

I. O. O. F.,

SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Held at St. Thomas, in the Rooms of Elgin Lodge, No. 32. commencing on the 7th day of August, 1861, at 3 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

A Special Meeting of Elgin Lodge having been called for the purpose of receiving the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge, and the same having been announced, admitted, and received in due form, the Noble Grand delivered the following address:—

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada West:—

As the Noble Grand of Elgin Lodge, No. 32, it affords me much pleasure to extend to you a welcome on this occasion; and on behalf of this Lodge I tender you the free use of our Hall during the present Session.

That your intercourse may be conducive of great good to all Odd Fellows is my most hearty wish, and I hope nothing may occur to embarrass your actions, and that your first meeting with us, will serve, by its energy and harmony, to stimulate us here to renewed life and determined exertions in the future.

If welcoming you among us in the Town of St. Thomas, I invite you, on behalf of my brethren here, to do us the honor of becoming the guests of Elgin Lodge at a public dinner to be given this evening, in honor of the Grand Lodge, in a room provided for the occasion by P. G. Bro. Laing.

In conclusion, may all our actions be so guarded as to increase those generous sentiments which should ever characterize an Order, whose motto is,—
“Friendship, Love and Truth.”

The Grand Master, Samuel G. Dolson, being absent on account of sickness in his family, the Deputy Grand Master, John King, replied as follows:—