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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons
of the Province of Prince Edward Island, commenced its First Annual
Communication in the city of Charlottetown, on Wednesday, the 16th
day of February, A. L., 5876, at 7 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

R. W.,	THOMAS A. MCLEAN,	. Deputy Grand Master.
R. W.,	JOHN MURHEAD,	. . . Senior Grand Warden.
R. W.,	DAVID SMALL, as	. . . Junior Grand Warden.
R. W.,	JAMES D. MASON,	. . . Grand Treasurer.
R. W.,	B. WILSON HIGGS,	. . . Grand Secretary.
R. W.,	ARCHDEACON J. H. READ,	Grand Chaplain.
R. W.,	DUNCAN D. CURRIE,	. . . " "
W.	GEORGE A. AITKEN,	. . . Senior Grand Deacon.
W.	SIMON W. CRABBE, as	. Junior Grand Deacon.
W.	A. NEWTON LARGE,	. . . Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W.	A. W. SMYTHE,	. . . Grand Organist.
W.	BRADFORD D. HOWATT,	Grand Pursuivant.
W.	ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, as	Grand Steward.
	THOMAS SHELDON,	. . . Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer.

The Grand Secretary read a telegram from the M. W. Grand Master,
stating that he was detained by the roads being blocked with snow,
which prevented the trains running.

W. Brothers JOHN W. MORRISON, ADAM MURRAY, and SIMON W. CRABBE, Committee on Credentials, reported from time to time the following Representatives and Members in attendance, and entitled to seats in Grand Lodge, viz:

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1.

DAVID SMALL,	W. M.
A. H. B. MCGOWAN,	J. W.
ADAM MURRAY,	P. M.
J. G. J. WELDON,	P. M.
A. N. LARGE,	P. M.
PHILIP McLAREN,	P. M.
THOMAS A. McLEAN,	P. M.
SIMON W. CRABBE,	P. M.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2.

HENRY W. LONGWORTH,	W. M.
CYRUS MCGREGOR,	S. W.
CHARLES GRILLS,	J. W.
JOHN W. MORRISON,	P. M.
NEIL RANKIN,	P. M.
JAMES D. MASON,	P. M.
AMBROSE L. BROWN,	P. M.
B. WILSON HIGGS,	P. M.
ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,	P. M.
W. W. MCLEOD,	P. M.

KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 3.

JOHN CLAY,	W. M.
WILLIAM T. HUNT,	P. M.
R. H. McDONALD,	P. M.

St. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 4.

GEORGE A. AITKEN,	W. M.
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ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 5.

JOHN BELL,	S. W.
JOHN YEO,	P. M.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE, No. 6.

THOMAS BREHAUT,	W. M.
RICHARD HUNT,	P. M.
DAVID MONTGOMERY,	P. M.

TRUE BROTHERS' LODGE, No. 8.

BRADFORD D. HOWATT,	W. M.
JOHN MUIRHEAD,	P. M.

Minutes of last Communication were read.

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W. Brother, JOHN W. MORRISON, Chairman of the Printing Committee, presented the following Report :

GRAND LODGE,

Charlottetown, Feb'y 16, 1876.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Prince Edward Island :

Your Committee appointed to have the proceedings of Convention and Grand Lodge proceedings to 12th day of August last, published, beg respectfully to submit their Report.

Your Committee employed Messrs. McGowan & Haszard to print the Journals of the Grand Lodge, from its first inception to the last communication. W. Bro. P. S. McGowan having acted as Secretary up to the Election of Officers, would take special pains to see that the work was properly executed. Two hundred copies have been issued and the members of this body have each been furnished with a copy.

Your Committee called for Tenders for the printing of the Constitutions and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and Messrs. Bremner Brothers, being the lowest tender, was accepted. Four hundred copies have been printed and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and they trust will meet with the approval of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. MORRISON,
THOMAS A. MCLEAN,
B. WILSON HIGGS.

The Grand Secretary, as Chairman of the Committee on Warrants and Diplomas, submitted the following Report :

GRAND LODGE,

Charlottetown, Feb'y 16, 1876.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons :

Your Committee appointed on Warrants and Diplomas, beg to report that the new Warrants are now ready, and a Plate and Diplomas have been ordered from Scotland.

Respectfully submitted.

