

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge of Canada West,
I. O. O. F.

AT ITS
EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
HELD AT CHATHAM,

IN THE ROOMS BELONGING TO CHATHAM LODGE, No. 29,
ON THE 6TH AND 7TH OF AUGUST, 1862.



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COMMENCING ON THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, A. D. 1862, AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The officers and members of Chatham Lodge being assembled in Special Session, the officers and representatives of the Grand Lodge were received and welcomed by them in due form; the N. G. then tendered the use of the Hall for the purposes of the Session, and invited the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to become the guests of Chatham Lodge, at a dinner to be given in honor of the Grand Lodge this evening.

The R. W. G. M., on behalf of the Grand Lodge, acknowledged the compliment, and accepted the invitation.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in regular form, in the G. L. degree, and the following officers and representatives answered to their names:—

R. W. G. M.....	WILLIAM BISSELL,
" D. G. M.....	J. R. PEEL,
" G. W.....	JOHN COLLINS,
" G. S.....	H. C. BINGHAM,
" G. Rep. U. S.....	S. G. DOLSON,
Representative JAS. D. TAIT,	} Union Lodge, .....No. 16.
" WM. H. READ,	
" G. W. HUSON,	
" JAMES WOODYATT,	
" JOHN FINDLAY,	
" A. HUMPHREY,	
" HENRY SEWELL,	Chatham Lodge.....No. 29.
	Gore Lodge,.....No. 34.
	Imperial Lodge .....No. 37.
	Rond Eau Lodge ....No. 40.
	Avon Lodge, .....No. 41.

The R. W. G. M., appointed P. G. Rep. Partridge, Rep. Read and Findlay, a Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following Report and Resolution, which were adopted.

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

Your Committee after a careful examination, find the Credentials of the following named brethren duly formed and attested as representatives from their respective Lodges, and recommend their admission to seats in this Grand Lodge, viz:—

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.,	Brock Lodge	No. 9.
JAMES D. TAIT,	} Union	No. 16.
WM. H. READ,		
G. W. HUSON,	Chatham	No. 29.
R. KIRKPATRICK,	} Eureka	No. 30.
G. POWELL,		
C. WARREN,	Erie	No. 33.
JAMES WOODYATT,	Gore	No. 34.
ABEL BRISTOL,	Samaritan	No. 35.
J. HARRISON,	St. Marys	No. 36.
JOHN FINDLAY,	Imperial	No. 37.
JAMES SMITH,	Forest City	No. 38.
ALBERT HUMPHREY,	Rond Eau	No. 40.
HENRY SEWELL,	Avon	No. 41.

In conclusion your Committee move the adoption of the following:—

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report and recommendation be adopted.

(Signed,) T. PARTRIDGE,
J. FINDLAY,
WM. H. READ.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed

P. G. Rep. T. PARTRIDGE, G. Marshall, pro. tem. and
P. G., R. WIGMORE, G. Conductor, pro. tem.

The minutes of last meeting at St. Thomas, were on motion of Rep. Findlay, adopted as printed.

Visiting brothers from Michigan, Charles Brady and James C. Melick, were announced, and after examination admitted and introduced.

The following Brothers were then admitted as Representatives, and instructed in the G. L. Degree, by G. Rep. U. S., Samuel G. Dolson, viz:—

JOHN TAYLOR,	Brock Lodge	No. 9.
R. KIRKPATRICK,	} Eureka	No. 30.
G. POWELL,		
C. WARREN,	Erie	No. 33.
J. HARRISON,	St. Marys	No. 36.
JAMES SMITH,	Forest City	No. 38.

The following Past Grands were also admitted and instructed in the same Degree, in accordance with a recommendation of the Committee on Credentials, viz :—

JAMES G. CRAWFORD.....*Forest City Lodge*, No. 38.
J. C. JACKSON,.....*Rond Eau* " " 40.

The Lodge was then closed in the G. L. Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The G. M. appointed the following regular Committees, viz :

RETURNS.—H. Sewell, James Smith and C. Warren.

APPEALS.—J. Harrison, G. Powell, R. Kirkpatrick, Jas. Smith, and A. Humphrey.

FINANCE.—Jas. Woodyatt, A. Humphrey, G. W. Huson, and C. Warren.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—Jno. Taylor, Jas. D. Tait, G. W. Huson, R. Kirkpatrick, and Jas. Woodyatt.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Jas. Smith, J. D. Tait and G. Powell.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—Jas. Smith, Jas. Woodyatt, W. H. Read, and J. Findlay.

The Grand Master submitted the following Report :—

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—We have again assembled together to legislate for the progress and lawful working of the INDEPENDENT ORDER of ODD-FELLOWS, in Canada West, and for the interchange of friendly sentiment, that will promote the advancement and general interest of our beloved Order.

Thank God, another year has passed without any serious disaster to ourselves, or the Order under whose Banner we hail.

Here your Grand Master would request you to unite together in peace and good-will to all mankind, and especially our great Brotherhood, and to war only against vice, in all its forms ; to obey the mandates of our Order ; to succor our distressed brethren ; to watch over and protect their orphans, and to wipe away the tear from that once happy wife, but now disconsolate widow.

It gives me great pleasure to meet so many familiar faces, who have stood firm through the trials of adversity, and stand as pillars in our great moral association. And likewise some new faces, who look as if the Jewels of our Order would not tarnish in their hands.

Much praise is due our Worthy Grand Secretary for the whole souled interest he has manifested, in advancing the cause of our Order among us.

I would commend to your notice the Reports of D. D. G. Masters Woodyatt and McLean, who have been up and doing in the good work, and by whose exertions, two bright links have been added to the chain of Odd-Fellowship in our jurisdiction.

I regret exceedingly the disturbed and warlike spirit that now prevails to such an alarming extent between the Northern and Southern sections of our neighboring Republic. God grant that the spirit of peace and good-will may ever prevail in Canada, our beloved country. May we live up to and cherish the principles of our Order, and retire at a good old age to where no bloody battles will be fought, or malice arrows hurled, but purple waves of living thought, surge through the angel world, and the widow's wail, the orphan's cry are changed to songs of praise.

During the recess, Dispensations have been issued for three Subordinate Lodges, viz: first Simcoe, second Thames Lodge, and the third for Hamilton, which last has not been organized as yet. The two first are respectfully submitted for your approval and confirmation.

From my correspondence with the Grand Secretary I learn that in the Village of Ayr, active preparations are being made for the organization of a Lodge of our Order, with a fair prospect for the future.

Brothers, we should all unite in giving encouragement to the daughters of Rebecca, for women in past ages, have almost invariably laid the foundation for great enterprise and great reforms. Then let us multiply her social advantages, enhance her dignity, minister to her intelligence, and by manly gentleness be the champion of her genius, the friends of her fortunes, and the equal, *if you can*, of her heart.

An application was made to me by the N. G. of Olive Branch Lodge of Detroit, Mich., to allow a certain party residing in the Village of Windsor, C. W., desirous of joining the Order, to connect himself with Olive Branch Lodge, inasmuch as our nearest Lodge was situated some fifty miles distant. I felt much pleasure in granting the necessary permission, and hope in time to receive an application for a Charter from that source.

Application was made to me for my decision, as to the legality of expulsion of members, for the non-payment of dues. The decision that I gave was, that it is a custom at variance with the principles and spirit of Odd-Fellowship, and of course I must pronounce it illegal. The digest, our highest authority, declares the practice impolitic and unjust, to visit misfortune with the extreme penalty of the Law, designed for criminal offences. Brethren, I cannot sanction a wrong in my jurisdiction, and hope the Representatives present will respect my motives if they condemn my decisions.

