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## Report of Gd. Legion Proceedings.

We issue an eight page paper for May in order to give our Legions the full official proceedings of the ninth annual session of Grand Legion, which took place on 20th inst. We are sure the little delay in publishing will be more than overlooked on account of the greater value of the issue gained by this necessary delay.

## Grand Legion—Business Despatch.

The late Session was one of the most interesting meetings ever held by our Order. A large amount of business was transacted and the fact that so much was done in one day and well done, too, speaks volumes for the executive ability of the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, Chairmen and members of committees and the whole body of Representatives.

## Extra Copies of the "Journal."

A few extra copies of this issue were struck off for sale to Legions desiring to place the official proceedings of the late Gd. Legion Session in the hands of their members. Send in your order soon, as the supply is limited.

## Hazardous Risks.

The subject of "extra hazardous occupations" has engaged the attention of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Since 1890 the Grand Medical Examiner has been governed by the following resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, That the Grand Medical Examiner be instructed to reject all applications for membership in this Order coming from brakemen on freight trains, yard switchmen, miners, employes in powder mills, manufacturers of explosives, manufacturers or wholesale or retail liquor dealers, aeronauts, sailors, or any person engaged in any unlawful occupation.

## Loss of Agency Power.

All beneficiary societies have to contend with the disadvantage of the fraternal inactivity of a large proportion of their membership. The societies have really no plans, or at best, but a few of such provided for securing and retaining the valuable aid of all the members. What is a Society to do under the circumstances? Each society must answer this question according to its local circumstance, but the first step towards a solution of the difficulty lies in the full realization of the great loss of agency power, thus constantly going on. When the loss is sensibly realized it is usually found that where there is a will there is a way to improve the situation.

## Visit One Another.

We give below the dates and places of meeting of Toronto Legions and call upon the comrades to make a special work of visiting the different Legions frequently. Grand Commander Lewis and other officers will often be found at these halls and the visiting comrades will get a stirring up themselves that will do them good:

Toronto Legion No. 6, meets 2nd Friday at Shaftesbury Hall, Queen and James Street; York, No. 23, 2nd and 4th Monday, McMillan's Hall, Yonge and Gerrard Sts.; Queen City, No. 52, 1st and 3rd Tuesday, Cameron Hall, Cameron and Queen Sts.; Crystal, No. 53, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, Winchester Hall, Winchester and Parliament; Alpha, No. 81, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Broadway Hall, 450 Spadina Ave.; Dominion, No. 108, 2nd and 4th Monday, St. George's Hall, Queen and Berkeley Sts.; Old England, No. 111, 1st and 3rd Friday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Street West.

The Grand Medical Examiner calls attention in his report to care being required in the examination of candidates, and says that if the Order is to maintain a high standard of excellence it is every comrade's duty to recommend for membership only those possessing a good reputation, physically sound both in mind and body, and having a good family history, free from constitutional taint. The Doctor reports that in our society, with few exceptions, the examinations made since care and good judgment on the part of the local examiners.

(Grand Commander's Report, continued from First page.)

McWatt, P. C., Dr. John S. King, G. M. E., and B. J. Leubsdorf, G. R., to examine and report thereon to this Grand Legion.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION. As a copy of the proposed amendments has been mailed to every subordinate Legion in the Dominion, and also to each member of this Grand Legion, I presume you are individually fully conversant with all the proposed changes and are prepared to support at least such as you believe will be conducive to the future prosperity and welfare of this Order. While I believe it would be out of place for me to make any lengthy remarks regarding these amendments, still I cannot refrain from expressing the hope that those referring to the reserve fund members at large will be unanimously adopted by this Grand Legion.

## THE PILATEER CASE.

Comrade Henry E. Filleter, a member in good standing of Belleville Legion, No. 64, at Belleville, died on August 18th, 1890, and when the deathproof was submitted to our Grand Medical Examiner, he did not feel warranted to approve of the same for various reasons which he will present to your consideration at the approaching Session. After consultation with the Committee on Finance and on Laws, I arranged with the claimant of the Beneficiary that the matter should remain in abeyance until you have decided whether to pay the claim or contest it in court. The Grand Recorder has been instructed by me to bring all the papers relating to this case in his possession to the Session, and I invite your earnest consideration of the principle involved in the matter, the judgment of which will constitute a precedent not alone for our present and future membership.

## PARLIAMENTARY LEGISLATION.

With the advice and consent of quite a few of the prominent members of our Order I instructed our solicitors to make application to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for a special act granting the Order the privilege of investing part or whole of our surplus fund in bonds and other public securities or to loan such funds on bond and mortgage on the security of real estate. Our prayer has been granted and thus a very material advantage has been secured at a very slight expense.

## APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

While I have received and answered over 300 letters during the past year, I am pleased to report that no serious appeals or grievances have been presented to me for consideration. The numerous questions submitted for my ruling have been of such a trifling character that I do not deem it necessary to mention them in this report.

## FRATERNAL PRESS.

While The JOURNAL AND ADVOCATE, as the semi-official organ of this Order, has done us good service during the past year, still I am of the opinion that more encouragement should be given the proprietors thereof, so that a larger, more interesting and more attractive paper, similar to those of other societies, could be published monthly in the interest of this Order.

## CONCLUSION.

Comrades, I cannot conclude my report without again tendering you my grateful thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me by electing me for two years in succession as your chief executive officer.

It is very gratifying to me to have the privilege to report that during my term of office, with the valuable assistance of my brother officers, the Grand Recorder in particular, 2,238 members were admitted into this Order, which is 25 per cent. more than were received during the six years previous.

In conclusion I desire to express my sincere gratitude to my brother officers and co-workers for the uniform kindness and courtesy which they have extended to me, and would bespeak for my successor a continuance of the same.

Assuring you that I shall always consider it an honor and a privilege to aid in advancing the welfare of the Select Knights of Canada.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
T. L. L. LEUBSDORF,  
Grand Commander.

TORONTO, May 10th, 1891.

## A Canadian Society.

The Select Knights are a purely Canadian Society and have no connection whatever with an American Society of a similar name. This Order issues to its members Beneficiary Certificates for the sum of One, Two or Three Thousand Dollars, payable at death. All Certificates contain the Disability clause which provides for a totally disabled member to receive one-half of the Beneficiary as soon as Total Disability is proved. It grants, also, Endowment Certificates for One Thousand Dollars, the amount being payable to the holder thereof at the expiration of ten years from date of issue, provided he has contributed to the Endowment Fund the sum of Two Dollars per month for ten consecutive years. The Endowment is also due and payable to the heirs of a deceased member, at the rate of \$100 per year of membership should he die at any time during the said ten years.

## Report of the Grand Recorder.

To the Grand Commander, Officers, and Members of the Grand Legion of Ontario, Select Knights of Canada.

COMRADES—I have the honour to submit my Annual Report as your Grand Recorder for the year ending March 31st, 1891.

The financial transactions of the year just closing amounted to.....\$55056 20 those of the preceding year were. 30720 68

showing an increase in collections

of.....\$25335 52

To illustrate the growth of the Order and the business of this office, I submit herewith the collections made by me during the five years I act as your Grand Recorder:

I collected in all during the fiscal year of.....	1886	\$10915 80
" " " " " " " " " "	1887	11307 92
" " " " " " " " " "	1888	11715 07
" " " " " " " " " "	1889	30720 68
" " " " " " " " " "	1890	55056 20
Total.....		\$118715 67

According to Schedule C my collections for the General Fund for this fiscal year were derived from the following sources:

a. From per Capita Tax.....	\$2659 50
b. " " Supplies.....	833 02
c. " " Beneficiary Certificates.....	536 50
d. " " Endowment Certificates.....	609 00
e. " " Charter Fees.....	2120 00
f. " " Endowment dues.....	61 75
g. " " Dispositions & changing	31 50
h. " " Interest on Bank Ac't.....	121 08
Total.....	\$7133 25

to which add Balance on hand on

April 1st 1890..... 692 58

against which were drawn 130

Warrants as per specification in schedule A aggregating..... 7237 69

Leaving this day a balance of... \$ 388 09

in the Imperial Bank of Canada to the credit of the General Fund after all Warrants drawn to date have been paid.

The receipts for the Beneficiary

Fund were.....\$35939 00

there was a balance on hand on

April 1st, 1890 of..... 1073 25

Total.....\$37032 25

against which were drawn 24 Warrants, details of which are given

in Schedule B amounting to..... 33000 00

Leaving a balance on hand of... \$ 4032 25

of which are reserved for Iowa Lp.

field.....\$ 2000 00

of which are reserved for disability,

Phillips.....\$1000 00 3000 00

leaving.....\$ 1032 25

for the settlement of future.....

In execution of the legislation

adopted by you at the last

Session of Grand Legion I transferred on July 1st, 1890, to the

Advance Assessment Account my collections on Assessment

No. 1, series of 1890, amounting to.....\$ 1663 50

Since then and up to date I collected for Advance Assessments the sum of..... 1639 50

Total.....\$ 2703 00

at this day to the credit of the Advance Assessment Account.

