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Lachute, 11th July, 1866.

10 o'clock, a. m.

The Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Canada East met this day in Semi-annual Session, at Lachute.

Officers Present:—John S. Hall, G. S.; J. Staniforth, G. Con.

The Grand Division opened in form. P. G. W. P. John S. Hall, presiding.

The G. W. P. filled vacancies as follows, viz:

G. W. A., Rep. T. Barron; G. S., Rep. P. H. Burton; G. Chap. Rep. Rev. J. W. Manning; G. T., Rep. D. Dewar; G. Sent., Rep. W. Bates; P. G. W. P. Rep. J. Fish.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

The G. W. P. named as a Committee on Credentials, Reps. E. F. Robertson, T. Barron, and Rep. James Fish.

Committee reported the following Credentials correct, viz:—

St. Andrew's, No. 9, John Dewar, Duncan Dewar, Thos. Wanless, F. McMartin, W. D. Learmonth, Thos. Lamb, W. McEwan, Rev. J. W. Manning and John McIntosh.

Victoria, No. 10, Thomas Barron, John Taylor, Rev. Levi Vanderburg, John Jackson and Thomas Christie.

St. Lawrence, No. 16, H. F. Cairns, John McGee, Sen.

Richmond, No. 38, Chas. A. Tanner.

The following Representatives having been reported in waiting, were introduced by the G. Con., and duly initiated, viz:

St. Andrew's Div., No. 9, John McIntosh.

Victoria Div., No. 10, John Taylor, Levi Vanderburg and John Jackson.

Richmond Div., No. 38, Charles A. Tanner.

Moved by Rep. Burton, and seconded :

"That Rep. Barron, Taylor and Staniforth be a Committee to arrange the hours of meeting of this Grand Division for this session." Carried.

Committee reported as follows :—

That the Grand Division do adjourn at 12 o'clock noon, meet at 3 o'clock p. m. and adjourn at 5 o'clock and meet again at half-past six, p. m. ; meet again on Thursday, 12th inst., at eight o'clock a. m., and adjourn at eleven o'clock.—Adopted

G. W. P. filled vacancies on Committees as follows :—

Finance—Rep. Duncan Dewar.

Good and Welfare—Reps. Burton, Manning and Vanderburg.

Appeals.—Reps. Manning, Taylor and Barron.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at three, p. m.

Wednesday, 11th July, 1866.

3 o'clock, p. m.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present, G. W. P., G. S., G. T., G. Con.

Rep. Manning acting as Grand Chap., Rep. Bates as Grand Sentinel, J. C. Becket as P. G. W. P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in due form.

G. W. P. read his Report :—

Lachute, July, 11th., 1866.

Worthy Brothers,

Through the mercy of Divine Providence we are again permitted to assemble in peace in our Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division of Canada East ; since our Annual Meeting in January last, our Frontiers have been invaded by bands of lawless murderers and robbers, calling themselves Fenians, still were it not for the valuable lives that have been sacrificed, I think we, as Canadians, have not lost much by the invasion, for we have shewn to the world that we are united, and are determined to repel from our borders the foes of our beloved Sovereign and of our country ; our young men have nobly responded to the call to defend our homes, and I am sure that none have been more ready, or have rendered better service than the

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

I am sorry to say that I cannot report as fully as I would wish of the state of our Order in my jurisdiction, from the fact that I have to make the oft repeated complaint, of want of punctuality of my deputies in sending me their quarterly Reports. I have only received fourteen reports for the quarter ending the 31st of March, that is from the following divisions :—Gough, No. 3,

Lancaster, No. 11, St. Lawrence, No. 18, Bristol, No. 28, Balaclava, No. 30, Lake Beaufort, No. 38, Havelock, No. 39, Granby, No. 44, Adamsville, No. 50, Bedford, No. 55, West Shefford, No. 64, North Star, No. 72, New Road, No. 73, and Star of Hope, No. 75, and for quarter ending thirtieth June, I have only received five, viz. from St. Andrew's, No. 9, Lancaster, No. 11, Granby, No. 44, East Farnham, No. 49, Washingtonian, No. 57; and as these reports are in most instances the only means the Grand Worthy Patriarch has of knowing the state of the Order, I would wish to impress on the minds of Deputies, the necessity of being punctual in sending them at the end of each quarter, and I would recommend that they send them direct to the G. W. P. instead of sending them, as most of them do, to the Grand Scribe, which causes an additional expense in postage, besides generally long delay, as most of the Reports due in April, have only come into my hands within a few days of our present meeting.

The Reports with a few exceptions, are rather encouraging. In answer to the question, "have you anything to propose for the good of the Order in your District," some of the Deputies say "send us a Lecturer," which request I am happy to say has been complied with.

I am sorry to see that there has been some little trouble in St. Lawrence Division on points of order, and a charge has been brought against the D. G. W. P. of that district for *malfaisance* in office; I am afraid we are too apt to forget in the division room, that part of our beautiful opening service which reads "let us avoid all wrangling and vain disputes," &c., however the papers in this case will be laid before you for your consideration and action.

