

Grand Master in a tin case, two seals and thirteen books, viz., records of Grand Lodge, records of the Board of General Purposes; two registers of the membership of the jurisdiction, two records of transactions of Grand Secretary's office, cash book, day book, ledger, register of certificates and dispensations issued, book containing copies of paid accounts; register of representatives of Grand Lodge, and attendance book of Grand Lodge.

The property of Grand Lodge destroyed in his office was, as near as he can remember, as follows :

Two book cases, library of Grand Lodge, containing about three hundred volumes, uniformly and handsomely bound; blank certificates, demits, &c.; blank returns and other forms; letter books, files of returns, reports and all other papers and documents, a large number of constitutions, funeral services, &c.; the electrotype seals used on official printed documents; all the unbound printed proceedings of Grand Lodge; the unbound printed proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, &c.; the records, registers, and other books, together with the files of papers, &c., of the late Provincial Grand Lodge under England; the records of the late Brunswick Lodge of the town of Moncton; the records of an old lodge which, in bygone years, was held at Mangerville; and many other articles (some of them old, curious, and valuable) which it is impossible to enumerate.

The loss of Grand Lodge property in the Masonic Hall was the following:—

Portrait (in oil) of the late R. W. Bro. Alexander Halloch, Past Grand Master; portrait (autotype) of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England; photograph of the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada; photograph of members of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland; engraving of the installation of the present Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England; engraving of the reception of the Prince of Wales into the Grand Conclave of Knight Templars of England; six Stewards' staves.

The property in the Grand Secretary's office was insured in the Stadacona Insurance Company of Quebec in the sum of \$2,000.

The value of the property saved he estimates at \$1,505, and that destroyed at \$712.

The six lodges, viz., Albion No. 1, St. John's No. 2, Hibernia No. 3, Union of Portland No. 10, Leinster No. 19, and New Brunswick No. 23, lost their warrants, jewels, regalia, banners, and all other paraphernalia. Some of them their records and seals. The banners of Carleton Union Lodge No. 8, of Carleton, which happened to be in the hall at the time, were unfortunately lost. The destruction was complete, and the loss to the craft severe and irreparable.

The Grand Secretary feels confident that the craft throughout the jurisdiction deeply deplore the great loss they have sustained in the destruction of the Grand Lodge library. It had been his constant aim, and he had labored "in season and out of season," since the organization of Grand Lodge to gather together, as far as opportunity and the funds placed at the disposal of the Library Committee would permit, all the works within reach upon Masonic and kindred subjects. Success had so far attended these labors (to him labors of love) that at the time of the fire quite a large and valuable collection of works—many of them rare and venerable with age—was in possession of Grand Lodge, awaiting the erection of the contemplated Masonic Hall, and suitably equipped rooms, to make them available to the craft.

Not quite disheartened, and not at all hopeless of future efforts, he shall make it his aim and study, while filling his present position in Grand Lodge, to replace, as far as possible, the loss sustained in this respect.

To this end he has addressed circulars to the Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies on both sides of the Atlantic, fraternally soliciting from them contributions in printed proceedings, reprints, constitutions, etc., and he feels confident that this appeal will be responded to with generous consideration.

The report then gives a long list of donations from Grand Secretaries of various Grand Lodges, and other brethren who had responded to this appeal.

By authority of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, duplicates of the warrants of the lodges destroyed by the fire have been engrossed. Happily, in the years gone by, he opened and kept a book in which he entered copies of all warrants issued by Grand Lodge, and was thus enabled to furnish the lodges with exact copies of those lost. The signatures of the officers who signed the originals are appended to those copies. They are thus *fac similis*, and are almost as valuable as the originals.

The Board of Relief appointed to care for the interests of sufferers by the recent fire, reported that \$5,073.73 had been received from various sources, and \$2,689.35 had been expended. The balance was retained for expenditure during the coming winter.

The following Grand Officers for the ensuing year were duly installed by M. W. Bro. Ellis, P. G. M.:—

M. W. Grand Master, Robert T. Clinch, St. John.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Edwin J. Wetmore, Carleton.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Henry Duffell, St. John.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden, James Boone, St. Mary's.
V. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Francis Partridge, Rothesay.
V. W. Grand Treasurer, James McNichol, Jr., St. John.
V. W. Grand Secretary, William F. Bunting, St. John.