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OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
The Provincial Grand Orange Lodge
OF
WESTERN CANADA.



ASSEMBLED IN THE

COURT HOUSE OF THE TOWN OF BRAMPTON,
IN THE COUNTY OF PEEL.

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of February, 1863.

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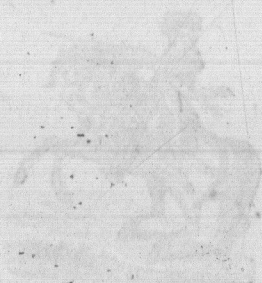
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OF THE

Proceedings of the Right Worshipful the Provincial
Grand Lodge of Western Canada, assembled
in the Court House of the Town of Brampton,
in the County of Peel, on Tuesday, the 17th
day of February, 1863.

PRESENT.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Master, F. H. MEDCALFE, Esq.,
J. P., No. 275, in the Chair.

The Senior Deputy G. M., F. E. CORNISH, Esq., Mayor of London,
No. 412, in the Deputy Chair.

The Rev. WILLIAM GUNDY, of 521, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary, N. C. GOWAN, Esq., J. P., No. 1040.

The Grand Treasurer, Captain J. H. BESSEY, No. 77.

The Junior Deputy Grand Master, WILLIAM STRACHAN, Esq., J. P.,
No. 375.

The Deputy Grand Secretary, Lieut. Col. ARTHUR ARMSTRONG,
No. 359.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, Captain N. BUTTON, No. 426.

The Grand Tyler, CHARLES SMITH, Esq., No. 779.

Past Grand Officer of the M. W. Grand Lodge of B. A.

Past Grand Master, Lieut. Col. OGLE R. GOWAN, No. 137.

Grand Officers of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of B. A.

Grand Secretary, A. FLEMING, Esq., No. 387.

Deputy Grand Secretary, Major W. M. BUTTON, No. 548.

Deputy Grand Chaplain, Rev. JAS. GUNDEY, No. 611.

Past Grand Officer of the P. G. L. of W. C.

Past Grand Master, Captain F. H. BUCKLEY, No. 1012.

COUNTY MASTERS.

	No.	
Peel	Captain MICHAEL CRAWFORD	163
Toronto	WILLIAM ADAMSON, Esq.,	140
Brant	HENRY LEMMON, Esq., J. P.,	360
South Wellington	ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, Esq.,	377
West York	JAMES S. BIRD, Esq.,	191
South Oxford	Captain W. E. NESBIT	849
Lincoln	J. W. LEPPER, Esq., J. P.,	117
North York	JAMES McCLURE, Esq.,	679
Huron	W. W. CONNOR, Esq., J. P.,	24
North Waterloo	JOHN McKEE, Esq.,	23
East Middlesex	ROBT. DRANEY, Esq., Reeve of Dorchester	230
North Ontario	JOHN SMITH, Esq., Counsellor	583
North Simcoe	D'ARCY BOULTON, Esq., Barrister	218
North Wellington	THOMAS JACKSON, Esq., J. P.	635
South Simcoe	Captain F. C. STEWART	449
Halton	Captain J. B. LINDSAY	245

DISTRICT MASTERS.

Hullet	CHARLES RYAN	710
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<i>London</i>	ROBERT GUNN	No. 188
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<i>York</i>	Ensign THOMAS TUER	216
<i>Markham</i>	Ensign JOHN CARTIER	548
<i>Blenheim</i>	ALEXANDER CONLIFFE	478
<i>London Township</i>	Ensign THOMAS ELLIOTT	1037
<i>Toronto</i>	Ensign JAMES BENNETT	301
<i>Farmington</i>	W. S. HEWATT, M. R. C. S., Coroner	635
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621 JOHN VERNER.	4 H. P. GOWAN.
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105 DAVID LAWRENCE.	165 GEORGE SPARLING.
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686 PATRICK THORNTON.	28 W. P. GILES.
567 JAMES McMASTER.	772 SAMUEL KEEFER.
191 JOHN SHIER.	752 CHARLES WIER.
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375 JOHN S. NELSON.	140 Captain JOHN BELL.
360 JOHN MINORE.	146 JOHN WALLACE, P. M.
207 ROBERT W. GIRVINE.	452 D. McCARTHY, Solicitor.
587 Coun. ROBERT BELL.	81 JOHN FRASER.

PROXIES.

166 W. G. CULLODEN.	136 JOHN RODGERS.
216 ROBERT FLYNN.	301 ALEXANDER GUINN.
245 JOHN THOMPSON.	117 C. P. SIMPSON, Barrister.
720 JOHN McCANN.	5 THOMAS GRAHAM, J. P.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST DAY.

FORENOON SESSION.

In accordance with the Constitution of Orangeism, and pursuant to a Resolution passed at the last Annual Session of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, the Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Royal Scarlet, and the Brethren of the other Degrees of Orangeism, met in the Court House of Brampton, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the 17th day of February, 1863.

The chair was taken by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Sir F. H. Medealf, all the Companions being robed in full Scarlet Regalia, and the Grand Officers in their proper stations, prayer was offered by Companion the Rev. Sir H. B. Ostler, of No. 736, after which the Fourth Annual Session of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Western Canada was declared open in due form. It was then moved by Companion Sir N. C. Gowan, seconded by Companion Sir Robert Gunn, and

Resolved,—That the following Sir Knights be a Committee on the Royal Scarlet, namely, Companions Henry Lemmon, Robert Draney, Michael Crawford, William Adamson, D'Arcy Boulton, J. V. Lepper, and W. E. Nesbitt.

It was then moved by Companion Sir James Bennett, seconded by Companion Sir William Adamson, and

Resolved,—That this Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge be now reduced to the Orange Degree, for the purpose of allowing the Brethren generally to be present at this Grand Lodge Meeting.

The Grand Master then declared the Grand Lodge reduced to the Orange Degree, and instructed the Grand Tyler accordingly.

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It was then moved by Brother Richard Reynolds, Master 551, seconded by Brother C. P. Simpson, Proxy 117, and

Resolved,—That the following Brothers be a Committee on the State of Order, namely, Michael Crawford, County Master of Peel; W. M. Boulton, County Master, East York; Andrew Flemming, Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge; J. V. Lepper, County Master, Lincoln, and Robert Draney, County Master, East Middlesex.

It was then moved by Brother W. E. Nesbitt, County Master of South Oxford, seconded by Brother James McMaster, Master of No. 567, and

Resolved,—That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge do now adjourn, to meet again at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Western Canada, met pursuant to adjournment, at the hour of 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Provincial Grand Master in the chair.

It was then moved by Brother John Minore, Master 360, seconded by Brother David Lawrence, Master 105, and

Resolved,—That a Finance Committee be now appointed, and that the following Brothers do compose said Committee, namely, Capt. Armstrong, Deputy Grand Secretary, James Bennett, District Master of Toronto, O. J. Phelps, Master 77, John Minore, Master 360, and Thomas Minnis, District Master of Hamilton.

It was then moved by Bro. C. P. Simpson, Proxy 117, seconded by Bro. John Coyne, Master 157, and

Resolved,—That a Committee on Correspondence, consisting of seven members be now appointed, and that Bro. Lieut. Col. Ogle R. Gowan, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, F. E. Cornish, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, H. P. Gowan, Master No. 4, G. M. Todd, Master 634, C. P. Simpson, Proxy 117, F. C. Stewart, County Master South Simcoe, and John Coyne, Master 157, do compose said Committee.

It was then moved by Bro. C. P. Simpson, Proxy 117, seconded, by Bro. N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, and

Resolved,—That a Committee on Appeals, Suspensions and Expulsions be now appointed, and that the following Brothers do compose said Committee, namely, J. B. Lindsay, County Master of Halton, W. W. Connor, County Master of Huron, William Cornock, Master 112, Alexander Conliffe, District Master of Blenheim, Robert Gunn, District Master of London City, James McClure, County Master of North York, and Richard Reynolds, Master 551.

It was then moved by Bro. C. P. Simpson, Proxy 117, seconded by Bro. John Minore, Master 360, and

Resolved,—That no Brother shall speak more than once, or longer than ten minutes on a question, unless by way of explanation, and then only by the permission of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master.

A Petition from the Brethren of the District of Blenheim, was then read by the Grand Secretary.

It was then moved by Bro. John Minore, Master 360, seconded by Bro. David Lawrence, Master 105, and

Resolved,—That the above Petition be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

It was then moved by Bro. John Coyne, Master 157, seconded by Bro. W. M. Button, County Master of East York, and

Resolved,—That the members of this Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge, do form in procession at 10 o'clock, a. m., on to-morrow, and proceed in procession order to Christ Church, and that Bro. the Rev. H. B. Ostler, District Master of King, be requested to deliver a discourse to this body at the above time and place.

It was then moved by Bro. C. P. Simpson, Proxy 117, seconded by Bro. N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, and

Resolved,—That a Special Committee consisting of five members, do draw up the Annual Address of this Provincial Grand Lodge, to the Brethren within its jurisdiction, setting forth the prospects and objects of the Order, and calling upon the Brethren to promote by all means within their power the interests of our Institution, and that the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, have the privilege of naming said Committee, which he accordingly did as follows:—Lieut. Col. Ogle R. Gowan, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, C. P. Simpson, Proxy 117, N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, Rev. H. B. Ostler, District Master of King, and D'Arcy Boulton, County Master of North Simcoe.

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It was then moved by Bro. C. P. Simpson, Proxy, 117, seconded by Bro. O. R. Gowan, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, and

Resolved,—That Brothers W. G. Culloden, Proxy 166, H. W. Meredith, Master 946, R. Cotton, District Master, Derry West, Robert Booth, Master 148, and Arbuckle Jardine, Master 588, be a committee to take into consideration the case of Bro. William James Brounlee, a blind Brother now soliciting aid from his Brethren, and that said committee do report their findings to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge on to-morrow.

The Grand Treasurer then presented his Report as follows:—

The Grand Orange Lodge of Western Canada, in account with James H. Bessey, Treasurer for the year 1862.