All Legions have paid the Assessment

except Ellivale No. 63 and Hickox No. 68,

though they have been asked by me to remit it. There being to my knowledge no

authority conferred upon me by our laws to enforce the payment thereof, I thought best

to await your instructions.

There was in the Bank of Toronto

on April 1st, 1890, to the credit of the Endowment Fund

the sum of.....\$ 1338 00

Since that time I collected on 12

Assessments..... 11874 00

For interest..... 90 00

Total.....\$13302 00

from which were paid for losses..... 1000 00

leaving in hand.....\$12302 00

which are on deposit in the Bank of Toronto at this day bearing 4

per cent. interest.

Hereto should be added for interest accrued to date and to be credited to the account on

May 30th, '91..... 114 00

making a total of.....\$ 12416 00

in favor of the Endowment Fund.

The Beneficiary Certificates issued

to date number..... 3353

There were issued a year ago this day..... 2812

showing an increase during the year of 541

as per details given in Schedule M.

Said new Certificates issued represent the following amount of insurance:—

131 Certificates at \$1000.....	\$131,000 00
288 " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	288,000 00
122 " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	122,000 00
Total.....	\$341,000 00

541 Total.....\$1,073,000 00

Add hereto 680 Endowment Certificates at

\$1000..... 680,000 00

Total.....\$1,753,000 00

## Insurance effected during the year.

There were in good standing on April

1st, 1890, in the Beneficiary Department..... 2423

to which add

Certificates during the year..... 541

" re-instated..... 13

" joining by card..... 22

2999

from which deduct

Certificates suspended..... 92

" surrendered and cancelled..... 96

" terminated by death..... 21

" withdrawn by card..... 22 231

leaving in good standing..... 2798

In good standing on April 1st, 1890..... 2423

Net increase during the year..... 345

There were surrendered to me 17 Certificates for cancellation and re-issuance as follows:—

I raised 2 Certificates from \$1000 to \$2000	2
and " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1
" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	9
" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1
" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1
and reduced 1 Certificate from \$3000 to \$1000	1
" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1
" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1
" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	4
Total.....	20

During the year we organized 24 Legions,

12 in this Province and 2 in the Province of

Quebec. To these new Legions I issued 244

Beneficiary and 423 Endowment Certificates,

667 Certificates in all, while the Legions

instituted prior to April 1st, 1890, only re-

ceived 297 Beneficiary and 257 Endowment

Certificates, or 554 Certificates in all. This

shows that the larger share of increase emanates

from new work, and forcibly illustrates

the wisdom of the policy of the Order to in-

stitute Legions wherever it may reasonably

be anticipated that they will have a chance

to exist and to grow. In the Endowment

Department there were in force

on April 1st, 1890..... 268 Cert.

Add hereto new Certificates issued, 680

Joined by Card..... 1

949 Cert.

From which deduct

Certificates annulled and

surrendered..... 40

Certificates terminated by

death..... 1

Certificates temporarily sus-

pended..... 7

Certificates withdrawn..... 1 49

leaving this day..... 900 Cert.

in good standing.

As closely as I can determine, we have

to-day 3496 members.

Our Order being to all intents and pur-

poses, a national one, doing business at present

in three provinces and without doubt ex-

tending its operations at an early day into

the balance of the provinces and territories

of the Dominion, I think it would be wise

to ask Parliament for a Charter, or cause the

Dominion Insurance Department to grant us

a license. Working at present under a

Charter of the Province of Ontario, we are

amenable to the laws of each province this

day in force or hereafter to be enacted, for

the business we do within its limits. A

Dominion Charter or License would place us

under the supervision of that Government

and under its laws, and make us practically

independent from the various Provincial en-

actments. It would also increase the con-

fidence of the public at large in our man-

agement and official reports, as the Govern-

ment, through its proper officers, would period-

ically inspect the books and vouchers of this

office and satisfy itself of their correctness.

This in itself would in my opinion more than

amply reimburse the Order for any expense

connected with the execution of the propo-

sition, and, if adopted, could not but advance

our growth. I earnestly hope, in the best

interests of our fraternity, that you will

take this idea into your earnest considera-

tion.

Trusting the approaching Session will

bring forth abundant fruit and wise legisla-

tion, and thanking you in conclusion for the

confidence and courtesies extended to me so

abundantly during the past year, I have the

honor to be, with fraternal regards,

Yours faithfully,

B. J. LEUBSDORF,

Grand Recorder.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., April 1st, 1891.

The Grand Legion of Ontario furnishes