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NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., August 4th, 1896.

The Grand Encampment assembled in annual session at the Odd-fellows Hall, here, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Grand Encampment was called to order.

PRESENT :

JOHN J. REED.....	Grand Patriarch.
GEORGE ROSS.....	Grand High Priest.
GEORGE BELL.....	Grand Senior Warden.
M. D. DAWSON.....	Grand Scribe.
EDMUND BELTZ.....	Grand Treasurer.
A. H. BLACKEBY.....	} Grand Representatives to Sover-
S. S. MERICK.....	
SAMUEL LAW.....	Grand Junior Warden.
THOMAS COLBY.....	Grand Marshal.
J. D. COLLIP.....	Grand Sentinel.
EDMUND ROBLIN.....	Grand O. Sentinel.

Also Past Grand Patriarchs J. T. Hornibrook, John Welsh, John Gibson, S. S. Merick, Thos. Woodyatt, Joseph Oliver, A. H. Blackeby, Fred. Doggett, John Donogh and Adam Purves.

The Grand Patriarch announced the following as a Committee on Credentials: M. D. Dawson, John Hunter, D. J. Dickson, Wm. Dickie and John Ross.

His Worship Mayor Cole was then introduced, and made the following address of welcome:

*Grand Patriarch and Members of the Grand Encampment of Oddfellows:*

On behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara Falls I extend to you a cordial welcome and would assure you it affords me much pleasure to meet you in Encampment assembled. While not being a member of the Encampment, but as an Oddfellow, I consider the fundamental principles on which the Order is based, and its moral obligations, tend to the highest

principles of manhood, and if continued in it will make of its members better men, better husbands, and better fathers. The organization that seeks to assist the needy, to take care of the sick and provide for the maintenance of the widow and orphan, are carrying out, I consider, some of the great work which has been given by our Creator to mankind, and, if followed out as your Order directs, are bound to succeed. I trust that the reports and business which you are about to consider will meet your greatest expectations, and that the ensuing year will be one of renewed success and further advancement. I hope you all will find time to visit our natural scenery, and while looking on our great Niagara and its surroundings you will all be so benefited in health and vigor that we will have the further pleasure of meeting you here again. I again would extend to you a hearty welcome.

Grand Patriarch J. J. Reed made a very appropriate response.

The Grand Encampment then went into session, non-members retiring.

Grand Scribe Dawson, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report from the Credential Committee, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., August 4th, 1896.

The Committee on Credentials, after examining the necessary Certificates of Representatives-elect, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Credentials report that, from an examination of the Returns of Subordinates and of the Certificates of Representatives-elect, the following named P. C. Patriarchs entitled to seats in this Grand Encampment:

Union	Encampment, No.	
Union	1	Alex. McMillan
Frontier	2	Thos. Jones
"	"	Geo. B. Breen
Harmony	3	John Hunter
"	"	Robt. Wonacott
Brant	4	James C. Spence
"	"	John C. Robson
Charity	5	J. J. Bunting
Burlington	7	W. J. Evans
"	"	Geo. H. Cooper
Toronto	8	Geo. E. Post
"	"	John A. Mills
Brock	9	A. B. Coates
Chatham	10	Wm. Potter
"	"	R. Wing
Ontario	11	Wm. Dickie
Albert	12	Geo. E. Maynard
Fidelity	14	J. T. Nicholls
Kingston	"	Edwin J. Adams
Mount Ararat	16	J. H. Miles
Hebron	"	Geo. Fraser
Quinte	19	J. T. Osborne
Elgin	20	W. T. Collins

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20	Elgin..... C. F. Maxwell
21	Unity..... John Birss
22	Guiding Star..... Robert Chambers
23	Niagara Falls..... W. J. Hamilton
24	Friendship..... S. D. Swift
25	Victoria..... Henry White
26	Alpha..... John Ross
28	Huron..... Chas. A. Nairn
30	Wentworth..... Wm. Forrest
31	Wellington..... Wm. Parker
33	Exeter..... E. J. Spackman
36	Royal..... Geo. G. Henderson
38	Adelphian..... John Barned
41	Dufferin..... John E. Campbell
42	Aylmer..... H. H. McDiarmid
45	Collingwood..... Wm. Williams
46	Saugeen Valley..... Chas. Petteplace
47	Minerva..... Jas. Cochrane
49	Samaritan..... J. K. Master
50	Rehoboth..... James Munro
52	Ridgely..... J. A. Burwash
53	Outaouais..... James Langley
55	Maple Leaf..... Geo. Cheyne
56	Mount Hebron..... Thos. Workman
57	Phoenix..... Alex. Templeton
59	Moira..... M. McDonald
60	Central..... Chas. Hannon
61	Amicus..... E. Beal
62	Galt..... Geo. Turnbull
63	Simcoe..... Chas. Slaght
64	Ivy..... Daniel Denton
65	Eureka..... D. H. McIntosh
66	Hiawatha..... R. M. Roy
67	Aurora..... W. D. Elliott
70	Golden..... N. Schnarr
72	Pictou..... R. McKenzie
73	Pointe Aux Pines..... Geo. M. Baird
74	Amity..... J. P. Weekes
76	Cornwall..... J. A. Finlayson
78	Superior..... W. F. Hogarth
79	Cataragui..... A. E. Kent
80	Stirling..... Geo. L. Scott
81	George B..... H. T. Cowan
82	Mount Sinai..... R. J. Stuart
1	Montreal..... A. E. Abson
2	Moshassuck..... Chas. R. Willis
4	Farnham..... W. S. McCorkill
5	St. John's..... James Black
6	Maple Leaf..... D. J. Dickson

Returns have been received from all Encampments up to 31st December, 1895, except Albert Encampment, No. 12, Bowmanville; Whitby Encampment, No. 13, Whitby; Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, Newmarket; Dresden Encampment, No. 37, Dresden; Mizpah Encampment, No. 54, Barrie; Waba Encampment, No. 58, Arnprior; Trenton Encampment, No. 71, Trenton; Cornwall Encampment, No. 76, Cornwall; and Union Encampment, No. 3, Sherbrooke.

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For the present term, Whitby Encampment, No. 13, Whitby; Quinte Encampment, No. 19, Belleville; Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, Newmarket; Dresden Encampment, No. 37, Dresden; Minerva Encampment, No. 47, Wingham; Mizpah Encampment, No. 34, Barrie; Waba Encampment, No. 58, Arnprior; Forest Encampment, No. 69, Forest; Trenton Encampment, No. 71, Trenton; Nibewin Encampment, No. 75, Chapleau; and Union Encampment, No. 3, Sherbrooke, have not reported.

We find the following Representatives and P. C. P.'s in waiting, and recommend that they be admitted and instructed in the Grand Encampment degree, viz.:

Harmony	Encampment, No.	3	Robert Wonacott
Brant	"	4	James C. Spence
Burlington	"	7	Geo. H. Cooper
Kingston	"	15	Edwin J. Adams
Mt. Ararat	"	16	J. H. Miles
Hebron	"	17	Geo. Fraser
Elgin	"	20	W. T. Collins
Niagara Falls	"	20	C. F. Maxwell
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Royal	"	31	Wm. Parker
Dufferin	"	36	Geo. G. Henderson
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Saugeen Valley	"	45	Wm. Williams
Minerva	"	46	Chas. Petteplace
Rehoboth	"	47	James Cochrane
Outaouais	"	50	James Munro
"	"	53	James Langley
Maple Leaf	"	53	W. J. Stein
Moira	"	55	Geo. Cheyne
Central	"	59	M. McDonald
Galt	"	60	Chas. Hannon
Simcoe	"	62	Geo. Turnbull
Eureka	"	63	Chas. Slaght
Forest	"	65	D. H. McIntosh
Pointe Aux Pines	"	69	Robt. McLaren
Amity	"	73	Geo. M. Baird
Superior	"	74	J. P. Weekes
Stirling	"	78	W. F. Hogarth
Montreal	"	80	Geo. L. Scott
Farnham	"	1	A. E. Abson
St. John's	"	4	W. S. McCorkill
	"	5	James Black

Representatives James Cochrane, from Minerva Encampment, No. 47, Wingham, and J. T. Osborne, from Quinte Encampment, No. 19, Belleville, were present from these Encampments, but their returns have not been received up to the present time.

We would recommend that the previously named Patriarchs be allowed to take their seats as P. C. P.'s and Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. DAWSON,  
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## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following

## COMMITTEES:

- ON DISTRIBUTION.**—Thos. Workman, J. K. Masters, J. A. Finlayson, Geo. M. Baird and Chas. A. Nairn.
- ON FINANCE.**—P. G. P., Jos. Oliver, Alex. McMillan, J. A. Burwash, A. B. Coates and Jas. C. Spence.
- ON DISTRICTS.**—P. G. P., A. H. Blackeby, S. D. Swift, E. J. Adams, Robert Chambers and J. S. Nickolls.
- ON BY-LAWS.**—P. G. P., John Welsh, George P. Breen, Wm. Parker, R. M. Roy, R. McKenzie, Chas. Hannon, D. Denton.
- ON RETURNS.**—P. G. P., John Gibson, John Birss, John Barned, Wm. Williams, A. E. Abson, Jas. Cochrane and Alex. Templeton.
- ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.**—P. G. P., Thos. Woodyatt, Geo. J. Henderson, Chas. Petteplace, James Munro and W. D. Elliott.
- ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.**—E. J. Spackman, W. J. Hamilton, J. J. Buntin, Geo. Cheyne, W. S. McCorkill, M. A. Mills, and John E. Campbell.
- ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.**—P. G. P., F. Doggett, C. R. Willis, Geo. D. Post, R. J. Stuart and N. Schnarr.
- ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.**—Henry White, Wm. Potter, George E. Maynard, W. S. Collins and J. H. Miles.
- ON STATE OF THE ORDER.**—P. G. P., John Donogh, D. H. McIntosh, H. S. Cowan, H. W. McDiarmid and Chas. Slaght.
- ON LEGISLATION.**—P. G. P., S. S. Merick, Thomas Jones, George H. Cooper, C. F. Maxwell and M. McDonald.
- ON JUDICIARY.**—P. G. P., J. T. Hornibrook, Wm. Forrest, J. P. Weekes, Geo. Turnbull and Geo. Fraser.
- ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 1.**—P. G. P., John Donogh, P. G. P., A. H. Blackeby, P. G. P., John Gibson, and Reps. James Langley and John C. Robson.
- ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 2.**—Geo. L. Scott, W. J. Evans, Robt. Wonacott and R. Wing.

The minutes of last session, as printed, were adopted.

The roll was called and absentees noted.

A communication from the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Mississippi, was referred to the Committee on Petitions, asking for aid to build a home for orphans and indigent members.

## REPORTS.

The Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Oddfellows, then submitted their reports in printed form, which were, by resolution, referred to the Committee on Distribution.

## Grand Patriarch's Report.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

**PATRIARCHS:**—In compliance with the duties of the office, I submit my report for the year just ended, a year that has been fraught with uneasiness and business disturbances from threatened foreign complications, and a keen political struggle within our own borders; but to Him who rules and guides the destinies of men and nations, let us return our grateful thanks that the dark clouds are fast passing away, and that here in the live and enterprising town of Niagara Falls, with its wonderful gorge and mighty cataract, here on the line which divides us from our brethren of the great Republic, we are permitted to meet in peace and good-will toward all for our Twenty-seventh Annual gathering, to which I welcome you, in the sincere hope that our meeting will result in increasing the interest of all in the advancement of Patriarchal Oddfellowship.

### CHANGE IN DATE OF MEETING.

The Grand Sire having called a Grand Cantonment of Patriarchs Militant, to be held in the city of Buffalo, N.Y., on Wednesday, the 5th of August, Grand Representative Blackeby proposed the postponement of our meeting for one week, in order to give the Patriarchs an opportunity to attend and take part in the demonstration. This met with the unanimous approval of the Executive, and the Encampments were duly notified of the change by the Grand Scribe. I trust that a large representation will be present from this jurisdiction at what promises to be one of the most brilliant displays yet made by the Militant branch of our Order.

### STATE OF THE ORDER.

The returns for the year show that we have made some progress, and while this is not as pronounced as was expected, it is nevertheless well to remember the exciting period through which we have passed, the consequent depression, and the general uncertainty created in all business affairs; this has, no doubt, had its effect, but, with some notable exceptions, we seem to devote more of our work for the Order to the subordinate Lodges in particular, often forgetting from one Encampment meeting to another, that we are members of the Patriarchal family; every Oddfellow should be a Patriarch, and no occasion should be lost to impress this upon Scarlet Degree members. If we brought that same energy and enthusiasm to the Encampments that we exhibit towards the Lodges, our Branch would not only increase and prosper, but would be an incentive to greater exertions on behalf of the subordinate Lodges, and the best proof of this may be found in the success attending those Encampments which have made special efforts to perfect themselves in the dramatized work, in order that they may confer in an impressive and imposing manner the beautiful degrees of Patriarchal Oddfellowship; their work should be commended by this Grand Encampment, and emulated by all the other Encampments in the jurisdiction.

### INVITATION TO THE GRAND SIRE.

In view of the fact that our meeting this year is held in the town of Niagara Falls, such a short distance from Buffalo, and on the day previous to the great militant demonstration in that city, on your behalf I extended

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an invitation to Grand Sire Stebbins to make us an official visit on his way to Buffalo, and I am pleased to report that he has kindly accepted the invitation. I know you will appreciate this honor from the Grand Sire, and receive him with that loyalty and respect due to his ability and distinguished position in our Order.

#### DEATHS.

As the years go by we are constantly reminded, by the increasing death roll, of man's mortality, high and low, rich and poor; there is no exception, all must submit to the inevitable decree. Among the many members whose loss we have to mourn during the past year, I have to announce the deaths of

PAST GRAND PATRIARCH JOHN HAM PERRY  
AND

PAST GRAND PATRIARCH DR. FRANCIS RAE.

Bro. Perry died at his home in Whitby, on Wednesday morning, March the 25th, and Bro. Rae at his home in Oshawa, on Friday, April the 8th.

It is with deep regret I have to report that I was unable to pay a last tribute of respect to the remains of Bro. Perry, as I was not aware of his death until too late, otherwise this Grand Encampment would have been represented at his funeral. At my request, Past Grand Patriarch Hornibrooke attended the funeral of Bro. Rae, as representative of this Grand Body, and a floral pillow was sent as a token of the respect in which he was held by this branch of the Order. I would request that you now take such appropriate action, as in your judgment will commemorate their services, and signify the loss sustained by this Grand Encampment.

#### REGISTER OF MEMBERS.

We have in attendance at each annual session many members whose names do not appear in the Journal. I would suggest the advisability of providing a register in which each officer, representative, member, and visitor should record his name, rank, and the Encampment to which he belongs, the names to be afterwards arranged alphabetically and printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

#### PHOTOGRAVURES OF PAST OFFICERS.

The last Journal of Proceedings contained photogravures of several Past Grand Patriarchs. I trust this action will meet with your approval, and that you will authorize the Grand Scribe to continue this feature, giving him discretion to include the photogravures of other members, whose services to this branch of the Order he may deem worthy of such recognition.

#### MAPLE LEAF ENCAMPMENT, No. 6, QUEBEC CITY.

On the 20th November, 1895, I received the following communication:—

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F.,

BALTIMORE, MD., Nov. 14th, 1895.

*John J. Reed, Esq., Grand Patriarch, Montreal, Que. :*

DEAR SIR AND BRO. :—Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 6, city of Quebec, applied to be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, and the Grand Sire has granted the request, provided the jurisdiction is accepted by the Grand Encampment or Grand Patriarch of Ontario.

Please advise Lyon Silverman, D.D.G.S., Montreal, and also this office, of your decision. The transfer, if made, will date from January 1st, 1896.

Yours fraternally,

THEO. A. ROSS,

GRAND SECRETARY.

Following the precedents already made, I accepted the jurisdiction on behalf of the Grand Encampment.

#### CORRESPONDENCE RE NEW ENCAMPMENTS.

I regret that no new Encampments have been instituted during the year, although considerable correspondence has taken place with members of the Order in many places where large and successful Lodges are located. I trust that the incoming officers will continue this work, being satisfied that persistent efforts will eventually result in the addition of many new Encampments to the roll. Among those places best able to support Encampments are: Smith's Falls, Harrietsville, Fergus, Renfrew, Tilsonburg and North Bay.

#### ENCAMPMENTS RESUSCITATED.

If we have not succeeded in adding any new Encampments to the roll during the year, several of those reported dormant at the last session have been resuscitated, and I desire to acknowledge the work of the Patriarchs who took the most active part in this important duty.

Bowmanville.—Through the efforts of the late Past Grand Patriarch, Dr. Rae, and P. C. P., George Maynard, Albert, No. 12, has resumed work, and we look to it to make rapid progress. On the recommendation of P. G. Patriarch Rae, I remitted the indebtedness of this Encampment to the Grand Encampment.

Newmarket and Barrie.—Thanks to Grand High Priest Ross, and Grand Representative Blackeby, Newmarket, No. 32, Newmarket, and Mizpah, No. 54, Barrie, have again started, and promise to do some good work the coming year.

Cornwall.—Cornwall, No. 76, has also resumed, and having a large membership to draw from, its success should be assured. I am under many obligations to Patriarchs Hermiston and Watson for their assistance in this connection.

#### CHARTERS RECALLED.

Early in March, being informed that the paraphernalia of Brussels Encampment (defunct) had been taken from the Lodge room, and used at a skating carnival held in the town, I requested Thos. J. Elliott, D.D.G.P., of Wingham, to proceed at once to Brussels and claim the effects of the Encampment, and to forward them to the Grand Scribe. I have to thank Patriarch Elliott for the prompt and efficient manner in which he performed this duty. In his report he states that the Encampment is indebted to Western Star Lodge in the sum of \$30.00 for rent, and that the Lodge would accept three of the Encampment robes in settlement of their claim.

As it was found impossible to place Columbian, No. 77, Prescott, on a working basis, the members seeming unwilling to make another effort, the effects were claimed by D. D. G. P. Ackland, and forwarded to the Grand Scribe.

The effects of Livingstone, No. 29, Thorold, have also been reclaimed, and are now in possession of the Grand Scribe.

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### DISMISSAL CERTIFICATES.

Dismissal certificates were granted to P. C. P., John Campbell, Seaforth, No. 27, Seaforth, and Patriarch Peter Steep, Livingstone, No. 29, Thorold, both Encampments having ceased to exist.

### DISPENSATIONS.

An application received from Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55, Woodstock, for a dispensation to admit members at a lower rate of admission than provided by the Constitution, was refused.

I granted a dispensation to Chatham Encampment, No. 10, Chatham, to confer degrees on members of Pointe Aux Pins Encampment, No. 73, Blenheim.

### OFFICERS' REGALIA.

No regalia having been provided for the officers of this Grand Body they are placed at a decided disadvantage when making official visits. Your attention is called to the matter, in the hope that suitable collars will be obtained for the use of the officers.

### COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS.

I appointed the following Committee:—Grand Rep. A. H. Blackeby, Galt; S. D. Swift, Petrolia; F. B. Jeffery, Stratford; W. J. Graham, Toronto; and R. Meek, Kingston. The report of the Committee will be laid before you for your consideration.

### CHARTERS ISSUED.

Charters were issued to Guiding Star Encampment, No. 22, Lindsay; George B. Encampment, No. 81, Ottawa; Mount Sinai Encampment, No. 82, Norwood, and Cornwall Encampment, No. 76, Cornwall.

### OFFICIAL VISITS.

I regret that it was impossible to make as many official visits as I would have liked, for of all the duties appertaining to the office of Grand Patriarch, this duty is the most pleasing, interesting and instructive, giving him, as it does, an opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of so many members. I may here state that in connection with my official visits, I shall not soon forget the uniform kindness and consideration with which I was everywhere received.

Montreal.—Accompanied by D. D. G. P. Willis, I paid my first official visit to Moshassuck, No. 2, on Thursday evening, Nov. 28th, 1895, and had the pleasure of meeting Past Chief Patriarchs Marriage, C. R. Willis and Millar, and about fifteen of the members. Two candidates were admitted, with promises of more in the near future. This Encampment has not been making the progress it should have made, and as the position of its principal members would lead us to expect, but we look for a revival of interest and some decided advance.

St. John's.—January 13th, 1896, I visited St. John's, No. 5, on which occasion a team from Montreal Encampment was present and conferred the Patriarchal degree on four candidates. This Encampment being located in a town whose inhabitants are principally French, will not show much increase, but what is wanting in numbers is fully made up in enthusiasm.

Hamilton.—March 23rd I had an opportunity of meeting the members of Burlington, Wentworth and Royal Encampments, it being the regular meeting night of Burlington. I was accompanied by George Ross, G.H. P.; A. H. Blackeby, G.R.; A. Fraser, P.G.P.; P. McCandlish, P.D.D.G. P.; and W. H. Knowles, D.D.G.P. As I anticipated, there was a large attendance of members, and I witnessed the Patriarchal degree exemplified in an impressive manner; the floor work would have been much more effective but for the limited room.\* After the meeting I was the recipient of a banquet, and shall always remember the hospitality of the Patriarchs of the district of Hamilton.