In accordance with a resolution passed at our last Annual Session, the committee appointed for that purpose, have engaged the services of Brother Thomas Hutchings, P.W.P. of Howard Division, (a gentleman who has given many proofs of his zeal in the Temperance cause,) as travelling Lecturer, and Agent of the Grand Division of Canada East, who I think has already rendered good service to our Order. For the particulars of his mission I would refer you to his Report which will be submitted for your consideration.

Since our last meeting four Charters have been issued to organize new Divisions, and there is a prospect of some more being organized soon.

On the 4th of June last, I had the pleasure of accompanying Brother Hutchings to Sutton, where we re-organized the Washingtonian Division in that place, and from late reports, I am happy to say it is now working with good prospects of again becoming a prosperous Division; on the 2nd of July, inst., I went to Knowlton, in the township of Brome, accompanied by P. G. W. P. Henry Rose, for the purpose of re-organizing the Knowlton Division, which ceased working about two years ago, but from the illness of some and absence of others of the parties who had signed the requisition, I was unable at that time to re-organize them, but I have the promise, and have no doubt that I will be called on immediately on my return home to re-organize them, and from the zeal of some of the parties who are interesting themselves in the matter I have no doubt but that there will soon be a large living Division in that place.

I received an application signed by about twenty persons, asking to have a Division opened at West Brome, whereupon a charter was issued, but when I went at the time appointed to organize them (which happened to be during the Fenian excitement,) a good many of the signers were absent, and it was thought best to defer organizing them until some future time. There was likewise an application made by some of the inhabitants of West Farnham, to have a Division opened there, but upon going at the time appointed, where I met with Brother Hutchings and Brother Higgins, from Montreal, we could not prevail on a sufficient number to organize, although a Division is certainly very much needed in the place, from the fact that there are twelve or thirteen

places in the village licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors. I have had the pleasure of receiving a report from the D. G. W. P. of St. Andrew's Division, who informs me that the Division in that place has lately been re-organized and is now working, and although he informs me that their numbers are but small (there being only about twenty members,) and their prospects of increase not very good, and that intemperance abounds to a considerable extent, I hope they will not get faint hearted, but stick to the good ship and hope they may yet succeed in rallying many round their banner and doing much good in the neighbourhood.

I had the pleasure of attending the National Division which met in Montreal, on the 21st of June, on which occasion were assembled representatives from nearly all parts of the United States, and from all our sister Provinces, they were largely composed of men whose talent and position in society, would entitle them to seats, and who would do honour to any Legislative assembly, I certainly feel that our cause is safe and must move steadily forward while it is presided over by such men as were assembled on that occasion, but it is a source of regret to me to think that there are so many in our midst, who from their influence and position, might be the means of doing so much good to our Order if they would only take hold with us, but who stand aloof and seem to think it beneath their notice, especially the clergy, if they were to do what they could for the cause, we would soon be in a very different position in Canada, but I am sorry to say there are too many who are like a reverend gentleman who was present at a meeting where we were endeavouring to open a new Division a few days ago, who said drunkenness was a great evil, and that he had a number of drunkards in his own congregation, and he would bid us God speed in our efforts, but from reasons of his own (which he did not explain) he would not join an organization to try and mitigate the evil.

The most important business transacted at the National Division, was the admission of Ladies to full membership, or rather submitting the matter to the Grand Divisions, and the Negro question. This elicited much discussion, and the Constitution (which says nothing with regard to color) was left unchanged, but Grand Divisions are allowed to regulate the matter as they choose in their own jurisdictions, and are allowed to have separate colored Divisions if they desire.

I would call your attention to the question of admitting Ladies to full membership, which I am confident will be advantageous to our Order, especially so in the Eastern Townships.

Our Worthy Grand Scribe will inform you of our financial standing, which I hope may be still more favourable than at our last meeting.

Before closing, I would say that I am sure this Grand Division will join me in tendering our sincere thanks to the members of Howard Division, No. 1, for the very handsome manner in which they entertained the Members of the National Division, during the late session held in Montreal.

Hoping that should we be spared to meet again at our Annual Session in January next, we may be able to report large accessions to our ranks, and that our cause will continue to progress until the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage may be unknown in our land.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM STEVENSON, G. W. P.

Moved by G. S., and seconded: That the Report be referred to Good and Welfare Committee.—Carried

The G. S. presented the following Report:—

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Lachute, 11th July, 1866.

To the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, of C. E.

Worthy Brothers :—

It now becomes my pleasing duty to lay before you a statement of the present condition of our noble Order in this jurisdiction, and of the transactions of this office for the past six months.

The following is a synopsis of the Returns from 21 Divisions for the quarter ending 31st March, 1866. I regret that this synopsis is so incomplete, several working Divisions having as yet failed to send in their returns for that quarter.

