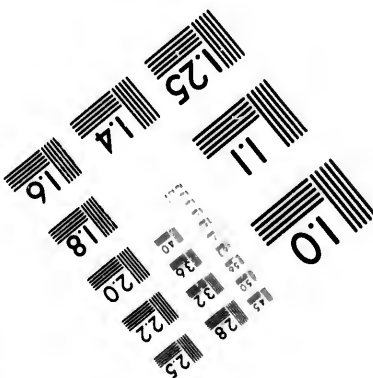
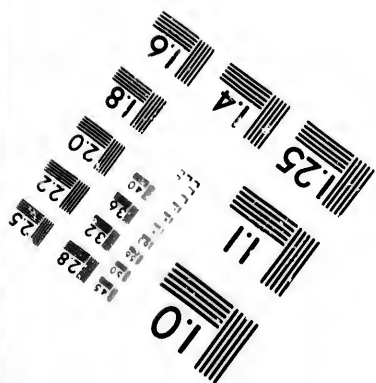
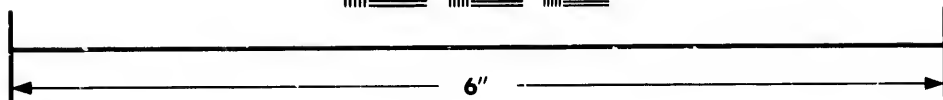
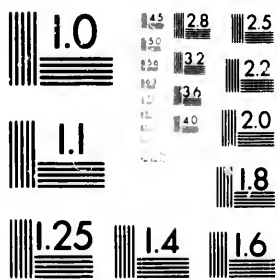


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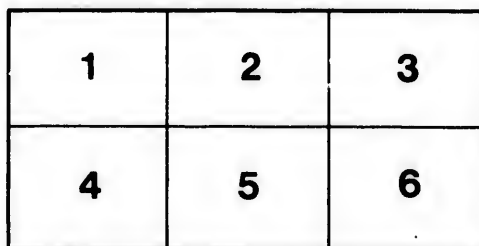
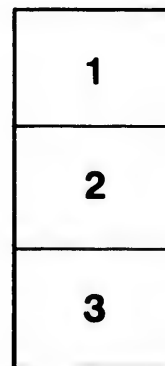
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OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge

OF THE

Lower Provinces of British North America.

HELD IN THE HALL OF FULLER LODGE, NO. 5, ALBION MINES, ON
THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1870, AND IN THE HALL OF
EASTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 2, PICTOU, N. S., ON THE
9TH AND 10TH DAYS OF AUGUST, 1870.

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R. M. Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces,

Held in the Hall of Fuller Lodge, No. 5, Albion Mines, on the 15th day of February, 1870.



ALBION MINES, NOVA SCOTIA,
Tuesday, February 15th, 1870.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces met this day in semi-annual Session. Deputy Grand Master R. J. Griffith called the Lodge to order, and opened in due form. A letter was read from Grand Secretary Fraser, stating his inability to attend on account of illness. P. G. John Matheson of Fuller Lodge was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

OFFICERS PRESENT :

R. J. GRIFFITH,.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
A. MAXWELL,.....*R. W. Grand Warden.*
DANIEL McKAY,.....*R. W. Grand Marshal.*
W. N. MILLS,.....*R. W. Grand Guardian.*
A. CAMERON,.....*R. W. Grand Conductor.*

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT :

NORTON LODGE, No. 6.—W. F. Ross, James McKenzie;
Stewart Fraser.

FULLER LODGE, No. 5.—James Mitchell, John Murray, John Matheson, G. McKelvie.

EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 2.—John Pringle.

Public Address of Nova Scotia
HALIFAX, N. S.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

On Credentials and Elections.—Daniel McKay, John Matheson and James McKenzie.

Correspondence.—A. Maxwell, William Hall and G. McKelvie.

Finance.—W. N. Mills, R. J. Griffith and G. McKelvie.

Moved by Bro. McKay, seconded by Bro. Cameron, that the minutes of last Session having been printed, the reading be dispensed with, and they confirmed. Passed.

Committee on Elections submit the following :

That the Certificate of Bro. John Pringle, P. G. of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 2, is correct, and that he is entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

P. G. John Pringle was then admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge degrees, and assigned a seat.

Committee on Credentials report :

EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 2.—As Representative, John Pringle, P. G.

NORTON LODGE, No. 6.—Stewart Fraser, W. F. Ross and James McKenzie.

FULLER LODGE, No. 5.—No Credentials for Representatives. Neglect of Lodge. The following were vouched for by the R. W. Grand Sec'y *pro. tem.* John Hill, William Hall, John Matheson, John Murray, and James Mitchell.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the M. W. Grand Master Duncan Ross, was announced, and having entered, the Chair was vacated by D. G. M. Griffith, and occupied by the M. W. Grand Master Ross.

Report of Grand Master, was then presented, and having been delivered, was handed to the Committee on state of the Order.

Report of Grand Secretary presented, and was read by the Secretary *p. t.*, and passed to Committee.

Grand Representative R. Doull, having notified the Lodge that he could not be in attendance, his report was read by the Grand Secretary, *p. t.* and passed to Committee.

Report of M. W. Grand Master.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces :

REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS.—We are now assembled in Semi-annual Session in compliance with the Constitution and usages of the Order, and for the Representatives of the various Lodges in this jurisdiction to convene. It affords me much pleasure to meet with you on this occasion, and submit to you a statement of my doings for the past six months.

I assure you that in laying before you this my first report, that I feel gratified in having to inform you that our Order shows evident signs of advancement and increase in this jurisdiction, and that ere long the principles of "Friendship, Love and Truth," will be found sown broad east not only where it is now but in every city and town in the Dominion.

In the first place I have issued dispensations to institute Lodges as follows: Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, St. John, N. B., on the petition of R. R. Barnes, A. Robertson, G. T. Knollin and others.

Also, St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 8, Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the petition of J. P. Irving, J. W. Falconer, W. H. Barnard, Andrew E. Patrick and W. B. Allen.

Also, Griffith Lodge, No. 7, Truro, N. S., on the petition of James E. Geldert, James Nelson, D. Nelson, P. J. Chisholm and John D. Fraser.

The officers of the above Lodges were all elected and installed into their office in due form.

At the beginning of the present term, I visited the different Lodges and installed the officers. The season not being very favorable and the distance so great, I forwarded a dispensation to Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, St. John, authorising P. G. Barnes to instal the officers in that Lodge.

St. Lawrence and Griffith Lodges being but recently instituted, I thought for the better working of the Lodges that the officers retain their offices until sometime in the Spring or Summer season, the members of the Grand Lodge would then have an opportunity of visiting and installing in ample form.

The absence of appeals, and the harmony existing in the different Lodges impress me with the hope that the quiet working of our Order, is gaining for it a character, and establishing such an institution in our land as is suitable to meet the social and intellectual wants of the community. The character and virtues of our Order will be closely scrutinized by the public, let our conduct be such as will commend our principles, and then we will expect a full realization of the bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth. Business will be brought up for your consideration, which I know will have your best attention.

In conclusion Brothers I thank you for your assistance and counsel, whenever called upon, and your attention to duties. I respectfully submit this report for your consideration.

