

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
OF
THE MARITIME PROVINCES



TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Held at Moncton, New-Brunswick, August 11th, 1896

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Declaration of Principles.

Pythian Knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

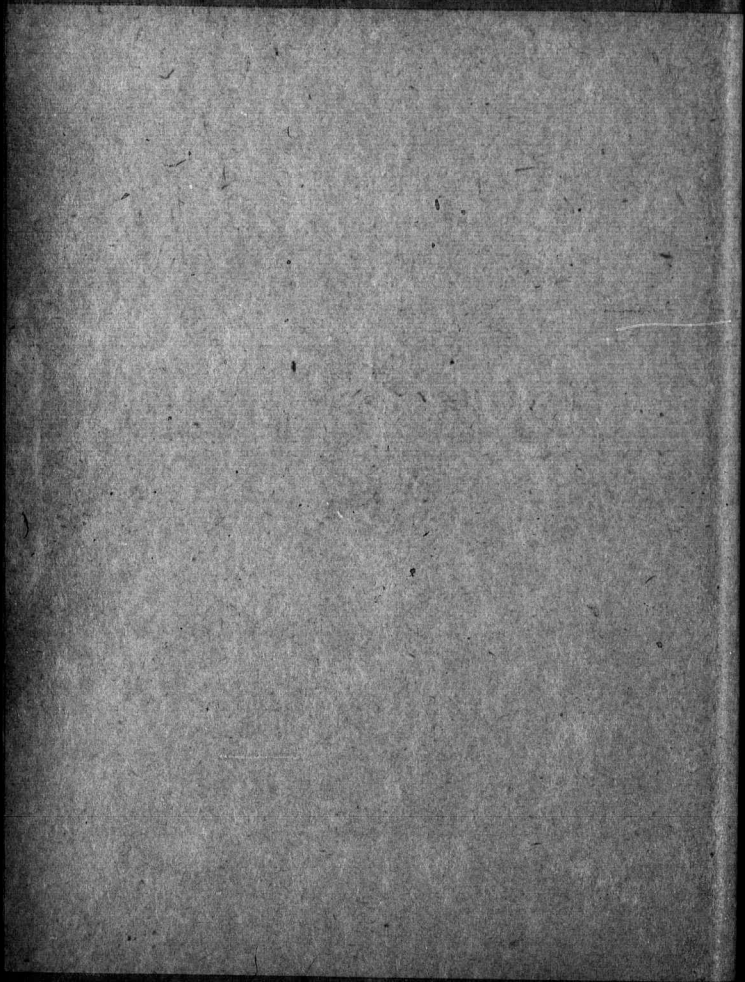
As the ideal knight of olden time was the personification of all the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for knighthood had to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who valued friendship, bravery, honor, justice and loyalty.

The Order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

PROCEEDINGS

Readers of the Journal will this year miss our usual excellent report on Fraternal Correspondence. This is a feature in which the Grand Lodge has taken great pride and, we say it with all modesty, has commended itself to sister domains, if we are to judge from the flattering notices with which we have been favored in other Journals. The removal of Brother Powers from our grand domain deprived us of his facile pen in this department, but the Grand Lodge ably filled his place when Grand Chancellor J. M. Deacon was chosen chairman of the committee. Brother Deacon had prepared a portion of his report, when he was stricken with an unfortunate and serious illness, from which he has not yet fully recovered and which deprived the committee of his valuable services and prevented the completion of his work. The publication of the Journal has been somewhat delayed, likewise, with the expectation that, at the last moment, Brother Deacon might be able to supply a full report. But this expectation has proved a vain one and, in justice to the committee and the Grand Lodge, it is deemed advisable to withhold that portion of the report completed, rather than present a review of the proceedings of only three or four domains, while overlooking all others. It is to be hoped that next year the report will be published in as full and breezy a form as heretofore. Until then, we commend the Journal in its abridged form to sister Grand Lodges, with the hope that its shortcomings may be overlooked in the assurance that the Grand Domain of the Maritime Provinces is one with the Order Universal in F., C. and B.

J. C. HENRY, G. K. R. S.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Moncton, N. B., August 11, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxiii.

Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces, assembled in annual convention this day in Pythian Hall, and was called to order at 9.15, p. m., by Grand Vice Chancellor J. M. Deacon.

The following officers were present at roll call :—

J. M. DEACON, M. D.,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Prelate.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
F. B. WOOD,	Grand Inner Guard.
F. S. MERRITT,	Grand Outer Guard.

The unexplained absence of the Grand Chancellor necessitated that chair being filled by the Grand Vice Chancellor, while Past Grand Chancellor F. L. Peers assumed the duties of the latter office.

The Grand Master-at-Arms being absent, Representative K. A. McLean, of No. 3, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

There were also present Supreme Inner Guard James Moulson, Supreme Representatives Murray Fleming and W. C. H. Grimmer, Past Supreme Representative George Craig, Grand Trustee J. W.

Whitehead, and Representatives from all Lodges except Nos. 9 and 15.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Brother W. C. H. Grimmer, of No. 4, to fill the vacancy on Committee on Distribution caused by the absence of Brother James D. Fowler, of No. 6; on Returns and Credentials, Brother Tufts, of No. 2, in place of Brother Cockburn, of No. 9; and on Printing, Brother Wilson, of No. 2, in place of Brother McQueen, of No. 11.

The reading of the minutes of last annual convention was omitted, and upon motion the same were adopted as printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Past Grand Chancellor Fleming moved, seconded by Representative McLean, that this Grand Lodge take a recess until 8.30 tomorrow morning. Motion was put and lost.

The report of the Committee on Returns and Credentials was read, received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Moncton, N. B., August 11, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxiii

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

Your Returns and Credentials Committee, after examination of returns of Subordinate Lodges, find the following Past Grand Chancellors and Officers of this Grand Lodge entitled to admission and to vote in this Grand Lodge.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

James Moulson,	Murray Fleming,	Frank L. Peers,
John R. Armstrong,	W. C. H. Grimmer,	James D. Fowler,
George Craig,	J. Fenwick Fraser,	Wm. B. Nicholson.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

H. V. Cooper,	J. C. Henry,	F. S. Merritt,
J. M. Deacon,	H. J. Logan,	R. J. Rosborough,
John Beamish,	E. Woodworth,	J. W. Whitehead.
	F. B. Wood,	

We would also report that we have examined the returns of the several Subordinate Lodges and find the following Past Chancellors were duly elected as Representatives, or Alternates, and that their certificates are in proper form, and we would recommend that they be recognized as Representatives and Alternates as follows:

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1:

Representatives.

S. Tufts,
Wm. E. Dummer,
Walter S. Vaughan,
George McKee.

Alternates.

Percy M. Daye,
James E. Fraser,
Wm. Quigley,
J. S. Brown.

Union Lodge, No. 2:

A. Dodge,
W. H. White,
Eustace Barnes,
F. A. Godsoe,
LeBaron Wilson.

J. Fred Sullivan,
Geo. A. Troop,
W. A. McAdoo,
W. R. May,
James Duffell.

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3:

John Bedford,
W. E. Sherard,
Alex. P. Tait.

J. H. Wran,
K. A. McLean,
J. G. Wran.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4:

John Ryder,
J. B. Polley,
Parker Grimmer.

W. E. Smith,
R. W. Grimmer,
W. S. A. Douglas.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5:

W. C. Black,
J. F. Gilroy.

George Dunn,
Hugh G. Murray.

Fredericton Lodge, No. 6:

James D. Fowler,
James A. Reid.

T. A. Wilson,
W. S. Fisher.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7:

H. Paxton Baird,
Thos. A. Lindsay.

Jas. H. Willbur,
W. B. Nicholson.

Border Lodge, No. 8:

Rev. Wm. Williams,
R. W. Whitlock.

W. S. Robinson,
J. W. Graham.

Seaside Lodge, No. 9:

N. Treadwell,
T. R. Wren.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 10:

Wm. E. Blenkhorn,
S. R. Canning.

Chignecto Lodge, No. 11:

John M. Currie,
J. W. Morrison.

C. H. Main,
C. A. McQueen.

Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13:

Albert Mills,
Alfred Nichols.

Alfred Holmes.

Far East Lodge, No. 14:

W. T. Whiteway.

We have examined the returns of Subordinate Lodges and find the following Past Chancellors entitled to admission and seats in this Grand Lodge :

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

James Moulson,	Thomas Armstrong,	J. E. Fraser,
William Quigley,	J. Beamish,	E. P. Leonard,
C. Nevins,	Samuel Tufts,	Geo. R. Day,
J. Fen. Fraser,	W. S. Vaughan,	S. W. Wilkins,
J. S. Brown,	F. S. Merritt,	George McKee.

Union Lodge, No. 2.

John R. Armstrong,	H. V. Cooper,	Frank Fales,
Andrew J. Armstrong,	John A. Ewing,	R. O'Shaughnessy,
William McAdoo,	A. L. Rawlins,	A. S. Pattison,
J. Fred Sullivan,	Geo. A. Troop,	LeBaron Wilson,
Park A. Melville,	A. Dodge,	Frank A. Godsoe,
A. W. Adams,	J. H. Vanzile,	Frank E. Holman.

