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IN THE HALL OF FOREST CITY LODGE, NO. 38, COMMENCING ON THE 3RD DAY OF AUG., A.D. 1864.



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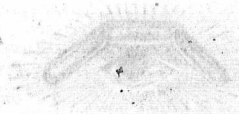
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COMMENCING ON THE 3rd DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 1864, AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The officers and members of Eureka Lodge, No. 30 and Forest City Lodge, No. 38, assembled in Special Session in the Hall of Forest City Lodge. The N. G. of Eureka Lodge, Bro. Wigmore having taken the Chair, the Lodge was opened according to ancient form.

The M. W. the Grand Master, together with the Officers and Representatives having been introduced, Bro. Wigmore on behalf of both Lodges tendered the use of the Hall for the purposes of the Session, and at the same time invited the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to become the guests of both Lodges on this Wednesday evening the 3^d inst., at a dinner to be given at the Tecumseh House at the hour of half past eight o'clock.

The M. W. the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Officers and Members in his own happy manner acknowledged the compliment and accepted the invitation.

The Grand Master having taken the Chair the Grand Lodge was opened in the Grand Lodge degree. The Roll of Officers being called the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names :

Bro. J. WOODYATT,.....	M. W. G. Master,
" THOMAS BROWNE.....	R. W. D. G. Master,
" ROBERT KIRKPATRICK.....	R. W. G. Warden,
" JAMES SMITH,.....	" G. Sec. & Treas.
" H. C. BINGHAM,.....	" G. Rep. to U. S.
" RICHARD WIGMORE,.....	" G. Marshall.
" HARRY BLACK.....	" G. Conductor.
Representative JAMES CURLE,.....	Brock Lodge,.....No. 9.
" SAMUEL G. DOLSON,.....	Union Lodge,....No. 16.
" GEORGE WALES,.....	Eureka Lodge,....No. 30.
" RICHARD WIGMORE,.....	Erie Lodge,.....No. 33.
" GEORGE POWELL,.....	Gore Lodge,.....No. 34.
" W. A. GLOVER,.....	St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36.
" C. H. HANKINSON,.....	Thames Lodge, ...No. 43.
" THOMAS JAMES,.....	Frontier Lodge, ..No. 45.
" THOMAS IREDALE,.....	
" J. M. O'CONNOR,.....	
" HENRY McAFEE,.....	

The Grand Master appointed P. G. Master Bro. Bissell, Grand Guardian, *pro tem*, and P. G. Master Bro. Dolson as Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. the Grand Master then appointed Grand Sec. Smith, G. Warden R Kirkpatrick, and Grand Marshall Bro. Wigmore a Committee on Credentials, who after examining the Certificates as presented, submitted the following Report which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee after a careful examination, find the Credentials of the following named Past Grands, duly formed and attested as Representatives from their respective Lodges to this Grand Lodge, and recommend their admission to seats in this Grand Lodge, viz :

Representative	JAMES CURLE,.....	Brock Lodge	No. 9.
"	SAMUEL G. DOLSON,.....	} Union Lodge,.....	No. 16
"	GEORGE WALES,.....		
"	ROBERT O. SMITH,.....	Chatham Lodge, ...	No. 29
"	RICHARD WIGMORE,.....	} Eureka Lodge,.....	No. 30
"	GEORGE POWELL,.....		
"	WM. A. GLOVER,.....	} Erie Lodge,	No. 33
"	CALEB H. HANKINSON,...		
"	THOMAS JAMES	Gore Lodge,	No. 34
"	THOMAS IREDALE,.....	St. Mary's Lodge,...	No. 36
"	EDMUND BELTZ,.....	Forest City Lodge, ..	No. 38
"	JOHN BURNS,.....	Avon Lodge,.....	No. 41
"	GEORGE F. COUNTER,.....	Long Point Lodge, ..	No. 42
"	JAMES M. O'CONNOR,.....	Thames Lodge,.....	No. 43
"	HENRY McA'FEE,.....	Frontier Lodge, ...	No. 45

Your Committee on Credentials find the foregoing Representatives correct, and entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge. We find that Samaritan, Imperial, Rond Eau and Excelsior Lodges are not yet represented, and that only one Representative from Forest City Lodge has yet made his appearance.

In conclusion your Committee move the following—

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted.—*Carried*.

(Signed)

JAMES SMITH,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
RICHARD WIGMORE.

Your Committee also find the following Brothers duly certified as Past Grands and entitled to membership in this "Grand Lodge:"

WALTER CHATFIELD,.....	Union Lodge,.....	No. 16
JAMES HERON,.....	Eureka Lodge,.....	No. 30
JOHN JURY,.....	do. do.	No. 30
JOSIAH B. KING,.....	Gore Lodge,.....	No. 34
WM. COLEMAN,.....	St. Mary's Lodge,.....	No. 36

We therefore recommend that the above named Past Grands be admitted as members of this Grand Lodge, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Past Grand D. H. Cuff of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, has produced Certificate to that effect, lacking the seal of the Lodge, but your Committee have reason to believe the Brother duly entitled to receive the Degree, and would therefore recommend that the brother have the same conferred upon him. Your Committee would recommend that this Report be adopted.—*Carried*.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES SMITH,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
RICHARD WIGMORE.

} Committee.

The Grand Marshall P. G. Bro. R. Wigmore, having introduced the Representatives and Past Grands to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master instructed them in the Grand Lodge Degree, and they then took their seats.

The R. W. the Grand Marshall, Bro. Wigmore moved, seconded by Past Grand Master Bro. Dolson, that the Minutes of the last session of this Grand Lodge, held at St. Mary's be adopted as printed—*Carried*.

The R. W. the Grand Master then appointed the following Committees, viz :

DISTRIBUTION.—G. Rep. Bingham, Barr, Wales and Browne.

CORRESPONDENCE.—G. Rep. Glover, and J. C. Jackson.

RETURNS.—G. Rep. Barr, Beltz and Curle.

STATE OF THE ORDER AND LEGISLATION.—G. Rep. McA'Fee, Wigmore, James, Dolson and Beltz.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—G. Rep. Powell, R. O. Smith, C. H. Hankinson and Hiram Sheck.

FINANCE.—G. Rep. James, Burns, Iredale and McCormick.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—G. Rep. Dolson, O'Connor, Counter and Bristol.

The Lodge then closed in the G. L. Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree

The following Report from the M. W. the Grand Master was then submitted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES : Once again we are assembled for the purpose of deliberating upon the affairs of our Order. Let us first from our hearts offer thanksgiving to God, who through another year has vouchsafed to us so much prosperity, harmony and peace. Let us also invoke His divine favor, to aid us in our great work in the future, and while thus met together in friendly conclave, may we cherish the most kindly feelings and sympathies for our whole brotherhood ; remembering those of our Order in the neighboring nation, who are called upon to endure great and sore trial, in the midst of dire turmoil, war and destruction ; and while we deplore the circumstances in which they are placed, we should be truly thankful that these very circumstances are so developing the intrinsic excellence of our beloved Order, as to make plain the fact, that it by far excels all other human institutions. May God of his great mercy soon bring light out of the darkness, and establish that land in peace, good government and perfect liberty to all.

Clause 1. It has not been possible for me to do that which it was my full purpose to accomplish at the beginning of the year, namely, to visit all or nearly all the subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction. I fully concur with the Committee, on the State of the Order, of last year, as to the good to be secured by such a course, and assure you that it would have afforded me great pleasure to have made the personal acquaintance of the brothers of the several Lodges, but circumstances altogether beyond my control, prevented the fulfilment of the purpose. Having been debarred this pleasure, it affords me great gratification, to report to you that from what I have been able to learn, our Order was never more prosperous in Canada, than at the present time—the number of initiations and degrees conferred being nearly double that of last year, the funds of the several Lodges are steadily on the increase, the total receipts being about twenty-five per cent more than last year, while the amount expended for relief bears evidence, both of the ability and willingness of the Order to fulfil its duties in this respect, and last, though by no means least, every Lodge has made its semi-annual returns. From a careful perusal of these, and the Reports of D. D. Grand Masters which will be laid before you, I feel sure that you will arrive at the same favorable estimate of the prosperity of the Order.

2. As a consequence of the foregoing, the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge are in a much more healthy state than in former years, so much so that had I been

aware of the amount at its credit in sufficient time to have notified the several subordinate Lodges, I should have deemed that the proper time had arrived for carrying out the recommendation of the special committee on Testimonial to Bro. J. R. Peel, adopted at the last session. I would therefore recommend this matter to your special attention at this Session.

During the year I have received communications from the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Minnesota respecting the purchase of Charters, and as they appeared anxious to obtain a supply of these from us, I fully expected I would have been able to announce that a sale had been effected, but the high rate of exchange has for the present prevented the accomplishment of this object.

3. In January last I received a petition from five brothers, asking that a Lodge be instituted in the town of Windsor, to be hailed and known as "Frontier Lodge." Believing that the opening of a Lodge in that place would be productive of much good, and rejoicing in the opportunity of adding yet another to our family of Lodges, I issued a warrant, and not being able to visit Windsor myself, deputed D. D. G. M. Marquand, of Chatham to conduct the ceremony of opening the Lodge. My thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. Marquand, for the alacrity with which he accepted the responsibility, and the duty I am happy to say he very satisfactorily performed on the 29th of the same month, instituting the Lodge and installing the officers. And now, as the result, we have with us a Representative of that Lodge, for whom I bespeak your brotherly consideration and regard. This, the youngest member of our fraternity has already outstripped many of her older sisters, and bids fair shortly to make even the strongest of them to look well to their laurels, lest she take her place in the foremost of all. I have great pleasure in recommending that a Charter be granted for "Frontier Lodge, No. 45."

