

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1893-4.

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Next annual meeting is at Nanaimo, in September, 1894.

## DISTRICT LODGE NO. 3.

J. A. Shearer, D. C. T. *Langley*  
 Rev. Mr. McCollough, D. Sec. *Mission City*  
 Next meeting at Sapperton, August, 1894.

## DISTRICT LODGE NO. 2.

G. Kirkendall, D. C. T. *Chemainus*  
 W. J. Brown, D. Sec. *Nanaimo*  
 Next meeting at Nanaimo in December, 1894.

## DISTRICT LODGE NO. 1.

— Harle, D. C. T. *Esquimalt*  
 E. C. Willey, D. Sec. *Esquimalt*  
 Next session in March, 1894.

## OFFICERS OF INTERNATIONAL SUPREME LODGE.

DR. D. H. MANN, New York, Supreme Templar.  
 JOSEPH MALINS, England, Supreme Counsellor.  
 MRS. S. E. BAILEY, Virginia, Sup. Vice Templar.  
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 MRS. N. T. COLLINS, New S. Wales, S. D. M.  
 MRS. W. H. POULTNEY, South Africa, S. G.  
 T. MCCARTHEY, India, Supreme Sentinel  
 C. S. KEITH, New Westminster, Deputy Supreme Templar for B. C.

## OFFICIAL.

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—

By the time this reaches you the political big guns will be storming our province; each of the contending parties striving for the victory. The nominations take place on June 30th, and the election on July 7th, to decide who is to represent the people in the Provincial Legislature.

There are just a few items which I think it should be the duty of every Good Templar to demand from those who desire to represent them. They are the questions asked by the Temperance delegates in interviewing Premier Davie at Nanaimo last month at the close of the public meeting.

Questions asked by the Temperance delegates in interviewing Premier Davie:

1. Will you see to the strict enforcement of the Liquor License Regulation Act, especially in regard to the selling of liquor to minors under 16 years of age.

2. Will you support a bill, if introduced, to amend the Liquor License Regulation Act in regard to Sunday closing, as follows, viz: That sub-section 2, section 4 of the "Liquor License Regulation Act, 1891," be amended by striking out the words, "The provisions of this section shall not apply to the furnishing of liquor to the bona fide travelers."

And that the said Act be further amended by adding the following section thereto, to be known as section 4 A:

Section 4 A. Any and every person found without lawful excuse within a bar-room or within or upon other premises where liquor is or may be sold by wholesale or retail, save and except the proprietor of such premises or his servants, from or after the hour of ten of the clock on Saturday night till six of the clock on Monday morning thereafter, or during any further time on the said days or during any other days or hours during which by any statute in force in this province, or by any by-law in force in the municipality wherein such premises may be situate, such premises are required to be kept closed, shall be liable to a fine of not less than twenty dollars and not more than fifty dollars, to be recovered with costs upon summary conviction. And the proprietor of any such premises who, without lawful excuse, permits, by himself or his servants, any one to enter such premises during the aforesaid hours shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than fifty dollars, to be recovered with costs upon summary conviction. The onus of proving lawful excuse shall in all cases be upon the party charged with an infraction of this section, and what shall constitute lawful excuse shall be a question of law."

3. Will you introduce or support a bill to ascertain the wish of the people in regard to the enactment of a law to prohibit the use and sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage in the Province, and if the majority are in favor of it will you give us all the prohibition in your vested power to give?

4. Do you think the country needs the revenue derived from the liquor business, and if so, could it not be raised in some other way?

5. Will you introduce or support a bill to repeal the law which makes

provision that a person may obtain a liquor license for a house of a certain number of rooms without getting a petition signed by the residents in the locality of such premises?

The Premier's reply to the first question was that he would heartily support an amendment that would prohibit the sale of intoxicants to anyone under 21 years of age. He also expressed himself in favor of a law to strictly prohibit the sale of cigarettes to minors under the same age (21).

2. Premier Davie would not promise to support question No. 2.

3. His utterances on this matter were vague and indefinite.

4. He would say nothing regarding this question.

5. He thought this question was fair and would work well in some municipalities.

During the interview the Premier said he thought the whole "Liquor License Regulation Act, 1891," ought to be thrown out and a new one brought in, but would not commit himself as to what reforms the new act would embody.

Whilst the questions cover almost as much as we can hope to obtain, you will all notice that the answers which are of vital importance to us are conspicuously unsatisfactory. I will refrain from commenting further upon them for want of space, but before passing to other subjects I should like to congratulate our friends in Nanaimo in securing Mr. Keith, who has adopted a really good Temperance and moral reform platform; our readers will also recollect the stand he took with regard to intoxicating liquors at the last session of the Legislature. I cordially wish him success.

There are just a few facts in connection with the liquor traffic which I wish to call your attention to; 1—That alcohol, which is the intoxicating spirit of these liquors, is not a natural product, but a human manufacture. 2—That there is no natural adoption nor no true correspondence between the wants of the human system and alcohol; that appetite has to be acquired by habitual indulgence. 3—That for whatever length of time persons may have taken those liquors they may abstain from them with perfect safety at once and forever. 4—That every organ of the physical system is injuriously affected by the poisonous drug "alcohol," but the nerves and the brain suffer immediately and seriously. 5.—That there can be no virtue, nor wisdom, nor economy, nor respectability, nor safety in taking intoxicating liquors in any quantity whatever. 5—That