

7th AUGUST, A. D. 1856, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The M. W. Grand Master presiding.

All the Officers and Representatives present.

Lodge opened in usual form.

The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of yesterday having, on motion been dispensed with,

The Committee on Lodge Returns submitted the following Report:

ST. CATHARINES, 7th July, 1856.

*Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.*

Your Committee, appointed to report on the Official Returns from Subordinate Lodges, most respectfully Report, that having carefully examined the said returns, they find a number of them either but imperfectly filled up, or inaccurate in other respects, and although such inaccuracies may be but trifling, your Committee deem them incompatible with the perfect working, and well being of the Order. Believing the aforesaid errors in the Semi-Annual Reports returned to the G. Lodge, to be unintentional, in every instance, and the result of want of information, haste, and the rather ambiguous wording of blank Returns, and other causes, your Committee have no desire to censure their Brethren for such errors, but would urge upon Subordinate Lodges, and the Grand Secretary, more vigilant attention to this subject in future, since upon the Reports of these bodies the statistics of the Order are based, and from them alone can a correct opinion be formed of the prosperity and actual state of the Institution in Canada West.

Your Committee therefore feel it their duty to report the following errors in the Semi-Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

*Samaritan Lodge.*—The half yearly Report for the Term ending June 30, 1856, has returned too small a per centage to the Grand Lodge, and shows a balance in favor of said Grand Lodge, of £3 Os. 2jd.

*Chatham Lodge.*—Last two Reports incorrect, and your Committee would respectfully recommend that they be returned for correction.

*Erie Lodge.*—Report for Term ending June 30, 1856, is not correctly given, and there is an apparent error, in the number of Members returned in good standing.

*Rose Lodge.*—In the Report for Term ending with December, 1855, shows the admission of 15 new Members, and yet reports *none* in good standing: It is without the signature of the Vice Grand. 30 Degrees have been conferred, for which only £9 2s. 6d. has been returned, which would make the price charged for Degrees less than the minimum price fixed by the Constitution, for Subordinate Lodges.