B. WILSON HIGGS,
THOMAS A. MCLEAN.

The Grand Secretary asked to be allowed to defer presenting his annual Report until to-morrow.

A Petition was read by the Grand Secretary from Brother HENRY WILLIAM AITKEN, D. HOOPER MCKINNON, NATHANIEL P. STRAMBERG and others from King Solomon's Lodge, U. D., praying for a Warrant of Constitution.

On motion of W. Brother ADAM MURRAY, it was Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

W. Brother, JOHN W. MORRISON, gave notice that he would, at the next Quarterly Communication, move the following :

Resolved, That the following be added to Section 8 of the Regulations, under the head of Grand Masters, "on Finance and Audit," and also "on Charters." The following to be added to Section 11, under the head of Board of General Purposes, "and shall make a full report of its doings at each Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge."

W. Brother, SIMON W. CRABBE, gave notice that at the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge, he would move that the Annual Communications be held on the third Wednesdays in June, and the Quarterly Communications be held on the third Wednesdays in September, December and March.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING,
17th February, 1876.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at ten o'clock, R. W. Deputy Grand Master in the East.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the Officers of King Solomon Lodge, No. 9, had been installed during recess, by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and the following Representatives and Members were in attendance and entitled to seats and votes in Grand Lodge.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 9.

HENRY W. AITKEN, W. M.
D. HOOPER MCKINNON, S. W.
NATHANIEL P. STRAMBERG, J. W.
ALEXANDER MCKINNON, P. M.

The Grand Secretary read a telegram from the M. W. Grand Master, stating that he hoped to be at Grand Lodge to-morrow morning.

It was moved by the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the Election of Officers of Grand Lodge be appointed to take place to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING,
18th February, 1876.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at ten o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following Annual Address:

BRETHREN:

Such a short period has elapsed since the formation of Grand Lodge, that I have no matters of special importance to bring to your notice at this the first annual communication.

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As directed by resolution of Grand Lodge, a Memorial was addressed to the various Grand Lodges throughout the world, informing them of our inauguration and requesting Masonic recognition by them. Replies have already been received from the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick, Canada, Manitoba, Quebec, Cincinnati, Utah, Montana and New Jersey, tendering fraternal greeting to this Grand Lodge.

In response to the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, I have appointed R. W. Bro. GABRIEL HUDSON FLEWELLING, King's County, New Brunswick, to be the representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. I have recommended W. Bro. J. W. MORRISON, as a suitable Bro. to represent the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near this Grand Lodge.

I have also in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, appointed R. W. Bro. WM. H. WELLER, Deputy Grand Master, to represent the Grand Lodge of P. E. Island at the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec, having asked for an exchange of representatives, I have recommended W. Bro. NEIL MCKELVIE for appointment by that Grand Lodge, and have requested the M. W. Grand Master of Quebec to name a suitable Bro. for appointment to represent this Grand Lodge near his Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, having requested an interchange of representatives, I have recommended R. W. Bro. Deputy G. M. THOS. A. MCLEAN for appointment as the representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of P. E. Island.

These appointments and recommendations will, I hope, meet with the approval and confirmation of Grand Lodge.

Four dispensations have been issued to wear regalia at Masonic entertainments, and six to confer Degrees at shorter intervals than four weeks, to brethren about to leave the Island.

In reference to dispensations for this purpose, I would strongly urge upon Masters of Lodges not to apply for them unless they are aware that there is an actual necessity for so doing. The time required to intervene between the degrees is quite limited enough to obtain that instruction which it is especially necessary every candidate should receive.

The warrants for the different lodges have been prepared and are now ready for forwarding to them.

Agreeably to resolution of Grand Lodge, a dispensation was granted to Brothers HENRY W. AITKEN, NATHANIEL P. STRAMBERG, DAVID HOOPER MCKINNON and others, to form a Lodge to be called "King Solomon," in Charlottetown, this Lodge was immediately organized, and under the management of the leading members composing it, I am of opinion bids fair to be one of our best working and most prominent Lodges.

The shortness of time and the very busy season which has passed since the formation of Grand Lodge, prevented my visiting, as I had hoped to have done, all the Lodges throughout the Island. I have only been enabled to visit those in my own neighborhood. I am happy to report of these, that with some trifling exceptions, I found them well attended and with every appearance of being in a prosperous condition. To the officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year will devolve the pleasure as well as the duty of visiting all the Lodges.

