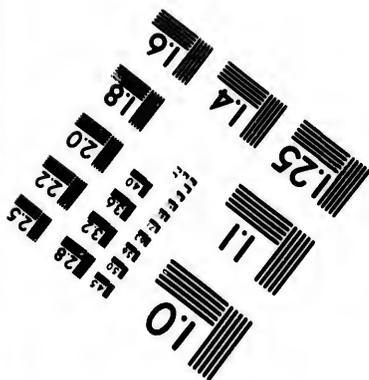
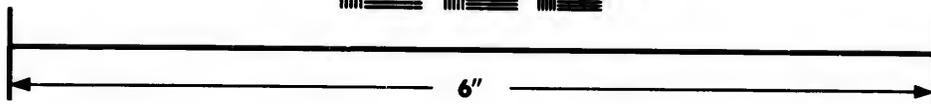
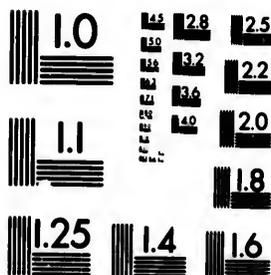


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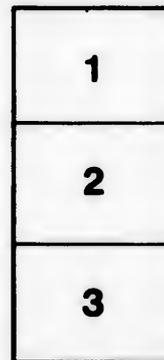
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## Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,  
8th February, 1893.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the above date, pursuant to notice.

Present :—

J. E. Phillips, (No. 3).....	Grand Master.
J. Crossan.....	Deputy Grand Master.
T. C. Gray.....	Grand Warden.
F. Davey.....	“ Secretary.
W. E. Holmes.....	“ Treasurer.
H. Waller, P. G. M.....	“ Representative.
B. W. Shiles, P. G. M.....	“ “
D. Welsh.....	“ Marshal.
P. W. Dempster.....	“ Conductor.
W. H. Morton.....	“ Guardian.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Master appointed B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., as Grand Chaplain, and J. C. McArthur, P. G., as Grand Herald, *pro tem.*

The Grand Marshal examined those present, and reported all duly qualified. The Grand Chaplain offered prayer and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Grand Master appointed J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., A. G. Day, No. 1, and A. W. Scoullar, No. 8, as a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following Report which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Credentials have examined the credentials of the representatives, and beg to report that the following are accredited :

LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
VICTORIA, NO. 1,	W. H. Huxtable. A. G. Day. C. W. Ross.	A. J. Clyde. F. Carne, P. G. M. T. R. Mitchell.
COLUMBIA, NO. 2,	P. W. Dempster. A. Henderson. J. Sears.	S. Adler. J. Pottinger. R. W. Fawcett.
NEW WESTMINSTER, NO. 3,	W. Townsend. A. McCorvie.	D. Douglas. E. P. Julian.
DOMINION, NO. 4,	G. Fowlie. L. Cousins.	G. Glover. G. Jeeves.
BLACK DIAMOND, NO. 5,	A. Duffie. A. Gourlay.	A. McGregor. R. Rivers.
HARMONY, NO. 6,	I. Scott. R. Kilpatrick.	H. Mitchell. B. Shearing.
EXCELSIOR, NO. 7,	S. A. Cawley.	T. H. Henderson.
VANCOUVER, NO. 8,	T. F. Neelands. W. E. Johnstone. A. W. Scoullar.	S. Hollander. H. McVean. D. Menzies.
TATNAL, NO. 9,	R. E. Smith.	S. Clarke.
WESTERN STAR, NO. 10,	H. B. Gilmour. J. Mathers. W. Davis.	W. Hogg. S. Jacobs. A. Parker.
UNION, NO. 11,	W. J. Young.	W. Mitchell.
SELKIRK, NO. 12,	R. Urquhart.	J. Mathie.
ROYAL CITY, NO. 13,	W. H. Gardiner.	C. S. Keith.
ACME, NO. 14,	W. G. Carsons.	J. McMillan.
CLOVERDALE, NO. 15,	H. T. Thrift.	B. B. Smith.
KOOTENAY, NO. 16,	J. H. Matheson.	T. H. Rogers.
DUNCANS, NO. 17,	C. H. Dickie.	
VERNON VALLEY, NO. 18,	W. P. Shatford.	
MOUNT PLEASANT, NO. 19,	R. Mills.	I. G. Johnstone.
CENTENNIAL, NO. 20,	J. D. Devlin. G. Cavalsky.	E. McNeil. M. McTaggart.
DELTA, NO. 21,	J. F. Stainton.	

Also, that the following Past Grands are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree :

VICTORIA, No. 1,	C. W. Ross, A. J. Clyde.
COLUMBIA, No. 2,	C. Maynard, J. Pottinger.
NEW WESTMINSTER, No. 3,	R. Wilson, W. E. Townsend, Geo. R. Small.
DOMINION, No. 4,	G. Jeeves, E. Bragg.
BLACK DIAMOND, No. 5,	R. Gourlay, G. Holdnall.
HARMONY, No. 6,	L. Mounce, R. Bailey.
VANCOUVER, No. 8,	D. Menzies, S. Hollander.
TATNAL, No. 9,	J. Blair, J. Aikens.
WESTERN STAR, No. 10,	A. McAllister, Wm. Davis, J. Mathers.
UNION, No. 11,	R. Cessford, G. H. Read.
SELKIRK, No. 12,	R. Urquhart, J. Mathie.
ROYAL CITY, No. 13,	C. S. Keith, W. B. Townsend.
ACME, No. 14,	W. H. Cullin, W. G. Carsons.
CLOVERDALE, No. 15,	H. T. Thrift, B. B. Smith.
KOOTENAY, No. 16,	J. H. Matheson, G. W. Aldous.
DUNCANS, No. 17,	C. H. Dickie.
VERNON VALLEY, No. 18,	W. P. Shatford.
MOUNT PLEASANT, No. 19,	R. Mills.
CENTENNIAL, No. 20,	J. D. Devlin, M. McTaggart.
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JOS. E. PHILLIPS,	} <i>Committee on</i>	
A. G. DAY,		} <i>Credentials.</i>
A. W. SCULLAR,		

The Grand Master appointed B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., and E. Quennell, P. G. M., as a Special Committee to examine and introduce Bro. W. L. Challoner, P. G., and Bro. D. Barclay, P. G., of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and these brothers were subsequently introduced and welcomed to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the following Past Grands in waiting, on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred :

C. W. Ross, No. 1 ; R. Wilson, W. E. Townsend and G. R. Small, No. 3 ; R. Gourlay, No. 5 ; D. Menzies and S. Hollander, No. 8 ; R. E. Smith, No. 9 ; J. Mathers and W. Davis, No. 10 ; R. Urquhart and R. Gordon, No. 12 ; C. S. Keith, W. B. Townsend and W. H. Gardiner, No. 13 ; W. G. Carsons, No. 14 ; H. T. Thrift and B. B. Smith, No. 15 ; R. Mills, No. 19 ; J. D. Devlin and M. McTaggart, No. 20 ; also, by request of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, on Bro. W. L. Challoner, of Howard Lodge, No. 58, Strathroy, Ontario.

The Grand Master made the necessary appointments to complete the Standing Committees, which, when filled, consisted of the following :

FINANCE.—W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3 ; H. Waller, P.G.M., No. 2 ; W. E. Johnstone, No. 8.

APPEALS.—J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4 ; T. F. Neelands, No. 8 ; W. E. Townsend, No. 3 ; A. Henderson, No. 2 ; R. Mills, No. 19.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—J. Sears, No. 2 ; M. Duffie, No. 5 ; P. W. Dempster, No. 2 ; A. G. Day, No. 1 ; J. D. Devlin, No. 2.

PETITIONS.—W. H. Gardiner, No. 13 ; R. Scott, No. 6 ; C. H. Dickie, No. 17.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—E. Quennell, P. G. M., No. 5 ; A. McCorvie, No. 3 ; W. H. Huxtable, No. 1.

LEGISLATION.—A. W. Scoullar, No. 8 ; W. G. Carson, No. 14 ; L. Cousins, No. 4.

JUDICIARY.—B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3 ; H. T. Thrift, No. 15 ; C. W. Ross, No. 1.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—H. B. Gilmour, No. 10 ; R. E. Smith, No. 9 ; G. Fowlie, No. 4.

The Grand Master read his report for the past year which was, on motion, referred to a Committee to distribute to the various Committees.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., 8th February, 1893.

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :*

REPRESENTATIVES.—It affords me much pleasure to extend to you a cordial greeting and a fraternal welcome, and to be able to present my report at this our nineteenth annual session.

The increase to our membership has exceeded that of any previous year since our institution, in fact the increase is more than equal to the entire strength of the order in this Province up to the year 1883, this in itself speaks very highly for the esteem and general popularity of the order throughout the country.

The membership in the Auxiliary Benefit Endowment Association has largely increased in numbers, which already shows the advantage of having a canvasser for this branch of the order, but there is still room for improvement.

I am pleased to observe that the "Team Work" has taken such a strong hold on most of the city Lodges, and when once introduced its vast superiority over the old style of work is so apparent that it requires no argument to convince any Lodge of this fact.

No very serious questions have arisen during my term of office. My duties have been of a very pleasant character.

I have visited quite a number of Lodges in the jurisdiction; peace, harmony and general prosperity appears to dwell on every side. I am pleased to note that most of the Lodge rooms are well equipped with regalia and paraphernalia.

I trust that our membership at the end of the ensuing year will show a still larger increase.

I sincerely hope that our session will be of a truly fraternal nature, and will result in much good to the Order throughout the jurisdiction.

PROCLAMATIONS.

I received the usual Proclamations from the Grand Sire relative to the observance of the Anniversary of the Order and Memorial Day, in consequence of which I issued the following Proclamations to the Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

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ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

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

*To the Officers and Members of Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to all whom it may concern :*

In accordance with custom, and in pursuance of the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I, CHARLES M. BUSBEE, Grand Sire, by virtue of authority vested in me, do hereby enjoin upon all Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Order, to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the twenty-sixth day of April, 1892, the SEVENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY of our Order, by suitable exercises in observance of the day and public thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us individually and collectively.

Done at the City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina, U.S.A., this eleventh day of February, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Order the seventy-third year.

Attest :

C. M. BUSBEE, *Grand Sire.*

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., 23rd March, 1892.

*To all Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia :*

GREETING,—Whereas, the Grand Sire has issued his Proclamation in which he recommends all Grand and Subordinate Lodges to devote the twenty-sixth day of April, 1892, to suitable and appropriate exercises in the celebration of the seventy-third anniversary of our Order ;

Now, therefore, I, J. EDWARD PHILLIPS, Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. of the Province of British Columbia, do earnestly request the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction to carry out and respect the recommendations of the Grand Sire, by such observance of the day as may seem meet and proper to them ; And, inasmuch as certain Lodges may desire to appear in regalia, I do hereby grant permission to all Subordinate Lodges to wear the regalia of the Order upon such celebration, subject to such restrictions as are prescribed by our laws.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

Attest : J. EDWARD PHILLIPS, *Grand Master*.  
 FRED'K DAVEY, *Grand Secretary*.

#### MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,  
 OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

*To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:*

In accordance with the requirements of the standing resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I, CHARLES M. BUSBEE, Grand Sire, do hereby request all Subordinate Lodges under the various jurisdictions of the Order, that have suffered loss of membership by death, to assemble on the second Tuesday of June next, being the 14th day of June, 1892, (or such other day as may be more convenient) and engage in proper and suitable exercises in memory of their deceased members.

Information of the decease of the following prominent and representative members of the Order has been received since our last Memorial Day, viz :

1. *California*—Oct. 1st, 1891, CHARLES H. RANDALL, Past Grand Representative ; aged 67 years.
2. *Connecticut*— — — — OLIVER WOODHOUSE, Past Grand Representative.
3. December 20th, 1891, HIRAM FRANCIS, Past Grand Representative ; aged 75 years.
4. *District of Columbia*—November 4th, 1891, OLIVER DUFOUR, Past Grand Representative ; aged 72 years.
5. *Illinois*—February 13th, 1892, ALBERT G. LULL, Past Grand Representative.
6. *Indiana*—June 10th, 1890, LEANDER M. CAMPBELL, Past Grand Representative ; aged 57 years.
7. April 19th, 1891, JONATHAN S. HARVEY, Past Grand Representative ; aged 74 years.
8. *Iowa*—August 29th, 1891, ERIC J. LEECH, Past Grand Sire ; aged 65 years.
9. April —, 1891, BERNARD S. MERRIAM, Past Grand Representative.
10. *Kansas*—November 27th, 1891, SAMUEL F. BURDETT, Past Grand Representative, aged 71 years.

11. *Kentucky*—May 20th, 1891, J. C. HEMINGRAY, Past Grand Representative.

12. *Maine*—January 31st, 1892, J. HENRY CROCKETT, Past Grand Representative ; aged 46 years.

13. *Maryland*—June 4th, 1891, CHARLES H. RAWLINGS, Past Grand Representative ; aged 60 years.

14. *Massachusetts*—June 2nd, 1891, ROBERT W. HALL, Past Grand Representative ; aged 77 years.

15. August 7th, 1891, CORLISS WADLEIGH, Past Grand Representative ; aged 55 years.

16. December 31st, 1891, JAMES M. USHER, Past Grand Representative ; aged 77 years.

17. April 3rd 1892, RUFUS B. GIFFORD, Past Grand Representative ; aged 65 years.

18. *Michigan*—August 28th, 1891, CHARLES W. HUNT, Past Grand Representative, aged 83 years.

19. *Missouri*—October 29th, 1891, RAGIN A. DE BOLT, Past Grand Representative ; aged 64 years.

20. *Nevada*—April 17th, 1891, GEORGE W. CHEDIC, Past Grand Representative ; aged 68 years.

21. *New York*—March 22nd, 1892, CHARLES C. PINCKNEY, Past Grand Representative ; aged 72 years.

22. *Tennessee*—August 8th, 1891, MARCUS JONES, Past Grand Representative ; aged 70 years.

23. *West Virginia*—February 16th, 1891, ROBERT S. BROWN, Past Grand Representative ; aged 63 years.

24. November 7th, 1891, AUGUSTUS F. LANG, Past Grand Representative ; aged 51 years.

25. *Wisconsin*—February 12th, 1892, THEODORE RODOLF, Past Grand Representative ; aged 77 years.

Done at the City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina, U. S. A., this ninth day of April, 1892, and of our Order the seventy-third year.

Attest :

C. M. BUSBEE, *Grand Sire*.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary*.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.,  
GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., 17th May, 1892.

*To all Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :*

GREETING,—I am in receipt of a Proclamation from the Grand Sire, dated the ninth day of April, 1892, requesting the Subordinate Lodges of the various

jurisdictions of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to assemble on the second Tuesday of June next, being the 14th day of June, 1892 (or on such other day as may be convenient) and engage in proper and suitable exercises in memory of their deceased members, and in accordance therewith I do hereby call on all Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F., to carry out the wishes of the Grand Sire in this matter in a style suitable to the occasion, and a dispensation is hereby granted them to appear in public in regalia on the day selected by them for these exercises.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

Attest:

J. EDWARD PHILLIPS, *Grand Master*.

FRED'K DAVEY, *Grand Secretary*.

#### APPEALS.

March 30, 1892, received an appeal from Bro. Benj. T. Conger, P. G. of Morse Lodge, No. 257, of California, through the Grand Master of California, on behalf of Bro. David Green, of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, protesting against the manner in which Bro. Green was refused benefits, tried, found guilty and expelled for having used the Order for his own purposes. Bro. Green has not complied with Section IV., Rule I, Constitution of Subordinates: "All appeals shall be presented within twenty days from the action of the Lodge appealed from." I therefore rule that the appeal of the aforesaid Brother is out of date.

I received an appeal from the General Relief Committee of Seattle, through the Grand Master of Washington, against the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, in refusing to reimburse said Committee the amount of \$90.00, being sick benefits paid to Bro. Cowan of said Lodge. The point of dispute, as raised by the Lodge, is that the Lodge was not properly notified. This, I consider, immaterial, as Bro. Cowan held a card in date at the time he was taken sick. Therefore, on the 22nd June, 1892, I gave a decision against Dominion Lodge, No. 4, and at the same time requested them to forward the amount due to the General Relief Committee of Seattle. Shortly after this I received a reply from Dominion Lodge, No. 4, stating that they would pay the money into my hands under protest and that I might send it to Seattle, if I thought proper to do so, but the Lodge would appeal from my decision to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia at its next session. On August the 4th I received a post office order from Dominion Lodge, No. 4, for the \$90.00, which I at once deposited in the Savings Bank department of the Bank of British Columbia, where it now lies awaiting the decision of the Grand Lodge, as I did not wish to incur any personal responsibility in the affair, as would be the case in the event of the Grand Lodge reversing my decision.

May 9, 1892, received an appeal from Victoria Lodge, No. 1, against the decision of the D. D. G. M. of District No. 1, by his answering the following question in the affirmative: "Is a brother entitled to benefits who is out of standing for two weeks, then pays his dues and reports himself sick for three weeks previous?" I decided that the brother was not entitled to benefits. See Article IV., Section 4, Constitution of Subordinates: "When a member's account shows an indebtedness of three months' dues the brother shall not

be entitled to benefits." Also, By-laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Article XIX, Section 1, page 47, line 20, "Benefits shall not commence more than one week previous to the date of being reported sick."

January 30, 1893, Bro. J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., appealed against the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, in refusing him benefits on two occasions. I cannot give a decision in the case, as I have not had time to hear from Dominion Lodge in the matter. I will, therefore, hand all papers connected with this case to my successor in office.

## VISITATIONS.

May 26th, 1892, paid an official visit to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, Vancouver.

June 15th, 1892, visited Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo.

August 17th, 1892, visited Columbia Lodge, No. 2, Victoria.

November 19th, 1892, visited Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, Vancouver.

November 21st, 1892, visited Delta Lodge, No. 21, Ladner's Landing.

January 19th, 1893, visited Western Star Lodge, No. 10, Vancouver.

January 27th, 1893, visited Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, Vancouver.

## INSTALLATIONS.

May 26th, 1892, after Instituting, Installed the Officers of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, Vancouver.

June 14th, 1892, after Instituting, installed the Officers of Centennial Lodge, No. 20, Nanaimo.

July 1st, 1892, Installed the Officers of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, Cloverdale.

July 7th, 1892, after Instituting, Installed the Officers of Delta Lodge, No. 21, Ladner's Landing.

July 14th, 1892, Installed the Officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 13, New Westminster.

July 15th, 1892, Installed the Officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, New Westminster.

July 13th, 1892, Installed the Officers of Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, New Westminster.

November 15th, 1892, after Instituting, Installed the Officers of Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, North Bend.

January 9th, 1893, Installed the Officers of Delta Lodge, No. 21, Ladner's Landing.

January 10th, 1893, Installed the Officers of Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, New Westminster.

January 12th, 1893, Installed the Officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 13, New Westminster.

January 13th, 1893, Installed the Officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, New Westminster.

#### INSTITUTIONS.

March 16th, 1892, commissioned Bro. J. J. Carment, D. D. G. M. of District No. 7, to Institute "Vernon Valley" Lodge, No. 18, at Vernon.

May 26th, 1892, assisted by Bro. T. C. Gray, G. W., Bro. D. Welch, G. Marshal, Bro. McArthur, P. G., No. 13; Bros. Scoullar and Johnston, P. G.'s, of No. 8; Bros. Kerfoot and Gilmour, P. G.'s, of No. 10; Instituted "Mount Pleasant" Lodge, No. 19. I consider this Lodge to be in a good location and one which is sure to prosper.

June 14, 1892, accompanied by Bro. Welch, G. Marshal, I proceeded to Nanaimo, where we were met by Bros. J. Crossan, D. G. M.; F. Davey, Grand Secretary; W. E. Holmes, G. Treasurer; W. H. Morton, G. G.; E. Quennell, P. G. M., and several other brothers from various adjacent Lodges, and I Instituted Centennial Lodge, No. 20, assisted by the above-named brothers. I am convinced that ere long Centennial will be one of our strongest Lodges.

