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OFFICERS

OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Lodge,**FOR THE YEAR 1886-87.**

R. W. G. Templar	JOHN B. FINCH	Evanston, Ill.
R. W. G. Counsellor	W. H. LAMBBY	Inverness, Que.
R. W. G. V. Templar	Mrs. FRANCENA C. BAILEY	Manchester, N. H.
R. W. G. Secretary	B. F. PARKER	Manston, Wis.
R. W. G. Treasurer	URIAH COPP, Jr.	Loda, Ill.
R. W. G. S. J. Temples	MISS GERTRUDE L. CUSHMAN	Euclid, O.
R. W. G. Chaplain	REV. SAMUEL WRIGHT	Farsley, Leeds, Eng.
R. W. G. Marshall	COL. A. C. MITCHELL	New Orleans, La.
R. W. G. D. Marshall	MRS. BESSIE A. CHISHOLM	Truro, N. S.
R. W. G. Messenger	H. M. FOLTZ	Alexandria, Va.
R. W. G. Guard	MISS S. ELLA STERN	Pomeroy, Pa.
R. W. G. Sentinel	J. K. HILLYARD	St. Paul, Minn.
P. R. W. G. Templar	GEO. B. KATZENSTEIN	Sacramento, Cal.

The next session of the R. W. G. Lodge will be held at Saratoga Springs,
N. Y., U. S. A., commencing on the fourth Tuesday in May, 1887.



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OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
I. O. G. T.

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

NANAIMO, B. C., 14th OCTOBER, 1886.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. G. T., met in the Good Templars Hall, Front Street, at 10 o'clock, a. m., and was called to order by Rev. R. B. Hemlaw, G. C. T.

The following officers were present and answered to the call of the roll, viz:—

Rev. R. B. Hemlaw—G. C. T.

S. H. Myers—G. Counsellor.

S. F. Holt—G. S. J. T.

S. Gough—G. S.

Rev. J. A. Wood—G. Chaplain.

The chair appointed the following Committee on Credentials:—Bros. S. Gough, Rev. J. A. Wood and S. H. Myers.

RECESS.

On re-assembling the committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of B. C.:

Your committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined all credentials submitted to them and find the following persons entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

Onward Lodge, No. 2.—Bros. S. H. Myers, S. Gough and Sister E. M. Campbell.

Dominion Lodge, No. 4.—Bros. Alex. Hamilton, C. S. Keith, H. Benson, W. W. Forrester, and S. F. Holt.

Mount Benson Lodge, No. 5.—Bros. D. Moffat and A. Godfrey.

Delta Lodge, No. 8.—Rev. J. A. Wood and Sister M. J. Wood.

Somenos Lodge, No. 9.—Rev. R. B. Hemlaw.

Peerless Lodge, No. 11.—Bros. A. C. Wells and Rev. C. Bryant.
Richmond Lodge, No. 12.—Bro. R. G. Pike.
Fraternally Submitted,

S. GOUGH,
J. A. WOOD, } COMMITTEE.
S. H. MYERS, }

On motion the report was adopted and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on Sister E. M. Campbell, and Bros. A. C. Wells, Rev. C. Bryant, A. Godfrey, A. Hamilton, C. S. Keith, H. Benson, W. W. Forrester and R. G. Pike.

The G. C. T. made the following pro tem appointments:

Sister Campbell—G. V. T.

Bro. Bryant—P. G. C. T.

“ Moffat—G. M.

“ Godfrey—G. D. M.

“ Keith—G. Guard.

“ Forrester—G. Sentinel.

Bros. C. Bryant, A. C. Wells, J. A. Wood and D. Moffat were appointed a committee on Distribution.

On motion of Bro. Moffat seconded by Bro. Myers, it was decided to conduct the business of the Grand Lodge in the Subordinate Degree.

Motion moved by Bro Myers seconded by Bro. Gough:

1st. That the sessions of this Grand Lodge be from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon; from 1:30 o'clock till 5:30 p. m. and evening session from 7 o'clock to close.

2nd. That no member be allowed to speak more than once, or longer than five minutes upon any question before the Lodge, unless by permission of the Lodge.

3rd. That the rules contained in “Chase’s Digest” govern our proceedings.

4th. That all resolutions be reduced to writing. Carried.

Motion moved by Bro. Myers seconded by Bro. Bryant, that the election of a place for the next annual session of this Grand Lodge be made a special order of business immediately after the election of officers.

Amendment moved by Bro. Moffat seconded by Bro. Wood that the question of the place of holding the Grand Lodge be referred to the committee on Distribution. The amendment was carried.

On motion the following brothers were appointed a committee on Constitutions:

Bros. Myers, Wood, Moffat, Bryant and Keith.

On motion it was decided to allow each Subordinate Lodge to decide whether or not the Obligation shall be repeated audibly by the candidate at initiation.

Bro. Bryant was appointed reporter for the “Times” and “Colonist” newspapers and Bro. Wood for the “Free Press” and “British Columbian.”

The Grand Lodge then took recess till 1:30 o'clock p. m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION,
THURSDAY, OCT. 14TH, 1886.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 1:45 o'clock p. m., and opened in the Subordinate Lodge.

The committee on Credentials reported the following persons present and entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, viz:
Perseverance Lodge, No. 1.—Sisters S. M. Cummings, A. S. Bailey and Bro. W. E. Losee.

Cedar Hill Lodge, No. 3.—Bros. George Dean and A. H. King.

