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GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T.,
OF CANADA WEST,
Kingston, July 6, 1861.

The Officers and Representatives of the Grand Division of Canada West will take notice that the next Annual Session of this Grand Division will be held in the Town of Oakville on the first Wednesday in December next, at Ten o'clock A.M.

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GOOD TEMPLARS' HALL,
Hamilton, 26th June, 1861. }

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Canada West assembled in the Good Templars' Hall, in the city of Hamilton, C.W., on Wednesday, the 26th day of June, at 10 o'clock A.M. About twenty members were present at the opening.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch, EDWARD ROWLAND, Esq., in the chair. The Grand Division was opened in due form.

The Officers present were—

EDWARD ROWLAND	.. ..	Grand Worthy Patriarch.
EDWARD STACEY	.. ..	Grand Scribe.
S. W. SHARRARD	.. ..	Grand Treasurer.
WILLIAM HAGAR	.. ..	Grand Sentinel.
JOHN WILSON	.. ..	Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

The following officers were appointed to fill vacancies:—

Representative	SOCRATES CENTRE	.. Grand Conductor.
"	REV. JAMES CURTS	.. Grand Chaplain.
"	JACOB LAWRENCE	.. Grand Worthy Associate.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Moved by C. H. VANNORMAN, P.G.W.A., and seconded by J. WILSON, P.G.W.P.—

That Brother Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH be appointed the Assistant Grand Scribe for the present Session. Carried.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representatives JAMES HARGRAVE, E. LAFFERTY, and J. B. CHOATE as a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the minutes of the Annual Session were read short and adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their first Report as follows:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES :

Your committee on Credentials beg leave to report that we have examined the Credentials of the following Divisions and found them correct:—

Hamilton Division	No. 25	Grimsby Division	No. 172
Ontario	" 26	Nelson Star (No Seal) "	180
Peterborough	" 45	Coldstream... ..	" 212
Oakville	" 61	Cumminsville	" 230
Dundas	" 67	Halton Pine Grove	" 249
Milton	" 69	Glanford	" 269
Wellington Square... ..	" 103	Peru	" 283
Canton	" 133	St. Ann's ... (No Seal) "	302
Pine	" 134	Harvest Home	" 317
Smithville ... (Seal lost) "	141	Trafalgar Star (No Seal) "	361
Bronte	" 142	Bethesda	" 372
Palermo	" 143	Omagh	" 378

And the following Representatives eligible for initiation:—John G. Smiley, David Duff, W. H. Jones, T. H. Willmott, James Harrison, A. M. Crooks, Rev. W. Pirritte, R. Wilkinson, W. Smith, Charles Woolverton, James W. Cotter, Wm. Elliott, Daniel O'Loane, D. E. Shafer, J. G. Douglas, Samuel Kennedy, J. M. Snider, Anthony Fox, Z. S. Wm. Richardson, John Matthews, John Agnew, Alex. Duffes, John Reid, J. R. Minhinnick, James Lang, John H. Campbell, Myron Dunning, John T. Elliott, D. Kirkwood, Anson Buck.

The whole respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

J. B. CHOATE,
J. J. HARGRAVE,
E. LAFFERTY.

On motion the Report was adopted.

The initiation ceremony was then duly performed, and twenty-seven Representatives duly initiated. A complete list of Representatives initiated and in attendance at this Session will appear in Appendix.

Moved by Representative J. J. HARGRAVE, seconded by the Grand Treasurer—

That the hours of meeting be as follows:—Meet at 9 A.M.; adjourn at noon; meet again at 1:30; adjourn at 5:30; and meet again at 7 o'clock. Carried.

The Grand Division adjourned till the afternoon at 1:30.

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Afternoon Session.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment—the Grand Worthy Patriarch presiding.

Officers absent—Grand Chaplain, Grand Conductor, Grand Worthy Associate, and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Vacancies filled as follows:—Rev. JAMES CURTS, Grand Chaplain; W.M. BOOK, Grand Conductor; J. J. HARGRAVE, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch; ANSON BUCK, Grand Worthy Associate.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Representative J. J. HARGRAVE and seconded by Representative J. EARLS—

That Representatives presenting themselves for initiation during the remainder of the Session be introduced and merely obligated. Carried.

The Committee on Credentials brought in their second Report, which on motion was adopted.

Brother R. WINDATT, Grand Conductor, entered and took his seat.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch submitted the following Report:—

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST,
IN GRAND DIVISION ASSEMBLED:

Respected Brothers—By the gracious permission of an all-wise and overruling Providence we are again convened to deliberate on the most efficient means to be adopted for the spread of the blessings of temperance through the extent of our beautiful and fertile country; to strengthen each other in the discharge of the sacred vows and obligations “we have voluntarily taken upon ourselves”; to build up our Order upon those cherished principles which have won for it the respect and admiration of the world; to promote the virtue and happiness—the moral elevation—of all mankind. Let it be our earnest prayer to the Giver of all good, that the short period devoted to the present session may be abundantly productive of much benefit to our beloved Order. Let us remember that the world has claims upon us; that the talents committed to our care are to be employed, individually and as an organization, in a zealous and productive manner; and that the success of this institution depends entirely on that individual yet united and well-directed effort which it is the design of our Order especially to inculcate.