St. Catharines.—I arranged with D. D. G. P. Reilly for a special meeting of Union, No. 1, to be held on Tuesday, March 24th, and found, on my arrival at the Encampment, about fifteen Patriarchs, among whom were P. G. P. Purvis, P. C. P.'s McMillan, Walker, Parnell, Grote, Leitch and Swinton. Having heard of this old and wealthy Encampment, I had expected a very much larger attendance, and was therefore somewhat disappointed; however, if the meeting was small, it was interesting, and I look for the members to take hold and show the Order in general, and this Branch in particular, that Union, No. 1, still leads, and is, in fact, number one. If the members were few in number at their meeting, their hospitality was large. I was entertained right royally, and can only wish that the members will manifest as much interest in the work of advancing the Patriarchal branch as they did in showing their good will to the Grand Patriarch.

St. Thomas.—Being unable to meet the Patriarchs of St. Thomas on a regular meeting night, I arranged through the D. D. G. P. for a special meeting, to be held on the evening of Wednesday, March 25th. I found on my arrival at the depot P. G. P. Doggett, and P. C. P. Ferguson, to whom I desire to express my thanks. The meeting was largely attended, both by members of Elgin Encampment, St. Thomas, and Aylmer Encampment, Aylmer. Among those present were P. G. P. Doggett, P. C. P.'s Ferguson, Maxwell, Murray, Allen, Cole, Keiper, Forbes, Vickery, Welkson and Housbye, of Elgin; and Warnock, Caron, Monteith, Dawson, Watson and Bridge, of Aylmer. I was glad to meet so many of the prominent members of these Encampments, and trust my visit will prove as profitable to them as it was pleasant to me. Hospitality being a cardinal principle of Patriarchal Oddfellowship, as might be expected, is not only taught but practised in this district of our jurisdiction, as the reception and banquet tendered the Grand Patriarch afford ample evidence.

Toronto.—Thursday evening, March 26th, I visited Rehoboth, No. 50, and by arrangement of D. D. G. P. Robinson, Toronto, No. 8, was also present. The meeting was largely attended, and I had the pleasure of meeting among others P. C. P. King, Grand Secretary, P. C. P.'s Graham, C. Blackett Robinson, Holmes, Munro, Mills, Grand Marshal Colby, D.D.G.P. Robinson and McCormick. The Patriarchal degree was exemplified, and two candidates admitted. The work was well done, and I congratulate the members, and shall expect both Encampments to show large increases. The business of Rehoboth being concluded, a joint meeting was held, with the D. D. G. P. in the chair. The Patriarchal branch should make much more decided progress in the "Queen City" than it has done in the past, and we trust the members will see to it that our branch of the Order is not overlooked, but kept constantly and prominently before the members of the subordinate Lodges. Your Grand Patriarch was tendered a banquet, and the numbers present were only limited by the size of the room, all space being occupied. The kindness and enthusiasm with which I was received

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touched me deeply, and my visit to Toronto shall be remembered as one of the most pleasing duties which I performed while Grand Patriarch.

**Belleville.**—Not being able to meet the Patriarchs of Belleville on any of their regular meeting nights, I asked D. D. G. P. Cooper to arrange for a special meeting for Friday evening, the 27th March, and arriving about noon, was met by a delegation which escorted me to the hotel, and the afternoon was spent in driving through the city. This gave me an opportunity of seeing their busy and enterprising place. The meeting, while not large, showed the material which composed the Order, and I know that with such members as P. C. P.'s Cooper, D.D.G.P., Grand Sentinel Collip, Ketcheson, Elvins, Bull, Brown, Nelson, Young, Bowen, McDonald, Osborne, Clarke, and C. P.'s McKeown and Parks, all that is necessary is a little reminder to make these Encampments take the lead in the advancement of Patriarchal Oddfellowship in this jurisdiction. Moira and Quinte Encampments are in good hands, and progress can be depended on for the coming year. I have to acknowledge the many courtesies received from the Patriarchs on this occasion, not the least of which was the banquet tendered at the close of the meeting. I have also to thank all those Patriarchs who, at considerable inconvenience to themselves, contributed in so full a measure to my entertainment.

**Cornwall.**—On Friday evening, July 10th, I visited Cornwall Encampment, No. 76, and had the pleasure of meeting the members. I feel confident that this Encampment will soon become one of the best in the jurisdiction. I am indebted to P. C. P. Wilson, of Montreal, for his assistance on this occasion.

### DECISIONS.

The By-laws of an Encampment provide that "any Patriarch of this Encampment who has been a contributing member of the R. P. Degree for one year, etc." "A Patriarch who has not attained the R. P. Degree, but yet has been a contributing member for over one year, and good on the books, is taken sick," is he entitled to benefits? No, not until he has complied with the By-laws and received the R. P. Degree.

The By-laws of an Encampment read: "Every Patriarch in good standing, who has been six months a member of this Encampment, and not been under suspension for three months, shall, if sick and unable to prosecute his ordinary occupation, be entitled to receive \$1.50 per week, etc." A Brother is initiated and takes sick three months after his admission, and such sickness continues until after the six months, is the Patriarch entitled to benefits? Yes, the same to date from the expiration of the six months.

Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 6, was instituted October 17th, 1895. Will the officers then installed be entitled to the honors at the end of December, 1895? The Encampment having been instituted "during the last half of a regular term," the officers will have to hold office until June 30th, 1896, to be entitled to the honors.

In December I was asked if the amendment excluding saloon keepers, bar-tenders, and professional gamblers, applied only to those who were not Oddfellows, or if it applied to Scarlet Degree members, and prevented them from receiving the Encampment Degree? I decided that Scarlet Degree members so engaged were not eligible for Encampment membership. This has since been reversed by a decision of the Grand Sire, that if a Brother was so engaged when the law was passed it did not apply; but that if he

has so engaged since the law was passed, he is not eligible to advancement, but is liable to expulsion from the Order.

The By-laws of an Encampment require the payment of dues half-yearly in advance. A Patriarch falls sick on July 18th, and pays his dues on July 20th, is the Patriarch entitled to benefits? Yes. A Patriarch is entitled to benefit until he is more than three months in arrears.

Is there any "limit of age" beyond which a suspended Patriarch cannot apply for reinstatement? No. A Patriarch suspended for N. P. D. can apply for reinstatement at any time, without regard to his age, but it is not imperative upon the Encampment to reinstate him.

The By-laws of an Encampment provide that the sum of ten dollars be paid to a member on the death of his wife. Is this legal? As the Constitution for subordinates is silent on the question, I decided the same was legal.

A Patriarch was elected C. P. in December, 1889; installed February 27th, 1890, and sat as C. P. two nights, the balance of the term being filled by P. C. P. s. Is the Patriarch entitled to the rank of P. C. P.? No. New Digest, 1,007.

#### APPEALS.

I have no appeals to report.

#### AUDITORS.

I appointed P. G. P. Frank Riddell and P. C. P. Ferguson auditors for the present year.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of the year has been somewhat larger than expected, but I endeavored to answer promptly all communications received.

#### PROCLAMATIONS.

During the year two proclamations were issued, copies of which are hereto annexed.

#### DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The District Deputies were appointed immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Encampment, and their commissions forwarded to them. Their reports as far as received are hereto annexed.

#### THANKS.

I desire to record my thanks to Grand Rep. Blackeby, P. G. P. Hornibrooke, G. H. P. Ross, P. C. P. Parnell, Grand Treas. Beltz, Grand Scribe Dawson, and the many other Patriarchs who assisted me during the year.

#### CONCLUSION.

I cannot conclude this report without expressing to you my grateful thanks for the honor conferred, and trust that my successor will receive the same unflinching support in the discharge of the duties of the office, that has been so willingly accorded to me, not only by the officers, but by the membership at large.

May our meeting to-day result in good to us all; draw us closer together in the bonds of fellowship, and may we part with renewed enthu-

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Fraternally submitted,

JOHN J. REED,  
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APPENDIX "A."

OFFICE OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17th, 1896.

To the Subordinate Encampments, I. O. O. F.:

PATRIARCHS.—Your attention is called to the appended Proclamation of Grand Sire Stebbins, regarding the printing, purchasing, or offering for sale, of any of the supplies published in the "List of Supplies" furnished by the S. G. L., as found on the last leaf of the Revised Journal.

I do this merely as a precautionary measure, believing the Encampments in this jurisdiction have always obtained their supplies in the regular way, and in strict accordance with the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

M. D. DAWSON,

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JOHN J. REED,

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SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS, OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

PROCLAMATION.

To whom it may concern:

WHEREAS, Many reports have been received at this office, stating that Subordinate Bodies and individual members of the Order are printing and offering for sale, various of the supplies published in the "List of Supplies" furnished by the S. G. L., and appearing on the last leaf of the Revised Journal, and

WHEREAS, All such printing and offering for sale of any of such supplies is in violation of the law of the S. G. L., as found on page 6278 of the R. J. of 1874, which reads as follows:

"All Grand and Subordinate Bodies and individual members thereof of this Order are hereby directed to refrain from printing, publishing and issuing any article entered upon the list of supplies that form a part of the source of revenue of this Grand Lodge."

Also the sharp reiteration of that law to be found on pp. 6657 and 6704 of the Journal of 1875, which reads as follows:

"Grand and Subordinate Bodies and Individuals, who shall print and circulate any forms or ceremonies of this Grand Lodge that constitute a source of revenue to its treasury, will be deemed guilty of an offence against the laws of the Grand Lodge"; they standing as the Grand Law of the S. G. L.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed that all such illegal printing and sale of each and every of the supplies published in said "List of Supplies" at once cease; and all Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, Grand Assemblies of the Rebekah Branch, and Departments of the Patriarchs Militant, and their respective Grand Officers, are directed to notify their Subordinates, and to see that all such illegal printing and sale cease immediately, under penalty of the law above declared.

Done at the city of Rochester, State of New York, this 24th day of December, 1895.

THEO. A. ROSS, GRAND SECRETARY. J. W. STEBBINS, GRAND SIRE.

#### APPENDIX "B."

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION, GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I.O.O.F.  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH.

*To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Encampments:*

GREETING,—In conformity with established usage, and the Proclamation of the Grand Sire enjoining all Grand and subordinate bodies to devote and celebrate the twenty-sixth of April, 1896, the Seventy-seventh Anniversary of our Order, by appropriate exercises, in commemoration of the day, and to public thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us, individually and collectively, during the year. Now, therefore, I, John J. Reed, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F., by virtue of authority in me vested, do earnestly enjoin all Encampments working under our jurisdiction, to assemble at some convenient place on the Twenty-sixth day of April (or, it being Sunday, the Twenty-fifth or Twenty-seventh day of April, as may be selected), and appropriately celebrate the Seventy-seventh Anniversary of our Order.

I would particularly impress upon all Patriarchs the importance of having our branch of Oddfellowship given special prominence, and hereby grant a dispensation to all Encampments and Patriarchs of this jurisdiction to use the name and regalia of the Order at said Anniversary without further authority.

Dated at Montreal, Que., this second day of March, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Order the seventy-seventh year.

Attest:

M. D. DAWSON, GRAND SCRIBE. JOHN J. REED, GRAND PATRIARCH.

The ceremony authorized to be observed at the celebration of the Anniversary of the Order may be obtained from the Grand Scribe.

#### APPENDIX "C."

##### REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

J. A. Burwash, Jarvis.—As you will see by the report, we have had a fair increase, both in members and assets, and trust that next term we will do better.

Daniel Henwood, Napanee.—I am obliged to say that practically nothing has been done the past six months by way of adding to our membership.

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George Breen, Windsor.—I am very glad to be able to report an increase this year in our membership, and everything looks favorable for a larger increase next year. Our staff is working well under the guidance of S. T. Reeves, and there is lots of work for them to do.

D. Ackland, Brockville.—I am sorry not being able to report an increase this term, but our Encampment is in a good healthy condition, and I trust that the coming term will show a marked increase in membership. We have plenty of good material, but times have been such that it was about all the Brothers could do to keep up the subordinate. I have to chronicle the death of two of our highly respected Patriarchs, John Briggs and James McCallum.

C. Mills, Teakle, Quebec.—I have nothing particular to report. Our membership is now 21.

R. J. Stuart, Norwood.—I have nothing of importance to report, times have been hard, and members of the subordinate Lodge do not feel like increasing their expenses. We, however expect, a revival this coming term, and have now several candidates in view.

Chas. Roberts, Essex.—As will be seen from our report, Central, No. 60, has not been very prosperous the past term, and I cannot attribute it to anything else than want of attendance and carelessness on the part of the members. I hope some scheme will be devised by the Grand Encampment to make the meetings of the Encampments more interesting.

Thos. S. Smith, Chatham.—On account of the hard times our Encampment has not gained many members this term. We initiated 11, but the large number of suspensions for N. P. D. go hard against us. Our team is still in good working order, having visited Sarnia during the winter, and conferred degrees on some twenty members. I think they will show the largest gain in the West.

N. D. McCallum, Carleton Place.—The most encouraging report I can give of Eureka, No. 65, is that it is still in existence. A number of the Patriarchs are desirous of surrendering the Charter, but there are about 15 who wish to continue, and it is likely the regular meetings will be held as usual for this term.

A. McFarlane, Otterville.—I regularly installed the officers of Amicus, No. 61, Norwich, and found everything going along smoothly. I don't see why this Encampment should not move forward during the next term. The difficulty experienced here, and I have no doubt in other small towns, is the migratory citizens who come in large numbers when times are good, many join our Order, and then when business slackens they move away, and a great many allow themselves to be dropped, through neglect to send their dues.

J. D. Reilly, St. Catharines.—On the evening of July 7th I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Union, No. 1, St. Catharines, and performed the same duty on the evening of the 8th in Niagara Falls Encampment, No. 23. At Niagara Falls I was assisted by P. C. P.'s McMillan, Swinton and Walker.

W. Brunswick Robinson, Toronto.—It is with great pleasure I have to report that both Toronto Encampments are steadily increasing in membership, notwithstanding the industrial depression and bicycle craze, the increase being forty-four for both Encampments for the year. New regalia and paraphernalia have been purchased, and the degrees are conferred every evening by the respective teams. I have to report that

this district has sustained a great loss by the removal of Past Grand Patriarchs Donogh and Oliver to Tonawanda, N.Y. During the term I have had the good-will of all the Patriarchs, and in particular my predecessor, C. B. Robinson; and, in retiring from the office, wish them all God speed.

H. J. Willis, Montreal.—It gives me great pleasure to report that both Montreal Encampment, No. 1, and Moshassuck, No. 2, have added to their membership the past year. Montreal unfortunately lost one member by death and two by withdrawal cards. This Encampment is strong financially, having assets amounting to over \$700.00. Moshassuck, No. 2, is also on a sound financial basis. Outside of the usual installations, I have not been called upon for any other official duties. Peace and harmony prevail, and the members of both Encampments are fully alive to their duties as members of the Patriarchal branch of our Order.

T. Pellow, Walkerton.—As you will see by the report, Saugeen Valley, No. 46, is in good standing financially, and although it is hard to keep a large membership in small towns, we hope to get new life into our Encampment and show up better next year.

John T. Perry, Stratford.—I have to report an exceptionally good six months for Charity Encampment, No. 5, and the prospects for the coming term promise equally well. At the installation last Friday there was a large attendance, and an apparent desire on the part of the members to do all they can for the advancement of Patriarchal Oddfellowship. A fraternal visit from the Galt team had the effect of creating much enthusiasm here, and with beneficial results.

A. E. Hasley, Brantford.—Brant Encampment, No. 4, is in a very prosperous condition, and shows every promise of continued prosperity. During the term \$325.00 was invested in regalia and paraphernalia, and we are now thoroughly well equipped in this respect, and will not require to make any further expenditure on this account for some years to come. I hope the whole jurisdiction will make an equally good showing.

R. W. Sugden, Oshawa.—I am pleased to report that the work done by Ontario Encampment, No. 11, has been very good. We have been active, and have increased both in numbers and finances. I may state that the proposed District system is very unpopular with us on account of the expense, and very limited powers.

George Lucas, Sarnia.—During the year I have visited Dufferin Encampment, No. 41, Point Edward, quite frequently; it is fairly prosperous considering the place, and the many changes made by the railroad company. Alpha, No. 26, of which I am a member, had quite a boom this term, having increased from thirty-five to fifty-eight; and we have to thank Chatham Encampment team for coming up to Sarnia and working the degrees in such a splendid manner.

F. P. Leake, Ingersoll.—Unity, No. 21, as you will see by the report, has not been very prosperous the past year, as regards membership, but we are doing well otherwise; have a good Encampment, and the coming year is likely to be a successful one, on account of new members in the subordinate Lodge, a number of whom are about to enter the Encampment.

H. T. Cowan, Ottawa.—The membership of the Encampments under my care has not increased as largely as I had anticipated at the commencement of the year. The dormant condition of the Militant Branch

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here, represented by Outaouais Canton, No. 9, has been a drawback to the Patriarchal Branch, but we expect now that the Canton has re-organized, its effects for good will be just as surely felt. The Rebekah Branch also absorbed the attention of many members of the subordinate Lodges to such an extent during the past year that it was difficult to interest them in the other branches of the Order. Though our increase is small we have solid foundations, and will yet rear very strong Encampments. Outaouais and George B. are working harmoniously together, and are considering the advisability of adding to their present paraphernalia, that they may render the work in more amplified form. Both Encampments possess plenty of talent, and expect to become second to none in the jurisdiction. The Encampments have passed resolutions strongly supporting the idea of an Oddfellows' Home for this jurisdiction, and would be in sympathy with any appropriation made by the Grand Encampment at the coming session towards the establishment of such a Home.

J. Henry Brown, Woodstock.—Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55, has been at a stand still for one or two terms, but we have done some work lately on its behalf, the outcome of which is seven applications since the last inst., and we are looking for a prosperous year.

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## Grand Scribe's Report.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:*

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**PATRIARCHS.**—Another year has closed, and we meet again to welcome one another in annual convention and legislate for the common good. Two Past Grand Patriarchs have gone to the Great Beyond. Their familiar faces and earnest labors are done, and we will miss their loving welcomes. Both did good work in this branch of the Order, and I can never forget the pleasant associations I had with them. John Ham Perry was a brilliant man, inspired with wonderful energy and an exceptional good speaker. He had the happy faculty of saying pleasant things, and adapting himself to his surroundings. I first met him in Oddfellowship, and he was a firm friend for over a quarter of a century. He instituted Unity Encampment, No. 21, Ingersoll; Guiding Star Encampment, No. 22, Manilla; Niagara Falls Encampment, No. 23, Niagara Falls; Friendship Encampment, No. 24, Petrolia; and Victoria Encampment, No. 25, Port Hope, and conferred the degrees on sixty-three candidates at their institution. He visited every one of the Encampments in the Province besides being present at all public demonstrations of the Order during the year, and his good work was felt throughout the jurisdiction for years afterwards.

Past Grand Patriarch Dr. Rae died very suddenly. It came as a shock when I read the announcement in the metropolitan press. He was a man of good presence, with fine attainments, and will be sadly missed in this Province. He was Mayor of Oshawa for many years in succession, and at his death was President of the Provincial Board of Health. In this Grand Encampment his memory will be long treasured by the older members. Naturally a gentleman he endeared himself to the hearts of every member. He had Oddfellowship at heart, and seldom was his familiar face absent from our annual sessions. Everybody welcomed him, and both branches of the Order to-day mourn his loss. He was Grand Patriarch in 1881-82, and did most efficient work during his term of office.

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### GOOD OF THE ORDER.

The year just closed has been in many respects a notable one. Business has been very much depressed, and in many places it has been difficult for members to keep up their membership. In some localities suspensions for N. P. of D. have prevailed, but throughout the jurisdiction we have had in the aggregate a fair increase. Our membership is increasing.

The following Encampments have not yet reported for December, 1895:—Albert Encampment, No. 12, Bowmanville; Whitby Encampment, No. 13, Whitby; Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, Newmarket; Dresden Encampment, No. 37, Dresden; Mizpah Encampment, No. 54, Barrie; Trenton Encampment, No. 71, Trenton; Superior Encampment, No. 78, Fort William; and Union Encampment, No. 3, Sherbrooke, Que. Columbian Encampment No. 77, Prescott, has ceased to exist. Some of the above will very likely make both returns together. Notwithstanding these omissions we have made a fair advance.

The Standing Committee on By-laws have, since last session, approved amendments to By-laws of Mt. Ararat Encampment, No. 16, Napanee; also By-laws of Unity Encampment, No. 21, Ingersoll; Adelpian Encampment, No. 38, London; By-laws of Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55, Woodstock; and Stirling Encampment, No. 80, Stirling.

I had 600 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of last year printed and distributed, as in previous years. I had a number of them bound in cloth, which, although making them somewhat more expensive, is a much better job, and are more likely to be kept. I also had a number of portraits of P. G. P.'s published, and hope to be able to secure the balance of them for the coming Journal. Trust that this action may meet the sanction of this Grand Encampment.

The effects of Livingstone Encampment, No. 29, Thorold; Banner Encampment, No. 43, Harriston; Brussels Encampment, No. 40, Brussels; and Columbian Encampment, No. 77, Prescott, have been returned. The paraphernalia of Brussels Encampment, No. 40, although extinct for years, is in splendid condition. I understand the subordinate Lodge has made some claim for the effects on account of rent. It is a pity to have those goods packed away for moths to destroy.