Hope of Salt Spring Lodge, No. 7.—Bro. T. W. Mouatt.

Somonds Lodge, No. 9.—Bro. I. N. Evans.

The following standing committees were appointed by the chair:

Finance—Bros. Bauman, Losee, Holt, Forrester and Sister Campbell.

State of the Order—Bros. Myers, Keith, Mouatt, Sisters Wood and Cummings.

Credentials.—Bros. Gough, Myers, Wood, King, and Sister Campbell.

Appeals—Bros. Gough, Benson, Moffat, Sisters Bailey and Cummings.

Political Action—Bros. Wood, Wells, Holt, King, Pike and Godfrey.

The G. C. Templar, R. B. Hemlaw, presented his annual report as follows:

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.G.T. In presenting you with our first report, the first report of the G. C. T. of British Columbia, we feel we must here say, what we could not say, so hurried were we at our organization, that we deeply realize the honor you conferred upon us when you in so pronounced a manner elected us to the highest position in the gift of this Grand Lodge. The duties appertaining to the trust then reposed in us we have endeavoured faithfully to perform.

Although, but five months have elapsed since our autonomy, we think, taking all things into consideration, these five have been months of substantial gain, and in no small degree have witnessed the solidifying of the ranks of our noble order; and in so far as we have been able to glean information, at no time in the past has the order in this country been in anything like as thriving and happy condition as at the present. And there can be no reasonable doubt but that this desirable state of affairs has in large measure been brought about by the interest aroused at our organization, and now, in the desire to perpetuate and increase the power and influence of our Grand Lodge.

During the month of June while on a visit to Chilliwack, we had the honour of raising our Standard in that thriving and progressive district; in the organization of "Peerless, No. 11," able delegates are here to represent that young, but growing Lodge—they represent no less than 70 members, so that No. 11 is by no means the least on our roll; nor is it the last, as Bro. Wood, G. Chaplain, whom we commissioned to organize new lodges, has succeeded in instituting "Richmond, No. 12," at the North Arm of the Fraser River, a growing settlement contiguous to the new and growing city of Vancouver. There are grand possibilities for this, our youngest lodge, and that it does not purpose being the least among us is indicated by the influential names in its first officary, and thus our influence is being quietly, but on that account none the less persistently, extended.

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Our brethren at Vancouver had not much more than fairly got under way, when one Sabbath afternoon the young, ambitious and whiskey cursed city, in which they had unfurled the Templar banner, was, in one short hour, laid in ashes. But Blessed be God, Good Templary was not burned up. We no sooner heard of their calamity than we issued them a new Charter and sent them a new stock free of charge, which action we ask you to approve—which the brethren thankfully received, and with heroic zeal began again building the walls of their fortress on which again the Temperance banner waves, proclaiming of "things not burned up." And we cannot but think that the "baptism of fire" will have purified and sealed our brethren there to the work of emancipating from their thralldom the slaves of strong drink.

The older lodges are all, in so far as we can learn, endeavouring to do effective work, and generally are increasing their membership, and now our total strength is about 650, an increase of about 230 since the institution of our Grand Lodge.

Among the many matters of interest that will, and must engage our attention this session, we would invite careful consideration of the following:

1. The feasibility of having Bro. Finch, R. W. G. C. T., Bro. Bain or some other notable lecturer in our order, and under our auspices to visit this country and deliver lectures wherever for the interests of the order it may be deemed advisable to send him. And in this connection it would be a wise move to establish a lecture fund, monies to be raised by voluntary contributions, Temperance entertainments, &c., and to be faithfully applied to having lecturers as frequently as possible in the field.

2. It has been suggested and we think would materially affect the order for good, if the lodges were required to pay only half the fixed rates of Per Capita Tax on members under a certain age, say eighteen years, and as a result Lodges would reduce the amount of quarterly dues to be paid by members affected by such legislation. in consequence of which the younger members of families, where the tax would be somewhat of a burden might be secured to us, and we cannot over estimate the advantage to our cause in securing the young, the hope of our country. Hence the adoption of such a measure might work great benefit to us, not only as above, but otherwise.

3. We will need to carefully consider and adopt such By-Laws and Rules of Order as are necessary for the governance and well-being of the Order.

4. Some difficulty occurred in executing the Treasurers bond in No. 7, Salt Spring Island, on account of the ambiguous nature of the text of blank form in use; also on account of the largeness of the minimum amount as required by the Constitution and in which sureties were bound. We granted permission to said lodge to execute the bonds for the quarter ending October 31st for any amount deemed advisable not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75). We ask your approval of this act and also the careful consideration of the whole matter, that no difficulties of this kind may in any way interfere with the good working of the Order.

At the last session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge changes were made in our Constitution, particularly in reference to the degrees, certain matters connected therewith are left to the Grand Lodges to take action upon. This will therefore require our attention.

Brethren this is a supreme hour in our history; never were we having such successes; never such accessions to our ranks; but, never were the scrupulous upholders and abettors of regnant evils more determined; never

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were they so organized to prevent the death of their unholy traffic, determined that it shall live though to do so innocent blood should be shed. The tragedy of the Sioux City; the murder of Haddock, is an evidence of the determination of the blood stained guilty wretches engaged in the Heaven cursed traffic. What are we to do? Shall we not my brethren rise equal to the glorious possibilities and in the name of Jehovah lift up our banners and buckling on the armour of True Knights Templars, never cease our efforts until the arch devise of the arch enemy dare not lift up its hydra head in this, our fair land; this land that our Jehovah has given us to possess. Oh, that the day may come speedily when the kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdoms of our God and of his Christ.

