

1886.

GENERAL FUND.

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| Jan. 26. | Cash deposited Quebec Bank.....    | \$1297 52       |
| " 26.    | Cash in hands Grand Treasurer..... | 85 34           |
|          |                                    | <hr/> \$1382 86 |

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. STEARNS,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

MONTREAL, 26th January, 1886.

Audited and found correct.

F. EDGAR,  
*Chairman Finance Committee.*

On the motion of R.: W.: Bro. I. H. Stearns, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. H. L. Robinson, the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to that Committee to report thereon during the present communication of this Grand Lodge.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS DISTRICT.

R.: W.: Grand Secretary in the absence of R.: W.: Bro. Chas. Knowles, District Deputy Grand Master for Quebec and Three Rivers, presented the following, his report :

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to submit my report on the state of Masonry in the district of Quebec and Three Rivers, over which for the past year I have had the honor to preside.

I regret that circumstances beyond my control have prevented me from visiting lodges other than those in the city and immediate neighbourhood of Quebec ; but those I have visited very frequently during my term of office, and am glad to report them as being in a fairly prosperous condition.

Upon receipt of a communication from the Grand Secretary in reference to Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 68, New Carlisle, and finding that distance combined with pressure of private business rendered it impossible for me to make a personal visit, I wrote to the secretary of that Lodge, from whom I subsequently heard, and he informed me very fully about the isolation of their position, and I sympathise so deeply with them, that I should be glad if this Grand Lodge could devise some method of reaching them in the peculiar position in which they are placed. He states, " they are 82 miles from the nearest railroad, and distant from Gaspé Village 100 " miles (land travel) and at times a very bad road, and have reason to believe that " parties from there would wish to join the Lodge where they able to obtain two " degrees the same evening." He also reports the addition of two members to