

a position to better judge the wisdom of continuing the Tribunal.

The expenses of the Supreme Lodge for the coming two years have been very considerably reduced. It is estimated that a saving of over twenty thousand dollars a year will be effected by the reforms introduced. The following is a detailed list adopted after each item had been carefully considered:

Salary Supreme Chancellor, two years....	\$ 6,000
Clerk hire for Supreme Chancellor, actual cost and not to exceed, for two years..	1,800
Office rent at actual cost and not to exceed	1,000
Postage, telephone, telegrams, expressage, removal of furniture, actual cost, and not to exceed, for two years.....	400
Travelling expenses of Supreme Chancellor at actual cost, and not to exceed, for two years	1,000
Salary Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, for two years.....	7,200
Clerk hire for S. K. R. S. at actual cost, and not to exceed, for two years.....	2,000
Office rent, heating, telephone, postage, packing boxes, wrapping paper and other incidentals, at actual cost, and not to exceed	2,000
Travelling expenses S. K. R. S. at actual cost, and not to exceed, for two years..	300
Salary Supreme Master of Exchequer, for two years.....	1,500
Travelling expenses S. M. E. at actual cost and not to exceed, for two years.....	400
Expenses Supreme Tribunal, for two years	3,000
Official Record, actual cost, not to exceed	3,000
Stationery, printing and supplies for Supreme Lodge officers, actual cost, not to exceed	500
Travelling expenses of Finance Committee, at actual cost, not to exceed, two years..	1,200
Travelling expenses Printing and Supply Committee, actual cost, not to exceed..	300
Interest on mortgages, two years.....	1,350
Allowance to Daughters of Founder.....	1,440
Past Supreme Chancellor jewel.....	150
To defray expenses of this Convention....	25,000
Contingent fund to pay expenses of Supreme Lodge officers and Supreme Lodge committees, not otherwise provided for, and not to exceed, for two years.....	3,000
Printing Uniform Rank Ritual.....	1,000
For the purchase of supplies for two years and not to exceed.....	30,000

The revenues for the expenses of the Supreme Government for the next two years will be raised by a direct per capita tax of four cents per member, semi-annually, or sixteen cents per member per two years. By this means it is expected that the Supreme Lodge will not only be relieved of its difficulties, but the subordinate lodges will be actually benefitted, as the profit on supplies will be materially reduced.

The officers of the Supreme Lodge are gentlemen of the highest standing and ability, and in their hands we believe that your interests will be well looked after. Many of the old and tried officers remain at their respective posts. The spirited contest for the office of Supreme Vice-Chancellor clearly showed the great admiration the members had for the different candidates, and after the ballot was finally declared in favor of the Hon. Ogden H. Fethers for that office, the remarks that fell from the lips of Bros. Carter, Shrivley and

Bangs, honoring their successful opponent, will long be remembered by the members of the Supreme Lodge.

The parade by the Uniform Rank and subordinate lodge members, was indeed a pleasing spectacle. Thousands of brave Sir Knights, with waving plumes and glittering swords, marching past the reviewing stand, saluting the Commander in Chief of this Grand Pythian army, followed by gaily and neatly dressed members of subordinate lodges, whose uniform appearance called forth continuous applause along the line. For over one hour and a half this delightful scene greeted the eye associated with it. The beautiful music from the many military and civic bands was enough to waken our hearts and make us all feel proud that we could claim a membership in this great Order of Knights of Pythias.

Referring to your valuable paper, we desire to say that we had the pleasure of receiving many favorable comments and kindly wishes for its success from many of the officers and members of the Supreme Lodge whom you had favored with a copy, and if the good wishes of that body will help you on your mission, you cannot fail to have abundant success.

For your next issue we will endeavor to give to your readers a true account of the many changes and important legislation transacted, believing that we have already trespassed to much upon the columns of your paper.

In conclusion we desire to say that we have endeavored to act for the best interests of the Order while in attendance at the Supreme Lodge, and we trust our beloved Order in this Domain will meet with every measure of success.

Fraternally yours,

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FIRE ! FIRE !

Fire ! Fire !! Ding—ding, ding—ding, when we hear the bell toll the number denoting the district, and see the fire engine go dashing down the street, our whole being is thrilled, mayhap merely from excitement or from thoughts of the grave and serious consequences caused therefrom. When as boys we used to follow the hose cart and think it great fun to see a large fire, but when once men, we think of the more serious side of it, we at once wonder whose home is possibly being destroyed, and whose mill or factory is being reduced to ashes, and the number of hands that will be thrown out of employment, the privation and suffering it may cause. Fire, a blessing and comfort to mankind when under control in the furnace or stove, but when once let loose it becomes a regular demon, having regard for no man, serving rich and poor alike, men who for years have sometimes denied themselves the necessities of life to save enough wherewith to buy a home, or mayhap to lay by for old age, have had all swept away in a few moments.

When we think of the uncertainty of wealth and the foolishness of man in striving to possess it, it causes us to think more seriously of our home beyond the skies and the measures that can never be destroyed. To those who have never witnessed a large fire it would be hard to realize it in all its seriousness, in the City of New Westminster, but a few days ago stood many fine, dwelling and business houses, in a few short hours were reduced to