"Have you not a friend or brother in the valley of the slain?
If you have use every effort for their lifting up again;
Though their falls should be repeated, do not chide, but try to save,
As a barrier throw your manhood twixt them and the drunkard's grave.

"Listen now, it is God's message coming to you from the skies,
Bidding you to aid the downcast and to help the fallen rise;
Urging you to be all faithful till you take the fort by storm,
And hold on high the banner of the Temperance Reform.

It shall wave for truth, shall triumph, though her foes be old and strong,
Freedom shall break down oppression, right shall triumph over wrong;
Burnish up the unused armour, with one purpose all unite,
And our God will fight this battle, putting all our foes to flight.

Fraternally Submitted,

R. B. HEMLOW, G. C. T.

Nanaimo, 14th October, 1886.

On motion the report of the G. C. Templar was received and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The G. Secretary submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. G. T.

Dear Brothers and Sisters.—In obedience to the requirement of our Constitution I herewith submit statements of the business of my office, and of the condition of our order, the statements are based on the Quarterly Returns of the various Subordinate Lodges.

There is cause of thankfulness to God that since our organization, death has not been permitted to invade our ranks, and that there is not any dissension among our members, but I believe the bond of union between the various Lodges has been strengthened.

During the three months embraced in this report our borders have been extended and our membership materially increased, one new lodge has been organized and you will be pleased to know that some of our old time workers are manning the ropes successfully. Last week we had the pleasure of granting the Charter of Richmond Lodge, No. 12, with a membership of 17, and it is safe to say that the interests of Good Templary in our jurisdiction were never in as prosperous a condition as they are to-day. With the spread of our Order our individual responsibilities are increased, and the duty of the hour demands a truer devotion to our cause, on the part of every member.

The principal source of loss of members to our order are the "suspensions," and it should engage our most serious attention to adopt means whereby persons joining our lodges should be retained.

Following are the tables of numerical and financial exhibits:

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Number of members at date of organization.....	421
Initiated.....	152
Admitted by Card.....	6
Reinstated.....	1
Total accessions.....	159
First Total.....	580
Retired by Clearance Card.....	8
Resigned (Withdrawn from the Order).....	24
Suspended.....	51
Expelled.....	4
Total deduction.....	87
Second Total, present membership.....	493
Number of Lodges at Organization.....	10
" " Organized.....	1
Total.....	11

STATISTICAL.

Number of Male Members.....	354
" Female Members.....	139
Total.....	493
Number of Subordinate Lodges.....	11
Average membership per Lodge.....	44
Number of Lodges owning Hall.....	1
" " " on shares.....	1
Value of property owned by Lodges (as far as reported).....	\$1398.00
Number of Ministers holding membership.....	8

The returns from the Lodges show membership as follows:

No. Lodges.	Name.	Location.	Date of Institution.	No. Members.
1	Perseverance	Victoria	7th March, 1879	83
2	Onward	Nanaimo	30th " 1870	36
3	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill	26th Feb. 1877	54
4	Dominion	New Westminster	12th Nov. 1884	104
5	Mount Benson	Wellington	16th Aug. 1880	29
6	Bateman	Comox	—Dec. 1884.	44
7	Hope of Salt Spring	Central Settlement, S.S.I.	1st Feb. 1886.	27
8	Delta	Ladner's Landing	7th Feb. 1886.	21
9	Somenos	Somenos	23rd Feb. 1885.	24
10	Vancouver	Vancouver	27th April, 1886	39
11	Peerless	Chilliwack	4th June, 1886	32

The Banner Lodge of the Province is Dominion, No. 4, with a membership, last report, of 104—in this relation I would suggest that a prize be offered for the Lodge that maintains the highest average of membership during next year, the number of members last reported to be the basis of calculation.

FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS.	
To cash received, Per Capita Tax, for Qr. ending 31st July.	\$105.25
“ “ “ “ Qr. “ 31st Oct.	105.00
“ “ Special tax for Grand Lodge organization	88.75
“ “ for Supplies	50
Total	\$299.50
DISBURSEMENTS.	
By cash paid J. Chillberg	\$100.00
“ “ W. H. Phillips	11.00
Total	\$111.00
By Balance in G. Treasurer's hands	\$188.50
LIABILITIES.	
J. A. Wood, Telegrams	\$ 1.60
R. B. Hemlaw, G. C. T., Postage and Stationery	2.50
S. Gough, G. secretary, Salary	25.00
“ “ Telegram to R. W. G. S.	1.75
“ “ Postage	4.00
Geo. Norris, Printing (Reports and supplies)	29.00
D. Robson & Co., Printing (Supplies)	5.50
B. F. Parker, R. W. G. S., Supplies	9.17
Total	\$ 79.52
Balance, in favor of Grand Lodge	\$109.98

INVENTORY OF STOCK ON HAND.

12 Rituals.	5 F. Sect'y Receipts.
7 Notices of Arrears.	5 Books of Propositions.
7 Treasurer's Books.	6 F. Secretary's Ledger.
6 F. Secretary's Cash Books.	5 Roll Books.
18 Grand Lodge Odes.	28 Officers Cards.
20 Ode Cards.	30 Ode Cards with music.
3 Templar at Work.	1 Grand Lodge Seal.
200 Bill Heads.	118 Constitutions.
48 Clearance Cards.	Value, \$41 84.