July 7th, 1892, I Instituted Delta Lodge, No. 21, at Ladner's, assisted by Bros. D. Welch, G. Marshal, W. McColl, P. G. M., R. H. Baker, P. G., of No. 3; W. H. Gardiner, G. Ins. of District No. 2; D. Menzies, P. G., of No. 8; and several other brothers. I predict a brilliant future for this Lodge.

November 15th, 1892, Instituted Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, at North Bend, assisted by Bros. D. Welch, G. Marshal, W. H. Gardiner, G. Ins. District No. 2; Bros. Dr. Clarke, Davidson, P. G.'s of No. 9, and Davies, P. G. of No. 10. I must congratulate No. 22 on the neat and tidy appearance of their Hall, which would certainly do credit to any city. I consider the prospects of this Lodge are good.

I respectfully recommend that the Grand Lodge grant charters to the above-named Lodges.

#### SPECIAL PERMISSIONS.

February 15th, 1892, granted to Lynden Lodge, No. 71, Lynden, Washington, leave to initiate Messrs. Vanatte and Murchison, residents of British Columbia, as they live much nearer to Lynden than any Lodge in this Province.

June 17th, 1892, granted permission to Centennial Lodge, No. 20, to meet on alternate Thursdays, owing to the impossibility of securing proper accommodation otherwise.

I might observe at this point that had I not promised this permission prior to Instituting, that it is very doubtful if Centennial Lodge would have sprung into existence so soon, as you are well aware that securing a suitable hall is a very important matter to a new Lodge, and I trust that you will sustain my action in this case.

October 29th, 1892, granted permission to the Grand Lodge of Michigan to solicit aid of the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction for the relief of the members of the Order who suffered by reason of the fire at Bay City, Michigan.

October 29th, 1892, granted permission to the Board of Trustees of the Odd Fellows' National Sanitarium, to solicit aid from the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction for the purpose of erecting a sanitarium for all members of the Order; the buildings to be constructed at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Refused Lynden Lodge, No. 71, Lynden, Washington, permission to initiate a person living in this Jurisdiction until I shall have received a report from Cloverdale Lodge, and if said Lodge does not object, I would recommend that the permission be granted by the next Grand Master.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

March 21st, 1892, to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to hold a social in the Opera House in commemoration of the twenty-first anniversary of the establishment of Oddfellowship in New Westminster.

April 15th, 1892, to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, granting permission to initiate and confer the three degrees of Oddfellowship on Messrs. J. B. Dockendorf, John P. Nightingale and F. W. Welsh, on the same evening, with a view of opening a Lodge of the Order at Mount Pleasant, in the City of Vancouver.

April 20th, 1892, to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to have a public dedication of their new hall; also, to hold a ball on the evening of June 8th.

April 22nd, 1892, to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to hold a picnic in the name of the Order on the 24th of May.

May 21st, 1892, to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to hold an excursion on the 24th of May.

June 17th, 1892, granted permission to Royal City Lodge, No. 13, to initiate and confer the three degrees of Oddfellowship on the same evening on Messrs. Joseph Jorden, R. Moffatt, James W. McCallum, E. W. Calhoun and Paul E. Ladner, all of Ladner's Landing, for the purpose of opening a Lodge of our Order in that place.

August 11th, 1892, to Royal City Lodge, No. 13, to hold a picnic at Ladner's, on 23rd of August.

August 22nd, 1892, to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to hold a picnic at Ladner's, on the 23rd of August.

August 27th, 1892, granted dispensations to Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 14, all of the City of Victoria, to hold an excursion to Seattle, on 3rd September.

September 2nd, 1892, the D. D. G. M., not being in the city, I granted permission to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to confer the three degrees of Oddfellowship on Bro. P. J. Jupert, on the same evening, as the brother wished to leave for California on the following day.

December 2nd, 1892, to Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, to hold a ball and supper on the 16th of December.

December 8th, 1892, to Acme Lodge, No. 14, to hold a public installation of officers on the evening of the 6th January, 1893.

December 21st, 1892, granted permission to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to hold a public installation of officers on 10th January, 1893.

December 21st, 1892, to Royal City Lodge, No. 13, to hold a ball under the auspices of the Order on the 9th of February.

January 13th, 1893, the D.D.G.M. being absent from the city, I granted permission to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to confer the first and second degrees on Bro. S. W. Thompson, on the same evening, as it was not convenient for him to get to Lodge every night, on account of his occupation.

January 26th, 1893, to Acme Lodge, No. 14, giving permission to change their place of meeting from the I.O.O.F. Hall, Douglas street, to the K. of P. Hall, Broad street, in the City of Victoria.

February 3rd, 1893, granted a dispensation to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to hold a public dedication of their hall on February 9th, 1893, and to appear in regalia at same.

#### DEDICATIONS.

April 20th, 1892, commissioned D.D.G.M., Bro. M. McDonald, to dedicate the hall of Harmony Lodge, No. 6. I regret that I was unable to be present on that pleasing occasion.

June 8th, 1892, assisted by Bro. Welch, Grand Marshal; Bro. Barclay, P. G., acting Grand Warden; Bro. Menzies, P. G., acting Grand Guardian; Bro. Shiles, P.G.M., acting Grand Chaplain; Bro. McArthur, P. G., Herald of the North; Bro. Ferguson, Herald of the South; Bro. Douglas, P.G., Herald of the East; and Bro. Muir, Herald of the West, I publicly dedicated the hall of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15. The room was filled with spectators on this occasion, who seemed to take a deep interest in the ceremony, at the conclusion of which several speeches were made by the members of the Order from Cloverdale and city Lodges. The affair concluded with a short musical programme. I must congratulate Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, on the neat and tidy appearance of their hall; there is certainly quite a contrast between their present premises and those used on the occasion of their institution.

#### QUESTIONS.

On March 15th, 1892, from Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15: "Has a Subordinate Lodge power to say that they will meet only once in two weeks?" Answer, No. See Article X, Section one, Constitution of Subordinates: "All terms shall commence on the first day of January and July in each year." Also, see White's Digest, section 1437: "When Lodges have half-yearly terms their meetings must be held weekly." This question arose from the fact that the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, at our last session did not observe that Cloverdale had a bi-weekly meeting clause inserted in their by-laws, and as a consequence the Grand Lodge passed these by-laws in an incorrect state, on the recommendation of the aforesaid committee.

On June 10th, 1892, from Excelsior Lodge, No. 7: "Is it a violation of the rules of Oddfellowship for a Lodge to donate a lot or portion of a lot in a cemetery

to a person in needy circumstances, who is not a member of the Order?" Answer, Yes. See decision of the Grand Sire in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for the year 1891 ; page 855.

## SUGGESTIONS.

I would suggest that the Grand Lodge procure a cheap set of regalia and paraphernalia to be used by newly Instituted Lodges, until such time as a proper set can be secured from some of the eastern manufacturers, which would require about two months.

There is frequently quite a lot of trouble in this matter of regalia with Lodges situated in remote parts of the Province, which have to work at quite a disadvantage for the first month or so. Of course, in the case of new Lodges in the cities, where the Order now exists, this difficulty does not exist.

I would also recommend that this Grand Lodge hold a secret session, and that our Grand Representatives be requested to rehearse the "unwritten work" at same. As matters now stand several of our Past Grands and Grand Instructors differ to a considerable extent in giving instructions. I consider it is about time that this matter of unwritten work should be brought to your notice. It is certainly a very important question and one which should not be lost sight of.

Annexed are the reports of my District Deputies so far as received, together with such comments thereon as I have deemed advisable to make. I also enclose a report from Bro. D. Welsh, P. G., Official Canvasser for the Auxiliary Benefit Endowment Association.

As my term of office is now expiring and I am about to surrender its responsibilities to another, it is pleasing to me to be able to say to you that during this year which is just ending, our Order has more than kept pace with the advancement and general prosperity of the Province, and from what information I have in my possession it is clearly evident that the future is bright and full of promise. My relation with the Order in general has been of a cordial, fraternal and truly pleasing character.

I sincerely thank you for the honor which you conferred on me a year ago.

I have endeavored to perform the duties incumbent to the position, to the utmost of my ability, if I have not given you satisfaction I feel that your charity is sufficiently extended to overlook any unavoidable mistakes or unintentional blunders.

I feel deeply grateful for the kind assistance which I have received from my associate in office, Grand Secretary Davey, and to all officers and members of the Order who have in any way assisted me during my term of office.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,

J. EDWARD PHILLIPS,  
*Grand Master.*

VICTORIA, B. C., January 27th, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips, Esq., Grand Master G. Lodge of B. C. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg leave to submit, for your approval, my official actions as your D. D. G. Master for District No. 1, during the past year :

On March 16th, 1892, granted a dispensation to Columbia Lodge, No. 2, to ballot for and confer the three degrees of the Order upon Bro. James J. Crogan ; in less time than allowed by law, the brother being about to leave the city.

On April 1st, 1892, granted a dispensation to Duncans Lodge, No. 17, to confer the three degrees of the Order on all brothers from Chemainus in less time than allowed by law, brothers from said place not being able to attend at all regular meetings of the Lodge.

On April 19th, 1892, the following question was submitted for my decision by Victoria Lodge, No. 1 :

Q. Is a brother entitled to benefits who is out of standing for two weeks, then pays his dues and reports himself sick for three weeks previous ?

A. Such brother is in good standing.

On June 24th, 1892, granted a dispensation to Acme Lodge, No. 14, to confer the second and third degrees of the Order on Bro. W. Kennedy in less time than the law allows.

On July 9th, 1892, installed the officers of Duncans Lodge, No. 17, a special meeting having been called for that purpose.

On July 11th, 1892, installed the officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

On July 27th, 1892, installed the officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

On July 28th, 1892, installed officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

On July 29th, 1892, installed officers of Acme Lodge, No. 14.

On September 26th, 1892, granted a dispensation to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, to confer the three degrees of the Order on Bro. Smart in less time than allowed by law, said Bro. Smart being employed on S.S. City of Kingston and having obtained leave of absence to remain in the city over night.

On October 12th, 1892, granted a dispensation to Columbia Lodge, No. 2, to confer the second and third degrees of the Order on Bro. Daniel Bartlett in less time than allowed by law, the brother being about to leave the city.

On November 17th, 1892, received appeal from P. G. Master Phillips, of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, which reads as follows :

I hereby appeal to the D. D. G. M. against the ruling of the Noble Grand of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, which was sustained by the Lodge on appeal, in deciding that an amendment to a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Lodge was out of order.

I sustained the N. G. and the Lodge in ruling the amendment out of order.

On November 28th, 1892, granted Victoria Lodge, No. 1, a dispensation to confer the three degrees of the Order on Bro. McConnell, a member of said Lodge, at one meeting and in less time after initiation than otherwise permitted by the Constitution, the brother being about to leave the city.

On November 24th, 1892, granted Dominion Lodge, No. 4, a dispensation to confer the second and third degrees of the Order on Bro. Vaughan in less time than allowed by law, the brother being about to leave the city.

On December 8th, 1892, the following question was submitted for my decision, by Dominion Lodge, No. 4 :

Q. Is it necessary for secretaries of Subordinate Lodges to notify Encampments of the suspension or expulsion of members?

A. It is necessary for Subordinate Lodges to make such notification, although not required by law to do so.

On December 15th, 1892, granted Acme Lodge, No. 14, a dispensation to confer the second and third degrees of the Order on Bro. Shepherd in less time than allowed by law, the brother being about to leave the city.

On January 4th, 1893, installed the officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

On January 5th, 1893, installed the officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

On January 6th, 1893, installed the officers of Acme Lodge, No. 14.

On January 9th, 1893, installed the officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

On January 14th, 1893, was asked by Acme Lodge, No. 14, for a dispensation to change the place of meeting. I informed said Lodge that I had no power to grant such dispensation.

On January 21st, 1893, installed the officers of Duncan Lodge, No. 17.

In conclusion I beg leave to thank the different P. G. Masters and P. Grands, also the Grand Secretary, for the able and ready assistance given me in installing the officers of the various Lodges in my District. All of which I respectfully submit to you for your approval.

I remain Yours in Fraternity, Love and Truth,

G. FOWLIE,

*D. D. G. M. of District No. 1.*

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NEW WESTMINSTER, January 21st, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to present to you the following report of my official acts as D. D. G. M. :

February 27th, 1892, granted a dispensation to Royal City Lodge, No. 13, to confer three degrees on Bros. Sutherland and McDonald in one night.

March 21st, 1892, granted a dispensation to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to confer three degrees on Bro. R. Williams, J. Wade and R. Collishe in one night.

May 15th, 1892, New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, submitted the following question : Can this Lodge legally excuse N. G. Bro. Meyer for the balance of the term, he having left the city and gone away, principally for the benefit of his health, and give him the honors of a Past Grand ? To which I gave the following answer : Article 904, Digest, states that any officer who has continued in office for a full term, but in case of sickness has been unable to perform the duties of his office and has been excused from time to time by his Lodge, shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office. Now, if it can be shown that Bro. Meyer has been unable to perform the duties of his office through sickness, and has been excused by the Lodge, then, in my opinion, he would be deemed to have served a full term ; provided, of course, that his seat had not been declared vacant by the Lodge on account of three successive nights' absence, which it may do, if it sees fit, according to Sec. 7, Art. 6, of its Constitution.

December 12th, 1892, Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, submitted the following question : What power have the trustees in leasing, selling, etc., Lodge property ? Answer—Trustees cannot sell property without the sanction of the Lodge, and also the seal of the Lodge must be attached to all documents, together with the signatures of the N. G. and Secretary of Lodge.

January 13th, 1893, installed the officers of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, assisted by Bro. P. G. Thrift and Bro. J. P. G. Smith.

I am pleased to state to you that the Lodges in this District are in a prosperous condition.

I have the honor to be, dear Sir and Brother,  
Yours fraternally,

R. F. BONSON,  
*D. D. G. M. District No. 2.*

NANAIMO, January 26th, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips, Esq., Grand Master Grand Lodge of B. C. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Herewith I present a report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 3, and trust it will meet with your approval.

On July 5th, 1892, I installed the officers of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo, assisted by Past Noble Grand Mrs. Geo. Norris, Deputy Grand Master J. Crossan, Past Grands G. Norris and R. Rivers.

On July 6th, 1892, installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo, assisted by P. G. M. Ed. Quennell, Past Grands R. Rivers, G. Norris and H. McAdie.

On Jan. 2nd, 1893, installed the officers of Centennial Lodge, No. 20, Nanaimo, assisted by D. G. M. Jas. Crossan, P. G.'s R. Rivers, H. McAdie and E. McNeil.

On January 4th, 1893, installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo, assisted by P. G. M. Ed. Quennell, and Past Grands R. Rivers, Geo. Norris and H. McAdie.

On January 10th, 1893, installed the officers of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo, assisted by P. G. M. Ed. Quennell, D. G. M. Jas. Crossan, P. G. Geo. Norris and Past Noble Grand Mrs. Norris.

During my term of office Centennial Lodge, No. 20, was Instituted in Nanaimo by yourself, and I am pleased to say is now in a flourishing condition, in fact the same may be said of all the Lodges in my District.

No question has been submitted to me for decision.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Love and Truth,

M. DUFFIE,  
*D. D. G. M. District No. 3.*

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WELLINGTON, January 12th, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips, Esq., Grand Master Grand Lodge of B. C. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in furnishing you with a report of my official acts during my term of office.

On April 27th, 1892, assisted by P. G.'s Scott, G. Norris, J. Crossan, E. Quennell, J. Thompson and R. Rivers, dedicated our new Hall, the permission being granted by you. The dedication was to have taken place on April 26th, but was postponed owing to the death and interment of the wife of our worthy brother, P. G. George Williams.

On July 13th, 1892, assisted by P. G.'s Thompson, Shearing, Mitchell and R. Kilpatrick, installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, in due form.

On January 9th, 1893, assisted by P. G.'s D. Welsh (No. 13 Lodge), H. Mitchell, R. Kilpatrick, and Bro. Hunter, installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, in due form. The installation was deferred owing to January 2nd being too close to the New Year's festivities.

I am pleased to inform you that Harmony Lodge, No. 6, is in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding that heavy expense has been incurred by the erection of a new Hall and relief paid to sick brothers. The membership is steadily increasing, and this Lodge, I fully believe, is, with its relations and dealings with other Lodges as its name indicates, in "Harmony."

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours in Fraternity, Love and Truth,

MURDOCH McDONALD,  
*D. D. G. M. No. 4.*

CHILLIWHACK, January 25th, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips, Esq., Grand Master Grand Lodge B. C., I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg leave to place the following report before you as your D. D. G. M. for District No. 5.

July 11th, 1892, installed the officers of Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4.

July 12th, 1892, installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.

Dec. 13th, 1892, I received application from Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, for a dispensation to hold a public installation in January, 1893.—Application granted by Grand Master.

Jan. 11th, 1893, held a public installation of officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, which, I am happy to state, was well attended both by members and friends of the Order, and every office in the Lodge filled.

In all the installation ceremonies during the past year, I was ably and willingly assisted by the Past Grands of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.

I am sorry that I cannot report to you an increase of membership in this district, but financially Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, is in a prosperous condition, the receipts having been better than any previous year, which has enabled that Lodge to pay off the entire debt of the addition to their hall, and left a nice balance in hand. The members have worked steadily and harmoniously together. In regard to Ruth Rebekah Lodge, I cannot give you a full report, as the officers of that Lodge have not been installed for this term yet.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOSEPH PEERS,  
*D. D. G. M. District No 5.*

VANCOUVER, January 24th, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to submit the following report :

March 25th, 1892, I granted a dispensation to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to confer three degrees on E. E. Hunter and Wm. Moore, and two degrees on Jas. Simpson in one night.

April 15th, 1892, I granted a dispensation to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to confer two degrees on W. G. Russell in one night.

April 21st, 1892, I granted a dispensation to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to confer two degrees in one night on C. McAlpine and D. Dwyer.

May 15th, 1892, I granted a dispensation to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to confer two degrees in one night on Jas. Hardington, Fred. Jenner, W. J. McDonald and Jas. Stanners.

July 7th, 1892, I installed the officers of Western Star Lodge, No. 10.

July 8th, 1892, I installed the officers of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.

December 16th, 1892, I granted a dispensation to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to confer two degrees in one night on Chas. Moody.

January 5th, 1893, I installed the officers of Western Star Lodge, No. 10.

January 6th, 1893, jointly I installed the officers of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, and Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, with the exception of the Treasurer of the latter Lodge.

The past year has been a very prosperous one in this District, numerically and financially, the increase in membership being over fifty per cent. In conclusion I beg to say that my duties as your Deputy have been very pleasant.

Yours in Fraternity, Love and Truth,

T. F. NEELANDS,  
*D. D. G. M. District No. 6.*

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COMOX, January 27th, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F., B. C. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As your Deputy for District No. 8, I have the honor to report as follows :

On July 4th, 1892, installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 11.

On January 6th, 1893, installed the officers of the same Lodge.

On account of the shutting down of the Union Mines, Union Lodge has made little progress in membership during the past year, but otherwise is in a very prosperous condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in Fraternity, Love and Truth,

W. J. YOUNG,  
*D. D. G. M. District No. 3.*

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DONALD, B. C., January 10th, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to furnish you with the following report of my official acts as your Deputy during the past year :

February 25th, 1892, granted a dispensation to confer three degrees in one night on Bro. Lew Wilkinson, also two degrees on Bro. D. Caldwell.

July 7th, 1892, installed the officers of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12.

August 11th, 1892, granted dispensation to confer two degrees on Bros. H. A. Farrington and James Foster in one night.

September 1st, 1892, granted dispensation to confer three degrees in one night on Bro. D. P. Kingston.

January 5th, 1893, installed the officers of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12.

I am pleased to state that Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, is steadily progressing and working harmoniously. As you will see by the enclosed reports, a small place, 60 members in good standing, a young Lodge with total assets \$2,233.80, must be encouraging to all Odd Fellows.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

ALFRED PENZER,  
*D. D. G. M. District No. 9.*

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NELSON, B. C., 17th January, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips. Grand Master I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to furnish you with a report of my acts as your deputy for District No. 10, for your approval.

February 27th, 1892, granted Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, a dispensation to confer the three degrees on Bro. John Johnston in one night, on account of his leaving town.