4. As another proof of the satisfactory manner in which the affairs of the Order have been conducted during the past year, I would adduce the fact, that in no case have I been called upon to decide in the matter of appeal, and in but one instance have I been asked for a decision, namely, in the following matter: D. D. G. M. Bristol, on behalf of Samaritan Lodge, enquired—"if they would be justified in inviting and introducing into the Lodge as visitors, persons from the United States who were well posted in Oddfellowship, and who could convince a committee of three that they had been instructed in the five degrees of our Order; but owing to the unsettled state of affairs in the United States, were not in possession of the ordinary papers and could not produce them," to which I replied they would not be justified in admitting the parties, as only those brothers could be admitted as visitors who can prove themselves members in *good standing* of some other Lodge of our Order.

5. In accordance with the decision of the Grand Lodge at its Session of 1862, with regard to cancelling original Dispensations, I have to report that in September last that of Eureka Lodge was cancelled, thus leaving the original Dispensation of Brock Lodge the only one of that class uncancelled. I would recommend that the D. D. G. Master for that Lodge be instructed to cancel the same.

6. The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last Session, through the prompt and energetic action of our R. W. G. Representative, very handsomely conceded to this Grand Lodge, the right of dealing with the matter of the admission of members of the Manchester Unity, to our fellowship; it will therefore be incumbent on you to take the subject into your serious consideration. On this, I need say nothing more, as I have no doubt the R. W. Grand Representative, Bro. Bingham, will in his Report, bring this subject prominently before you.

7. The members of Long Point Lodge have made alterations in their By-Laws, which I have approved of subject to your decision.

The whole machinery of the Order having run so smoothly, has rendered the work of your Officers far less onerous than it would otherwise have been, still, the fact of the Grand Master, and the R. W. Grand Secretary residing in different localities, has involved a very considerable amount of correspondence; and in this connection, I beg to tender my warmest thanks to the R. W. Grand Secretary Bro. Smith, who has proved himself a most efficient officer, prompt, vigilant and courteous.

And now brothers, having thus laid before you an abstract of the work of my department, permit me to urge that you address yourselves heartily to the work of the Session. Many of you it has been my privilege to meet on former occasions, in which we have had pleasant intercourse, some are now with us for the first time—to all I trust this will prove a season of profit and interest, and that, when we separate, we shall return to our respective places more fully imbued than ever with the conviction that our work, and principles demand from each and every one of us, our best efforts in promoting the welfare of our several Lodges, and in extending as far as practicable, the beneficent influence of our beloved Order.

In conclusion, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me and shall ever hold in grateful remembrance the kindly feelings evinced towards me by all the brotherhood with whom I have had official or other intercourse.

JAMES WOODYATT, Grand Master.

Representative, Bro. James moved, seconded by Rep. Glover, that the Grand Master's Report be referred to the special Committee for the distribution of the various subjects to appropriate Committees—*Carried.*

The R. W. the Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted the following Report:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, Representatives and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West.

BRETHREN: How truly thankful we all ought to be to that kind Providence, who has been graciously pleased to spare us through all the trials, dangers and vicissitudes which all mankind have in some way to undergo. Yes, Brothers, another year has rolled away since last we met in annual session—a year of trial to some, of sorrow to many, and of varied experience to all.

When we look back at our last gathering it seems but yesterday. The kind words of greeting have hardly died upon our ears; the warm farewell grasp seems yet to linger upon our hands, when lo! Mother Earth who has been paying her annual visit, in her own "round about way," and now just returning, smiles and perily says, that it only took her twelve months to perform her journey. Brethren like her we are likewise journeying on to Eternity, then pray let all make good use of the time allotted us, none know how soon we may arrive at that bourne from whence no traveler has ever returned. And while these thoughts press hard upon us, and perhaps sadden our hearts as we gather in annual Session, let us not fail to lift from our inmost souls the voice of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Almighty Disposer of events, whose fatherly kindness has spared our lives, and permitted us once more to meet for the purpose of disseminating the glorious principles of our beloved Order; yes brethren, of making known to the world, that there is no way so good to guard against the ills of this life, as in practicing the duties in connection with Friendship, Love and Truth.

I take pride in submitting an account of my stewardship in the duties of my office, and in doing so have much pleasure to state, that, notwithstanding the very up-hill work our Order has had to undergo for the past year, that now, at the close thereof, statements will show that this Grand Lodge never was in a better position, especially in a financial point of view, since its first organization than at the present time.

As soon as time would permit after the last Session, I compiled the proceedings thereof, of which, according to instructions I had one hundred and fifty copies printed, and which I distributed by sending numbers to all the Officers of the Grand Lodge, all subordinate Lodges in our Jurisdiction, likewise to the R. W. Grand Lodge of United States, to each of the Grand Lodges of the different States, and also to all the Grand Encampments whose address I was in possession of.

In return I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Journals of Proceedings from the following, viz: The R. W. G. L. of U. S., the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Northern New York, Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Connecticut, California, Maine, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Kansas, Oregon, Kentucky and Michigan. Also Journals from Grand Encampments as follows: The State of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New Jersey, Indiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Iowa, New Hampshire, all of which proclaim the glad tidings, that the good cause of our Order is rapidly progressing, and that the unhappy strife and discord which has for some time past and is still raging in their midst, has tended much to emblazon and make known to the world at large the noble work of our institution, raising it more and more every day in the estimation of the public, so that a brilliant future may be expected. We ought to feel proud to be enrolled under such a noble Banner, on which is written those most sublime words: "we command you to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan." With such beautiful sentiments ought we not each and every one of us to try our best to advance its interests? Yes, brethren, let all be working bees in the hive of Oddfellowship; permit no drones if possible to remain, but let all give a helping hand to push our cause onward. If each and every member will only have a will, they can easily find the way to do good and to uphold our noble Institution.

Clause 1. Brethren, for the consideration of this grand body, I have much pleasure in submitting for your deliberation all correspondence in connection with this Grand Lodge, which has come into my possession during my term of office, and which comprises communications from the R. W. G. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of U. S., from the Secretary of the Wildey Monument Committee, from the M. W. the Grand Master Bro. Woodyatt, and from all the Lodges in our Jurisdiction

2. In accordance with Resolution on page 262 of our Journal, relative to Ontario Lodge, as soon as possible after the Session of this Grand Lodge, I sent enclosed to Bro. McDonald, who last acted as D. D. for that district, a copy of said resolution to each of the Brothers as follows, viz: Bro. McDonald, Job Tame, H. Huff, W. Grundy, H. Mason, W. Deering, John McLeod, R. A. Goodwin, H. J. Bradley, W. Hargraft, J. Launcely, and at the same time requested that if any one of them would make up their minds to comply with the demand, to be so kind as to reply on or before the 1st of July last. I am sorry to inform this Grand body that up to the present time no communication from any of the above mentioned Brothers, (not even from Bro. McDonald to whom I specially wrote) have been received.

3. The Resolution on page 266, relative to the Brethren of Elgin Lodge, I likewise made known to the members of that Lodge, who were reported as having been good on the books at the time of the breaking up thereof, whose names are as follows: Bros. John Lindhop, Thomas Lindhop, N. W. Moore, Elijah Moore, Henry Brown, John Mitchell, Charles Lawrence, James Mitchell, R. Cochrane, O. E. Benton, A. Waltheren, Wm. Martin, George Newcombe and Joseph Laing, and of them also I begged in vain an early reply.

4. With reference to resolution on page 268, relative to granting cards of clearance to Bros. Dunbar, John and James Conroy, members of Rose Lodge, whom I also wrote to in connection with said resolution, I have much pleasure to announce

that a communication has been received from Bro. Dunbar and John Conroy, praying for Cards of Clearance, and which communication is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Notice, and a copy of amendments in By-Laws of Long Point Lodge which has been submitted to the M. W. the Grand Master, and has received his sanction, is laid before your Grand Body for consultation thereon.

5. I have received from Imperial Lodge, a notice of amendment in these By-Laws, which is herewith likewise submitted.

6. In connection with the Wildey Monument Fund I communicated with all Lodges in our Jurisdiction, who had not up to the time of the meeting of this Grand Lodge, last year subscribed thereto. The appeal has had the effect of drawing from the members of Chatham Lodge \$6 00, and Rond Eau Lodge \$2 00, the amount of which is included in receipts for the past year, and subject to the disposal to right quarters by this Grand Lodge. I likewise expected that other Lodges not yet heard from on the subject will send by their Representatives a further augmentation to the good cause.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master I attended to his commands and cancelled the dispensation of Eureka Lodge, which had been granted thereto by the R. W. G. L. of U. S.

7. The Semi-Annual Returns for both terms have been duly received from all the Lodges in our Jurisdiction, and nearly all of them showing that a steady increase was taking place, and that those who were being admitted, were men creditable to themselves, and likely to be creditable to the Order in general.

Brethren, I have much pleasure to state that upon an invitation from the new Lodge lately opened, viz: Frontier Lodge at Windsor, I attended to assist at a demonstration by that Lodge on the 30th June last. I was accompanied by Grand Rep. to G. L. of U. S. Bro. Bingham, N. G. of Forest City Lodge, Bro. Beltz, as well as more of the brethren of London, and a goodly number from Chatham. Everything passed off most agreeably, and seemingly to the satisfaction of all. From the rapid strides taken by Frontier Lodge, and by the manner in which all the brethren thereof work together, I am sanguine that great good to our Order may be derived therefrom, especially having it so near the border of our Jurisdiction. It may not be out of place to state here, that our utmost thanks are due to our brethren in Detroit and Michigan, for the uniform kindness and fraternal good will which they have at all times exhibited (as I am so informed) to the members of Frontier Lodge, since the date of its institution. I can speak from personal observation, as regards the day of the celebration, as a mighty host from Detroit attended, and many more would have been present, were it not for the unsettled state of the weather on the morning of the day in question. I sincerely hope that the same good feeling will ever exist not only there but among all Odd Fellows.