DUNCAN ROSS, *Grand Master.*

Grand Secretary's Report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces B, N. A.

In compliance with the constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, the undersigned Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following report:—

Since we last met, two if not three new Lodges have been added to our number making six Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction. I

have received the Report of Pioneer Lodge No. 9, St. John N. B., showing a membership of 24 up to 31st Dec. 1869. They have paid up their dues in full to that time, but have refused to pay the per capita tax until they know something more about it. I explained the matter to them and told them I would not insist on its being paid until after the sitting of the Grand Lodge, when I would bring the matter before this body for their action.

St. Lawrence Lodge, instituted in October 1869, and being so late in the season, the term of their Offices was allowed to extend to the 30th June 1870, consequently from them I have received no report.

The Lodge in Truro I can say very little about having heard nothing about it since I delivered the Dispensation to D. G. M. Griffith.

I have been in receipt of the following publications some of which I have subscribed for, others by favour of the publishers, "American Odd Fellow" "Western Odd Fellow" "Odd Fellows Companion" and "Canadian Star."

Charters for the new subordinate Lodges will have to be granted at this meeting of the Grand Lodge, in view of this I have been in correspondence with the Grand Secretary J. B. King of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, in reference to procuring Charter Blanks, I have received samples from him, and he offers to have them printed to suit our jurisdiction, provided we order one hundred copies at \$150. But I thought they might be procured from some State Grand Lodge cheaper, and promised to bring the matter before you.

Provision will have to be made for the payment to Fuller Lodge No. 5, Albion Mines, of the \$100 borrowed money, which comes due on the 15th April next, also the interest or else an extension of the Note for one year longer.

There is also another debt of \$50, U. S. Currency, due the estate of the late Wm. Curtis, which I intended to have paid after the funds came in on the 31st December, but knowing that Fuller Lodge would want their money, I decided to wait till after the meeting.

According to orders given at last session I had 50 copies of the Proceedings printed, distributing them among the various Lodges in the jurisdiction and also to those in the United States who favored us with theirs.

I would recommend that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be revised and printed, as I have had several applications for them from Subordinates; there is also wanted a supply of Working Books and Lodge Supplies.

The Constitution and By-Laws of Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, I have received, and presented them to this Grand Lodge for approval.

The following is a statement of Receipts and Expenditure, for the Term ending 31st December, 1869:—

A. M. Fraser, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, in account
with R. W. Grand Lodge, Lower Provinces B. N. A.

1869.	.	Dr.	
Aug. 3rd.	To balance on hand per last report,		\$45.78½
Oct. 23rd.	" Cash from Pioneer Lodge,—Cards,		2.00
Dec. 31st.	" " " " Dues,		21.21
"	" " " Eastern Star Lodge,		25.55
"	" " " Norton Lodge,		8.01½
"	" " " Fuller Lodge,		24.98½

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Aug. 7th.	By paid for \$5.00 U. S. cy.,	\$	3.85
" 12th.	" " Eastern Chronicle,—adver. meeting,		1.00
" 19th.	" " Noonan & Davies,—Express charges,		1.75
Nov. 12th.	" " Currency Draft U. S., \$10.00,		7.75
do.	" " M. McPherson,—printing Journal,		18.00
do.	" " Stationery and Seals,		50
do.	" " Postage and Freight,—Journals,		1.50
do.	" " Advertising in "Colonial Standard,"		75
Dec. 31st.	" " Cash on hand,		92.44½
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Respectfully Submitted,

A. M. FRASER,

G. Sec. & Treas.

REPORT OF ROBERT DOULL,
Grand Rep. to R. W. G. Lodge United States.

From the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces.



HALL IN SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., SEP. 1869.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. of O. F., L. P. B. N. A.:

BROTHER REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHER PAST GRANDS:—As your Representative, I attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the City of San Francisco, in September 1869.

Having travelled from the extreme Eastern Point of this Continent, on the Atlantic, to the extreme Western, on the Pacific, and the longest distance of any Representative who attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge. It was not without some personal sacrifice that I was able to represent you on this memorable occasion, but I can assure you that I was more than amply repaid, not merely by the opportunity thus afforded me of seeing much of the Continent that otherwise I might not have been privileged to see, but also by the hearty reception and kindly greetings that I received, along with the other Representatives, not only from our large hearted brethren of the Pacific Coast, but from all who had an opportunity of extending them to us along the road.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge at San Francisco was made by our Brethren of the Pacific Coast an occasion ever to be remembered, not only by those who constituted that body, but by all and every one who witnessed their Grand Reception and munificent Entertainment, in the "Golden City."

At Omaha the Brethren of that City gave us a right hearty welcome and a Grand Entertainment. At several places along the road the Brethren turned out in force to welcome and cheer us on our way.

At Winnamucc the Grand Lodge of Nevada extended to us the "Right Hand of Fellowship," and a cordial greeting there. Grand Master Hayden made an able and interesting speech, which was responded to in a suitable manner by our Grand Sire.

At Sacramento the Brethren received us in a handsome manner, provided for us during our stay in that City, and entertained us with a Public Dinner and Grand Ball. At this City the Grand Representatives participated in the imposing ceremonies of laying the Corner Stone of an Odd Fellows' Hall.

At Alameda Brother Parker entertained the Grand Representatives and all who accompanied them to a most Splendid Luncheon before they crossed the ferry to San Francisco, thus exhibiting the largeness of soul of some of our California Brethren.

From Alameda we crossed over to San Francisco, by steam ferry, to meet with such a reception, as was never extended to such a body of men on this Continent before. Amid the booming of cannon, the ringing of bells, and a grand display of bunting we landed in the City, and at the tail end of a procession of Odd Fellows, interspersed with many bands of music, the head of which we could not see, we marched through some of the principal Streets, which were lined by tens of thousands of the Citizens. The scene was altogether the grandest I ever beheld, and one never to be forgotten. It was not merely members of the Order, of the City, that gave us a right, but every Citizen. During our stay in San Francisco, we were the recipients of much kindness and hospitality from Citizens outside the Order as well as from those belonging to it.

Upon assembling at Pacific Hall, just before the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master of California addressed the Officers and Representatives of the G. L. U. S., in the following mode of cordial welcome:—

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

At last the long looked for hour has come. The Grand Lodge of California stands face to face with the Grand Lodge of the United States, which ought to be in name, which it will be in fact—"The Supreme Grand Lodge of Odd Fellowship."

For a few days you have trod the soil of this Great State; you have gone with us as we promised on the night of your arrival, out through the "Golden Gate" into the Pacific; you have there and then had your souls filled with thoughts too big for utterance.

