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ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GRAND DIVISION

OF THE

Sons of Temperance,

OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,

HELD AT

EAST FARNHAM, the 8th & 9th JULY. 1868.

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East Farnham, Wednesday, 8th July, 1868,
2 o'clock, p.m.

The Grand Division Sons of Temperance of the Province of Quebec, met this day, Wednesday, 8th July, 1868, at two o'clock p.m.

G. W. P., Rev. J. W. Manning, presiding

Officers present:—Rev. J. W. Manning, G. W. P ; John S. Hall, G.S ; R. Hutchins, G. T ; Rev. E. S. Ingalls, G. Chap ; R. Goddard, G. Con.

G. W. P. filled vacancies as follows.—

Rep. Rev. A. Duff, G. W. A ; W. Bates, G. Sent.

Rep. J. M. M. Duff, was named Assistant Grand Scribe.

Prayer by G. Chap.

Grand Division opened in form.

G. W. P. named as a Committee on Credentials, Rep. J. M. M. Duff, W. Stevenson, and J. A. Reed, who reported the following correct:—

Howard Division, No. 1, J. Massie, Jun., W. P. and R. Hyde,
P. W. P.

Bethel Division, No. 5, John Winter, W. P. ; Wm. White, R. L. Gibson, Dan. McMaster, Rev. W. C. Clark, James A. Reed, W. Winter, Wm. Fennell and Wm. McNaughton, P. W. P's.

Victoria Division, No. 10, G. T. Walker, W. P.; T. C. Ireland,
John Jackson and Alex. Stewart, P. W. P's.

Granby Division, No. 44, B. Longley, W. P.

Adamsville Division, No. 50, Jas. Whitten, W. P.; A. C. Dupry,
P. W. P.

Cowansville Division, No. 58, C. E. Cotton, M. D. W. P.
John Massie, Sen., P. W. P.

East Farnham Division, No. 59, J. Littledale, W. P.; P.
Mansfield, and H. Taber, P. W. P's.

West Shefford Division, No. 64, W. V. Whitten, W. P.; R.
W. Richardson, L. H. Lawrence, H. A. Lawrence, Z. S.
Lawrence, J. E. Lawrence, E. Todd, and H. Gladden, P.
W. P's

The following Representatives being in waiting were introduced
by the Grand Conductor and duly initiated, viz:—

Howard Division, No. 1, John Massie, Jun., W. P.; and Joseph
Allan, P. W. P.

Cowansville Division, No. 58, C. E. Cotton, W. P.; and J.
Massie, Sen., P. W. P.

Adamsville Division No. 50, J. Whitten, W. P.; and A. C.
Duprey, P. W. P.

East Farnham Division, No. 59, J. Littledale, W. P.; P.
Mansfield. P. W. P.

West Shefford Division, No. 64, W. V. Whitten, W. P.

G. W. P. then appointed the following Committees:—

Good and Welfare.—Reps. J. A. Reed, Rev. A. Duff, and
Wm. Stevenson.

Finance.—Reps. McIntosh, Nicol, and Josleyn.

Appeal.—Reps. Dewar, Rose, Goddard, Robinson, and Smith.

Publications, &c.—Reps. Martin, Barrett, and Robinson.

Moved by Rep. J. F. Thompson, seconded by G. Tr. Hutchins,
and carried:—That the hours of meeting and adjournment of
this Grand Division be as follows:—Adjourn this day at 5 o'clock

p.m., and meet again at 7 o'clock p.m.; meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a.m., adjourn at 12 noon, meet at half-past 1 p.m., adjourn at 5 p.m., meet at 7 p.m.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Josleyn, seconded by Rep. Thompson, and carried:—That the delivery of the address by P. G. W. P. Duff, be postponed, that an opportunity may be afforded to give public notice of it. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Stevenson, seconded by Rep. Dewar, and carried:—That a public meeting be held to-morrow at 7 o'clock p.m. and the address from Rep. Rev. A. Duff, be then delivered. Carried.

G. W. P. read his Report:—

Worthy Brothers.—It becomes our pleasing duty as we are thus from time to time permitted to assemble together, to acknowledge the goodness of the God "in whom we live, move and have our being," and by whose kind care we have been preserved again to assemble in Annual Meeting in Farnham East.

Law or usage, I am not quite sure which, places on the shoulders of your G.W.P., the duty of presenting to you at each Grand Division meeting a report as to the state of the Order within the jurisdiction; the data for such report being gathered as is supposed from the reports of the Deputy G. W. P.'s scattered throughout the Province; these reports if furnished regularly and fully would assist the G. W. P. very materially in this part of his work; but I regret that I have to echo the complaints of my predecessors as to the remissness of the Deputies in this respect. In fact, to expect a report from the G. W. P. based on reports which only exist in imagination is a repetition of Pharaoh's demand upon the children of Israel to make bricks without straw.

In consequence of the change of the time of holding our Annual Meeting, only a little over four months and a half has passed since we last met, and the shortness of the time is another barrier to my presenting you with the usual report, and has also prevented my visiting as I would have desired to do, most, if not all of the Subordinate Divisions, in this jurisdiction. I had the pleasure in part of February and March to visit a portion of the field that properly belongs to us to work, and I am not without hope that my visit was conducive to the good of our Order and to the building up of the Temperance cause; for a more extended notice of my trip and its results I must refer you to the reports of the Grand Scribe and the Lecture Committee and on this head will say no more than that I am more than ever convinced that the right man in the right place as a Lecturer would meet with the hearty support of our subordinate Divisions and soon place the pecuniary results beyond a doubt.