8. Herewith I beg also to submit to this Grand Lodge the Semi-Annual Reports from all the Lodges in its Jurisdiction. I believe my predecessors in office have ever had some little cause for complaining as to the proper filling up thereof. I fancy that at the present Reports there is not much cause for complaint, still I find that some discrepancies in minor matters are therein; in connection with which I would strongly advise this Grand Lodge to adopt some plan whereby each Lodge could submit semi-annually a list of all Brothers on their books, and the amount each has paid during the term. I feel sanguine that this Grand Lodge would receive much benefit thereby, as from the present system of new Secretaries coming into office, it cannot be expected that full and correct reports can be at all times made out.

1864.		To Amount brought forward.....	\$724 18
March 8.	"	Rond Eau Lodge, subscription to Wildey Mon. Fund..	2 00
May 30th.	"	Erie Lodge, Supplies.....	1 30
"	"	Long Point Lodge, Supplies.....	0 30
July 4th.	"	do do.....	0 30
" 6th.	"	Gore do.....	3 30
" 6th.	"	Forest City Lodge do.....	4 80
" 15th.	"	Brock Lodge, do.....	0 30
" 11th.	"	Union Lodge, do.....	0 30
" 25th.	"	Chatham Lodge, do.....	4 05
" 20th.	"	Eureka Lodge, do.....	0 30
" 15th.	"	St. Mary's Lodge, do.....	0 30
" 16th.	"	Imperial Lodge, do.....	0 30
" 15th.	"	Thames Lodge, do.....	2 75
" 8th.	"	Excelsior Lodge, do.....	20 51
" 12th.	"	Frontier Lodge, do.....	3 00
" 28th.	"	Forest City Lodge, do.....	1 80
" 15th.	"	Samaritan Lodge, do.....	10 00
" 15th.	"	Union Lodge, Subscription to Wildey Monument Fund	
Total.....			779 79

BY CASH PAID FROM AUGUST 7TH, 1863, TO AUGUST 4TH, 1864, INCLUSIVE.

1863.		BY CASH PAID FROM AUGUST 7TH, 1863, TO AUGUST 4TH, 1864, INCLUSIVE.	
August 7th.	"	By paid mileage and per diem of Officers and Grand Lodge Representatives at the Session held at St. Mary's, viz :	
"	"	By Rep. to G. L. of U. S., Bro. S. G. Dolson.....	\$ 11 24
"	"	" Past Grand Master H. C. Bingham.....	7 00
"	"	" P. D. G. M., Henry Sewell.....	3 80
"	"	" P. Grand Warden, John Harrison.....	3 00
"	"	" P. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, James Woodyatt...	7 00
"	"	" Representative from Brock Lodge, No. 9, John Taylor...	27 56
"	"	" 2 Rep. Union Lodge, No. 16, T. Healey and J. D. Tait,	22 48
"	"	Rep. from Chatham Lodge, No. 29, George W. Huson,	9 80
"	"	2 Rep. Eureka Lodge, No. 30, T. Browne & R. Kirkpatrick	9 36
"	"	Representative from Erie Lodge, No. 33, V. S. Milks,...	8 68
"	"	do do Gore Lodge, No. 34, Thomas James	7 00
"	"	do do St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, John McLean	3 00
"	"	do do Imperial Lodge, No. 37, John Findlay....	7 00
"	"	do do Forest City Lodge, No. 38, James Smith,	4 68
"	"	do do Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, P. D. Fraser,	11 24
"	"	do do Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, Abel Bristol....	6 20
"	"	do do Avon Lodge, No. 41, E. F. Ryerson,.....	3 80
"	"	do do Long Point Lodge, No. 42, John Wetherly	8 60
"	"	do do Thames Lodge, No. 43, J. M. O'Connor...	4 84
"	"	do do Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, Archibald Frew	6 37
"	"	do do Paid Committee's Expenses to Elgin Lodge	
"	"	do do viz : Bros. Bissell, Wigmore, and Browne	5 47
"	"	do do Paid Rep. Tax to G. L. of U.S. \$75 less \$15	60 00
Sept. 1st.	"	do do Subscription to Wildey Monument Fund	45 75
"	"	do do Dawson & Bro., Printing Journal of Pro-	
"	"	do do ceedings.....	28 00
"	"	do do W. L. Carry, Stationery,.....	6 90
April 10th	"	do do	
Total.....			\$398 78

April 10th. By amount brought forward.....		\$328 78
August 3d " do. Grand Master's acc., Postage, &c.....		3 43
" " do. Postage, Express charges, Stationery, &c.,		15 04
" " do. Traveling Chest for Grand Lodge purposes		6 25
" " do. Dawson & Bro., Printing,.....		39 00
" " do. W. L. Carry, Stationery,.....		4 75
" 4th. " do. Balance.....		392 54
Total.....		\$779 79

11. I also submit herewith a statement and valuation of Stock on hand. Having had to get a quantity of Blanks printed, and which I did by order of the M. W. the Grand Master, I now include it in the Stock Account, as submitted herewith, and for future guidance, showing what they cost, and what rate I thought would be very light for Subordinates to pay, and what I expect would be a slight benefit to this Grand Lodge:

STOCK ON HAND AUGUST, 3d, 1864, VIZ.:

Banner, Regalia and Emblems.....	\$ 6 00
Balance of Regalia, Ontario Lodge.....	5 00
1 Working Book.....	2 50
1 Degree Book.....	2 50
2 Rebecca Degree Books @ \$1 25.....	2 50
3 Public Installation Books @ \$1 25.....	3 75
8 Degree Books @ \$2 00.....	16 00
89 Visiting Cards @ 25c.....	22 00
68 Withdrawal Cards @ 25c.....	17 00
Amount due by Excelsior Lodge.....	27 00
Amount due by Erie Lodge.....	4 00
272 Blank Treasurer's Bonds, cost \$1 25c sell for 5c.....	13 60
895 Blank Reports of Committees on applications, cost 40c \$ 100 sell for 2c	17 90
386 Blank Propositions for Membership, cost 50c \$ 100, sell for 2 cents	7 72
295 Blank Representative Certificates, cost 70c \$ 100, sell for 2c.....	5 90
500 Installation Odes at 6c.....	30 00
62 Blank Orders for Supplies, cost \$1 00 \$ 100, sell for 3c.....	1 89
29 Blank Rules & Regulations @ 10c.....	2 90
1 Charter Stone and drawing thereon.....	52 50
48 Blank Charters for Sale @ \$2 00.....	96 00
68 Blank Charters for use of this Grand Lodge @ \$2 00.....	136 00
31 Past Grand Certificates, cost 70c \$ 100, sell for 2c.....	6 62
Blank Semi-Annual Reports, Letter Headings, &c., value.....	10 00
Total.....	\$483 28

12. The following Abstract or Statistical Table will in itself give evidence as to the progress in every way of each of the Subordinate Lodges, of and under the control of the Grand Lodge:

Excelsior: 45
 Frontier: 40
 182 40 3 0
 8 10 5
 5128 18
 18 181 418 40
 8 121444 00 393
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

ABSTRACT OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1904.

NAME of LODGE.	Number of Lodge.										NAME of LODGE.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.													
	Initiations	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Members in arrears not suspended	Suspended.	Members ceased for non-payment of Dues.	Contributing Members.				Degrees Conferred.	Number of Brothers Relieved.	Widowed families Relieved.	Members Withdrawn by Card.	Amount paid for Relief of Brothers	Amount paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for Educating Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow and Orphan's Fund.	General Fund.	
Brook- Union.....	9	7	1	1	1	1	18	12	4	30	32	2	4	\$ cts	\$	\$ cts	\$ cts	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	5 Mar. '86	James Curle, S. G. Davidson, E. G. Walker.	
Chatham.....	20	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	29	26	8	3	85	00	20	00	224	75	287	40	85	88	13 Jan. '84	R. O. Smith, R. W. Simpson, Geo. Rowell.	
Erta.....	33	9	1	1	1	1	13	13	3	63	22	10	2	19	00	70	00	439	75	572	44	674	94	9 Oct. '84	C. H. Heathcote, Thommas James, John Briscoe.	
St. Mary's.....	35	1	1	1	1	1	16	16	2	23	23	3	1	16	50	30	00	228	06	228	06	179	06	27 Dec. '84	Thommas James, John Briscoe.	
Imperial.....	37	1	1	1	1	1	14	14	1	27	24	3	1	15	00	00	00	216	42	432	04	139	00	6 Nov. '85	T. Ince, Hiram Eschbeck, Kornelius Beck.	
Forest City.....	38	2	1	1	1	1	4	4	1	69	60	9	3	44	00	00	00	99	04	175	15	1088	06	9 Feb. '91	Kornelius Beck, C. H. Heathcote.	
Road Ban. Avon.....	40	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	5	15	20	1	1	8	00	00	00	149	40	150	00	103	00	1860	John Barson, Geo. M. O'Connor.	
London.....	42	4	1	1	1	1	17	17	2	21	15	1	1	17	00	00	00	167	46	165	00	58	00	22 Oct. '81	Geo. M. O'Connor, J. M. O'Connor.	
London East.....	43	4	1	1	1	1	4	4	2	11	11	4	1	47	00	00	00	72	81	26	72	21	00	13 Mar. '88	John East.	
London West.....	44	11	3	3	3	3	7	7	2	23	23	3	1	15	00	00	00	592	89	592	89	18	53	27 Jan. '86	Henry Mackenzie, John Barson.	
Frontier.....	45	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	00	00	00	1	00	1	00	22	51	1869	John Barson.	
	1629	8	10	6	1	1	5	150	16	153	113	40	8	7	60	197	10	1860	20	4104	24	1762	82	6635	21	

13. BRETHREN: I would strongly recommend that the officers and members of this Grand Lodge use their best endeavors to have all members in this Jurisdiction subscribe to the American *Odd Fellow*, published in New York, by Bro. J. W. Orr. It is a work solely got up for the benefit of Odd Fellowship. It is a highly commendable Journal, and a book no Odd Fellow ought to be without (and will only cost \$1 00 in gold with 12c per annum postage.)