Elgin Lodge, No. 32, has surrendered her Charter and working Books, a report of which will be laid before you during the present session.

The following will show that the cause of Odd-Fellowship has not been slumbering within the past year:

There have been ninety-two initiations, twenty-seven withdrawals, fifty-six suspensions, thirty-five expulsions, four deaths, three re-instatements, seven admissions by card, and an average of contributing members as shown by Reports for Dec. and June of 500.

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There have been 230 degrees conferred, \$507.50 paid widows and orphans, \$90 paid for burying the dead, \$207 paid for relief of brethren. The W. & O. Fund amounts to \$7350.09.

Brethren, I will not detain you longer from the work of the Session, I shall gladly convey to you all the information in my power, so far as connected with the order. Regretting my inability to do justice to the office I have held among you, I submit the foregoing with my best wishes for my successor in office, and the prosperity of our Order.

WM. BISSELL,

Grand Master; G. L. C. W.

August 6th, 1862.

On motion of Rep. Tait, the G. M. report was referred to the following Special Committee for distribution of subjects to appropriate committees, Wm. H. Read, Henry Sewell, and Jas. Woodyatt.

The Grand Secretary made the following Report:—

To the R. W. G. L. of Canada West, F. O. O. F.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.—At the close of the last session of this Grand Lodge, in pursuance of the practice of my predecessors, I attended to the publication and distribution of the proceedings of that Session.

The distribution extended to those Grand Lodges in the United States, accessible by regular mail, and I have to acknowledge the receipt in return, of Reports from nearly all of those Grand Lodges, from the perusal of which, very much is to be learned, of interest to this Grand Lodge and to the order generally.

In commemoration of the life services and death of the late Past Grand Sire, Thomas Wildey, subjects calculated to enlist the mingled admiration and tenderest sympathies of every good Odd-Fellow, they have all adopted appropriate resolutions.

He died at the City of Baltimore, October 19th, 1861, in the 78th year of his age, venerated and beloved by Odd-Fellows and good men everywhere.

In order to provide for the deficiency required for the lithographing of our new Charters, the Secretary was authorized at the last Session, to apportion the whole cost of Charter among the Lodges according to their representation, and call upon them for any deficiency remaining due by them.

Notwithstanding the adoption of this resolution, there seemed to be a very general desire to raise the amount required, by voluntary contributions from the Lodges, and several Reps. having guaranteed from their respective Lodges, sums, in the aggregate nearly covering the deficiency, I deemed it advisable to make the appeal and await their voluntary action.

I am happy to be able to report the success of the course pursued, as the amount required less \$5.50, was wholly contributed.

The amounts thus received are in addition to what these Lodges had before paid to the same object, and will be given in my statement of Receipts.

Having acted on this measure (not without advice) but without authority, I shall most cheerfully contribute the present deficiency, if the Grand Lodge Fund is to suffer on account of my action in the matter.

It will be seen by reference to the correspondence with this office, that an opportunity has quite recently offered for the disposal of a quantity of lithographed Charters, and from what I can learn of the wants of other Grand Lodges, I am satisfied, that the Charter has only to be seen to be appreciated and sought for.

The design is a most beautiful and comprehensive one, doing credit both to the head and heart of the donor, Bro. John R. Peel, our present Deputy Grand Master, and with an alteration of two or three words in the printed portion, could be adopted by any other Grand Lodge.

I believe a very creditable revenue may be derived from the sale of Blank Charters, and with a view to the purchase of the stones upon which our present Charters were struck off, I submit such estimates for the stones and the cost of printing or lithographing, as I have been able to obtain.

In response to the resolution on page 27 of last journal, ordering the return of the original Dispensations of Lodges, on the receipt of the new Charters, I have received the Dispensations of Union, Erie, Gore, Samaritan, Imperial, Forest City, Avon, and St. Marys Lodges.

Of the existing Lodges that have not complied with the resolution referred to, I believe three of them hold Dispensations from the Grand Lodge of the United States, issued before the organization of this Grand Lodge, and seem to be of the opinion that this Lodge cannot recall their Dispensations.

This opinion is, I think, erroneous, since full authority and control of all Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction was transferred by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to this Grand Lodge, immediately upon its organization.

This much is certain, no Lodge can reasonably claim two Dispensations or Charters—one or the other should be returned.

Of those Lodges that did not receive the new Charter, Rose, Morpeth, Industry and Ontario Lodges, (some of them long since extinct,) have made no return of either their Dispensations, Books or other effects.

From Ontario Lodge no report has been received since Jan. 1861, and I have been unable to obtain even a reply to my letters of inquiry, addressed to their last Rep., and D. D. G. M. for that District.

Industry Lodge was also under his charge, and his long silence is

wholly unaccountable, and apparently discreditable to him and the Officers of those Lodges.

I deem it a duty which this Grand Lodge owes to itself and to the Order, that such conduct should not go unnoticed; the guilty parties should be found out, and unless restitution and amendment is made promptly, let them "*atone to the offended law*," by having their conduct held up to scorn, and their names published to the Order and the world as men "*void of the principles of honor*."

The new By-laws of Long Point Lodge, as also several amendments to the By-laws of other Lodges, which amendments have received the sanction of the R. W. Grand Master, are on file for confirmation by this Grand Body.

The Dispensation for Excelsior Lodge in Hamilton, which was issued in March last, is still in my hands, and I would recommend that a Charter be granted instead.

I herewith submit correspondence with this office, which should receive the attention of this Lodge.

The returns from the Subordinate Lodges, have in most cases been promptly made, and I submit the following abstract:

Showing the Condition of the I. O. O. F. in Canada West, for the Term ending June 30th, 1862.

NOTE.—The Suspensions and Expulsions all with two exceptions, for non-payment of dues.

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In relation to the Revenue of this Grand Lodge for the past year the following statement embraces all the details.

**RECEIPTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, FOR THE YEAR,
ENDING AUGUST 5TH, 1862.**

RECEIVED FROM THE SEVERAL LODGES ON ACCOUNT OF PER CENTAGE, AS FOLLOWS.
1862.

Jan'y. 3. Gore Lodge.....	\$ 6 22	\$13 55
July 3. ".....	7 33	
Jan'y. 10. Erie Lodge.....	8 00	19 09
July 14. ".....	11 09	
Jan'y. 10. Brock Lodge.....	8 10	13 10
July 15. ".....	5 00	
Jan'y. 20. Eureka Lodge.....	19 43	32 89
July 24. ".....	13 46	
Jan'y. 20. Forest City Lodge.....	10 87	25 17
July 24. ".....	14 30	
Jan'y. 20. Union Lodge.....	16 07	36 97
July 12. ".....	20 90	
Jan'y. 21. Long Point Lodge.....	9 00	15 94
July 31. ".....	6 94	
Jan'y. 25. Imperial Lodge.....	8 44	10 30
July 31. ".....	1 86	
Jan'y. 25. Chatham Lodge.....	7 61	15 59
July 31. ".....	7 98	
Jan'y. 27. Avon Lodge.....	4 92	14 92
July 19. ".....	10 00	
Feb'y. 12. Samaritan Lodge.....	6 00	9 00
July 11. ".....	3 00	
Feb'y. 19. St. Marys Lodge.....	6 73	16 33
July 14. ".....	9 60	
March 20. Rond Eau Lodge.....	7 80	15 66
July 31. ".....	7 86	
July 14. Thames Lodge.....		4 40
Total per centage for the year.....	\$242 91	

RECEIVED FROM LODGES ON ACCOUNT OF SUPPLIES OF BOOKS, BLANKS, AND CARDS,
AS FOLLOWS.