On the whole I believe the Order to be in a more flourishing condition than when we last met. 2 Divisions having been organized and three

recruited, and I am pleased to know that the prosperity of our noble Order has not been confined by territorial limits, but that from the sister Provinces as well as from the neighbouring States, and across the Atlantic come to us the cheering intelligence that the red, white and blue is still being born onward, prejudice is giving way, many an one who has hitherto stood aloof is coming with us in the firm belief that we will do them good, and that enlisted under the banner of the Sons of Temperance they can fight more successfully the common foe, and thus during the past year we have had to welcome over sixty thousand recruits into our ranks.

The National Division which is essentially conservative in its character, and does not rashly lend its sanction to changes in our Constitution or Laws at its late session held in Nashville gave to Grand Divisions, the power to remove the disability imposed on members under eighteen years of age, in Section 1, Article 3 of the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions and which reads as follows "but no member shall be allowed to vote in the Division who is under eighteen years of age." By the recent change, which has my cordial approval, Grand Divisions are empowered to confer upon subordinate Divisions the right of enacting a by-law, giving to all its members the privilege of voting, and I respectfully suggest to this G. D. the desirability of giving the G. W. P. the power to grant such permission when applied for in the intervals between the Session, thus removing what is felt in many cases to be a hardship by the younger members, and sanctions taxation without representation.

In view of the general interests of the Order, and which should rise above sectional interests, I suggest that another effort be made to extend our boundary line so that Divisions now in the Eastern portion of the Province of Ontario, say east of Prescott and Ottawa, may if they are so desirous, work under and in connection with this G. D., thus affording us a larger field in which to work, and giving the Divisions affected by the change an opportunity of being oftener represented in the Parliament of the Order, and so creating in them a greater interest, and which would not, I believe in the end seriously impair the position of the G. D. of Ontario. I would recommend the appointment by this Grand Division of a Committee to confer with the proper parties and endeavour to bring about a "consummation so devoutly to be wished."

Referring to the oft repeated complaint of the failure on the part of Deputies to forward their returns, I would recommend to this G. D. the repeal of so much of our by-laws as refer to D. G. W. P's. reports, by which much useless expense may be saved, and in lieu thereof, to provide that each Division shall either by its representatives, or by post, if unrepresented, forward to the Grand Scribe at each session of the G. D. a letter detailing the progress, or otherwise, of the Division during the past six months, its present position, any extraordinary means that may have been employed for promoting its efficiency or increasing the interest of the Division room, and offering any suggestions to the G. D for the good and welfare of our Order.

I would also strongly urge upon the several Divisions the absolute necessity of making the Division Room so attractive that the regular meetings of the Order shall be looked forward to by the young especially with delight, and this may easily be effected, if some of the older mem-

bers will forget their age and remembering their periods of youth will lay themselves out to enlist and keep the youth of our Province in our Divisions, and thus shall we have growing up a noble army to put on the armor and bear steadily onwards to victory our banner when those who are now bearing the burden and heat of the day will have passed off the stage of action.

On the other hand I would as strongly urge upon Divisions not to confine themselves to the routine of the Division room, but by the holding of public meetings, distribution of tracts, circulation of Temperance literature, the holding of social meetings and all other legitimate means make our Order a living, active, powerful agency, for the promotion of the great work of the temperance reform.

In this connection I would also follow in the steps of some of my predecessors in office and call attention to the suicidal policy of members of the Order joining with and building up rival organizations where our Order exists. Let me not be misunderstood, I am prepared to say God speed to all who are engaged in the great work of crushing out intemperance and feel that there is alas too much demand for all their energies, but when those energies are expended in fields already occupied, an unhealthy rivalry is created, jealousies are fomented and the common weal is sacrificed. I cannot see how a temperance man can any more reasonably belong to two organizations in the one place than he can to two companies of volunteers, it is an old yet still true axiom that "no man can serve two masters."

Our P. M. W. P. during his term of office set in motion the necessary machinery for a convention of the friends of temperance on this continent and with such success that the convention has been called to meet in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 29th of this present month. I would recommend that this G. D. be represented on that occasion, and subordinate Divisions also are invited to send delegates, I urge this the more strongly because in recent conventions attacks of a systematic character have been made upon our Order on account of its alleged secrecy, and it is due to the cause we love that we should have our Champions in the field ready to repel the attacks of all comers and to prove that our Order is maligned, either from interested motives or from ignorance.

Believing as I do that in order to consolidate our cause the creation of a National Division for the whole of British North America is an absolute necessity, I recommend to this G. D. the taking such steps as may to them appear advisable to forward such an object.

Since we last met the heart of our New Dominion has bled, and the civilized world has stood aghast at the presence of an assassin amongst us and who lifted his dastardly hand against one whose kindness of disposition and genial heartedness had endeared him to all classes of the community; and upon us as temperance men the blow falls heavily, as the late Hon. Thos. Darcy McGee was giving such promise of future usefulness in the promotion of our beloved cause; suddenly his eloquent tongue has become mute in death; and all our hopes from him have been blighted. His sudden death has left us a sad duty to perform and which I believe this G. D. will with mournful pleasure hasten to discharge, viz., to convey to his widow and family our respectful sympathy with them in their trying and painful bereavement and our deep regret that

the widow has lost a loving husband, the children a fond father, the Dominion a wise counsellor and Ireland a friend of whom might be said in the language of Antony over Cæsar: "This was the noblest Irishman of them all. His life was gentle and the elements were so mixed up in him that nature seemed to stand up before all the world and say this was a man"