Brethren, when at last session of the Grand Lodge you kindly honored and pressed me to take the office I now hold, and have tried to occupy with honor to you and credit to myself, I then refused to accept it, principally on the grounds of not having sufficient time that I would wish to devote to the duties in connection with such office, not from the lack of energy to forward the good and noble cause. No, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to try in my humble way to advance the interests of our Institution in every particular, as I then said. I now say likewise, that time did not permit me to attend to the duties required of me, or as I should wish to have done. All I can say is, that I did all I could, to the best of my ability, and should any errors or omissions be found in the work submitted for your consideration I trust that such lenity will be shown me as to you will seem fit.

I must here thank the Grand Master for his special kindness in giving me all the information which I at different times required of him, also to Grand Representative, Bro. Bingham for his advice and kindness during the past year, the Deputy Grand Master Bro. Browne likewise, the Grand Warden Bro. Kirkpatrick and to the Grand Marshal Bro. Wigmore, who ably assisted me in the work of my department; and to all the Brothers generally, who have ever treated me with marked and kind respect, and in every way as Odd Fellows ought to do.

In conclusion Brethren, accept my heartfelt thanks for the honor conferred upon me in placing me in nearly the highest place within your gift, and in which position I trust my successor, at the end of his term will have it in his power to report much more favorably, as to the advancement of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of which Society I am more than proud to be a member.

Respectfully submitted, by yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES SMITH, *Grand Secretary and Treasurer.*

On motion of Rep. Counter, and seconded by Rep. James, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary's Report be referred to the Committee on Distribution—*Carried.*

The Grand Rep. to the G. L. of U. S. submitted the following Report :

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. :

DEAR BRETHREN.—It gives me pleasure, as your Representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, to comply with the usage which requires from me an abstract of the Proceedings of that Grand Body. This pleasure is the greater, because I am enabled to assure you of a general revival in our Order.

Seldom, if ever, have the Reports of the different Grand Lodges shown greater progress or efficiency in everything that constitutes strength and success; and in the practice of the fundamental principles of our Order, I believe the work of the past year has far surpassed everything in the history of Odd Fellowship.

Human suffering was never so wide spread upon this Continent, for destitute Widows and Orphans, and sick, maimed, and dying men are everywhere met. Appeals for help and sympathy have consequently been made at the doors and hearts of everyone, and while all have done nobly and given cheerfully and liberally, and seem willing and determined to do so to the end, Odd Fellows have really covered themselves and their Lodges with glory, by the prompt and self-denying manner in which they have fulfilled their pledges and the requirements of

our laws. Not satisfied with this, they have so far exceeded all ordinary practice, that Odd Fellowship has almost become a business, to which not merely a few men devote their time and talents, but in which whole Lodges are zealously engaged. The greater difficulties and burthens seem to be overcome with the greatest ease. It seems more than ever true that the practice of virtue is a two fold blessing, and especially has it proved true of the benevolent and charitable practices of our Order, blessing both the giver and the receiver, for in those Lodges and Jurisdictions where most has been required by far the most has been done, and as a consequence we invariably see in those cases the greatest prosperity. I believe the necessity for our Order was never more strongly felt than at the present day, and that its attendant blessings were never so gratefully appreciated and acknowledged.

In September last all the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of the North were fully represented in Grand Lodge at Baltimore, with the exception of the Lower Provinces and Vermont and Tennessee, and through her Representatives were again welcomed by one and all to the Grand Council of our Order. Western Virginia too is seeking recognition as a Grand Jurisdiction, while from every quarter of the South, through sometimes very difficult channels, come up to us words of good cheer and hope, regarding the perpetuity of the Independent Order, as an undivided brotherhood upon this Continent.

By way of relief to the Order in Tennessee, the Rep. taxes for 1861 and '62, still unpaid, were cancelled, and a quantity of supplies were also voted, free of cost, to enable the Lodges there to resume work if possible.

In the raid upon the City of Lawrence in Kansas, last year, the Treasurer of that Grand Lodge was killed and robbed of all his own money, together with the entire Fund of that Jurisdiction, and as a temporary aid the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States was authorized to settle by note the Representative Tax of Kansas for the year 1864, if so requested.

The Wildey Monument Fund already assumes very respectable proportions, amounting in September last to \$5,922 28, and from accounts received during the current year, I doubt not, very nearly as large a sum will be added thereto this Fall. It is expected that plans for a monument will be submitted in September next.

The whole number of Lodges and Encampments represented at last Session was 3,262, with a membership of 151,177; Initiations for the term ending July 1863 numbered 12,636; Brethren relieved 17,348; Widowed families relieved 2,158; total amount expended in relief of Brothers, Widows and Orphans, Education and in burying the dead was \$434,395 28. Add to this the ordinary and incidental expenses of the different Lodges for Rents, Taxes, Insurance, Light, Fuel &c., &c., of which we can all judge from the records of our respective Lodges and we shall have an expenditure for the year, under the provisions of our Laws for benevolent purposes, considerably exceeding \$1,000,000; while indirectly and informally, through the instrumentality of Odd Fellows and their Lodges, I believe fully as much more is contributed, of which our Order preserves no record. And all these figures, we must remember, (on account of the war) represent but little more than half of our real numbers and work in America.

Several ineffectual attempts at Constitutional amendments were tried. The following new amendments were proposed:

1st. To amend the second paragraph of the 14th Article of the Constitution, by striking out "75" and inserting "50."

2nd. Amend Article 16 as follows—Provided also that such Jurisdictions as choose to do so may re-admit to membership within their respective Jurisdictions,

upon such terms as they may prescribe, suspended members of the Order therein residing, who may have been suspended elsewhere for non-payment of dues, but for no other cause.

3d. Amend the 2d paragraph, 14th Article, by striking out "75" and inserting "60."

4th. Amend 2d paragraph, 14th Article, by striking out the words, "and Encampments," after the words "Grand Lodges," and inserting after the words "\$75," the words "and Encampments \$50."

The following decisions were made, which I have thought well to embody in this Report :

1st. The Junior Past Grand is not strictly an officer of the Lodge, but it is improper to elect him to any office in the Lodge, because it is his duty to occupy the Past Grand's Chair one term, and to deliver the P. G.'s charge to candidates.

2nd. A Grand Master has no right to take the Noble Grand's Chair, to prevent that Officer from submitting an illegal motion. If the Noble Grand persists in violation of law and his obligations, it is the duty of the Grand Master to inform the Lodge, that unless it shall require its officers to conform to law, he will proceed against it for insubordination. The official relations of a Grand Master are not with the Noble Grand but with the Lodge itself.

3d. All proceedings had by Lodges in reference to balloting for or conferring Degrees must be recorded in a book kept exclusively for that purpose.

4th. The form in reference to working in Degrees, adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1859, shall be used in all Lodges when opened for the purpose of ballot, or to confer degrees.

5th. The Grand Sire has no legal right to authorize a Grand Master to communicate the A. T. P. to a brother holding a Withdrawal Card to enable him to visit a subordinate Lodge. A Grand Master, or other elective officer of a Grand Lodge may if properly satisfied, vouch for and introduce a brother holding an unexpired Withdrawal Card, into any subordinate Lodge in the Jurisdiction to which the said Grand Officer belongs.

6th. A member in good standing in a Lodge or Encampment may be elected to and installed into office in the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to which his Lodge or Encampment is subordinate, although he does not reside in the State in which the Grand Body is located, provided there be no prohibition in the local law.

7th. An Encampment that "works" in the German and English Languages may have two sets of Charge Books, one set in each Language.

8th. A Noble Grand has the right to invite a P. G. to occupy the chair during Initiation and conferring degrees.

9th. Grand and Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S. are hereafter empowered to receive into their membership, by initiation, persons who retain membership in the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows.

10th. Lodges are bound for the payment of Funeral Benefits or expenses, even when no expense is incurred, by the relatives of the brother, in his burial.

The subject of revision is still under discussion, and there is a possibility that something may be accomplished in that line in September next.

Upon the special invitation of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Grand Lodge of the United States, unanimously resolved to hold its next Session in the City of Boston.

A strict adherence to that maxim of our Order which banishes party and sect from our Councils, continues to secure to our Annual Sessions perfect harmony

and good will, and is the best and only guarantee for continued unity and prosperity among Odd Fellows, whether in the G. L. U. S. or in our own Grand or Subordinate Lodges.

While in Canada we are enabled to congratulate ourselves upon the enjoyment of the blessings of peace within our borders, let us never cease to bear in mind the difficulties and sore afflictions through which our brethren and the entire people of the United States are now passing, and let us earnestly hope and pray that they may soon come forth united and strong, pure and undefiled, from a trial of patience, courage and suffering, scarcely paralleled in the history of the world.