1861. Aug. 7. From Imperial Lodge for Blanks.....	\$ 3 00	
" Sept. 30 " " Working Book.....	2 50	
1862. Jan. 25. " " Clearance Cards.....	1 00	6 50
1861. Aug. 7. " Avon Lodge for Rebecca Book.....	2 00	
1862. Aug. 5. " " 18 Cards.....	4 50	6 50
1861. Nov. 1. " Long Point Lodge for sett of Supplies.....	13 50	
1862. Feb. 28. " " 12 Cards.....	3 00	16 50

Carried for'd \$29 50

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1861. Nov. 20. "	Union Lodge for 10 Cards.....	Brought for'd \$29 50
1862. Jan. 9. "	Gore Lodge for 12 Cards.....	2 50
" Mar. 14. "	Thames Lodge on account of Supplies.....	3 00
" July 14. "	" " balance ".....	5 75
		9 00
1862. Mar. 17. "	Erie Lodge for 1 dozen Cards.....	14 75
		3 25
Total for Supplies.....		\$53 00.

RECEIVED FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.	
1861. October 5, from Long Point Lodge, Simcoe.....	\$30 00
1862. March 5, " Thames Lodge, Mitchell.....	30 00
" May 20, " Excelsior Lodge, Hamilton.....	30 00
Total for Dispensations.....	\$90 00
RECEIVED FROM LODGES.....	

RECEIVED FROM LODGES AS DONATIONS TO CHARTER FUND AS FOLLOWS, IN ADDITION TO FORMER DONATIONS.

1861. August 15, from Gore Lodge		
"	" 15, " Imperial Lodge	\$5 00
"	Sept. 4, " Brock Lodge	2 25
"	" 30, " Forest City Lodge	4 00
"	October 5, " Rond Eau Lodge	5 00
"	Nov. 20, " Union Lodge	5 00
		7 50
Total Donations to Charter Fund		\$28 75

RECAPITULATION.

Total per centage.....	
" for Supplies.....	\$242 91
" Dispensations.....	53 00
" Donations.....	90 00
	28 75
Amount of Receipts.....	\$414 66
1862. February 20, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$164 78
" August 5, " " ".....	249 88
Total paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$414 66

From the foregoing Table and Statement, it will be seen that our Lodges are becoming more numerous, and that our ordinary revenue exceeds that of last year, and nothing seems wanting to enable us to go on and prosper, for we have no difficulties or discouragements in the way, except such as are clearly in our power to overcome.

I have on hand supplies to the value of \$47, as follows :

4 Public Installation Books, at \$1 25.....	\$ 5 00
2 Rebecca Books, " 1 25.....	2 50
4 Degree Books, " 2 50.....	10 00
3 Working Books, " 2 50.....	7 50
3 " " second hand. " 1 25.....	3 75
33 Travelling and Visiting Cards, 25.....	8 25
Odes, Regulations, Blank Circulars, Propositions, Reports, Bonds, and Certificates, to the value of.....	10 00
	<hr/> \$47 00

From a comparison of our Revenue, and Disbursements, you will see the necessity of reducing our expenses if possible, and of adopting some new source of income. The adoption of the Proxy Representation will accomplish the one object, and the sale of Blank Charters will effect the second. Both of these subjects, it is desirable, should receive the consideration of the Finance Committee, and be reported to you in some tangible form for adoption.

In reference to the compilation of the Grand Lodge proceedings, and in order to facilitate the labors of my successor, and also to ensure accuracy and order in the journal, I would recommend that all motions and reports should be in writing, and on uniform sized slips of foolscap, as it is impossible with our present practice, for the Secretary to take down correctly all the motions made verbally, or to file properly reports and motions written on all sorts and sizes of paper, varying from gilt-edged to scraps of wrapping paper and envelopes.

I would also respectfully recommend that in future the Grand Secretary be instructed to have our Journals printed the size of the Constitution volumes, and paged from the commencement of our Grand Lodge proceedings, with a view to binding, and an index as practiced by other Grand Lodges.

In conclusion, I return you my cordial thanks for the confidence you reposed in me, and the honor you conferred upon me at your last Session, and for the uniform courtesy I have received from the Fraternity in the discharge of my duties.

While surrendering my position to a worthy successor, I can only say, that if I have so far succeeded in advancing the work we all have at heart, as to merit the approbation of the Brotherhood I have endeavored to serve, my highest ambition will have been attained.

All of which is Fraternally submitted,

H. C. BINGHAM,

Grand Secretary.

On motion of Rep. Woodyatt, the G. S. report was referred to Special Committee for distribution of subjects.

The Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge, U. S., read the following Report:

CHATHAM, August 6th, 1862.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. of O. F.

SIR AND BROTHERS,—The duty that devolves upon me at this time of submitting to you a report of the proceedings of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, is one which affords me much pleasure in rendering a cheerful obedience.

I assure you that it was with a mixture of strange feelings, that I for the first time entered the City of Baltimore, as your Representative. Owing to the high state of excitement the country was then in, travelling over miles of railroad protected by armed soldiers, was something new and novel, and entering a city which had but recently been disturbed by an excited and infuriated mob, was calculated to lead a reflecting mind to think and ponder, and more than all this, going almost in sight of two of the largest contending armies that probably ever met, (and certainly that ever done so little,) hourly expecting to engage in battle; I say, strange were the thoughts and feelings that were constantly revolving in my mind. I thought how many good and true Odd-Fellows there were arrayed face to face in both those armies, and I inwardly hoped that the institution of Odd-Fellowship would indirectly exert an influence in stilling those elements of discord, soothing the spirits of passion, and direct in harmony a united effort to restore peace and prosperity to that great country.

Upon arriving in the City of Baltimore, I found everything as quiet as if nothing had happened; law and order reigning triumphant, but under the authority of a Provost Marshal and his guards, which were kept walking the streets constantly day and night. And on Monday morning, the 16th day of September, 1861, a quorum of Representatives assembled in the Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the City of Baltimore, and the United States national ensign floating over that beautiful building, dedicated to the principles of friendship, love, and truth.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire, R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, was not present to preside over the deliberations of Grand Lodge, but in his absence the chair was ably and satisfactorily filled by the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Milton Herndon, of Indiana, also that able and efficient officer Jas. L. Ridgely. Grand Cor. and Recording Secretary was not able to be with us but a few hours, in consequence of a severe attack of summer complaint, rendering him very weak, and unable to attend to any business at all, which was a source of deep regret to the Representatives assembled, his chair however, was ably filled pro. tem. by Representative Thomas, of Connecticut.

The Report of the Grand Secretary as usual, contains a complete account

of the work and condition of the whole order, but it is too lengthy to embody in this report, and I would recommend it to the careful perusal of every member who feels interested in Odd-Fellowship, he thus speaks of Canada West.