April 11th, 1892, granted dispensation to same Lodge to confer three degrees on Bro. R. S. Gallop at one meeting, on account of his living out of town.

May 16th, 1892, granted dispensation to same Lodge to initiate Jas. B. Gillis the same night of his election, on account of his living out of town.

May 23rd, 1892, granted dispensation to Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, to wear regalia at an excursion held on 24th May, 1892.

August 15th, 1892, granted dispensation to same Lodge to confer the three degrees on Bro. A. Goodenough at same meeting, on account of his residing out of town.

October 10th, 1892, granted dispensation to same Lodge to confer the three degrees on Bro. J. B. Gillis same night, for same reason as above.

January 2nd, 1893, installed the officers of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, assisted by Bro. Geo. H. Keefer and others.

Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, the only one in the district, is I am happy to state, in a satisfactory condition.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

GEO. H. COLWELL,  
*D. D. G. M. District No. 10.*

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(The following report from Bro. J. J. Carment, D. D. G. M. District No. 7, was received from J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., New Westminster, after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge.—*Grand Secretary.*)

KAMLOOPS, 8th February, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I beg to report my official acts as your deputy as follows :

April 1st, 1892, instituted Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18.

May 23rd, 1892, granted a dispensation to Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to confer three degrees in one night on Bro. Wm. Johnson.

June 27th, 1892, granted a dispensation to Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to confer two degrees in one night on Bro. A. R. Goodwin.

July 4th, 1892, installed officers of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9.

July 18th, 1892, Treasurer, Warden and R. S. N. G., installed by P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Pearse, in my absence.

July 26th, 1892, installed officers of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18.

August 1st, 1892, installed R. S. V. G. of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9.

August 8th, 1892, installed L. S. S. of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9.

October 17th, 1892, granted Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, a dispensation to confer three degrees on Bro. R. B. Lowe, in one night.

November 13th, 1892, granted Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, a dispensation to confer second and third degrees on Bro. E. Blythe, in one night.

December 12th, 1892, granted Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, a dispensation to confer the three degrees on Bro. J. Grant, in one night.

January 2nd, 1893, installed officers of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9.

January 10th, 1893, deputed Bro. E. C. Davison, P. D. D. G. M. to install officers of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, being unable to go to Vernon myself.

I also beg leave to report that both the above Lodges are in a flourishing condition.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. CARMENT,  
*D. D. G. M. District No. 7.*

NEW WESTMINSTER, February 8th, 1893.

*J. E. Phillips, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F. :*

I beg to present for your consideration my report as Special Agent of the Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association for the past year. I have visited officially the following Lodges :

Victoria,	No. 1—Two Visits.
Columbia,	“ 2—Three “
New Westminster,	“ 3—Three “

Dominion,	No. 4—Three Visits.
Black Diamond,	“ 5—Two “
Harmony,	“ 6—One “
Excelsior,	“ 7—One “
Vancouver,	“ 8—Two “
Western Star,	“ 10—Three “
Acme,	“ 14—Three “
Cloverdale,	“ 15—Three “
Duncans,	“ 17—One “
Mount Pleasant,	“ 19—Two “
Centennial,	“ 20—Two “
Delta,	“ 21—Two “
Gold Range,	“ 22—One “

Making a total of thirty-four official visits. In making these visits and canvassing I have spent about three months actual time and traveled about one thousand miles. My expenses in connection therewith amounts to about one hundred dollars, and the result of my labors in the interests of the Association has amounted to an addition of ninety-three members. I have also twenty applications on which the fees have not yet been paid, which will, when completed, make an increase of one hundred and thirteen.

The financial result will, no doubt, be found in the Grand Secretary's report.

In conclusion I would recommend that the following changes and amendments be made :

1st. That the name of the Association be changed to the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of British Columbia.

2nd. That Sisters in good standing in Rebekah Lodges be admitted to membership in the Association.

3rd. That some means be devised to pay a certain amount as a Total Disability Benefit.

4th. That the best possible means be adopted to present the claims of the Association before the Lodges and Members throughout the Jurisdiction.

5th. That the Executive of this Grand Lodge have the Rules and Regulations of the Association thoroughly revised and a new supply printed.

6th. That the Association agree to pay one thousand dollars as a Death Benefit, or such amount as shall be realized from one assessment.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. WELSH.

The following Committee on Distribution was appointed :  
W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3 ; H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2 ; W.  
E. Johnstone, No. 8.

The Grand Secretary read his Report for the past year, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
VICTORIA, B. C., 6th February, 1893.

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—In compliance with the requirements of the law, I beg to lay before you a report of the transactions of this office for the past year, and of the standing of the Order in this jurisdiction on the 31st December, 1892.

The directions of last session to procure Digests, and supply the same to the District Deputy Grand Masters for their official use, has been complied with, ten digests have been purchased and furnished accordingly.

The instruction as to new Grand Lodge regalia has been carried out, new collars have been obtained from the M. C. Lilley & Co., of Columbus, Ohio.

I regret to announce that death has again invaded our ranks and removed from our midst our esteemed Brother Charles Gowen, P.G.M., whose cheery face and genial manner were familiar to the old members of this Grand Lodge. He was for many years a prominent and active worker for our Order in this Province, was present at the institution of this Grand Lodge, and was appointed to the office of Grand Marshal. He also filled the office of Grand Master for the year 1879-1880. He died on 8th December, 1892, and in accordance with precedent and the expressed wish of many brothers, I called on the members of the Grand Lodge by advertisement, to attend his funeral. I beg to recommend that a memorial page be inserted in the printed proceedings of this session.

The first veteran jewel applied for in this jurisdiction, has been supplied to Bro. Geo. Norris, P.G., of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo, and as there are several brothers who are entitled to wear this honorable decoration, I trust they will also take an early advantage of this privilege.

An appeal was received from Dominion Lodge, No. 4, against the decision of the Grand Master ordering it to pay the sum of \$90 to the General Relief Committee of Seattle, Wash., for 9 weeks sick benefits advanced to a member of that Lodge, and was immediately transmitted to the Committee on Appeals.

The following summary of the reports of the Subordinate Lodges exhibits the position of our Order in this Province at the end of last term, and the progress made during the year preceding.

I regret, that although every effort has been made on my part to present this report in a complete form, it has been again frustrated by the neglect of some Lodges to forward their reports, and the omission by others to insert the necessary information; for this laxity the D. D. G. Masters are to blame, as no installation should take place until the reports are presented.

		Increase.	Decrease.
No. of Lodges .....	22	5	..
“ of Rebekah Lodges .....	5	....	..
“ of Members in good standing .....	1,954	524	..
“ Initiated during the year .....	532	275	..
“ Admitted by card .....	87	57	..
“ Admitted as A. O. ....	3	2	..
“ Reinstated .....	4	1	..
“ Withdrawn .. ..	41	26	..
“ Expelled .....	4	1	..
“ Deceased .....	13	....	..
“ Ceased membership by N. P. D. ....	43	....	18
“ Rejected .....	28	15	..
“ Degrees conferred .....	1,233	571	..
“ Past Grands .....	240	33	..
Total Revenue Subordinate Lodges .....	\$ 41,146 92	\$11,555 66	..
No. of Brothers relieved .....	205	34	..
“ of Widowed families relieved .....	5	4	..
“ of Weeks' benefits paid .....	1,164	64	..
Amount paid for relief of Brothers .....	9,675 90	150 20	..
“ “ Widowed families	300 00	180 00	..
“ “ burying the dead.	1,106 00	224 50	..
Total paid for Relief .....	11,403 70	836 50	..
“ paid for current expenses .....	18,660 41	6,553 04	..
“ amount of Assets .....	140,144 56	48,666 21	..
Average amount of benefits paid for each sick member .....	47 20	....	\$7 87
Average amount expended for relief per member .....	5 84	....	1 53
Average duration of sickness per member.	4 1/6 dys	....	1 1/6 days
Average duration of sickness per sick member .....	5wks, 5dys	....	5 days
Average amount of assets per member. ....	71 72	7 75	..
Total amount paid for relief since institution of Grand Lodge in 1874 .....	109,679 40	....	..

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CASH RECEIVED AND PAID TO GRAND TREASURER.

FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	Tax Term end- ing 30th June, 1892.	Tax Term end- ing 31st Dec., 1892.	Supplies.	Charter Fees.	TOTAL.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1....	\$ 82 00	\$ 81 00	\$ 2 00	.....	\$ 165 00
Columbia " " 2....	84 00	86 00	4 25	.....	174 25
N. Westminster " " 3....	65 50	67 50	5 50	.....	138 50
Dominion " " 4....	59 50	64 00	17 15	.....	140 65
Black Diamond " " 5....	68 50	68 00	19 48	.....	155 98
Harmony " " 6....	73 00	74 50	12 45	.....	159 95
Excelsior " " 7....	26 00	24 50	3 50	.....	54 00
Vancouver " " 8....	67 50	76 00	9 95	.....	153 45
Tatnai " " 9....	35 50	35 00	.....	.....	70 50
Western Star " " 10....	72 00	78 00	16 25	.....	166 25
Union " " 11....	30 00	29 50	.....	.....	59 50
Selkirk " " 12....	28 00	30 00	2 50	.....	60 50
Royal City " " 13....	43 50	44 00	2 00	.....	89 50
Acme " " 14....	35 00	43 50	4 00	.....	82 50
Cloverdale " " 15....	28 00	28 00	3 00	.....	59 00
Kootenay " " 16....	10 00	11 50	36 10	.....	57 60
Duncans " " 17....	12 00	14 00	6 50	.....	32 50
Vernon Valley " " 18....	.....	19 00	29 00	.....	48 00
Mt. Pleasant " " 19....	.....	21 00	.....	\$ 30 00	51 00
Centennial " " 20....	.....	52 00	27 25	30 00	109 25
Delta " " 21....	.....	20 00	30 05	30 00	80 05
Gold Range " " 22....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	30 00
Colfax Rebekeh, " 1....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 50
Mizpah " " 2....	.....	.....	12 50	.....	12 50
Miriam " " 3....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 50
Sundry persons.....	.....	.....	38 00	.....	38 00
	\$ 820 00	\$ 967 00	\$ 284 43	\$ 120 00	\$2191 43

## ORDERS DRAWN ON THE GRAND TREASURER.

Date.	No. of Order.	In Whose Favor.	Description.	Amount.
1892.				
Feb. 12	1	J. E. Phillips, G. M. ....	Mileage and Per Diem ..	\$ 13 30
" 12	2	J. E. Phillips, D. G. M. ..	" " ..	10 80
" 12	3	J. Crossan, G. W. ....	" " ..	6 00
" 12	4	F. Davey, G. Sec. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	5	T. C. Gray, G. Treas. ....	" " ..	9 60
" 12	6	H. Waller, G. Rep. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	7	B. W. Shiles, G. Rep. ....	" " ..	10 80
" 12	7A	B. S. Douglas, G. Con. ....	" " ..	10 80
" 12	8	M. Duffie, G. Guardian. ....	" " ..	6 00
" 12	9	F. Carne, P. G. M. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	10	W. E. Holmes. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	11	A. G. Day. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	12	A. Henderson. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	13	P. W. Dempster. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	14	S. Adler. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	15	P. J. Foulds. ....	" " ..	10 80
" 12	16	R. F. Bonson. ....	" " ..	10 80
" 12	17	G. Fowlie. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	18	G. Glover. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	19	G. Norris. ....	" " ..	6 00
" 12	20	R. Rivers. ....	" " ..	6 00
" 12	21	R. Scott. ....	" " ..	6 60
" 12	22	M. McDonald. ....	" " ..	6 60
" 12	23	J. Peers. ....	" " ..	15 80
" 12	24	A. Parker. ....	" " ..	9 60
" 12	25	T. F. Neelands. ....	" " ..	9 60
" 12	26	W. E. Johnstone. ....	" " ..	9 60
" 12	27	E. T. W. Pearse. ....	" " ..	34 70
" 12	28	H. B. Gilmour. ....	" " ..	9 60
" 12	29	W. Mitchell. ....	" " ..	12 50
" 12	30	A. Penzer. ....	" " ..	55 40
" 12	31	D. Welsh. ....	" " ..	10 80
" 12	32	J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M. ....	" " ..	11 30
" 12	33	R. Roberts, P. G. M. ....	" " ..	13 30
" 12	34	E. Quennell, P. G. M. ....	" " ..	6 00
" 12	35	N. Milburn. ....	Services as janitor. ....	15 00
" 12	36	Jones & Co. ....	Photograph of G. Secret'y	30 00
" 12	37	W. H. Huxtable. ....	Cleaning, etc, G. S.'s office	20 00
" 12	38	Sovereign Grand Lodge. ....	Representative tax. ....	150 00
" 16	39	Grand Secretary. ....	Supplies Sov. G. Lodge	26 90
" 16	40	" " ..	" " ..	22 50
" 16	41	" " ..	" " ..	46 75
April 19	42	J. A. Cohen. ....	Printing. ....	20 00
June 1	43	C. Secretary. ....	Salary. ....	125 00
" 1	44	" " ..	Stationery, expressage, duty, etc. ....	46 95
" 1	45	M. Miller. ....	Printing proceedings. ....	132 00
" 1	46	J. A. Cohen. ....	Printing, etc. ....	11 00
" 1	47	Grand Secretary. ....	Supplies Sov. G. Lodge	8 50

## ORDERS DRAWN ON THE GRAND TREASURER.—Continued.

Date.	No. of Order.	In Whose Favor.	Description.	Amonnt.
1892.				
June 25	48	Grand Secretary.....	Supplies Sov. G. Lodge	\$ 48 50
July 21	49	M. Miller.....	Printing, etc.....	33 50
Sept. 7	50	Grand Secretary.....	Salary.....	125 00
" 7	51	" ".....	Expressage, duty, post- age, etc.....	20 56
" 7	52	" ".....	Supplies Sov. G. Lodge	10 00
Oct. 1	53	R. T. Williams.....	Blank books.....	27 20
" 10	54	Grand Secretary.....	Supplies Sov. G. Lodge	25 00
Nov. 17	55	" ".....	" ".....	31 10
" 17	56	" ".....	Salary.....	125 00
" 17	57	" ".....	Expressage, duty, post- age, etc.....	9 00
1893.				
Jan. 5	58	"Colonist" newspaper...	Advertising funeral Bro. C. Gowen, P. G. M..	2 00
" 5	59	Odd Fellows' Union.....	Rent G. Secretary's office	100 00
" 13	60	Grand Secretary.....	Supplies Sov. G. Lodge	20 00
" 28	61	J. Johnstone & Co.....	Stationery.....	6 00
" 30	62	Grand Secretary.....	Salary.....	125 00
" 30	63	" ".....	Postage, expressage, etc.	17 50
" 31	64	M. C. Lilley & Co.....	Grand Lodge Regalia..	200 00
" 31	65	Grand Secretary.....	Duty, expressage on "	62 15
				<u>\$2,087 41</u>

## SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer per last Report.....	\$ 922 86
Cash received and paid to Grand Treasurer.....	2,191 43
	<u>\$3,114 29</u>
Less Orders drawn.....	2,087 41
Leaving a Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	<u>\$1,026 88</u>

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

	DR.	CR.
Stock on hand per last report.....	\$ 68 55	
<i>Purchased during the Year:</i>		
7 Question Books @ \$1.....	\$ 7 00	
25 Dismissal Certificates @ 20c.....	5 00	
100 Withdrawal Cards @ 20c.....	20 00	
21 Digests @ \$2.50.....	52 00	
16 Books of Forms @ 75c.....	12 00	
30 Subordinate Lodge Rituals @ \$2.....	60 00	
13 Black Books.....	21 45	
9 Charters subordinate Lodges @ 60c.....	5 40	
4 Subordinate Lodge Charts @ \$2.....	8 00	
250 " " Odes @ 3c.....	7 50	
200 " " Visiting Cards @ 20c.....	40 00	
15 Officers' Roll Books.....	11 00	
3 Books of Cdes, with Music @ 50c.....	1 50	
1000 Petitions for Membership.....	6 50	
5 Funeral Ceremonies @ 20c.....	1 00	
24 Order Books on Treasurer.....	21 00	
12 Rebekah Visiting Cards @ 20c.....	2 40	
6 Rebekah Withdrawal Cards @ 20c.....	1 20	
1 Veteran Jewel.....	25 00	
Expressage, customs duty, postage, etc. on supplies from Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	55 98	
		364 43
Gain during the year.....		32 82
		<u>465 80</u>
<i>Sold during the Year:</i>		
28 Subordinate Lodge Rituals @ \$3.....	84 00	
11 Books of Forms @ \$1.25.....	13 75	
3 Books of Odes, with Music @ \$1.....	3 00	
201 Subordinate Lodge Visiting Cards @ 25c.....	50 25	
67 " " Withdw'l " @ 25c.....	16 75	
6 " " Dism'l Certifi's @ 25c.....	1 50	
12 Rebekah Lodge Visiting Cards @ 25c.....	3 00	
6 " " Withdrawal Cards at 25c.....	1 50	
5 Officers' Roll Books @ \$1.25.....	6 25	
9 White's Digests @ \$3.50.....	31 50	
9 Subordinate Lodge Floor Work @ 50c.....	4 50	
4 " " Charts @ \$3.....	12 00	
20 " " Constitutions @ 3c.....	0 60	
227 " " Odes @ 5c.....	11 35	
401 Orders for P. W. @ 1c.....	4 01	
1095 Petitions for Membership @ 1½c.....	16 41	
5 Anniversary Ceremonies @ 20c.....	1 00	
2 " " @ 30c.....	0 60	
2 Funeral Ceremonies @ 30c.....	0 60	
35 " Hymns @ 5c.....	1 75	
5 Question Books @ \$1.50.....	7 50	

## STOCK ACCOUNT—Continued.

	DR.	CR.
1 Black Books @ \$2.25.....	\$ 2 25	
4 " " @ \$2.....	8 00	
3 Order Books on Treasurer @ \$1.50.....	4 50	
1 Veteran Jewel and duty, etc.....	30 00	
10 White's Digests @ \$3, transferred to expense account!.....	30 00	\$346 57
<i>Stock Still on Hand:</i>		
4 Subordinate Lodge Rituals @ \$2.50.....	10 00	
2 " " Floor Work @ 40c.....	0 80	
1 " " Visiting Card @ 22c.....	0 22	
36 " " Withd'l Cards @ 22c.....	7 92	
9 " " Charters @ 60c.....	5 40	
62 " " Odes @ 4c.....	2 48	
19 " " Dism'l Certifi's @ 22c.....	4 18	
9 Anniversary Ceremonies @ 22c.....	1 98	
3 Funeral Ceremonies @ 22c.....	0 66	
5 " " D. of R. @ 12c.....	0 60	
1 Book of Odes with Music.....	0 65	
5 Books of Forms @ \$1.....	5 00	
2 Question Books @ \$1.25.....	2 50	
2 White's Digests @ \$3.....	6 00	
8 Black Books @ \$1.60.....	12 80	
21 Order Books on Treasurer @ \$1.....	21 00	
11 Officers' Roll Books @ 70c.....	7 70	
16 Rebekah Lodge Floor Work @ 40c.....	6 40	
14 " " Visiting Cards @ 22c.....	3 08	
8 " " Withdrawal Cards @ 22c.....	1 76	
1 " " Card, Wife or Widow.....	0 20	
1 " " Certificate.....	0 20	
75 " " Odes @ 4c.....	3 00	
15 Funeral Hymns @ 4c.....	0 60	
7 Grand Lodge Proceedings, bound @ \$1.25.....	8 75	
35 Petitions for Membership @ 1c.....	0 35	
Orders for P. W.....	5 00	
		119 23
Being balance Dr. to said account per Balance Sheet.....	\$465 80	\$465 80

## BALANCE SHEET.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., 1st FEBRUARY, 1893.

FOLIO.	ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
4	Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	\$ 21 37	
30	Grand Treasurer .....	1026 88	
42	Profit and Loss .....		\$1740 90
44	Furniture Account.....	476 40	
50	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.....	1 25	
54	Vancouver " " 8.....		1 60
67	Tatnai " " 9.....	6 17	
75	Columbia " " 2.....	4 50	
82	Western Star " " 10.....	0 50	
84	Union " " 11.....	5 75	
88	Royal City " " 13.....	5 55	
92	Mizpah Rebekah " " 2.....	9 25	
100	Acme " " 14.....	3 00	
104	Kootenay " " 16.....	1 00	
106	Duncans " " 17.....	2 00	
110	Mount Pleasant* " " 19.....	29 85	
116	Gold Range " " 22.....	29 80	
119	Stock Account .....	119 23	
		\$1742 50	\$1742 50

It will be seen by the foregoing that the finances of the Grand Lodge are in a very satisfactory state, the Revenue has exceeded the Estimate by \$477, and the balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands is \$389.31 more than the estimate.