1862.	RECEIPTS.	Lodges.	Am't paid.
	Balance on hand as per last Report.....		\$368 69
	For 2 Warrants and 1 Constitution, overlooked by Committee.....		8 10
Feb. 18.	Received from Bro. J. K. Morris, <i>Kent</i> , Nos. 690, 1036, 1041, 956 for 1862.....	4	8 00
"	Received from Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, <i>North Simcoe</i> , Nos. 943, 968, 985, 589, 195, 942, 955, 1016, 649, for 1862.....	9	18 00
"	Received from Bro. W. W. Connor, <i>Huron</i> , Nos. 306, 1052, 774, 24, 793, 1086, 835, 308, 710, 546, 344, 324, 317, 1008, 813, 189, 863, 493, 511, 560, 1035, 833, 610, 662, 924, 462, 513, 805, for 1862.....	28	56 00
Feb. 19.	Received from Bro. Thos. Evans, <i>Halton</i> , Nos. 68, 165, 166, 332, 440, 245, 272, 353, for 1862.....	8	16 00
"	Received from Bro. Jno. McKee, <i>Waterloo</i> , Nos. 23, 363, 440, 479, 554, for 1862....	5	10 00
"	Received from Bro. James Houghton, <i>Kent</i> , Nos. 638, 859, 991, 1077, 1078, for 1862..	5	10 00
"	Received from Bro. John Robinson, <i>Perth</i> , Nos. 466, 518, 592, for 1862.....	3	6 00
"	Received from Bro. Thos. McLean, <i>Toronto</i> , No. 328, for 1862.....	1	2 00
"	Received from Bro. B. Drake, <i>Elgin</i> , No. 521, for 1861.....	1	2 00
Feb. 26.	Received from Bro. A. Bell, <i>Bruce</i> , No. 460, for 1862.....	1	2 00

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Feb. 28.	Received from Bro. W. C. Clark, <i>West Middlesex</i> , Nos. 763, 826, 921, 1097, 123, 658, 543, 292, 297, 310, 537, 517, 826, 901, 981, for 1861.....	15	30 00	Jnne' 25.
March 10.	Received from Bro. Charles Ryan, <i>Huron</i> , No. 1084, for 1862.....	1	2 00	June 27.
March 18.	Received from Bro. Charles Ryan, <i>Huron</i> , No. 767, for 1862.....	1	2 00	June 30.
March 20.	Received from Bro. D. Urquhart, <i>Bruce</i> , No. 639, for 1862.....	1	2 00	July 3. R
April 12.	Received from Bro. Charles Ryan, <i>Huron</i> , No. 526.....	1	2 00	"
May 22.	Received from Bro. A. Freeborn, <i>Bruce</i> , Nos. 203, 609.....	2	4 00	"
May 28.	Received from Bro. Charles Ryan, <i>Huron</i> , Nos. 775, 1090.....	2	4 00	July 5. R
June 5.	Received from Bro. R. Edgar, <i>Grey</i> , Nos. 611, 896, 1073, 586, 666, 1085, 737, 909, 576, 101, 801, 1031.....	12	24 00	July 7. R
June 17.	Received from Bro. James Love, <i>Bruce</i> , No. 612.....	1	2 00	July 11. F
Jnne 18.	Received from Bro. John Robinson, <i>Perth</i> , Nos. 591, 602, 768, 384, 919, 655, 656, 938, 970, 45, 429.....	11	22 00	July 16. R
"	Received from Bro. B. Drake, <i>Elgin</i> , No. 257.....	1	2 00	" F
"	Received from Bro. James Wilson, <i>Wentworth</i> , Nos. 19, 71, 312, 286, 386, 554, 779, 1076, 1044.....	9	18 00	"
"	Received from Bro. Samuel Woolbridge, <i>Hal-dimand</i> , Nos. 171, 428, 51, 128, 741, 283, 262, 361.....	8	16 00	August 5.
"	Received from Bro. Jno. Wier, <i>South Ontario</i> , Nos. 167, 168, 130, 957, 822, 795, 860, 686, 799.....	9	18 00	August 14
"	Received from Bro. Richard Radcliffe, <i>Welland</i> , No. 894.....	1	2 00	August 16.
"	Received from Bro. W. N. Nesbitt, <i>North Ox-ford</i> , No. 254.....	1	2 00	August 30.
June 23.	Received from J. K. Morris, <i>Kent</i> , Nos. 1055, 1107.....	2	4 00	September
June 25.	Received from Bro. Alfred Nash, <i>Lambton</i> , Nos. 687, 1029, for 1861.....	2	4 00	October 15

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15	30 00	June 25. Received from Bro. Alfred Nash, <i>East Lambton</i> , Nos. 516, 536, 746, 819, 830, 911, 965, 998	8	16 00
1	2 00	June 27. Received from Bro. Anderson, G. T., (for T. H. Holtstead) <i>Bruce</i> , No. 815.....	1	2 00
1	2 00	June 30. Received from Bro. Robert Allison, <i>Essex</i> , No. 899, 959.....	2	4 00
1	2 00	July 3. Received from Bro. Alfred Nash, <i>East Lambton</i> , No. 1029,	1	2 00
1	2 00	“ Received from Bro. W. J. Boughner, <i>Elgin</i> , No. 733.....	1	2 00
2	4 00	“ Received from Bro. Robert Edgar, <i>Grey</i> , No. 176, 523, 1067, 1087, 509, 244, 1092, 740, 67, 773, 992, 828, 684, 887.....	14	28 00
2	4 00	July 5. Received from Bro. Robert Adair, <i>Middlesex</i> , No. 658.....	1	2 00
12	24 00	July 7. Received from Bro. William Galt, <i>Essex</i> , No. 1106,	1	2 00
1	2 00	July 11. Received from Bro. Thomas Tuer, <i>West York</i> , Nos. 216, 269, 752, 772, for 1861.....	4	8 00
11	22 00	July 16. Received from Bro. William Boles, <i>Lincoln</i> , Nos. 77, 117, 270, 720, 341, 204, 844, 1102....	8	16 00
1	2 00	July 18. Received from Bro. James Beatty, <i>West Lambton</i> , Nos. 687, 1096.....	2	4 00
9	18 00	“ Received from Bro. John Robinson, <i>Perth</i> , Nos. 313, 346, 707, 759, 921, 908, 827, 861, 927, 630, 369, 677, 800, 865, 652, 751.....	17	34 00
8	16 00	“ Received from Bro. Peter Knapp, <i>Essex</i> , No. 552,	1	2 00
9	18 00	August 5. Received from Bro. A. Freeborn, <i>Bruce</i> , Nos. 735, 753.....	2	4 00
1	2 00	August 14. Received from Bro. James McClure, <i>North York</i> , Nos. 585, 622, 693, 590, 682, 679, 643, 415, 763, 930,	10	20 00
1	2 00	August 16. Received from Bro. James Duncan, <i>West York</i> , Nos. 28, 135, 626, 703, 758, 191....	6	12 00
1	2 00	August 30. Received from Bro. Wm. Adamson, <i>Toronto</i> , Nos. 4, 136, 140, 212, 275, 301, 375, 396, 404, 506, 551, 588, 621, 657, 1040.....	15	30 00
2	4 00	September 18. Received from Bro. James Pinkerton, <i>Bruce</i> , Nos. 856, 790	2	4 00
2	4 00	October 15. Received from Bro. A. Fleming, <i>Oxford</i> , No. 93.....	1	2 00

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October 15.	Received from Bro. A. Fleming, <i>North Ontario</i> , Nos. 223, 454, 502, 568, 569, 570, 571, 673, 798, 812, 824, 584, 954, 1025, 1089	15	30 00	1862. Feb. 19.
"	Received from Bro. A. Fleming, <i>South Ontario</i> , No. 130.....	1	2 00	" March 25.
"	Received from Bro. A. Fleming, <i>East Middlesex</i> , Nos. 156, 298, 308, 1037.....	4	8 00	" March 25. April 21.
"	Received from Bro. A. Fleming, <i>Norfolk</i> , Nos. 287, 339, 351, 433, 461, 555, 1056 ...	7	14 00	June 18. " 20.
December 11.	Received from Bro. Charles Ryan, <i>Huron</i> , No. 928.....	1	2 00	Aug. 15. Sept. 12.
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January 12.	Received from Bro. Blakney Smith, No. 628, for 1863.....	1	2 00	" 30. Oct. 15.
February 2.	Received from Bro. Crawford, <i>Peel</i> , Nos. 5, 10, 61, 62, 63, 76, 81, 84, 105, 138, 142, 146, 148, 157, 163, 184, 185, 192, 211, 249, 250, 259, 260, 263, 290, 293, 455, 604, 613, 696, 708, 770, 807, 946, 1020, for 1863	35	70 00	" " 20. Feb. 17.
"	Received from Bro. G. Clark, <i>North Simcoe</i> , Nos. 667, 904, 296, for 1862.....	3	6 00	" February 17.
February 17.	Received from Bro. D. Boulton, <i>North Simcoe</i> , Nos. 539, 985, 218, 452, 193, 943, 704, 955, 1120, 195.....	10	20 00	February 17.
"	Received from Bro. F. C. Stewart, <i>South Simcoe</i> , Nos. 9, 16, 60, 86, 66, 89, 104, 154, 200, 209, 218, 354, 355, 359, 432, 449, 450, 452, 465, 553, 605, 702, 784, 829, 850, 887, 1053, 885, 1082.....	29	58 00	
"	Received from Bro. Joseph May, <i>North Wellington</i> , Nos. 22, 330, 345, 302, 530, 681, 761, 804, 846, 851, 1023, 1099.....	12	24 00	
"	Received from Bro. W. M. Button, <i>East York</i> , Nos. 664, 215, 164, 778, 91, 228, 426, 207, 1011, 548.....	10	20 00	
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1862.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1862.	
Feb. 19.	Paid Bro. Charles Smith, as Tyler at Guelph, ..	\$10 00	
"	" Bro. T. McLean, charges on remittances.	6 03	
March 25.	" Bro. N. C. Gowan, his salary for 1861 ...	300 00	
"	" Am't Express charges on 1/2 doz Warrants,	0 25	
March 25.	" Bro. J. H. Bessey, Grand Treasurer,....	50 00	
April 21.	" C. E. Stewart, Brant <i>Expositor</i> for ad- vertising.....	4 50	
June 18.	" Bro. Anderson, G. T. Grand Lodge Dues,	78 00	
" 20.	" do do do	2 00	
Aug. 15.	" <i>Leader Office</i> for advertising	20 00	
Sept. 12.	" F. F. Carruthers, for T. McLean, Printing Reports,.....	214 50	
" 30.	" Amount Express charges on 4 Warrants..	0 25	
Oct. 15.	" Bro. A. Fleming, G. S., Grand Lodge dues.....	28 00	
"	" do do do do	149 62	
"	" District Bank, per cent on Draft for To- ronto G. L. D.....	0 38	
Feb. 17.	" Bro. Fleming, for Orphans' Home.....	40 00	
"	" do do G. S. Grand Lodge Dues...	112 00	
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February 17.	To balance on hand.....	101 26	

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February 17. Audited at Brampton this day, shewing a balance in the Treasurer's hands amounting to \$101 26.