Fraternally Submitted,

SAMUEL GOUGH, G. Sect'y.

Nanaimo, B. C., 14th October, 1886,

On motion the report of the Grand Secretary was received and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

The following is a correct statement of the financial transactions of my office for the term ending Oct. 15th, 1886:

Cash Received from the Grand Secretary	\$299.50
Paid Warrants Nos. 1 and 2	111.00
Balance on Hand	\$188.50

Yours in F. H. and C.,
A. S. BAILEY, G. Treasurer.

On motion the report of the Grand Treasurer was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The G. S. J. Templar read the following report:

To the G. C. T., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. G. T.

I suppose I am the only officer of this Grand Lodge who is obliged to report no progress, as you are aware there was no appropriation made for this office. I did not feel satisfied to be a deadhead, I had everything to learn, I found a teacher in R. W. G. S. J. Templar Sister Cushman, but too late in my term of office for any benefit.

I would advise that each Lodge make it their duty to start a Temple and afford it financial and active support, an outfit will cost about seven dollars, or the Temples could be held open (the secret work being withheld) and charge no fee, for we must or ought to get our recruits from the present children of our homes. Hoping for a good years work in the children's cause,
I remain yours in F. H. and C.,
S. F. HOLT, G. S. J. T.

On motion the report of the G. S. J. T. was received and referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Bro. Keith was appointed G. A. Secretary and took his seat at the secretary's table.

The Lodge then took a recess of thirty minutes.

On reassembling the Committee on Distribution submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on Distribution beg to recommend that the first, second, third, fifth and eleventh clauses of the G.C. Templar's report be referred to the Committee on State of the Order; clauses four, six and seven to the Committee on Finance; clauses eight and ten to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and clause nine to the Committee on Appeals.

The Financial part of the G. Secretary's report had been referred to the Committee on Finance and the parts referring to the state of the Order to the Committee on State of the Order.

Fraternally Submitted,

C. BRYANT,	} Committee.
A. C. WELLS,	
J. A. WOODS,	

Report adopted.

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Motion moved by Bro. Moffat seconded by Bro. Bryant that the secretary be authorized to procure a stereotype of the Grand Lodge Seal for use in Grand Lodge printing. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Wood, seconded by Bro. Deans that the Grand Secretary be empowered to supply all worthy applicants for copies of our Grand Lodge proceedings, as far as the limited supply will permit. Carried.

The Committee on State of the Order made report as follows:
To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. G. T., in session at Nanaimo:

1st. Your Committee on State of the Order ask leave to report as follows: We have given due attention to the officer's reports referred to us, we have heard the records of the year's work and we have taken other means to obtain reliable information, and we are glad to be able to report that we believe that the I. O. G. T. embracing the Province is greater, stronger and grander to-day than ever it was before.

2nd. We would suggest that the recommendation of the G. C. Templar with respect to having R. W. G. C. T. Finch or other Lecturers of the Order to come to British Columbia and deliver lectures under the auspices of the Executive Committee be approved.

3rd. We would recommend that the Grand Lodge approve the action of the G. C. Templar with respect to his giving free of cost the charter and supplies to Vancouver Lodge after the late fire.

4th. We recommend that the other matters referred to in the G. C. Templar's report be accepted and placed on file.

5th. We recommend that the report of the G. S. J. T. be approved and action taken thereon by the Grand Lodge.

6th. We also recommend that the report of the G. Secretary be adopted and placed on file and that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be accorded the G. S.

Respectfully Submitted in F. H. and C.

S. H. MYERS,
T. W. MOUAT,
C. S. KEITH,
S. M. CUMMINGS,
M. J. WOOD, } Committee.

On motion it was decided to consider the report of the Committee on State of the Order Seriatim.

After discussion the first clause was adopted.

Upon motion to adopt the second clause, Bro. Wells moved to amend and Bro. Myers seconded that the services of Bro. Finch, R. W. G. C. Templar, be secured and that the Subordinate Lodges be requested to contribute an amount equal to not less than 25 cents per member in order to pay in part the expense.

Amendment to amendment moved by Bro. Bryant seconded by Bro. Hamilton that this Grand Lodge invite the co-operation of the Dominion Alliance Executive and other Temperance bodies in this Province, and the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory to unite with us in securing the services of Bro. Finch as a lecturer, and that the Subordinate Lodges be requested to contribute towards the fund required to secure Bro. Finch's services.

A prolonged discussion ensued, when on resolution it was decided to postpone the further consideration of the matter until the Finance Committee had made report on the matters referred to them.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report :

To the G. C. Templar, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., of British Columbia.

Your Finance Committee respectfully submit the following:—We have examined the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer and find them correct.

We would also endorse the action of the G. C. Templar in furnishing Vancouver Lodge with a set of supplies after their original stock had been destroyed by fire.

We think that the question of reducing the dues for members under certain ages would necessitate an alteration of the Constitution and By-Laws, and should be referred to that Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

L. F. BAUMAN,
E. M. CAMPBELL,
N. W. FORRESTER, } Committee.
W. E. LOSEE,
S. F. HOLT.

Nanaimo, 14th October, 1886.

On motion the report was adopted and the question of reducing the dues of members under certain ages was referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

An alarm of fire being rung at this time the Lodge was adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 7 o'clock p. m.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Motion moved by Bro. Wells seconded by Bro. Wood that the Lodge resolve itself into Committee of the whole to continue the consideration of the recommendation of the committee on the employment of a Grand Lecturer.

