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OF THE

Grand Lodge of Canada West,

I. O. O. F.,

AT ITS

SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held at St. Catharines, in the Rooms belonging to Union Lodge, No. 16,

ON THE

First Day of August, 1860, at Eleven o'Clock A.M.



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SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Grand Lodge of Canada West,

HELD AT ST. CATHARINES, IN THE ROOMS OF UNION LODGE, NO. 16, ON THE
FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, 1860, AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.,
PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

THE Grand Officers and Representatives having assembled in the
Rooms of Union Lodge, No. 16, the presiding Noble Grand delivered
the following address:—

*Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge
of Canada:*

As the Noble Grand of Union Lodge No. 16, it affords me much pleasure
to welcome you amongst us on this occasion; and on behalf of Union
Lodge, I tender you the free use of this Hall during your present Session.
I trust your intercourse with us will be characterized by that good feeling
which should always actuate true Odd Fellows, and that in your delibera-
tions nothing will occur to embarrass your actions or disturb your harmony.
Four years have elapsed since it was our privilege to entertain you at St.
Catharines in our old Lodge Room, at which time our then G. M., the late
lamented Thos. Reynolds, Esq., M.D., of Brockville, was pleased to compli-
ment us as being the most prosperous Lodge in his jurisdiction. Since then
we have seen some severe reverses of fortune; but through the kind and un-
erring guidance of an All-wise Providence, who hath sent blessings in dis-
guise, we are again in a flourishing condition. In welcoming you to this
Lodge, and to the town of St. Catharines, we also request that you will do
us the honor to become our guests at a public dinner, to be given this even-
ing at the *Welland House*, in honor of the Grand Lodge. And in conclusion,
let us tender our grateful acknowledgements to the Divine Grand Master,

The Credentials from Imperial Lodge No. 89, accrediting P. G. John Collins as their representative, had no Seal attached, the Lodge having none. The Credentials from Gore Lodge No. 34 were likewise without seal, the same being destroyed by fire. We also find the Credentials from Eureka Lodge No. 30, not in regular form, and also the Credentials from Ontario Lodge No. 12, not correctly worded, and without seal. Your Committee, however, would recommend the acceptance of the above Credentials, but would suggest to this R. W. Grand Body the necessity of future uniformity in all our forms. If we do not insist upon this in our Grand Body, we cannot expect correct working in the subordinate Lodges, from which we would recommend that a few hundred copies of blank Credentials be printed, and the necessary copies sent to each Lodge with the other papers to be filled, with the Returns. One of the Credentials to be forwarded to the D. D. G. M. with the Returns, or to the Grand Secretary, and the other with the Representative.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BARR, Chairman.

A. C. DANA, Secretary.

W. H. NELSON, Treasurer.

On motion, the report was adopted. On motion of Rep. Bingham, of No. 34, the reading of the Minutes of the Cobourg Session was dispensed with, and adopted as printed.

The Grand Master then appointed the under-mentioned Representatives on the following Standing Committees:

ON RETURNS:—Reps. John R. Cook, W. A. Glover and John King.

ON FINANCE:—Reps. H. C. Bingham, J. R. Peel and John McLean.

ON APPEALS:—Reps. A. McDonald, A. C. Dana, John Collins, Richard Box and Wm. H. Read.

ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES:—Reps. John Barr, Robt. Fitzsimmons, Hugh Murray, E. W. Dixon and Wm. H. Nelson.

ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM:—Reps. John King, H. C. Bingham and Richard Box.

ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER:—Reps. John King, Wm. A. Glover and Calvin Stephens.

All communications and papers appertaining to the business of the said Committees were referred to them, to enable them to report with as little delay as possible.

The Grand Master was then pleased to read his Annual Address, as follows:

The Grand Master's Address.

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

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS :

The period fixed by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge for the annual Communication having arrived, it becomes my duty to render to you a report of my stewardship and official acts. But first I would join with you in acknowledging our dependence and gratitude to an All-wise Providence, who has once more permitted us to meet under such favorable circumstances, for the purpose of reviewing the past, and to make such alterations and amendments as may in your wisdom be found necessary for the best interests and furtherance of the principles of our beloved Order.