In conclusion Brethren let me remind you that time is short that whatsoever our hands find to do should be done with all our might, that as the rain drops form the shower that invigorates and refreshes the earth, so it is united individual action that will break down the barriers of tyrannical custom and strike off the fetters from the enslaved ones of our land. Onward then Sons of Temperance you have a noble mission before you the fields are already white to the harvest, every quarter of the globe is marshalling her hosts for the conflict, the battle cry is being shouted in many languages, in this struggle boundary lines are obliterated, geographical distinctions are blotted out, we are one in purpose and in spirit, never did our cause occupy a better position than at the present, every section of the civilized world is giving signs of a new life and the advancing waves of the tide of public opinion are thundering against the barriers of ignorance and prejudice. Sons of temperance to you belongs the front place in this Legion of Honor, go ye up and possess the land, better times are drawing nigh science is coming forward to our aid the Christian Church is beginning to understand its true position in relation to our cause, the night is breaking the morning cometh, "'Tis coming, yes 'tis coming,"

And this old world is growing brighter

We may not see its noon sublime

But high hopes makes the heart beat lighter

Sons of temperance, add to your temperance godliness, that thus living soberly, righteously and godly in this present evil world, you may each at last hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me and which I regret has not been more worthily sustained, and acknowledging my great indebtedness to our very valuable and indefatigable G. Scribe.

I am, Worthy Brothers,

Yours in L. P. & F.,

J. W. MANNING, G. W. P.

Province of Quebec.

On motion referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Josleyn, seconded by Rep. Rev. A. Duff, and carried:—That we do now proceed to nominate Officers for the ensuing year:—

The following were then named:

G. W. P., Rep. Rev. J. W. Manning.

G. W. A., Rep. G. Adams.

G. S., Rep. John S. Hall.
 G. Chap., Rep. Rev. E. S. Ingalls.
 G. Treas., Rep. R. Hutchins.
 G. Con., Rep. R. Goddard.
 G. Sen., Rep. C. H. Mansfield.

Moved by Rep. Rose, seconded and carried :—That the election of Officers be the first order of business for evening session.

A communication was read from D. G. W. P. Halerow, of Hungerford Division, complaining that at a meeting of that Division, a motion to surrender their Charter was illegally passed, and asking that the opinion of this Grand Division be given in the matter.—The G. W. P. decided that such vote was illegal, inasmuch as 11 members of the Division were prepared to sustain the Charter.

Rep. Thompson appealed from the decision of the G. W. P.
 —The decision of the G. W. P. was unanimously sustained.
 Grand Division adjourned to meet at 7 p.m.

7 o'clock, p.m., 8th July.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as afternoon session.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of afternoon session read and confirmed.

Moved, seconded and carried :—That the election of Officers be postponed for half an hour.

Grand Scribe read his report :—

EAST FARNHAM,

Wednesday, July 8, 1868.

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Division of the Province of Quebec.

Worthy Brothers.—We are again met to interchange the greetings of an exalted friendship, to counsel and admonish one another on the discharge of duty and to deliberate on matters calculated to promote the prosperity of our noble Order and the cause of Temperance. Let our motto be onwards and upwards, and with a humble dependence on divine aid we shall not labor in vain.

Since our last meeting, the twenty-fourth session of the National Division has been held at Nashville, Tennessee. The meeting was ple-

sant and harmonious and a considerable amount of business was transacted. There were not so many Representatives present as on some former occasions. Sixteen States and four provinces were however represented at the Session.

The following is a short summary of the principal business transacted:—

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

That Sec. I, Art. III of Constitution of Subordinates be amended by adding thereto, "and provided further that members between the ages of 14 and 18 may be allowed to vote by a By-Law of their Subordinate Division permission having been first obtained from their Grand Division for the enactment of such By-Law."

That Sec. I. Chap. VIII. Code of Laws be amended by striking out the words "Provided that it shall not take effect until the expiration of the current quarter," and in lieu thereof the following words be inserted, "or notice that such will be done at that or the following meeting."

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

"That the bounds of the jurisdiction of each Grand Division shall be the same as the State, District, Province, or Territory on which it is located, except in such cases as where the jurisdiction has been or may be divided by this body."

"That this body highly approves of the holding of Temperance prayer meetings and recommend their establishment where practicable."

"That the National Division recognizes the importance and necessity of creating a sound public opinion on the subject of Total Abstinence which will demand of the Legislature of the country the enactment of Laws which will effectually prohibit the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

"That all Subordinate Divisions take the oversight of the interests of the cause in their respective localities, hold public meetings, circulate the pledge, organize the children into Bands of Hope, Sections of Cadets, Cold Water Legions, or other similar juvenile organizations, and scatter a temperance literature."

"That the Regalia of Female members be of like form and material as that prescribed for male members, except that they may be of smaller dimensions, than those usually provided for male members."

DECISIONS BY THE M. W. F. CONFIRMED BY NATIONAL DIVISION.

Grand Division Officers may resign and their resignations be accepted at a special Session.

Elections to fill vacancies in offices can only take place at regular sessions.

DECISIONS ON APPEALS.

That a motion to expunge a portion of the record is not in order.

A By-Law of a Subordinate Division restricting Brothers in arrear for dues, from voting is constitutional.

That the fact of a Brother holding a commission as D. G. W. P.,

and not being a W. P., or P. W. P. does not entitle him to a seat in the Grand Division.