The annual report shows a gratifying condition of the order. During the year an application was received for a Subordinate Encampment, to be located at St. Catharines, which being conformable to law, was granted by the M. W. Grand Sire, and the warrant issued on the 20th March, 1861, with a special deputation to Patriarch J. B. Hunter, of the Jurisdiction of Northern New York, to institute the same. The Encampment by the name of Union No. 1, was instituted accordingly by Brother Hunter, in July last, whose report showing that the Patriarchal Order was introduced into Canada West, with a good prospect of success, is herewith submitted.

The Financial Statement as given in the report of Grand Secretary, is as follows:

The Revenue of the year up to the 6th Sept. 1861, amounts to \$8,131 91
Falling due on that and payable during the session..... 5,368 39

Total amount.....\$13,500 30

Of this amount he assumes that will not be paid..... 2,300 00

Leaving available.....\$11,200 30

This balance is chargeable with special appropriations of last session
of \$5,650, and the mileage and per diem of this session
of \$12,000, amounting to.....\$17,650 00

Apparent deficiency.....\$6,449 70

But by reason of the absence of at least one third of the Juris-
dictions, the mileage and per diem will be reduced about
\$4,000.....\$4,000 00

\$2,449 70

To this amount must be added the expense incurred during
recess, for printing, a new edition of the Journal, new
steel plate card engravings, and portrait engravings for
new Journal, \$1,280 12.....\$1,280 12

Estimated real deficiency.....\$3,729 82

This statement presents an approximate view of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, which will be somewhat varied, though not materially, by further receipts into the Treasury. In view of the general prostration

of all the monetary and business interest of the country, it is a much more gratifying condition of finance than could reasonably have been expected. I see no way in which this deficiency can be overcome, except by a liberal and magnanimous act of personal sacrifice on the part of the representatives themselves, which doubtless will, under the circumstances in which the Grand Lodge is placed, be promptly made. A reduction in the rate of mileage from five to three cents per mile, will provide for the entire deficiency, and it is believed will not oppress a single individual, however distant his home from the place of meeting.

Your Representative would here mention that the suggestions of the Grand Secretary, which I have just embodied in this report, were acted upon by Grand Lodge. And the mileage and per diem, instead of being \$8,000 as estimated by Grand Secretary, was reduced to \$4,760, thereby leaving the financial affairs in a better condition than they have been for years.

The number of members returned in good standing up to Sept. 1861, is 149,239. The annual receipts from Lodges show a sum of \$900,981. The amount paid during the past year for the relief of Brothers, was \$257,902. The amount paid for the relief of widowed families was \$60,815. The amount paid for educating orphans was \$94,707; and for burying the dead \$56,660.

The report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, is finished in the following language, which I perceive is not published in the revised journal of the proceedings, and why it was left out I cannot conceive, for there is nothing in it that could hurt the feelings of any Brother, but on the contrary, the language is beautiful and appropriate. He says:—

“Upon a review of the condition of the order presented by the reports from the various Jurisdictions, the heart is gladdened that amid the terrible scenes which now pervade the land, its glorious mission of mercy blessed and prospered of God, has been unchecked, and its great office of benefaction to man, continues to be exerted with a single eye to its high calling; yet in the midst of our gratulation, and thanksgiving to a beneficent Providence, for the especial favor vouchsafed to our order, we have not escaped the withering influences inseparable in the nature of things, from so all permeating a calamity as that which now afflicts our country.”

The Most Worthy Grand Sire of the order, R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, whom it was your pleasure by your suffrage, at the last session, to honor for his long, valuable, and eminent services, not less than for his distinguished ability and private virtues, is not here to grace his high chair of office, that seat honored by long list of his predecessors, whose administration has consecrated their names and memory to our best affections, has been occupied by few equal to him, and by none superior in ability, it is

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to-day under the constitution, by reason of his absence, held by the Worthy Deputy Grand Sire.

The R. W. Grand Marshal, Bro. E. D. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, is not found in his place, and the voice of Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Arkansas and Tennessee, which we have been for so many years accustomed to hear within these walls, participating in our councils, enlightening, instructing, and animating us by their experience, is not now heard, and will not be heard during our deliberations.

The seats which the Representatives of these Jurisdictions in our Brotherhood were wont to occupy, are not now occupied, and when the Recording Secretary shall call the roll from time to time, his familiar voice will not be heard by our brethren from the South, nor will there come up any response from their vacant places. We shall not grasp their hands in friendship, nor read their inward joy, as it sparkles from the eye when friends and brothers meet. We shall not meet with them in committee labor, nor measure lances with them in the arena of debate as heretofore. Why this spectacle? I dare not trust myself to answer, however choice and prudent may be the language employed, or however pure the motive, lest the answer should offend that consecrated law of our ritual, which ignoring with vestal honor, the divisions and classifications of human society, studiously avoids all affinity, with systems of faith or sect whether religious or political. The answer leaps nevertheless spontaneously from our saddened hearts, and invokes us to measure up in this crisis, to the full standard of Odd-Fellowship.

You, Representatives, are the great heart of that order, from you her life-blood passes into all her veins. In the language of one of our distinguished and ever-beloved Patriarchs: "You are the watchmen on her towers, the rulers in her palaces. Her destiny is with you. Her fortunes are in your hands. God grant that her unity, her prosperity, and her perpetuity, may come forth from your councils; strengthened and assured by the light of wisdom, attempered and chastened by the broad spirit of brotherly love."

The several amendments to the constitution which were in order, were laid over in consequence of there being so few Representatives present, until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, all present feeling a disposition to do as little business as was possible. There were some decisions made by Grand Lodge, which may be of sufficient importance to include in this report. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues, and the Lodge afterwards surrenders its Charter, may be admitted to membership upon such terms, as the State Grand Lodge may by law prescribe. The Grand Lodge of the United States having no law applicable to the case. (Journal 3,350.)

The Grand Lodge Degree being by the laws of the Order a reward for official services, and not to be conferred for any other consideration than the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair, brothers are

entitled to their certificates for past official degrees, without a vote of the Lodge. (Journal 3,358.)

A brother reporting himself out of care thereby abandons any further claims of benefits for that sickness. (Journal 3,360.) When by the laws of the Local Jurisdiction, appeals are required to be made within a limited time, and that time is suffered to pass by without the appeal having been made, the right of appeal is gone. (Journal 3,366.)

The committee on the revision of the secret work of the order, reported in secret session. That they had divided their labors as follows: to Representative Stuart was assigned the encampment work, to Representative Dwinelle the degrees, and to Representative Nicholson, the initiatory work. Each member of the committee gave a short statement of their views on the work, and agreed to be fully prepared to report at the next session.

There were several efforts made to hold the next session of Grand Lodge in some other place, and five or six different places were proposed, and as quickly voted down, but the following Resolution being proposed by Rep. Nicholson, and adopted, had the effect to satisfy all present.

Resolved,—That should circumstances justify the Grand Secretary, and if in his opinion, the safety and security of the archives and books of the Grand Lodge may require it, he be authorized to remove the same to Philadelphia or New York.

Resolved,—That in the event of a probable interruption of the meeting of this body in Baltimore, in 1862, the R. W. Deputy be authorized to convene the Grand Lodge at some central and convenient place, sufficient notice to be given to the different Jurisdictions.

The following Resolutions were also proposed by Representative Escavaille, of Maryland, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That the members of this Grand Lodge will employ every means, and will endeavor to impress upon the minds of their constituents, the necessity of cultivating and practising those principles and sentiments which will be best calculated to preserve our beloved order intact, wherever its benign influence has spread, wherever the banner of Odd-Fellowship has been unfurled.