In my last report, mine was the unpleasant task to call your attention to the long continued illness of the late Past Grand Master, Thos. Reynolds, Esq., who, it may be truly said, was the father of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, and whose untiring zeal for the well-being and prosperity of Odd Fellowship was ever uppermost in his thoughts and actions. Ever ready to relieve the distressed, to succor the destitute, and to advise the erring of his revered Brotherhood, that heart and hand that so often and so freely opened to relieve and sympathise with the distressed, now lies silent in the tomb. But his virtues remain, a lasting monument for our example. May we profit by the admonition that we too may "be also ready," when the Grand Master above shall call us hence. An extract from his last Report may not be inappropriate. He says: "We are all hastening to that bourne whence no traveller returns. The many emblems and symbols of our Order with which you are familiar, point to this great fact; the hour-glass of Time is as steadily emptying its sands, as we are approaching that period hidden in the womb of Time, when all distinctions of society, all differences of blood, of class, and of creed, shall be mingled together in the dust." His love of peace and good will to man are exemplified in the Report referred to: "We hold the olive branch of peace in our hands, pointing to the links which bind us together, extending the right hand of fellowship to all mankind. May the great Anglo Saxon race never meet in contest or strife, other than in a friendly rivalry in the great and good influence of Friendship, Love and Truth." I would respectfully suggest, that some fitting testimonial of regard to his memory be presented his family, expressive of the high esteem in which this Grand Lodge and the members of the Order generally regard it, and in which all may unite in tendering their sympathy and condolence on the bereavement which his afflicted family and friends have sustained.

Several questions have been submitted for my opinion, on the law in relation to them and their application to Subordinate Lodges.

1st. Is not a D. D. G. Master's decision binding on a Subordinate Lodge in his jurisdiction, unless reversed by this Grand Lodge?

My reply will pay due respect such by the con who, for the t jurisdiction, decisions; but make decisions to this Grand 2nd. If a S a D. D. G. M I answered, we as Odd Fel or expulsion; 3rd. It has ed member, w time; if such pires?

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My reply was, that a Subordinate Lodge was bound by its obligations to pay due respect to the decisions of its superior officers, who have become such by the consent of the Subordinates through their representatives, and who, for the time being exercise the duty of Grand Masters in their respective jurisdictions, and are entitled to the same respect for their opinions and decisions; but should such officers at any time impose too heavy burdens, or make decisions contrary to law, Subordinates have their remedy by appeal to this Grand Lodge.

2nd. If a Subordinate Lodge persists in acting contrary to the decisions of a D. D. G. Master, what is the penalty?

I answered, should such action be a flagrant violation of any law by which we as Odd Fellows are governed, such Subordinates are liable to suspension or expulsion, as its Grand Lodge may determine.

3rd. It has been inquired, can a Subordinate Lodge resuscitate a suspended member, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for a limited time; if such member should pay his indebtedness before the limitation expires?

My answer was, that they in fact become members in good standing on the Lodge books, the moment that the cause for which the suspension was imposed has been removed, and that it would not be legal to subject the brother to the ordeal of a ballot.

4th. Can a Noble Grand suspend a member for three months, for non-payment of dues, after fifteen months dues have accrued on the Lodge books?

My reply was as follows: that a Noble Grand has no power to extend the term of suspension, unless by consent of his Lodge, as provided by the Bye-laws.

5th. D. D. G. M. Vasey, Gore Lodge, No. 34, enquires if it is competent for a Subordinate Lodge to admit members in arrears or suspended for non-payment of dues, and of whose indebtedness they have no record, having lost all their books in the late fire on the 17th July last in Brantford, which destroyed their Lodge room furniture, regalia, and papers?

My answer will be found in the Digest of Grand Lodges of the United States, folio 509, section 11, which recites "that Subordinate Lodges may make such arrangements in regard to accumulated arrears of dues; as will secure the reinstatement of members who have lost their membership from disease." (Journal 1885, 1888, G. L. U. S.)

By section 12 of Digest, folio 509, Subordinate Lodges may settle by compromise their pecuniary claims, upon such of their members suspended for non-payment of dues as shall have established their residence in another State; and by virtue of such settlement may grant their regular Clearance Cards.

(Folio 2496 and 2520, Journal Grand Lodge U. S.)

6th. The question was also submitted, can a Lodge receive evidence of respectable parties not members of the Order, to sustain a charge against a brother?

I have been unable to find any law prohibiting such agency, other than the wife of the brother, to sustain charges preferred against a member; but would suggest that caution be exercised in making too public a display of the action of the committee, whose duty it is to decide the issue between the Lodge and the accused.

I would respectfully call your attention to the report submitted by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates—viz: That the representative system as adopted last year be changed, each Lodge requiring only one representative (in order to relieve the Grand Lodge and Subordinates of the heavy tax at present imposed on their funds,) with power to cast the same number of votes as they are at present entitled to, and that this Grand Lodge pay the mileage and per diem of such representatives. Also, that the members constituting the Committee of Appeals be altered to five members, instead of one representative from each Subordinate, as at present, which was adopted. The Constitution requires that amendments thereto should have the sanction of two consecutive Sessions, before they can become legal. I am confident that by the adoption of the first clause of the report, this Grand Lodge would be enabled to reduce the per centage from its Subordinates. I would also suggest the propriety of locating the sittings of this Grand Lodge at some central place in this jurisdiction, at which place the Grand Secretary should reside, and receive such remuneration for his services as will be reasonable; from the fact that the correspondence of that office has materially increased, requiring much time to properly prepare the works and minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. Much of the prosperity and well-being of the Order depends on the efficient discharge of the duties of that office.