A Ballot retaining a Brother in membership who had violated his pledge cannot be re-considered.

The request of the Grand Division of C. E., for a change of name has been granted.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Division of C. E., submitting a scheme for the establishment of auxiliary Divisions, reported that they had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that the change called for would not be conducive to the interest of the Order and should not be granted. In the opinion of the Committee the more simple and free from complications we can keep the machinery of our Order so much more effective will be our work.

I believe it to be the duty of your Grand Scribe to lay before you such information as may from time to time come to his knowledge as to what may transpire in other localities in temperance matters. In pursuance of this belief, I now lay before you a copy of a stringent license law recently enacted by the Legislature of Prince Edward Island, which has been forwarded to me by the Grand Scribe of that jurisdiction. Some of the friends in that locality are much dissatisfied with this law as not going far enough, but it is at least a step in the right direction and ought to be accepted as such. A half-loaf is better than no bread.

This law inter alia enacts;—That no tavern or store licensed to retail spirituous liquors in less quantities than two gallons, (except in certain places mentioned) shall be granted unless on the production by the applicant for such license of a certificate signed by one of the two Justices of the Peace nearest to the proposed tavern or store of the applicant, setting forth that at a public meeting held by the said Justice of the Peace, a majority of the inhabitants present at such meeting qualified to vote for school trustees in the school district where such tavern or store is situate, were desirous of having such tavern or store in operation. That no meeting shall be convened by such Justice unless upon a requisition in writing addressed to him and signed by at least three resident house-holders stating the name of the party or parties professing to apply at such meeting for a tavern or store license.

The Most W. Scribe informs me that a National Division for Australia, was, on the 14th day of March last, organized in the city of Sydney, New South Wales. There are about seventy divisions and eight thousand members at present under the jurisdiction of that National Division. From the same source I have also received information of the organization of divisions in the States of Georgia and Florida.

I lay before you a communication from the Grand Scribe of the Grand Division of Prince Edward Island conveying resolutions passed by that Grand Division, in favor of the formation of a National Division for the British North American Colonies. This is a subject of vast importance and ought to be well weighed and maturely considered. In forming our judgment on the matter, the main thing to be considered is what course will best conduce to the good and welfare of our Order.

The following is a synopsis of the Returns from 22 Divisions for the quarter ending 31st March last. Very few returns have yet reached me for the quarter ending 30th June last.

Initiated,	150
Withdrawn	32
Suspended,	34
Violated pledge 1st time,	9
" " 2nd time,	3
Reinstated,	11
Expelled for violation of Pledge,	9
" " nonpayment of dues,	8
Death,	3
Contributing Members,	797
Lady Visitors,	553
Public Meetings held,	16
Receipts,	\$277.80
Incidental Expenses,	224.90
Cash on hand,	177.60
Per Capita tax to Grand Division,	55.79

The following is a copy of the returns to the National Division for the year 1867.

Number of divisions in operation,	24
Number Admitted,	293
" Reinstated	82
Expelled for Violation of Pledge,	44
" other causes,	116
Deaths,	3
Violations of Pledge,	56
Whole number of members,	760
" " Lady Visitors,	774
Amount of Receipts,	1006.48
Paid Benefits,	10.04
Cash an hand,	135.04
Per Capita tax to Grand Division,	257.40
" " " National Division,	22.80
Number of members to Grand Division,	126
Reps. to National Division,	16
Temperance Meetings held,	40
Boys and Girls enrolled in temperance organizations,	400

Since annual meeting in July two new Divisions have been organized three Divisions have reorganized and by information received from different members of the Order it appears that considerable additions have been made to the membership in several of the subordinate Divisions. Your Grand Scribe feels assured that had the returns for June quarter been furnished he would have been enabled to make a very favourable report of the present State of the Order.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

JOHN S. HALL, G. S.

On motion referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

Grand Scribe's Financial Statement read :—

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SCRIBE

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand to Credit of Lecture fund	- - - -	\$47 70
" Amt. per cap tax received from 5th Feby. to 8th July 1868.	- - - -	110 40½
" Amt. for Charter fees, Books &c., for same period.	- - - -	22 17¼
		<u>\$180 28</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid expense to Annual Session	- - - -	3 50
" Postages, and carriage of parcels	- - - -	10 82
" to Grand Treasurer	- - - -	94 56
" to Lecture Fund	- - - -	66 96
Amount on hand	- - - -	4 44
		<u>180 28</u>

East Farnham,
8th July, 1868.

JOHN S. HALL.
Grand Scribe.

Grand Treasurer's Report read.

The Grand Division S. of T., P. Q., in account with Grand Treasurer

Dr.

For amt. paid M. W. S. per cap. tax 1867	\$22 80
" Revised Ritual	1 50
" Sundries	6 86
" F. E. Grafton, Stationery	6 40
" J. C. Becket, Printing	22 00
" Grand Scribe on account.	35 00
	<u>\$94 56</u>

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For amount received from Grand Scribe.	- - -	\$94 56
East Farnham		
8th July, 1868.		

R. HUTCHINS.
Grand Treasurer.

On motion referred to Finance Committee.

A communication from the department of State of the United States, relating to expressions of condolence presented to the Department by this Grand Division at the time of the late President's assassination was read.—It mentioned a book which was to accompany it, but which has never come to hand. The Grand Scribe was instructed to use his best endeavours to obtain the book, the same being a valuable one.

The election of Officers was then proceeded with :—

The G. W. P. named Rees and McIntosh, as scrutineers.