I would suggest to Grand Lodge the necessity of taking steps for the adoption of uniform, ritual and work in the subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction.

Though but a short time since the inauguration of Grand Lodge, I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the success which has attended it.

I regret that in consequence of heavy snow storms in November last, the members of Grand Lodge were unable to attend the Quarterly Communication that was to be held in Summerside, and I did not think it advisable to call an emergent meeting at that busy season of the year, as our annual meeting would come on so soon.

JOHN YEO, G. M.

On motion Bros. W. ADAM MURRAY, R. W. JOHN MUIRHEAD, and W. THOMAS BREHAUT were appointed a committee on the M. W. Grand Master's Address.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted the following report and annexed statement :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Prince Edward Island :

I have the honor to submit my Report of Proceedings, at the Grand Secretary's office, since the erection of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, on the 24th June, 1875.

Immediately after the erection of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued dispensations to the worshipful masters, officers and members of all the subordinate lodges, empowering them to work under the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, until the new warrants were prepared.

I also, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, issued a dispensation to Bros. HENRY W. AITKEN, DAVID HOOPER MCKINNON, NATHANIEL P. STRAMBERG and others, to organize a new lodge under the name of King Solomon, to be held in Charlottetown, U. D.

I forwarded memorials to the M. W. Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and France, and to all the M. W. Grand Lodges on this Continent, informing them of our erection and praying for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

The proceedings of Grand Lodge to 12th August, have been printed and copies sent to all the above named Grand Lodges, and to all the members of this Grand Lodge.

The constitutions and regulations of the M. W. Grand Lodge have been printed, and a copy forwarded to the W. Master of each subordinate Lodge, and orders for a limited number have since been filled.

The new warrants have been delayed for want of parchment, but I am happy to say that they are now ready, having been printed in a very neat manner by Messrs. Bremner Brothers. I superintended the work myself, and as it is likely that the old warrants will be called in by the mother Grand Lodges, I have embodied the names of the first charter members, the names of the W. Masters and Wardens of the different lodges, at the time of the erection of the M. W. Grand Lodge of P. E. Island, in each warrant, also the date on which the original charters were granted, with the names of the Grand Masters. I have also had copies printed to retain as a register.

I wrote to Brother ALEXANDER HAY of Edinburgh, Scotland, enquiring the cost of a plate for diplomas. I received an answer in which he kindly offered to superintend the engraving of a plate, and as there are a number of diplomas now required, I wrote and request-

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ed him to have a plate engraved and forward me a sufficient number of diplomas for present use, and it will be for this Grand Lodge to decide how many more shall be ordered. I also wrote to Bro. HAY to let me know the cost of Grand Lodge jewels.

I have received communications from the following Grand Lodges, recognizing the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island:

M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

"	"	"	Canada.
"	"	"	Quebec.
"	"	"	Manitoba.
"	"	"	Ohio, U. S. A.
"	"	"	Montana, "
"	"	"	Utah.
"	"	"	New Jersey.

I have also received communications from the Grand Secretaries of several Grand Lodges, acknowledging receipt of memorial and proceedings which would be laid before their respective Grand Lodges when they met.

Printed proceedings have been received from the following Grand Lodges:

New Brunswick, from formation until 1875.

Nova Scotia, " " " "

Manitoba, " " " "

Massachusetts, " " " "

Missouri, " " " "

do a bound copy of constitution.

Wisconsin, " " " "

Utah, " " " "

Idaho, " " " "

Ohio, " " " "

California, " " " "

Montana, " " " "

West Virginia, " " " "

Colorado, " " " "

Iowa, " " " "

Also a copy of Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Thirty-Third Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite North Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S., 1874.

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of State of Ohio.

R. W. Bro. T. S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, has written to say that he would like for our Grand Lodge to have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa from the organization to 1873, bound up in five large volumes, if I will inform him what place to express them to. I will attend to this matter when the navigation opens.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, having recommended R. W. Bro. GABRIEL HUDSON FLEWELLING as our representative at and near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and requested that our Grand Master would recommend a brother for appointment as the representative of their Grand Lodge, at and near this Grand Lodge, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued a commission appointing R. W. Bro. GABRIEL HUDSON FLEWELLING, representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and recommended W. Bro. JOHN W. MORRISON for appointment, as the representative of that Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

I received a commission appointing our M. W. Grand Master the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, near this Grand Lodge, and R. W. Bro. W. H. WELLER, Deputy Grand Master of Canada, was recommended by the M. W. Grand Master of Canada, to be the representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, at and near that Grand Lodge.