Initiated,	130
Withdrawn by card,	10
Suspended,	31
Violated pledge 1st time	17
" 2nd time.	3
Reinstated,	12
Expelled for violation of pledge,	14
" for nonpayment of dues.	19
Contributing Members,	639
Lady Visitors,	690
Public Meetings held.	36
Receipts,	\$176.99
Paid for Benefits,	2.67
Incidental Expenses,	154.37
Cash on hand,	102.95
Per Capita tax to Grand Division,	46.85

Since the annual meeting of this Body, one new Division has been organized at East Hatley, and applications have been made to open Divisions at West Brome and West Farnham. Five old Divisions have been revived, viz :

Perseverance, No. 4, Huntingdon; St. Andrew's No. 9, St. Andrews; Lake Beauport, No. 36, Lake Beauport; Richmond, No. 38, Melbourne; Washingtonian, No. 67, Sutton.

There is every prospect of several old Divisions being revived, and new ones being formed, through the active exertions of our agent, Bro. Hutchings, and had it not been for the Fenian disturbance I should have been enabled to report at this time a much larger number of revived Divisions as well as the opening of several new Divisions as the result of his labours, in the Eastern Townships.

As you all are aware, the National Division Sons of Temperance of N. A. held its annual meeting in Montreal last month. This meeting, it is hoped will be attended with most beneficial results to our beloved Order in this jurisdiction, and give it a higher standing in public estimation than it ever yet has had in this community: indeed, the good effects arising from the meeting are being already experienced in Montreal in the nightly increase of propositions for membership.

This Session was attended by one hundred and twenty Representatives, representing twenty-four Grand Divisions. From the M. W. S. Report it appears that our Order in America now consists of thirty-five Grand Divisions with 1096 Subordinate Divisions in active operation, containing 54,762 members, and 54,203 Lady visitors. That during the past year 29,279 new members have been admitted, and 7,750 members have been expelled for various causes. Massachusetts has the largest number of Lady visitors; Canada West the largest number of subordinate Divisions—201. Massachusetts and Nova Scotia following with 125 each. The Grand Divisions contain 8,278 members, and

the National Division 455 ; 2,878 public meetings have been held under the auspices of the Order and 66,689 tracts distributed.

The following constitutional amendments were passed by the National Division at the recent session held in Montreal.

Constitution National Division, Part VIII : In second line strike out "two" and insert "three," thereby changing the per capita tax from Grand Divisions to National Division, to three cents per member.

Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, Part III, Sec. 1. Strike out first word "male" and add to section the words, "Provided that females shall not be admitted to membership within the jurisdiction of any Grand Division unless permission first be granted by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Division, nor in any Subordinate Division unless the Division shall so decide by a two-thirds vote, after two weeks notice." This amendment admits females, conditionally into membership.

Art. X. Add : "All decisions of the acting Body shall, however, be and remain in force until reversed by the superior Body in the case"

Code of Laws, Chap V., Sec. 2.—In first line strike out "eleven" and insert "six."

Chap. VI., Sec. 7. In the first line after "not sustained" insert, "and the Division adopt the Report."

There is herewith laid before the Grand Division, 1st. Appeal, John Sears, Sen., against the action of Gough Division, No. 3.

2nd. Communication from Grand Division, Prince Edward Island.

3rd. Communication from G. S. of Grand Division of Nova Scotia, with Report of Committee of said Grand Division on Communications.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. and F.

JOHN S. HALL,
Grand Scribe.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SCRIBE.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand 9th Jan'y, 1866.	- - - -	\$ 00.11
" for per cap. tax from 1st Jan'y, to 1st. July 1866	- - - -	107.94
" for Charters, Books, &c.	- - - -	24.80
" for Premium on Canada Money	- - - -	10.10
		<u>\$142.95</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid expenses to annual Session	- - - -	\$ 3.10
" Postages	- - - -	12.40
" Grand Treasurer	- - - -	126.56
Cash on hand	- - - -	89
		<u>\$142.95</u>

Lachute, 11th July, 1866.

JOHN S. HALL,
Grand Scribe.

On motion referred to Good and Welfare and Finance Committees.
The Grand Treasurer Reports as follows :—

Grand Division S. of T. of C. E. in account with Grand Treasurer.

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To cash paid J. C. Becket. Printing—No. 1	\$20 00
" " F. E. Grafton, Stationery, etc.—No. 2	12 70
" " M. W. S. Per Capita Tax—No. 3	16 86
" " " Rituals—No. 4	4 00
" " " Withdrawal Cards, &c.—No. 5	8 00
" " " Grand Scribe on account,—No. 6	65 00
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By Cash from Grand Scribe	\$126 56
Lachute, 11th July, 1866.	

J. F. THOMSON,
Grand Treasurer

On motion referred to Finance Committee.

Lecture Committee Reported as follows:—

Lachute, July 11th, 1866.

To the G. W. P., Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of Canada East.

We your committee, to whom was referred the procuring of a lecturer for the purpose of resuscitating old Divisions, and forming new ones in your jurisdiction, beg to report that we tried to procure the services of Bro. Manning, but found that his engagements with his church were such that he could not accede to our request. After much exertion we made arrangements with Bro. Hutchings, for three months from 17th May, since which time he has laboured with a great deal of success; more than we could have anticipated from the season of the year, and the Fenian excitement. Much good has been accomplished, and more permanent results would have been attained had the Fenian excitement not unsettled all matters, and prevented several resuscitations, and reorganizations which were in a fair way. We are sorry to add that we fear that Bro. Hutchings' services cannot be retained longer than the engagement, which expires in the latter part of August, unless the various subordinate Divisions send in contributions. Out of \$90 subscribed to the fund, \$75 are from Howard Division alone, of course the various Divisions give some in the collections at the meetings; but unless we have a guarantee, we cannot incur the responsibility of a re-engagement. For full particulars, the Grand Division is referred to Bro. Hutchings report. On behalf of Committee.