In conclusion I take pleasure in acknowledging the honor conferred upon me at your last Session in my election as your Grand Representative, and also to reassure you of the special interest taken in this Jurisdiction, and the courtesy and hearty good will with which your Representatives are uniformly welcomed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Fraternally and obediently yours,

H. C. BINGHAM, G. R. G. L. U. S.

G. Sec. Smith moved, seconded by Grand Marshal Bro. Wigmore, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Grand Rep. to the G. L. of U. S. be referred to the Committee on the state of the Order—*Carried*.

The Distribution Committee presented the following Report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. :

Your Special Committee on Distribution of Subjects in the Reports of the R. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, have to report as follows, recommending that Clause 1 in reference to the importance of Grand Master's visits to Subordinates ; 3. Charter for Frontier Lodge ; 4. Grand Master's decision on Samaritan Lodge Inquiry ; 5. Brock Lodge Dispensation ; and 6. Manchester Unity be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation. That Clause 2 (Peel Testimonial) of same Report be referred to Committee on Finance, and that Clause 7, Long Point Amendments, be referred to Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

We also recommend that Clause 1 of Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be referred to Committee on Correspondence ; Clauses 2, 3 and 4, 10 and 13, to Committee on State of Order and Legislation ; Clause 5 to Committee on Laws of Subordinates ; Clauses 6, 9, 11 and 12 to Committee on Finance, and Clauses 7 and 8 to Committee on Returns.

All of which we respectfully submit and move the adoption of the same.

(Signed)

H. C. BINGHAM,
JOHN BARR,
G. WALES,
THOMAS BROWNE.

LONDON, August 3d, 1864.

On motion the above Report was adopted and referred to the several Committees as therein recommended.

Bro. Bissell moved, seconded by Bro. O'Connor, that the Lodge do now adjourn till 4 o'clock P. M.

Rep. James moved in amendment, seconded by Rep. Bro. Wigmore, that 5 o'clock P. M., be the hour appointed for re-assembling.

The motions were then placed before the Lodge, and the amendment declared *Carried*.

The Lodge then adjourned until five o'clock, in order to give the several Committees time to prepare their Reports.

LODGE ROOM, 5 O'clock P. M. August 3d, 1864.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met and opened in the Scarlet Degree—the R. W. the Grand Master, Bro. Woodyatt, presiding, and on call of Roll the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names :

Grand Master Bro. Woodyatt, D. G. M. Bro. Browne, G. Rep. to G. L. U. S., Bro. Bingham, G. Sec. and Treasurer, Bro. James Smith, G. W. Bro. Kirkpatrick, G. Marshall, Bro. Wigmore, G. Conductor, Bro. Black, and G. I. G. Bro. Bissell.

Also Reps. James Curle, Samuel G. Dolson, George Wales, Robert O. Smith, Richard Wigmore, Geo. Powell, Wm. A. Glover, Caleb H. Hankinson, Thomas James, Thomas Iredale, Edmund Beltz, John Burns, Geo. F. Counter, James M. O'Connor, and H. McA'Fee.

The Committee on Credentials submitted an Appendix to their Report, which on motion was carried.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, LONDON,

August 3rd, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Canada West.

Your Committee on Credentials do further report that the following named Brothers be admitted as members of the Grand Lodge, as we have examined their Certificates and find them correct :

REP. BRO. JOHN BARR,.....Excelsior Lodge,.....No. 44-
 " " HIRAM SHECK,.....Imperial Lodge,.....No. 37-
 " " ANDREW J. McCORMICK,..Forest City Lodge,.....No. 38-
 " " JOHN C. JACKSON,.....Rond Eau Lodge,.....No. 40.

We therefore submit the following Resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the above named brethren be accredited, and take their seats as Representatives in this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in Friendship Love and Truth,

COMMITTEE,

JAMES SMITH,
 ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
 RICHARD WIGMORE.

Your Committee further find that the Certificate of Past Grand, John Ferguson of Eurcka Lodge is correct, and would therefore recommend his admittance to a seat in this Grand Lodge. Be it therefore,

Resolved, that Bro. Ferguson be instructed in the Grand Lodge degree.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. L. and T.

JAMES SMITH,
 ROBT. KIRKPATRICK,
 RICHARD WIGMORE.

} Committee.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Canada West :

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates to whom was referred the By-Laws

of Frontier Lodge, have examined the same, and find them in accordance with the usages and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge and of the Order.

In reference to Imperial Lodge and their amendments of By-Law 35 of their Laws, reducing the Quarterly dues from \$1 50 to \$1 00, is strictly in accordance with the decision of this G. L., at its last Session. We also approve the amendments of their 47th By-Law reducing the weekly benefits of scarlet degree members from \$3 to \$2, and the weekly benefits of members of the initiatory or any degree from \$2 00 to \$1 50

In reference to the amendments of Long Point Lodge as follows:

Amending Article 10th, changing night of meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday at the hour of eight o'clock from March 1st to October 1st, and half past seven from October 1st to March 1st. Amending Article 18th and 19th, by striking out all in reference to Secretaries Salaries. Amending By-Law 33 by striking out the last clause of the same in reference to Initiation Fees and substituting the following, viz: from 21 to 30 years of age \$5; from 30 to 40 \$6, and fifty cents for each additional year from forty to fifty. Amending Article 35, making their dues payable on or before the first regular meeting in each quarter, and declaring the Bro. in arrears if not so paid. Amending Article 37, making the charge for degrees \$1 25 each. Amending Article 47, making the sick benefits of Initiates, and 1st and 2d degree members \$2 00 per week, for the 3d and 4th degree \$2 50, and the 5th degree \$3. Amending Article 61, by striking out thirteen and inserting twenty-six. Amending 1st clause of Article 65, by striking out fifty and inserting twenty-five; and the last clause of the same article by striking out twenty-five and inserting fifteen.

We find all matters for their own adjustment subject to the approval of this Grand Lodge, and submit the appended Resolutions. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE POWELL,
R. O. SMITH,
C. H. HANKINSON,
HIRAM SHECK.

} Committee.

1st. Resolved, That the By-Laws of Frontier Lodge as submitted be approved.—Carried.

2d. Resolved, That the amendments of the By-Laws of Imperial Lodge as submitted be approved.—Carried.

3d. Resolved, That the amendments of the By-Laws of Long Point Lodge as submitted be approved.—Carried.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following Report:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, LONDON,
August 3d, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectfully report that they have examined said correspondence, and find that all matters connected therewith have been fully reported upon by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Representative, in their Reports submitted to this Lodge. Your Committee find that all communications to the Grand Officers have been attended to in a manner that reflects great credit to their Officers. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. GLOVER,
J. C. JACKSON,
GEORGE POWELL.

} Committee.

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted—*Carried*.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report :

To the W. G. Master, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

We the Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following Report.

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and compared them with the Vouchers accompanying the same, and find them quite correct, with a Cash balance in hand of \$374 54.

Your Committee would recommend payment of the following accounts, viz :

R. W. G. Lodge of the United States for Representative Tax 1864. \$ 75 00
Right Worthy Grand Lodge for Supplies, &c., 66 00

Total \$141 00

Your Committee feel great pleasure in finding the Finances of the Grand Body in such a healthy and prosperous condition, as shown by the Cash balance in hand, in addition to a large increase of supplies, &c., &c., in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and in consideration of the same, do cheerfully recommend that that portion of the W. G. Master's Report, relative a to suitable Testimonial to Bro. J. R. Peel, be now carried out, and in the spirit in which it was originated, and would in furtherance thereof suggest that the present incoming Executive Officers be instructed to carry out the same.

We are very much gratified with the zeal manifested by the brethren in relation to the "Wildey Monument Fund," and are rejoiced to report the sum of \$18 additional to be appropriated for that object.

In conclusion we beg to submit the following Resolutions :

- 1st. *Resolved*, That the account due the G. L. U. S. as above named, be paid.
- 2d. *Resolved*, That the recommendation of the Committee in relation to the Peel Testimonial be adopted.
3. *Resolved*, That the Wildey Monument Fund on hand be transmitted through the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS JAMES,
JOHN BURNS,
THOMAS IREDALE,
A. McCORMICK.

} Finance Committee.

GRAND LODGE ROOMS, London August 3d, 1864.

The Committee on Charter and matters relative thereto submitted the subjoined Report :

LONDON, C. W., August 3d, 1864.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on the purchase of Lithograph Stone and Drawing, and the Printing and sale of Charters therefrom have to report as follows :

Cost of Stone and Drawing, as per acc. of Chewett & Co., Toronto \$52 50
Cost of Printing 100 Charters, 50 00
Express, Postage, and other expenses in Toronto, say 1 50

Total \$104 00

PER CONTRA.

Sold Grand Lodge of Michigan, 52 Charters @ \$2 00	\$104 00
Have on hand 48 unsold at \$2 00 each.....	96 00
Also Lithograph Stone and Drawing, subject to our order at Messrs. Chewett & Co., in Toronto.....	52 50
Total	\$252 50

Deduct from this amount cost of Stone, Printing, &c., and there remains in this matter to the credit of the Grand Lodge in the shape of Stock \$148 50.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, your Committee fully expected to be able to dispose of a considerable number of Charters more than they have, but on account of the depreciation of American currency, and consequent high rate of gold and Canadian bills, we have only been able to effect one sale, which fortunately has relieved us from all debt in this matter.

Receipts from Messrs. Chewett & Co., in full of all demands to date accompany this Report, also an acknowledgement from them that the stone and drawing remains in their possession and care, subject to our order at any time.