In accordance with that recommendation, I was directed by the M. W. Grand Master to issue a commission appointing R. W. Bro. W. H. WELLER to be the representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec having offered to exchange representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, I recommended W. Bro. NEIL MCKELVIE, for appointment as their representative near this Grand Lodge, and requested their M. W. Grand Master to name a brother for appointment to represent the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island near that Grand Lodge.

I also, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, in reply to a communication received from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, recommended R. W. Bro. THOMAS A. McLEAN, for appointment as their representative near this Grand Lodge, and requested them to name a brother for appointment, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, near that Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge is under obligations to W. Bro. McKECHNIE, Superintendent of our Island Railroad, for his courtesy to your Grand Secretary, and for his willingness to facilitate the attendance of members to the Grand Lodge Communication, at reduced fares.

Your Grand Secretary cannot bring his report to a close without acknowledging the brotherly kindness of R. W. Bro. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, who has furnished him with all the forms and information necessary to carry out the duties of his office, which was entirely new work to your Grand Secretary.

The returns of the Lodges for the year ending December 27, 1875, have been received, and the names of all the members of the different Lodges registered, showing the total number on the roll to be 584.

Ten dispensations have been issued by the M. W. Grand Master. To confer degrees at short intervals, six, wear regalia at entertainments, four.

The receipts of this office for the year now ended are five hundred and seventy dollars and ninety cents.

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GRAND LODGE OF P. E. ISLAND.

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Fees for members of Grand Lodge,	\$330.00
Annual dues for six months,	111.40
Diplomas and enrolments,	42.00
Dispensation, new lodge,	15.00
New warrant,	10.00
Dispensations,	17.00
Affiliation fees,	3.00
Constitutions,	42.50

\$570.90

B. WILSON HIGGS, Grand Secretary,

In account with M. W. Grand Lodge of P. E. Island.

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Cash received from St. John Lodge, No. 1.	\$106.10
" " " Victoria " 2.	93.10
" " " King Hiram " 3.	46.60
" " " St. Georges " 4.	53.70
" " " Alexandria " 5.	58.70
" " " Mount Lebanon " 6.	82.65
" " " Zetland " 7.	49.40
" " " True Brothers " 8.	55.40
" " " King Solomon " 9.	25.25

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August 14. Cash paid Grand Treasurer \$70.00

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January 17. " " " "	80.00
February 16. " " " "	229.73
" " " " "	191.17

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B. WILSON HIGGS, Grand Secretary.

Charlottetown, P. E. Island, Feb'y 16, 1876.

On motion the following Committee were appointed on Grand Secretary's Report:

W. Bro. NEIL RANKIN, W. Bro. ADAM MURRAY, W. Bro. CHARLES GRILLS.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. W. MORRISON, and

Resolved, That R. W. Bro. B. WILSON HIGGS, Grand Secretary, be paid the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, as Grand Secretary, and for extra services performed by him from the organization of this Grand Lodge to present date.

It was moved by W. Bro. SIMON W. CRABBE, and

Resolved, That the Grand Tyler be paid twenty dollars for his past services.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until 2 o'clock.

2 O'CLOCK, AFTERNOON.

Grand Lodge was called to labor, M. W. Grand Master in the east.

It was moved by W. Bro. PHILIP McLAREN, and

Resolved, That the blank clause in the Constitution relative to the Grand Secretary's salary, be filled in one hundred and fifty dollars.

M. W. Grand Master presented Credentials from the Grand Lodge of Canada, as the representative thereof, near this Grand Lodge, and was duly accredited as such.