ARTHUR ARMSTRONG, Chairman.
 JAMES BENNETT, D. M., Toronto.
 JOHN MINORE, W. M. 360.
 THOMAS MINNIS, D. M., Hamilton.
 O. J. PHELPS, Master No. 77.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Western Canada to N. C. Gowan, G. S.
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Feb. 15. By Cash paid Thomas McLean for Admission Cards to Guelph	4	50
March 1. " Mistake in postage item from 1st March to 30th Nov., 1861	1	00
" " Postage from 1st to 28th of February	0	65
March 6. " Trip, by order of G. M., to arrange with G. T. at St. Catharines	6	00
March 7. " Repairing Trunk	0	75
March 8. " Bottle of Mucilage	0	25
April 1. " Postage from 1st to 31st March	1	29
April 22. " Paid G. S. of M. W. G. L. for Warrant	2	00
May 1. " Postage from 1st to 30th April	3	56
May 20. " Stamps	2	00
July 1. " Postage from 1st of May to 30th June	4	88
July 9. " Printing 500 Circulars, acknowledgment of Annual Returns	3	50
July 26. " Printing and sticking 200 Orange Degree Rituals	12	00
August 1. " Postage from 1st to 31st of July	3	12
August 6. " Paid G. S. of M. W. G. L. for Warrant	2	00
August 7. " Printing Rituals for the Purple Degree	20	00
Sept. 1. " Postage from 1st to 31st August	0	83
Sept. 2. " Paid G. S. of M. W. G. L. for Warrant	2	00
Sept. 3. " do do do	2	00
Oct. 1. " Postage from 1st to 30th September	3	18
Oct. 31. " Stock for the Order	29	92
Nov. 1. " Postage from 1st to 31st October	1	15
Dec. 1. " Postage from 1st to 31st November	4	89
Dec. 8. " Paid G. S. of M. W. G. L. for two Warrants	4	00

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Jan. 19.	"	Paid G. S. of M. W. G. L. for Warrant.....	2 00
Jan. 20.	"	Printing Arch Rituals.....	15 00
"	"	Notices of Provincial G. L. at Brampton	2 00
Feb. 1.	"	Postage from 1st to 31st January.....	12 55
Feb. 9.	"	Printing official note paper	0 63
"	"	Journal of Correspondence	8 00
Feb. 17.	"	Express charges on Warrants sent to be signed by the G. Officers.....	1 25
"	"	Discount on stamps and quarters.....	4 01
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1862.		RECEIPTS.	
Feb. 26.	To dues for Lodge No. 1026.....	\$2 00	
" 29.	" do do 193.....	2 00	
April 1.	" do do 971.....	2 00	
" 16.	" do do 573.....	2 00	
" 21.	" Price of Warrant.....	6 00	
May 6.	" Dues from Lodge No. 852, (three years).....	6 00	
" 21.	" Money on account from J. H. Bessey.....	16 60	
July 10.	" Dues from Lodge No. 491.....	2 00	
" 10.	" do do 231.....	2 00	
" 10.	" do do Nos. 514, 916, 988, 964.....	8 00	
Aug. 5.	" Price of Warrant.....	6 00	
" 5.	" Dues from Lodge No. 252.....	2 00	
" 5.	" do do 538.....	2 00	
Sept. 1.	" Price of two Warrants.....	12 00	
" 10.	" Price of Warrant.....	6 00	
Oct. 7.	" do do.....	6 00	
Nov. 11.	" Dues from Nos. 423, 593 and 1103.....	6 00	
Dec. 19.	" Renewal of No. 926.....	4 00	
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Feb. 10.	" Price of Warrant.....	6 00	
Feb. 17.	" Sale of Books.....	12 19	
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

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Feb. 18.—Audited at Brampton this day, shewing the sum of one hundred and seven dollars thirteen and a half cents.

ARTHUR ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

JAMES BENNETT, *D. M., Toronto.*

O. J. PHELPS, *M., 77.*

JOHN MINORE, *W. M., 360.*

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It was then moved by Bro. A. Conliffe, District Master of Blenheim, seconded by Bro. John Minore, Master 360, and

Resolved—That the Report of Brother J. H. Bessey, Grand Treasurer, now read, be referred to the Finance Committee to report thereon.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother N. C. Gowan, then read his report as follows :—

To the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Western Canada :

In obedience to the practice that requires your Grand Secretary to give to the Grand Lodge information of the state of the Order, and recommend for the consideration of the Grand Lodge such measures as he may judge necessary or expedient, I have to communicate that since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, not anything has occurred to disturb the harmony that existed at the time of my last Report. My relations with all parties under your jurisdiction have been distinguished by friendly and brotherly intercourse. I am happy to inform you, that during the year there have been opened six new Lodges, each of which appears to contain the elements requisite for good, healthy, useful branches of our Order. The form of Return introduced last year has been highly serviceable in securing *accurate* and *detailed* information, and has enabled me nearly to complete the directory which I began some four or five years since. I trust, however, that Brethren will see that

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the Annual return for the Grand Secretary from Primary Lodges is filled up in open Lodge immediately after the election of officers at the December meeting, and then forwarded directly to the office of the Grand Secretary. Returns that I ought to have received one year ago last December, I did not receive until December, 1862. I must again remind the Grand Lodge that there are several Warrants bearing the same number on their face scattered through the country. I trust that the Provincial Grand Lodge will memorialize the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to remedy this evil. I have obtained a press and "letter copying book," in which will be found recorded full copies of important answers to questions on the jurisprudence of the Order. In the "General Record of Correspondence" will be found an epitome of four hundred and sixty letters, which I deemed of sufficient merit to make an entry of and to answer. I trust that the committee on Correspondence will find the answers to these letters satisfactory. I am gratified to find, that there has not come to this Grand Lodge a single protest against the decision given on any one point that has been submitted for my official action. I have sent to the County Masters "Forms of Returns," with printed headings, from Primary Lodges to their District, or Township Lodge; from the District Lodge to the County Lodge, and from the County Lodge to the Provincial Lodge. Those from the Primary Lodges should be made out the day after the December meeting, and sent to the District Masters. The returns from the District or Township Lodge, should be filled on the second Wednesday in January, and sent to the County Master, the returns from the County Lodge to the Provincial Lodge should be made out on the first Wednesday in February, and forwarded immediately to the Provincial Grand Secretary. All fines, suspensions, or expulsions, should be taken from the Primary to the District, thence to the County Lodge for confirmation, (and in case of appeal, should be accompanied by the papers,) to be brought forward by the County Master, otherwise they should not be entertained by the Grand Lodge. In order to avoid mistakes and to secure prompt replies, I am anxious that every member of the Order who corresponds with me, should state his past

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I also wish the Grand Lodge to decide, whether the fact of a Brother filling the office of Master, disqualifies him from speaking and voting as a member of his Lodge. I also think it would be well to pass a resolution declaring that Orange Funeral Processions should not be granted (except in rare cases) to certificate members. I take the liberty of recommending the Grand Lodge to appoint Grand Committeemen, in the proportion of one for every ten members of a Primary Lodge; each Committeeman to be recommended by the vote of his Lodge, and to pay one dollar annually, towards the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds, upon the payment of which, he should have the right to vote in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and upon the payment of a like sum to his County and District Lodge, to have also the privilege of voting therein. This plan would secure the wisdom of many aged and intelligent members to assist us in our chief official

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meetings, besides materially augmenting the revenue of the various Lodges, and so enabling them to be regularly represented at all meetings of the Order. It would also, largely increase the number in attendance upon the Grand Lodge, and would thereby add increased intelligence to, and greatly vivify the annual gatherings of the Provincial Lodge, and indeed, I may add also, of the County and District Lodges of the Order. In view of the many defects in the arrangement and rules of the present Constitution, I am of opinion that it would be well for this Provincial Lodge to request the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to appoint at its next meeting a large and judicious committee, for the purpose of revising and improving in arrangement the Constitution of the Order. Many of the local defects in the working of the Order, which I pointed out in my last report, still exist, and I shall continue to call attention to them until every Primary Lodge is properly working in its own District and County. The subject of Provincial Lodges, and a restoration of the Order to the Constitution that existed prior to 1859, will doubtless again engage your attention. I gave notice at the last meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, that I should at its next session move that Masters of Primary Lodges should be allowed to vote in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, for I cannot see why we should have in Orangeism taxation without representation. It appears to me most singular and most unjust too, that the Provincial Lodge which does not pay one cent to keep up the Supreme Grand Lodge, should have the right of sending every one of its Officers there to vote away money which they never contributed; that the County Lodge which pays no dues for the support of the Supreme Grand Lodge, is allowed to send its Master there, while the Primary Lodge that pays two dollars annually, is denied the right of sending its Master; so, likewise, the District Master, who by Constitution is only required to meet his Lodge once a year, is given a vote in the law-making body of the Order; while the Master of the Primary Lodge, who by the Constitution is required to meet his Lodge monthly, and thereby, to do twelve times the duty of a District Master, is denied the privilege of speaking or voting in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. The

daily history of the Order convinces me more and more of the importance of a return to "the old paths and the good way" of former years. There is a constant and increasing demand for changes in the constitutional features of the Order; probably there never was a period in the history of Orangeism, when so large an amount of dissatisfaction existed in the Order as at present, and nearly all owing to the strong opposition felt to cutting up the Order into Local Lodges. In a voluntary association, harmony can be maintained and lasting prosperity insured, only by a cheerful and free concurrence in all its requirements, and this can reasonably be expected only, where participation in enacting those requirements has been freely enjoyed. But Primary Lodges, though more numerous than Provincial, County, or District Lodges, and though the only ones that pay dues, are, strange to say, denied any participation in the measures of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge. Thus making representation in that body not only numerically weak, but also partial. Besides the views and wants of the Primary Lodges not being represented in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, can only be partially known to that body. And certainly, in those days when the distant parts of the earth are brought together, as if belonging to the same locality—when the inhabitant of the antipodes are brought almost within speaking distance, by the appliance of science and art, it is not in accordance with the tone of the day, nor the spirit of the age, that Orangeism should separate its forces and divide its members, keeping them apart.

I regret to find that there is a class of minds among our membership, who do not understand our Order; who are in fact dead weights on the institution. These are they who are Orangemen in name only, and whose only care is to keep good upon the books to prevent the disgrace of their expulsion: but who take no real interest in the Order. They appear never to have studied its origin, principles, objects and advantages, and consequently, they do not understand its machinery, the extent and the result of its operations; they do not understand and practice the morality of its teachings—the scope and tendency of its laws and governments, and the beauty, aim, and

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plan to banish Romanism from the land, is to spread Orangeism through the land; the surest way to kill rebelism, is to spread loyalty over the land. A continual posture of defence, such as we have generally taken both in Parliament and out of it, is an acknowledgement of weakness. True, some men tell us to keep quiet for fear of giving offence, and thereby doing more harm than good. Absurd argument, must we fold our arms and sit in inglorious inertia, because the enemies of religion and loyalty are liable to take offence if we move, or because we are in danger of not always acting in the wisest and most perfect manner. Shame upon the thought. Let Orangemen be up and doing. A bold manly independent front (especially by our public men,) will accomplish wonders for the Order. I detest what some men call expediencyism. Expediencyites are always ready to

“ Bend the pregnant hinges of the knee,
That thrift may follow fawning.”