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.

Murray Fleming,	J. H. Wrان,	Jos. Barton,
H. B. Fleming,	John Bedford,	H. D. Charters,
G. M. Jarvis,	W. R. Parker,	George Craig,
Alex. P. Tait,	W. Crowhurst,	D. I. Welsh,
A. S. Coleman,	J. P. Weir,	C. W. Bradley,
J. W. Whitehead,	William Capson,	F. B. Wood,
W. T. Sands,	K. A. McLean,	W. E. Sherard.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

John Ryder,	Wm. E. Smith,	F. S. Hutchinson,
John C. Henry,	R. J. Rosborough,	Parker Grimmer,
George J. Clarke,	L. M. Robinson,	W. S. A. Douglas,
W. C. H. Grimmer,	Alex. Murray,	H. M. Webber,
	J. B. Polley.	

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

George Dunn,	F. F. Noiles,	J. F. Gilroy,
Frank L. Peers,	David Conn,	G. H. Gass,
R. H. Cooper,	E. A. Potter,	George Cameron,
I. G. Phelan,	H. A. McKnight.	

Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.

Harry Beckwith,	A. D. Macpherson,	G. R. Perkins,
James D. Fowler,	Samuel Macky,	T. A. Wilson,
C. H. Thomas,	John Palmer,	Geo. W. Adams,
Alonzo Staples,	W. S. Fisher,	A. J. Fowle.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

W. B. Nicholson,	S. S. Street,	J. C. Hartley,
James H. Wilbur, jr.,	J. E. Sutton,	H. P. Baird.

Border Lodge, No. 8.

A. H. Graham,	J. W. Graham,	F. P. Maxwell,
J. M. Deacon,	R. W. Whitlock,	J. E. C. McAllister,
W. H. Laughlin,	B. H. Kerr.	

E. A. Cockburn,	<i>Seaside Lodge, No. 9.</i> Albert Thompson.
D. T. Porter,	<i>Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.</i> S. R. Canning.
C. A. McQueen,	<i>Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.</i> H. J. Logan, J. W. Morrison. <i>Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.</i> E. Woodworth.

We would also report that we have examined the returns of the several Subordinate Lodges and find that the following Past Chancellors are in good standing, that their certificates are in proper form and that they are entitled to receive the rank of Past Chancellor in this Grand Lodge :

	<i>New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.</i>	
A. W. Smith,	Wm. Shaw,	W. E. Dummer,
Clem. Scott,	W. Scott,	P. M. Daye.
	<i>Union Lodge, No. 2.</i>	
Alex. McNichol,	W. R. May,	Wm. White,
A. M. Duff,	W. A. McGinlay,	Eustace Barnes,
S. J. Smith,	James Duffell,	Robert S. Sime.
	<i>Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.</i>	
G. R. Sangster,	Jos. McClure,	G. J. McLean,
C. O. Rowe,	Hugh Wright,	R. P. Dickson.
J. G. Wran,	J. E. Bedford,	
	<i>Frontier Lodge, No. 4.</i>	
John B. Sharpe,	R. W. Grimmer,	A. A. Laffin,
H. W. Broad,	N. E. Sederquest.	
	<i>Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.</i>	
A. H. McLeod,	John Wylie,	Joseph Moss,
H. G. Murray,	W. C. Black.	
	<i>Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.</i>	
James W. Waterman,	A. G. Robinson,	Jas. A. Reid.
	<i>Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.</i>	
S. B. Charlton,	T. A. Lindsay,	Geo. L. Holyoke.
Geo. E. Balmain,	Thos. McLean.	
	<i>Border Lodge, No. 8.</i>	
H. C. Eye,	A. H. Robinson,	Rev. William Williams.
	W. S. Robinson.	
	<i>Seaside Lodge, No. 9.</i>	
R. E. Armstrong,	M. N. Cockburn,	Robert Worrell,
F. H. Grimmer,	N. Treadwell,	T. R. Wren.
	B. F. DeWolfe.	
	<i>Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.</i>	
H. C. Jenks,	F. H. P. Dewis,	A. W. Atkinson,
Jas. A. Knowlton,	W. E. Blenkhorn,	Nathan Duff,
	E. W. Fillimore.	

	<i>Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.</i>	
C. H. Main,	John M. Curry,	John M. Currie,
J. Lushy,	W. A. Hanwright.	
	<i>Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.</i>	
Alfred Nichols,	Albert Mills,	Christopher Proctor.
	Alfred Holmes.	
	<i>Far East Lodge, No. 14.</i>	
E. W. Lyon,	W. T. Whiteway,	J. C. Orner.
	N. S. Fraser.	
	<i>Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15.</i>	
Wm. W. Bent,	C. S. Marshal.	

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and B.,

J. C. HENRY, *Ch.*,
 SAMUEL TUFTS,
 H. J. LOGAN,
 R. W. WHITLOCK,
 LEB. WILSON,
Committee.

On behalf of Westmoreland Lodge, Brother Fleming extended an invitation to all members of Grand Lodge to be present at a supper to be held at the American House to-morrow evening, at ten o'clock.

Acting Grand Chancellor Deacon, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, accepted the kind invitation.

Grand Master-at-Arms McLean, reporting Past Chancellors in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, by order of the Grand Chancellor introduced the following:—

P. M. Daye,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
W. E. Dummer,	Do do
Eustace Barnes,	Union Lodge, No. 2.
William White,	Do do
W. C. Black,	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
T. A. Lindsay,	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.
A. H. Robinson,	Border Lodge, No. 8.
W. S. Robinson,	Do do
W. E. Blenkhorn,	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.
W. A. Hanwright,	Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.
Alfred Holmes,	Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.
W. T. Whiteway,	Far East Lodge, No. 14.

On motion the reports of Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and Grand Master of Exchequer, as printed, were accepted without reading and referred to Committee on Distribution.

Report of Grand Chancellor.

St. John, N. B., August 5, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxlii.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Grand Domain of the Maritime Provinces:—

BROTHER KNIGHTS:—In accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge, I herewith submit a report of my official transactions and stewardship for the past term, together with a few recommendations.

It is with great regret that I have to state that the report cannot be as satisfactory to me as I would like. When I accepted the high office to which you so unanimously elected me a year ago, it was with the hope that I would be able to devote considerable time to the duties attached thereto; that such is not the fact, you are all probably aware, but I can say that outside of the visitation of lodges, (one of the most important duties of a Grand Chancellor), the other duties have been attended to to the best of my ability, my business being of such a nature that I am unable to leave St. John even for a day.

My first duty after assuming the office of Grand Chancellor was to appoint Deputy Grand Chancellors for the different lodges, first requesting them to recommend a Past Chancellor, and on their recommendation I appointed the several deputies as follows, with the exception of New Brunswick Lodge. Not being satisfied with their appointee, I appointed one myself.

John Beamish,
J. F. Sullivan,
K. A. McLean,
H. M. Webber,
F. L. Peers,
A. J. Fowlie,
G. L. Holyoke,
J. E. C. McAllister,
Albert Thompson,
S. R. Canning,
John W. Morrison,
Christopher Proctor,
E. W. Lyon,

New Brunswick, No. 1.
Union, No. 2.
Westmoreland, No. 3.
Frontier, No. 4.
Cumberland, No. 5.
Fredericton, No. 6.
Ivanhoe, No. 7.
Border, No. 8.
Seaside, No. 9.
Myrtle, No. 10.
Chignecto, No. 11.
Kenilworth, No. 13.
Far East, No. 14.

My next act was to write the different Keepers of Records and Seal of lodges that, when issuing notices of their meetings to members, they should at the same time mail one to myself, that I might see what work was going on in the several lodges and thus keep a little in touch with them. Only five lodges responded, viz: Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8, and, although written to several times, I could not get any reply either through deputy or otherwise. This I take to mean that no notices are issued to members, telling them the nature of business to be transacted; in fact, one lodge answered me that they never had issued notices. This I consider a grievous error and one which should be corrected at once.

On August 23rd, 1896, I received the resignation of Past Grand Chancellor Murray Fleming, Trustee of Grand Lodge, and duly accepted same.

On December 19th I received the resignation of Brother G. L. Holyoke, Deputy Grand Chancellor of No. 7, on account of his election to Keeper of Records and Seal. I duly accepted the resignation and appointed in his stead Past Chancellor H. P. Baird.

During recess there have been corrected and approved amendments to the By-Laws of New Brunswick, No. 1, Union, No. 2, Chignecto, No. 11, Far East, No. 14, Cumberland, No. 5, Fredericton, No. 6.

On March 12th I received an application from Brother C. S. Marshall, Brother W. W. Bent and twelve others, of Bridgewater, N. S., for permission to form a Lodge of Knights of Pythias at Bridgewater, N. S. I at once granted the necessary authority and, on the 30th March, accompanied by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and a full corps of officers, visited Bridgewater and instituted Bridgewater, No. 15.