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## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

The following figures will give the progress of the Encampment branch during the six months ending June 30th, 1896, or as far as it is possible to give it:—

Initiated .....	174
Admitted by card .....	3
Reinstated .....	30
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>207</b>

From which deduct:

Withdrawn by card.....	11
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	95
Suspended for cause.....	2
Expelled.....	—
Deceased.....	13
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>121</b>
<b>Increase for the six months</b> .....	<b>86</b>

The following is the abstract of the semi-annual returns for the year ending December 31st, 1895:

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

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Newmarket.....	33	59	3	14 1/2	29 00	100 70	29 00	9 55 85	14 75	100 70	100 70
Kenna.....	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Keppel.....	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dresden.....	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Adelphi.....	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Avon.....	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Avon.....	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Colling wood.....	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Pleasant.....	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Green Valley.....	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Samarian.....	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rehoboth.....	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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St. George.....	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. George.....	94	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. George.....	95	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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St. George.....	97	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. George.....	98	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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## STATISTICS.

The following summary from the returns will give our Membership and standing December 31st, 1895 :

Number of members, as per last Report.....		3,472
Initiated during the year ending 31st December, 1895.....	252	
Admitted by card.....	28	
Reinstated.....	27	
		397
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>3,779</b>
From which deduct—		
Withdrawn by card.....	33	
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	209	
Suspended for cause.....	0	
Expelled.....	2	
Deceased.....	36	
		280
<b>In Membership December 31st, 1895.....</b>		<b>3,499</b>
Number of Patriarchs relieved.....	324	
Number of weeks sickness for which Benefits were paid..	1,768	
Amount paid for Burying the Dead.....	\$ 315 00	
Amount of Special Relief.....	166 75	
Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.....	35 00	
Amount paid for the Relief of Patriarchs.....	3,097 44	
		3,614 19
<b>Total amount of Relief paid.....</b>		<b>\$3,614 19</b>
Invested Funds of Subordinates.....	\$20,500 00	
<b>Total amount of Annual Revenue.....</b>		<b>10,358 37</b>

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## FINANCES.

The finances of the Grand Encampment are not as strong as they have been for two or three years past. Meeting more in the centre of the jurisdiction this year will be a saving, and by being careful of what we have, I trust there will be sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses of the session, but not the printing of the Journal.

## ASSETS.

The following statement is an exhibit of cash due from subordinates on December 31st, 1895. This includes the Capitation Tax, which is not payable until the beginning of the year. A summary of stock on hand is also added :

Amount due by Subordinates .....		\$919 48
9 Charters, @ \$1.00.....		\$ 9 00
40 Copies of Books of Laws, @ \$0 30.....		12 00
8 Registration Books, @ 1 00.....		8 00
19 Receipt Books, @ 60.....		11 40
15 Draft Books, @ 60.....		9 00
2 Proposition Books, @ 1 00.....		2 00
21 Roll Books, @ 50.....		10 50
16 Treasurer's Books, @ 75.....		12 00
9 Return Books, @ 70.....		6 30
2 Charge Books, @ 2 25.....		4 50
71 Cards, @ 25.....		17 75
21 Term P. W. Order Books, @ 25.....		5 25
150 Notices of Arrears, @ 50.....		75
10 Black Books, @ 75.....		7 50
4 Installation Books, @ 50.....		2 00
6 Copies Floor Work, @ 35.....		2 10
		120,05
Total .....		<u>\$1,039 53</u>
Balance in Treasurer's hands 31st December, 1895.....		\$ 125 67
Cash received up to the 30th July, 1896 .....		1,500 00
Total .....		<u>\$1,625 67</u>
Expenditure to date .....		800 00
Total Cash on hand .....		<u>\$ 825 67</u>

## (7) STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED

From January 1st, 1895, to December 31st, 1895.

NAME AND NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENT.	Dues.	Charters	Supplies	Total
Union Encampment, No. 1	\$ 35 25			\$ 35 25
Frontier " " 2	53 00		\$ 3 68	56 68
Harmony " " 3	26 00			26 00
Brant " " 4	64 00		1 68	65 68
Charity " " 5	44 50		3 00	47 50
Burlington " " 6	81 25		1 68	82 93
Toronto " " 7	55 80			55 80
Brock " " 8	25 00		50	25 50
Chatham " " 9	71 75			71 75
Ontario " " 10	26 00			26 00
Albert " " 11			28	28
Whitby " " 12	7 50			7 50
Fidelity " " 13	12 00			12 00
Kingston " " 14	35 00			35 00
Mount Ararat " " 15	12 75			12 75
Hebron " " 16	10 25			10 25
Quinte " " 17	26 50			26 50
Elgin " " 18	69 00		4 86	73 86
Unity " " 19	31 00			31 00
Guiding Star " " 20	14 00			14 00
Niagara Falls " " 21	27 00			27 00
Friendship " " 22	39 75			39 75
Victoria " " 23	18 00			18 00
Alpha " " 24	14 50		1 50	16 00
Huron " " 25	18 75			18 75
Westworth " " 26	8 00		1 12	9 12
Wellington " " 27	27 75			27 75
Newmarket " " 28	0 50			0 50
Exeter " " 29	0 00			0 00
Royal " " 30	8 25			8 25
Dresden " " 31	9 50			9 50
Adelphian " " 32	30 25		75	31 00
Dufferin " " 33	16 50		50	17 00
Aylmer " " 34	22 75		1 68	24 43
Collingwood " " 35	12 75			12 75
Saugen Valley " " 36	16 00			16 00
Minerva " " 37	16 00			16 00
Samaritan " " 38	13 50			13 50
Rehoboth " " 39	26 75		2 00	28 75
Ridgely " " 40	4 00		1 00	5 00
Outaouais " " 41	34 75			34 75
Maple Leaf " " 42	27 00			27 00
Mount Hebron " " 43	34 25			34 25
Phoenix " " 44	24 00			24 00
Waba " " 45	7 00			7 00
Moir " " 46	46 25			46 25
Central " " 47	22 75		1 68	24 43
Amicus " " 48	23 50		1 75	25 25
Galt " " 49	40 75			40 75
Simcoe " " 50	11 75			11 75
Ivy " " 51	14 75			14 75
Eureka " " 52	17 00			17 00
Hia-watha " " 53	2 85		4 20	12 45
Aurora " " 54	8 00		84	92 44
Forest " " 55	22 50			22 50
Golden " " 56	29 00			29 00
Trenton " " 57	11 25		1 50	12 75
Picton " " 58	28 75		1 75	30 50
Pointe Aux Pins " " 59	24 25			24 25
Amity " " 60	13 00		2 50	15 50
Nihswin " " 61	10 25			10 25
Columbia " " 62	3 00			3 00
Superior " " 63	8 50		50	9 00
Cataraqui " " 64	18 25			18 25
Stirling " " 65	11 25		10 00	21 25
George B. " " 66	7 50	\$30 00	17 90	55 40
Mount Sinai " " 67	2 50	30 00	19 40	51 90
Moshasuck " " 68	27 25		3 92	31 17
Union " " 69	18 50			18 50
Farnham " " 70	16 00			16 00
St. John's " " 71	11 50			11 50
Grand Encampment of Manitoba	7 00			7 00
To Balance from 1894			4 60	4 60
Total	\$1,627 30	\$60 00	\$94 77	\$1892 07

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EXPENDITURE.

1895.

Drafts, Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	\$	55	40
Representative Tax, Sovereign Grand Lodge...		150	00
Salary, Grand Scribe, one year.....		400	00
Charter Plates, Grand Encampment of Illinois..		10	50
Frank Riddell, } Auditors,			
Alf. Davis, }		13	60
R. B. Hungerford, Premium Insurance.....		3	00
A. Talbot & Co., Printing, &c.....		200	64
Fred. Henry, Engrossing Charters.....		1	50
W. G. Robertson, Expenses in connection with			
Beaver Encampment, No. 6, St. Mary's....		1	00
Postage Account, Freight, Duty, etc.....		47	38
J. D. Reilly, Expenses in connection with Liv-			
ingstone Encampment, No. 29, Thorold....		1	35
S. S. Merick, Expenses Grand Patriarch.....		34	40
W. H. & S. J. Allen, Printing Grand Patriarch's			
Report.....		26	40
Jaffray Bros., Galt, Printing Circulars.....		2	62
Reid Bros. & Co., Cuts and Printing.....		15	25
"    "    Stationery.....		10	60
Cash, as per Pay Roll.....		1,034	80
Dec. 31—Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands.....		\$2,008	94
			125 67
Total.....		\$2,134	11

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence the past year has not been a burden. There have been no troublesome questions at issue, and although a certain amount of depression and shortness of money has prevailed, general success can be reported. We have made a certain amount of progress, and harmony has prevailed within the jurisdiction.

The usual rates were made with the great lines of railway on the Certificate Plan, which the Delegates pretty fairly understand. I issued a circular, which I sent out to the Officers and Representatives, making it as clear as possible.

There is nothing in the correspondence that it is necessary to draw attention to, being for the most part of a business character. My intercourse with both Scribes and D. D. G. P.'s have been of a most pleasant character. I desire to thank all for their kindness and promptness. My correspondence with the Grand Officers during the year has been considerable, more especially with the Grand Patriarch, to whom I am indebted for his promptness. His visits in the West were very much appreciated.

I trust that our annual meeting this year may be a successful and harmonious one, meeting, as we do, in the garden of Canada. May it be productive of the best results.

Fraternally yours,

M. D. DAWSON,

London, Ont., July 31st, 1896.

GRAND SCRIBE.



**REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.**  
*In Account with the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.*

✶ PATRIARCHS:—The following is my Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
1895		1895	
Jan. 1—To Balance on hand	\$ 268 07	Jan. 16—By Order No. 202	6 00
Mar. 1—" " " "	341 80	" " " " " "	15 00
July 15—" " " "	474 35	" " " " " "	3 00
" 18—" " " "	241 50	Mar. 7—" " " "	10 39
" 19—" " " "	200 00	" " " " " "	1 00
Dec. 31—" " " "	24 20	May 10—" " " "	150 00
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		July 5—" " " "	200 00
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London, Ont., July 31st, 1896.

Fraternally yours,

EDMUND BELTZ, Grand Treasurer.

## AUDITORS' REPORT

The report of the Auditors was read and referred to the Committee on Finance :

LONDON, August 1st, 1896.

*The Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK RIDDELL,  
L. FERGUSON,

*Auditors.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF DISTRIBUTION.

Rep. Workman, Chairman of the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report from his Committee, which was adopted :

NIAGARA FALLS, August 4th, 1896.

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to recommend the various clauses be distributed as follows :

*To the Committee on Finance :*

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 20, regarding Auditors, Grand Scribe's report, clauses 6, 7 and 8, and the whole of the report of the Grand Treasurer.

*Committee on Petitions and Correspondence :*

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, page 1, relating to the invitation to the Grand Sire ; also on pages 3 and 7, paragraphs 9 and 21, regarding new Encampments.

*Committee on Laws of Subordinates :*

Grand Scribe's report, clause 2, paragraph 3.

*Committee on Legislation :*

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraphs 6 and 7, page 2, and 14 and 16, page 4 ; also Grand Scribe's report, clause 2, paragraph 4.

*Committee on Appeals and Grievances :*

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 19, page 7.

*Committee on State of the Order :*

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 3, page 1 ; paragraph 10, page 3 ; paragraph 17, pages 4, 5, and 6 (Official visits) ; paragraph 22, page 7 (Proclamations), and Appendix A and B ; Grand Scribe's report, clause 2, paragraphs 1 and 5, and the whole of clause 5 ; also report of Grand Representatives, Appendix, Journal, 1895, pages 1549 and 1550.

*Committee on Judiciary :*

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraphs 11, 12 and 13, pages 3 and 4 ; paragraph 18, pages 6 and 7 (Decisions) ; also report of Grand Representatives, pages 1550 to 1552, Appendix, Journal, 1895.

*Committee on Districts :*

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 23, page 7, and Appendix C.

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*Committee on the Patriarchs Militant:*

Grand Patriarch's report, clause 2, page 1; report of Grand Representatives, pages 1552 to 1555. Appendix, Journal, 1895.

*Committee on Returns:*

Grand Scribe's report, clause 4, paragraph 2, and the whole of clauses 3 and 4.

*Special Committee, No. 1:*

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 5, page 2 (Deaths); and Grand Scribe's report, clause 1, page 13.

*Special Committee, No. 2:*

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 24, page 7 (Thanks).

*Special Committee, No. 3:*

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 25, page 7 (Conclusion).

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

T. WORKMAN,  
J. FINLAYSON,  
J. K. MASTER,  
CHAS. A. NAIRN,  
GEO. M. BAIRD,

*Committee.*

On motion, the Grand Encampment took recess at 11 o'clock until 1.30 p m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Encampment resumed at the appointed time, Grand Patriarch John J. Reed, presiding.

Present—All the officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Opened in due form.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 1.

Rep. Hunter, from the Credential Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted:

NIAGARA FALLS, August 4th, 1896.

*To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:*

We, your Committee, have examined the credentials of the following named Patriarchs and Representatives to this Grand Encampment, and ask that they be allowed to take their seats:

W. J. Evans, No. 7, Burlington; W. D. Elliott, No. 67, Aurora; Daniel Denton, No. 64, Ivy; R. M. Roy, No. 66, Hiawatha.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HUNTER,  
WM. DICKIE,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Past Grand Patriarch Joseph Oliver presented the following report from the Finance Committee, which was adopted :

NIAGARA, FALLS, August 4th, 1896.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to present the following report :

1st. We have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, also the Auditors' report, certifying to their correctness.

2nd. We find the receipts for the year ending December 31st, 1895, to have been as follows :

Balance on hand January 1st, 1895.....	\$ 268 97
Received from Grand Scribe.....	1,865 14
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	\$2,134 11
Total disbursements to Dec. 31, 1895.....	2,008 44
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1895.....	\$ 125 67
Cash received up to the 30th July, 1896.....	1,500 00
Interest to date.....	3 71
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	\$1,629 38
Expenditure to date.....	800 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 829 38

3rd. Your Committee approve of the appointment of P. G. P., Frank Riddell and P. C. P., L. Ferguson as Auditors of this Grand Encampment.

4th. We also recommend the payment of the following accounts :

Grand Patriarch's expenses during year.....	\$ 29 00
Sears & Knowles, printing circulars.....	3 55
G. W. Ross, expenses to Newmarket.....	6 00
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Total.....	\$ 38 55

5th. We recommend that 600 copies of the Journal of Proceedings be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

6th. We are pleased that the Grand Encampment acceded to the views expressed in our last report and held their meeting here, which is much more central than where our last few meetings have been held. Your Committee trust that they will continue to meet in some central locality for a few years more, so as to enable us to accumulate some funds again and put our finances in good position.

We are pleased to bear testimony to the thorough manner in which the Grand Scribe and Treasurer have performed the duties of their office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

JOSEPH OLIVER,  
H. B. COATES,  
JAS. C. SPENCE,  
J. A. BURWASH,  
ALEX. McMILLAN,  
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The Grand Patriarch appointed the following Committee on the matter of Representatives present from Encampments who had not reported for term just closed, viz.: Past Grand Patriarchs Blackeby and Doggett, and Representative White.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

P. G. P., F. Doggett, Chairman of the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, presented the following report, which was adopted:

NIAGARA FALLS, August 4th, 1896.  
*I. O. O. F.:*  
*To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario,*

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred paragraph 2 on page 1 Grand Patriarch's report, beg to report as follows:

We approve of the action of the Grand Patriarch in postponing the meeting of this Grand Encampment until this date, so as to give the members of this Grand Body an opportunity to be present at the Grand Cantonment of the Patriarchs Militant, to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., to-morrow (Wednesday), August 5th, and we trust that many of the Representatives will avail themselves of the opportunity to be present, and we trust that the meeting will prove beneficial to our Order, especially to the Militant Branch.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

FRED. DOGGETT,  
GEO. E. POST,  
CHAS. R. WILLIS,  
N. SCHNARR,  
R. J. STUART,

*Committee.*

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

P. G. P., John Gibson presented the following report from the Committee on Returns, which was adopted:

NIAGARA FALLS, August 4th, 1896.  
*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to submit the following report for terms ending December, 1895, and June, 1896:

- Union, No. 1—Correct, both terms.
- Frontier, No. 2—Correct, both terms.
- Harmony, No. 3—Correct, both terms.
- Brant, No. 4—Correct, both terms.
- Charity, No. 5—Correct, both terms.
- Burlington, No. 7—Correct, both terms.
- Toronto, No. 8—Error in membership, one each term; due G. E., 50 cents.
- Brock, No. 9—Correct, both terms.
- Chatham, No. 10—Correct, both terms.
- Ontario, No. 11—Correct, both terms.
- Albert, No. 12—No report December; June report correct.
- Whitby, No. 13—No report.

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- Fidelity, No. 14—Correct, both terms.  
 Kingston, No. 15—December return correct; June return overpaid, 25 cents.  
 Mount Ararat, No. 16—Correct, both terms.  
 Hebron, No. 17—Correct, both terms.  
 Quinte, No. 16—Error in membership, two in December; due G. E., 50 cents; June, no report.  
 Elgin, No. 20—Correct, both terms.  
 Unity, No. 21—Correct, both terms.  
 Guiding Star, No. 22—Correct, both terms.  
 Niagara Falls, No. 23—Correct, both terms.  
 Friendship, No. 24—Correct, both terms.  
 Victoria, No. 25—Error in membership, two each term; due G. E., \$1.00.  
 Alpha, No. 26—Error in membership, four each term; overpaid, \$2.00.  
 Huron, No. 28—Correct, both terms.  
 Wentworth, No. 30—Correct, both terms.  
 Wellington, No. 31—Correct, both terms.  
 Newmarket, No. 32—No report.  
 Exeter, No. 33—Correct, both terms.  
 Royal, No. 36—Correct, both terms.  
 Dresden, No. 37—No report.  
 Adelpian, No. 38—Correct, both terms.  
 Dufferin, No. 41—Correct, both terms.  
 Aylmer, No. 42—Correct, both terms.  
 Collingwood, No. 45—Correct, both terms.  
 Saugeen Valley, No. 46—Correct, both terms.  
 Minerva, No. 47—December return overpaid, 25 cents; June, no report.  
 Samaritan, No. 49—Correct, both terms.  
 Rehoboth, No. 50—Correct, both terms.  
 Ridgley, No. 52—Correct, both terms.  
 Outaouais, No. 53—Correct, both terms.  
 Maple Leaf, No. 55—Correct, both terms.  
 Mount Hebron, No. 56—December return short, 50 cents; June return correct.  
 Phoenix, No. 57—Correct, both terms.  
 Waba, No. 58—No report.  
 Maira, No. 59—Overpaid, 25 cents each term.  
 Central, No. 60—Correct, both terms.  
 Amicus, No. 61—Correct, both terms.  
 Galt, No. 62—Correct, both terms.  
 Simcoe, No. 63—December report short, 25 cents; June report correct.  
 Ivy, No. 64—Correct, both terms.  
 Eureka, No. 65—Correct, both terms.  
 Hiawatha, No. 66—Correct, both terms.  
 Aurora, No. 67—Short, 50 cents each term.  
 Forest, No. 69—December return correct; June, no report.  
 Golden, No. 70—Overpaid, 50 cents each term.  
 Trenton, No. 71—No report.  
 Picton, No. 72—Correct, both terms.  
 Pointe Aux Pines, No. 73—Correct, both terms.  
 Amity, No. 74—Correct, both terms.  
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- Cornwall, No. 76—December, no return ; June, correct.  
 Columbian, No. 77—No report.  
 Superior, No. 78—Correct, both terms.  
 Cataragui, No. 79—Correct, both terms.  
 Stirling, No. 80—Correct, both terms.  
 George B, No. 81—Correct, both terms.  
 Mount Sinai, No. 82—Correct, both terms.  
 Montreal, No. 1—Correct, both terms.  
 Moshassuck, No. 2—Correct, both terms.  
 Union, No. 3—No report.  
 Farnham, No. 4—Correct, both terms.  
 St. John's, No. 5—Correct, both terms.  
 Maple Leaf, No. 6—December, no report ; June returns correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN GIBSON,  
 JAMES COCHRANE,  
 JOHN BIRSS,  
 WM. WILLIAMS,  
 JOHN BARNED,  
 ALEX. J. TEMPLETON,  
 A. E. ABSON,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

Representative Geo. L. Scott, Chairman of Special Committee, No. 2, presented the following report, which was adopted :

NIAGARA FALLS, August 4th, 1896.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I O. O. F. :*

Your Special Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the request of the Oddfellows' Relief Association's Secretary for the usual recognition, beg leave to report the following :

That for the year ending June 30th, 1896, the net increase in membership was 751, which makes a total membership of 8,819; the average age is 36.49; insurance covered by certificates amounting to \$11,888,000, and the contribution of the members to the funds of the Association, according to calculations made up to June 30th, is \$18,792.17 per call.

The income from assessments increase from time to time as new members are enrolled.