I could see as I moved among you, that never before were you so inspired with the grand extent of the Continent, the grand feature of America and her institutions, the omniscience the omnipresence and the omnipotence of God. When you sailed by Yerba Buena, Alcatraz and Fort Point, out through the remarkable Channel leading from the Bay of San Francisco into the Ocean of Oceans, you seemed to feel that these mountains were there sundered by His Almighty hand, expressly to point out to the people who should inhabit this Continent, the gateway into which civilization should march, to the ends of the earth; and as the Steamer turned and headed for the Bay again, it was plain that you all felt that here was Empire. Brothers I am not mistaken, and with these high thoughts, and these throbbing hearts. I know that you have resolved so far as in you lies to make Odd Fellowship here and in all the civilized world a great humanizing moral power. I know that you have all within the last three days, stood in the presence of the shadowy past and the mighty future, and that in view of your solemn responsibilities, you have renewed your vows upon our altars. You have thanked God that He has brought you safely here, permitted you to take by the hand the Brotherhood on this coast, and to see these wonderful things.

Brotherhood! Nothing so deep down in the human heart; nothing so touching as the feeling of kinship, with the whole human race, the feeling that everywhere on the face of the earth, man would weep if he knew you were sad. Come then and accept these chairs, occupy the Hall, accept the hospitality of the City. Whatever the Grand Lodge of California can do to make you stay pleasant, will be done. From the graves of our fathers you come, from the dear spots where we

where born, from the little mounds where our brothers and sisters were early laid away to sleep; between you and us there is an unseen spiritual communion which we know better than you. Ever green to the memory of these days. May our common Father give you that wisdom in council and that largeness of heart which shall exalt and perpetuate Odd Fellowship.

There were present at the meeting Representatives from every State in the Union except one, from Australia, Sandwich Islands, Ontario, and Lower Provinces. The Session throughout was characterized by harmony and good feeling, and much important business was transacted.

The motion for the restoration of the Apron was laid over till next Session.

The Grand Sire, in his able and interesting report, shows that the Order, during the past year, has made great progress. I will only copy from that report the following decisions, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge:—

1st. A Brother of the Scarlet Degree in good standing, desiring a Certificate of his grade, to enable him to join an Encampment, is entitled to receive the same, from the Secretary of the Lodge, in due form, upon application, and no vote of the Lodge is necessary for such Certificate.

2nd. The Grand Sire has no power to authorize Royal Purple Degree Members to wear aprons at the celebration of the 26th April, or on any other occasion.

3rd. The Grand Sire has no power to authorize Subordinates, under the jurisdiction of the State Grand Bodies, to apply to Sister Lodges outside the jurisdiction, for pecuniary aid for building Odd Fellow's Halls.

4th. The costumes worn in the G. R. D. cannot be worn on public occasions.

5th. A Brother of the Patriarchal Degree is entitled to receive the Semi-annual Word.

6th. Voting in a Lodge is by the usual sign of an Odd Fellow, except on ballot for membership, and is proscribed by the work.

7th. A Patriarch under suspension in his Encampment, is not eligible to office in a Grand Encampment; and should such Patriarch be elected, it is not competent to instal him.

8th. It is unlawful for the Charge Books, or others containing or relating to the secret work of the Order, to be taken from the Lodge Room.

9th. The N. G. of a Lodge, being the proper custodian of such books, may entrust them to his subordinate Officers, for the purpose of qualification, while in the Lodge Room.

10th. The laws of the Order prohibit the writing of the Initiatory Charges, as well as all other parts of the secret work.

11th. The O. B. N. of N. G. (30 Charge Book) fully answers.

12th. A Lodge or Encampment has the right to visit other Lodges or Encampments, when accompanied by its Presiding Officers, outside its own jurisdiction, without Cards or a A. T. P. W.

13th. Not Confirmed.

14th. Grand Officers should address the Chairs as other members. Grand Honors should be given immediately after the recognition by the Officers of the Lodge.

15th. I do not understand that Gloves are dispensed with for members of the R. P. Degree.

16th. A Lodge is bound to recognize and give a member P. G. Regalia, who is admitted by Card certifying that he is a P. G., if he has not P. O. Degrees.

17th. Suspension for cause cannot be indefinite, nor for any unreasonable length of time.

18th. Not Confirmed.

19th. A member visiting a Subordinate Lodge shall be examined in the A. T. P. W. and also in the Degree in which the Lodge is open.

20th. An Encampment cannot expel from the Order—only from its own body; hence trials should if possible be had in Lodges as loss of membership in a Lodge severs connection with the Encampment.

21st. A Grand Lodge of a State may confer the power on a Grand Master, during the recess, to grant a petition, from a Subordinate Lodge to restore an expelled member to said Lodge.

22nd. A Grand Lodge of a State, pursuant to law, may authorize Public Installation by Subordinate Lodges. (Jour. 2971 & 2.)

The Grand C. and R. Secretary concluded his admirable report with the following satisfactory and encouraging remarks:—

The figures just given show that as an Order we have a net Capital, of invested Funds, of over *Nine and a half Millions of Dollars*, above the legitimate demands of our present need; the question arises, whether we measure up to our full ability as philanthropists and humanitarians. Do we occupy the field which lays open before us earnestly inviting laborers to its golden harvest, commensurately with our whole ability? We have done much within the last forty years, and the offering has gone up like the "alms and prayers" of the good old centurion, "for a memorial before God," but there is work yet to be done, and ever will be whilst the world and humanity survive. We began our career simply as assurers of each other against sickness and death; beyond ourselves our next aim was to care for those "in whom we live again," our second selves, our families; to material support to those we super-added in time, moral aid; the area of our ministrations has continued to amplify and enlarge, comprehending as it now does many collateral auxiliaries to the general object. In all these we have eminently, and shall we resting upon this reward, be contented "with our laurels," or shall we go forward for further triumphs under the broad banner of Odd Fellowship? The world moves, and shall we in active sympathy with its fruitful genius onward "pitch our moving tent," or passively lag behind? That we have accomplished our original mission, and nobly, is very true; all our obligations have been met yet resources remain. Can we not avail of these and of the propitious fortune which smiles upon our labors to enlarge their value to our membership, to our widows, to our orphaned ones, to humanity at large? Let us diligently inquire into this subject. There is no organization of men in the world in which abounds greater elements of material power, and whose combined energy harmoniously directed is capable of producing a larger influence for good within its

legitimate scope. Let us invoke His counsels and favor who has ever been our friend and support, let us learn our whole duty as men and brethren, and under His guidance enter with alacrity and wisdom upon its performance.

I will not extend this Report, by giving you details, of the doings of the Grand Lodge, which you will find in full in the published reports.

In conclusion Brothers, allow me to thank you for the honor you have done me, in sending me as your Representative, to so august and worthy a body. I rejoice to know that whoever may represent you at the next session of the Grand Lodge U. S., will occupy a much prouder position than I did at the last two,—only representing as I did, three Subordinate Lodges, as I feel confident that he will at least represent a greater number. I am pleased to be able to report that the Order in our Sister Province, of New Brunswick, is likely to spread. Pioneer Lodge, which I instituted on my way to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, is already in a flourishing condition and I have reason to believe through the instrumentality of some of its prominent members two others will shortly be organized in that Province.

I remain yours, in F. L. & T.,

ROBERT DOULL,

Grand Representative.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Reg leave to report Returns correct, except Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, Seal affixed, and error in deducting Widows and Orphans' Fund from gross amount instead of dues, showing a deficiency of \$7.84 and per Capitation Tax.

DANIEL McKAY,
JOHN MATHESON,
JAMES McKENZIE, } Committee.