Grand Secretary stated that he had received a letter from R. W. Bro. Mason, Grand Treasurer, saying that he was unable to attend Grand Lodge through indisposition, and requested that he would present his annual account:

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

JAMES D. MASON, Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Lodge,

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August 14. To cash per Grand Secretary, \$ 70.00
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January 17. " " " " 80.00

February 16. " " " " 229.73

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August 20. By paid G. B. Drake & Co., seal, 1 \$ 20.24

December " " G. Millner, tin box, 2 7.00

" " " McGowan & Haszard, print'g 3 85.65

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February 15. " " H. A. Harvie, books, 4 3.70

" 16. " " Bremner Bros., constitutions,

etc., 5 102.46

" " warrants, 6 41.70

" " Plate & diplomas, 7 100.00

" " Postage, 8 17.98

" " Laird & Mitchell, advertising, 9 1.00

" " Grand Secretary, salary, 10 150.00

" " " Tyler " 11 20.00

Balance. 21.17

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Charlottetown, P. E. I., February 18, 1876.

On motion the Grand Treasurer's accounts were referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary's report.

The Grand Secretary read a communication just received from the M. W. Grand Master of State of New Jersey, informing the M. W. Grand Master, that at the last communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, fraternal recognition had been extended to the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, and that he had appointed our M. W. Grand Master as the representative of that Grand Lodge, near this Grand Lodge, and recommended R. W. Bro. SAMUEL REED of Mount Holly, N. J., as a suitable brother to represent the Grand Lodge of P. E. Island, near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

W. Bro. W. W. McLEOD gave the following notice to amend the constitution:

I give notice that at the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge, I will move to amend Section One of the Regulations for the government of subordinate lodges under the head of "proposing members," on page 53, by striking out all after the word "Lodge," on the third line of the said paragraph to and including the word "ballot," on the eleventh line of the same, and by substituting the following, "nor until his Grand Lodge Certificate of his former Lodge be produced and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot, as in the case of a petition for membership.

W. Bro. ADAM MURRAY, Chairman of Committee on Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:

THE GRAND LODGE,

Charlottetown, P. E. Island,

February 18th, 1876.

To the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. W. Grand Master, beg to report:

Your Committee are pleased to find that Memorials were addressed to various Grand Lodges throughout the world, and that replies have been received from the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick, Canada, Quebec, Cincinnati, Utah, Montana, and New Jersey, tending fraternal greeting.

Your Committee would recommend for the approval of the Grand Lodge, the several appointments made by the M. W. Grand Master, as representatives to the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick, Canada, Quebec, and Manitoba.

Your Committee quite agree with the M. W. Grand Master in reference to Dispensations for conferring degrees.

Your Committee are also pleased to learn that the warrants for the different lodges on the Island have been prepared, and that a dispensation for a new lodge, to be located in Charlottetown, was issued, which bids fair to be one of our prominent lodges.

Your Committee regret that the M. W. Grand Master has not been able officially to visit all the Lodges on the Island, and agree with him in the necessity of the Grand Lodge taking steps for the adoption of a uniform Ritual.

Your Committee regret that in consequence of snow storms, the November Quarterly Communication was not held in Summerside, and agree with the M. W. Grand Master that as our Annual Communication would so soon take place, that it was not advisable to call an emergent communication at that busy season of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.)

ADAM MURRAY,
THOMAS BREHAUT,
JOHN MUIRHEAD.

Which Report was concurred in.

The hour for the special order, the election of Grand Officers, having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as scrutineers, Bros. JOHN BELL, A. H. B. MCGOWAN and CYRUS MCGREGOR.

On motion of W. Bro. J. W. MORRISON it was

Resolved, That only two Grand Stewards be elected to office.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Bro. JOHN YEO,	M. W. Grand Master.
" THOMAS A. MCLEAN,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" W. T. HUNT,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" George A. AITKEN,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" JAMES D. MASON,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" B. WILSON HIGGS,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
" ADAM MURRAY,	R. W. Grand Lecturer.
" Arch. JOHN H. READ,	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
" Revd. JOHN MCLEOD,	" " "
" " DUNCAN D. CURRIE,	" " "
" " J. W. JOHNSTONE,	" " "
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" B. D. HOWATT,	W. Junior Grand Deacon.
" R. A. CLARKE,	W. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" W. R. ELLIS,	W. Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
" HENRY W. AITKEN,	W. Grand Sword Bearer.
" THOMAS BREHAUT,	W. Grand Standard Bearer.
" JOHN CLAY,	W. Grand Pursuivant.
" N. P. STRAMBERG,	W. Grand Organist.
" ALEXANDER MCKINNON,	W. Grand Steward.
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7 O'CLOCK,

Grand Lodge was called to labor, the M. W. Grand Master in the east.