Several appeals have been placed in the Grand Secretary's hands, which will require the attention of the Committee on Appeals, before being submitted for your consideration.

Since your last communication I have issued a Warrant for a Subordinate Lodge at Blenheim, named Rond-Eau Lodge, No. 40—dispensation dated 21st March, 1860—which is submitted for your approval. From their report, dated June 30th, 1860, you will learn that their prospects are flattering; their returns give evidence of twenty-five members in good standing which is truly a good commencement.

From the D. D. Grand Masters appointed at your last Session, I have received the most cordial co-operation, exhibiting an untiring zeal for the promotion of order and good will among the members; exciting them to renewed energy in that cause which ameliorates the sufferings of mankind, and the furtherance of those principles which bind us to each other, by the influence of our appropriate motto, Friendship, Love and Truth. Their reports will be laid before you; and in commending them to your consideration as valuable documents, allow me to express to these officers my grateful acknowledgements for their assistance in the performance of my onerous duties.

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In resigning the trust imposed on me as Grand Master for the term just expiring, permit me to express my heartfelt thanks to you and the members of the Order in this jurisdiction for the many favors bestowed, and the hearty co-operation and aid received from you in the performance of the duties incumbent on this highest office in your gift. And now I beg leave to surrender the office to my successor; returning the homage of a grateful heart to the Supreme Being for the guardian care with which He has nursed our beloved Order. Let me invoke a continuance of His blessings; may He guide and direct your councils, and temper your deliberations with wisdom and judgment; so that you may preside over the destinies of this institution with religious and watchful care. Farewell my brethren, and permit me to tender you individually my most affectionate feelings, and best wishes for your continued health, happiness and prosperity.

CHAUNCEY YALE,

Grand Master.

St. Catharines, August 1, 1860.

On motion, the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

100	.....	Initiations
100	.....	Admitted by Card
100	.....	Rejected
100	.....	Withdrawn by Card
100	.....	Expelled
100	.....	Transferred
100	.....	Returned
100	.....	Lost Grand
100	.....	Whole number of Contributing Members
100	.....	Toll for sick benefits
100	.....	Toll for Widows
100	.....	Funeral Expenses
100	.....	Widow and Orphan fund
100	.....	Degrees conferred

The Grand Secretary's Report.
 The Annual Report of the Grand Secretary was next submitted, which he read as follows:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
 St. Catharines, August 1st, 1860.

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

BROTHERS,—I have again the honor of submitting to you my Annual Report for the year ending 30th June, 1860, as required by our Constitution; and it is a source of gratification to me to be enabled to congratulate the assembled Representatives at this time on the increasing prosperity of our much beloved Order.

Although we in this jurisdiction have not, during the past year, increased in numerical strength, yet the information that I receive from all parts of the United States, convinces me that at no period since the introduction of our Order on the American continent has it been in a better or healthier condition; and we have abundant cause to lift our hearts in gratitude to that Providence which has fostered and supported us during the past year.

And while we thus congratulate ourselves upon our prosperity, let us as Odd Fellows ever be mindful, that to Him who controls the elements of discord, stills the storm, soothes the spirit of passion, and directs in harmony men's united efforts, are we indebted for the success of our principles, and humbly should we acknowledge our dependence upon Him for the future success of our cause. The reports as received from the different Lodges in our jurisdiction show the condition of the Order to be as follows:

Initiations	96
Admitted by Card	4
Rejected	14
Withdrawn by Card	19
Suspended	72
Expelled	48
Reinstated	6
Deceased	6
Past Grands	100
Whole number of Contributing Members	534
Paid for sick benefits	\$668
Relief of Widows	\$480
Funeral Expenses	\$190
Widow and Orphan's fund	\$6435
Degrees conferred	298

STATISTICAL TABLE,
 Showing the condition of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Canada West, for the
 Year ending 30th June, 1860.