Brother McKay, No. 2, offered the following Resolution which was seconded by Bro. Fraser, No. 6.

That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to write the recently instituted Lodges the reason why 12½ cents per member is demanded of Lodges.

Brother Mitchell offered the following amendment, seconded by Representative Fraser, No. 6.

That the newly instituted Lodges pay 12½ cents after the 31st Dec., 1869. Amendment Passed.

Brother McKay, No. 2, offered the following, which was seconded and passed.

That the Debt due Fuller Lodge, No. 5, be extended for one year and the interest paid.

Brother Mitchell, No. 5, offered the following, which passed.

That the amount due the Estate of the late Wm. Curtis be paid at once.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Committee on Finance report that in the absence of Vouchers the accounts be laid over till next session.

A. CAMERON,
W. N. MILLS,
A. MAXWELL. } Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Report, that hereafter duplicates be filed of all letters sent, as well as those received, to be submitted to the proper Committee for examination. Passed.

Motion to adjourn for one hour. Passed.

4 o'clock, P. M.

M. W. Grand Master called the Lodge to order.

Committee on the State of the Order report that the Report of the Grand Master be received and adopted.

JAS. MITCHELL,
STEWART FRASER,
JOHN PRINGLE. } Committee.

The Special Committee, to whom the Report of the Grand Secretary was referred, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. The matter of Pioneer Lodge in refusing to pay the per capita tax.

2nd. The Debt due Fuller Lodge, No. 5, of \$100.

3rd. Debt due Estate Wm. Curtis.

4th. Printing By-Laws and securing Books for working of Subordinate Lodges.

Your Committee would recommend that the Debt due Fuller Lodge be extended for one year and interest paid, and that the Debt due the Estate of Wm. Curtis be paid likewise.

And further that Charters be procured for such Lodges, as are now instituted and such an additional number as the Grand Lodge may think fit, and that the Secretary be empowered to use his judgment in procuring the same; also, that Books, &c., be procured for the use of Subordinate Lodges. They would also recommend that the Report of the Secretary be adopted intoto.

Petition and Commission of Brothers Doull, Griffith and M. W. Grand Master presented and received.

Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, St John, N. B., by Rep. Doull.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 8, Charlottetown, By Brothers Ross and Griffith.

Griffith Lodge, No. 7, Truro, N. S., by Bro. Deputy Griffith.

Brother Mills moved that the Report of Grand Representative Doull, to Grand Lodge United States, be received.

Moved by Brother McKay and seconded by Brother Griffith that a Committee be appointed to draw up a Resolution of Thanks to Representative Doull for his able Report and for the general interest manifested by him in promoting the principles of the Order. Passed.

Brothers McKay, Griffith and Pringle were then appointed on said Resolution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Your Committee appointed to examine and report on the By-Laws of Pioneer Lodge, No 9, beg leave to say that they have found all correct, with the exception of a typographical error in Art. IX., Sec. 4; and would also recommend that "One Month" be inserted instead of "Twelve" in Art. VI., Sec. 1.

JOHN PRINGLE,
DANIEL McKAY, } Committee.
R. J. GRIFFITH.

Brother McKay submitted the following:—

Resolved—That Art. V., Clause 5, of the Constitution be amended by striking out "One Dollar" and inserting "Seventy-five Cents," also, that the word "Province" be struck out wherever it occurs in this Constitution and "Jurisdiction" inserted.

It is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the prosperous state of the Order, in this jurisdiction, is, in a great manner, due to the opportune visit of Brother F. D. Stuart.

Therefore Resolved—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to D. G. Sire Stuart, for his timely visit to us, and for the information imparted, and the zeal and vigor infused by him.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Report, that having examined all documents of the Grand Secretary, would report the receipt of six State Grand Lodge Reports, and also, numerous letters from Subordinate Lodges, which they find all correct.

WM. HALL, }
G. MCKELVIE, } Committee.
A. MAXWELL. }

Moved by Brother Griffith, seconded by Brother Pringle, that this Grand Lodge recommend all Subordinate Lodges to observe the Anniversary, the 26th April, in an appropriate manner.

Passed.

Moved by Brother McKay, seconded by Brother Mills, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Fuller Lodge for the kind reception and preparation made for their comfort.

Passed.

Moved by Brother McKay that the sum of \$30.00 be granted to the R. W. Grand Master for the purpose of bearing expenses in instituting a Lodge in Halifax. Passed.

Moved by Brother McKay, seconded by Brother Griffith, that the next meeting of this Grand Lodge be held in Pictou.

Moved in amendment, by Brother Mills, seconded by Brother McKay, that the Grand Lodge meet in Charlottetown.

Motion Carried.

Moved, seconded and passed that this Grand Lodge adjourn to meet in Pictou, N. S., on the second Tuesday in August, 1870.

JOHN MATHESON,
Sec'y, pro tem.



APPENDIX.



ADDRESS TO BRO. ROBERT DOULL, Representative to Grand Lodge United States.



ALBION MINES, 15th FEB., 1870.

To Brother Robert Doull, Grand Representative to Grand Lodge U. S.:

It is with heartfelt gratitude and pleasure that we discharge a duty assigned us, by our R. W. Grand Lodge, in conveying to you this just appreciation of your devotion to the cause of Odd Fellowship, and the ability with which you have discharged your duty as our Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge United States.

We feel that we would not be fully discharging said duty without referring slightly to your earnest zeal in the cause of Odd Fellowship. For a period of sixteen years, during which time, you have filled every office in the gift of the Subordinate Lodge, to which you were attached, as well as of this Grand Lodge; not only to the satisfaction of your brethren but with credit to yourself and to the advancement of the Order.

The courteous manner with which you have always discharged your duties have won the hearts of all the brethren; and it is the sincere and earnest desire of each and all that you may long continue your present usefulness in connection with our beloved Order and in some measure communicate to others a portion of your self-sacrificing devotion to the cause.

Trusting that your future may be prosperous and that you may go on in the good way while life shall last.

We remain, Dear Brother, yours in F., L. & T.,

R. J. GRIFFITH, } Committee.
JOHN PRINGLE. }

R E P L Y .

DEAR BROTHERS.—It is pleasing to me to receive, through you, from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, this expression of their appreciation of the interest I have taken in the cause of Odd Fellowship, for the last sixteen years, and of their satisfaction with the manner in which I discharged the duties of Representative to the Grand Lodge United States. The honor done me in sending me, as your Representative, to so august a body was not more gratifying to me than this expression of approval of my conduct as such. I have, as you mention, filled almost every office in the gift of the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate to which I belong, and thus receive from them a due acknowledgment of my humble efforts for the good of the Order.

I duly appreciate your complimentary allusions to the manner in which I discharged my duties, and your good wishes with respect to my future usefulness and well-being. I am aware of how imperfectly I have discharged some of my duties, although it has always been my desire to perform faithfully any duty intrusted to me.

Convey to the Grand Lodge my sincere thanks for this kindly acknowledgment of my imperfect services in connection with the Order, and my regret at not being able to be present at the recent session of that body.

Reciprocating your kindly sentiments, I remain,
Yours fraternally, in F. L. & T.,

ROBERT DOULL.