W. Bro. NEIL RANKIN, Chairman of Committee on Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following:

IN GRAND LODGE,

Charlottetown, P. E. Island,

February 18th, 1876.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of P. E. Island:

Your Committee appointed, to examine the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, would beg to state that in consequence of the short time they had the said Reports in their hands they could only examine the accounts, and comparing them with the several vouchers, they were found to be correct.

The total amount of receipts for the past year being \$570.90. The expenditure, \$549.73, which at this date leaves a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$21.17.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed.)

NEIL RANKIN,
ADAM MURRAY,
CHARLES GREYLLS,

Which Report was concurred in.

Bro. ALEXANDER MCKINNON offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That whereas intemperance is an evil that afflicts humanity and injures society, and whereas our time-honored and beloved institution has through its agency and the indiscretion of some of its members, suffered from its influences, and whereas we regard the excessive use of alcoholic liquors as a violation of the principles of Free Masonry, and as a sin against God, the Grand Artificer of the universe, therefore resolved, that this Grand Lodge records its disapprobation of the custom of having intoxicating drinks at Masonic suppers and festivals.

W. Bro. SIMON W. CRABBE, in accordance with notice given at the last Communication

Moved that that part of the Constitution relative to the election of officers in subordinate lodges, be re-considered, which, on motion, was lost.

R. W. Grand Secretary moved and

Resolved, That R. W. Bro. GABRIEL HUDSON FLEWELLING, our representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, be constituted a permanent member of this Grand Lodge, with the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Warden.

On motion It was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. Bro. W. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, for his kindness in furnishing the Grand Secretary with forms and information which assisted him in carrying out the duties of his office.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed on Ritual, said Committee to report at next Communication.

M. W. Grand Master, in accordance with above resolutions, appointed the following Committee:

Bro. ALEXANDER MCKINNON, Bro. ADAM MURRAY,
" ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, " WILLIAM T. HUNT,
Bro. GEORGE A. AITKEN.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the quarterly Communication in May, be held at Summerside; in August, at Port Hill, and in November at Georgetown.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of its Officers.

The M. W. Bro. JOHN YEO, elected, was duly obligated, invested and installed by W. Bro. JOHN W. MORRISON, P. M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 2, and the Senior Past Master of this Province, and was saluted and proclaimed, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island.

The following Officers being present were installed, invested and proclaimed as follows:

R. W. THOMAS A. McLEAN,	. . . . .	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. WILLIAM T. HUNT,	. . . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. GEORGE A. AITKEN,	. . . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. B. WILSON HIGGS,	. . . . .	Grand Secretary.
R. W. ADAM MURRAY,	. . . . .	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Arch. JOHN H. READ,	. . . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W. DAVID MONTGOMERY,	. . . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS BREHAUT,	. . . . .	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. NATHANIEL P. STRAMBERG,	. . . . .	Grand Organist.
W. JOHN CLAY,	. . . . .	Grand Pursuivant.
W. ALEXANDER MCKINNON,	. . . . .	Grand Steward.
W. RICHARD HUNT,	. . . . .	" "
THOMAS SHEIDOW,	. . . . .	Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until one o'clock, to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING,

One o'clock, 19th Feb'y.

Grand Lodge was called to labor, M. W. Grand Master in the East.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following Committees for the year:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS:

W. Bro. SIMON W. CRABBE, W. Bro. W. WALLACE McLEOD, W. Bro. RICHARD HUNT.

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COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS :

R. W. Bro. ADAM MURRAY. W. Bro. JOHN W. MORRISON, W. Bro. THOMAS BREHAUT.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS :

R. W. Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, W. Bro. ALEXANDER MCKINNON.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES :

M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, (as per Constitution), appointed R. W. Bro. ADAM MURRAY, W. Bro. JOHN W. MORRISON, W. Bro. HENRY W. LONGWORTH, W. Bro. ALEXANDER MCKINNON, W. Bro. RICHARD HUNT, W. Bro. JOHN CLAY, R. W. Bro. JOHN MUIRHEAD, R. W. Bro. JOHN A. MATHESON, W. Bro. DAVID SMALL, W. Bro. R. MUNRO.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes have full power to use their own judgment about procuring Jewels and Regalia for the Grand Lodge.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Brethren of Victoria Lodge for the use of their Hall for the Grand Lodge during this Grand Annual Communication.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. WILLIAM MCKECHNIE, Superintendent of our Island Railroad, for his courtesy to the Grand Lodge, and his kindness in facilitating the attendance of the Members of Grand Lodge, at reduced fares.