Amendment moved by Bro. Losee seconded by Bro. Moffat that the matter be considered in Grand Lodge.

The amendment was carried.

After a lengthy consideration of the recommendation of the Committee and the amendments offered thereto the vote was taken and the amendment to the amendment was declared carried.

Clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted and then on motion the report as amended was adopted.

Motion moved by Bro. Hamilton seconded by Bro. Forrester that in the event of it being impossible to secure the services of Bro. Finch at once, that the Executive officers be instructed to procure the services of another lecturer to stump the New Westminster District in opposition to the liquor dealers of that vicinity, also to deliver lectures throughout the province for the purpose of organizing new Lodges. Carried.

The Committee on appeals submitted the following report :

To the G. C. Templar, Officers and Members :

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred that portion of the G. C. Templar's report respecting the bond of Treasurer in subordinate

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Lodges, beg to recommend that the Constitution be so amended that each Lodge shall be allowed to fix the amount of the said Bond.

Fraternally submitted,

S. GOUGH,	} Committee.
D. MOFFAT,	
H. BENSON,	
A. S. BAILEY,	
S. M. CUMMINGS,	

On motion the report was adopted.

Motion moved by Bro. Bauman seconded by Bro. Wood that the Executive be empowered to provide paper seals with a suitable design for the general use of our Subordinate Lodges, and that they be kept in stock by the Grand Secretary.

Amendment moved by Bro. Gough seconded by Bro. Moffat that the Subordinate Lodges be requested to provide themselves with impression seals.

The amendment was carried.

The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials reported that there were several members of our Order in the anteroom who were entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree. The Lodge was raised and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on sisters M. J. Wood and Laura Gilbert, and Bros. W. E. Losee, T. W. Mouatt and A. Bell.

Bro. Holt, G. S. J. Templar, submitted a form of petition (to the Dominion Legislature) for obtaining the signatures of boys and girls, praying for the prohibition of the Liquor traffic.

Bro. Bryant submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved—That the Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Temples be requested to correspond with other Grand Lodges in the Dominion to ascertain if the petition of juveniles to the legislature in behalf of prohibition has been used there, and if so, to take similar action in our own jurisdiction.

The G. C. Templar drew attention to the desirability of electing a representative to attend the next session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge to be held at Saratoga during the month of May, 1887, and on motion of Bro. Losee seconded by Bro. Pike it was decided to proceed with the election of a Representative and Alternate.

Motion moved by Bro. Bauman seconded by Bro. Pike that in case there are not the full number of representatives present to which a Lodge is entitled that the representative present be allowed to cast the full vote of the Lodge.

The motion was not carried.

Bros. Hemlaw, Bryant and Wood were placed in nomination for the office of representative to the next session of the R. W. G. Lodge.

The voting was by ballot, and the following vote taken:

Bro. Hemlaw received 12 votes; Bryant received 3 and Wood received 7. Bro. R. B. Hemlaw was declared elected.

Bro. J. A. Wood was elected Alternate Representative.

On motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to select the place for holding the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The City of New Westminster being the only place nominated the G. Secretary was directed to cast the vote of the Lodge in favor of New Westminster.

Motion moved by Bro. Moffat seconded by Bro. Benson that our Grand Lodge year close on the 31st day of July. Carried.

On motion it was decided that the next session of this Grand Lodge be held during the month of October, 1887, and not later than the third week the date to be fixed by the executive.

Motion moved by Bro. Moffat seconded by Bro. Godfrey that 20 per cent of the per Capita Tax be reserved as a Representative Fund.

Amendment moved by Bro. Losee seconded by Bro. Wood that the passage of Representatives and Officers of the Grand Lodge be paid from the G. L. Funds. The Amendment was carried.

The Finance Committee were requested to report to the Grand Lodge on the amount required for the payment of Representatives' expenses to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge took recess until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow, closing with the benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, 15TH OCTOBER, 1886.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by G. C. Templar, R. B. Hemlaw, and opened with prayer by the G. Chaplain.

The minutes of the morning and evening sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

To the G. C. Templar, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the question of ascertaining the amount required for the payment of the expense of officers and Representatives in attendance on the present session of the Grand Lodge, present the following report:

We recommend the payment to the following persons the sums indicated:

Bro. W. E. Losee	\$3 00
Sis. M. Cummings	3 00
A. S. Bailey	3 00
Bro. L. F. Bauman	3 00
A. H. King	3 00
Geo. Deans	3 00
S. F. Holt	2 50
Alex. Hamilton	2 50
W. W. Forrester	2 50
C. S. Keith	2 50
D. Moffat	1 00
A. Godfrey	1 00
W. Badcock	1 00
T. W. Mouat	2 25
R. B. Hemlaw	1 75
J. A. Wood	2 00
Sis. M. J. Wood	2 00
Bro. A. C. Wells	4 50
C. Bryant	4 50
H. Benson	2 50
R. G. Pike	2 50
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We would recommend that an order be drawn on the G. Treasurer for the whole amount, in favor of the Chairman of this Committee and that he attend to the settlement with the parties.

Fraternally submitted,

L. F. BAUMAN,
S. F. HOLT,
E. M. CAMPBELL,
W. E. LOSEE,
W. W. FORRESTER, } Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

Motion moved by Bro. Holt seconded by Bro. Forrester that no member be allowed mileage who does not attend the full session, unless excused by the Lodge. Carried.

