

SELECT KNIGHTS OF CANADA

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Grand \* Legion \* of \* Ontario

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD IN SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO, MAY 20, 1891

MORNING SESSION.

TORONTO, MAY 20TH, 1891.

The Grand Legion was called to order at 9.15 a.m., Grand Commander Thos. L. L. Lewis in the chair. The following Grand Officers and members of Standing Committees were present:

- Past Grand Commander—W. J. Porte.
Grand Commander—T. L. L. Lewis.
Grand Vice-Commander—W. R. Fenton.
Grand Lieutenant-Commander—W. J. Parkhill.
Grand Recorder—B. J. Leubsdorf.
Grand Treasurer—J. McL. Stevenson.
Grand Standard Bearer—J. J. Ulley.
Grand Senior Workman—J. C. Walker.
Grand Junior Workman—W. J. Graham.
Grand Guard—S. B. Fell.
Grand Trustee—F. G. McCrady.
Grand Medical Examiner—Dr. John S. King.
Grand Marshal—Geo. Bazzard.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

- LAW AND SUPERVISION—D. F. MacWatt, O. C. Graves.
FINANCE—James Watt, Geo. Wolz, Henry Watson.
ADVISORY BOARD OF THE ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT—W. J. Ross, N. M. Black, S. F. Glass, R. Lynch, M. Fennell and W. J. Bell.

A majority of the Representatives of the Legions in the jurisdiction being present, the Grand Commander proceeded to open the Grand Legion, and after prayer by Representative Carswell, the Ninth Annual Session was declared ready for the transaction of business.

The Grand Commander made the following appointments: Past Commander Wilkinson to be Press Reporter; Past Commander Law to be Journal Clerk; Grand Treasurer Stevenson to act on the Committee on Laws.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

- Grand Recorder Leubsdorf.
Past Commander Henry Watson.
Representative Ch. Robson, of No. 67.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

- Past Commander J. J. Patterson.
Representative W. Boulter, of No. 83.
J. F. H. Gunn, of No. 22.

COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

- Grand Marshal Geo. Bazzard.
Representative W. B. Northrup, of No. 64.
D. H. McLeod, of No. 110.

COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

- Representative W. J. Roe, of No. 100.
W. Wyndow, of No. 111.
J. J. Hamilton, of No. 33.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns presented the following report:

DOCUMENT No. 1.

To The Grand Legion of Ontario, S. K.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the Credentials presented to them by the Grand Recorder, and that they find the following named Comrades entitled to seats in the Grand Legion as representatives for their respective Legions:

Table listing representatives by legion number and name, including P. Cdr. R. Howse, James A. Lowell, Robert Irwin, Thomas Bell, C. C. Colwell, William McGown, William Stewart, G. W. Howell, James Hooper, P. H. Stewart, Charles Kister, D. Scroggie, J. F. H. Gunn, W. G. G. Watson, W. A. Rose, John Shaw, Henry Eurick, D. B. Kelly, M. Colquhoun, J. W. Douglass, S. A. Logan, J. A. Grant, T. H. Robinson, Fred Mudge, C. E. Burgess, James Shaver, E. L. B. Cornell, R. Henderson, Henry Evison, Charles Keith, A. St. Geo. Hawkins, John Booker, H. E. Beatty, James Carswell, William Gourlie, James Dale, M. J. Casserly, J. W. Fuller, A. D. Ellis, J. B. Smith, C. Chapman, James Paterson, W. B. Northrup, R. McCartney, Stephen West, Charles Robson, A. Reeks, F. Vollmer, George Bean, A. H. McKinnon, A. Carmichael, J. K. Dowsley, C. Richards, John Fortune, W. Boulter, Thomas Madill, J. H. McLellan, E. F. Benson, James W. Smith, A. Wicks, Frank T. Allen, William Lewis, George Steacey, M. Walker, T. J. Jamieson, W. J. Bell, James H. Hall, William Pratt, John B. Dale, M. S. Clark, John Stenmon.