No further business appearing, the Minutes of the Convention were read and confirmed, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of Prince Edward Island, was closed in ample form with solemn prayer.

B. Wilson Higgs
Grand Secy

RETURNS OF THE OFFICERS AND PAST MASTERS
OF THE
SUBORDINATE LODGES
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

St JOHN'S LODGE, No 1, CHARLOTTETOWN.

OFFICERS:

David Small, Worshipful Master; Hector McDougall, Senior Warden; A. H. B. McGowan, Junior Warden; W. J. Fraser, Treasurer; G. W. Wakeford, Secretary; Ven. Archdeacon Read, Chaplain; A. Newton Large, Marshal; A. W. Smythe, Organist; Geo. Coombs, Senior Deacon; Donald McKenzie, Junior Deacon; John A. Rowe, Senior Steward; Robert B. Huestis, Junior Steward; H. H. Sampson, Inner Guard; Thomas Sheldow, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

Adam Murray, J. G. J. Weldon, A. N. Large, P. S. McGowan, W. D. Stewart, Philip McLaren, Thomas A. McLean, Simon W. Crabbe, Alexander Stronach.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2, CHARLOTTETOWN.

OFFICERS:

Henry W. Longworth, Worshipful Master; Cyrus McGregor, Senior Warden; Charles Grylls, Junior Warden; William R. Watson, Treasurer; James W. Butcher, Secretary; Rev. John McLeod, Chaplain; Elijah F. Purdy, Marshal; Henry McPherson, Organist; William Bethune, Senior Deacon; William H. Findley, Junior Deacon; Neil Campbell, Senior Steward; Alex. Devine, Junior Steward; Christian Hansen, Inner Guard; Thomas Sheldow, Tyler.

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KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 3, St. ELEANORS.

OFFICERS:

John Clay, Worshipful Master; Richard Baker, Senior Warden; Henry Compton, Junior Warden; Herbert Compton, Treasurer; R. H. McDonald, Secretary; Rev. T. B. McLean, Chaplain; Geo. Compton, Senior Deacon; Philip McLeod, Junior Deacon; Alex. Mangle, Inner Guard; Edward Raynor, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

J. W. Riley, Wm. T. Hunt, Benj. Mills, Stephen McNeill, George Compton, R. H. McDonald.

St. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 4, GEORGETOWN.

OFFICERS:

George A. Aitken, Worshipful Master; Joseph Fairchild, Senior Warden; James W. McDonald, Junior Warden; Angus McPhail, Treasurer; William Wightman, Secretary; Daniel F. Kennedy, Marshal; Duncan McDonald, Senior Deacon; David H. Logan, Junior Deacon; Donald Stewart, Senior Steward; Charles Poole, Junior Steward; John M. Stewart, Inner Guard; Wm. McDonald, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

David Kaye, M.D., William B. Aitken, Roderick Munro, George A. Aitken.

ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 5, PORT HILL.

OFFICERS:

William R. Ellis, Worshipful Master; John Bell, Senior Warden; Henry Newcombe, Junior Warden; John Menyard, Treasurer; Hugh Montgomery, Secretary; James W. Richards, Senior Deacon; Arch. Montgomery, Junior Deacon; Wm. Jenkins, Senior Steward; Arch. Ellis, Junior Steward; David Sullivan, Inner Guard; Arch. McIntosh, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

John Yeo, Hugh A. Ramsay, James Barclay, W. T. Ellis, Wm. R. Ellis, Thomas Adams.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE, No. 6, SUMMERSIDE.

