous growth. The Order here has passed through a severe and trying ordeal during the period of great commercial depression; and having passed that ordeal safely, though not unscathed, it is, I think, fair to assume, now that the general business prospects of the country seem likely to be good for some time to come, that it will also commence to improve and push itself ahead. The effect that the hard times have had on our Order, has likewise been experienced by other older and stronger Orders; but we, being much younger and weaker, have felt it more. What we lack in age and strength, let us make up in patience, perseverance and energy, and we will be sure to succeed. These three combined, nothing can withstand them; and it now, in a great measure, rests with those present at this session to say whether or not the Order in this jurisdiction is to live. Let each one of us, when