The average age in 1895 of the new members was 29.11; and the average age in 1896 of its new members was 29.15. There were 51 deaths in 1894-95, involving a payment of benefits amounting to \$54,500.00, and 62 deaths in 1895-96, with benefits amounting to \$89,500.00. The average age of the deceased members in 1895-96 was 45.30.

With the prosperous state of affairs, considering the distressing hard times the country is passing through at the present time, we cordially recommend the renewal of energies, and that license be granted to do business in the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

GEO. L. SCOTT,  
 W. J. EVANS,  
 ROBT. WONACOTT,  
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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Representative Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, presented the following report, which was adopted :

NIAGARA FALLS, August 4th, 1896.

*To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario :*

Your Committee on Legislation beg leave to recommend as follows :

That clause No. 6, page 2, of G. P.'s report be adopted, and that the O. Sentinel take charge of the register during the session of the Grand Encampment.

That clause No. 7, page 2, of G. P.'s report be adopted, and that the Grand Scribe be authorized to continue to publish in the Journal of Proceedings the portraits of P. G. P's., and other members worthy of such recognition.

Your Committee, in reference to clause 14, page 4, recommend that appropriate regalia be procured for the Grand Patriarch.

Your Committee recommend that clause 16, page 4, be adopted.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of clause 4, section 2, of Grand Scribe's report, and that the same be done this year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. JONES,  
G. H. COOPER,  
C. F. MAXWELL,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

P. G. P., John Welsh, Chairman of the Committee on By-laws, presented the following report, which was adopted ;

NIAGARA FALLS, August 4th, 1896.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

The following Encampments, during recess, submitted their By-laws and amendments thereto for approval, viz. :

Mt. Ararat.....	No. 16
Unity.....	" 21
Adelphian.....	" 38
Maple Leaf.....	" 55
Stirling.....	" 80

Nothing therein being found contrary to the laws of our Order, we recommend that they be approved.

Resolved, that the above be adopted.

JOHN WELSH,  
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## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND  
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P. G. P., Thos. Woodyatt (Chairman) presented the following report from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, which was adopted:  
*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario:*

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred the following:—

Clause 1 of the Grand Representatives' report: We heartily approve of the thoughtful action of the Grand Patriarch in extending an invitation to Grand Sire Stebbins to pay an official visit to this Grand Encampment, and we are exceedingly pleased and gratified that the distinguished head of our Order has been able to accept the invitation and be present with us to-day.

Clause 9.—We are hopeful that the efforts of the Grand Patriarch, in endeavoring to extend the Patriarchal Branch of the Order in the several places named by him, may be productive of good results, and that in the near future his successor may have the pleasure of reporting that the interest manifested and time spent has not been labor in vain, and that prosperous additions may be made to our ranks.

Clause 21.—The position of Grand Patriarch necessarily involves a large amount of correspondence, in affording information, in reply to the numerous enquiries made to him, and we are pleased to note that the duties were so acceptably and promptly performed.

In reference to the request of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, asking permission to appeal to the Subordinate Encampments for assistance for their Orphans' Home, we beg to report that, as Ontario is at the present time considering a like project for our own jurisdiction, which will call largely upon the means and generosity of the members to make it a success, we cannot recommend, under the circumstances, that the permission desired be granted.

Resolved, that the above be adopted.

THOS. WOODYATT,  
CHAS. PETTEPLACE,  
M. D. ELLIOTT,  
GEORGE G. HENDERSON,  
JAMES MUNRO,

*Committee*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Representative White, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:*  
We, your Committee appointed on Appeals and Grievances, beg leave to report:

That there have been no appeals or grievances presented to your Committee to consider, and are pleased to know that this Branch of the Order is progressing so favorable in this respect.

Resolved, that the above be adopted.

HENRY WHITE,  
GEO. E. MAYNARD,  
W. T. COLLINS,  
WM. POTTER,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

P. G. P., J. T. Hornibrook, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, presented the following report, which was adopted :

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., August 4th, 1896.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :*

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand Patriarch on page 6 and 7 of his report, would recommend that :

Decisions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 be sustained.

That decision No. 4 be not sustained, being (as stated by the Grand Patriarch) contrary to the Grand Sire's ruling.

That decision No. 5 be not sustained. An Encampment has the right to make dues payable in advance, and any Patriarch who has not paid same by the first meeting in the term is in arrears.

That the decision of the Grand Patriarch on the following question from Cornwall Encampment, No. 76, be sustained, viz., that the Patriarch referred to is not entitled to the honors or rank of Past Chief Patriarch.

CORNWALL, ONT., 25th July, 1896.

*J. J. Reed, Esq., Grand Patriarch, Montreal :*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I am directed by Cornwall Encampment, No. 76, to make the following statement and ask for your decision on the matter :

Bro. Myers, at meeting last evening, asked the question : Where do I stand ? Am I a P. C. P. or not ?

In order that you may answer the question, in the following list the first column indicates the meetings whose minutes have been signed by Bro. Myers ; the second column shows the date of regular meetings which should have been held :

<i>Minutes Signed.</i>	<i>Regular Meetings</i>
September 15, 1893.	September 15, 1893.
" 22, "	" 22, "
	October 13, "
	" 27, "
	November 10, "
	" 24, "
November 24, "	December , , "
	" 22, "

In the following term he signed the minutes of February 9th, 1894.

Should not the officers of the first term have retained office for the following term in order to entitle them to their honors ?

In my return to Grand Scribe I returned *no* P. C. P.'s, which, under the circumstances, I considered correct.

Kindly let me have your decision as soon as possible.

I remain, fraternally yours,

F. BISSET, *Scribe.*

Decided not entitled to the honors or rank of P. C. P. R.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HORNIBROOK,

J. P. WEEKES,

GEORGE FRASER,

GEO. TURNBULL,

*Committee.*

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Representative E. J. Spackman, Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to state that Patriarch J. H. Miles, of Napanee Encampment, No. 16, not having received any official notice of change of meeting, came to Niagara Falls on the date as first fixed for the Grand Encampment meeting. Your Committee desire to bring this matter before the Grand Encampment so that it can deal with the matter.

E. J. SPACKMAN,

*Chairman of Committee.*

Moved by Past Grand Patriarch Blackeby, seconded by Representative Munro, that the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to place on their list the name of W. J. Graham, who attended this Session as a member of the Special Committee on Districts.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Representative E. J. Spackman, Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report which was adopted;

NIAGARA FALLS, August 4th, 1896.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the distance travelled by several Representatives, Grand Officers and Past Grand Patriarchs, and recommend that they be paid at the rate of four cents per mile one way, and two dollars per day for their attendance at this Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. SPACKMAN,  
J. E. CAMPBELL,  
J. A. MILLS,  
GEO. CHEYNE,  
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J. J. BUNTING,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Representative E. J. Spackman, Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following Table of Mileage and Per Diem, which was adopted:

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	NO.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Union.....	1	St. Catharines.....	12	\$ 0 48	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 48	A. L. McMillan.
Frontier.....	2	Windsor.....	230	9 20	2 00	11 20	Thos. Jones.
".....	2	".....	230	9 20	2 00	11 20	Geo. P. Breen.
Harmony.....	3	London.....	120	4 80	2 00	6 80	John Hunter.
".....	3	".....	120	4 80	2 00	6 80	Robt. Wonnacott.
Brant.....	4	Brantford.....	70	2 80	2 00	4 80	James C. Spencer.
".....	4	".....	70	2 80	2 00	4 80	John C. Robson.
Charity.....	5	Stratford.....	104	4 16	2 00	6 16	J. J. Bunting.
Burlington.....	7	Hamilton.....	44	1 76	2 00	3 76	W. J. Evans.
".....	7	".....	44	1 76	2 00	3 76	Geo. H. Cooper.
Toronto.....	8	Toronto.....	83	3 32	2 00	5 32	Geo. E. Post.
".....	8	".....	83	3 32	2 00	5 32	M. A. Mills.
Brock.....	9	Brockville.....	22	1 68	2 00	3 68	A. B. Coates.
Chatham.....	10	Chatham.....	184	7 36	2 00	9 36	Wm. Potter.
".....	10	".....	184	7 36	2 00	9 36	R. Wing.
Ontario.....	11	Oshawa.....	116	4 72	2 00	6 72	Wm. Dickie.
Albert.....	12	Bowmanville.....	127	5 08	2 00	7 08	Geo. E. Maynard.
Fidelity.....	14	Strathroy.....	140	5 60	2 00	7 60	J. T. Nicholls.
Kingston.....	15	Kingston.....	245	9 80	2 00	11 80	Edwin J. Adams.
Mt. Ararat.....	16	Napanee.....	219	8 76	2 00	10 76	J. H. Miles.
Hebron.....	17	Parkhill.....	144	5 76	2 00	7 76	Geo. Fraser.
Quinte.....	19	Belleveille.....	197	7 88	2 00	9 88	J. T. Osborne.
Esqui.....	20	St. Thomas.....	114	4 56	2 00	6 56	W. T. Collins.
".....	20	".....	114	4 56	2 00	6 56	C. F. Maxwell.

Unity.....	21	Ingersoll.....	100	4 00	2 00	6 00	John Birss.
Sounding Star.....	22	Lindsay.....	148	5 92	2 00	7 92	Robt. Chambers.
Niagara Falls.....	23	Niagara Falls.....	148	5 92	2 00	7 92	W. J. Hamilton.
Friedshup.....	24	Petrolia.....	171	6 84	2 00	8 84	S. S. Swift.
Victoria.....	25	Port Hope.....	147	5 88	2 00	7 88	Henry White.
Alpha.....	26	Sarnia.....	181	7 24	2 00	9 24	
Huron.....	28	Goderich.....	181	7 24	2 00	9 24	
Wentworth.....	28	Goderich.....	181	7 24	2 00	9 24	

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28	Godertich.	51	2 04	2 00	4 04	Chas. A. Nairn.
30	Dundas.	91	3 64	2 00	5 64	Wm. Forrest.
31	Guelph.	151	6 04	2 00	8 04	Wm. Parker.
33	Exeter.	44	1 76	2 00	3 76	E. J. Spackman.
36	Hamilton.	120	4 80	2 00	6 80	John E. Campbelle.
38	London.	182	7 28	2 00	9 28	H. W. McDiarmid.
41	Point Edward.	120	4 80	2 00	6 80	Wm. Williams.
42	Aylmer.	155	6 20	2 00	8 20	Chas. Petterplace.
45	Collingwood.	159	6 36	2 00	8 36	Jas. Cochrane.
46	Saugeen Valley.	172	6 84	2 00	8 88	J. K. Master.
47	Minerva.	91	3 64	2 00	5 64	James Munro.
49	Samaritan.	83	3 32	2 00	5 32	J. A. Burwash.
50	Rehoboth.	75	3 00	2 00	5 00	James Langley.
52	Ridgely.	345	13 80	2 00	15 80	Geo. Cheyne.
53	Outaouais.	166	6 32	2 00	8 32	Thos. Workman.
55	Maple Leaf.	208	8 64	2 00	10 64	Alex. Templeton.
56	Mount Hebron.	197	7 88	2 00	9 88	Murchison McDonald.
57	Phoenix.	212	8 48	2 00	10 48	Chas. Hanna.
59	Moir.	92	3 68	2 00	5 68	W. H. Miller.
60	Central.	75	3 00	2 00	5 00	Geo. Turnbull.
61	Amicus.	84	3 36	2 00	5 36	Chas. Slaght.
62	Galt.	154	6 16	2 00	8 16	Daniel Denton.
63	Simcoe.	311	12 44	2 00	14 44	D. H. McIntosh.
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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—Continued.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	NO.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVES.
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Hiawatha.....	66	Peterborough.....	166	6 64	2 00	8 64	W. D. Elliott.
Aurora.....	67	Aurora.....	113	4 52	2 00	6 52	Robt. McLaren.
Forest.....	69	Forest.....	161	6 44	2 00	8 44	N. Schnarr.
Golden.....	70	Rat Portage.....	1,237	49 48	2 00	51 48	R. McKenzie.
Pictou.....	72	Pictou.....	215	8 60	2 00	10 60	Geo. M. Baird.
Poite Aux Pins.....	73	Blenheim.....	196	7 84	2 00	9 84	J. P. Weakes.
Amity.....	74	Mount Brydges.....	134	5 36	2 00	7 36	J. A. Finlayson.
Cornwall.....	76	Cornwall.....	416	16 64	2 00	18 64	W. F. Hogarth.
Superior.....	78	Ft. William.....	944	37 76	2 00	39 76	Geo. L. Scott.
Stirling.....	80	Stirling.....	217	8 68	2 00	10 68	H. T. Cowan.
George B.....	81	Ottawa.....	345	13 80	2 00	15 80	R. J. Stuart.
Mount Sinai.....	82	Norwood.....	183	7 32	2 00	9 32	A. E. Abson.
Montreal.....	1	Montreal.....	416	16 64	2 00	18 64	Chas. R. Willis.
Moshassuck.....	2	".....	416	16 64	2 00	18 64	W. S. McCorkill.
Farnham.....	4	Farnham.....	462	18 48	2 00	20 48	James Black.
St. John's.....	5	St. John's.....	443	17 72	2 00	19 72	D. J. Dickson.
Maple Leaf.....	6	Quebec.....	416	16 64	2 00	18 64	W. Keltman.
		Jauntor.....			2 00	2 00	
Montreal.....	1	Montreal.....	416	16 64	2 00	18 64	John J. Reed.
Royal.....	36	Hamilton.....	44	1 76	2 00	3 76	George Ross.
Ottawa.....	53	Ottawa.....	345	13 80	2 00	15 80	George Bell.
Harmony.....	3	London.....	120	4 80	2 00	6 80	M. D. Dawson.
Adelphian.....	38	London.....	120	4 80	2 00	6 80	Edmund Belz.
Galt.....	62	Galt.....	75	3 00	2 00	5 00	A. H. Blackby.
Eureka.....	65	Carleton Place.....	311	12 44	2 00	14 44	S. S. Merrick.
Wellington.....	31	Guelph.....	91	3 64	2 00	5 64	Samuel Law.
Toronto.....	91	Toronto.....	83	3 32	2 00	5 32	
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GRAND OFFICERS.

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A. H. Blackby.	5 00
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

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31	Guelph	91	3 64	2 00	5 64	Samuel Law.
8	Toronto	83	3 32	2 00	5 32	Thos. Colby.
59	Belleville	197	7 88	2 00	9 88	J. D. Collip.
72	Picton	215	8 60	2 00	10 60	Edmund Roblin.
1	St. Catharines	12	48	2 00	2 48	Adam Purves.
	Sarnia	181	7 24	2 00	9 24	John Gibson.
4	Brantford	70	2 80	2 00	4 80	Thos. Woodyatt.
	Tonawanda, N.Y.	15	60	2 00	2 60	John Donogh.
	"	15	60	2 00	2 60	Jos. Oliver.
5	Stratford	104	4 16	2 00	6 16	John Welsh.
8	Toronto	83	3 32	2 00	5 32	J. T. Hornbrook.
20	St. Thomas	114	4 56	2 00	6 56	Fred. Doggett.
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## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Rep. White, Chairman of the Special Committee on the case of two Representatives present representing two Encampments who failed to report for the June Term, presented the following report, which was adopted :

NIAGARA FALLS, 4th August, 1896.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario :*

Your Special Committee, appointed to investigate the standing of the Representatives of Quinte Encampment, No. 19, and Wingham Encampment, No. 47, beg to report :

1. That your Committee find that P. C. P.'s Osborne and James Cochrane produce certificates duly certifying that they have been respectively elected as Representatives of Quinte Encampment, No. 19, and Wingham Encampment, No. 47.

2. That these Representatives state positively to your Committee that orders for the amounts of their per capita taxes have been regularly drawn by their respective Encampments in favor of this Grand Encampment, although the amounts have not been forwarded by the respective Scribes, and the said Representatives have executed their personal undertaking for the above amounts, payable to this Grand Encampment.

Your Committee therefore recommend that P. C. P., J. T. Osborne, be duly recognized as the regular Representative of Quinte Encampment, No. 19, and P. C. P., Jas. Cochrane, be duly recognized as the regular Representative of Wingham Encampment, No. 47.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. WHITE,  
FRED. DOGGETT,  
A. H. BLACKEBY,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Rep. D. H. McIntosh, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted :

NIAGARA FALLS, August 4th, 1896.

*To the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on State of the Order beg leave to present the following report :

1. Paragraph 3, Grand Patriarch's report :

While it is a source of regret that the progress of the Order has not been so pronounced as we would desire, yet it is a source of gratification that we have made some progress, and while we forget the exciting period through which we have passed, we would recommend to every member of the Order the words of wisdom and admonition from the Chief Patriarch, and when every member is filled with energy and enthusiasm we will no longer be able to report slight but great progress in our Order.

2. Paragraph 10, Grand Patriarch's report :

The thanks of the Grand Encampment are due to the G. P. for the effort he has made in resuscitating three (3) Encampments, viz.: Bowmanville, Newmarket, Barrie and Cornwall.

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## 3. Section 17, Grand Patriarch's report :

While the number of visits made by the G. P. has not been as large as he desired, yet we do not doubt that in the localities visited his presence and address have been a great encouragement and inspiration to the members who may have had the privilege of meeting with him. We regret that the G. P. was unable to visit more of the weaker Encampments, and feel assured that had he been able to do so greater progress would have been reported, and hope the incoming G. P. may find it convenient to visit as many of the weaker Encampments as possible.

## App. A and B of Grand Patriarch's report :

We approve of the Proclamations issued by G. P., and would recommend that an annual proclamation be issued every year regarding our anniversary, hoping the Subordinate Encampments will see the great importance of taking an active part, as an Encampment, in all anniversary services and decorations.

## Paragraph 2, Grand Scribe's report :

It is a source of regret that so many suspensions for non-payment of dues have prevailed, but when the present depression has passed such a source of regret will, we hope, to a great extent have disappeared.

## Paragraph 5, Grand Scribe's report :

While we regret that the property of some Encampments have been returned, it is to be hoped that the incoming G. P. may be able to resuscitate them, and so prevent the moths from destroying the same.

## Paragraph 5, Grand Scribe's report :

The statistics of the Encampment Branch show a net gain in membership of 84. During this period, while 274 have been initiated, 184 have been suspended for non-payment of dues. It is to be regretted that we must again call the attention of the Order to this constant drain through suspensions, and would urge upon each Encampment to see that the Fin. Scribes make an urgent effort to collect dues, and so stop this great drain.

## Proceedings of Journal, pages 1549 and 1550 :

The report of Representatives to S. G. Lodge contain much valuable information in small compass, which should be carefully read by every member of the Order.

In conclusion, while the state of the Order, as reported, may not be very great, yet we are pleased to report progress, and feel confident that when the present depression has passed away the Order will make rapid progress. We would urge upon the officers and members the need of putting forth all our energy so that when next we meet the report may be that never in our history have we made such progress.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. McINTOSH,  
H. T. COWAN,  
H. H. McDIARMID,  
CHAS. SLAGHT,  
JOHN DONOGH,

Committee.

## GRAND SIRE STEBBINS.

Grand Sire Stebbins, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was introduced and received with grand honors. He was very warmly welcomed by the Grand Patriarch and other Patriarchs present.

The Grand Sire made a short address to the Grand Encampment, which was well received.

## NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time for the special order of business having arrived, Nomination and Election of Officers, it was proceeded with, with the following result :

Past Grand Patriarchs John Gibson, F. Doggett and S. S. Merick, were appointed scrutineers.

GEORGE ROSS.....	Grand Patriarch
GEORGE BELL.....	Grand High Priest
SAMUEL LAW.....	Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON.....	Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ.....	Grand Treasurer
WM. POTTER.....	Grand Junior Warden
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....	Grand Representative Sovereign Grand Lodge

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the scrutineers for the impartial manner in which they had performed their duties.

## PLACE OF MEETING.

The following places were proposed for the next session of the Grand Encampment :

London, Lindsay, Belleville, Collingwood.

London, having received a majority of the votes cast, was selected as the place at which the session of 1897 will be held, and the fourth Tuesday in July the date.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

P. G. P. Blackeby presented the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

To strike out in Section 40, of the By-laws of this Grand Encampment, the words "And the Past Grand Patriarchs."

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS.

P. G. P., A. H. Blackeby, Chairman of the Committee on Districts, presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Officers and Representatives :*

**PATRIARCHS :**

Your Special Committee appointed for the purpose of grouping the Encampments of this Jurisdiction into Districts, beg leave to report as follows :—

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1st. On the 25th of November, 1895, a circular was addressed to all the Encampments, containing a first draft of Districts, and asking suggestions thereon. It was distinctly stated in this circular that the silence of any Encampment would be taken to mean that it was in favor of that Draft. Two-thirds of the Encampments thus assented, by their non-action, to the proposed grouping.