In this connection I would remark that no provision has hitherto been made in the Estimate for the purchase of the necessary supplies for Subordinate Lodges, whose requirements at present are considerable and steadily growing. As the Sovereign Grand Lodge insist on all orders being accompanied by cash, and as it would be more convenient and satisfactory in every respect, I would suggest that a standing resolution be passed at this Grand Lodge requiring that all orders for supplies from this office must be in future accompanied by the requisite amount, observing that this is the practice in other Jurisdictions.

I think it will be conceded that the progress we have made in the past year is very gratifying, and that notwithstanding the keen competition which now exists between Societies similar to our own, we have succeeded in maintaining the position we have so long occupied as the foremost Society in this Province in point of numbers, funds and the amount of benefits we dispense.

This pre-eminence we should be proud of and strive by every legitimate means to uphold. The success which has attended in such a marked manner the Institution of "Centennial" Lodge, No. 20, at Nanaimo, enabling it to report a membership of one hundred and four, in little more than six months after organization, illustrates what a few zealous and active brothers may do.

The increase in membership during the year, five hundred and twenty-four, is about thirty-seven per cent. and is the largest we have been able to report. During the last three and a half years the number of our members has doubled.

Another very pleasing feature of the reports is the reduction in the average sickness experienced and amount of Benefits per member paid during the year, attributable no doubt to the influx of young and healthy members. The average available assets per member also shows an appreciable increase. These figures prove conclusively that our Lodges are in a more satisfactory condition to-day than they were twelve months ago.

Although the increase in Lodges and members necessarily entails additional work in this office, I view the growth and prosperity with great pleasure, and feel a justifiable pride in being identified with such a noble Institution whose principles and objects not only deserve but command success, sentiments which I am sure are shared in by you all.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K DAVEY,  
*Grand Secretary.*

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#### AUXILIARY ENDOWMENT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
VICTORIA, B. C., 6th February, 1893.

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS,—As Secretary of the above Association, I have much pleasure in presenting you with a report of its proceedings for the past twelve months.

The action of the Grand Lodge at its last session in authorizing the appointment of a special agent to canvas the jurisdiction on behalf of this Association, has been acted on, and Bro. D. Welsh, P.G., of New Westminster, was commissioned to undertake this duty. The remuneration paid at the start was \$1 for each new member secured, but it was found to be inadequate, and was subsequently increased to \$1.50.

The success met with through this arrangement has been encouraging, the agent has visited all the Lodges within reasonable distance of his home, and as a result we have added 83 new members to our roll, the great majority of whom are young men, thus reducing the average age and decreasing the probable cost of the insurance offered. It is anticipated that like encouraging results will attend the next year's work, and that the Association will in a short time assume respectable proportions. To secure if possible this object, it is proposed to make a special effort in the ensuing year by printing and distributing copies of this report, and other information amongst the members, and by requesting every Lodge, not

having an agent of the Association, to appoint one of its members as such to look after its interests.

One death has occurred since my last report viz., Bro. Chas. Gowen, P.G.M., of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and the sum of \$267.05, the amount realized by assessment No. 11, has been paid to the beneficiary of the deceased. Another assessment is now in course of collection to meet this loss.

The following statement shows the membership of the Association at this date, and the amounts of money collected, disbursed and now remaining on hand:

AUXILIARY ENDOWMENT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

No. of Members per last Report.....	127
“ “ Reinstated.....	6
“ “ Admitted.....	92
	<u>225</u>
“ “ Died.....	1
“ “ Suspended for non-payment of Assessments.....	14
	<u>15</u>
“ “ At date.....	210

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

*Receipts.*

Balance per last Report.....	\$ 12 00
Received for Assessments.....	581 40
	<u>\$593 40</u>

*Payments.*

Order No. 1—Benefit on death of Bro. W. Edmunds, P. G., a member of “Tatnai” Lodge, No. 9.....	\$180 05
Order No. 8—Benefit on death of Bro. C. Gowen, P. G., a member of “Victoria” Lodge, No. 1.....	267 05
	<u>\$447 10</u>
Balance.....	\$146 30

MANAGEMENT FUND.

*Receipts.*

Balance per last Report.....	\$109 54
Received for Entrance Fees.....	138 00
Received for Dues.....	178 94
	<u>\$426 48</u>

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*Payments.*

Agent's Commission.....	\$137 33
Secretary's Salary (12 months).....	100 00
Printing, etc., (W. H. Lewis).....	7 00
Printing, etc., (M. Miller).....	9 25
Postage, etc.....	8 48
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	\$262 06
Balance.....	\$164 42

RESERVE FUND.

Balance per last Report.....	\$ 13 20
Received for Reinstatements.....	20 35
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	\$ 33 55

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

Endowment Fund.....	\$146 30
Management ".....	164 42
Reserve ".....	33 55
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Total in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	\$344 27

This Association was organized 1st April, 1884, and since that date has paid 14 death claims aggregating \$2820.50. To meet these claims 11 assessments have been levied, which have realized \$2181.80, and \$638.70 has been taken from the Reserve Fund to make up the difference.

The Reserve Fund consists of back assessments paid by members on reinstatement after suspension, and the balance of amount received for dues after the expenses of management have been met.

The cost to the average age member of 40 years from the commencement of the Association has been \$16.50 for assessment and \$13.50 for dues, a total of \$30 for nine years, or an average of \$3.33 per year, and this cost could be materially decreased if the membership were larger.

The simplicity of the system of this Association, the economy of its management and its trifling cost should recommend it to the brotherhood of its jurisdiction, and if all who are eligible were to join it, we should be able to pay a benefit of about \$2000.

Trusting that next years efforts may be exceptionally successful, and asking the co-operation and assistance of the entire membership to that end, so that we may be all mutually benefitted,

I am, dear sirs and brothers,  
Yours fraternally,

FRED'K DAVEY,  
*Grand Secretary.*

Report read from Grand Treasurer, which was on motion,  
referred to the Committee on Finance.

NEW WESTMINSTER, February 8th, 1893.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I, the undersigned, beg leave to present my  
report as Grand Treasurer, for the year 1892:

GRAND LODGE.

1892.	<i>Dr.</i>		
Feb. 12	To amount received from late Grand Treasurer.....	\$	922 86
March 17	" Cash received from Grand Secretary.....		49 40
Oct. 4	" " " " " " ".....		815 00
Nov. 30	" " " " " " ".....		217 30
1893.			
Feb. 1	" " " " " " ".....		1109 73
	<i>Cr.</i>		\$3114 29
	By Orders Nos. 1 to 65.....		2087 41
	Balance.....		\$1026 88

AUXILIARY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1892.	<i>Dr.</i>		
Feb. 12	To amount received from the late Grand Treasurer.....	\$	12 00
Oct. 4	" Cash received from Grand Secretary.....		322 20
1893.			
Feb. 1	" " " " " " ".....		259 20
			\$ 593 40
1892.	<i>Cr.</i>		
March 22	By order No. 1—Mrs. Edmunds.....	\$	180 05
Dec. 20	" " " 8—Mrs. Gowen.....		267 05
			\$447 10
	Balance.....		146 30

MANAGEMENT FUND.

1892.	<i>Dr.</i>		
Feb. 12	To amount received from late Grand Treasurer.....	\$	109 54
Oct. 4	" Cash received from Grand Secretary.....		75 56
Nov. 30	" " " " " " ".....		25 00
1893.			
Feb. 1	" " " " " " ".....		79 05
			\$289 15

*Cr.*

By Orders Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10.....	124 73
Balance.....	\$ 164 42

## RESERVE FUND.

1892.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Feb. 12	To amount received from late Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 13 20
1893.		
Feb 1	“ Cash received from Grand Secretary.....	20 35
	Balance.....	\$ 33 55

## SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

Grand Lodge.....	\$1026 88
Endowment Fund.....	146 30
Management Fund.....	164 42
Reserve Fund.....	33 55
Total.....	<u>\$1371 15</u>

Yours fraternally,

W. E. HOLMES,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

Report read from Committee on Distribution, which was approved.

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Distribution beg to recommend the following disposal of the subjects presented in the Grand Master's Report :

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER :

Pages 1, 2,	relating, to	General Progress of the Order.
“ 12,	“	Visitations.
“ 13,	“	Installations.
“ 14, 15,	“	Institutions.
“ 16, 17,	“	Special Permissions.
“ 21,	“	Dedications.
Last ½-page 24,	“	Suggestions.
Pages 26, 27,	“	Closing Remarks.

*D. D. G. Master's Reports :*

District No. 1,	second half-page 2,	first half-page 5.
“	2,	page 3.
“	3,	whole Report.
“	4,	whole Report.

- District No. 5, whole Report.
- “ 6, that portion relating to Installations.
- “ 8, whole Report.
- “ 9, that portion relating to Installations.
- “ 10, that portion relating to Installations.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY :

*Grand Master's Report :*

- Pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, relating to Proclamations.
- “ 18, 19, 20, “ Dispensations.
- “ 22, 23, “ Questions.

*D. D. G. Master's Reports :*

- District No. 1, first half page 2, pages 3, 4, second half page 5.
- “ 2, pages 1 and 2.
- “ 6, that portion relating to Dispensations.
- “ 9, “ “ “
- “ 10, “ “ “ “

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS :

*Grand Master's Report :*

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE :

*Grand Master's Report :*

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H. WALLER, }  
 WM. McCOLL, } *Committee on*  
 W. E. JOHNSTONE. } *Distribution.*

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee or Auxiliary Endowment Association : W. G. Carsons, No. 14 ; H. B. Gilmour, No. 10 ; and G. Fowlie, No. 4.

H. Waller, P. G. M., presented and read the following Report of the Grand Representatives, which was ordered to be received and printed with the proceedings of this session.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., February 7th, 1893.

*To the Grand Master and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia :*

Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge ask leave to submit, for your approval, their report as follows :

The Sixty-eighth Annual Session was held at Portland, Oregon, opening Monday, September 19th, and closing on Saturday, September 24th.

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The Grand Sire, Chas. M. Busbee, was present, having quite recovered from his recent illness.

The Grand Marshal having declared all the Representatives present duly qualified, and the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. Venable, offered prayer, the Grand Lodge was declared open for business by the Deputy Grand Sire, J. T. Campbell.

The representation has increased during the last year, making the total membership 197.

#### GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

The Grand Sire submitted his report for the past year, abstracts of which are here given for your information.

#### CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The report of the Grand Secretary, whose energetic devotion to the duties of his office I take pleasure in commending, will exhibit to you in attractive detail the wonderful progress made by the Order during the year 1891. A tabulated statement of totals is herewith given. The net increase of active Lodge membership from January 1st, 1891, to January 1st, 1892, was 48,807. This is the largest increase ever made in a single year, in the history of the Order. The Lodge membership in good standing, on the first of last January, had reached the enormous total of 721,146, and including the Sisters of Rebekah Lodges, 802,881. The expenditures for relief, the test of the operative fraternity of the Order, during 1891, were \$3,176,382.08. It is interesting to compare the relative progress of the Order with that made by our English brethren. On January 1st, 1890, the membership of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows exceeded our membership by 14,316. On January 1st, 1892, the membership of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows exceeded that of the Manchester Unity by 33,378. The total membership of both Orders on January 1st, 1892, aggregated 1,572,384, a membership largely greater than that of any benevolent society on the face of the globe. Surely we have cause for gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings He has vouchsafed to us.

#### GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ORDER IN THE WORLD,

*as appears from Returns reporting the details of its various branches.*

#### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

FROM GRAND SECRETARY'S FILES, DECEMBER 31ST, 1891.	General Data.	Annual Increase.
Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1	....
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australia, Denmark and Switzerland)...	4	2
Grand Lodges.....	63	(Decrease) 2
Subordinate Lodges.....	9,807	390
Grand Encampments.....	52	1

## GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ORDER—Continued.

FROM GRAND SECRETARY'S FILES, DECEMBER 31ST, 1891.	General Data.	Annual Increase.
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,358	123
Lodge Initiations.....	80,939	12,644
Lodge Members.....	721,146	48,807
Encampment Initiations.....	15,652	3,260
Encampment Members.....	124,553	8,489
Aggregate Relief by Lodges and Encampments.	\$3,142,131 90	\$320,481 35
Aggregate Revenue of Lodges and Encampments.	\$7,726,242 24	\$183,267 84
Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	2,566	350
Brothers admitted during the year.....	17,924	4,165
Sisters admitted during the year.....	18,748	3,803
Members—Brothers.....	73,280	10,093
Members—Sisters.....	81,735	12,024
Total Members.....	155,015	22,117
Relief by Rebekah Lodges.....	\$34,250 18	\$6,418 74
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges.....	\$229,882 24	\$36,930 58
FROM ALL SOURCES:		
Total Relief.....	\$3,176,382 08	\$161,779 87
Total Revenue.....	\$7,956,064 48	\$220,138 42
Total Membership, male and female.....	802,881	60,831
STATISTICS FROM 1830, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1891:		
Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	1,785,588	....
Total Relief.....	\$57,449,375 51	....
Total Receipts.....	\$150,349,900 47	....

## DECISIONS.

I herewith enumerate the decisions rendered by me, since I resumed the duties of my office. The decisions rendered by the Acting Grand Sire, are included in his official report to me as heretofore stated:

1. It is within the power of a State Grand Lodge, to which application is made for the use of the name of the Order, to decide whether or not the enterprise for which such application is made, comes within the legitimate uses of the Order; but the decision of such State Grand Lodge must be in pursuance of the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and especially in furtherance of the specific prohibitions and general tenor of the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, found on page 12,677 of the Revised Journal of 1891. Such decision must, of course, also be made subject to the revisory jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

3. It is not within the power of a Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, to grant permission to a Subordinate Lodge, or Rebekah Lodge, to hold meetings alternately, in two separate towns.

4. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota provides, that that Body "shall be composed of the duly qualified Past Grands of all the Subordinate Lodges within the State," and does not in any way restrict its legislative power to any representative basis whatever.

*Held*, That for the purpose of establishing the fact that a quorum of Lodges is present at roll-call, a Past Grand of any Lodge in good standing, may answer for his Lodge, whether he be a duly elected Representative or not.

6. The provisions of Section 1,211, White's Digest, do not nullify or abrogate the general law, (or a specific provision in the Constitution of a Rebekah Lodge, in affirmance of the general law), declaring that good standing in a Subordinate Lodge is essential to retention of membership by a brother in a Rebekah Lodge. It was never intended by the legislation embodied in Section 1,211, to make Rebekah Lodges, at least so far as their male members are concerned, separate and independent organizations, with the power residing in male members to retain their membership, without regard to, and independent of their membership and standing in their Subordinate Lodges.

7. Membership in a Rebekah Lodge is terminated by suspension for non-payment of dues in the Subordinate Lodge.

8. Membership in a Rebekah Lodge is terminated by taking a Withdrawal Card in the Subordinate Lodge.

As the receipt of a Withdrawal Card from a Subordinate Lodge, destroys the good standing of the member in such Subordinate Lodge, and as good standing in his Subordinate Lodge is essential to his retention of membership in his Rebekah Lodge, it necessarily follows that the taking of a Withdrawal Card terminates his membership in the Rebekah Lodge.

9. Membership in the Rebekah Lodge, is dependent upon continuous good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, as a Brother of the Degree of Truth.

The law permitting a brother to hold his membership in his Encampment for twelve months after taking a Withdrawal Card, is by reason of a specific enactment (Section 954, White's Digest), which does not include membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

16. The provision in the Constitution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, "that no member shall be eligible to the office of Noble Grand, unless previous service is shown in the office of Vice Grand in a Subordinate Lodge, or Rebekah Degree Lodge," is invalid in so far as the requirement in regard to previous service in a Subordinate Lodge as affecting eligibility to office in a Rebekah Degree Lodge is concerned, being in conflict with decision No. 8, of the Acting Grand Sire, reported on page 12,355, Revised Journal of 1891.

18. If the Noble Grand-elect shall be excused by the Lodge, on account of sickness or disability, from attendance at the time when he should have presented himself for installation, and if the Lodge shall continue to excuse him on account of such sickness or disability, up to the time when he shall present himself for installation during the term for which he was elected, then upon his so presenting

himself, he is entitled to be installed and, if he serves until the expiration of his term, will be entitled to the honors thereof. The Sitting Past Grand having been inducted into that office at the time the other officers were installed, including the Vice Grand, should have, thereafter, occupied his chair as Sitting Past Grand, and the Vice Grand, under Section 961 of White's Digest, should have occupied the chair and discharged the duties of Noble Grand.

37. It is contrary to law, in conferring the Initiatory Degree, to admit to the Lodge room all the candidates except one, and, after obligating them, permit them to witness the initiation ceremony on the other candidate.

38. *Ques.*—Is it proper for the Noble Grand to appoint upon a committee to retire and examine a visitor, a Past Grand belonging to another Lodge, who is in possession of the A. T. P. W. through his official position in the Order?

*Ans.*—Strictly speaking, it is not within the power of a Noble Grand of a Lodge to appoint upon a committee a member of any other Lodge, because the possession of the power to appoint pre-supposes the possession of the power to compel service. But if a member of another Lodge, possessing the A. T. P. W., is willing to serve upon such committee, I take it, that unless objection is made, the Noble Grand has the right to request and permit such service.

45. *Ques.*—Can a Grand Officer who has taken a Withdrawal Card from his Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, perform any official duties as such officer until he has deposited his Card with a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment?

*Ans.*—No.

46. *Ques.*—How do you construe Section 883, Digest of 1889, which says that a Grand Officer does not vacate his office for the space of one month after taking a Withdrawal Card from his Subordinate Lodge or Encampment.

*Ans.*—My construction of Section 883, taken in connection with certain other sections hereinafter mentioned, is that while a Grand Officer does not "vacate his office" for the space of one month after taking a Withdrawal Card, yet the exercise of the functions of his office is suspended, until he deposits his Card in another Lodge or Encampment.

47. *Ques.*—How do you construe Section 883, Digest of 1889, in connection with Sections 790 and 793, on the same subject?

*Ans.*—My construction of the sections named, together with Sections 895 and 896, is as follows: A Grand Officer taking a Withdrawal Card, has a right to deposit the same within one month, in another Lodge or Encampment, or to immediately deposit it in his State Grand Body accompanying an application for a Charter for a new Lodge or Encampment. During the time between his taking the Card and depositing it in another Lodge or Encampment, or during the time between the taking of the Card and the institution of a new Lodge or Encampment of which he becomes a Charter member, the discharge by him of the functions of his office is suspended, to be revived (if before the expiration of his term), upon the deposit of his Withdrawal Card, or the institution of a new Lodge or Encampment, as aforesaid. I think the above is the only construction of the law,

as stated, which will render the different sections cited, harmonious and operative.

48. *Ques.*—Can a Grand Officer, who has taken a Withdrawal Card from his Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, under these sections of the law, deposit his Withdrawal Card in his Grand Body for issuing of a charter for a new Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, sign the same as such Grand Officer, and institute such Subordinate Body legally under the law, as such Grand Officer?

*Ans.*—He can deposit the Card, of course, but although a Grand Officer, by taking a Withdrawal Card does not thereby “vacate his office,” yet the discharge of the duties by him is suspended, as I have above stated, and during the period of such suspension, and until he resumes the duties incident to his office, as stated in my answer to the preceding question, the duties of the office devolve upon the Deputy Grand Master, or Grand High Priest, as the case may be. (*See* Section 895.)

49. *Ques.*—Is it legal for a Grand Lodge to assume the payment of sick benefits in its Jurisdiction, taxing all its Subordinate Lodges to provide a fund for that purpose?

*Ans.*—No.