Very Respectfully,

H. C. BINGHAM,
JAMES WOODYATT,
HENRY SEWELL.

} Committee.

Rep. Wigmore moved, seconded by Rep. Counter, that the Report be referred to the Committee on Finance—*Carried.*

Rep. Bro. Wigmore moved, seconded by Rep. Bro. McA'Fee, that this Lodge now adjourn till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock—*Carried.*

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

LONDON, August 4th, 1864.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge assembled at 9 o'clock, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree. The Roll being called the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names.

Grand Master Bro. Woodyatt, D. G. M. Bro. Browne, G. Rep. to G. L. U. S., Bro. Bingham, G. Sec. and Treasurer, Bro. James Smith, G. W. Bro. Kirkpatrick, G. Marshal, Bro. Wigmore, G. Conductor, Bro. Black, and G. I. G. Bro. Bissell.

Also Reprs. James Curie, Samuel G. Dolson, George Wales, Robert O. Smith, Richard Wigmore, Geo. Powell, Wm. A. Glover, Caleb H. Hankinson, Thomas James, Thomas Fredale, Edmund Beltz, John Burns, Geo. F. Counter, James M. O'Connor, J. C. Jackson, John Barr, and H. McA'Fee.

The Grand Marshal, Bro. Wigmore, presented the following Reprs. viz.: Bro. A. J. McCormick and Bro. Hiram Sheck, together with P. G. John Ferguson, to the Grand Master who instructed the Brothers in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Bro. Beltz moved, seconded by Bro. James, that the Grand Lodge now close and open in the scarlet degree—*Carried.*

Rep. McA'Fee, Chairman of Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following Report:

GRAND LODGE ROOMS, LONDON, C. W.
August 3d, 1864.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation beg leave to submit the following as their Report:

1. That portion of the Grand Master's Report contained in Clause 1st, referred to us by Committee on Distribution, wherein the Grand Master admits "that he has not been able to visit the different Lodges in this Jurisdiction as he wished to have done." We are satisfied that while it would have been agreeable and beneficial to the Lodges to have received visits from the Grand Master, yet we are satisfied that whatever has been wanting in this respect, has been amply made up in other ways, from the fact, that the prosperity, uniformity in working, and increase both numerically and financially, is positive proof that the Order has not suffered from any want of duty on the part of our most worthy Grand Master.

2. In Clause 3d we see the institution of Frontier Lodge is referred to, which speaks in the highest terms of approbation of Brother P. G. Marquand of Chatham Lodge, who performed the ceremonies of Institution and Installation. We hereby recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Bro. Marquand for having performed this important duty in so satisfactory a manner, hoping that Frontier Lodge may long continue to evince the same degree of energy, usefulness, and increase in membership with which she has started, and that she may ere long successfully rival the oldest and best Lodges amongst us; and though last on the list, may she be one of the first in wealth, talent, and ability in the dissemination of the Heaven born principles of our beloved Order, provided always that her members be of the right kind and such as will prove worthy of the Order, and we recommend that a Charter be granted by this Grand Lodge to Frontier Lodge.

3. Clause 4th in Grand Master's Report, in answer to questions from Samaritan Lodge, with regard to admission of members of the Order from the United States, who are not able to produce the requisite documents as proof of membership in good standing, in consequence of the unsettled state of affairs in that country. We recommend that the decision of the Grand Master be confirmed.

4. Clause 5th of Grand Master's Report, with regard to cancelling of original Dispensations; that all have been cancelled except that of Brock Lodge, we would recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to communicate with the D. D. G. M. of that Lodge, requesting him to see that said Dispensation is properly cancelled, allowing the Lodge to retain the same in their possession should they wish to do so.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report.

1. It affords us great pleasure in observing the manner in which that Officer has discharged the duties of his Office, and it is highly satisfactory to your Committee, as it is doubtless to the brotherhood of this Jurisdiction, to see the prosperous state of Oddfellowship in Canada West, as is exhibited in his Report, feeling confident that at no time when we have assembled together at our former annual meetings in Grand Lodge, have we had so much cause for congratulation and encouragement as at this present Session. Clauses two, three, four, ten, and thirteen, being particularly directed to our attention by the Committee on distribution, we would report on Clause two, that no answer having been received to any communication sent to members of Ontario Lodge, and especially to Bro. McDonald, that no future correspondence or expense be entered into with regard to said Lodge; and that said Lodge with the members thereof, be and are hereby expelled from the Order, and that the Resolution adopted at this Grand Lodge, at its last Session on page 262, be strictly carried out; and that no cards be granted unless by satisfactory evidence to this Grand Lodge that they were in good standing and in no way connected with the breaking up of said Lodge, and the full consent of this Grand Lodge thereto. In Clause three as to Members of Elgin Lodge we would recommend, as the Grand Lodge at its last Session took all the action necessary, no further legislation is now required.

2. In Clause four, Bros. Dunbar and Conroy having shown a disposition worthy of Oddfellows, and a proper respect to communications from the Officers of this Grand Lodge at different times, that they be granted cards of clearance from this Grand Lodge, by making proper application and on the usual terms.

3. The By-Laws of Long Point Lodge, we have much pleasure in recommending their approval.

4. Clause ten referring to the statistical table, we feel highly pleased with the facts that it presents, showing additional increase in membership over the previous years, and proving thereby to this Grand Lodge that we should still further persevere in the good work. While we continue to enlarge our borders and get in amongst us new material, which we are satisfied, from the experience that we now possess in Oddfellowship, that no new element will be introduced among us which will not prove beneficial to the Order. The statistics otherwise will show for itself, and we have much pleasure in reporting all correct in all its details, and recommend it to the careful perusal of every good and true Oddfellow.

5. In Clause 13th, the Grand Secretary very highly recommends to the patronage of Oddfellows in this Jurisdiction, the monthly periodical entitled the "American Oddfellow," published in New York by P. G. Bro. J. W. Orr. We heartily endorse all that the Grand Secretary has said, feeling assured that it is highly conducive to the Order, to have a work devoted exclusively to the dissemination of the principles and purposes of Oddfellowship. We would recommend that the Brothers of this Jurisdiction patronise liberally the said work, and thus show Bro. Orr, and other Jurisdictions that Canada West will not be behind in advancing that which appertains to the good and welfare of American Oddfellowship. We are also pleased to observe the cordial good feeling expressed by the Grand Secretary and Treasurer towards certain members for rendering him so much assistance during the past year. We feel that it has been more from the good feeling of these brothers towards the Order generally, than that Brother Smith actually required such assistance. While we have such members at the helm as Brother Smith, and such Brothers to assist him as Bros. Bingham, Brown, Kirkpatrick and Wigmore, the good ship of Oddfellowship in this Jurisdiction are required, yet be safely anchored, in that peaceful harbor where no Committee are required, no kind brethren called upon to assist; but where the great grand Architect lives and rules supreme, and directs in his mysterious ways the whole machinery of true and never ending Oddfellowship, such as we trust that one and all of us may be initiated into, when passing from this Grand Lodge below to the Grand Lodge above, where he reigns and rules for ever and ever.

Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth,

HENRY McAFEE,
RICHARD WIGMORE,
THOMAS JAMES,
SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
EDMUND BELTZ.

Committee.

1. *Resolved*, That Clause 1st on Grand Master's Report be adopted—*Carried*.
2. *Resolved*, That Clause 2d on Grand Master's Report be adopted—*Carried*.
3. *Resolved*, That Clause 3d on Grand Master's Report be adopted.—*Carried*.
4. *Resolved*, That Clause 4th on Grand Master's Report be adopted.—*Carried*.
1. *Resolved*, That Clause 1st on Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be adopted.—*Carried*.
2. *Resolved*, That Clause 2d on Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be adopted—*Carried*.
3. *Resolved*, That Clause 3d on Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be adopted—*Carried*.

4. *Resolved*, That Clause 4th on Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be adopted—*Carried*.

Rep. James, Chairman on Finance Committee submitted the following Report as regards Charter Stones, &c.

ROOMS OF THE GRAND LODGE, LONDON, C. W.,
August 4th, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on the purchase of Lithograph Stones, and the Drawing, Printing, and Sale of Charters therefrom, respectfully report as follows:

That the property in the possession of this Grand Lodge, after having deducted all expenses connected with the purchase and printing, &c. &c., of the same, is \$148 50.

Your Committee feel that they would be wanting in duty to this Grand Lodge, if they failed to record their high approbation of the zeal and untiring efforts put forth by said Committee; and, while those efforts have not resulted as successfully or as soon as was at one time expected (in consequence of the great depreciation of the American Currency) yet your Committee firmly believe that ere long, the best expectations indulged by said Committee will be realized, to the very great advantage of this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion your Committee respectfully submit as follows, viz:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on the purchase of Lithograph Stones, drawing, printing, and sale of Charters, &c., be adopted—*Carried*.

2d. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to said Committee—*Carried*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS JAMES,
ANDREW McCORMICK,
THOMAS IREDALE,
JOHN BURNS.

} Finance Committee.

Rep. Barr, Chairman of Returns, submitted the following Report.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, LONDON,
August 3d, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We your Committee on Returns, having examined the various Lodge Returns beg leave to report as follows:

1. The Returns of Brock, Union, Eureka, Gore, Samaritan, Forest City, Rond Eau, Long Point, Thames, Excelsior and Avon are correct.

2. Chatham Lodge, No. 29, shew on their Report, total members on books 32, should be only 30, according to figures given.

3. St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, report total members on Books 41, should be 42 according to figures given.

4. Frontier Lodge, No. 45 show on their receipts Dues less one third, which should be less one-fifth, therefore their percentage to Grand Lodge is incorrect, and that they be instructed to credit Grand Lodge with the difference, as we are not aware of amount of dues collected cannot say the deficiency.