May-Day Poems. Merry month of roses, Hyacinths and posies! Suns of molten gold! Rain like jewels gleaming In the bow that's streamer'd; Oh, the bliss of dreaming When the day grows old! When the moonbeams sparkle O'er the meads that darkle, And the fireflies dance; When the swain and maiden With the young blooms laden, Enter in the Aeldenn Of their first romance! Oh, my heart goes maying, In these temples straying, Temples of the world; Druids for my fellows, Neath the oaks and willows, Moonbeams for our pillows, When the eve grows old! Joyous thus together In the wooing weather, Druids, dryads we; By the rippling river, Where the moonbeams quiver, And the green leaves shiver, While winds sweep the sea. Nature's chrisal fountain, Nature's altar-mountain, Leads us up to God; And with garbling angels Read we new evangels Of the world untrod! Sweet and holy duty! Youth in radiant beauty; Age so grave of mien; All in love together, Hall the great All Father In His wonder-scene. Handiwork divinely Wrought! and fashioned finely Into shapes so sweet! Oh, the merry morning Of the leaves returning; Of the sun's fierce burning; Haste with sandalled feet! Sing, ye druids and ye dryads, sing ye, all the songsters gay, Hail the merry month of summer in the morn'g of early May!

The Sin of Omission. It isn't the thing you do, dear, It's the thing you leave undone, Which gives you a bit of a heartache At the setting of the sun. The tender word forgotten, The letter you did not write, The flowers you might have sent, dear, Are your haunting ghosts to-night. The stone you might have lifted Out of a brother's way, The bit of heartsome counsel You were hurried too much to say; The loving touch of the hand, dear, The gentle and winsome tone, That you had no time or thought for With troubles enough of your own. The little acts of kindness, So easily out of mind, Those chances to be angels Which every one may find,— They come in night and silence,— Each a ill, reproachful wraith, When hope is faint and flagging, And a blight has dropped on faith. For life is all too short, dear, And sorrow is all too great, To suffer our slow compassion That tarries until too late, And it's not the thing you do, dear, It's the thing you leave undone, Which gives you the bit of heartache At the setting of the sun.

I Am Great and You are Small. A sparrow was singing on a branch Once caught a passing fly. "Oh, let me live!" the insect prayed, With trembling, piteous cry. "No," cried the sparrow, "you must fall, For I am great and you are small." The bird had scarce begun his feast Before a hawk came by. The game was caught, "Pray let me live!" Was now the sparrow's cry. "No," said the hawk, "you must fall, For I am great and you are small." An eagle saw the rogue, and swooped Upon him from on high, "Pray let me live! Why should you kill So small a bird as I?" "Oh," said the eagle, "you must fall, For I am great and you are small." But while he ate the hunter came: He let his arrow fly. "Tyrant!" the eagle shrieked, "you have No right to make me die!" "Ah," said the hunter, "you must fall, For I am great and you are small."

A Thought. I walked at eve in a city where No soul spoke a word to me, But the silence of those still souls there, Comes soft and sweet as an evening prayer That floats in the heart of a purest fair To rise, O God! to thee. The grasses are dank, and the wild flowers grow, And wave their heads o'er the sod, There's one with petals like driven snow, And one with a shimmering golden glow, And one whose heart is red with woe, Like hearts that bleed for God. And around and about are mountains tall, Guarding this city there: On their heights the crimson shadows fall, Cloth of gold to spread o'er all, And cover it there in shroud and pall With a splendor richly rare. And there the moon's pale spirit light Shines on the silent host— Through the trees her face in the summer's night Is pale and fair yet strangely bright, As it shines with a lustrous cold and white, Like a never dying ghost.

And the myriad stars, to me appear As they keep their watch on high, Like the risen souls that once lay here, And finding God and heaven so near, Burst from their tombs so cold and drear, And ever upward fly. Whether they spread their pinions to soar, Or fold their wings forever; Will we know their faces as of yore, Or are they lost to us evermore, Like the breath of a dream that passes o'er, Yet lingereth never! Oh, silent souls, ye speak no word, Nor answer me by sign; Only the cry of a woodland bird, Calling his mate, too long deferred, Comes like an echo, faintly heard, Through the mournful pines. Yet I walk in that city, o'er crag and hill, And find my heart rest; Though doubt and wonderings come at will, And strange, wild thoughts my heart to fill, Comes one that crieth, "Peace be still, For God knoweth best." And this one thing my heart doth know, Of those souls dwelling there, Whether some were white as Alpine snow, And some with a taint of the earth below, And some that burnt with a fire and glow, All now have rest.