Resolved,—That it is the duty of every good Odd-Fellow at all times, so to act and so to speak, that their words and their deeds may give no just cause of offence to those whose circumstances have for the time being, been cut off from friendly and social intercourse with us.

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge hopes and will continue to hope that the trying difficulties now existing, and which have shaken our common country to its very foundation, causing distrust and estrangement between brothers and friends, may be speedily and amicably settled, and that the storm which is now raging in the hearts of the people of this once peaceful and happy land, may be assuaged, and the clouds which have darkened the

hopes and blighted the prospects of a whole nation, may be swept away, giving place to a cloudless sky, a bright and gracious sunshine, shedding peace, harmony, and joy over and throughout this wide spread land.

Brothers and Representatives, we cannot close this report without calling your attention to the fact, that the founder and Father of Odd-Fellowship on this continent, has gone to his last home. On the morning of the first day of the session, I had the pleasure of grasping with fraternal feelings, the hand of Father Wildey; he came among us for the last time with steps slow and trembling, for the hand of age was evidently pressing heavily upon him, but alas, one short month after that fraternal meeting he had finished his work here below, and upon the 19th October, he was called to meet with those who had gone before, in the Grand Lodge above, and may we all finish our work as well and completely as he did his, and be prepared when we are summoned away to again shake the hands of that venerable Father, with a fraternal grasp, that shall know no end, and in the presence of him who is our God and Father.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. DOLSON,

Grand Representative.

On motion of Rep. Woodyatt, the above Report was ordered to be placed on the file.

The G. Master appointed Brothers S. G. Dolson, J. Harrison and J. Taylor, a Special Committee to draft Resolutions on the death of Past Grand Sire Wildey.

The G. Treasurer submitted the following Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

**THOMAS BROWN, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF C. W., I. O. O. F.**

TO CASH RECEIVED.

1861.	
August 6th,	To Balance on hand as per Treasurer's Report last year...\$244 26
1862.	
February 20,	" Received from Grand Secretary..... 164 78
August 5,	" " " " balance of Revenue for
	the year ending this date..... 249 88
Total.....	\$653 92

BY CASH PAID FROM AUGUST 6TH, 1861, TO AUGUST 5TH, 1862, INCLUSIVE.

1861.

August 7. By Paid mileage and per diem, of Representatives and Officers at the St. Thomas Session, as follows:

August 7, "	2 Reps. Brook Lodge	\$46 44
"	3 " Union Lodge, and 2 Grand Officers	51 90
"	1 " Chatham Lodge	7 74
"	2 " Eureka Lodge, and 1 Grand Officer	12 15
"	1 " Elgin " "	6 00
"	1 " Erie Lodge	4 80
"	1 " Gore " "	7 26
"	1 " St. Marys Lodge	5 10
"	1 " Imperial " "	7 32
"	1 " Forest City Lodge, and Grand Rep. U. S.	7 80
"	1 " Rond Eau " "	8 46
"	1 " Avon " "	5 70
	By Paid Guardian at St. Thomas	2 00
Sept, 7, 1861.	" S. G. Dolson, G. L. U. S. Tax and acct.	96 00
Nov. 30, "	" C. E. Stewart, printing G. L. Proceedings	28 00
March 24, 1062 "	" Henry Lemmon, printing Blanks	3 00
July 25, "	" American Express Company	2 75
"	" C. E. Stewart, printing Blanks, &c.	2 75
August 4, "	" Grand Master's travelling expenses, postage & printing	4 75
" 5, "	" Secretary's account for postage, strtionery, duties on supplies, exchange, binding, &c.	20 89
Total Disbursements		\$330 81
Balance in Treasurer's hands		328 11
		\$658 92

THOMAS BROWN,
Grand Treasurer.

CHATHAM, August 6th, 1862.

Rep. Woodyatt, from Special Committee on Distribution of Subjects, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the Distribution of Subjects in the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Reports, most respectfully recommend, first, that Clause 12, of the Grand Master's Report be referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates. Second, that the remainder be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. And further recommend that Clauses 5 to 10 inclusive, 12, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 30, of the Grand Secretary's Report, be referred to the Finance Committee, also, Clauses 1, 2, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 31 and 32, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and further, that Clauses 13 to 17 inclusive, and 21, be referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates; that Clauses 3 and 4, be referred to the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Master, in reference to the late Past Grand Sire, Wilkey.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following Resolution. That the above recommendations be adopted.

WM. H. READ,
HENRY SEWELL,
JAMES WOODYATT.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Chatham, August 6th, 1862.

The Lodge then adjourned, in order to give time for the several Committees to prepare their Reports.

LODGE ROOM, 6 o'clock, P. M.

AUGUST 6TH, 1862.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,—Grand Master, Bissell; Deputy Grand Master, Peel; Grand Warden, Collins; Grand Secretary, Bingham; Grand Treasurer, Brown; Grand Marshal pro tem., Partridge; Grand Conductor pro tem., Wigmore; Grand Rep. U. S., Dolson, and all the Representatives.

Rep. Sewell, from Committee on Returns submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

CHATHAM, C. W., August 6th, 1862.

To the R. W. G. L. of Canada West:

We, your Committee on Returns, having examined the various Lodge returns, beg leave to report as follows:

The returns of Thames, Elgin, Gore, Eureka, Forest City, Union, Imperial, Chatham, Samaritan, Long Point, and Rond Eau, are correct.

Brook Lodge is deficient in per centage seventy-nine cents. In half yearly report ending June 30th, 1862, from St. Marys Lodge we find that fourteen brothers are reported as suspended for non-payment of dues, the names of which are not inserted.

We find that Erie Lodge are not acting in compliance with the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, as they are only charging four dollars per annum for dues.

In regard to Avon Lodge, return of June 30th, we find that they have received initiation fees for five brothers, for which this Lodge has received no per centage, upon enquiry we find that said initiation fees have been returned to the brothers, for the purpose of enabling them to become charter members of Thames Lodge, your committee therefore enquire if it is right the Grand Lodge should be at a loss of such per centage.

Your Committee would strongly recommend that all Lodges be instructed to make returns only of brothers that are actually good on the books at the

time of making out returns, and that the Secretary be instructed to notify all Lodges to such effect.

We would further recommend, in consequence of Lodges charging various sums for dues and degrees, that all Lodges be requested to insert in each return, the amount charged by them in such cases, as such proceeding will much facilitate the labors of future committees.

In conclusion, we would most respectfully suggest that Erie Lodge be requested to make up the deficiency of between \$4 and \$6, as received by them for dues, and to remit the same to the Secretary.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

We remain, yours fraternally, &c.,

HENRY SEWELL,
JAMES SMITH,
C. WARREN.

Rep. Harrison, from Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

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

We, your committee to whom generally falls the most disagreeable duty, would most respectfully report, that after a careful and diligent search, we find nothing for your committee to deliberate on, and hope that our successors on this committee may be able to report likewise.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN HARRISON, Chairman.
GEORGE POWELL,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
August 6th, 1862.

Rep. Woodyatt, from Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted, *seriatim*.

To the W. G. M. and Members of the Grand Lodge of C. W., I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report, having examined the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$328 11c.

We recommend payment of the account of the G. L. U. S.

For Representative Tax and Supplies	\$113 00
And the account of W. E. Copeland, Postage	65
Total	\$113 65

•In the matter referred to by the Grand Secretary, as to whether it might not be a source of profit to this Grand Lodge, to purchase the stones used in lithographing the Charter, your committee would recommend that the whole

matter be left in the hands of the Executive Officers, for such action as they may deem best, after having ascertained the number of copies of Charters that could be disposed of.