5. Imperial Lodge, No. 37, only remit 10 per cent on their receipts, which should be 15, their dues being only \$4 per annum. We find them Dr. to Grand Lodge \$1 57, which Grand Secretary will place to their account.

6. Erie Lodge, No. 33, shews a large discrepancy in both of their Returns. In Term ending 31st December 1863, they show 57 members in good standing, and in their account of their Receipts the amount shown is only \$65 60 on dues, but according to the number of members shown in good standing, the amount of dues collected (less one fifth) should be \$81 60. Again in their Return of Term ending 30th June 1864, they show 53 as members in good standing, and in their account of receipts on dues they only show \$41 66. This number of members ought to show \$34 40 on receipts, according to the amount of dues collected would only give about 26 members in good standing, still they send to this Grand Lodge two Reps. This they are not entitled to and should only have one Representative.

7. We would also recommend that Lodges be requested to state on their Returns the amount of their Quarterly Dues, and also the amount charged for each degree, as we find different sums charged by many of the Lodges, and it is impossible for us to check the Returns correctly.

All of which is most respectfully submitted. In conclusion your Committee move the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted.

JOHN BARR
EDMUND BELTZ,
JAMES CURLE. } Committee.

Rep. Iredale moved, seconded by Rep. James, that the Report be taken up Clause by Clause—*Carried*.

On motion Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, were adopted.

Rep. Dolson moved, seconded by Rep. McAFee, That the 6th Clause of the Report be amended by adding the following, viz: That the two Representatives of Erie Lodge be recognized and paid, and that Erie Lodge be debited with the amount of deficiency, viz: \$8 80.

Rep. Beltz moved in amendment, seconded by Rep. Wigmore, and

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem of only one Representative from Erie Lodge be paid, and that in future no Lodges will be credited with Representatives except in accordance with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and the Constitution ordained for the use of its subordinate Lodges.

There being some dissatisfaction Bro. Wigmore called for the yeas and nays:

YEAS.—Reps. Jackson, Glover, Curle, McAFee, Dolson, O'Connor, and Burns.

NAYS.—Reps. Beltz, Wales, Wigmore, Powell, Smith, Sheck, Bristol, Iredale, Counter, James and Barr.

Moved by Rep. Dolson, and seconded by Rep. McAFee, that Clause 6th of Report of Committee on Returns be adopted, and the question of mileage and per diem of both Representatives be referred to Com. on mileage and per diem—*Carried*.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, LONDON, AUGUST, 4th, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials have much pleasure to announce that there is now a full Representation, as the Certificate of the Representative from Samaritan Lodge has been handed to this Committee, which is correct, and would recommend that Rep. Bristol be duly accredited, and take his seat in Grand Lodge—*Carried*.

JAMES SMITH,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
RICHARD WIGMORE. } Committee.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock.

Lodge Room, 3 O'clock P. M. August 4th, 1864.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met at 3 o'clock. The Roll being called the following officers and Representatives answered to their names.

Grand Master Bro. Woodyatt, D. G. M. Bro. Browne, G. Rep. to G. L. U. S., Bro. Bingham, G. Sec. and Treasurer, Bro. James Smith, G. W. Bro. Kirkpatrick, G. Marshal, Bro. Wigmore, G. Conductor, Bro. Black, and G. I. G. Bro. Bissell. Also Reps. James Curle, Samuel G. Dolson, George Wales, Robert O. Smith, Richard Wigmore, Geo. Powell, Wm. A. Glover, Caleb H. Hankinson, Thomas James, Thomas Iredale, Edmund Beltz, A. McCormick, John Burns, H. Sheck, Abel Bristol, Geo. F. Counter, James M. O'Connor, J. C. Jackson, John Barr, and H. McA'Fee.

On motion, Grand Rep. Bro. Bingham proceeded to exemplify the secret work of the Order, which was listened to with marked attention.

Rep. Dolson, Chairman on Committee of mileage and per diem submitted the following Report and Resolution :

COMMITTEE ROOMS, LONDON,

August 3rd, 1864.

To the E. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Canada West.

Your Committee on Mileage and per Diem most respectfully beg leave to submit the following Table, Report and Resolution :

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.		No. of Representatives.	Rate per Mile.	Amt. of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Diem.	Amt. of per Diem.	Total of Mileage and per Diem.	Names of Representatives and Officers.
	Number of Miles Traveled.									
Brook.....	9	640	1	1	6	2	2	4	29 60	James Curle,
Union.....	16	432	2	1	17 28	4	8	25 28	8 00	SG Dolson & G. Wales
Chatham.....	29	180	1	1	5 20	2	4	9 20	4 00	R. O. Smith,
Eureka.....	30	.....	2	1	.....	4	8	8 00	8 00	R. Wigmore & G. Powell
Erie.....	33	180	2	1	7 20	4	8	15 20	8 00	Glover & Hankinson,
Gore.....	34	110	1	1	4 40	2	4	8 40	4 00	Thomas James,
Samaritan.....	35	38	1	1	1 62	1	2	3 82	2 00	Abel Bristol,
St. Mary's.....	36	42	1	1	1 68	2	4	5 68	4 00	T. Iredale,
Imperial.....	37	114	1	1	4 68	2	4	8 68	4 00	Hiram Sheck,
Forest City.....	38	.....	2	1	.....	4	8	8 00	8 00	E. Beltz & McCormick
Rond Eau.....	40	184	1	1	6 26	2	4	10 18	4 00	John C. Jackson,
Avon.....	41	62	1	1	2 48	2	4	6 48	4 00	John Burns,
Long Point.....	42	150	1	1	6 00	2	4	10 00	4 00	George F. Counter,
Thames.....	43	98	1	1	3 62	2	4	7 52	4 00	J. M. O'Connor,
Excelsior.....	44	142	1	1	6 08	2	4	10 08	4 00	John Barr,
Frontier.....	45	220	1	1	8 80	2	4	12 80	4 00	Henry McA'Fee.
GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.	FROM NO.									
Grand Master.....	34	110	1	1	4 40	2	4	8 40	4 00	James Woodyatt,
Deputy G. Master.....	30	.....	1	1	.....	2	4	4 00	4 00	Thomas Browne,
Grand Warden.....	30	.....	1	1	.....	2	4	4 00	4 00	Robert Kirkpatrick,
Grand Sec. & Treas.	38	1	1	2	4	4 00	4 00	James Smith,
G. Rep. G. L. U. S.	34	110	1	1	4 40	2	4	8 40	4 00	H. C. Bingham.
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The foregoing computation is made at 4 cents per mile, and \$2 00 per Diem for two days.

ABEL BRISTOL,
G. F. COUNTER,
J. O'CONNOR,
SAML. G. DOLSON.

} Committee.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from Committee on Mileage and per Diem, moved the following Resolution, seconded by Rep. J. M. O'Connor.

Resolved, That the foregoing Report, just submitted from Committee on Mileage and per Diem be adopted, and that the Grand Master issue orders on Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith, in favor of Officers and Representatives present.

Your Committee on Mileage and per Diem beg leave to add to their Report as explanations to the above. Although a full representation is reported by the Committee on Credentials, we find that Bro. Bristol of Samaritan Lodge only arrived at a late hour of the second day, we have consequently reported him as entitled to per diem for one day only. With regard to the representation from Erie Lodge, your Committee feel that as a misunderstanding has taken place with the said Lodge, they having sent two Representatives, and these brethren having met with and taken part in the proceedings up to the present moment, nearly to the close of the Session, we concluded to report that they both receive the mileage and per Diem from this Grand Lodge: thereby relieving this Grand Body from the difficulty of judging which one should be paid. Also that the Grand Secretary be instructed to charge the said Lodge with the deficiency of per centage as shown by Committee on Returns, viz; \$8 82. And it is hereby resolved that this Grand Lodge does not by its present action establish this as a precedent for any future error that may occur in the Returns of any Subordinate Lodge, but on the contrary will only recognize Representatives when sent in accordance with the Constitution or Laws.

The Lodge then proceeded to nomination for Officers for the ensuing year, which being in order, the following Brothers were nominated:

Rep. COUNTER	nominated	Bro. JAMES SMITH, for G. M.,
Rep. McCORMICK,	"	Bro. THOMAS BROWNE, D. G. M.
Rep. KIRKPATRICK,	"	Bro. BARR, Grand Warden.
Rep. BARR,	"	Bro. WIGMORE, for Grand Sec. and Treasurer.

The Grand Master having appointed as Tellers Reps. Bristol and Counter, the Grand Lodge proceeded to election with the following result:

JAMES SMITH,.....	R. W. G. Master, by Acclamation.
THOMAS BROWNE,.....	" D. G. M. 1st Ballot.
JOHN BARR,.....	" G. Warden by Acclamation.
RICHARD WIGMORE,.....	" G. Sec. & Treas. "
H. C. BINGHAM,.....	" G. Rep. to G. L. of U. S.

The above named Officers were then duly presented by P. G. Masters' Dolson and Woodyatt, and installed by G. Rep. Bingham into their respective Chairs.

The Grand Master afterwards made the following appointments, viz:

P. G. BRO, WEATHERLY, (Simcoe).....	Grand Marshal.
" " BRISTOL, (Ingersoll).....	Grand Conductor.
" " JAMES, (Brantford).....	Grand Guardian.