TO R. J. GRIFFITH,)
JOHN PRINGLE.) Committee.

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ANNUAL SESSION.



PICOU, NOVA SCOTIA, 9TH AUGUST, 1870.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces B. N. A. assembled, this day, in Annual Session.

PRESENT :

DUNCAN ROSS,.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
R. J. GRIFFITH,.....*R. W. D. Grand Master.*
JOHN CARR,.....*R. W. Grand Warden, P. T.*
ROBERT DOULL,.....*R. W. Grand Representative.*
A. M. FRASER,.....*R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas.*
DANIEL McKAY,.....*R. W. Grand Marshal.*
W. N. MILLS,.....*R. W. Grand Guardian.*

AND A QUORUM OF PAST GRANDS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Marshal, by order of the Grand Master, declared the Lodge open for business.

Certificates of the following Past Grands having been presented and being referred to Committee on Certificates and Returns who reported them correct.

ALEXANDER McKAY, Fuller Lodge, No. 5, Albion Mines, N. S.
JOHN HOARE, " " " " " "
R. R. BARNES, Pioneer Lodge, St. John, N. B.

They having been introduced received the Grand Lodge degrees and were assigned seats.

Brother Doull introduced P. G. Barnes, of Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, and moved that this Grand Lodge convey to him its warmest thanks, for his appearance among them, which was seconded and past unanimously.

Certificates, from the following Representatives, were then presented and having been passed to Committee they were reported correct.

- EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 2, Pictou,—Robert Doull, John Pringle.
- FULLER LODGE, No. 5, Albion Mines,—John Carr, Alexander McKay, John Hoare, James Mitchell, and John Matheson.
- NORTON LODGE, No. 6, New Glasgow,—W. F. Ross, Peter Campbell, Stewart Fraser.
- PIONEER LODGE, No. 9, St John, N. B.,—R. R. Barnes.

Brother Publicover, of Griffith Lodge, No. 8, Truro, N. S., a member of the Scarlet Degree, was announced but not being a P. G., could not be admitted. On motion it was resolved that this Grand Lodge adjourn and open in the Scarlet Degree, for the purpose of conferring with Brother Publicover in regard to his Lodge, which was done.

When Brother Publicover was admitted, and after conversation and instructions, and of his giving an account of his Lodge and its condition, and receiving congratulations for his zeal, in the cause of Odd Fellowship, was allowed to depart.

Brother Doull moved that the Grand Lodge have three Sessions during each day, viz :—10 to 12 o'clock, 2 to 5, and 7 to 9. Passed.

The hour of 12 having then arrived, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge met again, pursuant to adjournment, G. Master Ross in the chair. Brother Stewart Fraser appointed in place of Grand Guardian, reported absent.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATES & RETURNS.

We, your Committee appointed to investigate the Returns from Subordinate Lodges, beg to report that we have examined the same and find St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 8, without seal and amount of funds; Fuller Lodge, No. 5, names of officers not correct and error in Financial report. All others correct.

D. McKAY,
JOHN CARR, } Committee.
R. J. GRIFFITH,

The Grand Secretary objected to the above Report, as not correct, an error in Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, having been overlooked. Report not received

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Report of Grand Master.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces B. N. A.:

REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS.—Constitutional requirements and ancient custom furnish the reasons for our present meeting in Annual Session.

In accordance with the requirements of our Laws, I herewith submit to you the report of my official acts, with the various duties devolving upon me, during the term now expired, together with such suggestions, as in my opinion, call for your deliberation at the present Session.

Charters.—A Charter has been duly signed and delivered to Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, St. John, New Brunswick.

Dispensations.—Dispensation was granted to Brother P. G. Barnes to instal the officers of Pioneer Lodge; the most of the officers of that Lodge being absent when I was there in July.

Also, granted Dispensation to Pioneer Lodge, to instal and confer Degrees on members, at a distance, with a view to form a new Lodge in Fredericton, N. B.

Installations.—At the meeting appointed for installation, I visited Fuller Lodge, No. 5, officially, and on being admitted with the other Grand Officers proceeded to instal the officers for the present term, which being done in ample form I declared the officers installed. I also visited Norton Lodge, No. 6, officially, accompanied by the other Grand Officers, and thereupon the officers of that Lodge were installed in ample form. I also visited Eastern Star Lodge, No. 2, officially, and being admitted, accompanied by other Grand Officers, proceeded to instal the officers, for the present term; on the Vice Grand being presented for installation, objections where made to the effect that not having a majority of votes cast, his election was illegal. On enquiring, I found this objection to be correct, whereupon I ordered a new nomination and election for members eligible to fill the office of V. G. Nominations having been made I ordered a ballot to be taken, the result of which was the election of V. G.; after which the installation was proceeded with, and the installation of officers declared in ample form.

I then proceeded to St. John, N. B., and visited Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, officially, and having all things in readiness, I installed the officers in ample form.

I also visited St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 8, Charlottetown, P. E. I., and installed the officers in ample form.

Questions.—From the N. G. of Eastern Star Lodge the question has been asked,—“How is a Lodge to take evidence on an appeal from the decision of a Committee?”

Requisition.—A requisition from three members of the Grand Lodge asking for a Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge to be called.

Suggestion.—I find from questions asked on points of Law and usage, that in many instances, the Grand Master is applied to before the Law itself is consulted or examined. I do therefore respectfully suggest, that the Lodge provide the latest edition of the Digest as well as the Journal of Proceedings of the G. L. U. S., and that a copy of each be kept on the desk of the N. G. or P. G., during the meetings of the Lodges, for reference to Law and usage, and thus much unnecessary delay is avoided, the time of the Lodge saved and a great deal of correspondence with the Grand Lodge saved.

The various and responsible duties enjoined and demanded of me by virtue of my office, while prior demands of my calling and the duties to my family would not permit, I have attended to, to the best of my ability, and no one can regret more than myself the existence of circumstances unfavorable to a more general attendance to the duties of so arduous and responsible an office.

Respectfully Submitted,

DUNCAN ROSS, *Grand Master.*

Brother McKay moved to appoint a Committee on Grand Master's Report, which being seconded by Brother W. F. Ross, was passed.

Brothers W. F. Ross, John Carr and James Mitchell were named for Committee.

Report of D. Grand Master Griffith.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge L. P. B. N. A.:

I beg leave to report to you that I have organized a Lodge in Truro, N. S., and have visited it several times; I have also visited Halifax, and found many Ancient Odd Fellows anxious to have a Lodge of our Order in that City.

R. J. GRIFFITH, *D. Grand Master.*

Pictou, 9th Aug., 1870.

Report of Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS.--In presenting my Report, on this the close of my second year of office, I will say, that so far as in me lay, I have kept a faithful record of the minutes of this Grand Lodge, at its several meetings. I have done to the best of my ability, all that was required of me, received all monies and paid the same when called upon. The Returns of all Lodges received. St Lawrence Lodge, No. 8, Charlottetown, seems to have something wrong with it; Report received but not properly filled out. Report of Pioneer Lodge of last term, pronounced by the Committee incorrect; I forwarded to them for correction.

All Books and Supplies ordered at last meeting, I have procured and distributed.

