

Moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Nicholson, P.G.M., O.W., seconded by R. W. Bro. D. M. Jermyn, D.G.M., O.W., and

(4) *Resolved*,—That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The M. W. the Grand Secretary presented and read his annual report as follows:

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America:*

**MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN**—In accordance with constitutional practice, I have great pleasure in presenting herewith my third annual report as Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, which contains a brief resume of the work transacted during the past year.

#### PLACE OF MEETING.

We assemble to-day in the beautiful town of Sault Ste. Marie, in the far-famed District of Algoma, standing as it were, half-way between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, at the gateway of the great chain of lakes through which the commerce of half this continent passes, and easily reached by magnificent steamers from all parts of our great lakes, and that well equipped road, the Canadian Pacific Railway, reminding us of the vastness of this great British North-American continent, with its 2,000 miles of fertile land on either side of where we now assemble.

#### GRAND LODGE RETURNS.

Every Provincial Grand Orange Lodge under our jurisdiction has made its annual returns, and from these interesting reports, conclusive evidence is furnished that the year just closed has been one of the most successful in the history of our Association. And although returns from the Grand Lodges are not quite complete, the figures show as follows: by initiation, 4,341; by depositing their certificate of membership, 1,638, and by being reinstated to membership, 520. While our absolute loss has been as follows: by expulsion, 159, and by death, 315. The nett increase being 6,025. It must be a matter of pride and congratulation to all concerned that the veterans of years gone by are still to be found in our ranks, some of whom have served faithfully and true for more than half a century, and also that the young men of to-day are crowding our ranks and emulating each other in their efforts to maintain the glorious principles of civil and religious liberty which were handed down to us after much trial and tribulation.

#### ISSUE OF

Thirty-two new Primary Lodges past year, and distributed as follows:

**ONTARIO WEST.**—No. 129, at 223, at Port Perry; No. 346, at No. 731, at Randwick; No. 793, 1297, in Township of Carling Wallace; No. 1361, at Whiteside Toronto; No. 1392, in Township

**ONTARIO EAST.**—No. 150, at 419, in Township of Smith; No.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**—No. 1624, at 1628, at Amherst; No. 1634, at

**MANITOBA.**—No. 1630, at Total 2.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**—No. 16 ney. Total 2.

**NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.** Grenfell; No. 1625, at Red D Fort Qu'Appelle. Total 5.

#### DIST

Four new District Lodge V Montreal (Suburban), West N

#### NEW

The several Lodges meeting Railway, from Mattawa to Su working north of the Magne County Lodge to be known as the best and brightest workers in newly formed County Lodge, a sation of this Lodge will be of on the work of the Association.

#### O. Y.

Six new Orange Young Briti ence during the past year, large each instance to the M. W. the Lodge of O. Y. B. are men of e cations it would appear as if the old-time prosperity which ma Canada.

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Four Ladies' Lodges have a Hamilton, Brockville, Addison the Ladies' Loyal Orange Bene