I would recommend that a charter be granted to above lodge by this Grand Lodge.

Shortly after institution, I appointed Brother C. S. Marshall Deputy Grand Chancellor thereof.

I felt confident that I would be able to add another lodge during my term, but it is only postponed for a time, and I trust that my successors in office will be more successful.

The granting of dispensations has been left with my deputies, mainly, except in a few cases, and will be fully dealt with in their reports.

On 22nd February, I granted dispensation to Border, No. 8, to confer the three ranks on a candidate, satisfactory reasons having been shown.

I was obliged to refuse a dispensation to New Brunswick, No. 1, to confer different ranks on candidates on other than their regular meeting night, they showing no good reason therefor.

March 17th, 1896, I received a communication from the Grand Chancellor of Maine for permission to confer the several ranks upon a resident of this Grand Domain. Such permission I duly granted.

On December 27th, 1895, I received a communication from the Deputy Grand Chancellor of Frontier, asking as to the Lodge's liability as to sick benefits of a deceased brother. I replied that I considered the lodge liable.

Attached hereto you will find another decision given in re Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.

I would recommend that the several lodges in this Domain procure Jewels for their Grand Representatives.

I am pleased to say that the Order is in a flourishing condition in this Domain and, although we have not made a large increase, still there is an increase—a fact for which we should feel grateful.

In concluding this brief report, I wish to thank the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for his assistance during my term of office, and the leniency the members of the Order have shown me at my seeming neglect, at the same time assuring them that, though I may have appeared careless, I have always had the Order at heart and only regret that my business prevented me from fulfilling the high duties of the office.

Yours fraternally,

H. V. COOPER,
Grand Chancellor.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

St. Stephen, N. B., August 10, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxiii.

To the Members of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

BRETHREN,—According to custom and constitutional requirement, I now present for your consideration the tenth annual report of the business of this office.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Notwithstanding the continuation of business and financial depression, the past year, a careful study of the tables forming the bulk of my report will show that nearly all of our Subordinate Lodges, both in membership and finances, have held their own, and in many cases have made very material progress. This is particularly noticeable in the City of St. John, where the two lodges have now a membership of almost four hundred, with a Widow and Orphans' Fund of over three thousand dollars, and having assets at the 30th June last of nearly eight thousand dollars. In our Grand Domain, at the close of the term, we had a total membership of eleven hundred and ninety-three, being a net gain of seventy-eight for the year. The total assets of lodges amounted to eighteen thousand five hundred and ten dollars and seventy-eight cents, representing a gain for the year of nearly eleven hundred dollars. For the relief of brothers, widows and orphans and funeral benefits, the sum of twenty-one hundred and seventy-four dollars was expended.

One new lodge was instituted during the year and I am now corresponding with two zealous Pythians, one living in Nova Scotia and another in New Brunswick, who expect during the fall to have two lodges added to our Grand Domain. While recognizing the laudable ambition and energy exhibited in the creation and institution of new lodges, yet for the permanent good of the Order in every locality, I believe that the saving of one lodge from disintegration is more to be sought than the replacing of it with two new lodges. There are times in the history of every Subordinate Lodge when interest becomes deadened, and when unforeseen events tend to discourage. At these times interest cannot be re-kindled and a lodge

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

Cash on hand August 20, 1895	.....	\$495 15
Receipts for year ended August 10, 1896	.....	708 18
		<u>\$1,203 33</u>
Paid out as per warrants	.....	538 15
		<u>\$665 18</u>
Cash balance in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer		\$665 18
Cash value of supplies in my office	.....	59 60
Cash value of Grand Lodge Furniture	.....	140 75
		<u>\$865 53</u>

It gives me pleasure to report that all amounts due the Grand Lodge have been paid, and also that there are no bills due by this Grand Lodge.

The income of the Grand Lodge was derived from Lodges as follows:—

Lodge.	Per Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Dispensations.	Total.
New Brunswick, No. 1	\$82 75	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$84 75
Union, No. 2	100 75	1 55		102 30
Westmoreland, No. 3	51 00	4 95		55 95
Frontier, No. 4	51 25	35		51 60
Cumberland, No. 5	47 25	1 20		48 45
Fredericton, No. 6	40 75	1 00		41 75
Ivanhoe, No. 7	45 75	1 00		46 75
Border, No. 8	30 00	1 20	3 00	34 20
Seaside, No. 9	18 50		2 00	20 50
Myrtle, No. 10	30 50	11 10	5 00	46 60
Chignecto, No. 11	32 00	3 00		35 00
Kenilworth, No. 13	21 50			21 50
Far East, No. 14	21 25	4 60		25 85
Bridgewater, No. 15	2 25	75 73	15 00	92 98
Total	\$575 50	\$106 68	\$26 00	\$708 18

The semi-annual reports were all received very promptly, with one exception, and I believe this is due to the fact that a number of our present Keepers of Records and Seal have filled the office for several terms, and are thus familiar with its duties and requirements.

There is a matter which ought to receive attention at this Grand Lodge convention, and which so far has been overlooked. I refer to the necessity of insuring the property of the Grand Lodge. As you are aware, the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is located at present in St. Stephen. A part of his home is used as a Grand Lodge office, rent free; and while he does so at some in-

convenience to his family, he thinks that the property entrusted to his keeping should be insured against fire. Insurance at the rate of \$1.20 per cent. for three years can be had on the property while the office remains in its present location in St. Stephen.

To the editors and publishers of the various Pythian magazines and journals who have so kindly remembered this office with copies of their publications, I desire to return my most sincere thanks.

Accepting this office seven years ago with but a slight experience in the Grand Lodge, I have used diligent effort to acquaint and perfect myself with its varied duties. I have learned to realize more fully the difficulties, labor and necessities to meet the demands of this important office. I have endeavored to be prompt and faithful to the office and my obligation, and hope the work has been such as to merit the confidence extended to me when the Grand Lodge entrusted the office to my keeping.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. HENRY,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

Amherst, N. S., August 10, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxiii.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

I have the honor to submit the tenth annual report of receipts and detailed statement of expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year ended August 10, 1896.

Receipts.

1895.	To balance per annual report August 20, 1895	\$495 15
1896.	Cash received from J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S.	708 18
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			\$1203 33

Disbursements.

1895.			
Dec. 16.	By chk. 125, J. C. Henry, 4 months' salary and postage on Grand Lodge Journals	\$60 75
	By chk. 126, J. & A. McMillan, printing		1 25
1896.			
Feb. 24.	By chk. 127, Supreme Lodge tax and cost	100 30	
Apr. 6.	By chk. 128, Supreme Lodge, supplies to April 1	18 20	
	By chk. 129, Pettibone Bros., supplies	9 38	
13.	By chk. 130, H. V. Cooper, expenses instituting Lodge at Bridgewater	....	30 00
	By chk. 131, J. C. Henry, 4 months' salary to April 10, 1896	....	50 00
28.	By chk. 132, St. Croix Courier, printing Journals and other supplies	....	172 95
July 6.	By chk. 133, Supreme Lodge, supplies to date	13 95	
Aug. 5.	By chk. 134, J. C. Henry, postage, expressage, duties and rent of P. O. box for year	....	21 37
7.	By chk. 135, Grand Chancellor, balance expenses for term	10 00
	By chk. 136, J. C. Henry, 4 mos. salary to Aug. 10, '96	50 00	
	Balance on hand	665 18
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			\$1203 33

Fraternally yours,

H. J. LOGAN,
Grand Master of Exchequer.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read a communication from New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, asking Grand Lodge to approve a change in its by-laws. Referred to Committee on Law and Supervision.

There being no further communications presented, reports of standing committees were called for.

The report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances was read, which was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Moncton, N. B., August 11, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxiii.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, have to report that no questions have come before us during the past year.

Yours in F. C. & B.,

R. H. COOPER,
S. R. CANNING.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence submitted the following, which was received, and the committee allowed further time to complete their report.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Moncton, N. B., August 11, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxiii

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

Your committee have carefully reviewed some of the journals received by them from sister Grand Domains, and are prepared to review all they receive previous to the printing of the Journal of this Grand Lodge convention and submit it to the Committee on Printing, as has been done at previous conventions of this Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

J. M. DEACON, *Ch. of Com.*

Read report of Committee on Printing, which was received, adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Printing.

Moncton, N. B., August 11, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxiii.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

Your Committee on Printing beg to report that they have had printed during the year the necessary work for the use of the Grand Lodge and officers, including the Journal of Proceedings of last convention, (which embodies the Constitutions of Grand and Subordinate Lodges.) The work has been done at the lowest cost and bills all paid.

J. C. HENRY,
J. M. DEACON,
W. C. H. GRIMMER,
Committee.

No further reports being ready, on motion to that effect, Grand Lodge adjourned at 11¹/₂ p. m., to meet again on Wednesday, at 9 o'clock, a. m., standard time.

SECOND DAY.

Moncton, N. B., August 12, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxiii.