Following is a Statement of the standing and affairs of the Grand Lodge to 30th June, 1870.

**A. M. Fraser, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, in account
with Grand Lodge, Lower Provinces B. N. A.**

1870.		Dr.	
Feb'y 2nd.	—To Balance on hand,	.....	\$92.44½
June 30th,	" Cash from Fuller Lodge No. 5,—Cards,	.....	1.50
" "	" " " " " " Dues,	.....	12.97½
" "	" " " " " " P. C. Tax,	.....	10.50
" "	" Eastern Star, No. 2,—Cards, &c.,	.....	13.00
" "	" " " " " " Dues,	.....	18.99
" "	" " " " " " P. C. Tax,	.....	10.25
" "	" Norton, No. 6,—Dues,	.....	10.76
" "	" " " " " " P. C. Tax,	.....	4.37½
" "	" Pioneer, No. 9,—Total,	.....	55.20
Total.....			\$229.99½

1870.		Cr.	
Feb. 12th.	—By paid James McKenzie,—per account,	.....	\$ 4.75
Mar. 2nd.	" R. J. Griffith,—per account,	.....	5.00
" "	" Peter Campbell,—per account,	.....	6.00
April 28th.	" Fuller Lodge, No. 5,—interest on note	.....	6.00
" "	" Colonial Express,	.....	2.90
" "	" Reports from San Francisco Cal.	.....	4.58
" "	" M. McPherson,—Printing,	.....	1.40
" "	" Harris do.	.....	1.20
July 12th.	" Telegrams,	.....	50
" "	" D. Ross, Grand Master,	.....	20.00
" "	" Estate Wm. Curtis, \$50.00 U. S. cy.,	.....	46.00
" "	" 8 per cent. discount,	.....	3.97
Aug. 9th.	" Postage and Stationery to date,	.....	20.00
" "	" Sec. and Treas.—Salary 1 year,	.....	100.03½
Total.....			\$229.99½
Total.....			\$229.99½

**Abstract of Annual Reports, to R. W. Grand Lodge United
States, for year ending 30th June, 1870.**

No. of Lodges,.....	6	No. of Members per last Report,	213
" Initiations,.....	107	" Initiated during the year,	107
" Rejections,.....	4	" Admitted by Card,	2
Admitted by Card,	2	Total,	322
Withdrawn,.....	14	Expelled,	1
Suspensions,.....	37	Withdrawn,	14
Expulsions,.....	1	Suspended,	37
Deaths,.....	4	Deceased,	4
Members,.....	276		56
		Now in Membership,	266

Amount paid for Relief of Brothers,	.....	\$144.00
" " Widowed Families,	.....	25.00
" " Burying the Dead,	.....	50.00

Total Relief,..... \$219.00

Respectfully Submitted,

A. M. FRASER,

Grand Sec. & Treas.

It was then moved that the Grand Secretary's Report be passed to Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the Books, &c., of the Secretary and Treasurer, and with the exception of accounts of Pioneer and Griffith Lodges not being posted, and the want of vouchers for other items, find them correct.

They have also examined Bills, from the Grand Lodge United States, and recommend that they be paid; and have examined a Bill from Eastern Star Lodge, No. 2, and would recommend that some action be taken upon it.

They would also recommend that the Secretary be authorized to procure a Copying Press, so that a copy of all papers and correspondence be kept for reference, as it will greatly facilitate the work of the Lodge and Committees.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALEX, CAMERON, } Committee.
W. N. MILLS, }

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Master, recommend this Lodge to take into consideration the suggestions offered by the Grand Master, that each Lodge procure a copy of the Digest and a copy of the Journal of Proceedings of G. L. U. S., to be kept in possession of the N. G. of each Lodge for reference; and of the other clauses of the Report, we recommend their adoption.

JAMES MITCHELL, } Committee.
W. F. ROSS, }

CHARGE AGAINST GRAND MASTER.

Brother Pringle, of Eastern Star Lodge, submitted a Charge against Grand Master Ross, for alleged intoxication while in the discharge of his duty at the installation of officers of that Lodge.

Grand Master then vacated the Chair, which was filled by Deputy Grand Master Griffith, when a Committee was appointed to investigate said charge.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We the Committee who were appointed to investigate the Charge preferred against Grand Master Ross, beg leave to report that from the evidence before the Committee, the charge is not sustained and beg leave to be discharged.

JAMES MITCHELL, } Committee.
R. R. BARNES, }
STEWART ERASER. }

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APPEALS:

1st. An Appeal from S. G. Rigby against the action of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 2., on charges preferred by Brother Robert Doull against J. K. Harris.

2nd. An Appeal from W. N. Mills against the decisions of the Deputy Grand Master, in declaring vacant the seats of the Representatives of Eastern Star Lodge.

3rd. An Appeal from James Yorston, N. G., of Eastern Star Lodge, against the action of Eastern Star Lodge, in not sustaining his decision.

Lodge then adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge opened again, Grand Master Ross in the Chair.

APPEALS:

4th. An Appeal from James McKenzie, of Norton Lodge, No. 6, against the action of said Lodge in refusing to act on a Resolution, duly moved, by the said Brother McKenzie, in regard to the prevention of Odd Fellows' engaged in the sale of Intoxicating Liquors from having connection with the Lodge.

Appeals were then handed to Committee. Objection was then raised, to an interested party being on that Committee, and a good deal of discussion arose on the point without arriving at any definite conclusion on the subject.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report that in the appeal of Bro. Mills from decision of Deputy Grand Master the D. G. Master had a perfect right to give his opinion, but in their opinion had no right to grant a Dispensation, nor do your Committee consider that a Dispensation was necessary. In opinion of your Committee the Representatives should be elected before the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, and therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge fix the time at which the Representatives shall be elected.

In the Appeal of Bro. Yorston from decision of Eastern Star Lodge, your Committee could not agree with respect to the legality of the election of V. G. Bro. Campbell and Doull being of opinion that the election of any officer when a ballot is cast by a member of another Lodge or by a member of the Grand Lodge while in his official capacity is illegal, and they are of the opinion that he cannot act in the double capacity at the same time. Bro. Mitchell is of a different

opinion, and thinks the election legal. Campbell and Doull are of the opinion that as the election was in their opinion illegal, the Lodge had a perfect right to declare it so, and the N. G. had a right to put the motion, Mitchell is of a different opinion. Your Committee however agree in recommending that as the point is one that has not to their knowledge been raised before in this Jurisdiction, it be referred to the Grand Sire for decision.

In the Appeal of Bro. McKenzie of Norton Lodge, your Committee consider it should not be entertained:

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT DOULL,
JAMES MITCHELL, } Committee.
PETER CAMPBELL.

To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

We the Committee appointed to try the Appeal of Brother Harris against the decision of the N. G. of Eastern Star Lodge report that we have examined the minutes where the case is fully laid down and find that the N. G. has been fully justified in putting said motion.

JAMES MITCHELL, } Committee.
PETER CAMPBELL,

Moved by Brother McKay seconded by Brother Barnes that a Committee be appointed to revise Constitution and Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge.