Orangemen should be known in modern days as they were known in olden times, for honest inflexibility. The past has already thanked our noble fathers and founders for the great principles of freedom, patriotism and piety, with which they inaugurated the Order. Let us prove ourselves worthy sons of noble sires, and the Order will continue to receive the sympathy of the intelligent, the respectable, the freedom loving and the pious in the land. We have much yet to do for our country—public opinion must be called more fully into exercise upon the assumptions of Romanism—it must be concentrated or it will not be felt. Much responsibility undoubtedly rests upon the Order of which you are the wise and zealous managers. Orangeism, spread as it is throughout the Provinces, gives us power to act in unison and harmony, and consequently, with efficiency. Pointing you, therefore, to the enemy now holding the field, I say in the language of the great hero of Waterloo, “ up Guards and at them.”

All of which is respectfully submitted, in union, love, and truth.

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It was then moved by Bro. C. P. Simpson, Proxy 117, seconded by Bro. John Coyne, Master 157, and

Resolved,—That a special committee of five, be appointed to take into serious consideration the Report of the Grand Secretary, and that such committee consist of Brothers, the Rev. H. B. Ostler, District Master of King; Capt. Thomas Campbell, Master 779; C. P. Simpson, Proxy 117; W. H. Hewitt, District Master, Garafraxa, and Alderman Strachan, Junior Deputy Grand Master.

It was then moved by Bro. O. J. Phelps, Master 77, seconded by Bro. S. Bradley, Master 204, and

Resolved,—That this Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge do now adjourn, to meet again at 9 o'clock, a. m., on to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge accordingly adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Western Canada met as per adjournment.

The Grand Secretary then read the minutes of yesterday.

It was then moved by Bro. John Minore, Master 360, seconded by Bro. G. M. Todd, Master 634, and

Resolved,—That the Minutes just read be adopted.

It was then moved by Bro. Henry Lenmon, County Master of Brant, seconded by Bro. John Coyne, Master 157, and

Resolved,—That the fact of a Brother being the Master of any Lodge does not disqualify him from taking part in any discussion, and voting upon any question that may come up in his Lodge.

The hour for proceeding to Church having arrived, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. N. Button formed the Grand Lodge into procession and marched to Church, where the following able and eloquent Sermon was preached by Brother the Rev. H. B. Ostler, District Master of King.

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SERMON.

“And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes.”—Exodus xiii. 16.

The return of the season when as members and officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, we meet together in God's Holy Temple to render the tribute of praise and thanksgiving, places us on an elevation from whence we may look backward on the past, and onward to the future. Backward to consider the kindness and love of God, in his continued daily mercy; onward with prayerful resolve that the future shall witness on our part a devotedness to his service which former days have been ignorant of. How many changes, how many trials, how many difficulties, since your last meeting, have like clouds cast their shadows on the hearth, and for aught the preacher knoweth are not even now altogether dispersed, but there was and is a need for all these things, and God our Saviour who sitteth at the helm of affairs, “the frail bark of his creature is guiding, watchful and warily, all for the best.” As regards those who have departed this life since our last assembling, let us inscribe their names in our memories, draw the veil over their foibles of faults and bury them in oblivion, while we set their good deeds and consistent conduct ever before our eyes, and strive to follow them so far as they followed our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose only merits and sacrifice giveth us a right to enter the city above, the new Jerusalem. Brethren, in coming before you to-day as your Chaplain, I must not forget the duty belonging to my sacred office, but as God's minister endeavour with his assistance to stir up your minds and put you in remembrance of your duties and of your obligations to yourselves and others, if by any means I may be instrumental in leading you to a yet more faithful observance of those duties you owe your God, your country, and your Queen. The rites and ceremonies of our order are not meaningless things, they have in them lessons worthy of being treasured up and pondered over, when we lie down and when we rise up, in the field or in the counting house, in our going out and our coming in. The grip, the sign, the word, the token, are so many remembrancers, not merely to enable us to recognize a brother wherever we may meet him, but to

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put us in mind of the obligations which rest upon ourselves as individuals, that we are to take heed unto our ways; that the yoke is pleasant and easy to be borne, if we seek the aiding strength of him who guided his people Israel safely through all the trials which befel them in Egypt, at the Red Sea, and through the waste and howling wilderness which intervened between the land of bondage and the Canaan of rest on the other side of Jordan. You are members of a religious and loyal association, and as such are bound to be devoted servants of God, true believers in his son Jesus Christ, faithful subjects of the Queen, and supporters of our glorious constitution. You are bound to keep firm to the Protestant faith, making yourselves friends of all quiet and peaceable men, avoiding strife and seeking benevolence, slow to take offence and offering none. In a word, your every sign, your every token upon your hand or between your eyes, should enjoin on you the duty, the *daily duty* of fearing God and loving the Brotherhood, honoring the Queen, and maintaining the laws. Two great ends must ever be before you, next to the working out your own salvation—those are *union* and *truth*. It is altogether impossible for us to advance the great cause we have in hand, and for which our Protestant Association was first called into existence, if there is want of unity—union is strength, disunion, weakness—and so truly are our adversaries aware of this, that we find them by every means in their power endeavouring to sow the seeds of discord; yea, and by craft and subtilty assuming characters which are contrary to their own feelings, if they may thereby the more effectually overturn that which they feel to be an hinderance to the spread of their own unholy principles. Hence, necessity is laid upon us to be a united body, men of one purpose and object, who have solemnly in the presence of God and those who were to love their associates, sworn to bear true allegiance to our Queen and lawful successors, so long as they are true to their solemn coronation oaths, to uphold and maintain the Protestant Faith; who have also faithfully promised and sworn to resist all attempts to weaken British influence in these noble Provinces. Brethren, we need be upon our watch, lest we be surprized, and when too late find that to our own neglect may be traced evils which may

weigh heavily on those who may come after us. Now, this unity of action will never be carried out, indeed it cannot be, if there is any dissimulation, any double dealing. St. Paul's exhortation is most worthy of being given heed to—"Lie not one to another." Every one of you my Orange Brethren have a double duty to observe in this respect. You are citizens among your fellows, and should strive to maintain a character of probity and truth, but you are especially bound to do so as Christian Orangemen, because any departure therefrom tends to bring disgrace on the cause which with the life you profess to honor. This truth keeping refers not only to what you *say*, but also to what you *do*; and the more you really consider your very first obligation, the one on which you were initiated into our glorious Institution, the more will you see the necessity of being true men. Your solemn vow and oath have bound you to sobriety, temperance and honesty; and I say an Orangeman who is a drunkard, or a swearer, or a liar, or dishonest, is a perjured person, guilty of endeavoring by his own example to injure his brother, by tempting to the committal of the same sins, when the very sign on his hand, or the frontlet between his eyes, should put him in mind of his promise, "I will be faithful and true to every Brother Orangeman in all just actions, neither wronging him, nor knowing him to be wronged or injured, without giving him due notice thereof, and preventing it if in my power." Every step you have taken since your first initiation, has brought with it fresh remembrances to stir up your minds to consider whereunto you are called. The lessons you had to learn may have been easy and pleasant, or they may have partaken of a directly opposite character, comparable almost to the fiery ordeal of the burning furnace, still they were lessons, teaching you plainly the great duty of obedience to those set over you as your elders, or the equal duty of concealing the foibles of your Brethren while you labor diligently, prayerfully and faithfully for their reformation, remembering the words of St. Paul,—“Brethren, if any be overtaken with a fault, ye that are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of love, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.” Not only may we learn from the exhortations of the great Apostle, but from the example of

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one far superior, even our Lord himself, which stand so prominently forward on the pages of the Gospel. He is then our guiding star, the morning star, leading the traveller safely across this otherwise trackless waste, to a fairer land where the days of privations and watchings, and cares, shall be over for ever and for ever. As Israel of old was led safely under the guidance and direction of the "Great I Am," so shall we also be guided, for

"By his unerring spirit led,
We shall not in the desert stray ;
We shall not full direction need,
Nor miss our providential way."

The vows of the Holy One rests upon all of us—the responsibilities of baptismal engagements are such as we can never by any mortal power be absolved from—were we not prepared or rather pledged under the sign, the seal or emblem of the covenant of grace, even the Sacrament of Baptism to be true to our God, and true to our Brethren also. Ought not the various tokens on our hands be as remembrances, putting us in mind of death, of judgment, and of that eternity into which we may each of us so soon enter, for verily there is but a step between us and death, and death's narrow stream is the only dividing line between time and eternity. God knows the difficulties we have to encounter in our homeward journeyings—the various temptations which assail us—the hinderances which are set in our pathway by adversaries, and hence his loving mercy has provided grace to help in every time of need, grace and strength sufficient to meet every emergency ; a glorious and sure direction in his own blessed Word, which is a light to our feet and a lantern to our path if we ask the enlightening influence of His Holy Spirit. But do all of you ask for that influence ? I know for the most part you glory in your privilege of having God's word in your possession, and that none dare hinder your reading it, but then is it not, alas, too truly manifested by the lives of many Orangemen, as it is by the lives of many professed Christians, that the Word of God has little lodgment in the heart ; that the great lesson of repentance for sin is received as a theory but not acted on ; that faith, and hope, and charity, exert no

actual influence on their daily conduct, while sin, that deadly evil, first introduced into the world by Eve, who yielded to the beguiling of the serpent, spreads its pollution through every part, and those who should be patterns of piety and true loyalty, are in too many instances the direct contrary, and are found day by day adding sin to sin, drunkenness to thirst, perjury to profanity, thus making our glorious institution as much as in them lie, as far as they possibly can do it, a bye-word and reproach. Thank God, all are not so, there are faithful ones among the faithless; as in the days of Elijah, so now there are doubtless more than seven thousand among us who have not betrayed their trust—who, as they think of the various lessons they received in the different Degrees to which they have been advanced, call to their minds the words of the text, "And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes," and govern themselves accordingly; who really feel and act under the conviction that Orangeism is a reality. To such in God's house at this time, the preacher would address the words of exhortation and encouragement.