2nd. Having given full consideration to the replies received, your Committee recommend that the grouping into Districts be as follows:

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| No. 1—Windsor.<br>Essex.                                 | No. 10—Forest.<br>Parkhill.                   | No. 20—Belleville (2).<br>Trenton.<br>Picton.<br>Stirling. |
| No. 2—Chatham.<br>Blenheim.<br>Wallaceburg.<br>Dresden.  | No. 11—Goderich.                              | No. 21—Kingston (2).<br>Napanee.                           |
| No. 3—St. Thomas.<br>Aylmer.<br>Woodstock.<br>Ingersoll. | No. 12—Exeter.<br>Wingham.<br>(40 miles).     | No. 22—Ottawa (2).<br>Carleton Place<br>Arnprior.          |
| No. 4—Brantford.<br>Norwich.                             | No. 13—Walkerton.                             | No. 23—Brockville.<br>Prescott.                            |
| No. 5—Watford.<br>Jarvis.                                | No. 14—Stratford.<br>Guelph.<br>Berlin.       | No. 24—Cornwall.   |
| No. 6—St. Catharines<br>Niagara Falls.                   | No. 15—Collingwood.<br>Barrie.                | No. 25—Rat Portage.  |
| No. 7—Hamilton (2).<br>Dundas.<br>Galt.                  | No. 16—Toronto (2).<br>Newmarket.<br>Aurora.  | No. 26—Chapleau.   |
| No. 8—London (2).<br>Mt. Bridges.<br>Strathroy.          | No. 17—Oshawa.<br>Bowmanville.<br>Whitby.     | No. 27—Fort William.                                       |
| No. 9—Sarnia.<br>Pt. Edward.<br>Petrolia.                | No. 18—Pt. Hope.<br>Cobourg.                  | No. 28—Montreal (2).<br>St. Johns.<br>Farnham.             |
|  | No. 19—Lindsay.<br>Peterboro (2).<br>Norwood. | No. 29—Sherbrooke.   |
|  |   | No. 30—Quebec.   |

3rd. As some misapprehension appears to exist in regard to this matter, it may be as well to point out that it is not proposed to have District Committees and District Meetings as now arranged for in the Subordinate Lodges, but merely to enlarge the sphere of usefulness of the D. D. G. Patriarchs by giving them a greater field to work in and by adding prestige to that office, securing more active and progressive men, Patriarchs who will think frequently of, and work harder for, the success of the charge committed to them.

Respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

A. H. BLACKEBY,  
WM. J. GRAHAM,  
ROBT. MEEK,  
S. D. SWIFT,  
FRANK B. JEFFERY.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No.

Past Grand Patriarch John Donogh, Chairman of the Committee on "Honored Dead," presented the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Patriarch which refers to the decease of Past Grand Patriarch John Ham Perry, and Past Grand Patriarch Dr. Francis Rae, beg leave to report as follows:

Past Grand Patriarch Perry, who died on March 25, 1896, had not for many years taken an active interest in the work of the Encampment Branch, and consequently he was no doubt comparatively unknown to all but the senior members of the Grand Encampment.

He occupied the office of Grand Patriarch during the year 1873-74, and it is no exaggeration to say that no more energetic, enthusiastic Oddfellow has ever filled the Chair. During his term this branch made large progress and gained rapidly in influence in the Subordinate Lodges. While he attended the Session of the Grand Encampment his genial presence and hearty greetings made him the favorite of all who knew him. He served in the Sovereign Grand Lodge as Grand Representative for six years, and took an active part, in conjunction with the late Past Grand Patriarch James Woodyatt and Past Grand Sire Campbell, in the movement for the change of name of the supreme governing body from Grand Lodge, United States, to Sovereign Grand Lodge. For his services to the Order in the past his memory should be kept ever green.

Past Grand Patriarch Francis Rae, of Oshawa, who died at his home in that place on April 8th, 1896, had only, within a few days of his death, been appointed the successor of Bro. J. Ham Perry in the office of Registrar of Ontario County, and his sudden and unexpected decease made a break in a large circle of friends, who, with this Order and the Province he served, realize an unspeakable loss.

Bro. Rae was Grand Patriarch of this jurisdiction in 1881-82, and the Journal of that year bears testimony to the faithfulness with which he discharged the duties of his high office.

He represented the Grand Encampment in the councils of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for two successive terms, and in that position he served on some of the most important Committees in that body.

He always took an active interest in the work of Oddfellowship in his own locality, and the report of the Grand Patriarch at this session makes reference to the services of our deceased Brother in connection with the resuscitation of Albert Encampment, No. 12.

At the annual sessions of the Grand Encampment he was always a popular and honored visitor, and many of not only the older members of the body, but also many of the most recent additions, will feel the loss of the Brother as a personal bereavement.

In public life he took a conspicuous part as an eminent member of the medical profession in the Province. He was for many years on the Provincial Board of Health, and served as its chairman, and, as has been already mentioned, had only received the appointment of Registrar of his County within a few days prior to his death.

The Order, in this Province, can ill afford the loss of such valuable and faithful Oddfellows, and the Committee desire to have it put on record that

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the Grand Encampment deeply deplors the death of Past Grand Patriarch Rae, and hereby extend sincere sympathy to the widow of our esteemed Brother.

We commend the action of the Grand Patriarch in providing for the representation of the Grand Encampment at the funeral of Brother Rae, and paying due honor to his memory.

We also recommend that the Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to have suitable eulogies on Past Grand Patriarchs Rae and Perry prepared and presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next session.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

WM. GIBSON, P. G. P.,
JOHN DONOGH,
A. H. BLACKBEY,
J. S. ROBSON,
J. LANGLEY,

Committee

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Grand Scribe Stebbins, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on invitation, installed the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, in the following order, viz.:

- GEORGE ROSS, Hamilton.....Grand Patriarch
GEORGE BELL, Ottawa.....Grand High Priest
SAMUEL LAW, Guelph.....Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON, London.....Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ, London.....Grand Treasurer
WM. POTTER, Chatham.....Grand Junior Warden
E. J. SPACKMAN, Exeter.....Grand Marshal
GEORGE L. SCOTT, Stirling.....Grand Sentinel
JAMES MUNROE, Toronto.....Grand Outside Sentinel

Moved by Past Grand Patriarch Blackeby, seconded by Grand Patriarch John Reed, that this Grand Body desires to place on record its appreciation of the earnest services rendered during a long period of years by Past Grand Patriarchs Donogh and Oliver. While they have removed from this jurisdiction it is only to one adjoining, and, in wishing them a full measure of success in their new field of labor, we would most earnestly trust that the closeness of their residence to our Provincial boundary will enable them to favor us with their presence and valued counsel at many succeeding Sessions of this Grand Body.

RESOLUTIONS.

Representative White presented the following resolution, which was adopted by a standing vote and cheer:

"That the hearty thanks of this Grand Encampment be tendered to Grand Sire Stebbins for his friendly visit to this body."

HENRY WHITE,
JOHN DONOGH.

Representative Workman presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

" That the Grand Scribe be authorized to have 500 copies of the revised Constitution for Subordinate Courts printed for the use of Subordinate Encampments."

THOS. WORKMAN.

Business being at an end, the Grand Encampment closed, at 5 o'clock, with the usual formalities.

M. D. DAWSON,

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## REINSTATEMENTS.

The following are the Reinstatements to June 30th, 1896.

FRONTIER ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, WINDSOR.—Samuel Peck, April 17th, 1896; Thomas Blackburn, April 24th, 1896.

BURLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 7, HAMILTON.—Henry Griffith, June 22nd, 1896.

TORONTO ENCAMPMENT, No. 8, TORONTO.—W. Craig, April 9th, 1896.

NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 24, NIAGARA FALLS.—R. Law, January 22nd, 1896; H. Bender, January 22nd, 1896; P. M. Buckley, February 26th, 1896.

FRIENDSHIP ENCAMPMENT, No. 24, PETROLIA.—Fletcher Cross, Sept. 13th, 1895.

ALPHA ENCAMPMENT, No. 26, SARNIA.—J. F. O'Neil, February 6th, 1896; H. Pontine, May 7th, 1896; J. Lucan, May 6th, 1896.

SAMARITAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 49, BERLIN.—John Kimmel, February 11th, 1896; Jost Kimmel, February 11th, 1896.

RIDGLEY ENCAMPMENT, No. 52, JARVIS.—J. W. Rodgers, Sept. 5th, 1895; James Fayatt, Nov. 7th, 1895.

AURORA ENCAMPMENT, No. 67, AURORA.—G. H. Richardson, July, 1895; John Wells, Oct. 14th, 1895.

GOLDEN ENCAMPMENT, No. 70, RAT PORTAGE.—Dr. Gunne, April 23th, 1896.

NIBEWIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 75, CHAPLEAU.—R. V. Nicholson, July 5th, 1895.

MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 1.—John Thomas, October 9th, 1895.

## SUSPENSIONS.

The following are the suspensions to the 30th June, 1896, for non-payment of dues :

FRONTIER ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, WINDSOR.—Samuel Peck, December 27th, 1895.

HARMONY ENCAMPMENT, No. 3, London.—Jas. Gillespie, Geo. Clark and Thos. Lashbrook, June 30th, 1896.

BRANT ENCAMPMENT, No. 4, BRANTFORD.—Thos. Davis and R. F. Holtermann, December 20th, 1896.

CHARITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 5, STRATFORD.—George T. Cook, J. J. Dunsmore, S. H. Weir and James Murray, December 27th, 1895; R. W. Coon and Walter McMillan, June 26th, 1896.

BURLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 7, HAMILTON.—Geo. Britton, Geo. Issell, Alf. Hewitt, Alf. McGilvrey and F. C. Mills, June 26th, 1896.

TORONTO ENCAMPMENT, No. 8, TORONTO.—J. B. McGregor, A. E. Corkin, Geo. Dodds, D. J. Stott, H. J. Weeks, C. E. McDonald, H. R. White, W. A. Ryan, Geo. W. Love, W. H. Robinson, W. P. Smith and D. H. Purden, February 13th, 1896; J. H. Madden and W. Simpson, March 12th, 1896.

BROCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 9, BROCKVILLE.—F. A. Cole, June 30th, 1896; H. H. Arnold, withdrawn from his Lodge; H. B. Colcock, suspended from his Lodge for N. P. D.

CHATHAM ENCAMPMENT, No. 10, CHATHAM.—Miles Miller, Alfred T. Arnold, Thos. Smyth, Jos. M. Smyth, Donald Angus, G. T. Rheingen, Joseph Northwood and Geo. Smith, June 18th, 1896.

ONTARIO ENCAMPMENT, No. 11, OSHAWA.—M. L. Olmstead, December 27th, 1895.

KINGSTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 15, KINGSTON.—W. Adams, R. King, E. Wilmot, N. Switzer and W. S. Percy, June 22nd, 1896.

HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 17, PARKHILL.—B. F. Schram and John T. Appleton, June 30th, 1896.

QUINTE ENCAMPMENT, No. 19, BELLEVILLE.—J. A. Davis, A. L. Green, J. C. Panton, L. Benmore, J. H. Wells, J. Cochrane, D. McCann and G. Atkins, no date given.

ELGIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 20, ST. THOMAS.—John Axford, Chas. Buff, A. Ludlum and L. Pullen, December 16th, 1895.

UNITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, INGERSOLL.—F. Symons, Geo. Neely, Geo. Williamson, P. J. Foster, John Hegler, C. Henderson, Wm. Hill, C. N. Hill, John Hayden, H. Rowland, W. H. Stout and Danl. Turville, June 23rd, 1896.

GUIDING STAR ENCAMPMENT, No. 22, LINDSAY.—A. Palen, August 18th, 1895; A. O. Giles, J. A. Walton, Thos. Bell, September 19th, 1895; M. Thorburn, October 11th, 1895; and R. Harris, December 5th, 1895.

NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS.—R. Law, H. Bencher, P. M. Buckley and R. F. Carter, December 21st, 1895.

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FRIENDSHIP ENCAMPMENT, No. 24, PETROLIA.—Carlton Gilbert, Frank Spurr and J. H. Webb, December 24th, 1895.

HURON ENCAMPMENT, No. 28, GODERICH.—Joseph Beck, Thos. Gundy, Wm. Knight, W. H. Pratt, J. M. Proudfoot and Robt. Thompson, December 19th, 1895; A. Saunders, J. B. Moore, D. Cantelon, Jas. Yates, John Yule and J. W. Smith, June 30th, 1896.

WENTWORTH ENCAMPMENT, No. 30, DUNDAS.—W. M. Brooking, J. A. Latshaw, W. A. Edwards, Thos. Connell, Wm. Lawson, C. Freece, Geo. Coote, Geo. Thompson, B. Lucas and John Hoyle, June 30th, 1896.

WELLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 31, GUELPH.—John Chamberlain, A. McLaren, C. W. Reynolds, W. G. Rose and Thos. Steele, June 26th, 1896.

ROYAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 36, HAMILTON.—H. Watson, C. H. Peebles, Wm. McDonald, Wm. McComb and A. Weir, January 17th, 1896.

ADELPHIAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 38, LONDON.—John Hayman and E. J. McRoberts, Dec. 27, 1895; Frederick Crabb, Robert J. Blackwell, Albert Sommerville, Wm. Gammage and Henry B. White, June 25th, 1896.

MINERVA ENCAMPMENT, No. 47, WINGHAM.—W. J. Chapman, J. H. Hiscocks, Robert Hill, Robert Mainprize, A. G. McGregor, J. A. McLean, Michael Robertson and W. J. Sheffield, June 29th, 1896.

SAMARITAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 49, BERLIN.—J. G. Buchaupt, D. H. Waugh, F. M. Vetter, W. S. Kutt, W. P. Stein, W. H. Barrett and Joseph Kimmel, Dec. 21st, 1895.

RIDGELY ENCAMPMENT, No. 52, JARVIS.—W. A. Caldwell, Nov. 7th, 1895.

MAPLE LEAF ENCAMPMENT, No. 55, WOODSTOCK.—H. G. Winters, Chas. F. Trout, John A. Ross, F. E. Cross, S. S. Fax, James Forbes, John McIlwaith, John Steele, W. E. Gould and Frederick Greenley, Dec. 19th, 1895; Robert Kerr and Wm. Kuthbert, June 25th, 1896.

MOIRA ENCAMPMENT, No. 59, BELLEVILLE.—Wm. Brown, J. J. Newton and W. Thompson, July 28th, 1895.

CENTRAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 60, ESSEX.—Joseph C. May, J. S. Laird, Joseph May, Wallace May and Frank Walters, Dec. 31st, 1895; James Douglass, E. Plummer and C. W. Rose, June 16th, 1896.

AMICUS ENCAMPMENT, No. 61, NORWICH.—C. Hendershott, J. H. Dennis, T. Chiswell and H. Stewart, June 25th, 1896.

GALT ENCAMPMENT, No. 62, GALT.—W. J. Merlich, Wm. R. Palmer and A. G. McCausland, Dec. 20th, 1895; Stephen R. Wilkins, June 18th, 1896.

SIMCOE ENCAMPMENT, No. 63, WATERFORD.—W. D. Boyce, J. W. Smith and J. H. Williams, Dec. 16th, 1895; J. H. Butler, Feb. 3rd, 1896; C. A. Chadwick, H. W. Parsel and Chas. Allen, June 29th, 1896.

EUREKA ENCAMPMENT, No. 65, CARLETON PLACE.—Geo. E. Leslie, R. J. Paine, Wm. Coburn, George McPherson and J. S. Rodger, Dec. 16th, 1895.

HIAWATHA ENCAMPMENT, No. 66, PETERBOROUGH.—George J. Early, H. O. Fisk, J. E. Kelly and W. E. Wesley, but no date given.

AURORA ENCAMPMENT, No. 67, AURORA.—Alex. J. Scott, Samuel Gilchrist and Silas Stephens, January 27th, 1896.

FOREST ENCAMPMENT, NO. 69, FOREST.—Wilfred Hastings, June 28th, 1896.

GOLDEN ENCAMPMENT, NO. 70, RAT PORTAGE.—Howard Barnes, J. K. Wright, R. R. Atkins, W. Y. Ferguson, J. L. Gauthier, John Barnes, A. C. Hopper, Wm. Burrage and George Thompson, Dec. 24th, 1895.

AMITY ENCAMPMENT, NO. 74, MOUNT BRYDGES.—J. H. Braddon and George Cowes, June 9th, 1896.

NIBEWIN ENCAMPMENT, NO. 75, CHAPLEAU.—A. Black and C. A. Stark, but no date given; H. N. Atkinson, January 1st, 1896.

MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT, NO. 1, MONTREAL.—Alex. Anderson, A. Ferguson and J. E. Hayden, Dec. 28th, 1895.

FARNHAM ENCAMPMENT, NO. 4, FARNHAM.—Thos. B. Pendleton and Thos. E. E. Parsonage, June 30th, 1896.

ST. JOHN'S ENCAMPMENT, NO. 5, ST. JOHN'S.—S. W. Cheeseman, Daniel Chorinere and Joseph Powers, Dec. 31st, 1895.

## 6 EXPULSIONS.

MOUNT ARARAT ENCAMPMENT, NO. 16, NAPANEE.—James C. Howell, expelled from Desoronto Lodge, No. 102, I. O. O. F., for conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow, and from this Encampment, December 31st, 1895.

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## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

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## DISTRICT NO. 2—

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Dresden.

## DISTRICT NO. 3—

*John Andrews, Ingersoll.*  
St. Thomas.  
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Woodstock.  
Ingersoll.

## DISTRICT NO. 4—

*Thos. H. Spence, Brantford.*  
Brantford.  
Norwich.

## DISTRICT NO. 5—

*R. W. Meade, Pt. Dover.*  
Waterford.  
Jarvis.

## DISTRICT NO. 6—

*E. C. Mears, Niagara Falls.*  
St. Catharines.  
Niagara Falls.

## DISTRICT NO. 7—

*Geo. G. Henderson, Hamilton.*  
Hamilton (2).  
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## DISTRICT NO. 8—

*John Hunter, London.*  
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## DISTRICT NO. 9—

*W. J. Barrie, Sarnia.*  
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*E. J. Flavin, Forest.*  
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Parkhill.

## DISTRICT NO. 11—

*George Porter, Goderich.*  
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## DISTRICT NO. 12—

*Thos. J. Elliott, Wingham.*  
Exeter.  
Wingham.

## DISTRICT NO. 13—

*Richard Lee, Walkerton.*  
Walkerton.

## DISTRICT NO. 14—

*Frank B. Jeffery, Stratford.*  
Stratford.  
Guelph.  
Berlin.

## DISTRICT NO. 15—

*Theo. Lawrence, Collingwood.*  
Collingwood.  
Barrie.

## DISTRICT NO. 16—

*W. J. Graham, Toronto.*  
Toronto (2).  
Newmarket.  
Aurora.

## DISTRICT NO. 17—

*Wm. Mark, Oshawa.*  
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Bowmanville.  
Whitby.

## DISTRICT NO. 18—

*Walter Riddell, Cobourg.*  
Pt. Hope.  
Cobourg.

## DISTRICT NO. 19—

*R. M. Ray, Peterborough.*  
Lindsay.  
Peterborough (2).  
Norwood.

## DISTRICT NO. 20—

*E. Roblin, Picton.*  
Belleville (2).  
Trenton.  
Picton.  
Stirling.

## DISTRICT NO. 21—

*A. E. Paul, Napanee.*  
Kingston (2).  
Napanee.

## DISTRICT NO. 22—

*James Langley, Ottawa.*  
Ottawa (2).  
Carleton Place.  
Arnprior.

## DISTRICT NO. 23—

*W. F. Edgar, Brockville.*  
Brockville.  
Prescott.

## DISTRICT NO. 24—

*Mark Hermiston, Cornwall.*  
Cornwall.

## DISTRICT NO. 25—

*John Brenchley, Rat Portage.*  
Rat Portage.

## DISTRICT NO. 26—

*J. K. Heiner, Chapleau.*  
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## DISTRICT NO. 27—

*F. B. Allan, Pt. Arthur.*  
Fort William.

## DISTRICT NO. 28—

*A. E. Abson, 40 Voltiguers St.,  
Montreal, Que.*  
Montreal (2).  
St. John's.  
Farnham.

## DISTRICT NO. 29—

*N. N. Walley, Sherbrooke.*  
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## DISTRICT NO. 30—

*C. Mills Teale, "Mercury" Of-  
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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS  
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.

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Province of Ontario, for 1896 and 1897.

GEORGE ROSS.....	Grand Patriarch.....	Hamilton
GEORGE BELL.....	Grand High Priest.....	Ottawa
SAMUEL LAW.....	Grand Senior Warden.....	Guelph
M. D. DAWSON.....	Grand Scribe.....	London
EDMUND BELTZ.....	Grand Treasurer.....	London
S. S. MERICK.....	Grand Rep. S. G. L.....	Carleton Place
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....	Grand Rep. S. G. L.....	Toronto
WM. POTTER.....	Grand Junior Warden.....	Chatham
E. J. SPACKMAN.....	Grand Marshal.....	Exeter
GEORGE L. SCOTT.....	Grand Sentinel.....	Stirling
JAMES MUNROE.....	Grand O. Sentinel.....	Toronto

PAST GRAND PATRIARCHS.