On motion the election of Grand Lodge Officers was next proceeded with.

The Chair appointed Bros. King and Godfrey tellers.

Motion moved by Bro. Bryant seconded by Bro. Myers that after the first ballot (there being no choice) the lowest be dropped, and in case of a tie that the last named be dropped. Carried.

The following were placed in nomination for the office of G. C. Templar: Bros. J. A. Wood, S. H. Myers and R. B. Hemlaw.

On the first ballot J. A. Wood received 7 votes, S. H. Myers, 7; R. B. Hemlaw, 7. No choice, Bro. Hemlaw's name was dropped.

Result of second ballot:—J. A. Wood received 14 votes, S. H. Myers, 7. Bro. Wood having received a majority of all votes cast was declared duly elected Grand Chief Templar for the ensuing year.

The following were nominated for the office of Grand Counselor:—Bros. C. S. Keith, S. H. Myers and W. E. Losee.

Result of first ballot:—C. S. Keith received 4 votes, S. H. Myers, 10, W. E. Losee, 7. No choice.

On the second ballot:—S. H. Myers received 14 votes, W. E. Losee 7. Bro. Myers having received a majority of all votes cast was declared duly elected Grand Counselor for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Grand Vice Templar:—Sisters S. M. Cummings and M. J. Wood were nominated.

Result of ballot:—Sister Cummings received 13 votes, Sister Wood 8. Sister Cummings having received a majority of all votes cast was declared duly elected G. V. Templar for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the office of G. Secretary:—Bro S. Gough was the only nominee.

On motion Bro. Myers was instructed to cast the ballot of the Lodge, which was done, and Bro. Gough was declared duly elected G. Secretary for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the office of G. Treasurer:—Sisters A. S. Bailey and M. J. Wood were nominated.

Result of ballot:—Sister Bailey received 13 votes, Sister Wood 8. Sister Bailey having received a majority of all votes cast was declared duly elected G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the office of G. Chaplain:—Bros. Bryant and Pike were nominated.

Result of ballot:—Bro. Bryant received 15 votes, Bro. Pike 5. Bro. Bryant having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected G. Chaplain for the ensuing year.

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Nominations for the office of G. Marshal:—Bros. Keith and Losee were nominated.

Result of ballot:—Bro. Keith received 15 votes, Losee 5. Bro. Keith having received a majority of all votes cast was declared duly elected G. Marshal for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the office of G. S. J. Temples:—Bro. S. F. Holt was the only nominee.

On motion the G. Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the Lodge, which was done and Bro. S. F. Holt was declared duly elected G. S. J. Temples for the ensuing year.

The G. C. Templar stated that the following questions had been submitted to him, and that he proposed to answer them in open Lodge.

Question 1.—Can a Lodge make a law to fine all members for violating Article 2 of our Constitution.

Answer.—No; see Art. VII., Sections 1, 2 and 5.

Question 2.—Is it legal to request suspended members to pay dues that they are in arrears with fines charged against them previous to suspension.

Answer.—Yes.

Question 3.—A member violating Article 2 and found guilty and a fine imposed, would it be legal to ask him to pay dues and fines even if it was six months before he was reinstated?

Answer.—No; by referring to Art. VII., Sec. 6, of our Constitution, it will be seen that a member found guilty shall be declared expelled unless he takes the obligation within four weeks from the date of such finding. And of course an expelled member cannot be reinstated.

Motion moved by Bro. Myers seconded by Bro. Keith that the amount of the bonds of the G. Treasurer and G. Secretary be \$300 each.

Amendment moved by Bro. Moffat seconded by Bro. Benson that the bonds be fixed at \$500 each.

The motion was carried.

Bros. Bauman and Losee were named as the Bondsmen of the G. Treasurer, and Bros. Myers and Moffat as the Bondsmen of the G. Secretary.

Motion moved by Bro. Bryant seconded by Bro. Pike that the bonds of the G. Treasurer and G. Secretary be approved. Carried.

The G. C. Templar appointed Bro. A. Bell, G. Messenger.

The G. V. Tempel appointed Bro. W. E. Losee, G. Guard and Bro. R. G. Pike, G. Sentinel.

The G. Marshal appointed Bro. A. H. King, G. D. Marshal.

The G. Secretary appointed Bro. A. Godfrey, G. A. Secretary.

On motion the installation of officers was proceeded with by P. G. C. Templar L. F. Bauman, Bro. Moffat acting as Grand Marshal:

- Rev. J. A. Wood G. C. T.
- S. H. Myers G. Counselor.
- Miss S. M. Cummings G. V. T.
- S. F. Holt G. S. J. T.
- S. Gough G. Secretary.
- A. Godfrey G. A. Secretary.
- Miss A. S. Bailey G. Treasurer.
- Rev. C. Bryant G. Chaplain.
- C. S. Keith G. Marshal.
- A. H. King G. D. Marshal.
- W. E. Losee G. Guard.

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R. G. Pike G. Sentinel.
 Rev. R. B. Hemlaw P. G. C. T.
 Motion moved by Bro. Moffat seconded by Bro. Myers that Bro. R. B. Hemlaw, P. G. C. T., be a member of the Executive Committee. Carried.
 The hour for adjournment having arrived the Lodge took recess till 1 o'clock p. m. Closed with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1 O'CLOCK, P. M., 15TH OCTOBER, 1886.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by G. C. Templar, J. A Wood and opened with prayer by the G. Chaplain.

