

# I. O. O. F., M. U.



## REPORT

OF THE

### HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE TORONTO DISTRICT

Held in the Odd-Fellows' Hall, Toronto, July 1, 1847.

PROV. G. M. BRIGGS, IN THE CHAIR.  
PROV. D. G. M. SMITH, IN THE VICE-CHAIR.

#### Deputies Present:

City of Toronto Lodge.....	THOS. SMITH, N. G.
Lake Erie do.....	JAMES RIDGEL, Sec.
Ontario do.....	JOHN HARRI, P. S.
Cookville do.....	J. PEACOCK, P. P. G. M.
Elmhurst do.....	G. C. HUTTON, P. P. G.
St. Catherine's do.....	JAS. TAYLOR, N. G.
St. George's do.....	JOHN MOORE, N. G.
Ancester do.....	R. M. LAMBURN, N. G.
Lord Metcalfe's do.....	JOS. HOBBS, V. G.
London do.....	JAS. SHERRILL, Sec.

**NOTE.**—It is strongly recommended that in future all Deputies bring their certificates with them; sending them by post not only creates unnecessary expense, but is apt to cause disappointment, by their not arriving in time for the Committee.

The G. M. having declared the Committee legally constituted for the transaction of business, the minutes of the several Special Committees for granting Charters to the Lord Metcalfe, Niagara, Elgin, and London Lodges, were read and confirmed.

The following Resolution was then adopted:—

**Resolved**—That the fine imposed on Prov. G. M. Briggs on the 20th March last, be rescinded—the explanation given to this Committee being satisfactory.

The following Report was then read and adopted:—

**REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE OF THE TORONTO DISTRICT, FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 20th JUNE, 1847.**

Your Committee, in submitting this Report, feel great pleasure in being able to state, that they find the Accounts of the District, and Widows' and Orphans' Fund correct, as set forth in the Balance Sheet annexed.

They beg to call your attention to the manner in which several Lodges neglect to send in their Returns and Accounts, thereby materially increasing the labors of the C. S. as also the expensiveness of the District, by creating unnecessary correspondence; and to prevent a recurrence of such neglect, they suggest the enforcement of the restrictive laws.

They would also beg to call your attention to the heavy duties and charges which had to be paid on a case of Goods lately received from the Board of Directors. The original cost of which was £73 16s. 9d., and the charges and duties thereon amounting to £18 7s. 2d.

On examining the correspondence, they find that these goods were ordered to be sent by way of Montreal, but instead of which they were sent via New York. They would therefore recommend that the Board be requested to refund the extra expense occasioned by their not shipping the goods in the manner in which they were ordered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN MOORE,  
J. CLELAND, } AUDITORS  
S. THOMPSON, }

A Report from the District Officers, containing the several questions received for the consideration of the Deputies in Committee assembled, was read, and the following Resolutions were, after mature deliberation, carried.

**1st. Resolved**—That the latter part of the first District Law be enforced against those Lodges who have not sent Deputies to this meeting; and that the 18th and 30th District Laws be enforced against those Lodges who have not sent in their Returns or paid their Accounts.

**2d. Resolved**—That Joseph Hodgson, V. G., be District Treasurer, in the place of Bro. Hart, resigned.

**3d. Resolved**—That this Committee accept the kind offer of Prov. C. S. Laird, of the Montreal District, to become Agent for this District, in receiving Goods from the Board of Directors; and that the C. S. do convey to him the wishes of this Committee in reference thereto.

The following proposition from the Liverpool District to the last A. M. C. having been read from the Montreal District Reports for March, by the Prov. C. S., viz:—

“That from the inconvenience experienced by members of the Unity visiting the United States of America, and the same from Members of that country not being able to visit the Lodges in this, that the next A. M. C. do take into consideration the propriety of appointing a Committee for the purpose of negotiating with the Authorities of the United States, to make the workings of the Order the same in both countries; thus rendering the benefit of one Institution of the same effect in England and America.”

**4th. Resolved**—That this District concur in the Resolution passed by the Liverpool District, regarding a Union of the Manchester Unity and the United States Unity of Odd Fellows; being placed in a position to testify to the great inconvenience spoken of by the Liverpool District, induces us cordially to concur in the Resolution passed by them, and earnestly to recommend it to the serious consideration of the G. M. and Board of Directors, as also to the next A. M. C., should the question not be settled before its next meeting.

**5th. Resolved**—That the Prov. C. S. be instructed to forward a copy of the above Resolution to the G. M. and Board of Directors, as also to the Prov. C. S. of the Liverpool District.

**6th. Resolved**—That the District Officers be instructed to ascertain the practicability and probable cost of obtaining an Act of Incorporation, together with any other information they can obtain on the subject, and that they lay a report of the same before the next Grand Annual Committee.

**7th. Resolved**—That the District Officers do appoint a fit and proper person to visit each Lodge in this District once every six months.

**8th. Resolved**—That a levy of 5d. per member be made for General expenses, and 2½d. per member for District expenses.

**9th. Resolved**—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the G. M. and Board of Directors are in duty bound to make good to this District the extra expense occasioned by their sending a case of goods by way of New York instead of Montreal, as instructed by the Prov. C. S.