Brethren, be true to your vows, and you shall ever find in the Great I Am, and Lord Jesus Christ, a present helper. He will guide you continually, yea, and feed your souls with that spiritual manna of which that laid up in the golden cup in the ark of Gopherwood was only a type, while the sprinkled blood of the Lamb shall preserve your soul from the destroying angel, when he shall pass over the dwelling of the wicked and cut them off from the face of the earth. In the meanwhile, be diligent in daily duties, let the emblems of the mysteries communicated to you, my companions, be as tokens upon your hands, to put you in mind "that you are bound to give alms to the poor and weary pilgrim travelling from afar, to succour the needy, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted;" that we are to be lovers of peace, but at the same time are bound by the most solemn obligation to war against the enemies of innocence, destitute widows, helpless orphans, and the Protestant faith; and he who acts contrary thereto, no

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Brethren, we are assembled here in God's house this morning, and in all human probability shall never all meet again; as members, one of another, we are bound to offer our prayers, each for the others well being, to ask for such divine aid and assistance as shall enable us for the future to go on to apprehend all that for the which we are apprehended in Christ.

After Divine Service, the Provincial Grand Lodge, in procession order, returned to the Court House and resumed business.

The following Brethren, in addition to those whose names were recorded yesterday, handed in their entrance cards, and were admitted as members of the Grand Lodge, namely:—

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MASTERS.

61 IRWIN LITTLE.	449 FRANCIS McCAULEY.
770 CHARLES SMITH.	185 WILLIAM B. DODDS.
635 GEORGE BELL.	249 EDWARD DAWSON.
427 JAMES KEYS.	263 THOS. McCRACKEN.

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163 JAMES KERR.	112 THOMAS ERVING.
250 WILLIAM PHILLIP.	

The Committee on the Royal Scarlet then handed in their report as follows:—

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Canada:

Your Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the working of the Royal Scarlet order, beg leave to report that they recommend this R. W. G. L. to bring this subject under the notice of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and request them to remodel this Scarlet dispensation, so as to render it more efficient.

Your Committee see no fault with the Ritual or ceremony, but are of opinion a short code of rules for the guidance and government of Chapters should be issued, regulating how and when officers should be elected, the application of the funds, &c.

Your Committee find it has been the custom to embody the Scarlet Degree in Orange certificates and call attention to this irregularity, being of opinion that a Scarlet certificate can only issue from the Chapter, and should be separate and distinct from all other certificates.

Your Committee find that in some instances the officer holding dispensations claims the right of moving this Chapter from place to place without the consent of the Companions, and desire to record their opinion against this practice as subversive of good order, and to state that in their belief the Chapter, like any other Lodge, must be regulated in its internal arrangements by the will of the majority of its members, subject of course to any rules or order that may be issued for its government.

HENRY LEMMON.
ROBT. DRANEY.
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J. V. LEPPER.
MICHAEL CRAWFORD.
D'ARCY BOULTON.
WM. ADAMSON.

Mr. Crawford dissents from the last clause relating to the moving of Chapters.

COMMITTEE ROOM, Brampton, Feb. 17, 1863.

It was then moved by Bro. J. McClure, County Master of North York, seconded by Bro. Robert Gunn, District Master of London city, and

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence then reported as follows:—

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

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Lodge last evening, and continued in session till a late hour, all the members of the Committee being present.

Your Committee have had under their consideration an epitome of the correspondence which has taken place between the Grand Secretary and various members of the Order, commencing the 15th of February, 1862, and terminating the 14th of February, 1863, embracing a total of 655 letters, with the several and respective replies thereto.

It would occupy so much of the valuable time of your R. W. G. L. to dwell in detail upon the various letters which comprise this voluminous correspondence; they therefore confine themselves to a few only. Those are numbered respectively, 8, 15, 19, 24, 27, 29, 32, 33, 47, 55, 74, 78, 79, 86, 91, 98, 110, 113, 200, 215, 224, 284, and 428,—the respective writers being R. C. McMullen, L. B. Hamblin, A. Argel, P. D. McGuinnis, R. C. McMullen (2nd), John Robinson, C. H. Davison, James Beatty, F. W. Irwin, L. B. Hamblin (2nd), J. A. Kilreath, J. D. B. McLean, B. Cade, Isaiah Kee, George Powley, M. H. Spencer, R. C. McMullen (3rd), J. A. Kilreath (2nd), George Mathews, D. L. Graham, John Smyth, John Pacton, and Edward Payne.

Your Committee, while expressing their full approval of the replies given by the Grand Secretary to these several communications, have to remark in reference to No. 27, in which the question is asked, in case "when Lodges become dormant, should members pay up all arrears before their certificates are granted?" and to which the Grand Secretary replies in the affirmative, that the reply is correct, provided that it applies to such dues, and such only, as had accrued prior to the Lodge having become dormant.

With reference to the communications of Bro. James Beatty, D.M. of West Lambton, dated the 7th of June last, asking if dormant Warrants should be returned to the Provincial Grand Lodge, your committee approve of the reply of the G. S., only adding to it, that when forwarded to the G. L. it should be through the District and County Master.

Your Committee particularly note the letter of Worshipful Master Isaiah Kee, asking, "can members be made to walk on the 12th of

July, if the Lodge should so decide?" To which the Secretary replied, "that members should obey their Lodges. The majority rule, else there can be no order or harmony. The minority will suit their own dignity and the good of the order by complying with the decision of the majority." In this reply your committee entirely concur, and they take the liberty to add, that if the spirit which enhances was more generally enforced into the proceedings of all Lodges, we should have more unity within our Order, and be enabled to present a more numerous, a more orderly, and a bolder front to our enemies on each returning anniversary of our great festival day, ever memorable 12th of July.

The last communication with which your committee will trouble your G. L. by a particular reference, is numbered 105. The writer is Bro. John Booth, Master of the Waterloo Lodge in the County of Shefford, Canada East. In this letter Bro. Booth states that Provincial Grand Lodges are ruining the Institution in Lower Canada. Your committee are happy to find that the brethren in Lower Canada are getting their eyes opened to the injurious effects upon the best interests of the Order, of Local and Provincial Grand Lodges. And your Committee can only add their deliberate opinion, formed after many days, and careful examination, that these Local Grand Lodges are sap-
 the vitality of the Institution, and if persisted in, must lead long, to the utter prostration of the Order, or such a disruption may lead to the abrogation of the present cumbrous and expensive system, and the restoration of the Society to its former state of prosperity and glory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OGLE R. GOWAN, Chairman
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BRAMPTON, 17th Feb., 1863.

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It was then moved by Lieut.-Colonel Ogle R. Gowan, Past Most
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 Bro. John Verner, Master No. 621, and

Resolved,—That the Report, just read, be taken up clause by clause and
 read *seriatim*.

Bro. O. R. Gowan, then, as Chairman of the Committee, read the
 clause. A discussion then arose in which several Brethren took
 part, after which, Bro. F. C. Stewart, Co. Master of South Simcoe,
 moved, seconded by Bro. C. P. Simpson, Proxy, 117,—That the
 motion of the Report, referring to the Lodges in Oxford, be struck
 out, which was carried by a vote of 56 AYES against 29 NAYS.

Brother W. E. Nesbitt, County Master of South Oxford, immedi-
 ately arose upon the announcement of the result of the vote from the
 chair, and announced that he appealed to the Supreme Grand
 Lodge against the Resolution just passed, as being, in his judgment,
 unconstitutional.

It was then moved by Bro. Bradley, Master 204, seconded by
 O. J. Phelps, Master 77, and

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn for one hour.—A YES,
 NAYS, 39.

The Grand Lodge accordingly adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 o'clock, P.M., Feb. 18, 1863.

- OGLE R. GOWAN, Chairman
- F. C. STEWART.
- C. P. SIMPSON.
- GEORGE M. TODD.
- H. P. GOWAN.
- F. E. CORNISH.
- JOHN COYNE.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Can-
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The Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Alderman F. H. Med-
 in the chair.

Bro. Ogle R. Gowan, Chairman of the Committee on Correspon-
 ce, resumed the reading of the Report of that Committee.

The second clause of the Report was unanimously adopted.

The third clause was read and expunged, upon motion in a similar manner as the first clause, and appealed against by Bro. Nesbitt, County Master of South Oxford. All the other clauses, save the last, were read and adopted unanimously.

Bro. Andrew Fleming, Grand Secretary of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, spoke several times in favor of Provincial Lodges, and opposed to the adoption of the last clause of the Report.

Bro. J. Bennett, District Master of Toronto, also stated that when in Montreal he read letters in favor of the Local Grand Lodge system.

Brothers O. R. Gowan, John Rogers, Richard Reynolds, John Coyne, John Verner, Julian Sale, George Hamilton, W. E. Nesbitt, Captain Campbell, James McClure, Michael Crawford, Robert Draney and H. P. Gowan, all spoke against Local Lodges, and in favor of the adoption of the last clause of the Report of the Committee.

Bro. A. Fleming, G. S. of the M. W. G. L., then moved, seconded by Bro. Robert Bell, Master No. 387,—That that portion of the Report of the Committee, in relation to the favoring of the abolishing of all the Provincial Grand Lodges, be struck out, and that the following be inserted:—That this Provincial Grand Lodge is not yet sufficiently satisfied of the effect of the present system of Provincial Lodges to decide thereon. On the vote being taken, there were three votes for Bro. Fleming's Resolution, and the remainder of those present for the last clause of the Committee's Report. The Report was then adopted.

Bro. W. G. Culloden, Proxy 166, as Chairman of the Committee on the case of Bro. Brounlee, then reported as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Brampton, February 17, 1863.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Canada:

Your Committee beg to report that they met in accordance with the terms of a Resolution, passed by your Worshipful Lodge, to enquire into the case of Bro. James Brounlee, who applied for relief.

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Your Committee are of opinion, from the statements they have heard, that he is a person well worthy of relief, he having lost his sight, and is therefore helpless and unable to provide for his family.

Your Committee are of opinion that Bro. Brounlee did not loose his sight through any misconduct of his own, but while in the lawful pursuit of his employment.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to Bro. Brounlee the sum of twenty-five dollars [\$25] out of the funds of your Worshipful Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed,]

W. G. COLLODEN,
CHAIRMAN.

It was then moved by Bro. W. G. Culloden, Proxy 166, seconded by Bro. Thos. Draney, Proxy No. 1040, and

Resolved,—That the Report, just read, be adopted.

Capt. Armstrong, District Master, Tecumseth, then read the Report of the Finance Committee, as follows:—

The Committee on Finance beg leave to Report, that they have examined the Grand Treasurer's Books and Vouchers, and found them correct; a statement of which is here annexed.

Your Committee regret that County Masters and Masters of Private Lodges have been in the habit of paying their Grand Lodge dues through various sources. This should not be the case. The Provincial Grand Treasurer is the only person who should receive Grand Lodge dues.

Your Committee also recommend that County Masters should make an annual return to the Grand Treasurer of all Lodges under their jurisdiction, who have or have not paid their Grand Lodge dues, and for what year, for at the present time it is impossible to ascertain for what year the Lodges have paid their Grand Lodge dues.