50. *Ques.*—Is it legal for a Grand Lodge to form a sick benefit fund, to which such of its Subordinate Lodges as may be willing, can contribute such sums as the Grand Lodge shall name, and out of which sick benefits shall be paid to the members of such contributing Lodges only?

*Ans.*—No.

51. *Ques.* Is it legal for a Grand Lodge to undertake the payment of any benefits?

*Ans.* No.

In my opinion, under the laws and polity of the Order, as at present existent and operative, Subordinate Bodies are charged with the duty of providing and dispensing benefits to their members entitled to the same, and this duty cannot be assumed by, or transferred to, Subordinate Grand Bodies.

52. A Grand Representative, not being a Past Chief Patriarch, or Past High Priest, is not entitled to sit in a Grand Encampment. (*See* Section 590, White's Digest.)

53. A member of a Lodge entering a Lodge room while the Lodge is in recess, should be required to retire and work his way in, according to law, when the Lodge resumes its regular session.

54. A person elected to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, must have the Degree conferred upon him in the Lodge in which he was elected. The right and duty of conferring this Degree, which is equivalent to initiation, cannot be transferred to another and different Lodge.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND SIRE (ACTING  
GRAND SIRE).

*Hon. C. M. Busbee, Grand Sire, I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit to you the following report of my administration of the office of Grand Sire, from the adjournment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in September, 1891, until your resumption of the duties of the position in January last. Routine work, the issuing of Dispensations, examining of Constitutions, etc., coming within the direct cognizance of the Grand Secretary, will be reported to you by that officer.

DECISIONS.

1. A report of a Committee on Character must be signed by a majority of the committee. Two so-called reports, one in favor of the applicant and one against, each signed by a single member of the committee, are not proper reports to be received and acted upon by the Lodge.

2. Non-beneficial members are entitled to the same rights and privileges as beneficial members, except in the matter of benefits ; they can vote and hold office.

3. A brother paying up arrears of dues while ill, and dying before he became beneficial, the Lodge is not required to refund the arrears so paid.

4. While a candidate's application for membership must be received and acted upon at regular meetings, his initiation may take place at a special meeting called in accordance with the By-laws.

5. The election and installation into office of a member who is disqualified by law for such office, is null and void, and should be so declared by the proper authority in the Jurisdiction, and the vacancy filled according to law.

6. A Subordinate, or Rebekah Degree Lodge, may use any form of Floor Work it prefers, provided it conforms in all respects to the Ritual ; the forms authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge are only guides, and are not obligatory. But if a Lodge uses any other form than that provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it is not proper to print and publish the same, as it must of necessity contain reference to the Ritual and ceremonies of the Order, which can only be printed or published by authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

7. A Lodge may procure as many copies of the authorized Floor Work as it requires, but they should be retained in the custody of the Lodge, for the use of its officers ; they are not to be sold to, or held by, individual members as personal property.

II. It is the duty of Grand Representatives to report to their several Jurisdictions, all enactments of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the matter of general law, and it is the duty of the Executive Officers of the Jurisdictions to communicate the same to their Subordinates. But the failure of either Grand Representatives, or Executive Officers, to perform their duty in the premises, would not render the law inoperative. All general laws come into force on the 1st of January

following their adoption (unless otherwise ordered by the Sovereign Grand Lodge) whether the same have been officially announced by the officers of the Jurisdictions or not. The publication of the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is, in effect, an official announcement of law by that body.

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We have not given you all the decisions, but only those which we think will be of use and a benefit to this Jurisdiction, to have printed in these proceedings.

As all the brothers do not possess copies of the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and therefore have not the same opportunity of pursuing the appeal cases and the decisions thereon, we submit two of the most important.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Harper Wilson, P. G. P., from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same, and find the following to be the facts :

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba the following question was submitted to the Judiciary Committee : Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, having a By-law providing in case of a contagious disease, the Lodge, instead of appointing brothers to watch, might hire a nurse and pay for the same out of the funds of the Lodge, to wit :

“ A brother taken sick while more than thirteen weeks in arrears, would the N. G. be justified in having brothers sit up with him, or in case he had a contagious disease, could the Lodge hire a nurse and pay for the same out of the funds of the Lodge ?”

The Judiciary Committee reported thereon as follows :

“ It is a fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship that a brother in arrears for dues, who is not suspended, is entitled to be visited by the officers of his Lodge and cared for in sickness, although he may not be entitled to pecuniary benefit. (See White's Digest, clause 49) and submitted the following :

“ *Resolved*, That the foregoing report be adopted ;” which upon being put to a vote was declared lost.

From this decision of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Wilson asked and obtained leave and appeals to this Grand Lodge.

The Judiciary Committee, beyond question, reported the law of this Grand Body and of the Order correctly, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba erred in refusing to adopt its report. We therefore offer the following :

*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba be reversed and the appeal of Harper Wilson be sustained.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Union Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., appellant, and W. L. Stafford, appellee, have had the same under consideration, and report :

The following appear to be the facts as stated in the case. Brother Wallington, a member of Union Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., Winnipeg, Manitoba, was taken ill on Monday, December 28th, 1891, as shown by physician's certificate of same date and was unable to work from noon that day. On the evening of that day Bro. Wallington was reported sick. The following week the Visiting Committee reported to the Lodge that he was still ill, but not entitled to benefits.

A subsequent meeting brought from the committee a report against the payment of benefits, and the Lodge adopted the report.

On January 27th, 1892, Bro. Wallington died. In February, Bro. W. L. Stafford, of Union Lodge, on behalf of Mrs. Wallington, the widow, appealed to the Grand Lodge from the action of the Lodge in refusing benefits. The report of the Appeal Committee of the Grand Lodge was adverse to the action of the Lodge, which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge, and from this decision Union Lodge now appeal.

There is but a single question in the case which your committee deem it necessary to consider in reaching a determination thereof.

It appears from the record that Bro. Wallington, by his receipt for dues dated September 14th, 1891, was clearly in good standing until the last meeting night in December, and was taken sick at noon December 28th, eight hours before the Lodge met on the evening of that day. Being sick and disabled, and in consequence thereof deprived of attending his Lodge that evening to pay his dues, the assertion that he was in arrears could not be lawfully made until the next meeting night, which was January 4th.

Now it is a fundamental principle of the Order that dues accrue from week to week and benefits are payable weekly, fractions of a week are not considered in either case. That dues, if paid to a Secretary between Lodge meetings, are credited to the brother, as of the meeting night subsequent to the day they are paid.

Therefore, if Bro. Wallington, on account of disability was deprived of paying his dues on the meeting night of December 28th, 1891, he could not be declared non-beneficial until January 4th, 1892. According to the record, it appears that he *was* beneficial to the time he was taken sick and having been beneficial when so taken sick, he could not become non-beneficial during that illness. The Lodge should have retained so much of the brother's benefits as would have accrued to keep him in good standing during his sickness.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following :

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Union Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Canada, be sustained.

## NEW LEGISLATION.

## INSURANCE AND ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATIONS.

As we have in this Jurisdiction an Auxiliary Endowment Association, we deem it necessary as well as right and proper, that all the resolutions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge bearing on this subject should be laid before you.

We, therefore, present the resolutions in full.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

The Committee on Insurance, appointed at the session of this Body at St. Louis, in 1891, respectfully submits this, its report. The preamble and resolutions under which this Committee was appointed, read as follows. (Journal page 12,657.):

WHEREAS, A difference of opinion exists among the members of the Order relative to the meaning and scope of the laws relative to fraternal insurance ; be it

*Resolved*, That all laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, relative to fraternal insurance, together with all decisions based upon such laws, including those made or reported at this session, be referred to the Special Committee on Insurance, with power to report such amendments or changes in existing laws as will tend to promote the welfare of the Order and protect its members, or will better define the privileges of such fraternal insurance companies and the power of the various Grand Lodges relative thereto.

We should simply compel the companies to give to us all the information obtainable as to their condition ; bring that information home to the insured or applicant for insurance, to the end that he may reach his own opinion and conclusions intelligently.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved, First*—That every Association doing a life or accident, or life and accident business, and using the name of the Order or claiming to be an Odd Fellows' Insurance Company, or the membership of which is limited, by its charter, articles of association, fundamental law, by-laws, resolutions or practice, to members of this Order, shall on or before the first day of June, of each year hereafter, file with the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and of the Grand Lodge of every Jurisdiction in which it proposes to transact business, a copy of its charter, articles of incorporation, fundamental law, by-laws, and all amendments thereto, and of all resolutions and action had by the company or association affecting the liability or status of persons insured therein, verified by affidavits of its President, Secretary and Treasurer, and signed by said officers and the Directors or Managers of such company or association.

*Second*—That at the same time, every such company or association shall file with the Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and of the Grand Lodge of every Jurisdiction in which it proposes to transact business, a report similarly

verified, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, or prior thereto, setting forth :

- 1st. Full name of corporation and principal place of business.
- 2nd. Date of incorporation and commencement of business.
- 3rd. Character of business.
- 4th. Names and Residences of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors or Managers.
- 5th. Number of policies in force on December 31st of previous year.
- 6th. Number of policies in force on December 31st of the year covered by the report.
- 7th. A list of all losses paid during the preceding year, giving name of the assured, his residence, amount paid and cause of death.
- 8th. Number of new policies issued during the year.
- 9th. Number of policies lapsed during the year.
- 10th. Amount of entrance fee.
- 11th. Amount of periodical dues.
- 12th. Maximum amount of risk on any one life.
- 13th. Whether policies issued for a specified amount to be paid, or amount dependent upon assessment.
- 14th. What portion of premiums (if any) is set apart for mortuary purposes, and what for expenses.
- 15th. How is mortuary fund invested.
- 16th. Whether the association issues endowment certificates.
- 17th. Are assessments graded on any table of mortality? How are they graded.
- 18th. How and when are Officers and Directors elected ?
- 19th. What medical examinations are required before issuing policies ?
- 20th. What amount of money will an ordinary assessment for the payment of a single certificate yield ?
- 21st. Has the Association an emergency or reserve fund ?
- 22nd. What is the amount ?
- 23rd. How is it invested ?
- 24th. For what purpose is it used ?
- 25th. A list of all the assessments laid during the year, their purpose in detail of assessment, and amount realized on such.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS.

- 26th. Cost value of real estate, its character, and how and when acquired ?
- 27th. Description of encumbrances thereon, and for what purpose created ?
- 28th. Loans and how secured ; details ?
- 29th. Bonds, stock, etc., owned absolute ; details ?
- 30th. Agents' ledger balances ?
- 31st. Cash in office ?
- 32nd. Cash in banks, and what banks ?
- 33rd. All other assets in detail ?
- 34th. Are any of your funds loaned to any Officer or Director of your Company, or are they or any of them interested in such loans directly or indirectly, or in any way responsible therefor.

## STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES.

- 35th. Losses due or unpaid ?
- 36th. Taxes due and unpaid ?
- 37th. Salaries, rents and officers' expenses due and unpaid ?
- 38th. Borrowed money ?
- 39th. Advanced assessments ?
- 40th. All other liabilities, indicating their character ?

*Third.* At the same time such Association shall file with the Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a certificate from the Insurance Department (if any there be issuing certificates to assessment companies) of the State, Territory or Province under the laws of which such Association is incorporated or formed, setting forth that said Association is authorized to do a life or accident, or life and accident insurance business, and that it has complied with the requirements of such Insurance Department.

*Fourth.* Such Company shall also at the same time file with the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which it proposes to transact business, a duplicate of said certificate and also a certificate from the Insurance Department (if any there be issuing certificates to Assessment Companies) of the State in which it so purposes to transact business, showing that it has complied with the laws of such State and is legally entitled to do business therein.

*Fifth.* Upon the filing of the reports and certificates hereinbefore provided for, with the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary to issue to such Company a certificate setting forth that it has complied with the laws of the I. O. O. F. relative to organizations for the transaction of life or accident or life and accident insurance, and is entitled to transact such business for the period of one year from the date of such certificate in the territorial limits of such Grand Lodge or Lodges, as through its

officers shall grant permission for that purpose under the Laws of the Order. Said certificate shall set forth distinctly that neither the Sovereign Grand Lodge nor State Grand Lodge or Subordinate Lodges are in any way responsible for the engagements or contracts of such Company or Association, nor shall the certificate be considered or assume to be an endorsement or recommendation of said Association nor of its solvency or responsibility.

Such certificate shall entitle such Company to transact its business in the territorial limits of such Grand Lodges, as through its officers shall grant such permission as hereinafter provided.

*Sixth.* Upon filing with any Grand Secretary of any Grand Lodge, the certificate and reports, hereinbefore provided for, together with the above-mentioned certificate from the Grand Sire and Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of such Jurisdiction, to issue to such Company or Association, a certificate substantially in the form hereinbefore provided for, to be issued by the Grand Sire and Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and containing the same reservation, namely, that neither the Sovereign Grand Lodge, nor Grand Subordinate Lodges are in any way responsible for the engagements or contracts of such Company or Association, nor shall the certificate be considered or assumed to be an endorsement or recommendation of such Association, nor of its solvency or responsibility.

Such certificate shall entitle such Company to transact its business in the territorial limits of such Grand Lodge; provided, however, that the Grand Lodge of any Jurisdiction may by resolution prohibit the granting of certificates of permission as herein provided for, to be issued by its Grand Master or Secretary to all insurance associations. Any action heretofore had by any Grand Lodge prohibiting insurance associations from doing business within its Jurisdiction shall remain unaffected by these resolutions.

It shall be the duty of all insurance companies or associations obtaining certificates as aforesaid to attach to each policy issued by it, a copy of such certificates and also of its character, articles of association, and by-laws or fundamental law, and amendments thereto, and of its last preceding report filed, or required to be filed with the Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges.

*Eighth.* It shall be the duty of each association obtaining a license as aforesaid to mail on or before the first day of July in each year to each one of its insured members, or policy holders, a copy of the last preceding statement filed or required to be filed by it as heretofore provided.

*Ninth.* Nothing herein contained shall be construed to permit the representative of any such association to solicit insurance in Lodge rooms, or while the Lodge is in session.

*Tenth.* Any violation of, or omission to perform and comply with the provisions of these resolutions shall work a forfeiture of the license granted.

*Eleventh.* Each association receiving such certificate, shall pay to the Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the time of the filing of the annual report,

the sum of ten dollars, and a similar sum to each Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, granting such permission or certificate. Duplicates shall be furnished at the rate of one dollar each. The Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall provide the certificates of authority to be used by the State Grand Jurisdictions, in blank form, at fifty cents each.

*Twelfth.* Any member of the I. O. O. F. who shall after July the 1st, 1893, in any capacity, directly or indirectly solicit, or attempt to solicit from any other member of this Order any life, or accident insurance for any association or company of the character specified in resolution numbered first of these series, which has failed to obtain the certificates, heretofore provided for, shall be liable, on trial and conviction, to be suspended or expelled from the Order.

#### MINIMUM BENEFIT LAW.

The resolution of P. G. Sire Sanders, amending the resolution found on page 12,760, Revised Journal, 1891, will, we think, settle this vexed question.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of P. G. S. Sanders, the resolution of Rep. Semmes, of Alabama, and that of Rep. Thomas, of Utah, proposing amendments to the legislation of 1891, fixing a minimum benefit of two dollars per week—as also, the resolution of Rep. Miles, of Ohio, proposing the repeal of said legislation of 1891, beg to report that we find that the three propositions, first above referred to, are substantially the same, and tend to make more plain the intent of the legislation of 1891.

Having duly considered the subject, we recommend the adoption of the resolution offered by P. G. Sire Sanders, viz. :

*Resolved,* That the resolution adopted at the Annual Session of 1891, and as found on page 12,670, Revised Journal, be amended by adding at the end of word "member" in the third line of said resolution, the following words, "entitled to sick benefits by the Constitution or By-Laws of his Lodge," so that said resolution will read as follows, viz. :

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

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Rea, of Pennsylvania, asking that a sister who is a Past

Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, and holds a commission from a Grand Master as his Deputy over Rebekah Lodges, may be specially deputed to institute a Rebekah Lodge, respectfully report that they have fully considered the same, and recommend the following :

*Resolved*, That a sister who is a Past Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge and in good standing, may be deputized by the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction in which she resides, to institute a Rebekah Lodge, or Lodges, and all provisions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

It was resolved almost unanimously to remove the headquarters of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, back to its old and original home, Baltimore, Maryland, the cradle of Oddfellowship, where, in the opinion of your Representatives, it rightfully belongs, and we hope it may never again be taken from thence.

The next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that city receiving 101 votes to 65 for Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, of London, Ontario, succeeded Chas. M. Busbee to the office of Grand Sire, and J. W. Stebbins, of New York, was elected Deputy Grand Sire.

The question of admitting candidates into this Order at eighteen years of age, we are sorry to say, was again defeated.

The following were submitted and adopted in regard to what no doubt will be one of the grandest demonstrations in the history of Oddfellowship, to be held at Chicago during the World's Columbian Exposition, in September, 1893.

#### DEPUTY GRAND SIRE'S ACTIONS—PARADE OF 1893.

The matter of a general parade of the Order during the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, was left in the hands of the Grand Sire and the Commander of the Patriarchs Militant. In order to the successful carrying out of such a demonstration, it seemed to me that the active co-operation of the Odd Fellows of Illinois, should be secured, at as early a date as possible; and as the Grand Lodge of Illinois met in November, I requested Gen. Underwood to place himself in communication with that Body, which he did; the result being that a local committee was appointed to consult with you, and assist in conducting the affair to a successful issue. As there will be many details in the management of the parade, which will require the personal attendance of an officer of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I requested Past Grand Sire Underwood, who resides in Chicago, to act for the Grand Sire as a Marshal-General.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the acting Grand Sire, that part of the report of the General Commanding the Patriarchs Militant, and the resolutions of Past Grand Sire Nicholson, all relating to the proposed demonstration at Chicago during the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893, have duly considered the subject, and would report that we com-

mend the prompt action of the Grand Sire (acting), in the premises, and fully concur in the view expressed by him, as well as in the action of P. G. Sire Underwood in presenting the matter to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and asking the co-operation of that Jurisdiction. Your committee is gratified to know that the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Illinois took action at their session in November, 1891, to heartily co-operate with this Grand Body, in making all necessary preparations, and in every way possible assisting in making the proposed demonstration a grand success.

As will be seen by reference to the Appendix to the Report of the Commander of the Patriarchs Militant, the Grand Lodge of Illinois raised a Special Committee of eight to act in conjunction with the Committee of this Grand Body.

Your committee is informed that said Committee has held several meetings, which have also been attended by Past Grand Sire Underwood, and the scope and extent of the proposed demonstration discussed.

Your Committee note the communication from the Special Committee of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, suggesting that the week commencing June 26th, 1893, be selected as the period to be devoted to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' celebration, etc., and while your committee fully appreciate the fact that the date indicated would be a most desirable season to visit Chicago and a favorable time for the great demonstration, but considering the fact that this Grand Body has decided to hold its annual session in 1893 in the neighboring city of Milwaukee, your committee believe that a date just preceding or subsequent to said annual session would better meet the views of this Grand Body, and would also be a favorable time to secure a large attendance from all Jurisdictions.

We realize that to make such a display as will be expected of our great Order to inaugurate and successfully carry out a celebration on an occasion when the eyes of the whole civilized world will be upon us; to assure a celebration that will be highly creditable to an organization of 800,000 members will require the active earnest, cordial co-operation of every Jurisdiction subordinate to this Grand Body, as well as great diligence and much labor on the part of the committees that may be charged with the details.

To the end that the co-operation of every Jurisdiction, which is so essential, may be had, and that the proposed parade, demonstration or celebration to be had in the City of Chicago during the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893, may be worthy of the great Independent Order of Odd Fellows, we recommend the adoption of the following, which, with slight modification, and some additions, are the resolutions offered by Past Grand Sire Nicholson, viz:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Sire (acting), and of P. G. Sire Underwood, in the premises, be and are hereby approved.

*Resolved*, That the fourth Monday in September, 1893, be and is hereby fixed for a grand demonstration of the Order in the City of Chicago, in honor of Christopher Columbus, and the settlement and civilization of America.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire be, and is hereby authorized and requested to invite the respective Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, under the Juris-

diction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to participate as bodies or by delegations at the fraternal demonstration at Chicago.