Brothers McKay, Barnes, Fraser, and Pringle were nominated for Committee on Constitution and Rules of Order.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Nomination and Election of Officers for ensuing term being taken up

Bro. Pringle nominated Bro. Doull of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 2. for G. M.

Bro. McKay nominated Bro. Barnes of Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, for G. M.

Bro Campbell nominated Bro. Mitchell of Fuller Lodge, No. 5. for G. M.

Bro. Mitchell nominated Bro. Stewart Fraser of Norton Lodge. No. 6, for G. M.

Motions being all seconded, ballots were called for.

Brother Barnes asked leave to withdraw his name from nomination, and having withdrawn his name, the ballot stood for Mitchell 6, Doull 4, and S. Fraser 1, whereupon Brother Mitchell was declared elected.

For Deputy Grand Master, Brother Barnes of Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, was nominated and there being no opposition, was declared elected by acclamation.

For Secretary and Treasurer, Brother A. M. Fraser of Eastern Star, was nominated and elected by acclamation.

For Warden, Brother Alexander McKay of Fuller was elected by acclamation.

For Representative to Grand Lodge of United States, Brothers Doull, Matheson and Griffith were nominated. Ballot having been cast Brother Matheson received majority of votes cast, and was declared elected.

INVITATION.

The Secretary then read the following invitation :

PICOU, AUGUST 9th, 1870.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., L. P. B. N. A.:

BROTHERS :—Eastern Star Lodge, No. 2, requests the pleasure of the Company of your R.W. Grand Body to a Supper, at the Robson House, To-morrow (Wednesday) Even'ng, at 9½ o'clock, P. M.

Yours Fraturnally,

JAMES YORSTON, }
W. N. MILLS, } Committee.
WILLIAM ROACH. }

On Motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet next morning, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Wednesday, Aug. 10th,

Grand Lodge met and was opened in usual form.

Brother McKay moved that the Lodge go into Secret Session.

Brother Doull moved, an amendment, that it be put off till To-morrow. Amendment Carried.

The following Resolution, of last Session, was then brought up and passed :

1st.—The Grand Lodge shall have regular Annual Communications, such Annual Communications shall be held on the THIRD TUESDAY in JULY, of each year.

2nd.—The business of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted by the Elective Officers of the Grand Lodge and the Representatives elected in the manner provided. All P. Grands, in good standing, who have received the Grand Lodge Degrees, may be present at its Session; but none except Officers of, and Representatives to, the Grand Lodge shall have the right to vote, except for the Election of Officers, or, without permission, to speak on any subject at the Session.

3rd.—Every Lodge shall be entitled in the Grand Lodge to two Representatives for its Charter and one Representative for every 25 members, in good standing. Representatives must be P. Grands, in good standing, and shall be elected at any regular meeting within three months previous to each Annual Communication, to serve one year.

Moved that 100 copies of Forms for Representatives be printed.
 Special Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of Pioneer Lodge appointed.
 Special Committee on Mileage and per Diem appointed.
 Grand Lodge adjourned till 2, P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened again in due form and went into Secret Session, after being in session nearly 2 hours the regular business was resumed.

**REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
 OF PIONEER LODGE, No. 9.**

To the Grand Master, Officers, and Representatives :

We the Committee appointed on By-Laws and Constitution of Pioneer Lodge, beg leave to report that we have examined and found them correct, in every Clause, and would recommend their adoption.

Passed.

JOHN CARR,
 JOHN PRINGLE, } Committee.
 R. R. BARNES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge Lower Provinces :

Your Committee, on Mileage and per Diem, present the following tabular statement, allowing each Officer and Representative as per Resolution of Grand Lodge, July, 1870.

Resolved, that the Mileage and per Diem of each Officer and Representative to this Grand Lodge be One Dollar per day and Five Cents per mile, which we hereby recommend to be paid.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	Miles		Days	
Duncan Ross, M. W. G. M.....	New Glasgow...	9	\$ 45	2	\$ 2.45
R. J. Griffith, R. W. D. G. M.	Pictou.....			2	2.00
A. M. Fraser, R. W. G. S. & T.	Westville.....	13	65	2	2.65
Robert Doull, R. W. G. Rep...	Pictou.....			2	2.00
Daniel McKay, R. W. G. Mar.	Pictou.....			2	2.00
W. N. Mills, R. W. G. Guar....	Pictou.....			2	2.00
Alex. Cameron, R. W. G. Con.	New Glasgow...	9	45	2	2.45
R. R. Barnes, Representative.	St. John, N. B.	200	10.00	2	12.00
W. F. Ross, "	New Glasgow...	9	45	2	2.45
Alex. McKay, "	Albion Mines...	12	60	2	2.60
John Pringle, "	Pictou.....			2	2.00
Stewart Fraser, "	New Glasgow...	9	45	2	2.45
P. Campbell, "	New Glasgow...	9	45	2	2.45
Jas. Mitchell, "	Albion Mines...	12	60	2	2.60
		282	\$14.10	28	\$42.10

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. N. MILLS,
 DANIEL McKAY, } Committee.
 JOHN PRINGLE.

5 P. M.—On motion, Grand Lodge adjourned till 7 P. M.

7 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge opened again in due form, D. G. Master Griffith in the Chair.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws received. Moved that Grand Master, Brother McKay and Grand Secretary constitute a Printing Committee and print 100 copies.

Moved and seconded that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure 12 copies of the Digest G. L. U. S. Passed.

Deputy Grand Master Griffith had vacated the Chair which was taken by P. G. M. Doull.

Moved that 150 copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed. Motion withdrawn, and afterwards 100 copies were agreed upon.

Grand Lodge adjourned in order to allow Eastern Star Lodge to meet, it being their evening for meeting.

9 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge opened again, Grand Master Ross in the Chair, who thereupon proceeded with the installation of his successor.

James Mitchell, Grand Master, elect, was presented and duly installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Lower Provinces B. N. A., who thereupon took the Chair and proceeded with the installation.

R. R. Barnes, of Pioneer Lodge, St John, was duly installed as Deputy Grand Master; Alexander McKay as Grand Warden; and A. M. Fraser as Secretary and Treasurer.

The Grand Master thereupon appointed the following Officers for the term:

Daniel McKay, Grand Marshal; Peter Campbell, Grand Guardian; John Pringle, Grand Conductor; R. J. Griffith, Grand Chaplain; A. Cameron, Grand Herald.

Committee on Credentials:—A. McKay, Stewart Fraser, R. J. Griffith.

Committee on Finance:—John Pringle, Duncan Ross, R. R. Barnes.

Committee on Correspondence:—Peter Campbell, R. Doull, D. McKay.

Committee on Appeals:—S. Fraser, John Pringle, R. J. Griffith.

Committee on By-Laws and Constitutions:—R. Doull, J. Pringle, R. J. Griffith.

Committee on Petitions:—P. Campbell, S. Fraser, A. Cameron.

Committee on State of the Order and Legislation:—R. R. Barnes, R. Doull, Daniel McKay.

Grand Master appointed J. E. Geldert, Deputy District Grand Master, for Jurisdiction of Griffith Lodge, Truro, N. S. and John P. Irving, Deputy District Grand Master for Jurisdiction of St. Lawrence Lodge, Charlottetown.