Our fraternal relations with a great nation with whom we have long held profitable intercourse, demands that before proceeding to the detail of the stewardship of your Grand Worthy Patriarch, we should pause to reflect on the fearfully excited and hostile position of our brethren in the once United States. While every true Son of Temperance, every philanthropist, every patriot, must deplore the fearful calamity of the present fratricidal war, yet

let us hope that ultimately it may be the means in the hand of God of giving them a more true and exalted view of that heaven-given liberty, the birth-right of all humanity. The demoralizing effect of the war on the thousands of young men, our brethren, who have laid down the peaceful implements of agriculture and commerce, and have girded on the sword in defence of their country, is a matter for serious contemplation. In too many cases the bottle is resorted to as a stimulant to greater exertions in the cause of their country. The restraints of society are broken through, the admonitions of fond parents are forgotten, and the drinking saloon for the first time frequented, where recruits in the drunkard's army are enlisted, many of them never to return to the paths of virtue and morality. May the fearful scourge now impending over a once prosperous and united nation be speedily averted, and "may God defend the right."

The prime cause of the present conflict may not be a subject on which your Grand Worthy Patriarch is called on to express an opinion, but on mature consideration it will be found that our Order has been somewhat detrimentally affected by the present state of affairs.

On the occasion of the last Annual Session of this Grand Division I was instructed to attend, as your Representative, the annual Session of the National Division appointed to be held in the city of Nashville, Tenn., in the present month. A communication, which will be handed in by the Grand Scribe, was received in the month of May last and promptly transmitted to me, stating that owing to the present disturbed state of affairs in the United States, the session was postponed for one year, or until further notice. There has, therefore, been no legislation on the part of the National Division since the Portland session of June, 1860. A circular has also been received from the Grand Division of the State of New Jersey, inviting this Grand Division to send a delegation to Atlantic City of that State, on the occasion of the joint meeting of the Grand Divisions of New Jersey, Eastern New York and Pennsylvania, to be held on the 24th of July; and also from the Most Worthy Patriarch, Brother CONDUCT, who resides in that city, urging such attendance, and alluding to this joint meeting of Grand Divisions as affording an opportunity for an informal or advisory meeting of the National Division. I hope, brethren, that none of us lack sympathy with our esteemed Most Worthy Patriarch in the embarrassing position in which he has been placed; but with so large an extent of British territory now embraced by the National Division, we can scarcely refrain from doubting the propriety of the course taken in this matter. Without wishing to arrogate to ourselves any particular right of procedure, might we not have reasonably supposed that the Most Worthy Patriarch would have turned with pleasure to one of the British possessions, where the right of free speech, of unlimited discussion, might have been enjoyed in its fullest extent; where neutrality, as regards the present conflict, might be obtained, and where those questions affecting the cause of all mankind might with freedom be discussed; where we might have "washed away all of North, all of South, all of East, all of West, all of Province, all of State, all of race, all of origin, and thus illustrate how sweet and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity."

I would call your attention to the large amount of assessment or per capita tax now due to the National Division. By recent legislation by that body our amount of dues is more than doubled, and in consequence of this and the difficulty experienced in corresponding with the office of the National Division, together with the postponement of the National Division session, your executive have not as yet forwarded the amount.

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In view of the above facts, and with an earnest desire for unity and harmony throughout the wide extent of territory now compassed by our Order, I would ask your serious and calm deliberation on the expediency of corresponding with the Grand Divisions of the other British American Provinces on the propriety of the establishment, on the same basis as the National Division of Great Britain and Ireland, another National Division, to be called the National Division of British North America. This step is one which, sooner or later, might very naturally occupy the attention of the Grand Division; but it is thought that the circumstances before mentioned are calculated to hasten such action.

Should the course above indicated meet with the approbation of the Grand Division, let us have no repudiation of lawful claims, no hostile correspondence; but let it be a separation based on peaceful and fraternal principles, alike creditable to all parties: and let it be obtained constitutionally; let no law be violated.

The Grand Division has also been notified, by circular, of the completion and inauguration of the Sands Monument in Cypress Hill Cemetery, in the neighborhood of New York City, to have taken place on the 28th of May. The donation of this Grand Division has been duly acknowledged and an invitation extended to it and the Order generally, to be present at the ceremonies of dedication.