On motion Bro. L. F. Bauman was excused from further attendance on this session.

On motion it was decided that a Committee be appointed to enquire the probable cost for a set of regalia for this Lodge, and report thereon at the next session.

The chair appointed Bro. Hemlaw to act as Regalia Committee.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of B. C. :

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws beg to recommend :

1st. That the Grand Lodge Constitution as contained in the proceedings of the R. W. G. Lodge be adopted excepting that another section be added to Article V., to provide for the appointment of a committee on political action.

2nd. That the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory be adopted for our further rule and guide.

3rd. That the Temperance question be discussed in every Subordinate Lodge for at least ten minutes at every session.

Fraternally submitted,

S. H. MYERS,	} Committee.
C. S. KEITH,	
D. MOFFAT,	
C. BRYANT,	
J. A. WOOD,	

The report was on motion of Bro. Deans seconded by Bro. Hamilton, taken up seratim.

Clause 1 was approved.

Motion moved by Bro. Bryant seconded by Bro. Forrester that a committee of three members be appointed to report to the next session of this Grand Lodge, a code of By-Laws, also that the 3rd clause of the report now under consideration be referred to the special committee on By-Laws. Carried

On motion the report as amended was adopted.

Motion moved by Bro. Bryant seconded by Bro. Mout that the Degrees of Fidelity and Charity be abolished in this jurisdiction. Carried.

The Committee on Political Action submitted the following report :

To the G. C. Templar, Officers and Members :

Your Committee on Political Action respectfully submit the following resolutions :

Whereas, we believe that we can never attain the total prohibition of the liquor traffic until we have in power both Provincial and National Governments backed by an earnest and aggressive political party which has total prohibition as its avowed policy, and Whereas we believe the time has come when the Independent Order of Good Templars should be heard definitely on this matter, therefor be it

Resolved, That in view of the past inaction among temperance workers in the Province affecting the election of members of Municipal Councils and of Parliament to both the Provincial and Dominion Legislatures, we respectfully, but urgently request the Dominion Alliance Executive and other temperance organizations in this province to put forth immediate and determined efforts to secure the election of good, tried temperance men, and that no support be given by temperance men at the various elections, Municipal, Provincial or Dominion, to candidates who will not pledge themselves to the earnest endeavor to secure the absolute casting out of liquor from our Dominion, and to give their aid to no party or individual in any such party who will not undertake to aid in every way in their power the accomplishment of these objects.

Submitted in F. H. and C.,
J. A. WOOD,
S. H. MYERS, } Committee.
A. GODFREY,
R. G. PIKE, }

On motion the report was adopted.

Motion moved by Bro. D. Moffat seconded by Bro. Deans that a committee on printing be appointed.

Amendment moved by Bro. Myers seconded by Bro. Mouat that the G. Secretary procure on the most reasonable terms, the printing of not less than 250 copies of the proceedings of this session to be distributed as follows: one copy to each representative and officer of this Grand Lodge, one copy to each Lodge and each Lodge Deputy, one copy to each Grand Lodge in the Dominion of Canada and the United States, one copy each to the R. W. G. T. and R. W. G. S., and not less than 25 copies be preserved for future binding.

The amendment was carried.

Motion moved by Bro. Wood seconded by Bro. Keith.

Resolved, That, on this, the occasion of the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. G. T., in Nanaimo, we desire to congratulate the members of Onward Lodge, No. 2, and the people of the city generally upon the beautiful situation and surroundings of their town and the evidences of progress and prosperity we have witnessed in the community. Especially would we felicitate them upon the connection of the Capital with the Black Diamond City by an excellent line of Railway. Carried.

The Grand Counselor replied to the foregoing resolution in a short speech in his usual happy strain.

Motion moved by Bro. Losee seconded by Bro. Deans that the Constitution be so amended that a member joining our order during the last month of any quarter be not charged dues for the next quarter. Carried.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That viewing with alarm the violence done to the moral and religious sense of the community by the running of Sunday trains by Railway Companies and by the Sunday traffic of steamboat companies, we wish to express our strong abhorrence of these acts of Sabbath desecration as cal-

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culated to cause unnecessary toil and to weaken the moral obligations which ensure the well being of society, and beg to request the various railroad and steamboat companies to discountenance and discontinue the practices herein censured, out of regard to the principles and feelings of a professedly Christian people.

Motion moved by Bro. Myers seconded by Bro. King that the per capita tax on members of our Order under sixteen years of age be reduced to fifteen cents per quarter, but that such members be not permitted to vote on the admission of candidates or when the ayes and noes are called. Carried.

Motion moved by Bro. Bryant seconded by Bro. Moffat that the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, the People's Steam Navigation Company, the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company and the owner of the Steamer Robert Dunsmuir for their generous reductions of rates to facilitate the attendance of our officers and members. Carried.

Motion moved by Bro. Moffat seconded by Bro. Deans that our Grand Lodge officers be hereby requested to visit the various Subordinate Lodges in our jurisdiction, as far as possible. Carried.

Motion moved by Bro. Moffat seconded by Bro. Bryant that a rising vote of thanks be tendered to Onward Lodge, No. 2, for the free use of their Hall for the sessions of our Grand Lodge. Carried.

The G. Counselor and G. Secretary responded to the vote of thanks.

Motion moved by Bro. Hemlaw seconded by Bro. Godfrey that the executive be authorized to arrange for a public meeting at New Westminster sometime during the holding of our next session there. Carried.