P. H. BURTON,
Chairman.

On motion laid on table to be considered along with Report of Grand Lecturer.

Grand Lecturer read his Report,

Lachute, July 11th, 1866.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Canada East.

Worthy Brothers,

In presenting to you my Report as your Agent and Lecturer at this time, allow me to say that I was taken in some measure by surprise when waited up-

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on by the *Lecture Committee* in April last, soliciting my services as your Agent. And as I did not believe in entering upon any work of that kind without due consideration, and weighing well the responsibility connected therewith, I made the subject a matter of prayer, and as nothing else of any importance was presented to me, I was induced to enter upon the work, looking for guidance and direction to the Great Patriarch above.

The Grand Scribe having selected a route, I began my labours on the 18th day of May, at Lacolle, where I addressed a large audience and obtained a good collection. The Division was not holding its regular meeting, but I am pleased to know that subsequently they have gone to work, their motto being (as one of the Brothers expressed it) "No Surrender." I have no fear of their future success.

I proceeded next day to Clarenceville, had a good meeting, the Episcopal Clergyman in the chair: I think that another visit to this place will result in the re-organization of the Division that formerly existed there.

On the 21st inst. I proceeded to Brockville, and held a meeting which was but poorly attended, but I feel confident that the Division will be re-organized under favourable circumstances. I here obtained 12 signatures to the pledge.

Left next day for Phillipsburg, delivered an address to a good audience, here too I think prospects are fair for the re-organization of the Division, in this place I obtained 18 signatures to the pledge.

Left next day for Bedford and addressed a large audience in the Town Hall, the Brethren of the two Divisions appearing in Regalia, I am happy in reporting the Divisions, especially Hungerford Division, in a sound and healthy condition. I obtained 11 signatures to the pledge.

Left next day for North Stanbridge, and lectured in the evening to a fair audience, I am sorry to report this Division inactive, but the Deputy informed me that he had hopes that bye and bye they would be found in good working order. I obtained 11 signatures to the pledge.

Left next day for Pigeon Hill, but as no arrangements were made for a meeting I proceeded to *Frelighsburg*, and addressed a small audience on Saturday evening, 26th May. I obtained 4 signatures to the pledge and I am not certain whether a Division will be got up there, not having heard from Mr. Smith since I left; this is not to be wondered at when we take into consideration the state of the country since that time.

The following Monday proceeded to Dunham Flat, delivered an address to a fair audience and obtained 12 signatures to the pledge. I am sorry that I could not make any advancement in the re-organization of the Division, I have hope however, that even yet something may be done in that direction.

I proceeded next day to Abbott's Corner, addressed a large audience, obtained 17 signatures to the pledge, and found a Temperance Society already in active operation, and therefore they were not disposed to organize a Division.

The following day proceeded to Sutton, delivered an address to a fair audience, obtained 3 signatures to the pledge, I also obtained the names of 29 persons to re-organize the Division, and at their request I proceeded with the G. W. P. on the 4th of June, and assisted him in the re-organization of the Washingtonian Division under favourable auspices, and I am happy to report from information subsequently received, that at the last meeting in June, they initiated 3 new members and received 15 propositions.

I proceeded next day to West Brome, addressed a large audience, obtained the names of 30 individuals for the opening of a new Division, they having agreed to meet any evening the G. W. P. could attend; accordingly, Monday evening, June 11th, was selected, but it was found when the G. W. P. and Brother H. Rose arrived there, that a sufficient number did not attend to

open the Division, the work had to be abandoned for the present; this no doubt arose in consequence of the Fenian troubles, but I feel confident that another meeting will result in the formation of a new Division.

Left next day for Cowansville, and addressed a good audience in the Congregational Church, the G. W. P. presiding; obtained 12 signatures to the pledge; I am happy to report that the Division here has kept up its regular meetings, although numerically it is not large.

I proceeded next day to East Farnham, and addressed a large audience. I believe the cause here to be A 1, the Division being in a prosperous condition.

Postponed my visit to Adamsville, for the purpose of assisting the G. W. P. in the re-organization of the Division at Sutton Flats, on that evening.

No meeting at Farnham Centre, on account of the Fenian excitement.

I proceeded to West Farnham, and addressed a small audience, obtained 2 signatures to the pledge, I also obtained the names of 10 Males and 4 Females, to open a new Division at this place.

Next day I proceeded to Granby, but in consequence of the late arrival of the train, and the hour of meeting having passed, my meeting had to be abandoned for the time being.

I proceeded the following day to West Shefford, addressed a small audience, composed chiefly of the old members of the Division. I am in hopes, from what information I could gather, that this once flourishing Division, may be speedily brought into the field again.