The following was the result of the election :—

G. W. P., Rev. J. W. Manning.

G. W. A., George Adams.

G. Scribe, John S. Hall.

G. Chap., Rev. E. S. Ingalls.

G. Treas., R. Hutchins.

G. Con., R. Goddard.

G. Sent., C. H. Mansfield.

The installation of Officers was then proceeded with.

The G. W. P. elect, Rep. Rev. J. W. Manning, was duly obligated according to form and conducted to his seat.

The other Officers were then installed in the following order :—

Rep. George Adams, G. W. A., Rep. John S. Hall, G. Scribe, Rep. R. Hutchins, G. Treas., Rep. Rev. E. S. Ingalls, G. Chap., Rep. R. Goddard, G. Con., and Rep. C. H. Mansfield, G. Sent.

G. W. P. Manning, then addressed the Grand Division.

Grand Division adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

9th July, 1868, 9 o'clock, a. m.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

G. W. P. in the chair.

Officers all present.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Read communication from Bethel, Ormstown Division, requesting that the semi-annual session of this Grand Division be held in the Village of Durham, Co. of Huntingdon.

It was thereupon moved by Rep. Reed, and seconded :—

That the Semi-annual Session of the Grand Division be held at Durham, Ormstown.—Carried.

Moved and seconded :—

That the time for holding the semi-annual session be the second Wednesday of January, 1868.

In amendment it was moved and seconded :—

That the time be fixed for the third Wednesday in January, 1868 — amendment carried.

It was moved and seconded :—

That the By-Law of this Grand Division requiring that all applications for the meeting of the Grand Division in the several localities, must be made in writing, signed on behalf of the Division offering such invitation by the W. P. and R. S.—be suspended for the present session :—Carried.

The following nominations were then made of places for holding the annual session.

Adamsville. Cowansville. Bedford. Quebec Sherbrooke.

Quebec selected.—Should the Subordinate Divisions in Quebec not desire to have the meeting there, the Board of Grand Officers are hereby empowered to name another place of meeting :—

Moved and seconded :—“ That the time for holding the annual session be the first Wednesday in July.”

In amendment moved and seconded :—That the time be fixed for the last Wednesday in June.”

Amendment lost, and main motion carried.

The following were elected Representatives to the National Division :—J. C. Becket, John S. Hall, G. Matheson, A. Smeaton, Henry Rose, Revd. A. Duff, J. B. Lay, G. Martin, W. Stevenson and Wm. Josleyn, P. G. W. P's, A. P. Halbur, John Sears, W. H. Orr, Revd. C. P. Watson, and Revd. George Anderson, P. G. W. A's ; the Revd. J. W. Manning, G. W. P. and George Adams, G. W. A.

The Finance Committee presented their Report

Your Finance Committee having examined the financial statement of Grand Scribe, and Report of Grand Treasurer, with the Vouchers, find the same correct.

J. MACINTOSH,
W. JOSLEYN,

On motion adopted.

The Good and Welfare Committee presented their Report :—

Rep. the Rev. A. Duff, a minority of the Committee dissented from that portion of the Report recommending the formation of a National Division for British North America.

Moved, seconded and carried:—That the Report be received and discussed clause by clause in Committee of the whole. Grand Division resolved into a committee of the whole, Rep. J. M. Hall in the chair. At 12 noon the Grand Division resumed, when the Committee of the whole reported progress and asked leave to sit again. Leave granted.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at 1.30. p. m.

9th July, 1868. 1.30 p. m.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment G. W. P. presiding.

Officers all present.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Minutes of forenoon session read and confirmed.

The Grand Division resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to continue the discussion of the Report of the Good and Welfare Committee.

At 4.30 Grand Division resumed. Committee of the whole reported the Report of the Committee on Good and Welfare amended as follows :—

The first clause having been read, it was moved and seconded :—That it be adopted ; in amendment it was moved and seconded, that all after the words “ perfecting his report,” be struck out, the following be substituted :—“and would recommend that each Division shall cause to be furnished to the Grand Scribe at least six weeks previous to each session of Grand Division, information respecting the progress or otherwise of the Division during the past six months, its present position, any extraordinary means that may have been employed for promoting its efficiency or increasing the interest of the Division room, and offering any

suggestions to the Grand Division for the Good and Welfare of our Order." Amendment Carried:—

Second Clause read, and on motion adopted. Third Clause read, and on motion adopted. Fourth Clause read, and on motion adopted. Fifth Clause read, and on motion adopted.

Sixth Clause read—Moved and seconded, that the Clause be adopted—Lost. Moved in amendment.—That the whole Clause be struck out,—Lost. Moved in amendment to the amendment—That the words "highly disapprove," be substituted for "strongly condemn" Carried.

Seventh Clause read—Moved and seconded that it be adopted,—Lost. Moved in amendment—"That we recommend as many as can make it convenient to attend the Temperance Convention to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, on 29th inst. do so, and that they be furnished with Credentials by the Grand Scribe."—Carried.

Eighth Clause read,—Moved and seconded that it be adopted—Lost. Moved and seconded in amendment. that this clause be laid on the table—Lost. Moved and seconded in amendment to the amendment:—"That provided the Grand Divisions of the various British North American Provinces are in favor of it, this Grand Division will give its hearty assent to the formation of a National Division for British North America.—Carried, 20 for, and 18 against."

Remaining Clauses severally read, and on motion adopted.

Moved and seconded that this report be adopted as a whole as amended. Carried.

Good and Welfare Committee Report as amended in Committee of the whole.