Names of Lodges.	Lodge Number.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Past Grade.	No. of Contributing Members.	Paid for Sick Benefits.	Relief of Widows.	Funeral Expenses.	Widow and Orphans Fund.	Degrees Conferred.	Names of Representatives.
BROOK	9	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	22	64	\$130.00	\$90.00	\$40.00	\$1241.00	32	A. C. Dana
ONTARIO	12	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	..	16	.....	.....	30.00	404.00	5	R. Fitzsimmons
UNION	15	12	1	0	0	21	0	2	1	19	120	164.00	350.00	30.00	1938.00	33	A. Macdonald
CHATHAM	23	6	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	8	32	15.00	.....	.....	179.00	16	J. R. Cook
EUROPA	30	6	0	1	5	4	3	0	0	7	44	60.00	.....	.....	634.00	12	Wm. H. Nelson
ELGIN	32	6	1	1	2	4	6	1	0	10	36	18.00	.....	.....	467.00	13	J. R. Peel
ERIE	33	6	0	0	0	17	20	0	0	7	41	32.00	.....	.....	392.00	19	John King
GORÉ	34	3	0	0	3	12	6	0	1	6	28	98.00	35.00	.....	513.00	5	W. A. Glover
SARATOGA	35	3	0	0	2	7	2	0	4	3	27	27.00	.....	.....	238.00	18	H. C. Bingham
ST. MARY'S	35	11	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	7	59	.....	.....	.....	110.00	50	John Barr
IMPERIAL	37	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	18	78.00	.....	.....	103.00	7	John McLean
FOREST CITY	38	11	1	1	6	7	1	1	1	4	21	46.00	238.00	14	Richard Box
RESERVE	40	16	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	6.00	74	John Gollink	
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																	Galvin Stephens
		96	4	14	19	72	46	6	6	100	534	\$688.00	\$430.00	\$190.00	\$6435.00	298	

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR.

Am'ts received for Term ending 31st Dec, 1859.

Am'ts received for Term ending 30th June, 1860.

Rec'd from Grand Treasurer for Postage Stamps.....	\$1.64	Rec'd from Brock Lodge, for per centage.....	\$9.94
" T. Partridge, on account of Cards.....	7.50	" St. Mary's do do.....	21.00
" G. Vairey, do do.....	3.00	" Chatham do do.....	8.13
" Elgin Lodge, do do.....	2.40	" Erie do do.....	8.00
" Public Installation and Degree books.....	7.50	" Forest City do do.....	13.01
" St Mary's Lodge, for per centage.....	9.52	" Eureka do do.....	14.00
" do do do.....	15.20	" do do for account.....	6.50
" do do balance on account.....	4.45	" Samaritan do do for per centage.....	10.75
" Forest City do do.....	12.50	" do do for account.....	0.86
" do do Try'ng Cards \$4, Clearance \$2.....	6.00	" Elgin do do for per centage.....	10.60
" Erie do do for per centage.....	7.98	" Rond Eau do do.....	10.21
" Samaritan do do.....	8.00	" Gore do do.....	4.50
" Chatham do do.....	6.88	" do do for account.....	13.65
" Union do do.....	19.73	" do do for per centage.....	27.96
" Gore do do.....	11.20	" Imperial do do.....	2.85
" do do do.....	2.76	" Ontario do do.....	3.70
" do do do.....	2.80	" Rond Eau do do for dispensation.....	30.00
" Brock do do.....	10.70	Brought forward.....	\$194.06
" Elgin do do.....	9.42	Total paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$333.81
Total, ending 31st Dec. 1859.....	\$148.93	By Error in Samaritan Lodge return.....	0.32
By less rec'd from Brock Lodge on account of overpaid dues, 9.18		Total Term ending 30th June, 1860.....	\$324.13

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Brethren, I cannot close this report without returning you my most sincere thanks for the honor you conferred upon me in re-electing me to fill this important office. I assure you I have always endeavored to discharge my duties to the best of my ability, and if I have failed in so doing, it may be attributed to the head and not the heart; for I have invariably felt a strong desire to see our Order prosper, especially under Canadian jurisdiction. Nor can I but think that the year just brought to a close is exceedingly satisfactory and favorable to our much beloved Order; and that it may long continue thus to prosper and extend its usefulness throughout every portion of the world, is the sincere wish of

Your Grand Secretary
SAMUEL G. DOLSON.

On motion, the Grand Secretary's Report was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order and Finance.

Rep. McDonald, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was read, and on motion adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of J. B. Ingamells, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, from examination of different papers, beg leave to report with reference to the complaint respecting the purchase of a carpet for the Lodge Room. The Committee consider it a matter of regret that any difference of opinion should have arisen upon the subject, as the Committee, appointed by Eureka Lodge to fit up the Lodge Room appears to have been actuated by the best intentions; at the same time, the proceedings were not in accordance with By-Law No. 5, section 7, of the Lodge. The proceedings of that Committee may, however, be defended or palliated by the facts which have come to the knowledge of your Committee: namely, that matters of a similar nature have been passed over by Eureka Lodge without remark; and that the matter in question was not done hurriedly; but while it was in progress there appears to have been abundance of time to have given the notice required by the By-Law referred to, if the Committee had deemed it necessary, and certainly sufficient time for any disputing members to have opposed the proceedings, had they thought proper to do so, by attending in their places for that purpose.