Omitted my meeting at Shefford Mountain, by consent of the friends and the Grand Scribe, for the purpose of spending the Conference Sabbath in Montreal.

On Monday I proceeded to Waterloc, and addressed a fair audience particularly upon their present position; after the meeting a resolution was passed to meet the following Saturday to re-organize the Division. I am sorry to find upon subsequent enquiry that a prominent member is trying to organize a Lodge of the I. O. of Good Templars; I feel confident if Mr. Noynes could be prevailed upon to lay aside his opposition, that the Division at Waterloc could be again put in good working order.

I proceeded next day to Frost Village, could not hold any meeting as no arrangements had been made.

The next day I proceeded to Warden, and addressed a small audience; I found the Division still alive but struggling for existence, they hope to succeed.

I proceeded next day to Knowlton, addressed a small audience upon the present state of affairs in that locality, obtained the names of 21 individuals for the re-organization of the Division, and made the necessary arrangements to have the same effected on Monday evening 2nd of July. I am sorry that the G. W. P. and Brother Rose, were not able from unavoidable circumstances to accomplish the object. The G. W. P. informs me that no doubt exists as to its being successfully carried out in a short time.

I proceeded next day to Massawippi Village, addressed the friends of the cause and obtained 9 signatures to the pledge. They have an old Total Abstinence Society in successful operation; at their request I addressed them again the next day, Sunday, in the afternoon, a fair audience being in attendance, upon the subject of Temperance.

I proceeded next day to East Hatley, and addressed a small audience, obtained the names of 15 applicants for the organization of a new Division, and subsequently made arrangements with the Rev. Mr. Duff, to open said Division, on the evening of Monday, July 2nd. I trust the work was successfully accomplished.

The next day I proceeded to Waterville, could not hold a meeting in consequence of some misunderstanding existing between the "Good Templars," and the person to whom the notices were sent; tried at the last hour to have a meeting, but the evening was so stormy that the meeting was a failure.

I proceeded next day to Lennoxville, addressed a good audience, and I am happy in reporting the Division in a sound and healthy condition. I obtained 3 signatures to the pledge.

This completed my appointments, after which I returned to Montreal, and remained during the Session of the National Division.

I proceeded again to make a short tour to fill in the time up to the Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division, to be held at Lachute on the 11th inst.

Accordingly I began my labours by addressing a large concourse at a Picnic, held at Marlow, in Stanstead. On the evening of the next day I lectured to a large audience, obtained 17 signatures to the pledge. There is a Lodge of "Good Templars," in this place.

The next day I proceeded to South Stukely, addressed a small audience, obtained 4 signatures to the pledge; met with some opposition at the meeting, the result of which will be of benefit to the cause.

I proceeded next day to Shefford Mountain, lectured to a small assembly, chiefly members of the Division, obtained 4 signatures to the pledge; I am happy to report this Division doing well, and hopes are entertained of continued prosperity.

The next day I proceeded to South Granby, had no meeting in consequence of a very heavy thunderstorm that prevailed just at the time fixed for holding the meeting.

I proceeded next day to Granby Village, addressed a fair audience (but small for that place), obtained 6 signatures to the pledge; I am pleased to be able to report the Granby Division in good working order and up to the mark upon the subject of Temperance.

The next day I held a meeting at West Farnham, for the purpose of opening a new Division (having previously obtained the necessary names), but I am sorry to say that the object sought for was not consummated for various reasons, the principal one being, that in the opinion of the G. W. P. Bro. Stevenson, and Bro. Higgins, who kindly came to my help, it was deemed inexpedient at present to press the organization of a Division upon them.

I proceeded next day to Adamsville and attended a meeting of that Division, assisted at the public installation of their officers and afterwards delivered to the brethren and friends an address upon the subject of Temperance, and obtained 10 signatures to the pledge. I am very happy in reporting this Division as doing well.

I proceeded on Monday to St. Johns, and addressed a small audience, obtained 5 signatures to the pledge and found upon enquiry that it was no use to try to re-organize the Division, at least for the present. The feeling of the friends at the meeting was favourable, but they have worked so long, and with no good results, that they are discouraged.

This finished my tour, and I returned to Montreal the same evening in order to give you my report at this Semi-annual Session.

Officers and Brothers of this Grand Division: I have tried to give you a full and detailed account of my tour and now to give you a general idea of the cause. I would say that the Temperance question, take it as a whole, is in a low state, and will require active and persevering efforts to be put forth for the final and complete accomplishment of the work we have begun.

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quainted in years past, are still as energetic as ever in the good cause, but these are the exception not the rule. I feel confident that if every Temperance man in the jurisdiction of this Grand Division, would only come up to the mark, the glorious principles of Love, Purity and Fidelity, would be more generally diffused. All things considered, I have received from the friends (in every place that I visited) all the attention that circumstances could warrant me in expecting, and for these things I think it is due to those friends that this Grand Division should, by special Resolution, give expression to their feelings in this matter, and have the same published in all the papers in the Eastern Townships, for I have considered that this kindness has oft times been bestowed at considerable sacrifice. Let us do our duty.