To the G. W. P. Officers and Representatives.

We the Good and Welfare Committee to whom is referred the G. W. P's and G S's report, exceedingly regret that D. G. W. P's do not faithfully perform their duty in supplying the G. W. P. with the regular information for perfecting his report, and would recommend that each Division shall cause to be furnished to the Grand Scribe at least six weeks previous to each session of Grand Division, information respecting the progress or otherwise of the Division during the past six months, its present position, any extraordinary means that may have been employed for promoting its efficiency or increasing the interest of the Division room and offering

any suggestions to the Grand Division for the Good and Welfare of our Order.

It affords great satisfaction to your Committee to learn that two new Divisions have been organized, and three old ones recruited and that the prosperity of our Noble Order is extending, not only in our own immediate locality and continent, but that other continents are participating in its advantages.

Relative to the recommendation of G. W. P., advising that all members be allowed the privilege of voting, we fully concur in the suggestions made by him and unhesitatingly recommend that this G. D. give power to the G. W. P. to extend this indulgence to Subordinate Divisions.

We are also of opinion that it is desirable we should endeavour to extend our boundary line, and that a Committee should be named on this question as suggested by G. W. P.

We fully endorse the sentiments of G. W. P. relative to making the Division room as attractive as possible, and recommend public lectures, distribution of tracts, and circulation of Temperance literature.

We highly disapprove of the practice of members of our Order uniting themselves with similar organizations where Divisions of our Order exist already.

That your Committee recommend as many as can make it convenient to attend the Temperance Convention to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, do so, and that they be furnished with credentials by the Grand Scribe.

That provided the various Grand Divisions of the British North American Provinces, are in favour of it, this Grand Division will give its hearty assent to the formation of a National Division for British North America.

In respect to the dastardly assassination of the late Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, we strongly urge this G. D. to appoint a Committee to draw up a resolution expressing our abhorrence of the detestable crime, our sorrow for the loss of our distinguished statesman, and our sincere sympathy with the members of the bereaved family.

By the G. S's report we learn that amendments to the Constitution have been made, and hope they will prove beneficial to the interests of our Order.

We are pleased to learn that our request for a change of name has been granted, and suggest that this G. D. do at this annual session change the name from its present one to that of the G. D. of Province of Quebec.

It is a matter of satisfaction that Legislatures are enacting laws in a measure suppressing the traffic in intoxicating liquors and we do gladly hail it as a sign that public opinion on this question is being aroused, and that more stringent measures will quickly follow, that total prohibition will yet become the order of the day, and we believe it to be the duty of all Sons of Temperance to use their endeavours to their utmost capacity to accomplish so desirable an end.

Respecting the often reiterated complaint of Subordinate Divisions not furnishing their Quarterly Returns, thereby preventing the G. S. from giving a correct return, we are of opinion that if the attention of Subordinate Divisions were called to this very important item of duty by this G. D., we feel assured a more satisfactory state of things would be attained.

All of which we respectfully submit, in L. P. and F.

JAMES A. REED.
W. STEVENSON.

It was moved and seconded:—"That the Report of the Good and Welfare Committee as amended in Committee of the whole, striking out the clause relative to the formation of a National Division for the British North American Provinces be adopted."

In amendment it was moved and seconded:—"That the Report be adopted as a whole." Amendment lost—main motion carried, 21 to 19.

The Yeas and Nays being called for on the main motion, the following is the result:—

Yeas.—Rev. A. Duff, George Martin, J. J. Higgins, J. M. M. Duff, J. M. Hall, John Massie, Jun., H. Rose, C. E. Cotton, W. Josleyn, C. H. Mansfield, R. Hutchins, J. F. Thompson, A. P. Hulburt, R. W. Sanborn, Geo. Adams, T. O. Lewis, E. A. Fordice, James Kay, C. Miner, J. Whitten, and H. Taber. 21.

Nays.—T. Fessenden, John S. Hall, Wm. Bates, R. Smith, T. Robinson, Joseph Allen, Rev. J. W. Manning, J. McIntosh, J. A. Reed, Wm. Stevenson, J. Massie, Sen., J. Littledale, R. Goddard, R. Allan, Rev. E. S. Ingalls, D. Dewar, R. Alcombrack, R. Nicol, A. C. Dupry. 19.

The G. W. P. named as a Committee, on the extension of boundary line, and as delegates to the Grand Division of Ontario, the G. W. P., Reps. Rev. A. Duff, Fessenden and Barrett.

G. W. P. named as a Committee to prepare resolutions of condolence to the family of the late Hon. T. D. McGee, Reps. Martin, J. M. Hall and Grand Scribe.

Read Report of Lecture Committee as follows.—

To the G. W. P., Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division S. of T., Province of Quebec.

Worthy Brothers:—Your Committee having secured the services of G. W. P. Manning as Lecturer, he commenced his labours shortly after the close of the Annual Session in February last. For the detail of his labours we refer you to the following report laid by him before the Lecture Committee:—

To the Lecture Committee of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Canada East.

Dear Brethren,

I beg to hand you a brief report of a tour made by myself in compliance with a request from you, and regret that I could not make it a longer tour or present a more successful report.

I left home on the 17th of February, but in consequence of the failure of the G. T. R. trains, I did not reach Montreal until about five p.m. on Tuesday the 18th and was thus necessarily compelled to be absent from the first appointment at St. Johns. On the 19th proceeded to *Grandby* and found a large audience gathered who listened attentively to the remarks made, and I hope good was done. *Shefford Mountain*, 20th—a very few gathered, and the general opinion seemed to be, that it was impossible to recuscitate the Division here.

