

## ASSETS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand.....	\$16,249 05
Investments (stocks, mortgages, bonds, etc.).....	9,219 53
Real estate, paraphernalia, furniture, etc.....	10,475 00

Total assets.....\$35,943 58

Gold Range Lodge, No. 26, was instituted at Revelstoke on February 23rd, 1899, by G. M. at A., J. L. Brown, to whom belongs the credit of organizing the Lodge. Through his efforts the Lodge came into existence, and I may also mention that as instituting officer Bro. Brown broke the record for promptness and efficiency in making his returns to this office.

In the past year the receipts of the Semi-Annual Returns from some of the Subordinate Lodges have been in several instances very tardy, and owing to this I found it necessary to write repeatedly to such lodges to comply with the law. I think a change in the existing statute covering this important matter is very desirable. I therefore would strongly recommend that the present statute be so amended as to make the lodges more liable to send in their Semi-Annual Reports within the time allowed. As it is now the work of this office is retarded. The condition of this Domain, financially and otherwise, is a matter of conjecture, which is not satisfactory when by a little attention to the duties of their offices this state of things could be avoided.

As in all other Grand Domains, so it is in this, the number of suspensions for the non-payment of dues is indeed very large, and should enlist the best consideration of every Pythian Lodge how to minimize the evil. The number of suspensions the past year (176) exceeds the number of new members added, and is equal to the average membership of three Subordinate Lodges. Just think of suspending three lodges, as it were, for non-payment of dues.

The note given by Phoenix Lodge, No. 5, (defunct), and which was placed in my hands for collection, I have not been able to realize on, and the matter is now in the hands of attorneys, who will use all means necessary to collect the amount due.

I beg to return my sincere thanks to all our Grand Lodge officers, and particularly to Grand Chancellor Haddow, Grand Vice-Chancellor Mearns, and Grand Master of Exchequer E. E. Leason, for many acts of kindness with which I was favored by them during the year past. I had but to ask for advice and it was at all times promptly and, without reserve, tendered, making easier the many matters which have to be attended to in the routine of this office.

I cannot close without mention of the very severe loss sustained by two of our lodges by fire at New Westminster. Royal Lodge, No. 6, and Granite Lodge, No. 16, were completely destroyed by fire in September, 1898. Both lodges rallied from the shock and are going on and upwards. The lodges lost all their books, paraphernalia, in fact everything, and in but a short time after ordered from me such goods as were necessary to start again. I felt at that time that it would be only a righteous act to do to either not to make any charge, or only the cost price. As I have no authority to do anything, I beg to respectfully call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the above, with the request that the Grand Lodge take such action as it may deem advisable, and the recommendation that the lodges shall be refunded such an amount as they have paid for supplies, either in whole or in part.

Hoping that the tenth session of the Grand Lodge may result only in what may be to the best interest of the Order universal, and in this Domain in particular,

I am fraternally,

EMIL PFERDNER,  
G. K. R. S.

## STATEMENT

Of Receipts and Disbursements of Grand Lodge for the year ending April 30th, 1899.

By balance last report.....	\$ 676 95
By capita tax.....	1,327 00
By charter fee (Gold Range No. 26).....	75 00
By sale of supplies.....	239 75
By dispensations .....	8 00
By Grand Lodge cards.....	22 00

\$2,348 70

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