*Resolved,* That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be requested to invite the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, under their respective Jurisdictions, to participate with them in the demonstration.

*Resolved,* That as a further exhibit of the growth and advancement of the Order, there will be held in Chicago, on Saturday before the third Monday in September, 1893, a National Convention of the Degree of Rebekah, to be held under the auspices of the State Convention of Illinois, and to be temporarily organized by its officers.

*Resolved,* That in the recognition and approval of the proposed celebration, Lodges and Encampments shall have sufficient warrant to make appropriations to carry out the objects of the demonstration, in such a manner as they in their judgment shall deem proper.

*Resolved,* That an informal meeting of this Grand Lodge be convened at Chicago on the fourth Monday in September, 1893, at 9 o'clock A. M.

*Resolved,* That in addition to the Grand Sire and the General of the Patriarchs Militant, there be a committee of nine appointed to make such arrangements as may be necessary to carry the above resolutions into effect, and to co-operate with the Committee of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Illinois, in making the proposed demonstration successful and creditable to the Order.

VISITING CARDS.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Miles, of Ohio ; also the resolution of Rep. Thomas, of Utah, prescribing changes in form of Visiting Card, presented at the Session of 1891, but not acted upon for want of time, have had the same under consideration and offer for adoption the following :

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have placed on all Visiting Cards that may be used hereafter, in the blank, giving information in regard to benefits on the back of the Card, the following : " And care for its members by .....at .....per night " In filling said blanks the Secretary of Lodges shall write in the blank space either the word " nurse " or appointment, and if the word " nurse " he shall write in the blank space following the amount paid by his Lodge per night for such nurse.

We have thus rendered to you a brief account of our stewardship.

And in conclusion would sincerely thank you for the honor conferred upon us in electing us as your Representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

H. WALLER, } *Grand*  
B. W. SHILES, } *Representatives.*

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*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 8:15 P.M., or as soon as possible after the dedication of the new Hall of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

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EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled for business at 8:40 P.M.

The Grand Marshal reported all present duly qualified, and a quorum being present the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the following Past Grands on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred: L. Mounce, No. 6; S. A. Cawley, No. 7; G. Thomas, W. Hogg, A. McAllister and S. Jacobs, No. 10.

The hour appointed for the election of Officers having arrived, the following were placed in nomination:

FOR GRAND MASTER.

J. Crossan, No. 5. . . Nominated by H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2  
R. Scott, No. 6. . . . . " E. McNeill, " 20

FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

T. C. Gray, No. 10. . . Nominated by W. E. Holmes, " 1

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

W. E. Holmes, No. 1. . Nominated by W. McColl, P.G.M., " 3

FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

F. Davey, No. 1. . . . Nominated by H. Waller, P. G. M., " 2

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

A. Henderson, No. 2 . . . . .	Nominated by G. Fowlie,	No. 4
P. J. Foulds, No. 3 . . . . .	“ A. W. Scoullar, “	8
W. E. Johnstone, No. 8 . . . . .	“ L. Cousins, “	4

Bro. Johnstone declined the nomination.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

A. W. Scoullar, No. 8.	Nominated by E. Quennell, P.G.M.,	“	5
J. E. Phillips, P.G.M.,	•		
No. 4 . . . . .	“ G. Cunningham,	“	3
H. B. Gilmour, No. 10	“ W. H. Gardiner,	“	13

The Grand Master appointed W. McColl, P. G. M., and E. Quennell, P. G. M., as Tellers.

The ballot was spread for Grand Master and the following result announced :

No. of votes cast, 74 ; necessary for choice, 38.

J. Crossan, No. 5, received 60 votes ; R. Scott, No. 6, received 14 votes.

J. Crossan, No. 5, having received the majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

T. C. Gray, No. 10, being the only nominee for the office of Deputy Grand Master, was declared duly elected by acclamation.

W. E. Holmes, No. 1, being the only nominee for the office of Grand Warden, was declared duly elected by acclamation.

F. Davey, No. 1, being the only nominee for the office of Grand Secretary, was declared duly elected by acclamation.

The ballot was spread for Grand Treasurer, and the following result announced :

No. of votes cast, 74 ; necessary to choice, 38.

A. Henderson, No. 2, received 24 votes ; P. J. Foulds, No. 3, received 49 votes ; Blank, 2 votes.

P. J. Foulds, No. 3, having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The ballot was spread for Grand Representative and the following result announced :

No. of votes cast, 74 ; necessary to choice, 38.

A. W. Scoullar, No. 8, received 30 votes ; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, received 20 votes ; H. B. Gilmour, No. 10, received 22 votes ; Blank, 2 votes.

Neither candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot was spread, the name of J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., being dropped, and the following result announced :

No. of votes cast, 74 ; necessary to choice, 38.

A. W. Scoullar, No. 8, received 41 votes ; H. B. Gilmour, No. 10, received 33 votes.

A. W. Scoullar, No. 8, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected as Grand Representative for two years.

Rep. W. H. Gardiner, No. 13, gave the following notice of motion, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

I hereby give notice, that I will to-morrow move to amend Section I, Article 2, of the Constitution of Rebekah Degree Lodges, by striking out the word "two" in lines 27 and 28, and insert the word "six" in lieu thereof, so as to make the paragraph read : "And if no more than six black balls shall appear, the candidate shall be declared elected ; but if more than six black balls appear, the candidate shall be deemed rejected."

W. H. GARDINER.

B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, gave the following notice of motion, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

At to-morrow's session I will move that the rules of the Auxiliary Endowment Association be amended by inserting the

following : " All members in good standing of Rebekah Lodges of the I. O. O. F., shall be eligible to membership in this Association on the same terms as members of the Subordinate Lodges ; provided, that a medical certificate of good health shall be furnished in such cases, if required."

Report read from Committee on Appeals, which was on motion, laid on the table until to-morrow.

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Appeals have had under consideration the appeal of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, against the decision of the Grand Master directing it to pay the sum of \$90 to the General Relief Committee of Seattle, Wash., for nine weeks' Sick Benefits advanced to Bro. Henry Cowan, a member of said Lodge.

From the papers submitted it appears that this brother, who was residing near Seattle, reported himself to the General Relief Committee of that city as having been sick for nine weeks, and being in possession of a Visiting Card in date and furnishing the Committee with a medical certificate of sickness and incapacity to work covering a period of about eight weeks, the committee paid him \$90 for nine weeks' Sick Benefits.

The grounds of appeal as stated by the Lodge, are, that as the Committee did not visit the brother during his illness, it should not have paid the amount in dispute without communicating with the Lodge and receiving authority to do so, and refers to Section 2, Article XX., of its By-Laws, in support of this contention, also Article 115 of White's Digest.

With respect to the first ground, it is alleged by the Committee that the Lodge was specially notified on 23rd August, 1891, which was during the brother's sickness according to the medical certificate, although in a former communication from the Committee it is stated that Bro. Cowan did not report himself until after he was well. The Lodge avers it has no knowledge of such intimation. Your Committee are of opinion that this objection does not relieve the Lodge from liability. The possession of the Visiting Card in date is sufficient authority to pay a member Benefits when sick, and although the Committee did not visit the brother during sickness, he produced the medical certificate which is sufficient evidence of the fact. The By-Law referred to simply requires the production of such a certificate in the event of the residence of a brother at a point remote from his Lodge, and Section 115 of White's Digest, relied on by the Lodge, makes it imperative on a Lodge or General Relief Committee to promptly render the same fraternal sympathy and attention to a traveling or sojourning sick brother as they would bestow on a brother of their own Lodge, and to pay him the pecuniary benefits shown on his Card.

The appeal appears to be grounded on a mistaken idea of the Lodge, that it is essential for a Lodge or General Relief Committee to notify a brother's Lodge of the fact that he is sick and to receive special authority to pay him Benefits,

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even when he holds a card in date, before making any payment to him. We can not find that this view is supported by any law of the Order. We therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed and the decision of the Grand Master be sustained.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,	} Committee on Appeals.
A. HENDERSON,	
JAS. POPE,	
P. J. FOULDS,	

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates, which was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that since appointment we have had submitted to us, examined and approved the following, with the exception of some trifling errors, which have been pointed out to the Lodges concerned.

New codes of By-laws to Kootenay Lodge, No. 16 ; Duncans Lodge, No. 17 ; Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18 ; Centennial Lodge, No. 20 ; Delta Lodge, No. 21 ; and Gold Range Lodge, No. 22 ; also, Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3.

Also, the the following amendments to By-laws :

*Dominion Lodge, No. 4.*—Striking out payment for first week's sick benefits and reducing the initiation and degree fees ; and a subsequent one, reinstating the payment of first week's sick benefits.

*Harmony Lodge, No. 6.*—Reducing amount of benefits for first week's sickness to members not in possession of the Third Degree.

*Western Star Lodge, No. 10.*—Setting aside five per cent. of dues to form a Contingent Fund ; requiring the production of a medical certificate by members claiming sick benefits ; nursing of brothers during sickness, and election of Trustees.

*Selkirk Lodge, No. 12.*—Division of funds ; Contingent Fund ; increasing amount of first week's sick benefits.

*Royal City Lodge, No. 13.*—Requiring medical certificate of candidate for initiation ; formation of Contingent Fund ; duties of Trustees.

*Acme Lodge, No. 14.*—Changing night of meeting.

*Duncans Lodge, No. 17.*—Altering night of meeting.

In consequence of a reported decision by a judge of one of the law courts of the United States, as to when "arrears of dues" commence to affect a brother's standing in relation to his claim for sick benefits, in all cases where these words occur in By-laws that have been submitted to us, we have recommended the Lodge to adopt some other expression less equivocal, such as, "owing three months dues," or, "indebted to the Lodge in the sum of three dollars for dues," where the dues are

one dollar per month, the only exception being the case of Centennial Lodge, No. 20, where dues are payable in advance.

F. CARNE,	}	<i>Committee on Laws of Subordinates.</i>
P. W. DEMPSTER,		
A. G. DAY,		

The Grand Secretary presented new code of By-laws for Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, which was on motion, referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Petitions were also submitted for the institution of new Lodges at Vernon, Mount Pleasant (Vancouver), Nanaimo, Ladner's Landing and North Bend, which were on motion, referred to the Committee on Petitions.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

## **SECOND DAY.**

NEW WESTMINSTER, 9th March, 1893.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 9:30 a. m., the Grand Master presiding.

A quorum of Representatives was reported present, and all having been examined were declared duly qualified, whereupon the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Grand Master appointed Representatives Cawley, No. 7, and Mather, No. 10, on the Committee on Endowment Association in the place of Representatives Carsons, No. 14, and Gilmour, No. 10.

Representative C. H. Dickie, of No. 17, was admitted and received the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of yesterday's Session. Moved and seconded,—That the Minutes as read be adopted.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, objected to the adoption of the Minutes on the ground that all the business transacted last evening, subsequent to the election of Officers, was illegal according to Clause 27, Order of Business, of the Rules of Order, which provides that the election of officers shall be the last business transacted on the first day's session.

The question being the adoption of the minutes as read, it was carried.

Moved by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, and seconded by Representative Henderson, No. 2,—That the business transacted last evening after the election of officers, be reconsidered.—*Carried.*

The notices of motion given by Representative Gardiner, No. 13, to amend the Constitution of Rebekah Lodges and by B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., to amend Rules of Endowment Association, were read and referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Report read from the Committee on Appeals, *re* appeal by Dominion Lodge, No. 4, against the decision of the Grand Master, in the case of General Relief Committee of Seattle, v. Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That the Report be adopted.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates on By-laws submitted to it during recess, which was on motion, adopted.

The By-laws of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, were presented and referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Petitions for the institution of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, Centennial Lodge, No. 20,

Delta Lodge, No. 21 and Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, were presented and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Committee on State of the Order presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred portions of the Reports of the Grand Master and his Deputies, beg to report that we have examined the same, and recommend that they be adopted.

E. QUENNELL,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
A. MCCORVIE,		
W. H. HUXTABLE,		

The Committee on Petitions submitted the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the Petitions for Subordinate Lodges to be instituted as follows :

Vernon Valley, No. 18, at Vernon.  
 Mount Pleasant, No. 19, at Mount Pleasant, Vancouver.  
 Centennial, No. 20, at Nanaimo.  
 Delta, No. 21, at Ladner's Landing.  
 And Gold Range, No. 22, at North Bend.

Beg to report that we find the law has been complied with in each case, and recommend that Charters be granted accordingly.

W. H. GARDINER,	}	<i>Committee</i> <i>on</i> <i>Petitions.</i>
ROBERT SCOTT,		
C. H. DICKIE,		

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, gave the following notice of motion :

To-morrow I will move the following amendment to Section 1, Article 5, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges,—Strike out the word “four” in the first line and insert the word “one” in lieu thereof, so as to read “a member who has been in membership one week may make application for election to any or all of the three Subordinate Degrees.”

A petition was read from Bro. Hugh Graham, formerly a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 10, against the action

of said Lodge in suspending him from membership for non-payment of dues without notice, and declining to reinstate him except on payment of \$19 or \$20 according to his age.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That the Petition be received and referred to a Special Committee of three. The Chair appointed Representative Scott, No. 6, Representative McCornie, No. 3, and Representative Urquhart, No. 12, to form the Committee.

W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3, gave the following notice of motion :

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move to strike out the following words from Section 27, Order of Business, Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge, viz. : " And that the nomination and election of officers shall be the last business on the first day of the session."

The Committee on Distribution submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Distribution beg leave to recommend that the different subjects of the Grand Secretary's Report be referred to the following Committees :

TO THE PRINTING COMMITTEE.—That portion of page 1, relating to the death of Bro. C. Gowen, P. G. M.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.—The last part of pages 2 and 3, part of 4, last part of 13, pages 14 and 20 to 24, inclusive.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—Pages 4 to 12, inclusive, and 17 and 18.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.—Part of page 13, referring to purchase of supplies by subordinates.

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT.—Pages 15, 16 and 19.

WM. McCOLL,	} Committee on Distribution
W. E. JOHNSTONE,	
H. WALLER,	

Moved by Grand Treasurer Holmes, and seconded by Representative A. W. Scoullar, No. 8,—That the Finance Committee be instructed to make provision in the estimates of expenditure for the ensuing year, the sum of one hundred dollars

to assist in defraying the expenses of the Grand Master when visiting Lodges officially.—*Carried.*

Moved by H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2, and seconded by Deputy Grand Master Crossan,—That this Grand Lodge send two delegates to Chicago to act with the committee there in the grand celebration to be held in September next, and that the sum of \$150 be paid to each of them.

The motion on being submitted to the vote was declared to be lost.

The Committee on Legislation presented the following Report, which was laid over one day under the rule.

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the notice of Representative Gardiner, No. 13, to amend Section 1, Article 2, of the Constitution of Rebekah Lodges, have duly considered the same and finding no legal objection to it, recommend that it be adopted.

W. G. CARSONS,	} Committee on Legislation.
A. W. SCOLLAR,	
L. COUSINS,	

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

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that we have examined the By-Laws of Mour' Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, and recommend their adoption with the following exceptions :

Article XX, Section 1,—Strike out the words "is thirteen weeks in arrears," and insert in lieu thereof, "shall owe three months dues."

Article XX., Sections 3, 5 and 6,—Strike out the word "may" and insert the word "shall," so as to make the infliction of fines for non-performance of duty obligatory.

Article XX., Section 5,—Strike out the words "at the discretion of the Lodge."

Article XVIII., Section 1,—Strike out the word "one" in fourth line and insert the word "two," recent legislation of Sovereign Grand Lodge making it imperative to pay not less than \$2 per week as a Sick Benefit.

We beg also to call attention to the fact that no provision is made in the terms of admission, Article XIV., for fees of candidates for Initiation of the age of fifty years and upwards; an omission that should be rectified.

Your Committee have also examined the amendment to the By Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, providing for the setting aside of five per cent. of the dues to form a Contingent Fund, and recommend that it be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH SEARS,	} <i>Committee on Laws of Subordinates.</i>
P. W. DEMPSTER,	
J. D. DEVLIN,	
MATTHEW DUFFIE,	
A. G. DAY,	

The Committee on Appeals presented the following Report, which was adopted :

NEW WESTMINSTER, February 9th, 1893.

*To the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's report, page 8, *re* appeal of David Green *v.* Dominion Lodge, No. 4, beg to report that inasmuch as the appeal was not presented within twenty days of the action of the Lodge, as provided by Rule I., Section 4, Code of Procedure, Article VII., Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, we recommend that the Grand Master's decision be sustained.

With respect to that part of the Grand Master's report, page 10, *re* appeal from Victoria Lodge, No. 1, against the D. D. G. M.'s decision in the affirmative to the following question: "Is a brother entitled to benefits who is out of standing for two weeks, then pays his dues and reports himself sick for three weeks?" which decision was reversed by the Grand Master. We think the decision of the Grand Master should be reversed, and that of the D. D. G. M. be sustained, inasmuch as the brother was in standing when taken sick and at that time entitled to benefits. The fact that he did not report himself until three weeks after he was taken sick, only deprives him of benefits earlier than one week previous to being reported, but does not deprive him of all right to benefits.

Page 11, Grand Master's Report, appeal of Bro. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., against the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, we beg to ask to be discharged from the consideration of his case, as we have not the facts before us.

Submitted in Fraternity, Love and Truth,

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,	} <i>Committee on Appeals.</i>
A. HENDERSON,	
R. MILLS,	
T. F. NEELANDS,	

Report read from Committee on report of Bro. D. Welsh, P. G., Special Agent of Auxiliary Benefit Association, the consideration of which was, on motion, laid over until to-morrow.

NEW WESTMINSTER, February 9th, 1893.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia :*

We, your Committee to whom was referred the report of Pro. D. Welsh, Special Agent of the Auxiliary Endowment Association, beg leave to state that we have examined the same and think he deserves great credit for the manner in which he has performed the duty assigned him by this Grand Lodge. We, therefore, take great pleasure in recommending that the report be adopted by this Grand Lodge, with the exception of the proposed changes in the Rules of the Association which can only be altered in the manner provided therein.

S. A. CAWLEY, }  
JAMES MATHER, } *Committee.*

Report read from Special Committee on Petition of Bro. H. Graham against the action of Western Star Lodge, No. 10, which was adopted.

February 9th, 1893.

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

We, the undersigned Committee on the complaint of H. Graham against the action of Western Star Lodge, No. 10, in suspending him from membership for non-payment of dues without having notified him of the fact, beg leave to report that we have performed the duty assigned us and would recommend that it be referred to the incoming Grand Master to be dealt with, as we have only got an ex parte statement to guide us.

ROBERT SCOTT, }  
ROBERT URQUIHART, } *Committee.*  
A. McCORVIE, }

The Committee on Legislation submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report suggesting the adoption of a Standing Resolution by this Grand Lodge requiring the pre-payment of supplies ordered by Subordinate Lodges, beg to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

In future all orders for supplies from Subordinate Lodges of this Grand Lodge on the Grand Secretary, must be accompanied by the requisite amount to

pay for the same, and the Grand Secretary is hereby forbidden to forward such supplies unless the terms of this Resolution are complied with.

W. G. CARSON,  
A. W. SCULLAR, } *Committee.*  
L. COUSINS,

T. C. Gray, Grand Warden, gave the following notice :

"I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move that the next annual session of this Grand Lodge be held in the City of Vancouver."  
T. C. GRAY.

T. C. Gray, Grand Warden, moved the resolution of which notice was given last session to amend Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, altering the date of its annual communication from February to April, which was seconded by Representative W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, but the further consideration of which was on motion, postponed until to-morrow.

*Resolved*,—That when this Grand Lodge rises to-day, it stands adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

Representative Gilmour, No. 10, submitted the following notice to amend the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which lays over until next session under the rule :

"I hereby give notice, that I will move at the next annual session of this Grand Lodge, that Section 1, Article XIII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the words, 'at a regular annual communication, signed by three or more representatives, from not less than three Lodges, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular communication,' and inserting in lieu thereof the following, 'signed by three or more representatives from not less than three Lodges, and delivered to the Grand Secretary not less than three months prior to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to forward a copy of all such proposed amendments to all the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction at least two weeks before the

meeting of the Grand Lodge. Such notices shall be presented to the Grand Lodge when in session.' ”

H. B. GILMOUR, No. 10.  
W. E. HOLMES, No. 1.  
P. W. DEMPSTER, No. 2.

Leave of absence for to-morrow was applied for and granted to Representative H. T. Thrift, No. 15.