*JAMES WOODYATT.....	Brantford.....	1869-1870
S. G. DOLSON.....	St. Catharines.....	1870-1871
†HENRY McAFEE.....	Walkerville.....	1871-1872
ADAM PURVES.....	St. Catharines.....	1872-1873
JOHN HAM PERRY.....	Whitby.....	1873-1874
JOHN GIBSON.....	Stratford.....	1874-1875
HARPER WILSON.....	St. Catharines.....	1875-1876
W. H. COLE.....	Brockville.....	1876-1877
THOS. WOODYATT.....	Brantford.....	1877-1878
E. R. ROBINSON.....	London.....	1878-1879
ROBT. EVANS.....	Hamilton.....	1879-1880
JOHN DONOGH.....	Toronto.....	1880-1881
§FRANCIS RAE.....	Oshawa.....	1881-1882
W. D. GORDON.....	Kingston.....	1882-1883
HECTOR URQUHART.....	Strathroy.....	1883-1884
JOS. OLIVER.....	Toronto.....	1884-1885
JOHN WELSH.....	Stratford.....	1885-1886
FRANK RIDDELL.....	London.....	1886-1887
JOHN SINCLAIR.....	Petrolia.....	1887-1888
ABNER FRASER.....	Hamilton.....	1888-1889
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....	Toronto.....	1889-1890
JOHN A. MACDONALD.....	Amprior.....	1890-1891
D. H. MOORE.....	Peterborough.....	1891-1892
FRED. DOGGETT.....	St. Thomas.....	1892-1893
A. H. BLACKBEY.....	Galt.....	1893-1894
S. S. MERICK.....	Carleton Place.....	1894-1895
JOHN J. REED.....	Montreal.....	1895-1896

\*Died August 20th, 1894.

†Died March 25th, 1896.

‡Died October 23rd, 1892.

§Died April 8th, 1896.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF SUB. ENCAMP. ELECTED AND INSTALLED FOR TERM COMM. JULY 1st, 1896.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT	No	LOCATION.	CHIEF PATRIARCH	SCRIBE.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Union.....	1	St. Catharines	Donald Robertson	D. M. Walker.....	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Frontier.....	2	Windsor	Fred. Phillips.....	A. E. Scott.....	2nd and 4th Friday
Harmony.....	3	London	Wm. McLean.....	A. Davis.....	2nd and 4th Thursday
Brant.....	4	Brantford	John Muirhead.....	Chas. Cowherd.....	1st and 3rd Friday
Charity.....	5	Stratford	J. W. Murray.....	F. E. Jeffrey.....	2nd and 4th Friday
Burlington.....	7	Hamilton	Robert Douglas.....	Geo. Britton.....	2nd and 4th Monday
Toronto.....	8	Brockville	W. H. Blight.....	W. B. Dack.....	2nd and Thursday
Chatham.....	10	Toronto	W. F. Edgar.....	H. B. Coates.....	1st Friday
Ontario.....	11	Chatham	A. Kelly.....	W. W. Mitchell.....	1st and 3rd Thursday
Albert.....	12	Oshawa	Geo. Warren.....	J. W. Ellis.....	2nd and 4th Monday
Whitby.....	13	Bowmanville	Wm. Jennings.....	Geo. E. Maynard.....	1st and 3rd Friday
Fidelity.....	14	Whitby	R. J. Avery.....	T. Nicholls.....	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Kingston.....	15	Strathroy	Ronald McDonald.....	Fred. Connors.....	2nd and 4th Monday
Mount Ararat.....	16	Kingston	F. E. Aldrich.....	M. S. Plumley.....	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Hebron.....	17	Napanee	J. H. Miles.....	M. S. Plumley.....	2nd and 4th Monday
Quinte.....	19	Parkhill	Murray Roberts.....	Geo. Fraser.....	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Elgin.....	20	Belleville	W. A. Mitchell.....	L. Ferguson.....	1st and 3rd Monday
Unity.....	21	St. Thomas	W. G. Chestnut.....	Wm. Brett.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Guiding Star.....	22	London	A. J. Webber.....	J. A. McLean.....	1st and 3rd Thursday
Niagara Falls.....	24	Niagara Falls	C. J. Buchanan.....	W. J. Hampton.....	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Friendship.....	25	Petrolia	Alex. Buchanan.....	S. D. Swift.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Victoria.....	25	Port Hope	Henry White.....	A. A. Stevenson.....	1st and 3rd Friday
Alpha.....	26	Sarnia	Jos. Doig.....	C. A. Nairn.....	1st and 3rd Thursday
Huron.....	28	Goderich	B. Sauls.....	W. H. Knowles.....	2nd Monday
Wentworth.....	30	Dundas	J. A. Davis.....	W. H. Knowles.....	1st Tuesday
Wellington.....	31	Guelph	Geo. J. Stephens.....	Samuel Law.....	2nd and 4th Friday
Newmarket.....	32	Newmarket	W. Johns.....	A. E. Fuke.....	1st Thursday
Exeter.....	33	Exeter	W. H. James.....	Wm. Brooks.....	Wedn's y'esmi monthly
Royal.....	36	Hamilton	James Fitzgerald.....	John Bamed.....	2nd and 4th Thursday
Adelphian.....	38	London	F. McKee.....	John E. Campbell.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Dufferin.....	41	Pt. Edward	W. Carron.....	C. Watson.....	2nd and 4th Monday
Aylmer.....	42	Collingwood	H. W. Wilson.....	T. Lawrence.....	1st and 3rd Friday
Saugen Valley.....	46	Walkerton	H. D. Wettlaufer.....	J. J. Johnston.....	1st and 3rd Monday
Minerva.....	47	Wingham	T. H. Manuel.....	J. W. Dodd.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Samaritan.....	49	Berlin	F. Zarke.....	J. K. Master.....	2nd and 4th Monday
Rehoboth.....	50	Toronto	W. J. Foster.....	Chas. B. Robinson.....	4th Thursday
Ridgely.....	51	Jarvis	W. J. Haselett.....	C. E. Browne.....	1st Thursday
Outaouais.....	52	Ottawa	F. J. Hamon.....	Geo. Bell.....	1st Friday
Maple Leaf.....	55	Woodstock	Wm. Budd.....	H. M. Bauslaugh.....	4th Thursday
Mount Hebron.....	56	Peterborough	Geo. Evans.....	R. Mulligan.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Phoenix.....	57	Wallaceburg	J. B. Cousins.....	Fred. Harris.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Moir.....	59	Belleville	Wm. Chatterton.....	J. A. Coon.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Central.....	60	Essex	E. Beal.....	G. F. Hill.....	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Amicus.....	62	Galt	A. Mathewson.....	R. K. Pauter.....	2nd and 4th Friday
Galt.....	61	Norwich	H. D. Ramson.....	R. H. Marshall.....	1st and 3rd Thursday
Simcoe.....	63	Simcoe	H. R. Smale.....	R. S. Robinson.....	1st and 3rd Monday
Ivy.....	64	Cobourg	Wm. Pratt.....	Wm. Russell.....	1st and 3rd Monday
Eureka.....	65	Carleton Place	Jos. McKay.....	A. C. Brown.....	1st and 3rd Monday
Hiawatha.....	66	Peterborough	D. S. Armstrong.....	Jas. A. McGill.....	2nd and 4th Friday
Aurora.....	67	Aurora	A. Ashton.....	Geo. H. Richardson.....	2nd and 4th Monday
Golden.....	70	Forest	F. Chalk.....	A. F. Steele.....	4th Thursday
Picton.....	72	Rat Portage	J. C. Baxter.....	N. Schnarr.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Pointe Aux Pins.....	73	Picton	F. J. Roblin.....	H. Noson.....	1st and 3rd Friday
Amity.....	74	Hlenheim	D. Muckle.....	Geo. M. Baird.....	1st and 3rd Friday
Nibewin.....	75	Chapleau	H. M. Courtis.....	M. McGuigan.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Cornwall.....	76	Chapleau	J. K. Tervier.....	J. D. McAdam.....	2nd and 4th Thursday
Superior.....	78	Cornwall	M. Hermiston.....	F. Bisset.....	2nd and 4th Friday
Casarsqui.....	79	Pt. William	H. B. Dawson.....	J. W. Bray.....	2nd and 4th Monday
Stirling.....	80	Kingston	J. A. Donaldson.....	J. H. Brock.....	1st and 4th Thursday
George B.....	81	Ottawa	Alf. McCutcheon.....	Geo. Smith.....	1st and 3rd Monday
Sinai.....	82	Norwood	S. S. Stratton.....	W. Hoggard.....	3rd Friday
Montreal.....	1	Montreal	R. J. Stuart.....	S. A. Pettegrew.....	1st and 3rd Friday
Montreal.....	2	Montreal	Thos. Brown.....	J. E. Eaton.....	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Mohausack.....	3	Montreal	Wm. Thomas.....	Chas. Griffith.....	4th Thursday
Farnham.....	4	Farnham	John Watt.....	J. A. Armstrong.....	1st and 3rd Monday
St. John's.....	5	St. John's	W. T. Plaisance.....	Chas. J. Brown.....	1st Monday
Maple Leaf.....	6	Quebec	Jno. S. Burford.....	Thos. F. Teakle.....	2nd and 4th Monday

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SCRIBES.

The certificates of Past Chief Patriarchs and Representatives to Grand Encampment should be forwarded to the Grand Scribe immediately after the installation of officers.

Past Chief Patriarchs and Representatives shall be furnished with a duplicate Certificate by the Scribe in order to avoid any possible inconveniences arising out of the miscarriage of the original. Especially should this be the case when Past Chief Patriarchs present themselves for admission to the Grand Encampment some time after they have passed the chairs.

The Per Capita Tax is twenty-five cents on each member upon the roll at the last stated meeting in the term.

Charge Books cannot be delivered except upon the special order of an Encampment, signed by the Chief Patriarch and Scribe, and attested by the seal, and the old Charge Books must in all cases be returned to the Grand Scribe.

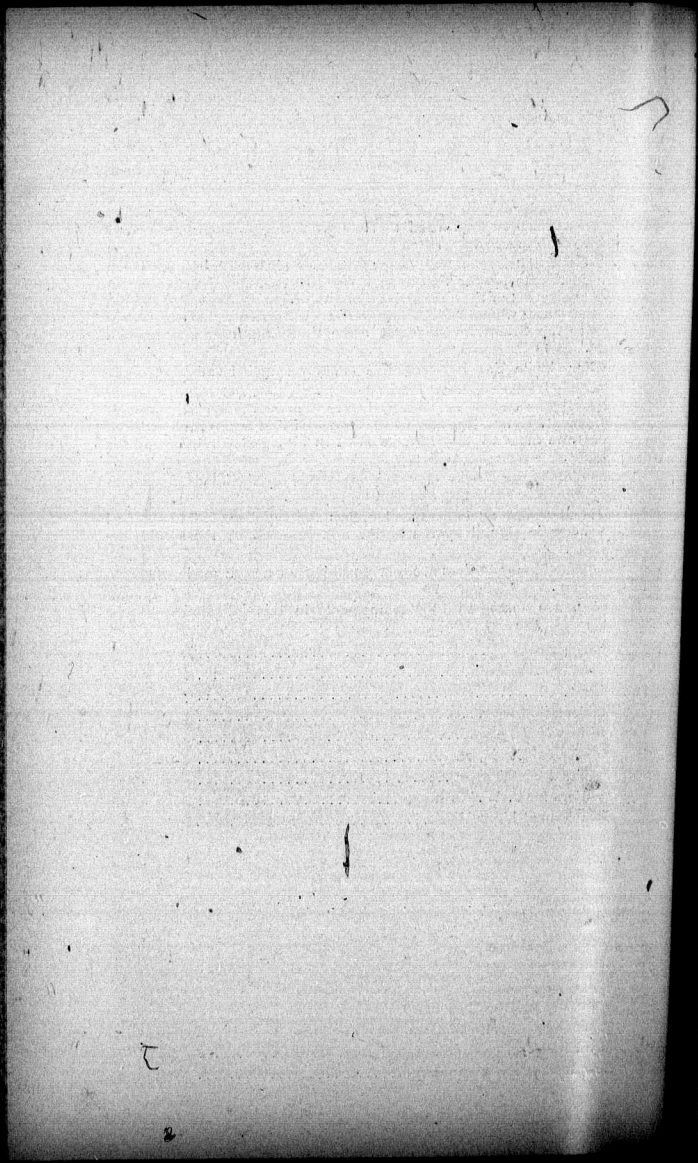
When old Charge Books cannot be returned by the hands of a Patriarch, they should be sealed up and sent by express.

The money must accompany all orders for supplies of all kinds, and all orders must be signed by the Scribe and attested by the seal of the Encampment.

Post Office Money Orders are recommended as a safe mode of transmitting money.

Supplies are furnished to Encampments in this jurisdiction at the following rates, viz :

Charge Books.....	\$2 50
Books of Law, each.....	40
Digest.....	3 00
Emblematic Chart.....	3 00
Visiting Cards, each.....	28
Withdrawal Cards, each.....	28
Dismissal Certificates.....	28
"Orders for P. W." in Books.....	50
Encampment Floor Work.....	50
Register Books, each.....	3 50
Proposition Books, each.....	3 25
Black Books, each.....	2 00
Draft Books, each.....	2 00
Treasurers' Books, each.....	1 00
Receipt Books, each.....	1 75
Return Books, each.....	1 00
Roll Books, each.....	1 00
Notices of Arrears, per 100.....	50
Applications for Membership (loose) per 100.....	50
Applications for Certificates, per 100.....	50
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**JOHN HAM PERRY**

Past Grand Patriarch  
1873-74.

PAST GRAND MASTER GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,  
SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVE FOR SIX YEARS,  
REGISTRAR OF ONTARIO COUNTY.

Born at Fredericksburg, Ont., April 26, 1827.  
Died at Whitby, March 25th, 1896.  
Aged 69 years.

"So let him sleep that dreamless sleep,  
Our sorrows clustering round his head;  
Be comforted ye loved who weep,  
He lives with God—he is not dead."

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Past Grand Patriarch  
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SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVE FOR FOUR YEARS.

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Eminent in medicine, and for many years President  
of the Provincial Board of Health.

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Born at Fredericton, N. B., July 8, 1833.

Died at Oshawa, April 8, 1896.

Aged 63 years.

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Gentle in manners, a most winning disposition,  
beloved by all who knew him.

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But waft thy name beyond the sky."

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D. S. Hind, Jarvis ..... October 23rd, 1895
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G. R. Armitage, Woodstock ..... October 2nd, 1895  
Angus Ross, P. C. P., Woodstock ..... November 3rd, 1895
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Alex. McCoy, Belleville ..... August 10th, 1895  
Richard Ham, Belleville ..... August 25th, 1895
- No. 69--  
H. Schram, Forest ..... April 24th, 1896
- No. 73--  
C. D. Shirley, Blenheim ..... June 17, 1896
- No. 75--  
A. W. Rae, Chapeau ; no date given.
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REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES  
 —OF THE—  
 Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

SESSION 1896.

Held at the City of Dallas, Texas.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

PATRIARCHS,—Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge have the honor to report that they attended the seventy-second annual communications of that Grand Body, held in the City of Dallas, Texas, commencing on Monday, September 21st, and closing on Saturday, the 26th.

On Monday morning a reception was held in the Opera House, where addresses of welcome were delivered by M. D. Hendon, Grand Representative, Texas; Hon. Charles A. Culberson, Governor of Texas, on behalf of the State; Hon. Barnett Gibbs, on behalf of the Citizens of Dallas; W. L. Blanton, Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas; A. A. Kellar, Grand Representative, on behalf of the Grand Encampment; Col. F. E. Hunter, Department Commander, on behalf of the Patriarchs Militant; Mrs. M. L. McCracken, President of State Assembly, on behalf of the Daughters of Rebekah, which were responded to by the Grand Sire, John W. Stebbins, in his usual eloquent and happy manner.

At the close of the reception the Sovereign Grand Lodge were escorted to the Convention Hall, where the session was opened.

There were present the following

OFFICERS :

JOHN W. STEBBINS.....	Grand Sire
FRED. CARLETON.....	Deputy Grand Sire
THEO. A. ROSS.....	Grand Secretary
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.....	Grand Treasurer
GEORGE COBURN.....	Assistant Grand Secretary
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	Grand Chaplain
JAMES B. BLANKS.....	Grand Marshal
FRED. S. HUNT.....	Grand Guardian
J. R. HARWELL.....	Grand Messenger

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York
MILTON J. DURHAM.....	Kentucky
JOHN H. WHITE.....	New York
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....	Kentucky
CHARLES M. BUSBEE.....	North Carolina
CL. T. CAMPBELL.....	Ontario, Canada

## REPRESENTATIVES.

One hundred and seventy-two Representatives, representing 54 Grand Lodges and 48 Grand Encampments.

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. J. W. Venable, of Kentucky, addressed the Throne of Grace, after which the Deputy Grand Sire declared the Sovereign Grand Lodge open for business.

## CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

We quote the following from the Report of the Grand Sire :

The condition of the business interests and the prospective disturbances, in this and other countries, have had their effect upon the order. Yet, under the surrounding conditions, our growth has not been seriously retarded. Our losses in membership through inability to meet their obligations have been unusually large, though, when the stringency of the times shall have passed, many will return. The additions to the order have been fairly good, and in all branches prosperity has prevailed to an unlooked for extent.

Our aggregate losses for the year by suspensions, withdrawals, expulsions and deaths will appear in the statistical tables of the Grand Secretary. Our aggregate gains will also there appear. In the subordinate lodges, the net gain has been 9,190. In the sub-encampments there has been a net loss of 1,636.

In the Patriarch Militant Branch, there has been a large increase, the aggregate of which cannot be given with accuracy—owing to delays in making returns—Department Commanders must see to it that these returns are early forwarded, if they would have their Branch fully tabulated. So far as reported the increase is most gratifying.

In the Rebekah Branch the growth has been phenomenal, there being a net increase in membership of 27,854. This is in no inconsiderable degree attributable and traceable to the opening the door to all unmarried ladies of good moral character.

This last Branch is rapidly, outstripping all of the others and the prediction that not in the far future it will lead them all in membership, in labor and efficacy, seems probable of realization.

The work that is being accomplished by this Branch, in providing homes for the widow, the orphan and the aged Oddfellow, challenges our admiration and praise.

It is to be hoped that the two things now most needed for its greater efficiency—the opening wider the door, so as to admit all of good moral character and benevolent impulses—whether married or unmarried—and the giving of a universal pass word and sign, so that they may everywhere seek a brother's aid when required, will be provided before this session closes.

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## APPENDIX.

## APPROVED DECISIONS

BY THE GRAND SIRE.

## Patriarchs Militant.

Decision.—Pending an appeal from the action of his Lodge a chevalier loses no standing in his Canton, until official notice reaches it of an unfavorable result of the appeal.

Decision.—As the law now stands (§ 35 P. M. Code) vacancies cannot be filled by giving the numbers to new Cantons. They must be numbered consecutively, and rank according to date of organization. The Code in this respect is defective.

Decision.—The Grand Secretary is allowed by the Law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to be found on p. 14,604 of the Revised Journal, to credit to each department "one-half of the amount paid by it for Canton officers' commissions," only the 4th resolution being a limitation of the 3rd, and binding on the Grand Secretary.

Decision.—A distinction must be preserved in the P. M. Organization between the civic and military departments. In the Department Council the Vice-President is next the Department Commander, and must preside in his absence or disability.

In the military department, when the Department Commander is absent or under disability, the senior officer next in rank assumes command.

Decision.—No officer, field or staff, can prefer charges against the Department Commander.

Decision.—Unless restricted by the Trial Code prepared by the Department Council, any chevalier, in good standing in the Department, may prefer charges to the Department Commander against any officer, except the Department Commander.

Decision.—All resignations of Canton officers must be made to the Canton, and the vacancy must be filled by a Canton Election, held for that purpose.

Decision.—Department Commanders cannot fill vacancies in Canton offices upon resignation, under Sections 62 and 64. They may do so where an officer, once elected by the Canton, shall neglect to qualify or refuse to serve.

Decision.—Department Commanders have no power to confer the Degree of Chivalry upon anyone until the Department Council has ordered it.

Decision.—The Grand Sire cannot grant a dispensation to confer the Grand Decoration of Chivalry, except on those ordered by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Decision.—There is no general law prohibiting a Canton from raising funds for necessary expenses, as needed, by assessment, instead of a general by-law, fixing dues for each member, though I think the latter method preferable.

Decision.—Both Cantons and Department Councils are restricted by general law, and cannot suspend for non-payment of dues, except for a years' arrearage. A By-law, therefore, suspending a Chevalier in arrears 30 days is illegal.

Decision.—The P. M. Banner is not likely to be done away with while there is a Canton to carry it.

Decision.—A communication from a Canton, no less than from a Lodge or Encampment, must bear the seal of the Canton if it has one. If it has none, that fact should appear upon the communication.

Decision.—A fac-simile of the seal printed on the paper is not a compliance with the law. The seal must be impressed upon the communication, at or near its close, so that all the writing shall bear official sanction.

Decision.—A defunct or dormant Canton, that has not been regularly mustered out, and surrendered its effects as required by § 31, may be resuscitated by the Department Commander, under authority of the Commander-in-Chief, where there is no Department Council. He may order an election of officers, causing the returns and fees for commissions to be forwarded to the Adjutant-General.

Decision.—If a defunct Canton has been regularly mustered out and its effects surrendered, the Department Commander may order an election, return the warrant and books, and cause the proper return to be made to the Adjutant-General for commissions of officers.

