

The following Committees were appointed by the Chair:—

*Committee on Bye-Laws*:—Saml. Creelman, Danl. McCurdy, A. L. Blenkhorn.

*Committee on Appeals*:—Jas. D. B. Fraser, James Fogo, J. A. Chipman.

*Auditing Committee*:—Roderick Fraser, Samuel Rettie, W. M. Romans.

*Committee on Communications*:—Rev. James Bayne, George Reading, A. C. McDonald.

On motion of Bro. J. D. B. Fraser, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe be instructed to furnish, through the Deputies, all the Subordinate Divisions, with proceedings of the National Division annually, so soon as they can be furnished.

The Committee on Credentials reported favourably on the credentials of Bro. P. W. P. Isaac Matthewson, of Albion Mines.

The *G. W. P.* read his report, which was to the following effect:—

Grand Worthy Brothers.—It is pleasing to me to be able to report that our Order, as far as it has been fairly tested, continues to answer the expectations of its most sanguine friends. It is to be supposed that a crusade like ours will meet with some reverses, and that our advancement will some times be interrupted; but we are not without evidence that our association has within it the elements of stability far above any other Temperance organization that has yet existed. In these Provinces the cause maintains its interest, and advances with firm and steady step. Our growth has been rapid, and our successes highly encouraging; nor have we any reason for despondency; but on the contrary may confidently look for the accomplishment of a vastly greater amount of good. Our organization is well fitted for extended, combined and energetic action; and if we are but true to our pledged principles, and our efforts wisely directed, public opinion shall be heard yet more loudly in our favour, and our influence shall be brought to bear in such a way, as that all in our land, who may be connected with the manufacture of, or traffic in strong drink, or who are in any way the enemies of our cause, shall see and feel that they occupy a disreputable position, and one which they must abandon.

The severe pressure of the times, having been felt very seriously in various parts of the Province, has operated much against the prosperity of some of our Divisions; but we hope that a brighter day is dawning in this respect, and that by the blessing of a bounteous Providence, this hindrance to our advancement will ere long be greatly diminished.