Your Committee thinks that last year this Grand Lodge paid too much for printing, and would recommend for the future the printing

should be let by tender, but in all cases a preference should be given to a Brother. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

JAMES BENNETT, *Secretary.*

THOMAS MINNIS.

O. J. PHELPS, No. 77.

JOHN MINORE.

Your Committee has also examined the Secretary's books, and have found them correct, and vouchers for all bills paid.

Your Committee also beg to lay before this Grand Lodge a Bill for printing, for the year 1881, which is vouched for by the Last Past G. M. Brother Buckley, and it is for your Right Worshipful Body to order it to be paid; the amount is \$11.42.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

JAMES BENNETT, *D. M., Toronto.*

O. J. PHELPS, *M., 77.*

JOHN MINORE, *W. M., 360.*

THOMAS MINNIS, 312.

Brampton, Feb. 18, 1863.

It was then moved by O. J. Phelps, Master No. 77, seconded by John Minore, Master No. 360, and

Resolved.—That the Report of the Committee on Finance be adopted.

Brother Robert Gunn, District Master of the city of London District, read the Report of the Committee on Appeals, Suspensions and Expulsions, as follows:—

COMMITTEE BEG TO REPORT

That Case No. 2,

James Yardington, L. O. L. No. 360.

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James Reynolds, L. O. L. No. 207—Returned to District Lodge.
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Wm. Wadsworth, L. O. L., No. 808—Suspended for one year.
- " No. 5.
Joseph Baldwin—Expelled for life.
- " No. 6.
C. W. Foster, L. O. L. No. 710—Expelled.
- " No. 7.
Francis W. Irwin, L. O. L. No. 852—Expelled.
- " No. 8.
Thomas Ashton, L. O. L. No. 511—Expelled.
- " No. 9.
Joseph Tackaberry, L. O. L. No. 1008—Expelled.
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- " No. 11.
J. C. Roche, Frank Woods—Expelled.
- " No. 12.
Thomas Marson, L. O. L. No. 590, John Hart, do.—Suspended 2 years.
- " No. 13.
G. E. Goodson, L. O. L. No. 360—Suspended.
- " No. 14.
G. W. Kills, L. O. L. No. 768—Suspended for 5 years.
- " No. 15.
Thos. Sounder, L. O. L. No. 702—Expelled for violation of obligation.
- " No. 16.
G. W. Meredith, No. 702—Suspended.
- " No. 17.
E. Tanner, No. 634—Expelled.
James Hough, No. 634, Chas. Meriate, do—Suspended for non-payment of dues.

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do—Expelled.

Robt. McKee, No. 634—Expelled for withholding
Lodge money.

John Hewing, No. 634, Robt. Shaw, do—Expelled.

We also recommend Bros. McClure and Sale to arrange their matter respecting Bro. McGann; that as soon as his Lodge dues are paid to No. 679, he should receive his certificate.

Henry Stinson, No. 604—Expelled for non-payment of dues.

Also in hearing the statement of Bro. W. S. Hewitt, as regards the re-instating Bro. W. Hall of L. O. L. No. 330, North Wellington. We recommend Bro. Wm. Hall being again placed on Lodge Books.

On appeal of Brethren, who were expelled for slandering the character of our Grand Master, Hon. J. H. Cameron, viz.—Wolfe, McIntosh, Mills, Bell, Boulton, Roberts, Hennay, Brown, Livingston, Miller and Hart;—on motion, the County action is sustained, but recommended Bro. Bell's case to be returned to his County Lodge for consideration.

J. B. LINDSAY, *Chairman*.

After making out our Report, a communication from the District Lodge of Markham came before us, which communication your Committee comply with.

J. B. LINDSAY, *Chairman*.

It was then moved by Bro. J. B. Lindsay, County Master of Halton, seconded by Brother James McClure, County Master, North York, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Appeals, Suspensions and Expulsions be adopted.

Brother the Rev. H. B. Ostler, District Master of King, as Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, brought up the Report of that Committee as follows:—

The Committee appointed to take into their consideration the Report of the Provincial Grand Secretary, beg leave to Report:

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That by said report it appears that only six private Lodges have been formed within the limits of this Grand Lodge during the past year. That your Committee cannot but deplore the slow progress attending our effort thus made. Your Committee would earnestly call upon this Grand Lodge to take such steps to remedy this evil, as may be in its power, as regards some of the suggestions in the Report.

Your Committee are of the opinion that they are already disposed of by the Constitution.

And lastly, your Committee Report that a great portion of the Grand Secretary's Report is made up of such matter, as would be more appropriate to be disposed of by the Committee appointed by this Grand Lodge, to draft the address to the Brethren within its jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. B. OSTLER, *Chairman.*

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CAPT. THOS. CAMPBELL.

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WM. STRACHAN.

It was then moved by Bro. W. Strachan, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, seconded by C. P. Simpson, Proxy 117, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee, just read, be adopted.

Bro. Capt. F. H. Buckley, Past Provincial Grand Master, as Chairman of the Committee on the case of Bro. Purvis, late of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 164, Highland Creek, then brought up the following Report:—

Special Committee on complaint made by Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Western Canada, on behalf of Bro. Purvis, of the Township of Elmvale, in the County of North Simcoe, against Lodge 164, Scarborough, East York:

Your Committee having heard the evidence of Brother Boulton and Brother W. M. Button, feel it incumbent on them to give a synopsis of the case, in order that this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge may be in a position to deal with the case on its merits.

Some six years ago the members of the above named Lodge purchased a piece of land to build a Lodge thereon, and did build a brick building 22 x 40—two stories high. On the completion of the Building, the Master, Deputy and Treasurer of said Lodge, to whom the Deed of Trust was made, found themselves unable to pay the balance of the debt on said building to the Contractor, and had recourse to borrow money by order of the Lodge to pay off said debt.

On making application for the money to several parties, they found that money could not be obtained on the Trust Deed held by them, and were under the necessity of giving a confession of judgment each for himself as collateral security, together with a Mortgage on the Hall, in order to obtain the money.

The borrowed money was not paid, and about two years ago the Sheriff levied only on one of the three Trustees that was worth anything, (H. Purvis), and sold him out for the sum of fifty pounds.

The Sheriff has now seized on all the property of H. Purvis for the balance of the debt, and will be sold out without any effort being made by the members of the Lodge to assist in paying the debt, or even giving up the Trust Deed to him.

Your Committee beg most respectfully to recommend that this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge deposit with the Right Worshipful G. M., Bro. Medcalfe, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, to employ Messrs. Blake, Solicitors in Chancery, in Toronto, to get legal advice, in order that the said Hall may be foreclosed, or otherwise to pay the present debt on said Hall, (said fifty dollars to be paid back out of the proceeds of the sale.)

And further recommend that Bro. Boulton and Bro. Wm. M. Button be delegated to wait upon Messrs. Blake to give all the information in the case.

Your Committee would also recommend that the County Master of South Simcoe call a County Meeting at an early day, and have the members of Lodge 164 summoned before it, in order that they may be dealt with as in the judgment said County Lodge may seem meet.

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F. H. BUCKLEY, *Chairman.*
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COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Brampton, Feb. 18, 1863. }

It was then moved by Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, County Master, South Simcoe, seconded by Bro. J. H. Bessey, Grand Treasurer, and

Resolved,—That the Report now read by Past Grand Master, F. H. Buckley, be adopted.

It was then moved by Bro. O. J. Phelps, Master of No. 77, seconded by Bro. A. Armstrong, District Master of Tecumseth, and

Resolved,—That Brothers William Adamson, County Master of Toronto, James Bennett, District Master of Toronto, and John Verner, Master of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 621, be a Committee to receive Tenders for Printing 3000 Reports of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and all other matters, such as Rituals, &c., &c., &c.

It was then moved by Bro. John Coyne, Master No. 157, seconded by Bro. J. Wallace, Master 146, and

Resolved,—That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of Grand Officers.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Master then called Past Grand Master Colonel Ogle R. Gowan, of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British America, to the Chair, who immediately brought the Lodge to order, and announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the office of Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

It was then moved by Bro. A. Fleming, Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British America, seconded by Bro. Richard Reynolds, Master No. 551, and unanimously

Resolved,—That Bro. Alderman F. H. Medcalfe, J. P., be re-elected Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Medcalfe was then led to the chair by his mover and seconder.

The oath of office was administered to him by Bro. Ogle R. Gowan, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of

British North America, after which, in a short but appropriate speech, he thanked the Brethren for the honor conferred upon him, and took his seat.

It was then moved by Bro. John Coyne, Master of No. 157, seconded by Bro. James Bennett, District Master of Toronto, and

Resolved,—That F. E. Cornish, Esq., Mayor of London, be the Worshipful Deputy Master of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

Bro. F. E. Cornish was then installed by the Grand Master, Bro. F. H. Medcalfe, and took his seat.

It was then moved by Bro. James McClure, County Master of North York, seconded by Bro. Capt. F. H. Buckley, Past Provincial Grand Master of Western Canada, and

Resolved,—That Bro. Alderman William Strachan be re-elected Junior Deputy Grand Master of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

It was then moved by Bro. John Smith, County Master of North Ontario, seconded by Bro. W. E. Nesbitt, County Master of South Oxford, and

Resolved,—That Bro. the Rev. William Gundy be re-elected Grand Chaplain.

It was then moved by Bro. John Smith, County Master of North Ontario, seconded by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Armstrong, and

Resolved,—That Bro. James H. Bessey, be Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

It was then moved by Bro. F. C. Stewart, County Master of South Simcoe, seconded by Bro. Thomas Elliott, District Master of the District of London Township, and

Resolved,—That Brother John Coyne be Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Yeas and Nays having been called for on this vote, were taken as follows:—

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James Thompson, P. 245,

F. Lundy, M. 10,
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A. Irwin, District M.,
C. Smith, M. 770,
R. Bell, M. 387,
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J. B. Lindsay, C. M.,
J. Curry, M. 320,
J. Little, M. 61,
T. Evings, P. 604,
T. Rutherford, M. 63,
W. B. Dodds, M. 185,
Samuel Keefer, M. 772,
James Gould, M. 758,
James Keys, M. 427,
James Taggart, M. 1125,
John Gillespie, M. 330,
John Fraser, M. 81,
Thomas McCracken, M. 263,
John Minore, M. 360,
Stephen Bradley, M. 204,
Dalton McCarthy, M. 452,
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W. P. Giles, M. 28,
H. Lemmon, C. M.,
D. Laurence M. 105,

W. McCaffrey, M. 478,
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G. Davis, District Master, Barrie,
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R. Cotton, District Master, Derry,
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R. Booth, M. 148,
John Hall, M. 455,
John Clements, D. M., Milton,
J. H. Bessey, G. T., P. G. L. W. C.,
A. Fleming, G. S., M. W. G. S.,
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Wm. Adamson, Co. M., Toronto,
Julian Sale, P. 396,
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John Verner, M. 621,
John Rodgers, P. 136,
R. Girvan, M. 207,
J. McKay, P. 286,
T. Graham, P. 5,
A. M. Grimason, M. 404,
J. Davis, M. 275,
J. Scarlett, P. 140,
M. Crawford, Co. Master, Peel,
Thos. Downey, P. 1040,
Robt. Flinn, P. 216,
R. Reynolds, M. 551,
J. S. Nelson, M. 375,
W. Little, M. 62,
Alderman Strachan, J. D. G. M.
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J. Moore, Master 1044,	W. H. Ryan, D.M.,
J. Shier, M. 191,	John Carter, D. M., Markham,
Thos. Tuer, D.M., York,	Thos. Campbell, M. 779,
J. V. Lepper, C. Master,	W. M. Button, Co. Master,
Rev. James Gundy, D.G. Chaplain,	Rev. W. Gundy, G. Chaplain,
M. W. G. L.	W. E. Nesbitt, C. Master,
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John Smith, C. Master,	James McClure, Co. Master.
H. P. Gowan, M. 4,	—Nays, 38.