I will now give you a Financial statement of receipts and expenditures. It will not be necessary to give you a detailed account, as it is in the hands of the Grand Scribe.

The total receipts have been	\$61.38
The total expenses	31.65
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Net Proceeds	\$29.73
Total signatures to the Pledge	160

It must be remembered that about one week was lost by the Fenian excitement, and I feel confident that if this had not occurred the net proceeds would have amounted to at least \$40. All things considered I feel encouraged to trust still in the Great giver of all good for what is yet to come and although the labour is attended with many discouraging circumstances, yet the fact that good is being accomplished is of itself more than sufficient to counterbalance all the discouragements.

I would respectfully ask this Grand Division to give me the necessary instructions, together with all necessary documents to enable me to organize Bands of Hope throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Division.

Hoping that my feeble efforts may meet with the cordial approval of this Grand Division, I remain yours,

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

THOMAS HUTCHINGS,

Agent and Lecturer of
G. D. of S. T. of C. E.

Moved by G. S. and seconded:—That the Report be received, the Report of Lecture Committee be taken from the table, and that both reports be referred to Good and Welfare Committee.—Carried.

Committee of arrangements for meeting of National Division reported progress.

Finance Committee Reported.

Lachute, 11th July, 1866.

To the Grand Division S. of T. of Canada East.

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report that having examined the Financial Statements of the Grand Scribe and the Grand Treasurer and compared the same with the vouchers, do find them correct.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

JAMES M. HALL,
DUNCAN DEWAR,
P. H. BURTON.

Adopted.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at half-past six o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 11th July, 1866.

½ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as afternoon Session.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in due form.

Committee on Appeals presented the following Report :

Grand Division S. of T. of Canada East.

Lachute, July 11th, 1866.

The Committee on Appeals would most respectfully report that they have had under consideration the Appeal of Brother John Sears, Sen., against the action of Gough Division, No. 3, located at Quebec, in refusing Brother John R. Healey (late a Member of the said Gough Division) the right of Appeal to this Grand Division. He having been in his own opinion unconstitutionally expelled.

Your Committee would in view of all the facts in connection with this case recommend that the Appeal of Brother John Sears, Sen., be sustained, and the Action of Gough Division reversed.

Respectfully submitted, in

Love, Purity and Fidelity.

Committee on Appeals {	THOMAS HUTCHINGS,
	THOMAS BARRON,
	JOSEPH STANFORTH,
	JOHN TAYLOR,
	J. W. MANNING.

Adopted.

Committee on Good and Welfare presented their Report :—

Lachute, July 11th, 1866.

To the G. W. P. Officers and Bros. of the Grand-Division Sons of Temperance, Canada East.

We, your Committee on Good and Welfare, to whom were submitted the Reports of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Grand Scribe, Lecture Committee, and Communications from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, beg to Report as follows :—

We deeply regret that such an unjustifiable and mercenary invasion of our territory as that made by the Fenians, should have taken place ; and we deeply sympathise with our brethren who have been subjected to much inconvenience, loss, and trouble thereby. We also deplore the detriment caused to our Order at the time, the more especially as it took place when our lecturer was engaged in the exposed parts. At the same time we feel thankful to our heavenly Father that the danger which was threatened has now passed away, and only regret that our brave volunteers who so nobly responded to the call of duty, were exposed to the dangers and temp-

tations of camp life; and we are fully convinced from experience that the restotaller is the healthiest, the most trustworthy, the least exposed to disease and the happiest soldier.

The charge against the D. G. W. P. of Quebec, we recommend to be referred to the Committee on appeals.

We think the Grand Division may congratulate itself upon the success of the lecturer, and hope that the money will be forthcoming, to enable the Lecture Committee, to re-engage Bro. Hutchings. At the same time we recommend that the whole matter be left in the hands of the Lecture Committee, to whom the thanks of this Division are due.

With regard to action about the admission of Ladies to membership, we recommend that no action be taken till the Annual Meeting; in the meantime the Subordinate Divisions are desired to instruct their representatives as to their action in this important matter.

As the National Division session is now over, the action recommended by P. E. Island, is too late now, and we fully concur with the Grand Division of Nova Scotia in the sentiment that a separate National Division for British North America is not at present desirable.

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

P. H. BURTON,

L. VANDERBURG,

J. W. MANNING.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall and seconded;—That the Report be taken up and discussed section by section.—Carried.

Having been so discussed and adopted with amendments, it was moved by Rep. J. M. Hall, and seconded:—That the Report be now adopted as amended.—Carried.

Rep. Becket laid before the Grand Division a copy of bill introduced into the Legislative Council by the Premier to facilitate the repression of intemperance in Lower Canada. It was thereupon moved by Rep. Burton and seconded, that the same be referred to a special Committee consisting of Reps. Becket, J. M. Hall and the Grand Scribe.—Carried.

Grand Division adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

Thursday, 12th July, 1866.

8 o'clock, A. M.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as former Session.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in due form.

Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the charge against

Brother E. F. Robertson, D. G. W. P. of Quebec, reported as follows:—

To the G. W. P. Officers and Brethren of the G. D. S. of T. C. E.

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the matter of a charge brought against D. G. W. P. Robertson of Quebec by Brother O'Farrell of the same place do report as follows:

The charge against the said D. G. W. P. is made in due form but is entirely without documentary or other evidence to sustain it, we therefore declare the said charge not proven.

Some papers having a bearing upon this case were laid before us but were neither in due form or presented through the proper channel and we could therefore take no cognisance of them, at the same time we think it may possibly promote the good and welfare of the St. Lawrence Division of Quebec for your committee to place upon record for the consideration of the said Division their opinion, that the action of the said Division in deposing the W. P. without charge and trial, as by law provided, was informal and could not be sustained.

In the earnest hope that our brethren of the St. Lawrence Division may be able of themselves to restore the peace and unity of the Division.

We are in L. P. and F.

THOMAS HUTCHINGS,
JOHN TAYLOR,
THOMAS BARRON,
JOSEPH STANFORTH.
J. W. MANNING.

Adopted.

Lachute, July 12th, 1866.

The Committee named to consider the bill to facilitate the repression of intemperance reported:

The Committee to whom was referred the draft of a bill now before the Legislative Council, for the repression of the evils caused by intemperance, report that they are in Communication with Mr. Dunkin on this subject and recommend that the matter be committed to a special Committee, resident in Montreal, said Committee to take such action on the subject as they may deem necessary.

J. C. BECKET, Chairman.
JOHN S. HALL,
J. M. HALL.

Lachute, 11th July, 1866.

The G. W. P. named as a Committee, Reps. Becket and Martin, and the G. S.

Moved by Rep. T. Barron and seconded:—

Resolved: That this Grand Division having heard of the loss sustained by fire by our P. G. W. P. Martin, do hereby desire to express their sympathy with him in his present trial, and their earnest hope that upon further investigation the loss may prove less than now supposed and they regret exceedingly that the unfortunate accident should have deprived them, at this their semi-annual session of the presence and assistance of a brother so highly esteemed by the Order generally.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall and seconded :—That 200 copies of the proceedings of this semi-annual session be printed and distributed as usual.

Moved by Rep. Robertson, and seconded :—That the G. S. be authorized to procure such tracts as may be necessary for distribution by the Grand Lecturer.—Carried.

Committee on Good and Welfare made a second report as follows :—

Lachute, July 12th, 1866.

To the G. W. P., Officers and Bros. of G. D. Sons of Temperance, Canada East.

We, your Committee on Good and Welfare, to whom was referred the report of the lecturer, beg to report, that we express our satisfaction at the progress made by him in extending our cause; that we hereby return our sincere thanks to those good friends who have so kindly assisted our lecturer in his efforts, and at the loss of much time and trouble have aided him in meeting his appointments, and hope that they will be rewarded by seeing good results follow from their efforts.

With regard to the organization of Bands of Hope, we are of opinion that the matter of juvenile organization is of primary importance, and that the main object of our organization is and must be not to reclaim the drunkard, but to prevent men from becoming drunkards. This can only be done by working among the youth. It is a fallacy to suppose that the only object of our organization is the reclaiming of drunkards; our cause can never flourish unless we have the assistance and sympathy of those who are sober and respectable, and if our cause is good and just, it is deserving of support during the whole of life instead of at the fag end; therefore, we recommend the matter of such organization be referred to a special committee with power to make all the necessary arrangements.

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

P. H. BURTON.

J. W. MANNING.

adopted.

The G. W. P. named Rep. Burton, J. M. Hall and Robinson, a Committee to procure the necessary documents for the formation of Bands of Hope.

Moved by Rep. J. W. Manning and seconded :—

That whereas the labour connected with, and the expenses attendant upon the late session of the National Division at Montreal were both considerable, and whereas the whole of the said labour was performed, and considerably more than half of the expenses paid by the Howard Division, No. 1 of Montreal; therefore

Resolved; That we tender to Howard Division, our hearty acknowledgments for their untiring and self sacrificing efforts to uphold the credit of the Order in this Province by providing for the comfort and entertainment of the members of the National Division at their late session, and they trust that the result will be highly satisfactory to the Division by securing them a large accession of members; and further

Resolved ; That, as in the opinion of the Brethren of Howard Division much of the success achieved was due to the self-denying labours and attention of our esteemed brother Burton and the acting members of the reception committee, we therefore tender to them our warmest thanks, and pray that they may long be spared to labour in this and all other kindred institutions.

Carried.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall and seconded :—That the thanks of this Grand Division are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk and S. S. & C. Railroad Companies, and to the Ottawa River Navigation Company for their liberality in allowing our Representatives to travel to and from the session at one fare.—Carried.

Moved by G. Treasurer. seconded and

Resolved ; That the thanks of this Grand Division be tendered to the Brethren and friends in Lachute for their hospitality to the brethren from a distance, while attending this Semi-annual Session.—Carried.