Grand Lodge re-convened at 9, a. m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :—

J. M. DEACON, M. D.,
FRANK L. PEERS,
JOHN BEAMISH,
JOHN C. HENRY,
H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,
E. WOODWORTH,
F. B. WOOD,
F. S. MERRITT,

Acting Grand Chancellor.
Pro tem Grand Vice Chancellor.
Grand Prelate.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
Grand Master of Exchequer.
Grand Master-at-Arms.
Grand Inner Guard.
Grand Outer Guard.

Grand Chancellor Deacon appointed Brother Moulson, of No. 1, on the Law and Supervision Committee, in place of Brother Hartley, of No. 7, absent.

The Committee on Distribution reported as follows :—

Report of Committee on Distribution.

Moncton, N. B., August 12.
Pythian Period xxxiii.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Domain of the Maritime Provinces.

Your Committee on Distribution of Reports suggest that the recommendations and decisions contained in the Grand Chancellor's report be taken up and considered by this Grand Lodge, and that the reports of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer be referred to the Committee on Finance.

J. MOULSON,
W. C. H. GRIMMER,
F. L. PEERS,
Committee.

On motion the report was received and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Grand Chancellor's report was then taken up. It was moved and seconded that the report be received and adopted down to communication from Brother Kennedy. Motion carried.

It was moved that the matter in Grand Chancellor's report following be referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision.

Moved as an amendment that we accept and print the balance of the Grand Chancellor's report, except the parts referring to Brother Kennedy's letter, and communication from Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, and that these portions of his report be referred to the committee on Law and Supervision. Amendment carried.

The Finance Committee submitted their report which, on motion, was received and adopted, and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Finance.

St. Stephen, N. B., August 10, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxiii.

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report.

Having examined the accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, we find them correct and properly vouched for.

Balance on hand per last report, . . . . .	....	....	....	\$495 15
Received for year ending August 11, 1896, . . . . .	....	....	....	708 18
			Grand Total	1203 33
Less disbursements for year, . . . . .	....	....	....	538 15
Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer . . . . .	....	....	....	665 18
Supplies on hand in office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, . . . . .	....	....	....	59 60
Cash value of Grand Lodge furniture, . . . . .	....	....	....	140 75
Making grand total of Grand Lodge assets . . . . .	....	....	....	865 53
Showing an increase of \$135.83 for the year.				

We wish to express our appreciation of the correct manner in which we found the accounts kept and the vouchers therefor, and trust the above showing will be appreciated by the members of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

A. H. GRAHAM,
PARKER GRIMMER,
A. DODGE,
Committee.

Brother Deacon, having given notice of motion last convention in regard to remuneration of Grand Lodge officers, it was moved that, in future, Grand Lodge pay its officers' expenses to and from Grand Lodge at the rate of five cents per mile each way and two dollars per day while in attendance at its conventions.

As an amendment it was moved that the Grand Representatives be included in the above motion.

After considerable discussion, in which a large number of Grand Lodge members took part, it was decided that it was not at present practicable to pass such a law by voting down both motion and amendment.

Brother Deacon stated that he was prepared to receive nominations for officers for the ensuing year.

Brothers Past Grand Chancellor Jas. D. Fowler and Representative Whiteway were appointed tellers, after which the following nominations were made :—

For Grand Chancellor—J. M. Deacon, M. D., of No. 8.

For Grand Vice Chancellor—F. A. Godsoe, of No. 2 ; J. F. Gilroy, of No. 5 ; John Beamish, of No. 1 ; J. W. Whitehead, of No. 3.

For Grand Prelate—W. T. Whiteway, of No. 14.

For Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—J. C. Henry, of No. 4.

For Grand Master of Exchequer—H. J. Logan, M.P., of No. 11.

For Grand Master-at-Arms—J. F. Gilroy, of No. 5 ; F. B. Wood, of No. 3 ; F. S. Merritt, of No. 1.

For Grand Inner Guard—Geo. McKee, of No. 1 ; J. W. Morrison, of No. 11.

For Grand Outer Guard—W. S. Vaughan, of No. 1 ; W. E. Sherard, of No. 3.

For Grand Lodge Trustee—John Ryder, of No. 4 ; R. H. Cooper, of No. 5.

There being but one nomination for each of the offices of Grand Chancellor, Grand Prelate, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, the presiding officer instructed the Grand Master-at-Arms to deposit a ballot for each of the nominees, which he did.

A ballot for the office of Grand Vice Chancellor gave Brother Godsoe a majority of votes. Brother J. F. Gilroy secured the office of Grand Master-at-Arms ; Brother Morrison, that of Grand Inner

Guard ; Brother Vaughan, that of Grand Outer Guard, and Brother Cooper was elected trustee for three years.

The returns of tellers being handed in, Acting Grand Chancellor Deacon declared the following elected officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year :—

J. M. DEACON, M D.,	Grand Chancellor.
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
W. T. WHITEWAY,	Grand Prelate.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. W. MORRISON,	Grand Inner Guard.
W. S. VAUGHAN,	Grand Outer Guard.

Grand Lodge adjourned at 12.30 o'clock to meet again at 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moncton, N. B., August 12, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxiii.

Grand Lodge re-convened at 2 o'clock, p. m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :—

J. M. DEACON, M. D.,	<i>Acting</i> Grand Chancellor.
F. L. PEERS,	<i>Pro tem</i> Grand Vice Chancellor.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Prelate.
J. C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
E. WOODWORTH,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
F. B. WOOD,	Grand Inner Guard.
F. S. MERRITT,	Grand Outer Guard.

The Grand Master-at-Arms introduced the following Past Chancellors, on whom was conferred the Grand Lodge rank according to prescribed ritual :—

R. P. Dickson,	Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.
Hugh Wright,	do. do.

At the request of Grand Vice Chancellor Deacon, Supreme Representative Fleming installed the officers as follows :—

J. M. DEACON, M. D.,	Grand Chancellor.
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
W. T. WHITEWAY,	Grand Prelate.
J. C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. W. MORRISON,	Grand Inner Guard.
W. S. VAUGHAN,	Grand Outer Guard.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Brother R. H. Cooper, for able assistance rendered the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal at the present convention of Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Law and Supervision submitted their report, which was received, adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Law and Supervision.

Moncton, N. B., August 11, 1896.
Pythian Period xxxiii.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain of the Maritime Provinces.

The Committee on Law and Supervision beg leave to report upon that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report submitted to them as follows :—

1. We recommend that the first paragraph of Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution be stricken out.
2. We recommend that the word "dispensations," in the eleventh line of Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution, be stricken out and the word "warrant" inserted instead thereof.
3. We recommend that the words "and standing," in the third line of Section 6, Article 10, be stricken out.
4. We recommend that Section 1, Article 13, be amended to read as follows :—"Not less than ten white males, of good morals and character, sound in health, mind and body, believers in a Supreme Being, not less than twenty-one nor over fifty years of age, able to read and write, not engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon keeper, bar tender, or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer, (except as a *bona fide* hotel keeper or druggist) believer in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which they live, and who have not been rejected by any Subordinate Lodge as applicants for the ranks of Knighthood within six months preceding their application, may apply to the Grand Lodge, or Grand Chancellor, for a charter or warrant to establish a new lodge, etc.
5. We recommend that the word "dispensation" be struck out of Section 3, Article 13, and the word "warrant" inserted in lieu thereof.
6. We recommend that the words "and Newfoundland" be struck out of the 5th line of Article 1 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.
7. We recommend that the word "two" in the 4th line of Section 4, Article 3, of Subordinate Lodge Constitution be struck out and the word "four" inserted in its place.
8. We recommend that the word "Knight" in the second line of Section 9, Article 6, of Subordinate Lodge Constitutions, be struck out and the word "Page," inserted in lieu thereof.
9. We recommend that Sections 293, 294 and 295 of the Su-

preme Statutes be substituted for Section 11, Article 6, of Subordinate Lodge Constitutions.

10. We recommend that the words "or advancement," in 5th and 6th lines of Section 13, Article 6, Subordinate Lodge Constitution be struck out.

11. We recommend that all of Section 2, Article 7, of Subordinate Lodge Constitution, after the word "Lodge" be struck out.

12. We recommend that Section 5, of Article 17, of Subordinate Lodge Constitution, remain as it now is, the same being an exact copy of the Supreme Statute.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. C. H. GRIMMER,
JAS. MOULSON.

Committee.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to hold the next convention of this Grand Lodge in the City of Halifax, N. S.

On motion it was resolved that the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be the same as last year (\$150.00.) with an additional sum of \$25.00 for office rent.

It was decided to insure Grand Lodge property on the terms stated in Brother Henry's report—the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to have the matter attended to.