Table listing representatives from Stratford, Amherst, Palmerston, Maple Leaf, Albion, Tweed, Dominion, Orient, Parkhill, Old England, Sun, South London, Exeter, Abernethy, Ottawa, Freeman, Bloomfield, Ocean, Gower, Toronto, etc.

Table listing representatives from Quebec: Pioneer, Stadacona, Lansdowne, Crescent, Standard, Orient, Ulley, Champlain.

Respectfully submitted, B. J. Leubsdorf, HENRY WATSON, C. ROBSON, Committee on Credentials.

DOCUMENT No. 2.

Moved by Grand Recorder Leubsdorf, seconded by Past Commander Watson: "That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted." The motion prevailed.

The Grand Recorder called the roll, and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Table listing representatives from Lincoln No. 1, Niagara Falls No. 2, Wentworth No. 3, Toronto No. 6, Kingston No. 10, Picton No. 14, Kempenfeldt No. 16, Frontiers No. 17, Wellington No. 18, Phoenix No. 22, York No. 23, Lennox No. 24, Leopold No. 25, Victoria No. 27, Fergus No. 28, Fenton No. 29, Shelburne No. 30, Grand No. 32, Capital No. 33, Orillia No. 34, Wainby No. 36, Stanhoff No. 37, Dufferin No. 38, Compterville No. 39, Collingwood No. 42, Durham No. 43, Empress No. 44, Mystic No. 45, Jamieson No. 50, Simcoe No. 51, Queen City No. 52, Crystal No. 53, Tottenham No. 54, Tamworth No. 55, Norfolk No. 59, Morpeth No. 60, Banner No. 62, Elmvale No. 63, Belleville No. 64, Lake No. 65, Dunn No. 66, Dundas No. 67, Hickox No. 68, Brampton No. 70, Fidelity No. 71, Hillsburg No. 72, Lorne No. 73, Lisgar No. 75, Grenville No. 79, Alpha No. 81, Demorestville No. 83, Lisle No. 84, London No. 85, Dunnville No. 86, Samaritan No. 87, Guelph No. 89, Watson No. 90, Maitland No. 91, Nation No. 92, Craighurst No. 93, Hiawatha No. 94, Wright No. 95, Preston No. 96, Midland No. 97, Wyoming No. 98, Georgetown No. 100, Eureka No. 101, Stratford No. 102, Amherst No. 103, William Chown, Palmerston No. 104, David Ross, Maple Leaf No. 105, Peter Haggart, Albion No. 106, G. J. Boyce (alternate), Tweed No. 107, George Noble, Dominion No. 108, W. L. Brown, Orient No. 109, W. J. Chick, Parkhill No. 110, D. H. McLeod, Old England No. 111, W. Wyndow (alternate), Sun No. 112, T. H. Connor, South London No. 113, E. Parnell (alternate), Exeter No. 115, William Sanders, Abernethy No. 116, S. Redmond, Ottawa No. 118, A. Hudson, Bloomfield No. 120, E. Switzer, Ocean No. 121, J. W. Armstrong, Gower No. 122, George Bennett, Thornton No. 123, John A. Stewart.

DOCUMENT No. 3.

Moved by Past Commander MacWatt, seconded by Grand Medical Examiner, Dr. King: "That the Minutes of the Eighth Annual Meeting of this Grand Legion as printed, be approved without reading." Adopted unanimously.

The Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Grand Medical Examiner and the Finance Committee presented printed reports (to be found at the end of this Journal), which on motion of Representative Boulter, were referred to the Committee on Distribution.

DOCUMENT No. 4.

The Committee on Distribution presented the following report: To the Grand Legion of Ontario, S. K.:

COMRADES: Your Committee on Distribution beg leave to report as follows: That the Grand Commander's Report be referred to the Committee on State of the Order; except the Filler case and Amendments to Constitution, which be referred to the Committee on Laws. That the Reports of Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer be referred to a special committee of three.