With a view to a reduction of the expenses of the Grand Lodge, your committee recommend that no more than one Representative from each Lodge, be paid from the funds of the Grand Lodge, but that the Representative from any Lodge, entitled to more than one Representative, be allowed to cast as many votes on any and all questions as the number of Representatives such Lodge would be entitled to. Provided always, that it shall be competent for Lodges or Representatives to bear the expenses of and have a full representation should they see fit.

Your committee have much pleasure in recommending for the adoption of the Lodge, the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, to have the proceedings of the G. L. printed, of uniform size with the Constitution volumes.

In conclusion we respectfully submit the following Resolutions:

1st.—Resolved, That the above named accounts be paid.—Adopted.

2nd.—Resolved, That the recommendation of the Committee with regard to purchase of Lithograph Stones, be adopted.—Adopted.

3rd.—Resolved, That this Lodge recommend the voluntary adoption of the Proxy system of representation for next session.—Adopted.

4th.—Resolved, That the proceedings of the G. L. be printed of uniform size with the Constitution volumes.—Adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
G. W. HUSON,
C. WARREN,
A. HUMPHREY.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Chatham, 6th August, 1862.

On the question of adopting the third Resolution, the Yeas and Nays being called for, were taken down as follows:

YEAS.—Rep. Taylor, Huson, Warren, Woodyatt, Harrison, Findlay, Humphrey, Sewell and Bristol.—9.

NAYS.—Rep. Tait, Read, Kirkpatrick, Powell and Smith.—5.

Rep. Taylor from Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report and Resolutions:

COMMITTEE ROOM, CHATHAM,
August 6th, 1862.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. of O. F.

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, have carefully examined the laws laid before us, and ask leave to report as follows:—

We recommend that the amendment to Article 5th, Sec. 1st, of the By-laws of Union Lodge, No. 16, altering the scale of Initiation Fees, and that the amendment to By-laws passed by above Lodge, on the 19th day of August, 1861, striking off all widows who have received benefits over five years, and all others who are or may hereafter be in receipt of benefits, shall be governed by the same. And also, that the amendment to the amendment to Article 6th, Section 4th, Clause 1st, adopted November 14th, 1859, providing for a continuation of widow's benefits, if found necessary by a two-third vote of the brethren present. Also, the amendment of Article 5th, Section 7th, Clause 1st, of the By-laws of some Lodges, making provisions for investing their funds in land and buildings; above having been approved by the advising Board, be sanctioned by this Grand Lodge.

We also recommend the adoption of Clause 22, in the Worthy Grand Secretary's Report, and Clause 8, in the Worthy Grand Master's Address, and that the Charters be filled and forwarded to Long Point and Thames Lodges, and to Excelsior as soon as organized.

The opinion of your committee coincides with that of the R. W. Grand Secretary, with reference to Clauses 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, but any Lodge wishing to retain their original Dispensation may do so by returning it to the R. W. Grand Secretary, in order that it may be cancelled and returned.

With reference to the decision of the R. W. Grand Master, in Clause 12, in his address, on expulsion for non-payment of dues, your committee admit that it is a custom at variance with principles and spirit of our Order, yet we hold that it is not illegal to expel a member for non-payment of dues, but your committee would recommend that the term *ceased to be a member*, be used, instead of expelled for non-payment of dues.

We have examined the By-laws of Long Point Lodge, No. 42. and find them correct.

In reporting upon the notice of amendment to Constitution of G. L., given at the last session of the Grand Lodge, with reference to the proportion to be appropriated for Widows and Orphans Fund, your committee recommend that Subordinate Lodges be allowed the privilege of fixing their own rate, but in no case shall it be less than one-fifth.

Your committee would also recommend the adoption of amendment to Constitution of the Grand Lodge, so as to combine the offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

In accordance with the foregoing we respectfully submit the following:

1st.—Resolved, That amendments 1, 2 and 3, to By-laws of Union Lodge, No. 16, be adopted.

2nd.—Resolved, That Clause 22, in the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report be adopted.

3rd.—Resolved, That Clause 8 in the R. W. Grand Master's Address be adopted.

4th.—Resolved, That the suggestions of your committee on Clauses 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, in the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report be adopted.

5th.—Resolved, That the recommendations of your committee on the decision of the R. W. Grand Master, Clause 12, in his address on expulsion for non-payment of dues, be adopted.

6th.—Resolved, That the committee's recommendation with reference to appropriation of Widows' and Orphans' Fund be adopted.

7th.—Resolved, That amendment to Constitution for the purpose of combining the offices of R. W. Grand Secretary, and R. W. Grand Treasurer be adopted.

(Signed,)

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.,
JAS. D. TAIT,
JAMES WOODYATT,
GEO. W. HUSON,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK.

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, were adopted. The question being on the adoption of the 6th Resolution. It was moved in amendment by G. Secretary Bingham, seconded by Rep. Humphrey, that the proportion of quarterly dues to be set apart for the W. and O. Fund, be fixed by this Grand Lodge, at one-fifth of all quarterly dues for all Subordinate Lodges.

The question being on the amendment, it was declared carried in the affirmative, and the original motion lost.

The 7th Resolution was also adopted.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, the G. Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock, a. m., to-morrow.

CHATHAM LODGE ROOM,
THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1862.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge convened, and on call roll the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names:

Grand Master, Bissell; Deputy Grand Master, Peel; Grand Warden, Collins; Grand Secretary, Bingham; Grand Treasurer, Brown; Grand Marshal pro. tem., Patridge; Grand Conductor pro. tem., Wigmore; Reps. Taylor, Tait, Read, Huson, Kirkpatrick, Powell, Warren, Woodyatt, Harrison, Findlay, Smith, Humphrey, Sewell and Bristol.

Rep. Taylor, from Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted:

APPENDIX TO REPORT No. 1, OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CHATHAM,
AUGUST 7th, 1862.

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

We your committee appointed on Laws of Subordinates, having carefully examined the laws laid before us, beg leave to report as follows :

Your committee having minutely examined and criticised the By-laws of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, situated at London, C. W., find them correct, and in strict accordance with the Constitution.

Your committee regret to inform you that Erie Lodge, No. 33, have not yet corrected their Constitution and By-laws, condemned by your Grand Body at the session held at St. Catharines, in 1860.

We also recommend that Chatham Lodge, No. 29, strike out from the title pages of their Constitution and By-laws the words, "British North America," and insert the words "of Canada West," and in conclusion we respectfully submit the following resolutions :

Resolved,—That the By-laws of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, situated at London, C. W., be adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge.—Carried.

Resolved,—That the words "British North America," be erased from the title pages of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, and that the words "Canada West" be inserted thereon.—Carried.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to call the attention of Erie Lodge No. 33, to the subject referred to in your committee's report.—Carried.

(Signed,)

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.,
JAS. D. TAIT,
GEO. W. HUSON,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. Smith, from Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were adopted :

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

Your committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to submit the following report: in looking over the reports of our Worthy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, find much that is encouraging to all well wishers of our beloved order.

On comparing the returns with last year, we find that the order is in about the same standing in regard to members and finances.