Decision.—A Regimental Battalion, of but two Cantons, may elect a Major.

If there be no Regiment in the Department, only a separate Battalion can be formed, and that requires not less than six Cantons, to entitle it to elect a Major.

Decision.—An honorable discharge severs membership with the Canton, and until the chevalier regains membership he cannot parade with, nor visit a Canton.

Decision.—While Sections 5, 60 and 64 of the P. M. Code leave in doubt the manner of selecting Majors of Battalions formed during the year; those sections in connection with § 67, I construe to give to the Department Commander authority to appoint and commission Majors in the interim of Department Council meetings, and if appointed prior to October 1st, they will be retired with retired commissions on the 26th of April following, unless at that time elected. A

#### SUBORDINATE LODGE AND ENCAMPMENT.

Decision.—Section 11 of Article 1 (Con. of Subs.) saying ("or within a less distance to any other lodge,") is poorly worded. But it cannot be presumed that the measure of distance was to be by an air-line, as that has application only to winged animals.

Distance for all others is always measured by some *travelled* route. I therefore construe your case to mean, by the nearest *travelled* route.

Decision.—A clause in a sub-Con. requiring the brother who casts a black ball to "communicate in writing to the Noble Grand his reasons for so doing," is illegal and void. The right to the secret ballot is sacred, no brother being required to disclose or divulge it to anyone.

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Decision.—The general law does not require a brother to exhaust his remedies in the order before resorting to the civil courts.

If the Constitution or By-laws of his Lodge require it, he must do so in order to gain a standing in Court, as they form his contract with the Lodge.

Decision.—A Grand Master cannot under the law excluding saloon keepers from membership, change the form of admission so as to require the candidate to pledge himself not to engage in that business after admission. The Grand Lodge may.

Decision.—A Grand Lodge may by law declare it "conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow" to engage in the saloon business.

It has no power to say that those engaged in it, when the 5th amendment was passed, are guilty of such conduct, and subject them to it.

Decision.—Professional gamblers in violation of the laws of the State and those selling intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws of the State, were before the 5th amendment was passed, subject to discipline and expulsion.

Question.—Under the new § 5 of Article XVI. of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution, is a brother liable to charges, who, not being engaged as a "saloon-keeper" or "bar-tender" at the time the law was passed, has since engaged in it?

Answer.—This question involves the proper construction of the new constitutional provision, cancelling membership.

It declares in effect that though a person possess every necessary qualification for membership, yet if engaged in the saloon business as proprietor or bar-tender, he is unworthy admission into the Order. *i. e.* Is doing an act "unbecoming an Oddfellow."

If being so engaged is "conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow," how much more so, for a member with the law before him, voluntarily to engage in it?

I hold, therefore, that a member of the Order, not now in the business who voluntarily engages in it in either of the prohibited forms, is guilty of "conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow," and liable to charges. This must not be understood to apply to those who were members and so engaged at the time the law was passed. They had acquired vested rights under the law as it previously existed, and cannot be disturbed. But when they give up the business, they cannot again return to it without a violation of the law, as I construe it.

Decision.—A brother seeking to change his membership under the Laws of 1880 and 1884-5, by depositing his visiting card, and being elected, sickens and dies after his Lodge votes a withdrawal card, but before it reaches the Lodge electing him, he not having signed the Constitution and By-Law, nor paid the admission fee, is not entitled to sick or funeral benefits from either Lodge.

Decision.—A saloon-keeper in the Order at the time of the passage of the 5th amendment, and only a scarlet degree member, is eligible to membership in the Encampment, or any other branch of the Order of which he is not a member.

Decision.—The changes in the Ritual, sent to Grand Secretary by order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, should be communicated by them to

the subordinates as fast as possible, and not wait for the session of the Grand Lodge, but they must not be reprinted. That is the prerogative of the Sovereign Grand Lodge only. The unwritten work can only be communicated orally.

Decision.—A Grand Patriarch removing from his jurisdiction before his term expires vacates the office and loses the honors. The one appointed to fill the vacancy and serves to the end of the term is entitled to them.

Decision.—When provision is made for Past Grands to vote for Grand Officers in their Lodges they are not entitled to vote in Grand Lodge, unless they are representatives, though they neglect to vote in their Lodge.

Decision.—The refusal of a Charter by the Grand Lodge to a Lodge working under dispensation terminates membership.

A representative to the Grand Lodge from such Lodge, though appointed upon a committee, cannot accept after the refusal of the Charter. Its refusal terminates the existence of the Dispensation.

Decision.—There is no law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge fixing a minimum fee for initiation.

Question.—A Grand Lodge passes a law in direct conflict with its Constitution, and without observing any of the forms required by it. This is admitted. Objection is raised. The act is then ratified by unanimous consent of the Grand Body :

First.—Can the Grand Sire pass upon the question of the legality of the laws so passed? If so,—

Second.—Is the law legal and binding, or may the Grand Master disregard it?

Third.—Does the subsequent unanimous approval of it give it legal and binding force?

Answer.—The law is illegal and has no binding force. It is an act conceded to be outside the constitutional power of the Grand Lodge, and is therefore "*ultra vires*"—null and void.

Its subsequent unanimous approval cannot give it any legal binding force. Unanimous consent can give no validity to an unconstitutional act.

Decision.—A Grand Master cannot set aside the action of his Grand Lodge, though in changing the place of meeting of a Sub-Lodge it acts upon the petition of members without the knowledge of the Lodge, and upon learning which the Lodge officially remonstrates.

He can suspend action, and should do so until he can present the remonstrance to his Grand Lodge and have the subject reviewed and the Lodge given a hearing.

Decision.—A Noble Grand, who resigns before the end of the term is not entitled to the honors, though he serve a majority of the nights of the term.

The Vice-Grand is not eligible to the office of Noble Grand in case of his resignation, though he has served a majority of the nights of the term.

Decision.—Decision No. 9, made last year, does not apply to other than Rebekah Lodges.

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member, and if in the saloon business when suspended and has not abandoned it, he is eligible to reinstatement in his Lodge.

Decision.—The 5th Section of Article XVI., takes from those in the Order no rights they were then enjoying, so long as they continue to use them.

Should they at any time give up the business, they cannot again resume it, as that would be an over act, for which they would be liable to charges.

Decision.—By the General Law, a soldier sick in a hospital for soldiers and there supported, is entitled to benefits if in good standing.

Decision.—In the Encampment the dramatic work must be conferred upon each candidate. When the work will admit of it, it may be in groups.

Decision.—A Noble Grand, though absent on business by permission of his Lodge, so that he does not serve a majority of the nights of the term, is not entitled to the honors of the office.

Though he resigns before the term closes, and is re-elected, and serves to the end of the term, he does not thereby become entitled to the honors.

Decision.—A Grand Master may disregard a constitutional provision, if it is clearly in conflict with the Law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Decision.—Withdrawal Cards, if granted, must be revoked if charges are preferred, but if the charges are not sustained, they must be returned.

Decision.—A hotel-keeper is not a saloon-keeper. If he has a bar and tends to it he is a bar-tender, and as such is excluded from membership.

Decision.—No permission a Grand Master can give will make it legal to elect a candidate outside his own jurisdiction, unless the Lodge of the contiguous jurisdiction is nearer the candidates' residence than any one in his own.

Question.—Can the Grand Lodge deprive its Grand Master of the powers and duties conferred upon him by the Constitution, no charges being preferred against him—by a mere *viva voce* vote though that be unanimous, the only pretext being that it preferred some other person should discharge those duties—there being no provision in the Constitution for suspending him—except by trial and charges. Is this a question arising out of the Constitution.

Answer—"Unanimous consent," the only ground upon which the action is sought to be upheld, cannot legalize a violation of the Constitution.

The Grand Master should proceed in the discharge of his constitutional duties as though no such resolution had been passed.

Decision.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge construes its own laws and passes upon the validity and legality of those passed by Grand Bodies, and in the interim of its sessions devolves this duty upon the Grand Sire, when asked, whose decision thereon is to be followed until overruled by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Decision.—Lodges may provide by By-law, unless the local law prevents, for the payment of benefits to Scarlet degree members only, and not for the first week's sickness.

Decision.—There is no law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that prevents a Lodge leasing its property for a saloon.

Decision.—A Grand Lodge may reduce the minimum benefits to \$1.00 after the first year by a General Law passed, or by approving the By-laws of a Lodge so fixing them. The power to enable its subordinates to pass such a By-law is vested in the Grand Lodge.

Decision.—The approval of a By-law of a subordinate Lodge fixing the benefits to be paid at \$1.00 after the first year, by the Grand Lodge, does not make it a General Law.

Decision.—A By-law, approved by its Grand Lodge, fixing the benefits to be paid at \$1.00 per week after the first fifty-two weeks, may, if so worded, embrace the weeks a brother is sick before as well as after the passage of the By-law, he being sick at the time of its passage.

Decision.—A Grand Master has no power to compel uniform fees for initiation and degrees, so long as they are what the law requires.

Such an act would be in conflict with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in regard to Lodge rights.

Decision.—A Grand Master has no right to direct a subordinate Lodge to send its questions to the Grand Sire, and refuse to answer them himself, or to direct it to ask the Grand Sire for his decision, though the law upon which his decision is asked may not be pleasing or satisfactory to the Grand Master.

Decision.—It is not lawful for a Lodge to initiate one candidate and permit others to sit and witness it. All must pass through the ceremony.

Decision.—Initiatory members engaged in the saloon business when Section 5 of Art. XVI. was passed, if they have continued in it, may be advanced to all of the degrees, though so engaged when seeking advancement.

Decision.—There is no General Law that prohibits a Grand Lodge from discriminating, as to the amount those in the State or out, shall pay for admission on dismissal certificates.

Decision.—It is a gross violation of law for a Lodge to use, or have in its possession, any work purporting to be the secret work of Oddfellowship, except that issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, certified by the Grand Secretary, under seal.

Decision.—A Grand Lodge certificate, issued to a member of a defunct Lodge, does not have the effect of a withdrawal card from a subordinate Lodge in date. That Law was repealed in 1884. Since then it has only the effect of a withdrawal card over a year old.

Decision.—It is illegal for subordinate Lodges to pay, out of their funds, to a physician hired by the year, unless authorized by the uniform Constitution, furnished by the Grand Lodge, and the power of the Grand Lodge to authorize such use is doubtful.

Decision.—The paraphernalia used in the secret work cannot be worn by the officers on the occasion of a public anniversary of a Lodge.

Decision.—Holders of a Grand Lodge card as members of a defunct Lodge, if saloon-keepers or bar-tenders, cannot be admitted to membership.

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Decision.—A Visiting Card can be used in the Jurisdiction in which it is issued, and the brother holding it may be admitted on it and the A. T. P. W. though he be without the term T. P. W. of his jurisdiction.

Decision.—Grand Encampments have all the power over the T. P. W. that under § 1080 of the Digest 1889 (§ — of New Digest) Grand Lodges have.

Decision.—The Anniversary Proclamation of the Grand Sire gives no authority to wear the regalia or display any of the emblems of the Order where a dance, or banquet, or other social, is held in connection with the anniversary.

Decision.—It is a violation of law to rehearse any degrees or secret work in the Lodge-room, except the authorized work prepared by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Decision.—A Grand Encampment amending its Constitution as to time of annual meeting, in accordance with its provisions, must meet at the time fixed by the amendment.

If the meeting be more than six months from the former constitutional time, the officers elected at that term will, if they retire and others are elected in their place, be entitled to the honors of the office.

If it be less than six months, or the half of the year, and the officers are retired, they will not be entitled to the honors.

In the latter case, to be entitled to the honors, they must serve to the end of the succeeding term in analogy to the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in regard to subordinate Lodge officers.

Decision.—The Honorable Veteran Jewel is predicated on continuous membership “for 50 consecutive years,” (1894, page 13,974). The continuity of years is not broken, if the brother is in full membership during a part of each of the fifty years. This is as it should be, so as to allow brothers to take a Withdrawal Card, to form a new Lodge, or to remove from one place to another without forfeiting his right to this honor, provided he makes full membership within the life of his card.

Decision.—The Widows' and Orphans' Fund is a “special trust fund,” and cannot be used to pay funeral benefits, though the brother leaves widow and orphan children. It is for their direct and individual support.

Decision.—The power given to a Grand Master to suspend and take from a Lodge its Charter is a highly penal power, and should be exercised only in extreme cases, when injury to the Order is imminent.

Decision.—When the authority to suspend a Lodge is specially given to the Grand Master he cannot delegate that authority to the judgment of another to determine the necessity for its exercise.

Decision.—By General Law the Grand Master has no power to turn over the Charter and effects of a suspended Lodge to a new Lodge organized by a few of the former members of the suspended Lodge. Unless so empowered by the local law his action would be illegal.

Decision.—A soldier in the United States service, detailed to do duty in the Post Exchange, may perform any of the duties assigned to him by his superior officer, whether in the beer or any other department, and in so doing is not a bar-tender, within the meaning of § 5 of Art. XVI. He is acting under orders that he is not at liberty to disobey.

Decision.—It is illegal for any one to cast the vote for an absent Past Grand, when the local law provides that Past Grands must be present and vote in person.

Question.—Section 4, of Article IV., says: "If any of the nominees decline being candidates at any time before election, the Grand Lodge may receive new nominations, provided there are less than two of the original nominees willing to continue as candidates." At our last Grand Lodge session two candidates only were put in nomination. One has since died. I am asked by the requisite number of Lodges (10) to call a soecial session for other nominations. Would it be legal to do so, under the above § 4?

Answer.—This is a question involving the *construction* of your Constitution, and therefore "arises out of it," which I am not permitted to decide.

Decision.—A Lodge receiving a member by card, in the same jurisdiction, at a distance from his residence—farther from his residence than many other Lodges—violates the law that requires him to join the Lodge nearest his residence.

Decision.—A brother joining a Lodge by card, is presumed to know the law requiring him to join the one nearest his residence, and in joining one at a greater distance, is guilty of a violation of law.

Decision.—Where a brother joins a Lodge by card, that is more remote from his residence than several others, the Lodge admitting him should be required to refund the money and cancel the membership. What discipline for the illegal act should be visited upon the offending Lodge and brother must be determined by the Grand Master, under the authority given him by local law.

Decision.—The law of 1864, page 3709, does not embrace attendance at church or other public place in regalia, merely to listen to a sermon or lecture, and return directly to the Lodge room.

Decision.—A druggist is not a "saloon keeper," though he sell liquor for other than mechanical, chemical and medicinal purposes.

Decision.—Should a person, keeping a drug store, open a bar and sell liquor over it, to be drunk on his premises, he would become a saloon keeper as well, and should he tend the bar as well as his drug store, he would become a bar-tender, and inadmissible into the Order.

Decision.—The Grand Sire cannot hear appeals from any subordinate Lodge, except those under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Decision.—A By-law, permitting fireman to retire, upon an alarm of fire without addressing the chair, during the conferring of a degree, is illegal.

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This was repealed by implication in 1884, and so stood until 1890, when it was enacted that such cards did not carry with them the right to the A. T. P. W., but gave only the rights of an Ancient Oddfellow. Such is the law now.

Decision.—The Constitutional Amendment, § 5, Article XVI., does not exclude from membership a waiter in a restaurant or hotel where there is no bar.

Decision.—When the By-laws of a Lodge provide for reference of applications for membership to a committee, but state that an applicant for reinstatement, upon payment of one year's dues, shall, upon ballot, be reinstated; no reference to a committee is required, but the By-law is defective. It should require its reference to a committee, as in case of an applicant for membership.

Decision.—The donation of \$2,000 to the widow of a deceased brother would be a violation of the law in regard to "trust funds."

Decision.—Under the clause "Legitimate Expenses of the Order," a Lodge cannot vote money to the widow of one who was never a member of the Order.

Decision.—It is not legal to allow a call for aid from the Lodges to assist those who are suffering from a foreign war, and who are not members of the Order.

Decision.—For "persistent disobedience" a Grand Master, under General Law, has power to suspend a Lodge until the Grand Lodge shall hear and determine the case.

Decision.—If the card of a sojourning brother states that his Lodge pays for watchers, and the amount, the Lodge having the brother in charge, in case of sickness, has a right to pay not exceeding that amount, notwithstanding it may provide for watching with its own sick by draft of its members.

Decision.—The By-laws of a Lodge, providing for hiring watchers and the amount to be paid, when a brother is sick at home, though silent as to this sickness when absent, authorizes a Lodge having the brother in charge, away from his home, to pay for watchers the same amount.

Decision.—Lodges and Encampments are not on the same basis as to terms. The former can have no terms in which seven meetings form a majority of the meeting nights of the term.

Decision.—A member legally suspended for non-payment of dues can be reinstated only in the manner provided by the local law.

Decision.—Waiters in the dining-room of a hotel, who serve meals to guests, and with them wine or other liquors called for only, cannot be classed as bar-tenders.

Decision.—Decision No. 101, page 14,251 Journal of 1895, does not apply to District or County Jurisdictions, but to State or Grand Jurisdictions only.

Decision.—A Grand Encampment may elect a Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from an Encampment attached to it and under its control, though outside its territorial boundary.

Decision.—Dues against an expelled member restored to membership on appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge begin to accrue from the time the decision is officially announced to the Lodge.

Decision.—The Grand Sire is not permitted to consider appeals from subordinate Lodges nor members not under the immediate Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Decision.—The emblems or name of the Order cannot be used in a memorial window of a church, except in memory of a deceased brother. For that purpose they may be as legitimately used there as upon a tablet or tombstone erected to his memory.

Decision.—No member can occupy any position or deliver any charge in a degree staff that he is not qualified to fill by the rank he has attained as a member of the Order.

Decision.—A brother taken sick before he has been a member six months under a by-law requiring six months' membership before being entitled to benefits, is entitled to benefits if the sickness continues as soon as and from the time the six months expire.

Decision.—By § 5 of Article XVI. the Grand Sire has the same power to consent that persons in an adjoining Territory may join an Encampment in another State or Territory, where there is no Grand Encampment, that Grand Patriarchs and Grand Masters have in organized Grand Jurisdictions.

Decision.—Returns of a Grand Lodge in accordance with instructions, though arising upon petition, should go to the Committee of Appeals, and an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge is the proper course to bring the case to a final determination before the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Decision.—Two subordinates having voted according to the requirements of the local law, and fully complied with that law, have nothing more to do than to turn over the books, effects, roll of members, etc., to the consolidated Lodge, and organize under the new name and number.

Decision.—A member may change his membership under and in the manner provided in § 668, though in the saloon business, without subjecting himself to any disability under § 5 of Article XVI.

Depositing his visiting card and being elected to membership upon it before his Lodge votes the withdrawal card, makes his membership continuous, though it is not completed, until the card reaches the Lodge he has joined and he has signed the Constitution.

Decision.—A saloon keeper or bar-tender, taking a withdrawal card, is entitled to the A. T. P. W., and may visit upon them one year, though he continues the business.

Decision.—The law of 1894, making the chaplain a qualifying officer for Vice Grand, is not retro-active, and applies only to those who shall serve in that office after its passage.

Decision.—A tavern keeper is not necessarily excluded from membership under § 5 of Article XVI. If he has a bar in his house and tends it, he is a bar-tender, and as such excluded.

Decision.—It is an evasion of § 5 of Article XVI. and a violation of it, to propose and admit to membership under title of "Clerk" a person that tends

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bar in a saloon or other drinking place having a bar, over which liquors are dispensed to customers, though he also sells sandwiches or other light edibles.

**Decision.**—It is an evasion and violation of the law to propose and admit to membership a "saloon keeper" under the designation of "a restaurant keeper," a "restaurant" being an "eating house," as distinguished from a "saloon" or "drinking house."

If it embrace both, whichever forms its leading or principal business, must give it its character and name.

**Decision.**—The provisions of § 325 do not apply to associations that have complied with § 590. That section complied with, permits the use of the name, and § 326 exempts such from the prohibitions of § 325.

**Question.**—The Grand Constitution, § 1, Article I, provides that the officers shall be Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Warden, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Conductor and Grand Herald.

The rules for the government of the home provide for the election of five trustees, one each year, who shall be members of the Grand Lodge. All the Past Grand's are members.

A resolution provides for the election and installation of officers as the last business to be transacted.

**Question.**—Has the Grand Lodge the right to elect the trustee before that last order of business is reached?

**Answer.**—Yes. The trustees are not officers under the Constitution.

**Decision.**—The payment of dues is a fundamental principle of the Order, which no Lodge, Grand or Subordinate, can dispense with or evade.

If a brother performs service for his Lodge, for which he may be legitimately paid, the amount must be paid to him, and an order drawn in the usual manner.

**Question.**—Is such a By-law of a Subordinate Lodge legal and proper "On the death of a member entitled to benefits the Lodge should pay as soon as practicable, a person whom they may decide upon, such a sum of money as an assessment of \$1.00 on every member in good standing will amount to, said assessment shall be levied by the Lodge and charged to every member, and when collected, shall be paid into the General Fund to reimburse the Lodge for the funeral expenses. In no case shall more than \$100 be paid for funeral expenses."