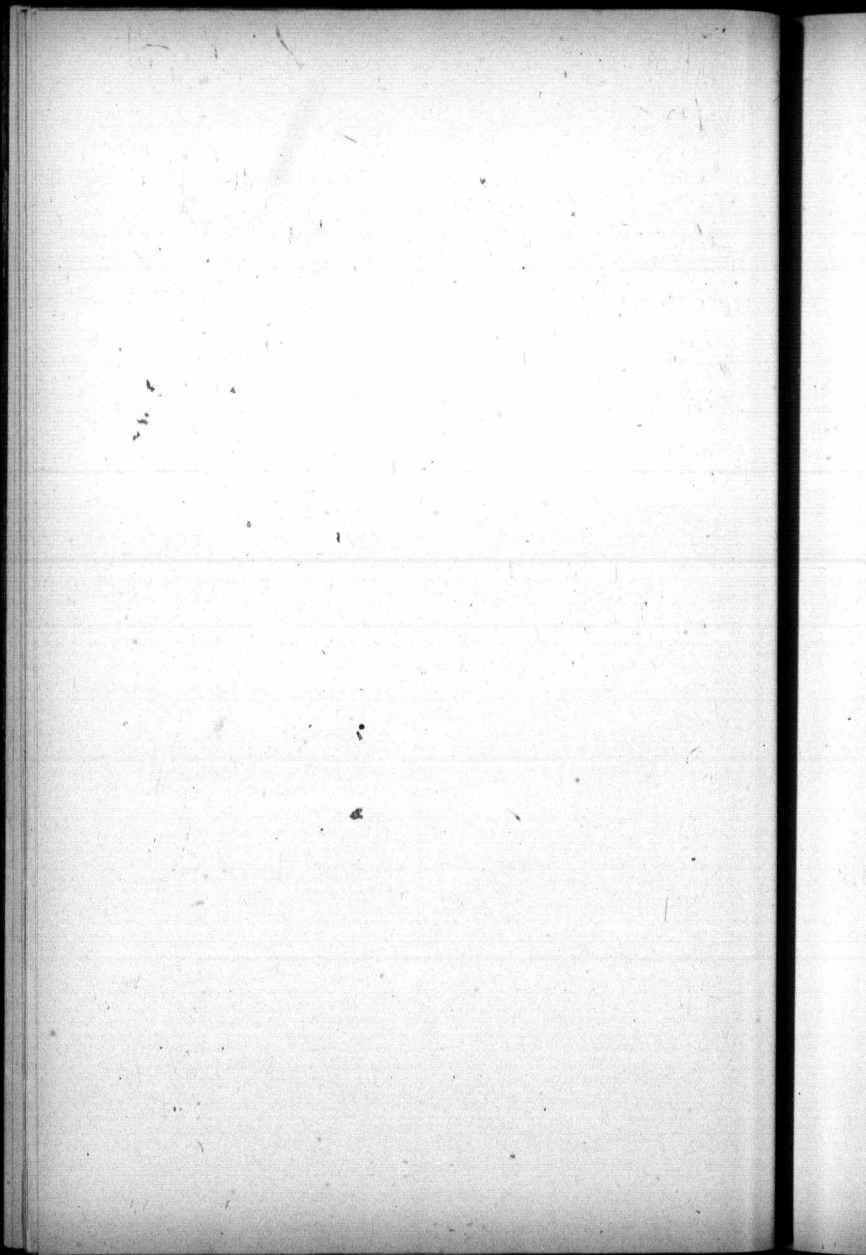
A vote of thanks to the brethren of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, for the entertainment given Grand Lodge, was unanimously passed by the Grand Lodge, conveyed by the Grand Chancellor, and replied to by Representative Wran, Supreme Representative Fleming and other members of Westmoreland Lodge.

There being no further business presented, at 5 p. m. Grand

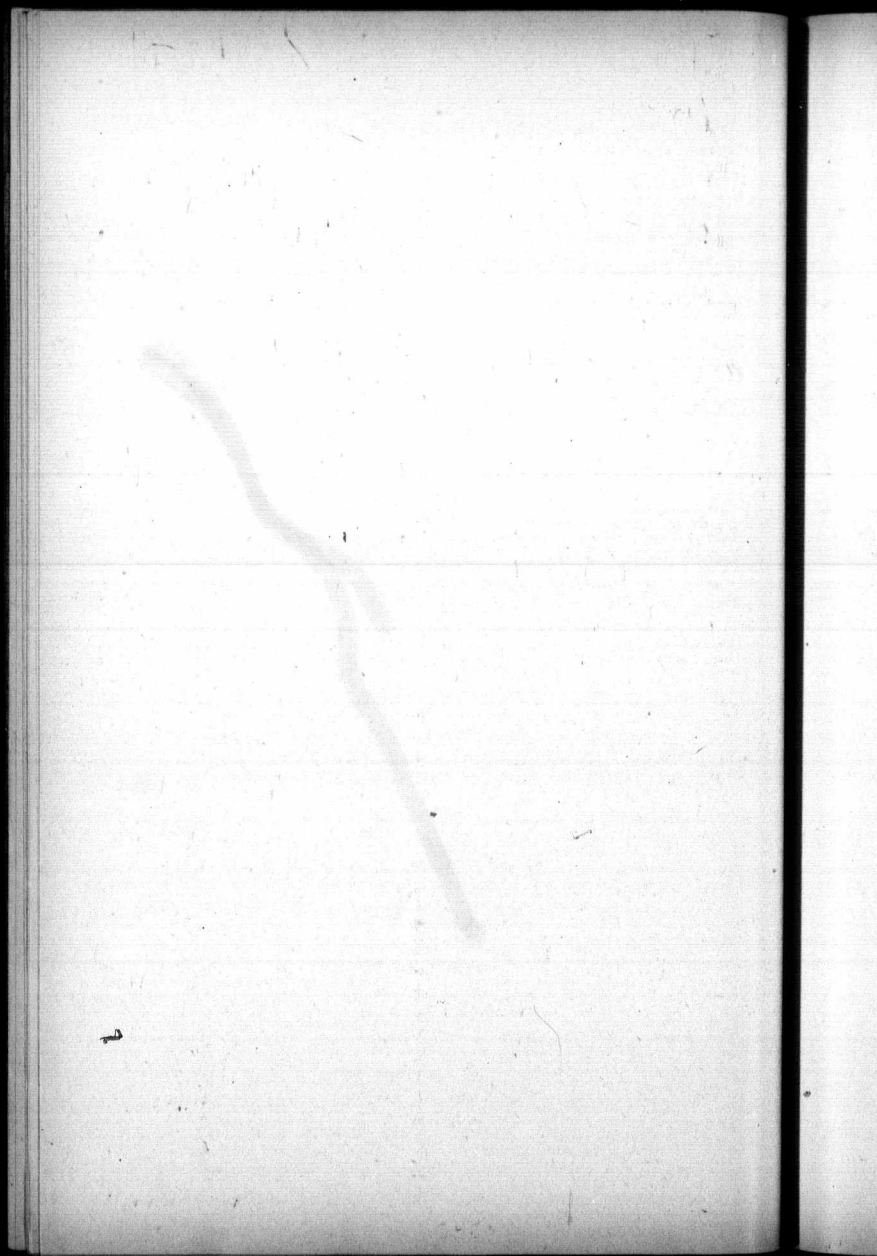
Chancellor J. M. Deacon closed the Grand Lodge in due form, and declared it adjourned accordingly until the second Tuesday in August, 1897, Pythian Period xxxiv, when its next annual convention will be held in the City of Halifax, N. S.



J. C. Henry
G. K. of R. and S.



APPENDIX



APPENDIX

Cash Account of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 10, 1896.

1895.		<i>Dr.</i>	
Oct. 24.	To Cash, Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	.....	\$ 7 50
Dec. 27.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3	.....	1 00
26.	Do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	.....	50
30.	Do " "	.....	50
1896.			
Jan. 7.	Do Seaside Lodge, No. 9,	.....	9 50
10.	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	.....	37 75
11.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2,	.....	49 50
16.	Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	.....	25 00
25.	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	.....	14 00
30.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,	.....	25 25
Feb. 1.	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	.....	20 25
4.	Do Far East Lodge, No. 14,	.....	15 85
	Do Border Lodge, No. 8,	.....	14 50
7.	Do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	.....	22 75
	Do Union Lodge, No. 2,	.....	55
10.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,	.....	1 20
11.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	.....	23 75
14.	Do Chignecto Lodge, No. 11,	.....	15 75
22.	Do Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13,	.....	10 25
Mar. 18.	Do Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15,	.....	15 00
June 11.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,	.....	1 25
	Do Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15,	.....	75 73
	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,	.....	60
July 7.	Do Seaside Lodge, No. 9,	.....	9 00
8.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2,	.....	1 00
10.	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	.....	46 00
	Do Union Lodge, No. 2,	.....	51 25
11.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8,	.....	16 70
Carried forward,			\$511 88

		Brought forward,	\$511 88	
July	16.	To Cash, Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	26 25	
	18.	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	21 50	
		Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,	26 65	
	20.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	24 70	
	24.	Do Far East Lodge, No. 14,	10 00	
	25.	Do Chignecto Lodge, No. 11,	16 25	
	29.	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	17 65	
		Do Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13,	11 25	
	30.	Do Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15,	2 25	
Aug.	1.	Do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	23 00	
		Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	35	
		Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	2 45	
		Do Chignecto Lodge, No. 11,	3 00	
		Grand Chancellor Cooper, Cash received from his Deputies for dispensations as follows:		
		Seaside Lodge, No. 9,	2 00	
		Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	5 00	
		Border Lodge, No. 8,	3 00	
		New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	1 00	
				\$708 18
1896.		<i>Cr.</i>		
		By Cash paid Grand Master of Exchequer during the year,		\$708 18

Grand Lodge Furniture.