In conclusion, the Committee would strongly recommend a cordiality of action in Lodge proceedings, and an adherence to the By-Laws, as any want of co-operation among the members of a Lodge, although it may appear trifling at first, may result in serious consequences.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McDONALD, Chairman.
 WM. H. READ,
 JOHN COLLINS,
 RICHARD BOX,
 A. C. DANA.

Total paid Grand Treasurer, \$333.51
 By Error in Samaritan Lodge return, 0.33
 Total Term ending 30th June, 1850, \$334.13

Total, ending 31st Dec. 1850, \$148.93
 By less rec'd from Brock Lodge on account of overpaid dues, 9.18
 Total Term ending 30th Dec., 1850, \$139.75

The communication received from Eureka Lodge, setting forth sundry complaints against the Grand Secretary for overcharge on Cards, &c., &c., was referred to the Committee on Appeals, who reported as follows:
To the R. W. the Grand Lodge:—Your Committee, after a careful perusal of the documents laid before them, and hearing some members of Eureka Lodge, came to the following conclusion:—That the difference appearing in the charges of the Grand Lodge for Cards of Clearance, arises from the price of the said Cards having been increased by order of the Grand Lodge of the United States. That the overcharge complained of in the Dues of the Grand Lodge in 1857, appears to have arisen from the Return having been altered, which had to be sent back for correction, a copy of which had probably not been retained by the Permanent Secretary of Eureka Lodge, as the corrected Return plainly shows the Dues of the Grand Lodge to be £4 1s. 2d. currency on 31st December, 1857. Both of these matters, however, the Committee understand have been adjusted by proper explanations.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McDONALD, Chairman.
W. M. H. READ,
JOHN COLLINS,
RICHARD BOX,
A. C. DANA.

Moved by Rep. King; and seconded by Rep. Dickson, that the reports be adopted.—Carried.

On motion it was resolved—That G. M. Yals, Bro. Sam. G. Dolson, G. S.; and Rep. J. R. Cook, form a Committee to receive and select from drawings (which may be presented to them gratuitously,) a Charter for subordinate Lodges, and that the sum of Fifty Dollars be placed at their disposal to accomplish the completion as soon as possible.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock A.M.

Lodge opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The Grand Master ordered recess for one hour, for the purpose of allowing the Committees time to complete their reports.

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The Committee on Returns, being prepared to report, submitted the following:

To the E. W. the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and find them correct, with the exception that most of the Lodges have made a slight error in reporting the number of members in good standing. Comparing one report with the other, your Committee would recommend that the Lodges be instructed to be more particular in future. And your Committee would also suggest the necessity of an alteration in the form of said Reports, as follows:—That the word *other* in said Reports be altered, so as to read *whole* number.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. COOK, *Chairman*.
W. A. GLOVER,
JOHN KING.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Returns was adopted.

The Committee on Subordinates submitted the following report:

To the E. W. the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee on Subordinates have considered the application of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, for amendment of their By-Laws, and would respectfully recommend its approval, reading as follows:—"That all Brothers reinstated by compromise, who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, shall not be entitled to receive any sick or other benefits, until the expiration of six months from the time of such reinstatement."

The Constitution and By-Laws of Round Eau Lodge, No. 40, as also that of Erie Lodge, No. 33, we find conflict with the Constitution for Subordinates made by this Grand Body, and would therefore condemn their Constitution and By-Laws as illegal.

The said Lodges, we believe, have not received any copies of Constitution from this Grand Body. We would therefore recommend, that each of their Representatives be instructed to lay the Constitution before their Lodges, and point out to them their errors, especially in not acknowledging their submission or the authority of this Grand Lodge; and also of having their By-Laws conform to the Constitution provided.

We have also examined the Constitution of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, Gore Lodge, No. 34, and Ontario Lodge, No. 12, and find them correct, and would therefore move for their approval.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BARR, *Chairman*.
E. W. DIXON,
HUGH MURRAY,
ROBERT FITZSIMMONS.
WM. H. NELSON.

On motion, the report on Subordinates' Laws was adopted.

The Committee on Mileage and per Diem submitted the following report :

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

We, your Committee on Mileage and per Diem, beg leave to submit the following report :

LOGES.	NO. MILES.	NO. REPS.	AM'T MILEAGE.	AM'T PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Brock, No. 9	556	3	\$66 72	\$ 9.00	\$75 72
Ontario, 12	280	1	11 20	3 00	14 20
Union, 16		5		15 00	15 00
Chatham, 29	326	1	13 04	3 00	16 04
Eureka, 30	216	1	8 64	3 00	11 64
Elgin, 32	242	1	9 68	3 00	12 68
Erie, 33	238	1	9 52	3 00	12 52
Gore, 34	136	1	5 44	3 00	8 44
Samaritan, 35	178	1	7 12	3 00	10 12
St. Mary's, 36	258	2	20 64	6 00	26 64
Imperial, 37	170	1	5 60	3 00	8 60
Forest City, 38	216	2	17 28	6 00	23 28
Rond Eau, 39	351	1	14 04	3 00	17 04
	3167	17	\$188. 92	\$63.00	\$251 92

Thirteen Lodges represented.