West Shefford, 21st.—Met here with a few of the good men and true, but whose hopes were not as strong as their desires, although the result of the meeting in the evening (which was well attended) proved that there were still a goodly number of the friends of our Noble Order in the neighbourhood, and a vote was taken to revive the Division which has I believe since been done.

Knowlton, 22nd.—Being Saturday and other adverse circumstances operating prevented a meeting, but on Sunday evening a large audience gathered, to whom I preached a Temperance Sermon and I left them in the earnest hope that they would reorganize, but in this I have been disappointed.

Sutton, 24th.—A good audience and a vote to reorganize the Division and a meeting called on Wednesday for that purpose, but I afterwards learned that in consequence of the faint heartedness of the former members, no good resulted.

West Brome, 25th.—Another good meeting and a considerable number gave their names as being willing to form a Division, but here also I believe no further action has been taken.

Sweetsburgh, 26th.—A small attendance comparatively, but large really, the friends said, and great attention paid. I consulted with P. G. W. P. Rose, and others, as to the desirability of forming a Division, and their opinions were, that the time had not arrived, judge then my surprise when I read a few days afterwards of the formation of a Temple in the commencement of which some of our own members took part.

Cwansville, 27th.—A good meeting as is usually the case in this place and there are here some of the right sort to build up and work a Division.

Farnham East, 28th.—Another good meeting at which I hope good was done.

Adamsville 29th.—The brethren here were assembled to celebrate the anniversary of their Division and as they only get an opportunity once in four years they appear to go in for a good time, and it afforded me a welcome rest, that here I was required to use my teeth instead of my tongue. Could we scatter abroad the members of the last three places named, they would doubtless by their zeal do much good to the cause.

Adamsville, March 1st.—Sunday, addressed a large audience in the afternoon in the Academy: and in the evening preached a Temperance Sermon in the Congregational Chapel, Cowansville.

Monday, March 2nd.—Found myself very unwell, the day exceedingly cold and stormy, the prospect of a meeting at *Farnham Centre* not good, under the most favourable circumstances, now down below zero, all induced me to refrain from proceeding thither which I afterwards learnt was no disappointment, and the same cause by being unwell and in need of rest prevented my visiting the *Cowansville Division* that night.

Dunham, March 3rd.—Meeting small, and great encouragement given of the recusatation of the *Division* at an early date, but I have since been pained to find that here also whilst we have laboured, others, the *Templars* have entered into our labours.

Bedford, March 4th.—Went there expecting great things and was not disappointed, a large audience gathered and the friends were confident that the seed sown would ultimately produce fruit.

Phillipsburgh, March 5th.—An excellent meeting ending in a veto to recusatate, which I believe has since been done.

Vienna, March 6th.—A severe snow storm put a veto on our meeting for that evening and made travelling almost an impossibility.

Bedford, March 7th.—Visited the two *Divisions* at *Bedford* and endeavoured to reconcile differences here, but failed to effect any good, we have here some really good members and it is a great pity that our *Order* should not have the benefit of their energy and zeal. On *Sunday* evening preached to a large and respectable audience.

Lacolle, March 9th.—The state of the roads prevented my getting her^e in time for the meeting, and on consultation with the friends it was considered advisable to withdraw the appointment from *Odeltown* and hold the meeting announced for the 10th in *Lacolle*, this was done and the result was highly encouraging, the attendance good, the attention complete, and the result, the re-organizing of the *Division*.

St. Johns, March 10th.—Found the land here in possession of the good *Templars* who were not desirous of hearing one who followed not with them, and therefore no meeting was held.

Montreal, March 12th.—A small meeting under the auspices of the *Howard Division*, the evening very unfavourable from rain.

I have to acknowledge the kind and able assistance at some of these meetings of my esteemed brethren—*Ingals, Watson, Orr, Constable*, and last though by no means least, *P. G. W. P. Josleyn*, who is a host in himself.

To the brethren who so kindly afforded me comfortable houses, and helped me on my way, my best thanks are due, and I pray that the blessings of him who maketh rich and addeth no sorrow thereto, may rest on them all, and may this and all similar efforts prove beneficial to our *Order* and redound to *God's* glory and man's good.

Respectfully submitted, in *L. P. & F.*,

J. W. MANNING.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Granby Division,	\$4 00
Cowansville Division,	5 00
East Farnham "	5 00
Adamsville "	5 00
Bedford "	5 00
R. Alcombrack, Subscription	2 00
E. Do "	1 50
N. C. Martin "	2 00
W. Joselyn "	5 00
Rev. G. Slack "	4 00
Sundry collections	33 68
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	\$72 18

EXPENDITURE.

Travelling expenses in all and inclusive of supply for three Sundays	\$20 35
Balance to Cr. of Lecture Fund.	51 83
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LECTURE COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Amount from Grand Scribe being proceeds of 3 cents additional per capita tax for 1867	\$66 96
Amount collected by G. W. P.	72 18
Annual Subscription by Rep. J. M. Hall	10 00
" " " J. S. Hall	12 00
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PAYMENTS.

Paid H. Rose, for advertising Lectures in "District of Bedford Times"	\$1 50
Paid G. W. P's travelling expenses, &c.	20 35
" G. W. P. for services	86 00
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Balance on hand	\$53 29

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. HALL. *Chairman.*

On motion Report adopted.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall and seconded:—"That the per capita tax be for male members seven cents, and for female members three cents." Carried.