1	Grand Lodge Seal	....	....	\$12 00
1	Do Chromatic Seal	....	....	3 00
2	Electrotypes do	....	....	1 50
	Lot of Grand Lodge Journals, 1886-1894	....	....	25 00
	Grand Officers' Books	....	....	10 00
1	Trunk	....	....	12 00
1	Set Grand Lodge Jewels	....	....	40 00
1	Letter Press and Attachments	....	....	6 90
1	Bookcase for holding proceedings of Grand Lodges	....	....	5 25
	3500 Blanks (Reports of M. of F., M. of E. and Past Chancellor's and Representative's Credentials	....	....	14 45
	888 S. A. Reports	....	....	10 65
				\$140 75

Grand Lodge Supplies.

14 Installation Books	.....	\$ 9 67
1000 Official Receipts	.....	6 00
600 Orders for S. A. P. W.	.....	3 60
150 Delinquent Notices	.....	1 13
500 Application Cards	.....	3 00
16 Withdrawal Cards	.....	8 00
10 Transfer Cards	.....	5 00
20 Travelling Shields	.....	2 00
1 Past Chancellor's Honor Certificate	.....	50
2 Carnahan's Tactics, (latest edition)	.....	2 00
2 Service Books	.....	1 20
13 Knight's Jewels	.....	13 00
1 Grand Representative's Jewel	.....	1 75
1 Past Grand Representative's Jewel	.....	1 75
		\$59 60

Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended December 31, 1895.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

LODGE.	No.	Members last Report.	Initiated.	Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Off.	Total at End of Term.	P. G. Cs.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick.....	1	149	9	..	1	159	1	5	2	8	151	2	25	119	4	1	151
Union.....	2	184	7	..	1	202	1	3	..	4	198	1	27	170	..	..	198
Westmoreland.....	3	168	1	..	..	169	..	..	..	8	161	2	27	70	..	..	161
Frontier.....	4	168	..	..	..	168	..	8	..	..	160	..	18	81	..	..	160
Cumberland.....	5	97	1	..	..	98	1	2	2	3	95	1	18	76	..	..	95
Fredrickton.....	6	92	..	..	..	92	1	10	..	11	81	1	15	64	..	..	81
Ivanhoe.....	7	89	4	..	..	93	2	..	..	2	91	1	11	79	..	..	91
Border.....	8	56	2	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	58	..	11	47	..	..	58
Senside.....	9	38	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	38	..	7	31	..	..	38
Myrtle.....	10	52	4	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	56	..	8	48	..	..	56
Chignecto.....	11	56	12	1	..	69	..	5	1	6	63	..	7	52	2	2	63
Kemilworth.....	13	39	2	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	41	..	5	36	..	..	41
Far East.....	14	37	8	..	..	45	..	..	..	..	45	..	4	40	1	..	45
Total.....		1115	50	1	2	1168	6	39	5	50	1118	9	185	913	8	3	1118

Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended December 31, 1895.

[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Bal. per last Report, Cash and Lodge Property.		Receipts of Term.		Total.	Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Relief of Brothers.		Burials.		Relief of Widowed Families.		Cash on Hand.		Amount of A. V. and O. Fund.		Total Assets at End of Term.		
		\$	c.	\$	c.		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
New Brunswick.	1	2460	69	314	58	2775	27	269	57	1361	56	100	00	50	00	147	00	57	52	1273	08	2460	69
Union.	2	4323	85	503	93	4827	78	241	51	3397	31	143	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	12	1688	20	4503	27
Westmoreland.	3	2958	06	245	20	3203	26	34	00	1935	66	118	00	35	00	40	00	540	60	550	60	2976	26
Frontier.	4	1172	29	142	00	1314	29	121	40	471	45	16	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	44	471	45	1176	89
Cumberland.	5	1064	82	251	65	1316	47	166	59	463	51	66	00	76	35	7	00	37	02	140	12	900	53
Fredertion.	6	1590	01	237	50	1827	51	278	22	388	24	40	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	00	359	24	1590	47
Ivanhoe.	7	1012	55	293	65	1306	20	186	43	289	59	84	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	83	289	59	1035	07
Border.	8	1056	00	175	14	1231	14	124	01	233	37	48	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	86	273	93	1077	38
Seaside.	9	329	73	65	85	395	58	74	54	108	00	6	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	07	86	85	339	17
Myrtle.	10	481	42	179	85	661	27	85	39	173	13	26	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	75	26	72	551	88
Chignecto.	11	296	07	147	00	443	07	91	39	.....	.....	68	00	40	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	243	68
Kenilworth.	13	373	68	226	44	600	12	319	94	9	00	9	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	18	18	03	306	18
Far East.	14	318	14	188	50	506	64	149	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	08	.....	.....	498	37
Total.		17437	31	3931	29	20468	60	2142	91	8822	82	724	50	201	35	194	00	1260	75	5171	81	17750	44

Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended June 30, 1896.

(SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.)

LODGE.	No.	Members, Last Report.	Initiated.	Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total off.	Total at End of Term.	P. G. C. S.	Chancellors. Past	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick	1	151	34	..	..	185	..	4	1	5	180	2	22	148	4	4	180
Union	2	198	12	..	..	210	..	4	1	5	205	1	28	172	..	4	205
Westmoreland	3	101	1	..	..	103	..	..	..	..	103	2	30	71	..	..	103
Frontier	4	100	6	..	1	107	..	..	..	2	105	1	17	86	..	..	105
Cumberland	5	95	5	..	..	100	..	6	..	6	94	1	19	74	..	..	94
Fredерickton	6	81	1	..	2	84	..	2	..	2	82	1	15	66	..	..	82
Ivanhoe	7	91	2	..	..	93	..	1	..	1	92	1	12	79	..	..	92
Border	8	58	5	..	..	63	1	..	..	1	62	..	12	50	..	..	62
Seaside	9	38	1	..	..	39	..	2	1	3	36	..	9	27	..	..	36
Myrtle	10	56	10	..	..	66	..	..	..	..	66	..	8	57	..	..	66
Chignecto	11	63	2	..	..	65	..	..	..	..	65	..	8	56	1	..	65
Kenilworth	13	41	2	2	..	45	..	..	..	8	45	..	6	37	1	1	45
Far East	14	45	3	..	..	48	..	8	..	..	40	..	5	35	..	..	40
Brigewater	15	..	15	3	..	18	..	..	..	..	18	..	2	13	1	2	18
Total	1118	99	5	4	1226	1	27	5	33	1193	9	194	971	7	12	1193	1193

Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended June 30, 1896.

[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Bal. per last Report, Cash and Lodge Property.	Receipts of Term.	Total.	Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Relief of Brothers.	Burials.	Relief of Widowed Families.	Cash on hand.		Amount of Fund, W. and O.	Total Assets at Kind of Term.
					\$	c.	\$	c.				\$	c.			$	c.
New Brunswick.....	1	2460 66	688 89	3149 55	168 83	1720 45	148 69	1381 98	70 00	.....	.....	148 69	1381 98	2910 75
Union	2	4503 27	930 94	5434 21	666 07	2927 31	473 29	1798 22	281 10	150 00	.....	473 29	1798 22	4766 44
Westmoreland.....	3	2076 26	247 19	3223 45	53 40	1935 66	654 29	594 04	40 00	.....	40 00	654 29	594 04	2589 05
Frontier.....	4	1176 89	495 34	1372 23	50 20	471 45	63 58	471 45	137 00	.....	.....	63 58	471 45	1185 03
Cumberland.....	5	900 53	256 03	1156 56	127 48	506 13	58 05	140 12	11 00	.....	53 00	58 05	140 12	965 08
Fredrickton.....	6	1590 47	194 07	1784 54	149 90	338 24	27 17	395 05	88 00	.....	.....	27 17	395 05	1540 64
Ivanhoe.....	7	1035 67	135 50	1171 17	116 87	289 59	18 46	289 59	6 00	.....	10 00	18 46	289 59	1038 30
Borier.....	8	1077 38	194 42	1271 80	117 31	233 37	16 97	247 01	57 00	.....	.....	16 97	247 01	1097 49
Seaside.....	9	339 17	84 00	423 17	52 48	100 00	83 19	89 25	.....	.....	.....	83 19	89 25	370 69
Myrtle.....	10	551 88	238 39	790 27	113 07	173 13	99 07	30 69	16 00	.....	.....	99 07	30 69	592 20
Chignecto.....	11	243 68	175 00	418 68	57 30	.....	125 38	.....	10 00	.....	.....	125 38	.....	345 38
Kenilworth.....	13	396 18	132 67	528 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	475 00
Far East.....	14	498 37	87 00	585 37	117 58	.....	213 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	213 22	.....	504 01
Bridgewater.....	15	.....	172 00	172 00	148 18	.....	23 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 82	.....	123 82
Total.....		17750 44	3731 44	21481 88	1939 27	8695 33	5476 08	2106 08	801 10	150 00	103 10	5476 08	2106 08	18510 78	

Roster of Subordinate Lodges.