The above is computed at 4 cts. per mile; and One Dollar and Fifty Cents per day—allowing two days for the Session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KING,
RICHARD BOX,
H. C. BINGHAM. } Committee.

On motion, the report on Mileage and per Diem was adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg to report, that the Committee fully concur in the report of the Grand Secretary, with reference to the present state and future prospects of the Order, as set forth in said report; and would recommend the approval and adoption of said report by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee consider, that notwithstanding the small increase of Membership during the last year, owing, no doubt in a great measure, to

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the financial pressure that has affected every department of society, the present state of the Order is nevertheless satisfactory, and affords cheering prospects of continued prosperity and usefulness.

Your Committee would recommend, that this Grand Lodge concurs with the G. M., that some fitting testimonial be presented to the family of our late and much esteemed Bro., P. G. M. Thos. Reynolds.

Your Committee would also recommend, that the affairs of Rose Lodge, No. 28, be closed up if possible, and that a Committee be appointed for that purpose.

Your Committee regret that misunderstandings have occurred in some Lodges, in reference to the Constitution and By-Laws, and would recommend that the Committee on Laws of Subordinates take the matter into consideration, and that so much of the Grand Master's Report as refers to Appeals, and to questions asked by different Lodges, be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Your Committee would recommend, with regard to the permanent location of the Grand Lodge, that no permanent location be decided on at the present Session.

Your Committee would also recommend, that the Grand Secretary be allowed some remuneration for his valuable services as Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. GLOVER, *Chairman*.
C. STEPHENS,
JOHN KING.

On motion, the report on the State of the Order was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Barr, and seconded by Rep. Nelson, that the error occurring in the amount paid to Rep. Bristol, in the report of the Committee on Mileage and per Diem at last Session, be referred to the Financial Committee for correction.—Carried.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following Annual Report :

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Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F., in Account with the Grand Treasurer.

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Aug. 1.—	To Paid Grand Lodge account, \$12, do. \$2.	\$14.00	By Cash on hand as per Report, 1859		\$456.50
"	" T. Partridge's account.	14.00	Amount of per centage paid by Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, for the Term ending 31st Dec. 1859, as per Grand Secretary's Report.		139.75
"	" J. Woodgott's ac't \$2, Grand Sec'y's ac't \$1-50.	3.50	Amount received for Term ending 30th June, 1860, per Grand Secretary's Report.		194.06
"	" Grand Sec'y's for outside Guardian at Cobourg,	2.90			
"	" Grand Secretary's account.	4.59			
"	Representative's expenses to Grand Lodge—				
	Brock.....	28.08			
	Union.....	71.40			
	St. Mary's.....	16.52			
	Forest City.....	36.40			
	Samaritan.....	12.28			
	Chatham.....	22.44			
	Eureka.....	18.20			
	Imperial.....	15.32			
	Eric.....	18.68			
	Elgin.....	19.56			
	Gore.....	14.60			
	Ontario.....	3.00			
"	Postage, Telegraph, &c., to Grand Treasurer.	0.69			
"	Express charges on Proceedings and Digest.	2.30			
"	do Bound Copy	3.05			
"	Post Office ac't to Jan'y. \$3 38; do to Aug. \$5.10.	8.48			
"	W. L. Copeland's account for Paper.	0.56			
"	Leavenworth's ac't, \$2; J. Seymour, do., \$4 50.	6.50			
"	Leavenworth's account for printing Proceedings.	38.00			
"	Express charges.	1.75			
"	Balance in Treasurer's hands.	414.41			
		\$790.31			\$790.31

Cash Balance on hand, \$414.41.

WM. FITZSIMMONS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. Catharines, July 30th, 1860.

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On motion, the Grand Treasurer's Report was received, and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report :

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

We, your Committee appointed to examine the Financial Statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and other Accounts presented the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report, that we have examined the same and find them correct, and recommend the printing of the above mentioned Reports, and also recommend the payment to Samaritan Lodge of Four Dollars deficiency in payment of Mileage last year. We find, on deducting from the amount now in the Treasurer's hands the amounts probably required for Mileage and per Diem, and other necessary expenses for the ensuing year, that a balance of about \$400 will remain, and recommend the investment of the same in some suitable way, in order to afford a revenue to this Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM, *Chairman.*
JOHN R. PEEL,
JOHN McLEAN.

On motion, the report on Finance was adopted.