Report read from Committee on Judiciary, which was adopted.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Feb. 9th, 1893.

*To the Grand Master and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of British Columbia:*

SIRS AND BRETHEREN,—Your Committee on Judiciary having carefully examined all papers, etc., submitted to them, beg to report as follows :

That the action of Grand Master, J. E. Phillips, on Proclamations from Grand Sire, *re* Anniversary of our beloved Order and Memorial Day, be approved.

Also, those portions of the Grand Master's Report relating to Dispensations for various purposes, be approved.

*Decisions of the Grand Master.*

No. 1. Question from Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15 :

Has a Subordinate Lodge power to say that it will meet only once in two weeks? *Ans.*—No. Authorities quoted.

We recommend that this decision be approved.

No. 2. From Excelsior Lodge, No 7 :

Is it a violation of the rules of Oddfellowship for a Lodge to donate a lot or a portion of a lot in a cemetery to a person in needy circumstances who is not a member of the Order? *Ans.*—Yes. Authorities quoted.

We recommend approval of this decision.

*Reports of D. D. G. M. Fowlie.*

*Re* Dispensations be approved.

Question from Victoria Lodge, No. 1 :

Is a brother entitled to benefits who is out of standing for two weeks then pays his dues and reports himself sick for three weeks previous? *Ans.*—Such person is in good standing. Decision reversed by G. M.

Your Committee having considered this matter, would recommend that the decision of the D. D. G. M. be sustained.



NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 9th, 1893.

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move the following amendments and changes to the rules of the Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association :

1st. That the name be changed to the Odd Fellows Relief Association of British Columbia.

2nd. That the Association pay a total disability benefit amounting to one-half the amount realized from one assessment on each member.

3rd. That the age for admission be limited to fifty-five years.

4th. That the admission fee be raised to \$2.50, and that no assessment be collected from new members until a death in the Association has actually occurred.

5th. That the Association agree to pay the sum of one thousand dollars, as soon as the same can be realized from one assessment.

D. WELSH.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That a Special Committee be appointed to revise the Rules of the Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association, and report at this session of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed the following to form this Committee: D. Welsh, No. 13; H. B. Gilmour, No. 10; H. T. Thrift, No. 15; and R. Gordon, No. 12.

The Grand Secretary gave notice that to-morrow he would move,—That when the Grand Lodge adjourns this day, this annual session shall stand adjourned *sine die*.

It was on motion *resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

**THIRD DAY.**

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NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,

10th February, 1893.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 10 o'clock a. m. ; J. E. Phillips, (No. 3), Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present. The Grand Marshal examined all present and reported them duly qualified, and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Minutes of yesterday's Session, were read and on motion, adopted.

The Report of Committee on Legislation recommending the adoption of the amendment submitted by Representative Gardner, No. 13, to the Constitution of Rebekah Lodges, Section 1, Article II, was taken from the table and on motion adopted.

The Report of same Committee, recommending that the amendment proposed by B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., to the Rules of the Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association, to admit all members of Rebekah Lodges to membership in said Association, be not adopted, was taken from the table, and on motion adopted.

The Report of Special Committee on the Report of D. Welsh, Special Agent of Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association, was taken from the table and on motion adopted.

Moved by J. Crossan, D. G. M., and seconded by W. E. Holmes, G. Treasurer,—That the Resolution of yesterday's session to refer the petition of H. Graham against the action of Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to the incoming Grand Master, be re-considered.—*Carried.*

Moved, seconded and carried,—That the case of H. Graham be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

W. McColl, P. G. M., moved the Resolution of which notice was given yesterday, to strike out the last portion of No. 27 of the Order of Business of the Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge, viz. : "and that the nomination and election of officers shall be the last business on the first day of the Session." Seconded by Representative W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, and carried.

T. C. Gray, Grand Warden, moved the Resolution, of which notice was given yesterday, to hold the next annual session of this Grand Lodge at Vancouver, which was seconded and carried.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, in accordance with notice moved to amend Section 1, Article V, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, to permit members to apply for Degrees one week after initiation, which was seconded. The vote being taken on the same, 22 votes were cast in the affirmative and 16 in the negative, the Resolution not having received the necessary two-thirds vote was declared lost.

W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3, moved, seconded by H. Waller, P. G. M., Grand Representative, the amendment to Section 1, Article VII, and Section 2, Article II, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, of which notice was given last Session, conferring on Appointed Officers of this Grand Lodge the right to vote. Carried unanimously.

The Grand Master presented a bill for \$9.00, expenses incurred for typewriting, postage, etc., during the past year, which was on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Special Committee on Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 10th, 1893.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia :*

We, your Committee to whom was referred the Report of Grand Secretary on Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association, beg leave to report the following resolution for adoption :

That the report as presented by the Grand Secretary be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

JAMES MATHER, }  
S. A. CAWLEY, } *Committee.*

Moved by H. Waller, P.G.M., No. 2, and seconded by W. E. Holmes, Grand Treasurer, No. 1,—That the Finance Committee be instructed to provide in the estimates of expenditure for next year the sum of \$600 as salary of Grand Secretary.—*Carried.*

Moved by Representative Scoullar, No. 8, and seconded by Representative Neelands, No. 8, That the Grand Treasurer be required to furnish a bond for \$1,000, in some Guarantee Society, for the proper performance of his duty, and that the premium on the same be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge. *Carried.*

E. Quennell, P. G. M., applied for and was granted leave of absence from to-day.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That whereas, W. McColl, E. Quennell and J. E. Phillips, Past Grand Masters, have attended and assisted in the business of this Session, that the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to include the names of these brothers in their report, and that they be paid mileage and per diem at the same rate as allowed to Representatives.

Moved by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, and seconded by Representative Gilmour, No. 10,—That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to endeavor to obtain such legislation as will prevent the payment of Sick Benefits by a General Relief Committee or Lodge to a brother absent from his own Lodge when he has failed to report himself to such Lodge or General Relief Committee during his sickness, or within a reasonable time after being taken sick, without referring the matter to the brother's own Lodge for instructions.—*Carried.*

Moved, seconded and carried,—That the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and the exemplification of the Secret Work of the Initiatory and Three Degrees of the Subordinate Lodge take place this evening in the Third Degree at 8:30 o'clock.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 2 o'clock p. m. to-day.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Lodge was declared open for business, a quorum being present and all found duly qualified.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following Report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia :*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the case of Mr. Hugh Graham against Western Star Lodge, No. 10, beg leave to report that we have examined all the papers connected therewith and fail to find wherein Mr. Graham has been unfairly dealt with. The only complaint Mr. Graham can have is simply, that the Secretary of Western Star Lodge made a mistake as to the amount required to be paid by him for reinstatement. This, however, the Lodge could scarcely be held responsible for, as it can be guided only by its Constitution and By-Laws in this respect.

Submitted in Fraternity, Love and Truth,

IOS. E. PHILLIPS,	} Committee on Appeals.
A. HENDERSON,	
R. MILLS,	
T. F. NEELANDS,	

The following Report from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem was read and adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to report that we have examined the Certificates of the Officers and Representatives attending this Grand Lodge, and find them entitled to the amounts placed against their respective names.

J. E. PHILLIPS  
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NAMES	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Traveled.	Mileage.	Total.
<i>Officers</i>							
J. E. Phillips, G. M.	3	New Westm'r.	3	\$ 6 00	..	\$ ..	\$ 6 00
J. Crossan, D. G. M.	5	Nanaimo.	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
T. C. Gray, G. W.	10	Vancouver.	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
F. Davey, G. Sec.	1	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
W. E. Holmes, G. Treas.	1	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
H. Waller, P.G.M., G. Rep	2	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
B. W. Shiles, P.G.M., "	3	New Westm'r.	3	6 00	..	..	6 00
D. Welsh, G. Marshal.	13	New Westm'r.	3	6 00	..	..	6 00
W. H. Morton, G. Guardian	5	Nanaimo.	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
J. C. McArthur, G. H.	13	New Westm'r.	3	6 00	..	..	6 00
<i>Representatives.</i>							
W. H. Huxtable	1	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
A. G. Day.	1	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
C. W. Ross.	1	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
P. W. Dempster.	2	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
A. Henderson	2	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
J. Sears.	2	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
A. McCorvie	3	New Westm'r.	3	6 00	..	..	6 00
W. Townsend.	3	New Westm'r.	3	6 00	..	..	6 00
G. Fowlie	4	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
L. Cousins	4	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
M. Duffie	5	Nanaimo.	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
R. Gourlay	5	Nanaimo.	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
R. Scott.	6	Wellington.	3	6 00	54	5 40	11 40
H. Mitchell.	6	Wellington.	3	6 00	54	5 40	11 40
S. A. Cawley	7	Chilliwack.	3	6 00	53	5 30	11 30
T. F. Neelands.	8	Vancouver	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
W. E. Johnstone.	8	Vancouver	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
A. W. Scoullar	8	Vancouver	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
R. E. Smith.	9	Kamloops.	3	6 00	242	24 20	30 20
H. B. Gilmour.	10	Vancouver	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
J. Mather.	10	Vancouver	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
W. Davis.	10	Vancouver	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
R. Urquhart.	12	Donald.	3	6 00	449	44 90	50 90
W. H. Gardiner	13	New Westm'r.	3	6 00	..	..	6 00
W. G. Carsons.	14	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
H. T. Thrift.	15	Cloverdale.	3	6 00	16	1 60	7 60
C. H. Dickie.	17	Duncans.	3	6 00	132	13 20	19 20
R. Mills.	19	Mt. Pleasant.	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
J. D. Devlin.	20	Nanaimo.	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
M. McTaggart.	20	Nanaimo	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
J. E. Phillips, P.G.M.	4	Victoria	3	6 00	96	9 60	15 60
W. McColl	3	New Westm'r.	3	6 00	..	..	6 00
E. Quennell.	5	Nanaimo.	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
				\$258 00	..	\$268 00	\$526 00

G. FOWLIE,  
R. E. SMITH,  
H. B. GILMOUR, } Committee on  
Mileage  
and Per Diem.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

*The Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your Finance Committee beg to report that we have examined the books, vouchers and reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct.

We do not see our way clear to appropriate any funds at this time for the purchase of a set of regalia to be used in instituting Lodges.

We would recommend that the per capita tax on the Subordinate Lodges be eighty cents for the ensuing year, forty cents payable on the 30th June, and forty cents payable on the 31st December.

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

*Revenue.*

Cash balance in Treasurer's hands.....	\$ 1026 88	
Per Capita Tax on 2000 members @ 80c.....	1600 00	
		\$2626 88

*Expenditure.*

Grand Secretary's salary.....	\$ 600 00	
"    Master's expenses.....	100 00	
Sovereign Grand Lodge tax.....	150 00	
Rent of Grand Secretary's office.....	100 00	
Printing.....	200 00	
Expenses of G. M. J. E. Phillips.....	9 00	
Janitor.....	15 00	
Premium on Grand Treasurer's bond.....	15 00	
Mileage and per diem.....	526 00	
Postage.....	25 00	
Caretaker of Grand Secretary's office.....	20 00	
		\$1760 00
Balance.....		\$ 866 88

Fraternally submitted,

WM. McCOLL, H. WALLER, W. E. JOHNSTONE,	}	<i>Committee on Finance.</i>
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T. C. Gray, Grand Warden, moved the resolution of which notice was given at the last session, to amend Section 1, Article II of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, altering the date of meeting from February to April, seconded by Representative Johnstone, No. 8.

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The vote was taken with the following result :

For .....	15
Against .....	23

The motion was accordingly declared to be lost.

Representative Gilmour, No. 10, gave the following notice :

I hereby give notice that at the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, I will move to amend Section 1 of Article II, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by striking out the word "February" in the second line and inserting the word "June" in lieu thereof, so as to make it read: The Grand Lodge shall hold regular Annual Communications to begin on the second Wednesday of June in each year, etc., etc.

H. B. GILMOUR, NO. 10.

HENRY T. THRIFT, NO. 15.

H. WALLER, P. G. M., NO. 2.

A request was made on behalf of Bro. Brown, that the Grand Lodge would attend at his studio this afternoon for the purpose of being photographed.

On motion the invitation was accepted.

The Special Committee on Endowment Association submitted the following Report :

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,  
10th February, 1893.

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of revising the Rules of the Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association, beg to report that we have duly considered the same and recommend that the following changes be made in the Rules in question :

*Page 3—Name and Objects:*—Alter the name of the Association, to "The Odd Fellows' Relief Association of British Columbia."

*Page 3—Membership:*—After the word "standing" in line one, insert the words "under the age of 55 years."

*Page 4:*—After the word "provided" in fifth line, insert the words "also a satisfactory Medical Certificate."

*Page 4* :—Strike out the words “ ceases from any cause whatever to hold membership in a Subordinate Lodge of Odd Fellows ” in lines 9 and 10, and insert the words “ be expelled from the Order for cause.”

*Page 7—Fees, Dues and Assessments* :—Line 3, strike out the words “ One dollar ” and insert “ Two dollars and fifty cents.” Line 3, after the word “ and ” insert the words “ the applicant shall, if accepted, pay.” Line 4, after the word “ assessment ” insert the words “ within sixty days of the Certificate of Membership.” Line 6, strike out the words “ these amounts ” and insert “ the Application Fee of two dollars and fifty cents.” Line 7, after the word “ him ” insert the words “ the applicant must also pay the cost of the Medical Certificate.” Line 14, after the word “ benefit ” insert the following, “ Until the Endowment Fund shall consist of at least two thousand dollars, there shall be an assessment levied on the members at the usual rate of assessment on the first day of January, March, May, July, September and November, and when the sum on hand shall consist of two thousand dollars, it shall be discontinued, but whenever it shall be less than two thousand dollars the assessments shall be resumed as above.” Line 24, after the word “ suspension ” insert the words “ provided that he furnishes a Certificate of good health signed by the N. G. of the nearest Lodge to his place of residence and by an acceptable physician.”

*Page 9—Benefits* :—Line 10, strike out the word “ thirty ” and insert the word “ ninety.”

*Page 10* :—Line 2, strike out all the words of the section after the word “ the ” and insert in lieu thereof the following, “ sum of one thousand dollars, if there be that amount on hand in the Endowment Fund, and if there be not one thousand dollars on hand, then the order shall be for the full amount at that time in the Endowment Fund, which shall be paid over to the beneficiaries of the deceased in full settlement of all claims.”

We would also recommend that the Grand Master appoint an agent in each District, as may be recommended by the Lodges, to further the interests of the Association.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Love and Truth,

D. WELSH,  
ROBT. GORDON,  
HENRY T. THURF,  
H. B. GILMOUR.

Moved, seconded and carried, —That the Report be received and considered *scritum*.

Moved and seconded, —That Clause 1, relating to change of name be adopted.

Moved and seconded, —That the report be amended by striking out the word “ Relief,” and substituting the word “ Insurance.”

The amendment on being submitted to the vote, was declared to be carried.

*Clause 2*—Limiting the age of applicants for membership to 55 years, was on motion, adopted.

*Clause 3*—Requiring applicants to furnish a medical certificate, was on motion, adopted.

*Clause 4*—Respecting forfeiture of membership through expulsion from the Order for cause, was also agreed to.

*Clause 5*—Respecting entrance fee, etc., was also adopted.

*Clause 6*—Respecting return of application fee, if not accepted, was adopted.

*Clause 7*—As to mode of levying assessments, was on motion, adopted.

*Clause 8*—As to certificates required in case of reinstatement after suspension, was adopted.

*Clauses 9 and 10*—As to the date and amount of benefits payable at death of a member, were also adopted.

The recommendation as to appointment of Agents was amended by striking out the word "District" and inserting the word "Lodge."

Moved and seconded,—That the Report as amended be adopted.

Moved as an amendment by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, and seconded by Representative Fowlie, No. 4,—That the Rules as amended, be printed and distributed to the Lodges and the present members of the Association, and that they do not become operative until after the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, which was not agreed to.

The Resolution on being submitted was declared carried.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn for one hour.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned accordingly.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 5 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present.

All present were examined and reported qualified, after which the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for business.

Moved and seconded,—That the Agents appointed to represent the Insurance Association be paid the sum of one dollar for each new member accepted.

Moved as an amendment and seconded,—That the amount be one dollar and fifty cents for each new member, which was agreed to.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That the sum of seventy-five dollars be paid Bro. D. Welsh, P. G., from the Management Fund of the Insurance Association to reimburse him for expenses incurred whilst acting as Special Agent of the Association during last year.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That a Special Committee be appointed, consisting of Bros. R. Gordon, P. G., No. 12, C. F. Yates, P. G., No. 19, and the Grand Secretary, to prepare and submit to the next Session of this Grand Lodge a form of Policy to be substituted in place of the Certificate of Membership now issued to the members of the Insurance Association. Also that they be empowered to make any necessary corrections in the Rules of the Association in order to remove any inconsistencies occurring therein prior to re-printing the same.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to New Westminster Lodge, No.

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3, for the use of the hall, etc., during this Session of the Grand Lodge.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That a vote of thanks be tendered to Royal City Lodge, No. 13, for the kind manner in which it treated the members of this Grand Lodge at the ball and supper last evening.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn till 8:30 p. m. this evening.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 10:30 p. m., all the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present.

The Grand Lodge was declared open for business after all present had been examined and reported duly qualified.

H. Waller, P. G. M., on behalf of the Grand Encampment of British Columbia, thanked the Grand Lodge for courtesies extended in adjourning on Thursday afternoon last, thus permitting the Grand Encampment to meet and transact its business.

The Grand Lodge was declared closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and re-opened in the Third Degree for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers elect.

The Third Degree members in waiting having been admitted, the Grand Master requested Wm McColl, P.G.M. and H. Waller, P.G.M., to present the officers elect for installation.

James Crossan, No. 5, was presented, obligated and installed into the office of Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed into their respective chairs the following elective officers :

- T. C. Gray, No. 10, as.....Deputy Grand Master.
- W. E. Holmes, " 1, as.....Grand Warden.
- F. Davey, " 1, as.....Grand Secretary.
- P. J. Foulds, " 3, as.....Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master appointed the following to fill the subordinate offices for the ensuing year, who were presented and installed into their respective chairs :

- W. H. Morton, No. 5, as.....Grand Chaplain.
- L. Cousins, " 4, as.....Grand Marshal.
- H. Mitchell, " 6, as.....Grand Guardian.
- W. H. Gardiner, " 13, as.....Grand Conductor.
- S. A. Cawley, " 7, as.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Master appointed the following as his District Deputies :

- W. G. Carsons, No. 14, for.....District No. 1.
- W. E. Townsend, " 3, for..... " No. 2.
- G. Cavalsky, " 20, for..... " No. 3.
- M. McDonald, " 6, for..... " No. 4.
- J. Peers, " 7, for..... " No. 5.
- C. F. Yates, " 19, for..... " No. 6.
- R. E. Smith, " 9, for..... " No. 7.
- G. W. Clinton, " 11, for..... " No. 8.
- J. Mathie, " 12, for..... " No. 9.
- H. T. Thrift, " 15, for..... " No. 10.
- J. H. Mathieson, " 16, for..... " No. 11.
- W. T. Shatford, " 18, for..... " No. 12.
- J. F. Stainton, " 21, for..... " No. 13.
- A. McAllister, " 10, for..... " No. 14.

Also, the following as District Deputies for Rebekah Lodges :

- Sister Mrs. Grant, for.....District No. 1.
- " " Colson, for..... " No. 2.
- " " Norris, for..... " No. 3.
- " " McCutcheon, for..... " No. 4.
- " " Baker, for..... " No. 5.

Also, the following to form the Standing Committees for the ensuing year :

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FINANCE.—W. McColl, P.G.M., No. 3; H. Waller, P.G.M., No. 2; W. E. Johnstone, No. 8.

APPEALS.—A. Henderson, No. 2; G. Fowlic, No. 4; M. Duffie, No. 5; D. Welsh, No. 13; H. B. Gilmour, No. 10.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4; R. Scott, No. 6; J. Devlin, No. 20; P. W. Dempster, No. 2; J. H. Meldram, P.G.M., No. 2.