Lodge.	No.	Date of Institution.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Name and Address of Keeper of Records and Seal.
New Brunswick	1	Oct. 28, 1870..	St. John....	Every alternate Wednesday.	Benj. L. Sheppard, Exmouth Street, St. John, N. B.
Union	2	Mar. —, 1874..	St. John....	Every alternate Wednesday.	A. E. Prince, Drawer 51, St. John, N. B.
Westmoreland .	3	May 19, 1875..	Moncton ...	Tuesday	Alex. P. Tait, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier.....	4	Sept. 14, 1875..	St. Stephen.	2nd and 4th Tuesday	C.-A. Laubman, box 210, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland....	5	July 16, 1883..	Springhill..	Thursday	R. H. Cooper, Springhill, N. S.
Fredericton....	6	May 4, 1888..	Fredericton..	2nd and 4th Tuesday.....	A. J. Fowlie, box 340, Fredericton, N. B.
Ivanhoe.....	7	Aug. 27, 1889..	Woodstock..	Monday.....	G. H. Holyoke, Woodstock, N. B.
Border.....	8	April 9, 1890..	Milltown....	1st and 3rd Monday.....	J. W. Graham, Milltown, N. B.
Sensile.....	9	June 19, 1891..	St. Andrews.	1st and 3rd Monday.....	J. W. Richardson, St. Andrews, N. B.
Myrtle.....	10	Oct. 6, 1891..	Advocate ...	Monday.....	Amos B. Elliott, Advocate, N. S.
Chignecto.....	11	July 27, 1892..	Amherst....	Tuesday.....	John E. Roach, Amherst, N. S.
Kenilworth....	13	Aug. 22, 1893..	Parrsboro...	Tuesday.....	E. Woodworth, Parrsboro, N. S.
Far East.....	14	June 26, 1894..	St. Johns...	Wednesday	W. F. Butler, box 42, St. Johns, Newfoundland.
Bridgewater....	15	Mar. 30, 1896..	Bridgewater.	1st and 3rd Monday.....	F. E. Tupper, Bridgewater, N. S.

Conventions of Grand Lodge.

June 30, 1886.	Organization,	St. John, N. B.
December 1, 1887,	First Annual Convention,	St. John, N. B.
September 26, 27, 1888,	Second Annual Convention,	Moncton, N. B.
September 5, 6, 1889,	Third Annual Convention,	St. Stephen, N. B.
September 11, 12, 1890,	Fourth Annual Convention,	St. John, N. B.
September 8, 9, 1891,	Fifth Annual Convention,	Springhill, N. S.
September 20, 21, 1892,	Sixth Annual Convention,	Fredericton, N. B.
July 19, 1893,	Special Convention,	St. John, N. B.
September 19, 20, 1893,	Seventh Annual Convention,	Woodstock, N. B.
August 21, 22, 1894,	Eighth Annual Convention,	Amherst, N. S.
August 20, 21, 1895,	Ninth Annual Convention,	Milltown, N. B.
August 11, 12, 1896,	Tenth Annual Convention,	Moncton, N. B.

Past Grand Chancellors.

- JAMES MOULSON, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Deputy Supreme Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886 ; service as Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative.
- JOHN R. ARMSTRONG, of Union Lodge, No. 2, elected Past Grand Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886.
- GEORGE CRAIG, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, elected Supreme Representative, 1886.
- MURRAY FLEMING, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, service as Grand Chancellor, 1888-89.
- W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, service as Grand Chancellor, 1889-90.
- E. ALLISON POWERS, of Union Lodge, No. 2, service as Grand Chancellor, 1890-91.
- J. FENWICK FRASER, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, service as Grand Chancellor, 1891-92.
- FRANK L. PEERS, of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, service as Grand Chancellor, 1892-93.
- JAMES D. FOWLER, of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, service as Grand Chancellor, 1893-94.
- WILLIAM B. NICHOLSON, of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, service as Grand Chancellor, 1894-95.
- HEDLEY V. COOPER, of Union Lodge, No. 2, service as Grand Chancellor, 1895-96.

Grand Lodge Roster, 1886 to 1896.

Grand Chancellor.	Grand Vice Chancellor.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.	Grand Master at-Arms.	Grand Inner Guard.	Grand Outer Guard.
1886 James Moulson...	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	A. J. Armstrong.	George Dunn.	George Craig.	John Beamish
1887 James Moulson...	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	A. W. Adams.	George Dunn.	John P. Weir.	John Beamish
1888 Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	E. Allison Powers.	A. W. Adams.	George Dunn.	J. W. Whitehead.	R. J. Rosborough
1889 W. C. H. Grimmer.	E. Allison Powers.	George Dunn.	John C. Henry.	A. W. Adams.	Jas. H. Wrang.	Jas. D. Fowler
1890 E. Allison Powers.	J. F. Fraser.	F. L. Peers.	John C. Henry.	J. W. Whitehead.	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson
1891 J. F. Fraser.	F. L. Peers.	Jas. D. Fowler.	John C. Henry.	W. B. Nicholson.	W. R. Parker.	Frank Fales
1892 F. L. Peers.	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.	John C. Henry.	K. A. McLean.	J. M. Deacon.	LeBaron Wilson
1893 Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.	J. M. Deacon.	John C. Henry.	G. W. Cameron.	John Beamish.	K. A. McLean
1894 W. B. Nicholson.	H. V. Cooper.	J. M. Deacon.	John C. Henry.	K. A. McLean.	John Beamish.	J. F. Gilroy
1895 H. V. Cooper.	J. M. Deacon.	John Beamish.	John C. Henry.	E. Woodworth.	F. B. Wood.	F. S. Merritt
1896 J. M. Deacon.	F. A. Godsoe.	W. T. Whiteway.	John C. Henry.	J. F. Gilroy.	J. W. Morrison.	W. S. Vaughan

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Deputy Grand Chancellors for 1896-97.

New Brunswick, No. 1.....	George McKee, St. John, N. B.
Union, No. 2.....	Eustace Barnes, St. John, N. B.
Westmoreland, No. 3.....	J. W. Whitehead, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier, No. 4.....	W. S. A. Douglas, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland, No. 5.....	F. L. Peers, Springhill, N. S.
Fredericton, No. 6.....	T. Amos Wilson, Fredericton, N. B.
Ivanhoe, No. 7.....	Thomas A. Lindsay, Woodstock, N. B.
Border, No. 8.....	W. H. Laughlin, M. D., Milltown, N. B.
Seaside, No. 9.....	T. R. Wren, St. Andrews, N. B.
Myrtle, No. 10.....	S. R. Canning, Advocate, N. S.
Chignecto, No. 11.....	J. W. Morrison, Amherst, N. S.
Kenilworth, No. 13.....	Christopher Proctor, Parrsboro, N. S.
Far East, No. 14.....	E. W. Lyon, St. Johns, N. F.
Bridgewater, No. 15.....	C. S. Marshall, M.D., Bridgewater, N. S.

Standing Committees, 1896-97.

	Distribution.	
James Moulson,		New Brunswick, No. 1
W. C. H. Grimmer,		Frontier, No. 4
F. L. Peers,		Cumberland, No. 5
	Returns and Credentials.	
J. C. Henry,		Frontier, No. 4
S. Tufts,		New Brunswick, No. 1
H. J. Logan,		Chignecto, No. 11
R. W. Whitlock,		Border, No. 8
LeBaron Wilson,		Union, No. 2
	Appeals and Grievances.	
R. H. Cooper,		Cumberland, No. 5
A. J. Fowle,		Fredericton, No. 6
E. Woodworth,		Kenilworth, No. 13
R. S. Canning,		Myrtle, No. 10
W. T. Whiteway,		Far East, No. 14
	Printing.	
J. C. Henry,		Frontier, No. 4
J. Fen. Fraser,		New Brunswick, No. 1
C. A. McQueen, M. D.		Chignecto, No. 11
	Finance.	
A. H. Graham,		Border, No. 8
F. Parker Grimmer,		Frontier, No. 4
A. Dodge,		Union, No. 2
	Law and Supervision.	
W. C. H. Grimmer,		Frontier, No. 4
Murray Fleming,		Westmoreland, No. 3
James Moulson,		New Brunswick, No. 1
	Fraternal Correspondence.	
H. V. Cooper,		Union, No. 2
C. S. Marshall, M. D.,		Bridgewater, No. 15
J. C. Hartley,		Ivanhoe, No. 7

ORIGINAL LINES

RECITED BY

GRAND CHANCELLOR DR. J. M. DEACON

*(In replying to a toast at the supper given by Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,
during the recent Convention of the Grand Lodge in the
City of Moncton, New Brunswick.)*

I had read, in some ancient legend,
Of a plant that would make men wise,
Of a spring to renew their vigor,
And Utopia that rivalled the skies ;

And I thought, in my boyhood's dreaming,
That I might discover the key
To unlock this fabulous country,
And its marvellous beauty see.