It was then moved by Bro. John Minore, Master 360, seconded by Bro. John Coyne, Master 157, that Bro. Robert Gunn, D. M. of London, be Grand Lecturer, which was lost on Division.

It was then moved by Capt. F. H. Buckley, Past G.M., seconded by Bro. James McClure, Co. Master of North York, and

Resolved,—That Bro. N. C. Gowan, J. P., be elected Grand Lecturer for the ensuing Orange year.

It was then moved by Bro. F. H. Buckley, Past Grand Master, seconded by Bro. M. Crawford, County Master of Peel, and

Resolved,—That Bro. Newberry Button be Grand Director of Ceremonies for the ensuing year.

It was then moved by Bro. F. C. Stewart, County Master of South Simcoe, seconded by Bro. J. V. Lepper, C. M., London: That Bro. Arthur Armstrong be re-elected Deputy Grand Secretary, which was lost—Yeas, 32; Nays, 40.

It was then moved by Bro. John Verner, Master 621, seconded by Bro. H. P. Gowan, Master No. 4: That Bro. Julian Sale be Deputy Grand Secretary.

It was then moved in amendment by Bro. James Bennett, District Master, Toronto, seconded by Bro. F. E. Cornish, D. G. M.: That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, which was lost, and on the motion for the appointment of Bro. Sale being put to the Lodge, it was carried—Yeas, 42; Nays, 22.

It was then moved by Bro. Richard Reynolds, Master 551, seconded by Bro. James McClure, County Master, North York, and

Resolved,—That Bro. James Davis, Master 275, be Deputy Grand Treasurer of this Lodge for the current year.

It was then seconded by Master 375,

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It was then moved by Brother R. Reynolds, Master No. 551, seconded by Bro. John Verner, Master 621 : That Bro. J. S. Nelson, Master 375, be Grand Tyler, which was lost—Yeas, 29 ; Nays, 34.

It was then moved by Bro. John McKay, Proxy 286, seconded by Bro. Capt. Campbell, Master 779, and

Resolved,—That Bro. Charles Smith be Grand Tyler for the current Orange year.

It was then moved by Bro. H. P. Gowan, Master No. 4, seconded by Bro. W. E. Nesbitt, C. M. South Oxford, and

Resolved,—That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge do now adjourn for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

SECOND DAY.

All the Grand Officers except Bro. Cornish in their places.

It was then moved by Bro. John Minore, Master 360, seconded by Bro. Rev. James B. Gundy, Deputy Grand Chaplain of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and

Resolved,—That Bro. A. Fleming, Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and James Bennett, District Master of Toronto, be a Committee to procure a photograph of the Orphan and Orange Wing of the Protestant Orphans' Home, at Toronto, and send the said portraits in sufficient numbers to each Master for sale, and proceeds to apply to Orange Wing after the necessary expenses be paid for the taking of said picture.

The following Brothers then demanded to have their names recorded in the published minutes as voting against the Resolution just passed :—

1. W. M. Button, County Master, East York,
2. O. J. Phelps, Master 77,
3. N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary,
4. John Verner, Master 621,
5. Julian Sale, Proxy 396,

6. Thos. Douney, P. 1040,
7. Thomas Jackson, County Master, North Wellington,
8. F. H. Buckley, Past Grand Master,
9. Capt. Thomas Campbell, Master 779,
10. John Moore, Master 1041,
11. James McMaster, Master 567,
12. John McKay, Proxy 286,
13. W. E. Nesbitt, County Master, South Oxford,
14. John Rodgers, Proxy 136.
15. Thos. Tuer, District Master, York.
16. John Smith, County Master, North Ontario,
17. J. S. Nelson, Master 375.
18. Alderman Strachan, Junr., Deputy Grand Master.
19. W. W. Connor, County Master of Huron,
20. John Carter, District Master of Markham,
21. J. E. Rutledge, Master 290,
22. H. P. Gowan, Master 4,
23. Andrew Fleming, Grand Secretary, M. W. G. L.,
24. John Coyne, Master 157.

It was then moved by Bro. F. C. Stewart, County Master of South Simcoe, seconded by Bro. M. Crawford, County Master of Peel, and

Resolved,—That in the opinion of this Lodge, no form of annual returns other than those set forth in our Constitution and laws is necessary, and that the Grand Secretary do send to each County Master a sufficient number of such blank returns.

It was then moved by Bro. N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. Alex. M. Grimason, Master 404, and

Resolved,—That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge hereby grants leave to Loyal Orange Lodge No. 404 to give a certificate to Bro. Percy Brown, as the one granted to him was stolen, and that Brother is thereby prevented from joining a Lodge by deposit of certificate.

Brother W. E. Nesbitt, County Master, of South Simcoe, asked the question from the Grand Master: "Can a Lodge depart from the Law as laid down on page 43 of the Report of the London meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge?"

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To this question the Grand Master replied in the negative.

It was then moved by Bro. H. P. Gowan, Master No. 4, seconded by Bro. James McClure, County Master, North York, and

Resolved,—That the exceedingly eloquent and most appropriate sermon this day delivered by our esteemed Brother, the Rev. Henry Bath Ostler, in Christ Church, before the Brethren of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, be published in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and that the Rev. Gentleman, who is justly entitled to our best thanks, be, and he is hereby requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with a full report of his sermon for the purpose of its being published in the Minutes of this Provincial Grand Orange Lodge.

It was then moved by Brother Richard Reynolds, Master of Lodge No. 551, seconded by Bro. James Bennett, District Master of Toronto, and

Resolved,—That Lodge No. 551 be granted leave to re-consider the expulsion of the Messrs. Higginbotham from that Lodge.

It was moved by Bro. Capt. F. H. Buckley, Past G. M., seconded by Bro. Capt. Thomas Campbell, Master No. 779, and

Resolved,—That the sum of three hundred dollars be paid to the ex-Grand Secretary for his arduous and important services during the past year.

The following Brethren desired their names to be recorded as dissentients to the above Resolution, on the ground that the sum paid was too much to pay for discharging the duties of the Secretaryship, viz :—

- Brother D'Arcy Boulton, County Master of North Simcoe,
- “ Robert Draney, County Master of East Middlesex,
- “ Robert Gunn, District Master of London City,
- “ F. C. Stewart, County Master, South Simcoe,
- “ J. H. Bessey, Grand Treasurer,
- “ Henry Lemmon, County Master of Brant,
- “ Thomas Elliott, District Master, Township of London,
- “ George Davis, District Master of Barrie,
- “ Lewis Bessey, Proxy 341.
- “ James McClure, County Master, North York.
- “ John Smith, County Master North Ontario.

It was then moved by Bro. James Moore, Master of Lodge No. 1044, seconded by Bro. John McKay, Proxy for Lodge No. 286, and

Resolved,—That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to Bro. Charles Smith, Grand Tyler, for his services attending this Grand Lodge.

It was then moved by Bro. Richard Reynolds, Master of No. 551, seconded by Bro. James Davis, Master of No. 375, and

Resolved,—That the Grand officers of this Provincial Grand Lodge do constitute a deputation to present the following Address to the Most Worshipful the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, in Annual Session Assembled in the Town of Belleville, in the County of Hastings.

May it please your Worshipful Body :

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Western Canada begs most respectfully to inform you that after four years' working and experience of the system of Local Grand Lodges, we have learned to our very great regret, that the system is not only detrimental, but is ruinous to the best interests of the Orange Institution. We therefore pray your Honorable Body to return to the good old paths in which the institution has travelled hitherto successfully. With this object in view, we pray that you will be pleased to grant to the Masters of Primary Lodges the right of exercising the privileges of full membership in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Institution. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

It was then moved by Brother Andrew Fleming, Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British America, seconded by Brother C. P. Simpson, Proxy of Lodge No. 117, and

Resolved,—That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to Bro. J. H. Bessey, Grand Treasurer of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, as an acknowledgment of the his services rendered to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

It was then moved by Brother Robert Gunn, District Master of London City, seconded by Brother John Verner, Master 621, and

Resolved,—That our venerable and respected Grand Chaplain Bro. the Rev. Wm. Gundy, receive the sum of ten dollars from this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

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It was then moved by Bro. Harcourt P. Gowan, Master No. 4, seconded by Bro. F. H. Buckley, Past Grand Master, and

Resolved,—That if this Grand Lodge does hold another Annual Meeting, the place to be selected for that purpose be only such locality as shall have proper accommodation for the Brethren, and that a guarantee be given that no charge shall be made for music, use of Hall, inside Tyler, and other such incidental expenses.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

HAMILTON,—Proposer: Brother Captain Thomas Campbell, Master No. 779; Seconder: Brother Richard Reynolds, Master No. 551; Guarantees: Capt. Campbell, No. 779, T. Minnis, District Master of Hamilton. Votes for, 29; against, 33.

LONDON,—Proposer: James McClure, County Master North York; Seconder: Robert Draney, Master East Middlesex; Guarantees: Robert Gunn, District Master of London City, and Thomas Elliott, D.M., London. Votes for, 28; against, 31.

BRANTFORD,—Proposer: Henry Lemmon, County Master of Brant; Seconder: Thomas McCaffrey, Master No. 478; Guarantees: Proposer and Seconder. Votes for, 27; against, 34.

TORONTO,—Proposer: James Bennett, District Master of Toronto; Seconder: Thomas Jackson, County Master, North Wellington; Guarantees: Proposer and Brother Richard Reynolds, Master No. 551. Votes for, 32; against, 28.

The City of Toronto was therefore declared as the place for holding the next Annual Session of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Western Canada.