Moved by Rep. E. W. Dixon, and seconded by Rep. Nelson, that that part of the Constitution referring to the Committees on Appeals, requiring one Representative from each jurisdiction on said Committee, be and is hereby expunged, and the following resolution be adopted in lieu thereof:—That five members do compose the Committee on Appeals, three to form a quorum.—Carried.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet again at 2 o'clock P.M., at which time it was decided to go through the Secret Work of the Order.

The Grand Lodge met at 2 o'clock, P. M., and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The Grand Master announced that the election of Officers would be the first order of business.

Balance in Treasurer's hands. 414.41

\$790.31

Cash Balance on hand, \$414.41.

St. Catharines, July 30th, 1860.

WM. FITZSIMMONS,
Grand Treasurer.

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Nominations were thereupon made as follows:

Bro. S. G. DOLSON..... for R. W. G. Master.
 Rep. JOHN KING..... for R. W. D. G. Master.
 Reps. J. R. PEEL and J. B. INGAMELLS..... for R. W. Warden.
 Reps. C. H. BINGHAM and WM. H. READ... for R. W. G. Secretary.
 Rep. W. FITZSIMMONS..... for R. W. G. Treasurer.

The elections were next proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—

Bro. SAMUEL G. DOLSON..... R. W. G. Master, by acclamation.
 Rep. JOHN KING..... R. W. D. G. Master, do.
 Rep. J. R. PEEL..... R. W. G. Warden, by majority.
 Rep. WM. H. READ..... R. W. G. Secretary, do.
 Bro. WM. FITZSIMMONS..... R. W. G. Treasurer, re-elected, by acc.

The Grand Master was then duly installed, after which he announced the following appointments:

Rep. W. A. GLOVER..... W. G. Marshal.
 Rep. W. H. NELSON..... W. G. Guardian.
 Rep. JOHN BARR..... W. G. Conductor.

At the request of the Grand Master, the Secret Work of the Order was exemplified by T. Partridge, Grand Representative, and the Degree of Rebecca conferred upon Reps. A. Macdonald and R. Fitzsimmons. The Past Official Degrees, together with the Grand Lodge Degree, were also conferred upon the following Past Grands:

STEPHEN JONES..... P. G.
 JOHN McLEAN..... P. G.
 E. S. FRIESEMAN..... P. G.
 RICHARD BOX..... P. G.
 J. R. PEEL..... P. G.
 E. W. DIXON..... P. G.
 JOHN KING..... P. G.
 ROBERT FITZSIMMONS..... P. G.
 WM. H. READ..... P. G.

Moved by Rep. Bingham, and seconded by Rep. Peel, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Union Lodge, No. 16, not only for the gratuitous use of their Lodge Room during our present session, but also for the very courteous reception and entertainment given us, both from their hands and hearts.—Carried.

Moved by Rep. E. W. Dixon, and seconded by Rep. Bingham, that the next meeting of this Grand Lodge be held at St. Thomas, on the first Wednesday in the month of August, A. D. 1861.—Carried.

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Moved by Rep. E. W. Dixon, and seconded by Rep. J. R. Peel, that the sum of Thirty Dollars be paid to Grand Secretary Dolson for his past services.—Carried.

The special Committee appointed to draft a Letter of Condolence to the Widow of our late Bro., P. G. Winchester, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee appointed to draft a Letter of Condolence to the Widow of our late deceased Brother, Past Grand H. W. Winchester, beg leave to report the accompanying resolutions:

Whereas it has pleased Divine Providence to remove suddenly by death Brother HORATIO W. WINCHESTER, P. G. and late Grand Representative to this Grand Lodge; therefore be it

Resolved,—That, in the death of our late Grand Representative, Horatio W. Winchester, the Order has sustained the loss of one who in all relations of its Brotherhood, by his virtuous antecedents, has given efficacy to the cherished principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

Resolved,—That we sympathize with the Brotherhood in St. Catharines and with the relatives of the deceased, in the sorrows which this sad event has occasioned.

Resolved,—That in testimony of our respect and sympathy, these resolutions be printed upon the Journal of this body, and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased by the Grand Secretary.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

WM. H. READ,	} Committee.
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On motion, the report was adopted.

The special Committee appointed to draft a Letter of Condolence to the Widow of our late P. G. Master, Thomas Reynolds, M.D., submitted the following report:

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

In accordance with the report of the Grand Master; and the recommendation of the Committee on the State of the Order, that a fitting Testimonial be presented to the family of our late Brother, P. G. M. Thomas Reynolds, M. D.: your Committee beg to report, that a letter of Condolence, emanating from this Grand Lodge, be presented to Mrs. Reynolds, accompanied by a copy of the Holy Scriptures, with an appropriate inscription, as a memento of the feelings entertained toward our departed Brother; and that our present P. G. M., G. M. and G. Secretary, be a Committee to carry the same into effect.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KING, Chairman.
WM. FITZSIMMONS,
W. A. GLOVER.