Brother Doull gave notice that he would move, at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge, that Representatives to Grand Lodge L. P. B. N. A. be elected for two Terms.

Grand Lodge then, after the usual formula, adjourned to meet in Pictou, in Annual Communication, on the third Tuesday in July, 1871.

Respectfully Submitted,

In F. L. & T.,

A. M. FRASER,

Grand Secretary.

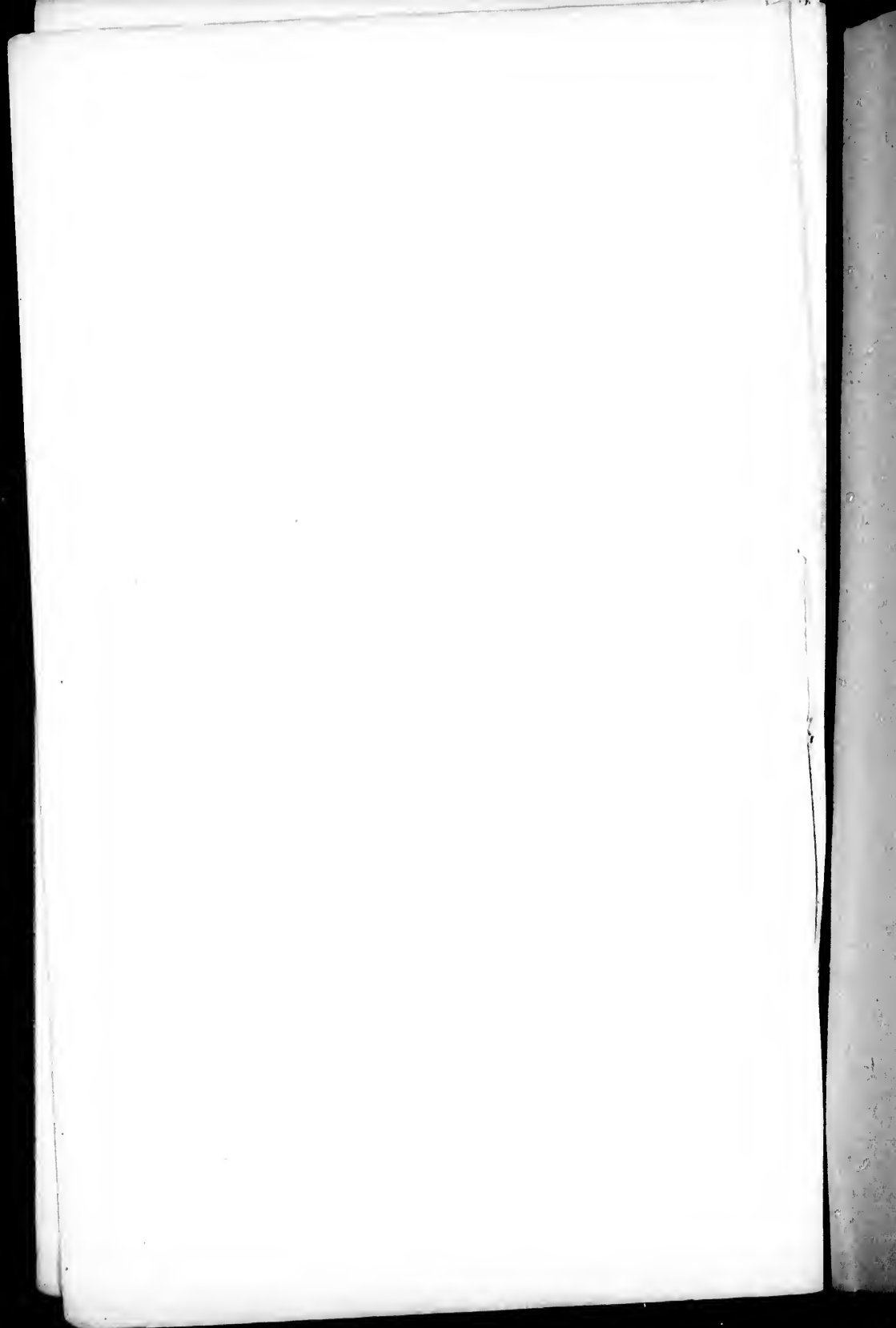


Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces B. N. A., for Term ending 31st December, 1870.

Name of Lodge.	Number of Lodge.	Location.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	No. of Members.	Past Grands.	Time of Meeti.g.	Percentage to G. L.	Per Capita Tax.	Total Revenue.	W. Families Relieved.	Amt. paid for Relief of Wid. Families.	Relief of Brothers.	Burying the Dead.
Eastern Star.	2	Pictou, Nova Scotia.	4	1		1		2		83	10	Wed.	\$ 14.04	\$ 10.37	\$183.22	1	\$ 12.00	\$24.70	
Fuller.	5	Albion Mines, "	2			1				84	17	Friday.	12.77	10.50	176.62	1	10.00	84.23	
Norton.	6	New Glasgow, "	2			1				42	8	Monday.	7.71	5.25	77.15			8.00	
Griffith.	7	Truro,																	
St. Lawrence.	8	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	9							17	1	Friday.	4.11		61.66				
Pioneer.	9	St. John, N. B.	23							90	2	Friday.	46.46	11.25	539.21				
Orient.	10	Halifax, N. S.										Monday.							
Scotia.	11	Westville, "										Thurs.							

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Name of Lodge.	Noble Grand.	Vice Grand.	Secretary.
Eastern Star.	ROBERT DOULL.	J. PURNELL.	ROBERT P. GRANT.
Fuller.	WILLIAM HALL.	J. W. REID.	JOSEPH JOHNSTON.
Norton.	STEWART FRASER.	D. R. MUNROE.	W. B. ALLEY.
Griffith.	A. MCKAY.	P. J. CHISHOLM.	WILLIAM ALLISON.
St. Lawrence.	J. W. FALCONER.	A. E. PATRICK.	W. H. BARNARD.
Pioneer.	C. ARMSTRONG.	GEORGE STEWART, JR.	W. MURDOCH, JR.
Orient.	ROBERT TAYLOR.	A. G. McDONALD.	ROBERT HAMILTON.
Scotia.	THOMAS JOHNSTON, Jr.	K. J. MCKENZIE.	THOMAS JOHNSTON, SEN.







ADDRESS
OF
Grand Lodge Officers.

JAMES MITCHELL, *Grand Master*, ... STELLARTON, N. S.
JOHN MATHESON, *Grand Representative*, " "
R. R. BARNES, ... *Deputy Grand Master*, ST. JOHN, N. B.
A. MCKAY, ... *Grand Warden*, ... STELLARTON, N. S.
A. M. FRASER, ... *Grand Secy. & Treas.*, WESTVILLE, N. S.
DANIEL MCKAY, *Grand Marshal*, ... PICTOU, N. S.
PETER CAMPBELL, *Grand Guardian*, ... NEW GLASGOW, N. S.
JOHN PRINGLE *Grand Conductor*, ... PICTOU, N. S.
R. J. GRIFFITH, *Grand Chaplain*, ... " "
A. CAMERON, ... *Grand Herald*, ... NEW GLASGOW, N. S.