**Answer.**—No.

**Question.**—Is the following By-law of a Subordinate Lodge legal:

"Each member shall pay into the Treasury \$1.00 per year, to be placed in a special fund to be called the 'Good of the Order' fund, this to be used as the Lodge may direct. Each member shall have the same charged to him, and it shall be treated as dues or other assessments, one-quarter payable quarterly?"

**Answer.**—In the negative.

**Question.**—A committee, upon an application for membership, returns the application to the Lodge without making any report, having held it a

week. The Constitution contains the usual provision, allowing an application to be withdrawn at any time before the report of the committees. The reasons for their not reporting appear in oral statement, upon which a question is raised. Can the proposer withdraw the application without having those reasons appear upon the Record?

Answer.—Yes, if he so desires.

Question.—Has a Grand Encampment the right to require its subordinates to pay benefits for the first week's sickness.

Answer.—It has. In the absence of such a law it would be legal to omit the payment of benefits for the first week, as that is the General law, where there is no local law to the contrary. The decision of Grand Sire Glenn in 1882, approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, went no further.

Question.—Is it competent for a brother in good standing to change his relation to the Order from that of a beneficial to a non-beneficial member? If so, how can it be done?

Answer.—It is, if he be over 50 years of age.

It can be done by withdrawing from the Lodge and applying for re-admission as a non-beneficial member. See Sections 616-617-618 of the Code of 1895.

#### DISAPPROVED DECISIONS.

Question.—Section 2 of Article XI. of the Constitution of the Sub-Lodge says: "The candidate "shall" be balloted for with "ball" ballots, and if not more than two black "balls" appear against him he shall be elected, etc."

Is it legal under that law to vote with "cubes"?

Answer.—A "cube" is not a "ball." Voting with cubes is not, therefore, voting as the Constitution requires.

Decision.—A withdrawal card severs connection with the Order, and to regain membership he must have all of the qualifications for membership, required by the law at the time of his application. If engaged in the business prohibited by § 5, Article XVI., he is ineligible.

Decision.—A member holding a withdrawal card, "in date or out of date," is not a member of the Order. If "in date," as you express it, he is a visitor, not as a member, granted certain privileges. When he seeks to make membership, whether in the Lodge to which he formerly belonged, or in any other, he must join according to the law in force when he applies.

Decision.—The right to the Veteran Jewel is predicated upon "good standing," *i. e.* "continuous" membership for 25 years (1888, p. 11, 410). Any "break" in membership, therefore "disqualifies."

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## ODDFELLOWS' HOMES.

FROM REPORT GRAND SIRE.

In the department of *Homes for the Aged*, the Widow and Orphan— that grandest field of all our labors—reports were received of Homes established, or in process of establishment, in seventeen Grand Jurisdictions as follows:

Number .....	17
Acres .....	373,914
Cost .....	\$269,462 34
Present value .....	682,727 01
Indebtedness .....	16,000 00

## RESIDENTS.

Males .....	92
Wives .....	9
Widows .....	8
Orphans .....	198

Much other valuable information was given in connection with these reports, and when we recall the brief period of time since the first effort was made in establishing them, we can but feel encouraged at their great success.

Their growth and increase the last year, both in number and residents, have been phenomenal. Doubtless the Grand Secretary's Report will be a great surprise to us, upon hearing the official record. Having a deep and abiding interest in this most worthy branch of our work, I have gathered from unofficial sources, the following, as shown by Grand Jurisdictions, which, if not exact, as may appear in the official figures, will give something of an idea of the progress of our Order in this regard:

STATE.	NO.	ACRES.	VALUE.
California .....	1	20	\$40,000 00
Connecticut .....	1	47	30,000 00
Florida .....	1	3	20,000 00
Idaho .....	1	60	10,000 00
Illinois .....	1	40	30,000 00
Kansas .....	1	3,125	125,000 00
Massachusetts .....	1	60	90,000 00
Minnesota .....	1	fund	7,000 00
New Hampshire .....	1	13	10,000 00
Missouri .....	1	—	25,000 00
New Jersey .....	1	—	20,000 00
New York .....	1	—	20,000 00
North Carolina .....	4	104	138,000 00
Ohio .....	1	20	10,000 00
Tennessee .....	2	96	28,500 00
Texas .....	1	—	20,000 00
Pennsylvania .....	1	286	27,000 00
Vermont .....	4	28	117,500 00
Wisconsin .....	1	14	25,000 00
	1	7	25,000 00
	26	3,913	\$818,000 00

From this it appears that last year there were reported.....	17
This year.....	26
Increase.....	9
Last year acreage.....	373,914
This year acreage.....	391,300
Increase.....	17,386
Last year value.....	\$682,727 01
This year value.....	818,000 00
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In addition to the foregoing, Washington, Oregon, South Dakota, Nebraska, Georgia and North Dakota have the subject of Homes under consideration, and will doubtless soon be added to the list

This growth in this branch of our great benevolent work is most gratifying, for a large part of which the Order is indebted to the Rebekah Branch that has given it special attention.

We trust that Ontario will soon fall into line, and hope that the day may not be far distant when the Order in this jurisdiction may be able to point with pleasure to its Homes for "Aged Oddfellows" and "Widows and Orphans," and thus demonstrate, in a practical manner, to not only our brethren of other jurisdictions, but to the world at large; that the Oddfellows of this Province are fully alive to the necessity of properly providing for their aged brothers who are, through sickness or accident, rendered incapable of earning a livelihood, and also for the suitable maintenance of the widows and orphans who have been confided to our care by our deceased brethren. We would recommend that this Grand Encampment unite with the Grand Lodge in the efforts now being put forth to accomplish this object, and thus to aid in a substantial manner towards the speedy completion of this grand work, the grandest of all our labors in the cause of Oddfellowship.

#### AGED ODDFELLOWS.

The Special Committee on Relief of Aged Oddfellows, appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the several Grand Jurisdictions may at their discretion, create, maintain and dispense an Aged Oddfellows Fund under the following provisions:

1. Hereafter all assets of Subordinate Lodges whose Charters have been surrendered may be placed to the credit of a fund to be called and known as "Aged Oddfellows' Fund."

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2. Grand Secretaries shall keep a register to be known as the "Aged Oddfellows' Register."
3. Any Oddfellow over 50 years of age, who has been in continuous membership for twenty-five years or over, and whose Subordinate Lodge has surrendered its Charter, and who would, under the laws of the Grand Lodge, be entitled to receive a Grand Lodge Card, may petition the Grand Lodge to place his name upon the "Aged Oddfellows' Register." Said petition shall be accompanied by such a Certificate of Eligibility from such authority as the Grand Lodge may prescribe. Upon such petition being granted, the Grand Secretary shall place the name of such petitioner being the Ancient Oddfellows' Register.
4. Any Oddfellow enrolled according to the above provisions may apply for admission to any Subordinate Lodge, under the conditions herein after set forth.
5. Any Oddfellow enrolled upon the Aged Oddfellows' Register may be admitted to membership in a Subordinate Lodge. He shall pay to the Grand Secretary, through the Lodge to which he has been admitted, such admission fee and dues as the Grand Lodge may prescribe, said fees and dues to be placed to the credit of the Aged Oddfellows' Fund.
6. Any Oddfellow enrolled as above in a Subordinate Lodge as herein provided, who becomes sick or disabled so as to be incapable of earning a livelihood, shall receive from the Grand Secretary, through the Lodge to which he has been admitted, such weekly benefits as the Grand Lodge may prescribe, so long as the moneys collected under the provision of the "Aged Oddfellows' Fund" shall permit the payment of the same.
7. Subordinate Lodges shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary in all cases of sickness or disability referred to in the preceding section, of their commencement and termination, and the Grand Secretary shall notify Lodges having members on the "Aged Oddfellows' Register," when the said fund shall be depleted.
8. A member of a Subordinate Lodge, admitted under the above provisions, shall not be entitled to vote or speak on any question involving the disposition of the funds or property of the Lodge.
9. Upon the death of an aged Oddfellow, enrolled as above, and who shall be entitled to the benefits of this fund, there shall be paid, as funeral expenses, such sum as the Grand Lodge may prescribe, so long as the moneys collected under the provisions of the "Aged Oddfellows' Fund" shall permit the payment.
10. No Lodge receiving such members as above provided, shall be liable for the payment of any sick benefits, or funeral expenses, to or on account of such members; nor shall any such member be required to pay any dues or assessments to such Subordinate Lodge, except for the benefit of the Aged Oddfellows' Fund.

## STANDING OF THE ORDER.

We give the following statistics from the Grand Secretary's Report :

## RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1894 AND 1895.

	Dec. 31st, 1894.	Dec. 31st, 1895.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges.....	56	56		
Grand Encampments....	50	50		
Subordinate Lodges.....	10,592	10,875	283	
"    Encampments	2,610	2,628	18	
Rebekah Lodges.....	3,627	4,111	484	
Lodge Initiations.....	63,845	63,219		626
Encampments Initiations	9,407	10,832	1,425	
Lodge Members.....	790,795	799,985	9,190	
Encampment Members...	134,330	132,694		1,636
Rebekah Members.....	225,189	253,043	27,854	
Relief by Lodges.....	\$2,993,457 69	\$3,007,081 33	\$13,723 64	
Relief by Encampments..	284,540 33	278,980 08		\$5,560 25
Relief by Rebek. Lodges.	45,313 94	47,761 73	2,447 79	
Total Relief.....	3,323,311 96	3,333,923 14	10,611 18	
Revenue of Lodges.....	7,474,338 06	7,587,850 39	113,512 33	
Revenue of Encampments	615,932 07	622,357 83	6,425,76	
Revenue of Rebek. Lodges	337,600 40	380,795 99	43,195 59	
Total Revenue.....	8,427,870 53	8,591,004 21	166,133 68	

## STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1895, INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	2,077,446
Members relieved.....	1,992,280
Widowed families relieved.....	221,734
Members deceased.....	193,730
Total relief.....	\$ 71,288,702 95
Total receipts.....	185,676,996 82

## CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31ST, 1895.

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Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australasia, Denmark and Switzerland).....	4
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	54
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	66
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,651
Subordinate Lodges.....	11,222
Encampment members.....	133,857
Lodge members.....	825,609
Rebekah Lodges.....	4,117
Sisters, members of Rebekah Lodges.....	143,251
Brothers, members of Rebekah Lodges.....	110,242

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Patriarchs Militant.

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Table with columns: CANT., BATT., REG., BRIG., DIV., MEMBERS., FUNDS. Rows for 1895, 1896, and Increase.

AMENDMENTS, ETC., TO PATRIARCHS MILITANT CODE.

Section 7.—Add the words: Provided, That in Jurisdictions where there are not a sufficient number of Cantons to form a Regiment, two or more Cantons may elect a Major.

Section 18.—The following words were added: Except as provided in Section 22 of this Code; provided, however, that a Chevalier in possession of an Honorable Discharge, and otherwise qualified, shall be permitted to visit any Canton, or parade with the same, within the space of one year from the date of such Honorable Discharge.

Section 35.—Amended to read: All Cantons in a Department shall be numbered in a consecutive order, according to the date of organization, provided, that when a Canton has been defunct for a period of three years, its number may, by the consent of the Department Commander where a Department Council has been organized, or by the Adjutant General when said Canton was under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be given to another Canton.

Section 60.—Amended to read: In Departments, nominations for Field Officers shall take place on any regular meeting night in January, and report of such nomination sent at once, by the Clerk of the Department Commander; no nomination shall be considered by the Department Commander received by him after the 5th day of February following.

Section 67.—Add the words: The returns of all elections held (whether regular or to fill vacancies) shall be sent without delay to the Department Commander, and in the case of officers elected to fill vacancies, new Commissions must be secured. The fees for all Commissions must accompany the said returns.

“REGULATION BADGE” OF THE PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

A Regal Crown, crossed Crook and Sword, and the Three Links, one of the links being filled with scarlet enamel, the center link with white, and the other with purple, and in accordance with the design submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. This Badge shall be copyrighted and sold as supplies to Departments by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

REGALIA.

Section 4 of Article XXII. of the By-laws Sovereign Grand Lodge was amended to read as follows: The Encampment Regalia shall be as follows:—Patriarchal Degrees, a plain black collar; Golden Rule Degree, a black collar trimmed with yellow; Royal Purple Degree, a purple collar trimmed with yellow lace or fringe; Past Chief Patriarch, same as Royal Purple Degree, with crossed crooks on right and the letters “P. C. P.” on left side of collar.—All collars to be not to exceed four inches in width.

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## JUVENILE LODGES.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Your Committee, to whom the following resolution and preamble was referred, believing that youth is the best time to impress moral truths upon the mind and believing that the moral ethics of Oddfellows are calculated to elevate in a greater degree than any other human interest, and as the field of Juvenile Oddfellowship is at present wholly unoccupied by this Sovereign Body, we respectfully submit the following:—

Whereas, The Manchester Unity of Oddfellowship for many years has had as its greatest auxiliary a Juvenile Lodge of Oddfellows, where the principles of Oddfellowship are gathered into societies, where the principles of Oddfellowship are taught them, and where they were prepared for broader duties when they came upon the scenes of action at their majority. It has been a great success, and has contributed in a great measure in uniting that Grand Army of more than three-quarters of a million of Oddfellows on the little island of England, no larger than most of our Jurisdictions. Of this number more than one hundred thousand are Juvenile Oddfellows under 21 years of age.

And also in our own Independent Order of Oddfellows in South Australia there has been established 18 Juvenile Lodges that now have a membership of over 600. In view of the fact that the Independent Order of Oddfellows is largely composed of fathers and mothers who have children that need all the moral influence they can be surrounded with; and there seeming to be a field here that is wholly unoccupied, therefore be it

Resolved, that the incoming Grand Sire appoint a Committee of Three, whose duty it shall be to collect all the information possible from all sources, and from such information report to the next session of this Grand Body the advisability of the formation of such Juvenile Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and should they think it advisable report a plan for such organization, provided there shall be no expense incurred by this Grand Lodge.

In accordance with the above resolution the Grand Sire appointed a "Special Committee on Juvenile Degree," consisting of D. L. Badley, of Idaho; J. J. Thomas, of Utah; and J. T. Hornibrook, of Ontario; to report at next session.

## REVISED RITUALS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary shall furnish to the Committee on Printing Supplies, all additions and amendments, made by this Grand Body, to the Rituals of Subordinate Lodges, Encampments, Rebekah Lodges and Cantons, including the amendments adopted at this session.

Resolved further, That said Committee on Printing Supplies, shall procure the compilation and publication of revised editions of the said Rituals of Subordinate Lodges, Encampments, Rebekah Lodges and Cantons—that said revised editions be placed on sale by the Grand Secretary as soon as practicable, after January 1st, 1897. That the prices of said revised Rituals, be the same as now fixed for the present editions.

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and that said revisions be furnished to Grand and Subordinate Bodies, in exchange for copies of the old editions at one-half the prices so fixed.

Resolved, That Grand Jurisdictions, through their Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs and Department Commanders, be, and they are hereby directed, to cause their Subordinates to procure and use such revised Rituals when the same shall be ready for distribution under terms of the above resolutions.

#### DEGREES AND DUES SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENT.

The following resolutions were adopted, to which we would particularly direct the attention of this Grand Encampment, proposing as they do, to make the Encampment Branch the social feature of Oddfellowship, and thus give new vitality to Subordinate Encampments:

Resolved, That Grand Encampments be, and they are hereby authorized to so legislate as to permit the Degrees of the Subordinate Encampment to be conferred at a minimum price of not less than one dollar each, or three dollars for the three Degrees; and, to fix Annual Dues at a minimum price of not less than one dollar.

Resolved, further, That Grand Encampments be, and they are hereby permitted to provide by suitable legislation, for the removal of the requirement that Weekly Benefits be paid by Subordinate Encampments.

#### EMBLEMS COPYRIGHTED BY THE JURISDICTION OF ONTARIO.

One of them consists of the "three links, crossed by the letters I.O.O.F." to be used upon badges and pins; the other is of like design, "placed across a globe," to be used for posters, circulars and stationery, by the Grand Lodge and Subordinate-Lodges of Ontario.

The following resolution, regarding the above, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Jurisdiction of Ontario be permitted to use the emblems designed, and for which it has secured copyright, to be used as above set forth; Provided, however, that they shall not be placed upon any supplies furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge; nor shall anything herein contained authorize the furnishing of any supplies by said Jurisdiction which by law and usage are supplied by this Grand Body.

#### GENERAL RELIEF COMMITTEE.

It was decided that General Relief Committees had no power to raise funds by assessing Subordinate Lodges.

#### DUTIES ON SUPPLIES TO CANADIAN JURISDICTIONS.

The following resolution, which was adopted, will save the large amount of money expended annually by the different Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in Canada for customs duties.

Resolved, That the duties on supplies sold to Grand and Subordinate Bodies in the Canadian Jurisdictions be paid by the Sovereign Grand Lodge;

provided, that whenever more advantageous arrangements can be made, the Committee on Printing Supplies shall manufacture or print in Canada any such articles as may be sold in that country, and such manufacture and sale shall be conducted through such agent as may be appointed by the Grand Secretary, with the approval of the Grand Sire, and that the same include Veteran and all other Jewels to be sold at the price paid for them by the several Grand Jurisdictions in the United States.

#### UNIFORM OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES FOR DUES.

The Committee on Printing and Supplies were instructed to provide "Official Certificates for Dues," the same to be in conformity with the following:

Resolved, That there be prepared the form of receipt for dues, etc., to be recognized as evidence of good standing when the holder desires to make visitation in another Jurisdiction in lieu of a Visiting Card. Said form of a receipt to be universal throughout all the Jurisdictions on this continent, to be used as the only and legal receipt for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges. The annual A. T. P. W., or a substitute therefor, to be communicated to every member when paying his dues, and the privilege to visit in another Jurisdiction to depend upon his receipt, which shall bear his signature on the margin, the genuineness of which he must prove before the Examining Committee, and the proper password.

Provided, however, that nothing in this preamble and resolution shall be so construed as to intend to abolish or restrict the present use or purposes of the Visiting Card, or to abrogate any of the rights and privileges to which its holder is thereby entitled under the present laws of the Order; on the contrary, any brother who by the General Laws of the Order is qualified to apply for the same, shall be entitled to receive a Visiting Card as heretofore, and the holding of such Visiting Card shall be *prima facie* evidence of good standing in the Order; and it is further

Provided, that upon the presentation of an official receipt only, a Lodge or Encampment shall not be required to pay sick or funeral benefits or render other pecuniary aid to a member of another Jurisdiction, unless so directed by the Lodge or Encampment of which the brother is a member, in which case such benefits or moneys paid shall constitute a legal claim against such Lodge or Encampment.

#### THE EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD AMENDMENT.

This question was again up for discussion before the Sovereign Grand Lodge in two proposed amendments, but we regret that in each case a vote of indefinite postponement was carried.

#### PHYSICIANS' FEE.

The following question regarding this matter was submitted:

Question.—Can a Lodge legally employ a Physician to attend members in good standing, and pay a certain sum per member per year out of the General Fund?

Answer.—No, unless lawfully authorized by local law.

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A similar decision was made by the Grand Sire and approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but he was doubtful if even Grand Bodies had any right to authorize such a law. The above decision decides that point, and as a large number of Lodges and Encampments in Ontario have been employing Physicians on the above method; we deem it advisable to direct the attention of this Grand Encampment to be same.

MINIMUM BENEFIT LAW.

A resolution to amend the "Minimum Benefit Law" so as to permit Grand Lodges to adopt such laws relative to sick benefits as they think best suited to their respective Jurisdictions, was voted down.

The following amendment was carried:

Resolved, That it be, and is, hereby made obligatory upon each Subordinate Lodge of the Order to pay from its funds, during the continuance of the disability, a weekly benefit of not less than two dollars to every member entitled to sick benefits by the Constitution or By-laws of his Lodge, who shall be disabled by sickness or bodily injury, from following his usual occupation or otherwise earning a livelihood for himself; provided, such disability be not the result of his own vice or immorality; provided, however, that Subordinate Grand Lodges may provide that when a member shall have received one full year's benefits the weekly benefits thereafter to such member may be fixed at not less than one dollar per week.

Provided further, That any Subordinate Lodge may provide by By-law that no benefits shall be paid for the first one week or two weeks of such sickness or disability.

ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY.

The Committee appointed to revise the "Anniversary Ceremony of our Order," presented a very beautiful and impressive Ceremony, which was adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but is too lengthy to embody in the report.

Your representatives had the honor of being placed on the following Committees:—

- S. S. Merick—"Grand Bodies not Represented."
- J. T. Hornibrook—"Judiciary," "Special Committee P. M. Ritual," and "Special Committee on Juvenile Degree."

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SESSION 1897.

The next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held in the city of Springfield, Illinois, commencing on the Third Monday in September.

## CONCLUSION.

We will now conclude our report, which we have endeavored to make as complete as possible.

We thank you for the honor conferred upon us by electing us as your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and we trust that we have discharged the duties connected therewith in such a manner as to meet with your approval.

We trust that success and prosperity will attend the Patriarchal Branch of the Order in this Jurisdiction during the present year.

Respectfully submitted.

S. S. MERICK,

J. T. HORNIBROOK,

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Toronto, October, 1896.

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