The following Past Grands were duly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, viz :

For Brock Lodge,.....	BRO. JOHN TAYLOR.
" Union Lodge,.....	" ALEX. CRICHTON.
" Chatham Lodge,.....	" JONAS B. JACKSON.
" Eureka and Forest City Lodges,.....	" THOMAS BROWNE.
" Erie Lodge,.....	" WM. A. GLOVER.
" Gore Lodge,.....	" W. B. WOODYATT.
" Samaritan Lodge,.....	" ABEL BRISTOL.
" St. Mary's Lodge,.....	" THOMAS IREDALE.
" Imperial Lodge,.....	" WM. CALDER.
" Rond Eau Lodge,.....	" JOSEPH SEWELL.
" Avon Lodge,.....	" R. S. SERVICE.
" Long Point Lodge.....	" GEO. F. COUNTER.
" Thames Lodge,.....	" WM. McNEIL.
" Excelsior Lodge,.....	" JOHN BARR.
" Frontier Lodge,.....	" HENRY McAFEE,

On motion of Rep. S. G. Dolson, seconded by Rep. Counter, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to P. G. Master, Bro. James Woodyatt, for the courteous, able, and satisfactory manner in which he has performed the duties of his office during the Session just closing, as well as throughout the entire term of his service as Grand Master—*Carried*.

On motion of Rep. McA'Fee, seconded by Representative James, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to P. G. Secretary, James Smith, for the zealous, prompt and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the most burthensome Office in this Grand Lodge—*Carried*.

On motion of Rep. J. M. O'Connor, seconded by Rep. G. F. Counter, it was

Resolved, That the Bond of P. G. Sec. Bro. Smith, be now cancelled and returned to him, he having fully performed the obligations and duties therein set forth—*Carried*.

On motion of Rep. Bro. James Curle, seconded by Rep. Bro. T. Iredale, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Brothers of Eureka and Forest City Lodges for the accommodation afforded, and for the exceeding hospitality and kindness evinced to the members of this Grand Lodge—*Carried*.

On motion of Rep. G. F. Counter, seconded by Rep. A. McCormick, it was

Resolved, That the sum of two dollars be paid to the Brother who has officiated as O. G. during this Session, and that the M. W. Grand Master issue his order for the same—*Carried*.

Moved by Rep. Dolson, and seconded by Rep. McA'Fee, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby ordered to get the proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed, as soon as practicable by him, and that he forward the usual number of copies to subordinate Lodges immediately after—*Carried*.

On motion of Rep. John Barr, seconded by Rep. Hankinson, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge heartily adopts the privilege granted to it by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last Session, in relation to the admission of members of the Manchester Unity into our Order by Initiation, and exhort the same to our subordinate Lodges—*Carried*.

Moved by P. G. Master Bro. Woodyatt, and seconded by Bro. Barr, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be most cordially tendered our most worthy Rep. to G. L. U. S., for his exertions in the G. L. U. S., in getting the sanction of that worthy Grand Body, to consent that members of the Manchester unity can now be admitted into this Order—*Carried*.

Moved by Rep. James, seconded by Rep. McA'Fee, and

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet in the Town of Brantford, on the first Wednesday in August, A. D., 1865, at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning.

Moved by Rep. G. F. Counter, and seconded by Rep. John Barr, that the foregoing Resolution be amended by striking out Brantford and inserting Hamilton.—*Carried*.

RICHARD WIGMORE,
Grand Secretary.



**Grand Secretary and Treasurer to Wilcey Monument
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1864.	
Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40	\$ 2 00
Chatham Lodge, No. 29	6 00
Union Lodge, No. 16	10 00
Total	18 00



The following Circular with appended Resolutions, received from the Grand Corresponding and Recording Sec., of the G. L. U. S. are respectfully submitted :

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND REC. SEC., R. W. G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F.
BALTIMORE, NOV. 2, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in obedience to instructions to that effect, hereby transmits to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, the subjoined proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, had at September Session, 1863. These proceedings, it will be seen, refer to the very important subject of Appeals to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and prescribe *positively*, that no appeal will be entertained unless the facts involved be settled and certified under the seal and signature of the Executive Officer and Grand Scribe or Secretary, as the case may be, of the Grand Body from whose action the appeal may be taken. Especial attention is respectfully invited to this subject.

Fraternally Yours,

JAS. S. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, I. O. O. F.
SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1863.

The following among other proceedings was had.

Rep. Cassady, of New Jersey, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Special Committee appointed under resolution (found on page 3496 Revised Journal), to prepare and report, if deemed expedient, a law for simplifying proceedings in cases of appeal, beg leave to report that we consider such additional legislation necessary and desirable. We therefore submit and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That in all cases of appeal which may hereafter be presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Subordinate Grand Body from whose action any appeal is taken, shall be required to settle definitely all questions of fact in such appeal, and shall duly certify the same under its seal and signatures of its Executive officer and Grand Scribe or Secretary, as the case may be, so that the sole and only business of this Grand Lodge shall be to determine the law applicable to the facts thus certified.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will entertain no appeal, unless the facts involved be settled and certified in the manner prescribed in the preceding resolution by the Grand Body from whose decision or action the appeal is taken.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
J. Y. ALLISON,
C. G. CADY.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding and Recording Secretary.*

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OFFICERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE

OF CANADA WEST,

J. O. O. F.

AND THE D. D. GRAND MASTERS OF THE VARIOUS
DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

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GRAND OFFICERS.

JAMES SMITH, M. W. Grand Master.....	London.
THOMAS BROWNE, R. W. D. Grand Master.....	"
JOHN BARR, R. W. Grand Warden.....	Hamilton.
RICHARD WIGMORE, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer.....	London.
H. C. BINGHAM, R. W. Grand Representative to G. L. of U. S.....	Brantford.
P. G. BRO. JAMES, Grand Guardian.....	"
P. G. BRO. WEATHERLY, Grand Marshal.....	Simcoe.
P. G. BRO. BRISTOL, Grand Conductor.....	Ingersoll.

D. D. GRAND MASTERS.

JOHN TAYLOR, Jr. Brock Lodge, No. 9.....	Brockville.
ALEX. CRICHTON, Union Lodge, No. 16.....	St. Catharines.
JONAS B. JACKSON, Chatham Lodge, No. 29.....	Chatham.
THOMAS BROWNE, Eureka and Forest City Lodges.....	London.
WM. A. GLOVER, Erie Lodge, No. 33.....	Port Burwell.
W. B. WOODYATT, Gore Lodge, No. 34.....	Brantford.
ABEL BRISTOL, Samaritan Lodge, No. 35.....	Ingersoll.
THOMAS IREDALE, St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36.....	St. Mary's.
WM. CALDER, Imperial Lodge, No. 37.....	Mt. Vernon.
JOSEPH SEWELL, Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40.....	Blenheim.
R. S. SERVICE, Avon Lodge, No. 41.....	Stratford.
GEORGE F. COUNTER, Long Point Lodge, No. 42.....	Simcoe.
WM. McNEIL, Thames Lodge, No. 43.....	Mitchell.
JOHN BARR, Excelsior Lodge, No. 44.....	Hamilton.
HENRY McA'FEE, Frontier Lodge, No. 45.....	Windsor

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES,

FOR THE TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 1864.

LODGE.	No	LOCATION.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	ESC. SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	PER. SECRETARY.	EVENINGS OF MEETINGS.
Brock	9	Brockville...	J. S. Mather...	John Briggs...	Robert Bryson...	R. Fitzsimmons.	James Curie....	Tuesday....
Union	16	St. Catharines	A. Purves.....	James Dorough	H. N. Camp.....	George Wales...	A. Crichton....	Monday....
Chatham	29	Chatham.....	Henry Neal...	Thos Bennett...	C. A. Jones.....	James Baxter...	Wm. Sheldrick.	Tuesday....
Europa	30	London.....	R. Wigmore...	Thomas Ellis...	R. Anderson....	George Powell...	Harry Black...	Tuesday....
Erie	33	Port Burwell.	V. S. Milks...	P. Hidden.....	D. McPherson...	C. F. Hankinson	D. McPherson...	Thursday...
Gore	34	Bramford...	Robert Park...	H. G. Bingham	Geo. Lauterback	Thomas James...	Geo. Lauterback	Thursday....
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll...	T. Fletcher...	A. J. McDonald.	A. Bristol.....	James McDonald	Abel Bristol...	Wednesday..
St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's...	D. D. Rose.....	R. Barbour...	J. J. McIver....	Thomas Iredale.	A. Falconer....	Tuesday....
Imperial	37	Burford.....	H. C. Forsyth.	Wm. Douglass.	John Collins...	John R. Douglass	John Collins...	Monday....
Forest City	38	London.....	C. F. Hanson...	E. S. Collett...	Jesse Partridge.	John Bunning...	John Smith....	Monday....
Rond Eau.	40	Blenheim...	P. D. Fraser...	William Kinney	W. R. Fellowes.	J. B. Sheldon...	Wm. R. Fellowes	Saturday....
Avon	41	Stratford...	Isaac Rigg...	C. B. Taylor...	John Dearlove...	Wm. Mowat....	John Dearlove.	Friday.....
Long Point.	49	Simcoe.....	George Merrit.	Duncan Nelson.	R. Thorogood...	Geo. F. Couter...	Wm. H. Burr...	Thursday....
Thames	43	Mitchell...	Wm. McNeil...	Henry Grey...	Wm. Clegg....	Wm. Clegg....	Wm. Clegg....	Thursday....
Excelsior	44	Hamilton...	C. W. Kempster	E. V. Millar...	J. W. Ferguson.	Jacob Hammel.	John Barr....	Thursday....
Frontier	45	Windsor...	Horace Wilson.	J. J. Mauver...	A. B. Graham...	Robert Caldwell.	Wm. L. Smiley.	Wednesday..