OFFICERS:

Thomas Brehaut, Worshipful Master; Wm. F. Burris, Senior Warden; Wm. Stewart, Junior Warden; Charles B. Saunders, Treasurer;

James Bethune, Secretary; Rev. Charles Fraser, Chaplain; Rev. Jos. Murray, do; Chas. Clarke, Senior Deacon; John Grady, Junior Deacon; Thos. Frizzle, Senior Steward; Newton Lee, Junior Steward; Jas. Whitehead, Inner Guard; Wm. Minto, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

James Gourlie, James Muirhead, Richard Hunt, David Rogers, Thomas Brehaut, Neil McKelvie, David Montgomery.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 7, ALBERTON.

OFFICERS:

Neil Woodside, Worshipful Master; Robert Hockin, Senior Warden; Arch. J. Leard, Junior Warden; R. A. Clark, Treasurer; Joseph L. Dwyer, Secretary; David Gordon, Chaplain; Malcolm Ramsay, Senior Deacon; Benj. Bowness, Junior Deacon; Alex. Matthews, Senior Steward; David Lewis, Junior Steward; Charles McRea, Inner Guard; John McKay, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

Neil Woodside, John A. Matheson, George R. Montgomery, R. A. Clark, Joseph L. Dywer.

TRUE BROTHERS' LODGE, No. 8, TRYON.

OFFICERS:

Bradford D. Howatt, Worshipful Master; Henry W. Robertson, Senior Warden; Alex. Dunbar, Junior Warden; Cyrenius Clark, Treasurer; Robert Leard, Secretary; Rev. Humphrey P. Cowperthwaite, Chaplain; John Muirhead, Marshal; Peter Newson, Senior Deacon; Robert McVitie, Junior Deacon; James R. Reid, Senior Steward; Arch. Shaw, Junior Steward; Oliver B. Wadman, Inner Guard; Aaron Collett, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

Solomon Leard, John Lang, John Muirhead, Rev. J. W. Johnson, Bradford D. Howatt.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 9, CHARLOTTETOWN.

OFFICERS:

Henry W. Aitken, Worshipful Master; D. Hooper McKinnon, Senior Warden; Nathaniel P. Stramberg, Junior Warden; Lemuel Poole, Treasurer; G. A. Huestis, Secretary; Samuel Millner, Senior Deacon; R. D. Pike, Junior Deacon; D. McLennan, Inner Guard; Thomas Sheldow, Tyler.

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Grand Officers & their Addresses

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M. W. Grand Master, . . .	Hon. JOHN YEO,	Port Hill.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master, . . .	THOMAS A. McLEAN,	Charlottetown.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden, . . .	WILLIAM T. HUNT,	Summerside.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden, . . .	GEORGE A. AITKEN,	Georgetown.
R. W. Grand Treasurer, . . .	JAMES D. MASON,	Charlottetown.
R. W. Grand Secretary, . . .	B. WILSON HIGGS,	Charlottetown.
R. W. Grand Lecturer, . . .	ADAM MURRAY,	Charlottetown.
R. W. Grand Chaplain, . . .	Ven. ARCHDEACON READ, . . .	Charlottetown.
" "	REV. JOHN McLEOD,	Charlottetown.
" "	REV. DUNCAN D. CURRIE, . . .	Charlottetown.
" "	REV. T. W. JOHNSON,	Crapaud.
" "	REV. NEIL McKAY,	Summerside.
" "	REV. J. G. CAMERON,	Souris.
" "	REV. THOMAS B. McLEAN, . . .	St. Eleanors.
" "	REV. H. P. COWPERTHWAIT, . .	Tryon.
W. Senior Grand Deacon, . . .	DAVID MONTGOMERY,	Summerside.
W. Junior Grand Deacon, . . .	BRADFORD D. HOWATT,	Crapaud.
W. Grand Dir. of Cerimonies, . . .	ROBERT A. CLARK,	Alberton.
W. Asst. " "	WILLIAM R. ELLIS,	Port Hill.
W. Grand Sword Bearer, . . .	HENRY W. AITKEN,	Charlottetown.
W. Grand Standard Bearer, . . .	THOMAS BREHAUT,	Summerside.
W. Grand Organist, . . .	N. P. STRAMBERG,	Charlottetown.
W. Grand Pursuivant, . . .	JOHN CLAY,	Summerside.
W. Grand Steward, . . .	ALEXANDER McKINNON,	Charlottetown.
W. Grand Steward, . . .	RICHARD HUNT,	Summerside.
Grand Tyler, . . .	THOMAS SHEIDOW,	Charlottetown.