Moved by Rep. J. W. Manning, seconded and

Resolved ; That this Grand Division extend to the Grand Lodge of B. A. O. of G. T. of C. E., a cordial invitation to unite with the Order of the Sons of Temperance of this Province, and they do hereby instruct the Grand Scribe to forward to the said Grand Lodge such invitation and to inform them that to all Lodges reported in working order at their last session, Charters, Rituals and Ode cards will be supplied gratis.—

Moved by Grand Treasurer, seconded, and

Resolved ; That each Subordinate Division, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Division, be requested through our Grand Scribe to take up monthly Subscriptions in aid of the lecture fund.—Carried

Moved by Rep. Hutchings, seconded, and

Resolved ; That P. G. W. P's Martin, and J. C. Becket, and the G. S. be appointed a committee to draft an invitation in the shape of a tract, calling upon all clergymen in Canada East who are not connected with the cause of Temperance to give their influence and example in favour of the Sons of Temperance, in their respective localities, and thus to aid in bringing about the long prayed for period, when intemperance with all its direful influences shall cease, throughout this jurisdiction.—Carried.

Moved by Rep. Robertson and seconded, and

Resolved ; That this Division do recommend to the Publishing Committee to insert a page or pages in the report of this semi-annual meeting, the purport of which shall be to inform members travelling through the several localities of this district, of the day and place of meeting of each division, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Division.

Rep. Fish on the part of the Victoria Division, Lachute, invited the members of the Grand Division to a pic-nic to be held this day in Rep. Barron's grove, which was cordially accepted.

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This Semi-annual Session of the Grand Division was then closed to meet at Bedford in Annual Session on Wednesday the 9th day of January, 1867.

JOHN S. HALL,
Grand Scribe.

LIST OF DIVISIONS.

No.	NAME.	LOCALITY.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.
1	Howard	Montreal 6 Bleury st.	Thursday.
3	Gough,	Quebec,	Tuesday.
4	Perseverance,	Huntingdon,	Monday.
9	St. Andrews,	St. Andrews,	Monday.
10	Victoria,	Lachute,	Monday.
11	Lancaster,	Lancaster,	Saturday.
14	St. Michael's Union,	Athelstan,	"
16	St. Lawrence,	Quebec,	Friday.
28	Bristol,	Bristol,	Monday.
30	Balaclava,	Leeds,	Tuesday.
34	Harmony,	New Glasgow,	1st & 15th of month.
36	Lake Beauport,	Lake Beauport,	Wednesday.
38	Richmond,	Melbourne,	Monday
39	Havelock,	Inverness,	Friday.
44	Granby,	Granby,	Friday,
47	Shefford.	Waterloo,	Friday,
50	Adamsville,	Adamsville,	Saturday.
54	Hungerford,	Bedford,	Saturday.
55	Bedford,	Bedford,	Saturday.
57	Washingtonian,	Sutton,	
58	Cowansville,	Cowansville,	Saturday.
59	East Farnham,	East Farnham,	Thursday.
64	West Shefford,	West Shefford,	Saturday.
66	North Stanbridge.	North Stanbridge,	Friday.
68	Shefford Mountain.	Shefford Mountain,	Saturday
70	Covey Hill,	Covey Hill,	Friday.
71	Hemmingford,	Hemmingford,	Tuesday.
72	North Star,	Warden,	Thursday.
73	New Road,	Vicars,	Thursday.
74	Rising Sun,	Lennoxville,	
75	Star of Hope,	Rawdon,	Monday
76		East Hatley,	

LIST OF OFFICERS,

Representatives present at the Grand Division meeting in Lachute.

W. Stevenson, G. W. P., J. S. Hall, Grand Scribe, J. F. Thompson, G. T. J. Staniforth, Grand Conductor.

Howard Division, No. 1.—J. C. Becket, J. S. Hall, J. M. Hall, W. Bates, P. H. Burton, T. Hutchings, and T. Robinson.

ST. ANDREWS, No. 9.—T. Wanless, D. Dewar, Rev. J. W. Manning, and J. McIntosh.

VICTORIA, No. 10.—T. Barron, J. Staniforth, Rev. T. Vanderberg, J. Jackson, J. Taylor, and James Fish.

ST. LAWRENCE, No. 16.—E. F. Robertson.

RICHMOND, No. 38.—C. A. Tanner.

ADAMSVILLE, No. 50.—J. F. Thompson, and E. A. Fordice.

COWANSVILLE, No. 58.—Wm. Stevenson.

LADY VISITORS.

ST. ANDREWS, No. 9.—Miss Wanless, Miss E. A. Wanless.

VICTORIA, No. 10.—Mrs. Vanderberg, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Quinn, Miss Lane, Miss Glines, Miss M. A. Glines, and Miss Staniforth.

TEMPERANCE TRACTS AND BOOKS.

Many of our friends have made inquiry as to where they can find Temperance tracts and books. Mr. F. E. Grafton, Bookseller and Stationer of this City, is the only person, we believe, who keeps this class of literature. His stock is varied, and he is constantly adding to it, so that our friends will usually find there the very latest Temperance works published. Mr. Grafton is agent for the Scottish Temperance League publications, and also agent for the National Temperance Society, and Publication House of New York.

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