Your committee fully endorse the sentiments of the R. W. Grand Master, relative to the indefatigable exertions of our R. W. Grand Secretary. It is to be deplored that no better feeling yet exists in the neighboring Republic, in which so many of our worthy brothers are at present engaged in strife, and your committee sincerely trust that it will soon be brought to a peaceful termination. In regard to the action taken by our R. W. Grand Master, relative to allowing a certain individual, residing within his jurisdiction; to join Olive Branch Lodge, of Detroit; your committee fully concur in the action taken thereto.

Your committee feel heartily sorry that the demise of Elgin Lodge, No. 32, should be reported, and would strongly recommend that a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Lodge, to inquire into the cause, and if possible, to have matters at present in dispute, readjusted at as early a date as possible.

Your committee would strongly recommend that the Grand Master be empowered by this Grand Lodge, to take the earliest opportunity of visiting the localities of Ontario, Industry, Morpeth, and Rose Lodges, with a view of obtaining all documents belonging to said Lodges, which should now be in the possession of the Grand Lodge, and that he take such action as he may deem fit, in relation to the matter, and that his expenses be defrayed by this Grand Lodge.

Your committee would express their gratification at finding that the D. D. G. M's. have been alive to the work intrusted to them, and in conclusion, congratulate the Grand Lodge on the general prosperity of our beloved order, and submit the following resolutions.

Resolved,—That the R. W. G. M., Bissell, Grand Treasurer, Brown, and P. Rep. Wigmore, be a committee to visit the members of the late Elgin Lodge, for the purposes set forth in this report.—Carried.

Resolved,—That the incoming Grand Master be authorized to visit the localities of Ontario, Industry, Morpeth, and Rose Lodges, in accordance with the recommendations of this committee.—Carried.

(Signed,)

JAMES SMITH,
JAMES WOODYATT, /
JOHN FINDLAY,
WM. H. READ.

CHATHAM, August 7th, 1862.

On motion of Rep. Sewell, it was resolved that the G. Secretary notify Subordinate Lodges to forward to the Grand Master, duplicate statements of all monies paid by them to the G. Secretary and Treasurer, whether on returns or for supplies.

G. Rep. Dolson, from special committee on death of P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were adopted.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CHATHAM,
AUGUST 7th, 1862.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. of O. F.

Your committee appointed to draft appropriate resolutions in respect to the memory of our late departed Bro. P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, beg leave to submit the following;

It having pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, to remove from our midst, our late beloved and much respected Bro. P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, after allowing him to complete more than the full share of time usually allotted to man on this earth, in extending and watching over the interest and welfare of Odd-Fellowship. Let us trust that he rests securely and peacefully from his labors in the Grand Lodge above, and turn our attention to the example which his life affords, and strive to emulate his good deeds, and carry on the great work that he has inaugurated. Let the fires he has kindled upon our alters be handed down to the future, that it may share with the present, in the blessings of our glorious institutions.

Less than fifty years ago, Thomas Wildey, was instrumental in planting the germ of Odd-Fellowship upon the continent, and to its advancement he consecrated the whole energies of his life. He established an institution with principles based upon a broad platform of brotherly love, all of us without distinction of party or sect, can meet in social intercourse, and he has lived to see it grow in gigantic proportions, exerting an influence of good and benevolence, greater than that of any other institution of the nineteenth century. How gratifying it must have been to him in last moments, to look around and behold the vast structure that had grown so nobly upon the foundation laid by him, now numbering over 143,000 Odd-Fellows. What a world of pleasing emotions must be written on the tablets of his memory, as he thinks of the pleasures and blessings he has been instrumental in bringing to many a disconsolate home.

Brethren, let us pray to God that he is now enjoying the unspeakable blessings of meeting with his Father in Heaven, and may the good he has done, and the good that we must do, continually arise up to that sacred retreat, to cheer and make if possible more happy that good man.

Brethren, entertaining as we do, the feelings and sentiments expressed in the foregoing preamble, towards our worthy and departed Brother, let us therefore unanimously adopt the following resolutions.

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. join in unison with the entire Order, and sympathise with the family and friends of our deceased Bro. P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey; that while we feel the loss of so worthy and valuable a friend to our Order, yet we are certain that our loss was his gain, for he had completed his three score years and ten, and almost held out four score years, when the knock came, and he was

received to his long home, we trust in Heaven, a fit resting place for so worthy a man, for one who had been instrumental in disseminating so many Heaven born principles here below.

Resolved,—That we will unite with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in that laudable effort of erecting a suitable monument to his memory.

Resolved,—That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the M. W. G. L. of the U. S.

S. G. DOLSON,
JNO. TAYLOR, JR.,
JOHN HARRISON.

G. Rep. Dolson, exemplified the secret work of the Order, and conferred the P. N. G. and P. V. G. Degrees on Brothers Humphrey, Smith, Kirkpatrick, Warren, Harrison, Brown, and Powell.

On motion of Rep. Read, the G. Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m.

CHATHAM LODGE ROOM,
2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The G. Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment. Grand Officers and Representatives all present.

Nomination of Officers for ensuing year being in order, the following Brothers were nominated, viz:—

P. G. MARQUAND,	nominated	H. C. BINGHAM,	for	G. M.
Rep. SMITH,	"	THOS. BROWN,	"	D. G. M.
" WARREN,	"	T. PARTRIDGE,	"	" "
" HUMPHREY,	"	H. SEWELL,	"	" "
G. Rep. DOLSON,	"	J. COLLINS,	"	" "
G. W. COLLINS,	"	J. HARRISON,	"	G. Warden.
Rep. TAIT,	"	JAS. WOODYATT,	G. Sec. and	Treas.
P. G. WALLACE,	"	R. WIGMORE,	"	"

The G. Master having appointed as Tellers, Reps. Bristol and Smith, the Grand Lodge proceeded to election with the following result:

H. C. BINGHAM,	.....	R. W. G. Master,	acclamation.
H. SEWELL,	.....	"	D. G. M., 2nd ballot.
J. HARRISON,	.....	"	G. Warden, acclamation.
J. WOODYATT,	.....	"	G. Sec. & Tres. 1st ballot.

The above named Officers were then presented by P. G. M. Bissell, and P. G. Rep. T. Partridge, and installed by G. Rep. Dolson.

The G. M. made the following appointments, viz:

Rep. J. TAYLOR,	.....	G. Guardian.
" JAS. SMITH,	.....	G. Marshal.
" A. HUMPHREY,	.....	G. Conductor.

who were duly installed by G. Rep. Dolson.

The Grand Master then appointed the following Past Grands, District Deputy Grand Masters, to take charge of the several Subordinate Lodges for the current year, viz :

For Brock Lodge,	R. FITZSIMMONS.
" Union Lodge,	C. YALE.
" Chatham Lodge,	G. W. HUSON.
" Forest City and Eureka Lodges,	THOS. BROWN.
" Erie Lodge,	W. A. GLOVER.
" Long Point and Gore Lodges,	THOS. JAMES.
" Samaritan Lodge,	A. BRISTOL.
" St. Marys Lodge,	J. HARRISON.
" Imperial Lodge,	J. COLLINS.
" Rond Eau,	A. HUMPHREY.
" Avon and Thames Lodges,	JOHN BURNS.