It was then moved by Brother O. J. Phelps, Master 77, seconded by Bro. J. H. Bessey, Grand Treasurer, and

Resolved,—That the following Brethren, viz: Lieut.-Col. Ogle R. Gowan, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, Alderman F. H. Medcalfe, Grand Master, and Captain Michael Crawford, County Master of Peel, be a Committee for the purpose of drafting Rules to govern the Brethren while in the Grand Lodge, a copy of which rules shall be handed to each Brother who may have a right to sit and vote in this Provincial Grand Lodge.

It was then moved by Bro Harcourt Potter Gowan, Master No. 4, seconded by Captain J. H. Bessey, Grand Treasurer, and

Resolved,—That any Brother entitled to sit and vote at meetings of this Grand Lodge, or of his County or District Lodge, either as a present or last past officer, at the commencement of the meeting be authorized to sit and vote during the entire meeting, so that the words "Last Past" shall not be held as intending to deprive a Brother of his privileges at the meeting of any of the said Lodges during which he vacates office, but immediately after the close of that meeting he shall be held to be a "last past" officer.

It was then moved by Brother D'Arcy Boulton, County Master, North Simcoe, seconded by Bro. W. M. Button, County Master of East York, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to the Brethren of Peel and inhabitants of Brampton, for the handsome manner in which they have received the members of this Grand Lodge.

Brother Harcourt P. Gowan, Master No. 4, then gave notice that at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge he would move, seconded by Captain W. E. Nesbitt, County Master of South Oxford: That authority be given to each Primary Lodge to choose one member (who shall be designated a Grand Committeeman) for every ten members in good standing on the Roll Book of the Lodge; That said Grand Committeeman shall have the right to sit and vote at all meetings of this Grand Lodge, upon the annual payment in advance of the sum of one dollar to the Grand Secretary, who shall record in the Grand Lodge Books, the name, the Post Office address, County and No. of Lodge of each member of the Grand Committee; That each Grand Committeeman chosen as aforesaid, shall also have the right to sit and vote at all meetings of his own County and District Lodges, and they, the said Lodges, shall have full power, if they choose to exercise it, to levy the annual dues to be received from each Grand Committeeman for County and District purposes, as the case may be, (irrespective of the sum paid to this Grand Lodge) which amount must be paid before he can sit and vote in such capacity in said County or District Lodges.

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It was then moved by Bro. John Minore, Master 360, seconded by Brother Julian Sale, Proxy 396, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge be tendered to the Members and Officers of Christ's Church, for the use of their place of Worship, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the proper persons by the Provincial Grand Secretary.

It was then moved by Brother D'Arcy Boulton, County Master of North Simcoe, seconded by Bro. Henry Lemmon, County Master of Brant, and

Resolved,—That the salary voted to the last Past Grand Secretary be paid before any of the grants voted at this meeting.

It was then moved by Bro. Harcourt P. Gowan, Master No. 4, seconded by Bro. the Rev. James Gundy, Deputy Grand Chaplain of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British America, and

Resolved,—That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge learns with very great regret that the publication of the most valued publication in the British Dominions, the *Downshire Reformer* has been temporarily suspended, because of the ill health of its able, zealous and much beloved Editor and Proprietor, Brother Thomas Johnston, Esq., of Bally Killey House, Downpatrick, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, a gentleman who we sincerely trust will, ere long, consent to occupy a seat in the British House of Commons.

It was then moved by Brother N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. Thos. Douny, Proxy No. 1040, and

Resolved,—That in view of the many defects in the arrangement and Rules of the present Constitution of the Order, this Provincial Grand Lodge requests the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to appoint at its next meeting a large and judicious Committee for the purpose of revising and improving, in arrangement, the Constitution and Rules of the Order.

On motion, the Right Worshipful the Grand Master raised the Lodge to the Degree of Royal Scarlet, and after the passing of a vote of thanks to the G. M. for his conduct in the chair, the Lodge was closed agreeable to the proper form used in our Ancient and Honorable Order.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL ADDRESS COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, appointed to draft an address to the Brethren of our Noble Order under the jurisdiction of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge of Western Canada, setting forth "the prospects and objects of the Order and calling upon the Brethren to promote, by all means within their power, the interests of our Institution," beg leave to Report That though there is a large majority of the membership under your jurisdiction that would prefer a *modus operandi* of the Institution, to what your Committee consider the "old path and the good way," yet we have reason upon the whole in reviewing the position of the Institution to "thank God" for the past, and to "take courage" for the future. The blood of the martyred dead which was poured forth at Derry, Aughrim and the Boyne, has not been in vain. The Empire of which it is our boast and our glory to be subjects, was, by the efforts and services of our noble sires, reserved from the thralldom of a Faction who teach that disloyalty to a Protestant Sovereign is not a crime, and the murder of a heretic is not a sin. These facts cannot be controverted. They are written as with a sunbeam in the history of the British Empire, and glare forth in the canons of Romanism. In those days Protestants did their duty. They were true to their God, their Country and their Sovereign. They opposed rebellion by loyalty; thunderous institutions by defensive ones. We are proud to say of the men who thus acted, they were our Fathers. May we ever prove worthy sons of these illustrious sires. The objects they had in view need not be recapitulated here; they are placed on historic page. Their record is on high. The same objects we have in view. When in the Court House, of the Town of Brockville, in 1860, the G. L. of B. A. was

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regularly organized under a warrant from the King of Hanover to one who still gives us the advantage of his sage counsels. The great design was to unite the Loyal Protestants of the New World in a voluntary Association, whose mission was and is to preserve the Protestant Religion and the liberties of the people. In that day the friends of Orangeism were "few and far between;" but behold what a noble army is now marshalled under the banner of "No Surrender" to Popery. Sound philosophy teaches that when the disloyal combine, the loyal should unite—when Romanists organize, Protestants should not be inert. In this reasoning is found the cause of the present numerically strong position of Orangeism. The Protestant inhabitants of British America have found what their fathers experienced in the Old World, namely: That there is a large and powerful Party in the Empire combined to obey the behests of a Foreign Potentate, and to oppose the principles and practices of the Reformed Religion; and they have seen that that party has a vast machinery of wheels spread over the country, aiming at the subjugation of the whole land to the sovereignty of Pio Nono; hence they have felt the wisdom of and necessity for an organization, such as ours, to combine the freedom-loving of all political and religious parties who "fear God and honor the Sovereign," in determined and increasing efforts to prevent the dissemination of rebellious and anti-Protestant views. These objects your Committee trusts will not be lost sight of by any one member of our noble institution. We are a great Protestant and loyal Brotherhood—one in principle and in aim—let us then be one in action, and let the man who would break that oneness, that should characterize Orange action, be a

"Fixed figure for the hand of scorn
To point its slow unmoving finger at."

And is it not advisable and necessary for every Protestant, but especially every Orangeman, to forget mere names and parties, either religious or political, and seek by all fair and constitutional means, to save our own fair Canada from falling prostrate before the capacious maw of Romanism.

H. O. GOWAN.

Rules of Order to be observed at the Meetings of the Grand Lodge of Western Canada, as prepared by the Select Committee appointed for that purpose :

1. On the first day of the Annual Session, the Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock, Noon, by the R. W. the Grand Master, (if present), if not present, by the Senior Grand Officer in attendance; and at all adjourned, and all Special Meetings, the Chair will be taken by the Senior Grand Officer present, at such hour as may be appointed by the adjournment, or by the notice convening, (as the case may be) but no business shall be transacted at any meeting, unless a quorum be present thereat, such quorum to consist of no less than — members entitled to sit and vote in the Grand Lodge.

2. The Seniority of members entitled to preside, is to be decided by the following scale of precedence :

The R. W. the Grand Master,
 The Senior D. G. Master,
 The Junior D. G. Master,
 The M. W. the G. Master,
 The M. W. the Past Grand Masters (taking rank from the date of their appointment.)

3. The Grand Master, or Grand Officer presiding, is the sole judge of order, (subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge). He may address the meeting at any time he may deem it necessary, but whenever he does so, he must be standing and uncovered.

4. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with their Deputies and Assistants, shall have tables allotted to them, convenient to the Grand Master.

5. The M. W. the Grand Master, all M. W. Past Grand Masters, all present Deputy and Deputy Grand Chaplains, and all Grand Officers of the M. W. the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to seats on the platform, to the right and left of the Chair.

6. Business on the first day shall be taken up in the following order :

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Notices of motion.

Motions and other General Business.

7. On the second day the following order shall be observed :

Reading the Minutes.

Notices of Motion.

Receiving Reports of Committees.

Election of Officers.

Motions and other General Business.

8. On all subsequent days, the same order shall be observed as on the second day, except as regards the election of Officers.

9. Members admitted while the Lodge is open, shall first present their cards of office in the prescribed form, to the Grand Tyler, for delivering to the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and upon entering the Lodge Room, shall take their seats as noiselessly and with as little interruption as possible.

10. While the Grand Lodge is in Session, dignity and order are to be observed by all members, they are not to go across the house or remove from their places without urgent necessity ; they are not to speak with other members so as to annoy any other member who may be at the time addressing the Chair, or to otherwise disturb the deliberations of the meeting.

11. When any member desires to address the Grand Lodge, he shall rise in his place uncovered, and address himself to the Grand Master, or to the officer presiding, and should two or more members rise at the same time, the Grand Officer presiding shall decide which shall first address the meeting.

12. No member is to speak more than once upon any subject under consideration, except to explain some part of his speech which may be misunderstood, and even then only briefly ; but in no case to introduce new matter. No member except the mover of a motion is permitted the right of reply, except by special motion.

13. When any member is called to order by another member, he is immediately to take his seat till the point of order is explained, after which he is to resume his address.

14. When a member has occasion to allude to another member, he is not to do so by name, but by the dignity or name of the office which he holds, as "The Most Worshipful," or "The Right Worshipful," or "The County Master of —," or "The District Master of —," or "The Worshipful Master of —," &c., &c., as the case may be.

15. No member shall speak beside the question in debate, nor longer than fifteen minutes except by special motion.

16. No motion is to be entertained unless in writing, and when once put, is not to be withdrawn without leave of the Lodge. When the "Yeas" and "Nays" are called for, they are not to be taken down unless demanded by five members, and when so demanded, the Grand Secretary shall call each name separately when the member shall rise, and his "Yea" or "Nay" audibly given, shall be recorded in a separate column.

17. It is a breach of order for one member of the Grand Lodge to attribute improper motives to another member, and when replying to the speech of a preceding speaker, the Brother addressing the Chair shall apply his answer to the matter without wrong to the person.

18. There can be no amendment to a nomination for appointment to office, which is always to be but in the order proposed; but to substantive motions of matter, amendments may be offered, which take precedence to the original, but no amendment can be received, except to amend, to postpone, to refer, or to adjourn—the last being always in order.

OGLE R. GOWAN,
Chairman of the Committee.