Motion moved by Bro. Losee seconded by Bro. Benson that a vote of thanks be tendered the officers of the past term for the efficient performance of their duties. Carried.

Motion moved by Bro. Moffat seconded by Bro. Myers that the basis of representation in this Grand Lodge be one for the Charter and one for every fifty members or fraction thereof. Carried.

The following Committees were announced by the Chair:—

On Appeals—Bros. S. Gough, D. Moffat, A. H. King, Sisters A. S. Bailley and E. M. Campbell.

On Finance—Bros. W. E. Losee, L. F. Bauman, W. W. Forrester, Sisters S. M. Cummings and M. J. Wood.

On Credentials—Bros. S. Gough, S. H. Myers, A. H. King, C. S. Keith and T. W. Mouat.

On State of the Order—Bros. Rev. R. B. Hemlaw, H. Benson, J. N. Evans, Sister E. M. Campbell and Bro. R. G. Pike.

On Constitutions—Bros. S. Gough, S. H. Myers, Revs. R. B. Hemlaw, C. Bryant and S. F. Holt.

On Political Action—Bros. Rev. R. B. Hemlaw, S. F. Holt, A. C. Wells, W. E. Losee and S. H. Myers.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The minutes of the afternoon session were then read and approved.

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Motion moved by Bro. Hemlaw seconded by Bro. Benson that this Grand Lodge do now close its session, to meet at the call of the executive not later than the third week of October, 1887.

The Grand Lodge was then raised to the G. L. Degree and closed with the usual ceremonies, to meet in the City of New Westminster during the month of October, 1887.



CERTIFICATE.

The foregoing is a true copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, held in the City of Nanaimo, October 15th, 1886.

S. GOUGH,

G. Secretary.



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APPENDIX.

Subordinate Lodge Directory.

No.	Name.	Location.	Deputy.	Night of Meeting.
1	Perseverance.....	Victoria	W. J. Mable ..	Tuesday
2	Onward	Nanaimo	R. J. Wenborn	Wednesday
3	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill.....	Geo. Deans.....	Saturday
4	Dominion	New Westminster	P. Peebles.....	Friday
5	Mount Benson.....	Wellington.....	D. Moffat	Tuesday
6	Bateman	Comox	Wm. Duncan ..	Saturday
7	Hope of saltspring	Salt Spring Island	W. E. Harrison	Wednesday
8	Delta	Ladner's Landing	Rev. J. A. Wood	Friday
9	Somenos	Somenos	J. W. Flett.....	Tuesday
10	Vancouver	Vancouver.....	M. Matheson...	Friday
11	Peerless.....	Chilliwack.....	Rev. C. M. Tate	Monday
12	Richmond.....	North Arm.....	J. C. Vermilyea	Tuesday

Abstract of Returns.

No. of Lodge.	ADMITTED.				RETIRED.				PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.				
	No. of Members, 1st May, 1886.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	First Total.	Retired by Clearance Card.	Resigned.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Second Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
1	102	2	106	4	8	11	23	47	36	83
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PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES.

The following supplies are kept on hand at the office of the Grand Secretary, and are sold to Subordinate Lodges for the benefit of the Grand Lodge, at the following prices:—

Certificates of Membership	\$ 50
Charter and set of Supplies for new Lodges, including two rituals, one dozen Constitutions, four Officer's Cards, one dozen Ode Cards, one book F. S. receipts, one book propositions, one book notice of Arrears, one Templar at Work, one Financial set consisting of F. S. Ledger, Cash-Book and Treasurer's ac- count book and specimens of blanks.....	12 00
Clearance and Travelling Cards	15
Constitutions per dozen	1 00
Financial Set	1 25
Each of Financial set, singly	50
Financial Secretary's receipt book	50
Notice of Arrears, per book	50
Ode Cards each	06
Ode Cards with Music	12
Officer's Cards, each	12
Proposition books	50
Quarterly Blanks per dozen	50
Robart's Digest	60
Roll of Offices per dozen	60
Roll book with Constitution	50
Templar at Work (Cloth)	1 00
Templar at Work (Paper)	50
Treasurer's Order Book	50
Treasurer's Bonds per dozen	50

In ordering give name, number and P. O. Address of your Lodge.

All remittances for supplies or dues must be drawn in favor of Miss A. S. Bailey, G. Treasurer, Victoria, and sent to the G. Secretary.

Address,

S. GOUGH, G. Secretary,

Nanaimo, B. C.

OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

1886-87.

G. C. T.	REV. J. A. WOOD	Ladner's Landing.
G. C.	S. H. MYERS	Nanaimo.
G. V. T.	MISS S. M. CUMMINGS	Victoria.
G. SEC.	S. GOUGH	Nanaimo.
G. TREAS.	MISS A. S. BAILEY	Victoria.
G. S. of J. T.	S. F. HOLT	New Westminster.
G. CHAP.	REV. C. BRYANT	Chilliwack.
G. M.	C. S. KEITH	New Westminster.
G. GUARD.	W. E. LOSEE	Victoria.
G. SENTINEL.	R. G. PIKE	North Arm.
G. A. SEC.	A. GODFREY	Wellington.
G. D. M.	A. H. KING	Cedar Hill.
P. G. C. T.	REV. R. B. HEMLAW	Somenos.

REPRESENTATIVE TO R. W. GRAND LODGE,

REV. R. B. HEMLAW.

ALTERNATE—REV. J. A. WOOD.