

Several Divisions still demur in paying increased rate of tax. A few while not opposed to the increase feel too poor to pay it. Several that were opposed to it pay the amount believing it best to fall in with the views of this body on the question. Some Divisions have paid the previous rate of six cents on members, and said amounts have been placed to their credit on account. Some of these would have paid the increased rate if they had sufficient funds. I look forward to unanimity on this question by the next Annual Session.

Correspondence received in reply to communications from this G. Division on question of a National Division for B. N. A., will be laid before you.

An additional supply of Revised Ritual has been ordered and received from the Most Worthy Scribe, since last meeting of that body.

The Incorporation Papers of LaHave Division No. 175, of Middle LaHave, Lunenburg County, were filed in the Provincial Secretary's Office, on April 11th, instant.

Since last quarterly meeting Clearance Cards have been granted to P. W. P. Andrew Durning, a member of late Arctic Division No. 140, and to P. W. P. D. McLean, a member of late Dominion Division No. 311.

Many Returns not being to hand for quarter ending March 31, I am unable to give statistics in this Report. They will be appended before Journal is issued from the press.

The Receipts of this office to 21st inst., amounted to \$302.41½, including \$14.17 to Agency fund. The proportion of tax received for quarter ending March 31st, to be credited to Agency fund is \$31.08.

The amount in Grand Treasurer's hands to credit of Agency fund is \$225.63.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

PATK. MC AGHAN,  
Grand Scribe.

*Billtown, Kings Co., April 25, 1871.*

The following Report was read and adopted :—

*Halifax, April 24, 1871.*

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws have examined the Revised Bye-Laws of Chebucto Division No. 7, and the Bye-Laws of Goodwill Division No. 316, and would report that they do not find anything in them to conflict with the Constitutions of the Order.

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

PATK. MONAGHAN,  
JOHN HEENAN,  
WILLIAM MURRAY.

The Financial Statements of the G. Scribe and G. Treas. were read and ordered on file :—

The following Report was read and adopted :—

*Halifax, April 24, 1871.*

The Standing Auditing and Finance Committee report that they have examined the Accounts and Books of the Grand Treasurer, all of which they find to be correct; they have examined also the Books and Accounts of the Grand Scribe, which they find to be correct, excepting an error of 70 cts., too much credited to Pereaux Division in quarter ending Dec., 1870. They have also examined the account of William McNab for \$24, which they recommend for payment.

R. H. WETMORE,  
Chairman Auditing and Finance Committee.

The Grand Division adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock.

P. MONAGHAN, G. S.