Moved by Rep. Martin and seconded:—"That the Grand Scribe's Salary be \$100 per annum." Carried.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall and seconded:—"That the Grand Chap. be appointed to deliver the discourse at the semi-annual session primarily, and the Rev. W. C. Clarke alternately." Carried.

Moved by Rep. Rose and seconded :—" That the G. W. P. be empowered to grant liberty to Subordinate Divisions making application during recess of Grand Division, to pass a By-law allowing youths from 14 to 18 years of age to vote in Division."—Carried.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Josleyn :—" That the Grand Scribe be authorized to grant a new Charter to Division in Bedford, free of cost.

On motion 200 copies of proceedings were ordered to be printed and distributed as usual.

Moved by Grand Chaplain and seconded :—" That the thanks of the Grand Division be tendered to Rep. J. M. M. Duff for his valuable services as assistant Grand Scribe."

Minutes read and approved.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division closed to meet at Durham, Ormstown, on Wednesday the 20th day of January, 1869.

JOHN S. HALL, *Grand Scribe.*

LIST OF DEPUTIES.

Howard Division, No. 1. Montreal—T. Fessenden,
Gough Division, No. 3. Quebec—P. Johnson.
Perseverance Division, No. 4. Huntingdon—W. W. Dalglish.
Bethel Division, No. 5. Ormstown—W. McNaughton.
St. Andrews Division, No. 9. St. Andrews—Rev. J. W. Manning, G. W. P.
Victoria Division, No. 10. Lachute—John Jackson,
Lancaster Division, No. 11. Lancaster—J. M. Snider.
St. Michael's Union Division, No. 14. Athelstan—J. Breadner,
St. Lawrence Division, No. 16. Quebec—P. Leueur.
Lacolle Division, No. 17. Lacolle—J. O'Connor.
Manningville Hope Division No. 22. Manningville.
Bristol Division, No. 28. Bristol—D. Campbell.
Harmony Division, No. 34. New Glasgow—J. Sieveright.
Havelock Division, No. 39. Inverness—W. H. Lambly,
Granby Division, No. 44. Granby—R. Nicol.
Phillipsburg Division, No. 48. Phillipsburg—Eaton.
Adamsville Division, No. 50. Adamsville—A. C. Dupry,
Hungerford Division, No. 54. Bedford—G. Halerow.
Bedford Division, No. 55. ————W. Josleyn.
Cowansville Division, No. 58. Cowansville—W. Stevenson,
East Farnham Division, No. 59. East Farnham—A. Skinner,
West Shefford Division, 64. West Shefford—R. W. Richardson,
Covey Hill Division, No. 70. Covey Hill—J. Curran.
Star of Hope Division, No. 75. Rawdon—W. Robinson,
Dundee Division, No. 80. Dundee Centre—A. Cameron,
Georgetown Advance Division, No. 81. Allens Corner's—Jas. Brodie, Sen.
Howick Star Division, No. 82. Howick,

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

In attendance at the Annual Session held at East Farnham on the 8th and 9th July, 1868

G. W. P., Rev. J. W. Manning,	G. W. A., George Adams.
G. S., John S. Hall.	G. T., R. Hutchins,
G. Chap., Rev. E. S. Ingalls,	G. Con., R. Goddard,
G. Sent., C. H. Mansfield	

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—John S. Hall, James M. Hall, G. Martin, W. Bates, Rev. A. Duff, T. Fessenden, T. Robinson, J. M. Duff, R. Smith, Jos. Allan, J. J. Higgins, and John Massie, Jun.

BETHEL DIVISION, No. 5.—James A. Reid,

ST. ANDREWS.—Rev. J. W. Manning, D. Dewar, and J. McIntosh,

GRANBY DIVISION, No. 44.—James Kay, Rev. E. S. Ingalls, C. Miner and R. Nicol.

ADAMSVILLE DIVISION, No. 50.—E. A. Fordice, R. Goddard, George Adams, R. Allan, A. C. Dupry, W. T. O. Lewis, and J. Whitten,

HUNGERFORD DIVISION, No. 54.—R. Alcombrack.

BEDFORD DIVISION, No. 55.—Wm. Josleyn,

COWANVILLE DIVISION, No. 58.—Wm. Stevenson, John Dent, C. E. Cotton, and John Massie, Sen.

EAST FARNHAM DIVISION, No. 59.—G. H. Mansfield, A. P. Hulbert, J. F. Thomson, R. W. Sanborn, Rev. A. Vilas, Arthur Skinner, P. Mansfield, R. Hutchins, D. Brimmer, H. Taber, and J. Littledale.

WEST SHEFFIELD DIVISION, No. 64.—L. H. Lawrence, H. A. Lawrence, Z. S. Lawrence, James E. Lawrence, R. H. Richardson, and W. V. Whitten.

LADY VISITORS

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—Miss C. Robinson,

ST. ANDREWS DIVISION, No. 9.—Mrs. Manning.

ADAMSVILLE DIVISION, No. 50.—Mrs. A. Gilbert, Mrs. G. Adams, Mrs. R. Goddard, Mrs. J. Taber, Mrs. C. W. Tilton, Mrs. Tower, Miss Hattie Wright, Miss Jane Gilbert, Miss Deborah Gilbert, Miss Sarah Anne Goddard, and Miss Abby Martin, Mrs. E. A. Fordice.

COWANVILLE DIVISION, No. 58.—Mrs. Wm. Stevenson, Mrs. J. Dent, and Miss Hattie Stevenson.

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