Rep. Smith, from Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted :

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

BRETHREN, — Your committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith submit the following Tables and Report :—

NAME OF LODGE.	No.	No. of Miles Travel'd	No. of Representatives	Rate per Mile.	Amount of Mileage	No. of Days	Rate per Diem.	Amount of per Diem.	Total of Mileage and Per Diem.
Brock	9	774	1	3 cts.	\$ 23 22	3	\$1 50	\$ 3 00	\$ 26 22
Union	16	692	2	.....	20 76	4	.....	6 00	26 76
Chatham	23	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	3 00	3 00
Eureka	30	260	2	.....	7 80	4	.....	6 00	13 80
Elgin	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erie	33	244	1	.....	7 32	2	.....	3 00	10 32
Gore	34	240	1	.....	7 20	2	.....	3 00	10 20
Samaritan	35	168	1	.....	5 04	2	.....	3 00	8 04
St. Marys	36	172	1	.....	5 16	2	.....	3 00	8 16
Imperial	37	240	1	.....	7 20	2	.....	3 00	10 20
Forest City	38	180	1	.....	3 90	2	.....	3 00	6 90
Rond Eau	40	24	1	.....	72	2	.....	3 00	3 72
Avon	41	192	1	.....	5 76	2	.....	3 00	8 76
Long Point	42	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thames	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GRAND OFFICERS									
PRESENT.									
Grand Master	38	130	1	.....	3 90	2	.....	3 00	6 90
Deputy G. Master	30	180	1	.....	3 90	2	.....	3 00	6 90
Grand Warden	37	240	1	.....	7 20	2	.....	3 00	10 20
Grand Secretary	34	240	1	.....	7 20	2	.....	3 00	10 20
Grand Treasurer	38	130	1	.....	3 90	2	.....	3 00	6 90
Grand Rep. to the U.S.G.L.	16	346	1	.....	10 38	2	.....	3 00	13 38
		4352	20		130 66	40		60 00	190 66

The above is computed at 3c. per mile, and \$1.50 per diem, for two days. Your committee think that the above apportionment per mile is not quite sufficient to cover Reps. expenses, but being within 12c. we think it best to adopt that amount.

In conclusion, your committee respectfully submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and the Grand Secretary do issue orders in accordance therewith, in favor of the Grand Officers and Representatives.—Adopted.

JAMES SMITH,
JAS. D. TAIT,
GEORGE POWELL.

Rep. Sewell gave notice of motion to amend the Constitution, Article 2, Section, 2, Clause 1, to be so amended as to adopt the Proxy System of representation to the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Smith, seconded by Rep. Read, it was resolved that the resolution of last session, referring to apportionment of the cost of Charter, be rescinded.

On motion of Rep. Sewell, seconded by Rep. Bristol, it was resolved that the members of the Grand Lodge, now assembled at Chatham, do tender our sincere thanks to the brethren here, for the use of their Lodge Room, and also for their kind and hearty welcome since our arrival amongst them.

On motion of Rep. Tait, seconded by Rep. Findlay, it was resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Bro. H. C. Bingham, Past Grand Secretary, for the very able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, during the past year.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, seconded by Rep. Harrison, it was resolved, that a vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our Worthy Past Grand Master, Wm. Bissell, for the straightforward manner in which he has discharged his duty for the past year, and for the good feeling he has always manifested to our beloved Order.

On motion of Rep. Harrison, seconded by Rep. Sewell, it was resolved, that Brothers of Lodges that have surrendered their Charter, or become extinct from any other cause, may be reinstated in any Lodge under this Jurisdiction, as "Ancient Odd-Fellows," on producing proper evidence of their previous good standing in such Lodges; upon such terms as Subordinate Lodges may think proper to impose.

On motion of Rep. Harrison, seconded by Rep. Sewell, it was resolved,

that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, to meet in the Village of St. Marys, on the first Wednesday in August, 1863, at the hour of 9 o'clock, a. m., punctually.

JAMES WOODYATT.

Grand Secretary.



AMENDMENTS.

Article 3, Section 1, Clause 1, of Constitution of Grand Lodge, amended so as to read Grand Secretary and Treasurer, instead of Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer.

Article 5, Section 2, Clause 4, of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, amended so as to read, *one-fifth* of whatever may be the quarterly contribution to the Benefit Funds, shall be placed to the credit of the Widow and Orphans' Fund, and the remaining *four-fifths* to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

ADDRESS

OF THE

OFFICERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST.

J. O. O. f.

AND THE DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS OF THE VARIOUS
DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

GRAND OFFICERS.

H. C. BINGHAM, M. W. Grand Master.....	Brantford.
HENRY SEWELL, R. W, D. Grand Master,.....	Stratford.
J. HARRISON, R. W. Grand Warden,.....	St. Marys.
JAS. WOODYATT, R, W. Grand Sec'y and Treasurer.....	Brantford.
S. G. DOLSON, R. W. Grand Representative,.....	St. Catherines.

D. D. GRAND MASTERS.

R. FITZSIMMONS, Brock Lodge,.....	Brockville.
C. YALE, Union Lodge,.....	St. Catherines.
G. W. HUSON, Chatham Lodge,.....	Chatham.
THOS. BROWN, Forest City and Eureka Lodges,.....	London.
W. A. GLOVER, Erie Lodge,.....	Port Burwell.
THOS. JAMES, Long Point and Gore Lodges,.....	Brantford.
A. BRISTOL, Samaritan Lodge,.....	Ingersoll.
J. HARRISON, St. Marys Lodge,.....	St. Marys.
JOHN COLLINS, Imperial Lodge,.....	Mt. Vernon.
A. HUMPHREY, Rond Eau Lodge,.....	Blenheim.
JOHN BURNS, Avon and Thames Lodges,.....	Stratford.

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES,

FOR THE TERM COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1862.

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	PER SECRETARY.	EVENINGS OF MEETINGS.
Brock Union	9	Brockville	Jas Hutcheson	N. H. Beecher.	M. J. Reid	R. Fitzsimmons.	Jno. Taylor, Jr.	Tuesday.
Chatham	16	St. Catharines	Alex Crichton	Robt. Dyle	W. Chatfield	Geo. Wales	S. G. Doison.	Monday.
Eureka	29	Chatham	R. O. Smith.	J. B. Jackson	Jno. Dickson	Jas. Baxter	Wm. Smith.	Tuesday.
Gore	30	London	Alex. McIntyre	H. Black	Jno. Jury	G. Powell	J. Westland.	Thursday.
Samartian	33	Port Burwell	A. H. Munter	R. Grant	A. G. Hunter.	Jno. Farthings	Jas. Woodgat.	Tuesday.
Imperial	34	Brantford	T. Jones.	Jas. McDonald	H. C. Bingham	Thos. James	H. H. Ross	Wednesday.
Forest City	35	Ingersoll	Thos. Ireland	D. D. Rose	J. McMaster	A. Lambie.	Jno. McLean	Tuesday.
Rond Eau	37	St. Marys	Hiram Sheek	C. D. Turford	J. Findlay	J. R. Douglass.	Jas. Smith.	Monday.
Avon	38	London	A. McCormick	R. J. Jackway	E. S. Collett	A. A. Towns	W. R. Fellows.	Saturday.
Long Point	40	Blenheim	P. D. Fraser.	C. Humphrey	W. D. Fletcher	J. B. Sheldon	H. Sewell	Friday.
Thames	41	Stratford	Chas. Lee.	E. F. Ryerson	R. S. Service	W. Mowat	J. Wilson	Tuesday.
	42	Simcoe	J. Weatherly	G. F. Counter.	Jno. Holland	Geo. Werrett.		Thursday.
	43	Mitchell	H. Clegg	Jno. Levy	A. McLaren	A. McLaren		Thursday.