PETITIONS.—H. B. Gilmour, No. 10; W. H. Gardiner, No. 13; W. E. Townsend, No. 3.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—A. G. Day, No. 1; T. F. Neelands, No. 8; R. Gourlay, No. 5.

LEGISLATION.—C. H. Dickie, No. 18; H. Mitchell, No. 6; R. Mills, No. 19.

JUDICIARY.—B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; H. T. Thrift, No. 15; J. Mathers, No. 10.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—R. E. Smith, No. 9; C. W. Ross, No. 1; R. Uiquhart, No. 12.

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary, Grand Warden, F. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1.

The Third Degree Members present having retired, the Grand Lodge was closed in the Third Degree and re-opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

It was, moved, seconded and carried,—That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Captain John Irving, Manager of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, for his kindness in detaining the steamer from Victoria, on Tuesday last, beyond the hour appointed for her sailing, so as to allow the Officers and Representatives from that city to be present at the time appointed for the opening of this Grand Lodge.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the retiring officers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective stations during the past year.

The Grand Master appointed the following as Grand Instructors for the ensuing year :

C. W. Ross,	No. 1, for.....	District No. 1.
J. C. McArthur,	" 13, for.....	" " 2.
M. Duffie,	" 5, for.....	" " 3.
M. McDonald,	" 6, for.....	" " 4.
R. Campbell,	" 7, for.....	" " 5.
T. F. Neelands,	" 8, for.....	" " 6.
E. T. W. Pearse,	" 9, for.....	" " 7.
W. Mitchell,	" 11, for.....	" " 8.
J. McLeod,	" 12, for.....	" " 9.
B. B. Smith,	" 15, for.....	" " 10.

These appointments were on motion confirmed.

The Minutes of to-day's Session were read and on motion adopted.

The Grand Secretary moved, seconded by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*.—*Carried*.

The Grand Lodge was then declared closed in due form.

FRED'K DAVEY,  
*Grand Secretary.*



In Memoriam.

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CHAS. GOWEN, P. G. M.

INITIATED IN "VICTORIA" LODGE, NO. 1,  
12TH SEPTEMBER, 1864.

GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
1879-80.

DIED 8TH DECEMBER, 1892.

**ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES,**

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR HALF YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1892.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as A. O.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Ceased Membership by P. D.	Total No. of Members.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	No. of Pat. Grands.	REVENUE.
Victoria, No. 1.....	Victoria	Monday...	3			1				9	164		6	39	\$1865 80
Columbia, No. 2.....	Victoria	Wednesday	8	4			2		1	3	168		19	33	1891 14
New Westminster, No. 3.....	New Westminster.	Friday.....	17	4			2	2	1		131		30	24	1064 50
Dominion, No. 4.....	Victoria	Thursday...	18	1			9				119	1	10	25	1254 75
Black Diamond, No. 5.....	Nanaimo	Wednesday...	3	2			3				137		12	22	2164 50
Harmony, No. 6.....	Wellington	Monday.....	9				1				146	3	35	13	1157 50
Excelsior, No. 7.....	Chilliwack	Tuesday...	1				1				52		10	14	490 00
Vancouver, No. 8.....	Vancouver	Friday.....	38	1			4				135		81	8	1789 50
Tainai, No. 9.....	Kamloops	Monday.....	5			1	2		1		71		12	7	544 00
Western Star, No. 10.....	Vancouver	Thursday...	26	3	1		3				144	2	93	10	1289 25
Union, No. 11.....	Union.	Friday.....	3	1							60		11	5	498 00
Selkirk, No. 12.....	Donald	Thursday...	4								56		20	4	596 05
Royal City, No. 13.....	New Westminster.	Thursday...	20	2			6	1	1	1	87		59	5	1106 75
Acme, No. 14.....	Victoria	Friday.....	11	3							70	1	61	7	688 50
Cloverdale, No. 15.....	Cloverdale	Friday.....	26		2						56		75	1	742 00
Kootenay, No. 16.....	Nelson	Monday.....	14	6							20		11	2	750 75
Duncans, No. 17.....	Duncans.....	Saturday...	14	10							24	1	45		889 50
Vernon Valley, No. 18.....	Vernon	Tuesday...	22	7							20	1	60		688 00
Mount Pleasant, No. 19.....	Mt. Pleasant (Van)	Friday.....	16	11					1		26	2	38	2	351 00
Centennial, No. 20.....	Nanaimo	Monday.....	47	6							53		105	3	538 00
			305	61	3	2	32	3	5	13	1748	13	793	224	\$20719 49

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NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	Instituted.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Ceased Membership by N. P. D.	Error last Report.	Total No. of Members.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	No. of Past Grands.	REVENUE.
Victoria, No. 1.	Victoria	Monday	5	5				3	4		162		11	37	\$1684 75
Columbia, No. 2.	"	Wednesday	9	1				1	5		172	1	18	35	1875 95
New Westminster, No. 3.	New Westminster.	Friday	6						2		135		17	25	1070 75
Dominion, No. 4.	Victoria	Thursday	10	2					3		128	1	14	26	1232 28
Black Diamond, No. 5.	Nanaimo	Wednesday	2	1				1	3		136	1	3	21	2398 00
Harmony, No. 6.	Wellington	Monday	6					1	2		149	2	16	14	999 00
Excelsior, No. 7.	Chilliwack	Tuesday	1		1						49		1	12	436 00
Vancouver, No. 8.	Vancouver	Friday	18			1			5		152		41	12	1618 95
Tatnai, No. 9.	Kamloops	Monday	3	1		4			1		70		9	7	775 40
Western Star, No. 10.	Vancouver	Thursday	12	1		1					156	2	48	11	1180 50
Union, No. 11.	Union	Friday							1		59			7	411 00
Selkirk, No. 12.	Donald	Thursday	7			2			1		60	2	21	5	672 20
Royal City, No. 13.	New Westminster.	Thursday	4		1				2	1	88	2	21	5	652 50
Acme, No. 14.	Victoria	Monday	18				1				87		20	9	868 40
Cloverdale, No. 15.	Cloverdale	Friday	2					1	1		56		9	2	340 20
Kootenay, No. 16.	Nelson	Monday	2	1							23		20	4	304 80
Duncans, No. 17.	Duncans	Saturday	4								28	1	12	2	290 00
Vernon Valley, No. 18.	Vernon	Tuesday	9								38		27	1	451 25
Mount Pleasant, No. 19.	Mt. Pleasant (Van)	Friday	15	1				1	1		42		35	2	495 50
Centennial, No. 20.	Nanaimo	Monday	48	4							104	1	3	5	1663 50
Delta, No. 21.	Ladner's Landing.	Monday	31	9							40		94		464 50
Gold Range, No. 22.	North Bend.	Tuesday	15	5							20	2	45		572 00
			227	26	2	8	1	9	30	1	1954	15	485	240	\$20427 43

## ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL RELIEF REPORTS

OF THE LODGES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA I. O. O. F., FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1892.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	No. of Brothers Buried.	No. of weeks Sick Benefits Paid.	AMOUNT PAID FOR			Total Relief Paid.	Amount of Current Expenses.	Total Assets
					Relief of Brothers.	Relief of Families.	Relief of Widowed the Dead.			
Victoria, No. 1.....	28	1	3	395	\$ 3600 00	\$170 00	\$ 295 00	\$ 3465 00	\$ 849 95	\$ 15713 85
Columbia, No. 2.....	25	..	1	77	766 00	.....	75 00	996 50	1619 12	46000 00
New Westminster, No. 3.....	13	1	1	47	492 50	55 00	75 00	622 50	1954 37	19731 92
Dominion, No. 4.....	16	..	2	56	560 00	.....	70 00	771 00	543 22	10600 00
Black Diamond, No. 5.....	20	2	1	81	583 00	25 00	110 00	718 00	2209 94	26000 00
Harmony, No. 6.....	33	..	1	247	1775 40	.....	110 00	1885 40	4152 68	6034 51
Excelsior, No. 7.....	2	..	..	3	15 00	.....	.....	15 00	60 00	4250 00
Vancouver, No. 8.....	11	..	..	41	201 50	.....	.....	201 50	1767 60	5000 00
Tainai, No. 9.....	3	1	1	12	120 00	50 00	75 00	245 00	669 72	3082 88
Western Star, No. 10.....	18	..	..	121	1060 00	.....	.....	1060 00	566 40	2193 90
Union, No. 11.....	8	..	..	15	225 00	.....	.....	225 00	338 50	2018 90
St. Kirk, No. 12.....	5	..	..	21	266 00	.....	41 00	247 00	265 15	2233 80
Royal City, No. 13.....	13	..	1	29	322 00	.....	130 00	452 00	248 71	1450 00
Avenue, No. 14.....	8	..	..	17	292 50	.....	.....	317 80	749 00	1182 90
Cloverdale, No. 15.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	50 00	50 00	419 25	2153 00
Kootenay, No. 16.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	758 66	497 55
Duncans, No. 17.....	1	..	..	2	20 00	.....	.....	20 00	321 05	675 00
Mount Pleasant, No. 18.....	1	..	..	..	37 00	.....	.....	37 00	461 68	600 00
Mont Pleasant, No. 19.....	..	..	1	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	226 90	977 75
Centennial, No. 20.....	..	..	1	..	.....	.....	75 00	75 00	166 40	1422 10
Delta, No. 21.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	584 50
Gold Range, No. 22.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	203 31	542 00
205	5	14	1164	\$ 9675 90	\$300 00	\$1106 00	\$ 11403 70	\$ 18660 41	\$140144 56	

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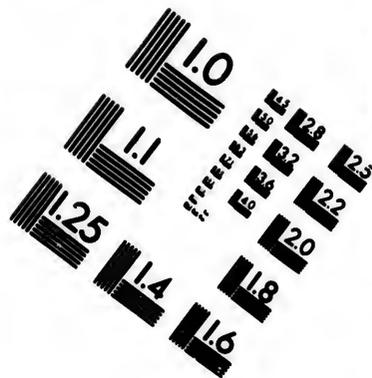
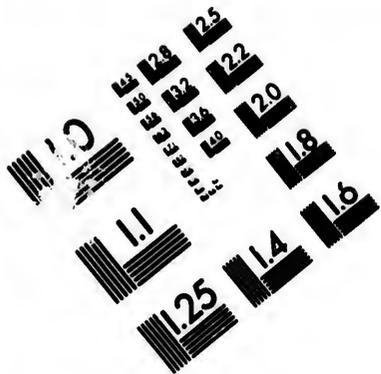
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			Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Receipts.	Expenses.	Assets.
Colfax, No. 1.....	Victoria .....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.	7	3	76	42	\$257 23	\$207 70	\$246 00
Mizpah, No. 2.....	Vancouver.....	1st and 3rd "	2	1	20	14	80 03	122 00	86 00
Miriam, No. 3.....	Nanaimo .....	Every alternate "	5	12	43	33	303 93	128 48	228 35
Ruth, No. 4.....	Chilliwack.....	" Monday	3	2	25	15	34 00	8 75	32 25
Beulah, No. 5.....	New Westminster..	2nd and 4th Tuesday.	12	13	38	33	193 00	85 04	155 80
			29	31	202	137	\$874 13	\$553 47	\$748 30

## OFFICERS OF REBEKAH LODGES

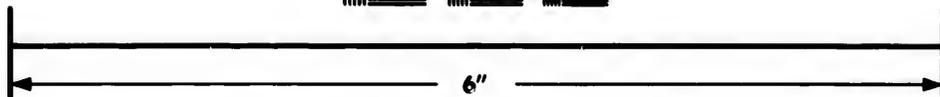
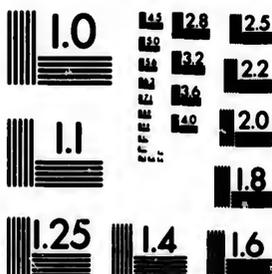
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NAME AND No. OF LODGE.	Noble Grand.	Vice Grand.	Secretary.	Treasurer.	Permanent Secretary.
Colfax, No. 1	Mrs. Emma Clyde	Mrs. Helen McCallihl.....	Miss Agnes Huxtable.	Mrs. R. E. Phillips.....	Bro. Geo. Wilby.
Mizpah, No. 2	Miss Sarah Campbell.	Miss Maggie Barnes.....	Miss Cassie Barnes.....	Mrs. K. Campbell.....	Miss A. Webster.
Miriam, No. 3	Mrs. Ellen Gourlay..	Miss Isabella Fulton.....	Mrs. Mary Leask.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Ramsay	Miss Margaret Hardy.
Ruth, No. 4..	Miss Mary Marshall..	Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson.	Bro. L. W. Paisley ..	Bro. J. McCutcheon..	Bro. J. Peers, P. G.
Beulah, No. 5.	Mrs. Charle M. Foulds	Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson..	Miss Maggie McRim.	Miss Eleanor Mann..	Bro. Thos. Carrie.





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OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE TERM COMMENCING 1st JANUARY, 1893.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Noble Grand.	Vice-Grand.	Recording Secretary.	Treasurer.	Permanent Secretary.
Victoria, No. 1.	Victoria	A. Graham	T. M. Jones	Fred. Davey, P.G.	P. A. Phillips, P.G.	Fred. Davey, P.G.
Columbia, No. 2.	"	M. McKinnon	Geo. Wilby	R. W. Fawcett, P.G.	A. Henderson, P.G.	W. Jackson
New Westminster, No. 3.	New Westminster	T. A. Muir	A. H. Ferguson	Geo. H. Grant	P. J. Foulds, P.G.	J. L. Caldwell
Dominion, No. 4.	Victoria	E. Whitcomb	H. Green	T. Bamford, P.G.	P. A. Balington, P.G.	T. Bamford, P.G.
Black Diamond, No. 5.	Nanaimo	D. G. Dailey	N. Milburn	W. H. Morton, P.G.	J. Crossan, P.G.	W. H. Morton, P.G.
Harmony, No. 6.	Wellington	A. Robertson	D. F. Egger	H. Woodhouse	T. Haggart	H. Woodhouse
Excelsior, No. 7.	Chilliwack	W. Wood	R. J. Marshall	G. H. W. Ashwell	J. McCutcheon	J. Peers, P.G.
Vancouver, No. 8.	Vancouver	J. McPherson	A. Miller	W. Abercrombie	T. F. Neelands, P.G.	A. J. Mould
Tatnai, No. 9.	Kamloops	E. C. Davison, P.G.	M. J. McIver	E. T. W. Pearse, P.G.	R. E. Smith, P.G.	E. T. W. Pearse, P.G.
Western Star, No. 10.	Vancouver	C. A. Godfrey	J. Hurlmann	G. Moscrop	A. McAllister, P.G.	A. Webster
Union, No. 11.	Union	John Bruce	J. Fulcher	W. Anthony	J. Denton	Chas. Whyte
Selkirk, No. 12.	Donald	J. H. Shirrett	T. Taylor	Jas. Mathie, P.G.	A. W. Denman	J. Mathie, P.G.
Royal City, No. 13.	New Westminster	N. Strople	W. H. Lewis	H. F. Clinton	W. H. Gardiner, P.G.	D. Welsh, P.G.
Acme, No. 14.	Victoria	Chas. Strong	E. Dickenson	S. W. Edwards, P.G.	J. Jackson	T. Tubman
Gloverdale, No. 15.	Gloverdale	W. McDonagh	J. C. Murphy	F. J. McKenzie	W. Murray	R. D. McKenzie
Kootenay, No. 16.	Nelson	E. C. Arthur	J. Neelands	W. Hodson	J. F. Hume	K. Baxendale
Duncans, No. 17.	Duncans	J. Cathcart	J. McLay	J. Siret	W. G. Manley	J. C. Campbell
Vernon Valley, No. 18.	Vernon	J. A. McKelvie	F. B. Jacques	W. C. Pound	T. E. Crowell	V. Hicks
Mount Pleasant, No. 19.	Mt. Pleasant (Vn)	J. Johnson	G. A. Miller	C. F. Yates, P.G.	S. Astell	O. Wolf
Centennial, No. 20.	Nanaimo	F. S. Whiteside	J. Lowry	G. Cavalsky, P.G.	W. Marshall	J. McCallum
Delta, No. 21.	Ladner's Landing	W. B. Skinner	P. E. Ladner	J. E. Gilmore	D. B. Grant	J. Calder
Gold Range, No. 22.	North Bend	J. Callin	W. Nelson	J. Calder	J. Choate	J. Calder

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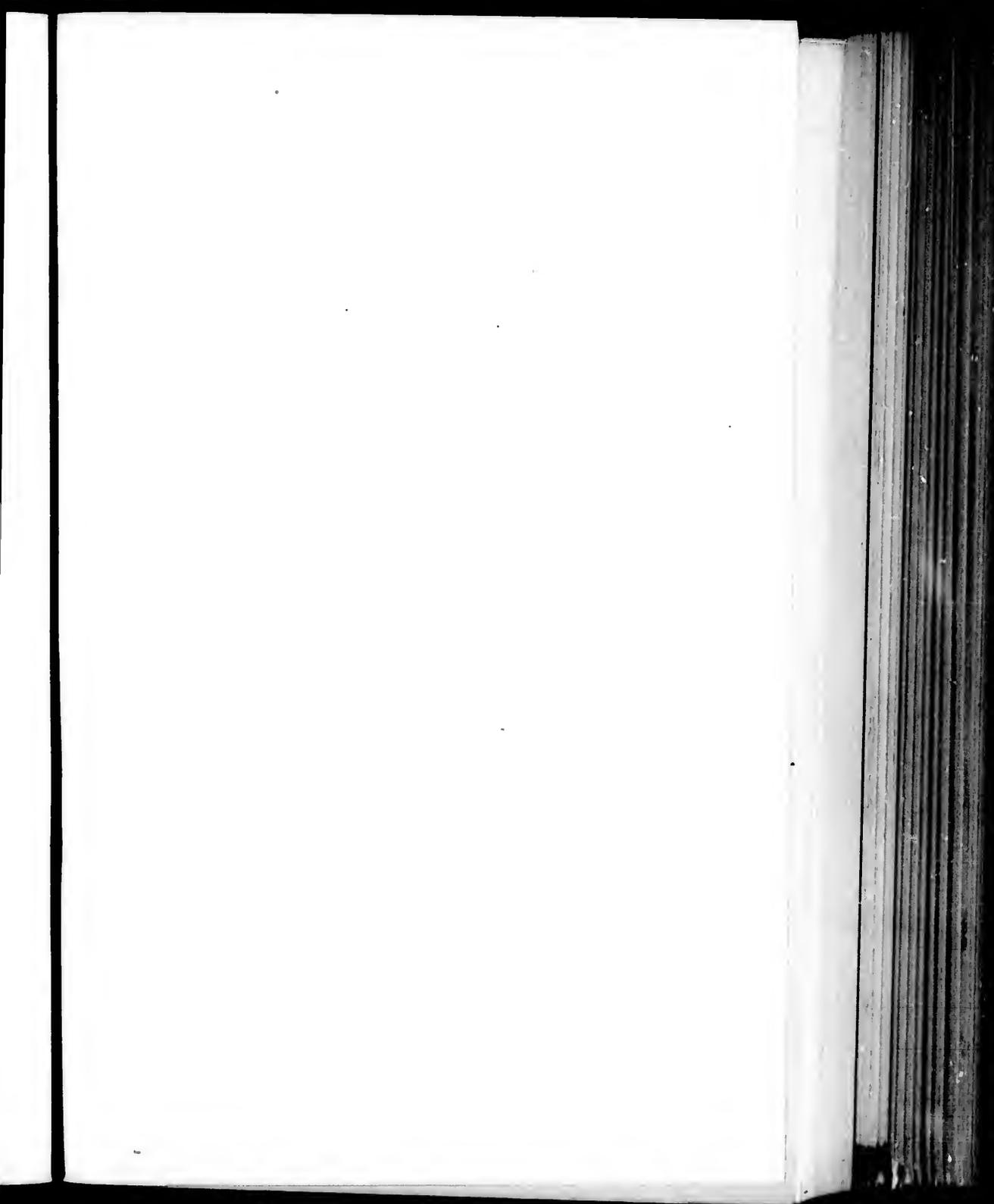
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