On motion, this report was adopted, together with the following Letter of Condolence from the special Committee named in said report:—

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Letter of Condolence to Mrs. Thos. Reynolds, submit the following:

Whereas this Grand Lodge has learned with feelings of deep sorrow, the mournful intelligence of the decease of Bro. Thos. REYNOLDS, M.D., first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada West: and whereas Bro. Reynolds may well be considered the pioneer of American Odd Fellowship in Canada West, he being one of the petitioners in 1855 to procure the charter for this Grand Lodge, was present at its origination and elected its first Grand Master, which office he filled for a succession of years with honor to the Fraternity and pleasure to himself. Ever modest and unassuming, he put on the garments of our Order and wore them, a worthy example for us all, in his untiring efforts to spread the cement of Brotherly love and affection. Be it therefore

Resolved,—That whilst we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of the Great Ruler of events, yet we cannot but express the regrets peculiar to our nature, at being deprived of the society, friendship and advice of one so devoted and faithful in the performance of his duties, as was P. G. M. Thos. Reynolds.

Resolved,—That whilst we regret the loss to the Order as a severe affliction, our own sorrows are almost hidden from sight, in contemplation of those sustained by them to whom he was united by so many nearest and dearer ties than those by which he was connected with us.

Resolved,—That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the family of our deceased brother, and assure them that his memory will ever remain dear to us. That although some time has now elapsed since that melancholy event occurred, and your Committee do not feel disposed to awaken those feelings, which must in some measure be by this time composed and resigned to the Will of the Almighty: yet, from the high opinion we always entertained of him now gone to another and better sphere, this Grand Lodge cannot separate without reiterating its imperishable esteem for one whose talent and energy was so eminently devoted to render Odd Fellowship a blessing to the whole human family.

Resolved,—That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to his Widow, as a testimony of our deep-seated regard.

All which is fraternally submitted.

OHAUNOEY YALE, P. G. M.
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Moved by G. Rep. T. Partridge, and seconded by Rep. Murray, that the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in granting a Warrant for the institution of Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, be and is hereby confirmed.—Carried.

Moved by Grand Treasurer Wm. Fitzsimmons, and seconded by G. Rep. T. Partridge, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to our late Grand Master, Chauncey Yale, for his very efficient services while occupying the Chair.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rep. E. W. Dixon, and seconded by Rep. A. C. Dana, that Twenty Dollars be placed in the hands of the Committee on the Letter of Condolence to the Widow of our late Bro. Thos. Reynolds, M. D., for a Bible, to be presented to Mrs. Reynolds.—Carried.

The Accounts of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for Representative tax and Charge Books, amounting in all to \$80; and James Henry's account for expenses incurred in visiting Rose Lodge, amounting to \$10, were, on motion, ordered to be paid.

The R. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, made the following appointments for D. D. Grand Masters :

P. G. ROBERT FITZSIMMONS, Leeds and Grenville.....	Brockville.
" JOHN R. COOK, Lincoln and Welland.....	St. Catharines.
" CALVIN STEPHENS, Lambton, Kent and Essex.....	Chatham.
" WM. SKINNER, Middlesex, Huron and Bruce.....	London.
" A. MACDONALD, { Northumberland, Durham, } { Peterborough and Victoria, }	Cobourg.
" W. A. GLOVER, Elgin East.....	Port Burwell.
" A. J. ALLSWORTH, Elgin West.....	St. Thomas.
" H. C. BINGHAM, Brant and Haldimand.....	Brantford.
" ABEL BRISTOL, Oxford.....	Ingersoll.
" JOHN McLEAN, Perth.....	St. Mary's.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet again at the Town of St. Thomas, on the first Wednesday in the month of August, D. A. 1861.



WM. H. READ,

R. W. Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS
 OF THE
Officers of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge
 OF
CANADA WEST.
J. O. O. F.,
 AND THE
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,

OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

GRAND OFFICERS.

S. G. DOLSON,	<i>R. W. Grand Master,</i>	St. Catharines
JOHN KING,	<i>R. W. D. Grand Master,</i>	St. Thomas.
J. R. PEEL,	<i>R. W. Grand Warden,</i>	London.
WM. H. READ,	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary,</i>	St. Catharines
WM. FITZSIMMONS,	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer,</i>	Brockville.
W. A. GLOVER,	<i>W. Grand Marshal,</i>	Port Burwell.
WM. H. NELSON,	<i>W. Grand Guardian,</i>	Chatham.
JOHN BARR,	<i>W. Grand Conductor,</i>	Ingersoll.

D. D. GRAND MASTERS.

For Address of D. D. Grand Masters, see Journal of Proceedings,
 page 23, appointing the same.