But I learned, as I grew to manhood,
That the stern, hard lessons of fate
Crowd out from our minds pleasant fancies
The buoyant spirits of childhood create.

And I learned that the beautiful flower,
The spring with its virtues rare,
The philosophers' stone—to possess alone
Meant a manytimes' millionaire ;

The island where nature smiles,
The gods themselves on their throne,
The mermaid's song, with attraction strong,
All, all were fables alone.

Then I closed the book of my dreaming,
And I thought to hide it away
Along with those legends hoary,
Away from the light of day ;

But it left me uneasy and restless,
With some feelings not satisfied,
Like a lonely and longing desire
To embrace a friend who has died.

And I groped as it were in darkness,
For something to take the place
Of the beautiful thoughts of my childhood
Whose sweet memory I could not efface.

Then I reasoned, perchance these were symbols
That poets and dreamers of old
Had employed to teach deeper lessons
Than those on the surface beheld.

And I thought in this modern period,
This extremely practical age,
Some dreams of the early poet,
Some hopes of the early sage,

Not found in the realm of nature,
Literal flower, or island, or spring,
As symbols, again might be sighted,
In grips, signs, and that sort of thing,

That teach us a practical lesson
Of a society now to be found,
Where wisdom, condensed from the ages,
With love, friendship, benevolence abound

To fill up the void of our longing
For solace not found in the mart ;
Where struggle and keen competition
Drive sympathy out of the heart.

So I *entered* its secret portals ;
The flower I found to be there,
With friendship emblazoned upon it,
Sweet friendship, the name it should bear ;

For it teaches a beautiful lesson
How friend should aid friend in this life :
Examined by Pythias, as hostage,
That Damon might visit his wife.

Then I hastened on to the *second*
My name on that tablet to write ;
With profession, age, residence, etcetra,
I filled every space in my sight.

And I learned, like the spring of the fable,
 New vigor this rank could impart ;
 And lessons of wisdom and caution,
 Indelibly print on the heart.

The *summit* I reached by a process
 Laborious, like climbing a stair ;
 Then ventured alone into darkness,
 Not knowing what fate might be there ;

But my way I found thither was aided
 By attendants, who kindly assist
 And encourage the backward and timid
 With persuasion that's hard to resist.

So Utopia thus opened upon me,
 In the shade of a loved Castle Hall ;
 And pleasant since then are the meetings
 I've had with the Knights, one and all.

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Now, how did this come to New Brunswick,
 Nova Scotia and the two Islands grand,
 Those Atlantic washed British possessions,
 That united in one Domain stand ?

It came as the rays of the morning
 Come, chasing the shadows away,
 Divorced from deceit, death and darkness,
 And courting the full light of day.

It came as the ships of a nation
 Proudly sail by a friendly fort ;
 Thus it came to the Loyalist city,
 Fair Canada's new winter port.

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It came to an artist, named Beamish,
 The Knights call him here 'Uncle John,'
 An exotic, it staid : by his careful hand made
 Endemic, this fair land upon.

Assisted by Moulson, the noble,
 The grandest of all our grand mates ;
 Together they started New Brunswick,
 The *first lodge outside of the States*.

And Moulson our order directed
 Till upward he stepped on that way,
 That year after year brings him nearer
 The Supreme chair he'll honor some day.

Then Fleming, the idol of Moncton,
 As Chancellor Grand, took his place :
 He's methodical, active and clever,
 While benevolence beams from his face.

Next Grimmer, the beau of the river
 Where Champlain his first winter passed,*
 Where the maidens and horses are handsome,
 But the lawyers can not be out-classed.

Then Powers, the terror of devils
 That sport round the typesetter's case,
 Won his spurs in an honest endeavor,
 To keep step with the preceding pace.

Till Fraser assisted in grafting
 New lustre upon the fair name
 Of the order he jealously cherished,
 That nothing might tarnish its fame.

He was followed by Nimrod the second,
 Friend Peers, as that hunter is seen,
 For he earnestly sought after lodges
 And founded eleven, twelve and thirteen.

J. D. Fowler came next from the city
 Celestial, that's founded on earth,
 Wealthy, healthy, handsome and witty,
 Yet we scarcely discovered his worth.

Then Nicholson, tailor of Woodstock,
 The maker-complete of the man,
 Quiet, watchful, honest and upright,
 Did good work as an earnest man can.

Colonel Cooper then acted as keystone,
 With honors his name is replete
 And fitted among the Grand Chancellors,
 This beautiful arch to complete.

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But here I must mention one other,
 Whom the Lodges, Subordinate and Grand,
 Delight to acknowledge a brother
 To any K. P. in the land :

On his work, word and worth our successes
 Very largely depended, we feel ;
 J. C. Henry, St. Stephen, his address is ;
 He's Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

* * * *

Now farewell to this beautiful city
Of railroads, and tide wonders,† too,
Where the ladies are both virtuous and witty,
And the Knights are so generous and true ;

And farewell to the present convention
Where the hearts of the brethren proved right,
And nothing delayed by contention
Leaves the page of its history bright.

* The river St. Croix, where Champlain and others spent the winter of 1604-5.

† The Petitcodiac, on which Moncton is built, is one of the few rivers in the world that have a tidal bore ; and the vertical rise of the tide at the mouth of the river amounts to sixty feet or more.

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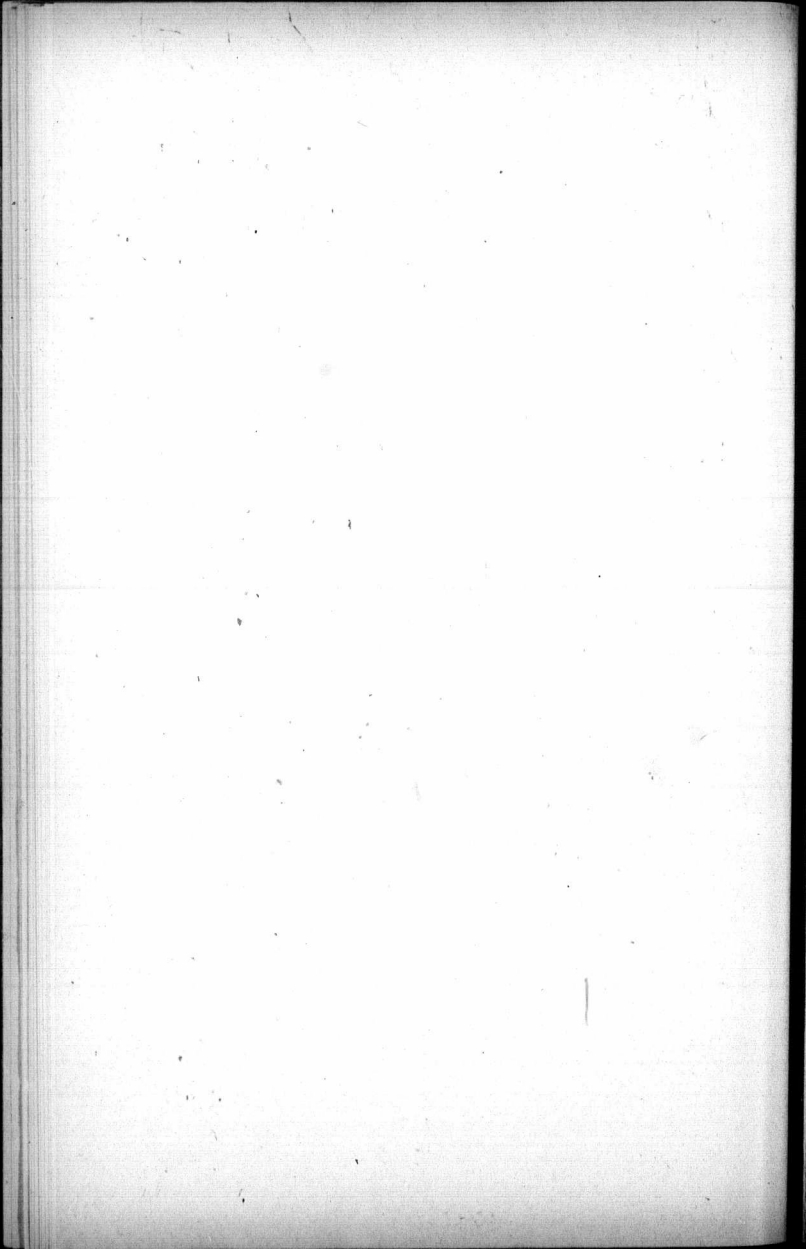
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