PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

"The True Knight" has just received from the office of the G. K. of R. & S. a copy of the journal of proceedings of the Tenth Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, held in Victoria, on May 9th and 10th, 1899. The journal is carefully prepared and contains a complete record of the Grand Lodge proceedings. The following is the report of Grand Chancellor Haddow:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Greeting:

Brother Knights: In compliance with the laws and usages of the Order, I herewith submit for your consideration a report of the business and official acts performed by me during the year just ended.

During the term of office now drawing to a close I have endeavored to the best of my ability to further the interests of our Order and have worked toward that end solely; whether I have succeeded I must leave to your judgment, and the fruits of my labors as they may become ripe in the future.

Having had opportunities to confer with many of the leading members and others in this Domain in its various sections I have been impressed with the fact that there undoubtedly exist opportunities in many of the sections of this province to institute new lodges in localities which but lately have been settled, but which nevertheless give the greatest promise of becoming permanent and prosperous communities. The duties of the Grand Chancellor while visiting the various lodges do not always allow of sufficient time to exploit these new Pythian fields, and it has occurred to me that the appointment of an official organizer for this Domain might be of great benefit to the Order in this jurisdiction. Before laying down the gavel of authority, I wish to acknowledge the many and varied acts of kindness I have received at the hands of our members in all parts of the province, and I beg to return my sincere and heartfelt thanks to one and all for kindness and courtesies shown.

MEMBERSHIP.

Although the suspensions for non-payment of dues have been large, the Order has gained in membership in this Grand Domain, and with the return of more general prosperity there is every reason to hope for and anticipate substantial increase in the near future.

FINANCES.

It gives me genuine pleasure to inform you that the finances of the Grand Lodge and the general financial condition of most of our Subordinate Lodges are in a satisfactory condition. As this subject can be more fully appreciated by a perusal of the financial tables of our G. K. R. S., I do not wish to elaborate here on them except to express my satisfaction at the showing made.

I particularly beg to call your attention to the general status of the Endowment Rank, K. of P., in the Grand Domain of British Columbia, March 1st, 1899:

No. Section.	Location.	Name of Secretary.	No. Members.	Amount Endowment
762	Nanaimo—	Jas. Crossan	12	$24,000 00
1166	Vancouver—	G. Thomas, jr	20	38,000 00
1328	Victoria—	E. Pferdner	13	28,000 00
2143	Wellington—	J. W. Lewis	11	17,000 00
3601	Vernon—	Ed. Goulet	9	12,000 00

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Sections	5
Number of Members	65
Amount of Endowment	$119,000 00

GENERAL STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK.

Total Membership	54,527
Insurance in force	$100,180,500 00
Assets	485,000 00
Paid to beneficiaries of deceased members	13,024,407 00

UNIFORM RANK.

My observation of the Uniform Rank in this Domain leads me to believe that this most important and worthy branch of our Order has not lately received that attention and care that is warranted by its relation to the Order. Still I am hopeful that with a revival in business the Rank will assume its old-time position, viz.: that of the leading branch of the Knights of Pythias. Already signs indicate that the time is not far off, as two new divisions were formed and instituted during the past year—one in Sandon and one in Nelson.

The following is a synopsis of the official acts performed by me as Grand Chancellor of this Domain:

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

Crusader Lodge, No. 19: Amendments re sick benefits, July 12th, 1898.

Rathbone Lodge, No. 7: Amendment re membership by card, June 15th, 1898.

Benevolence Lodge, No. 14: Amendment re sick benefits, July 12th, 1898.

Trail Lodge, No. 23: Amendment re sick benefits, July 16th, 1898.

Benevolence Lodge, No. 14: Amendment re relief committee, August 18th, 1898.

Sandon Lodge, No. 24: Amendment re initiation fee, November 18th, 1898.

Far West Lodge, No. 1: Amendment re sick benefits, December 13th, 1898.

New Denver Lodge, No. 22: Amendments re medical examination, initiations, re-instatements, separate fund, rules of order, trustees, tax to be levied by two-third vote, use of Lodge Seal, sick benefits, damaging or destroying property of Lodge, April 11th, 1899.

PERMIT GRANTED.

Victoria Lodge, No. 17: To hold conventions bi-weekly, Feb. 27, 1899.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

Sandon Lodge, No. 24: To reduce fees for Ranks of Knighthood to $15 for the space of three months, May 26th, 1898.

Trail Lodge, No. 23: To reduce the fees for Ranks of Knighthood to $10 for the space of three months, Nov. 3rd, 1898.