The Reports received from our respected Deputies during the past six months have generally been most encouraging. As I have had a large amount of correspondence during the last term, I have only answered such letters as have required a reply, and have thought it well to insert the following list of Reports, by way of acknowledgment; and as the frequent correspondence of Deputies Grand Worthy Patriarch with the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe is the only means by which your executive can have any idea of the position or progress of the Order, I would respectfully request that more attention be given to this matter. A reference to the Commission and our Laws will show that a Quarterly Report is expected from every Deputy in the jurisdiction, and is one of his most important duties. While acknowledging the interesting Reports from the Deputies mentioned, may I urge upon those who have been remiss in this matter to "go and do likewise." List of Deputies who have reported:—Jas. Norris, David Kirkwood, S. Ballantyne, J. Elliot, W. Player, J. Sliter, John Fretts, W. Hartrick, H. Lee, A. M. Gunn, D. Cronkhite, W. Smyth, Jas. Mealey, E. Stonehouse, J. M. T. Hannum, R. Michael, Robt. March, S. J. Lancaster, John Peacock, J. T. Holstead, S. W. Sharrard, L. Evans, W. McPherson, R. Windatt, and others.

Without referring in detail to the numerous questions which have been under my consideration during the past term, it gives me much satisfaction to state that the action of the Grand Division with regard to the Cider Question has given the greatest satisfaction, having received that approval on the part of Subordinate Divisions which the unanimity and correct view of the matter, as evinced by your vote at the last annual session, led us to anticipate. A desire to maintain our pledge in its strictest purity seems to be prevalent, and should be encouraged as the most important and in fact the very fundamental basis of our Order.

The difficulties in connection with Canton Division have occupied much time and correspondence between the executive and the parties concerned. The Division refused to abide by the decision of the Grand Division in the case and ejected Brother FERGUSON from the room, and litigation ensued.

At this stage of proceedings a committee of neighboring Past Worthy Patriarchs was appointed to try the whole case, who entirely corroborated the action of the Grand Division in placing Brother FERGUSON again in his Division, but recommending the removal of the Deputy without giving any reason for such course. Subsequently, on the instruction of the Grand Worthy Patriarch to his duly-appointed Deputy to instal the officers, the Worthy Patriarch refused to be installed. Charges and counter charges were brought, and finally the Deputy was expelled from the Division. The late Deputy, I have understood, has appealed to the Grand Division on the legality of the action of Canton Division, and consequently the whole matter will be brought before you again, and I trust it will be settled harmoniously and honorably.

Agreeably to the vote of the Grand Division at the Annual Session, every exertion has been used by myself and the Grand Scribe to secure the continuance of our Act of Incorporation, now about expiring by lapse of time. We had the assurance of the assistance of several prominent members in both branches of the Legislature to support the Bill. The Act has been extended for one year, and it is hoped that by bringing in the Bill at an early stage of the new Parliament, its more permanent extension will be without difficulty accomplished. I have found that in some Subordinate Divisions a misapprehension has arisen from confounding the Charters issued by the Grand Division with the Act of Incorporation. Although the Act is very desirable, and your Executive will use every legitimate means for its renewal, the refusal of which we have but little apprehension, yet its refusal would not in the least prevent the issue of Charters from this Grand Division to Subordinates, neither would it very materially affect the proper management of their financial affairs.

Immediately after the last Session of this Grand body, correspondence was opened with Gen. CARY, of Ohio, relative to a lecturing tour through this Province. His reply was to the effect that, "in consequence of the threatened dangers to the Republic, he would be compelled to forego the contemplated tour." He expressed much gratification at the invitation of this Grand Division tendering him a hearty welcome to Canada. Since we heard from him the whole Republic has been agitated by rebellion and anarchy, and we therefore suppose that until peace is restored we shall not have the pleasure of his presence amongst us. Should an early opportunity arise, however, he has promised to notify us sufficiently early to make needful preparations, and will speak in the most important places only, as he will not be able to command the time to enter upon a regular canvass of this interesting and hopeful field.

The lecturing operations since the last Session have been, as far as ascertained, very much confined to local talent, and have been productive of much benefit; but it is to be regretted that no response has been made to the proposition made at the last Session relative to the creation of a fund for the support of a Grand Division Agent or Lecturer. While our local lectures, meetings, and public demonstrations are invaluable, and perhaps indispensable, to permanent success, and should be encouraged, yet we would again urge on the serious and immediate attention of the Grand Division the appointment of a faithful agent, whose duty it should be to visit every Division in the jurisdiction for the purpose of encouraging the members to more zealous action in the temperance cause, and particularly to more diligent exertions on behalf of the spread of our Order and its prosperity. Our Order in Massachusetts has made almost incredible progress

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of late, directly in consequence of the exertions of well accredited and duly authorised agents; and we have no doubt that many new Divisions might be opened in Canada by the use of similar means, and that in many localities Divisions may be resuscitated.

I have much pleasure in calling your attention to the increased attention now given to the publication of temperance periodicals. In addition to the popular and high toned "Advocate" of Montreal, so long and ably conducted by J. C. BECKET, as well as the "Life-Boat," sailing under the "Red, White, and Blue," and commanded by our respected brother and late colleague, HENRY ROSE, P.G.W.P., we now have the "Eclectic Magazine" and "Herald of Truth" published in this city. These all deserve the support and encouragement of temperance men; and while we would urge on the Order the patronage of these periodicals, we consider it a matter of regret that the Sons of Temperance of Canada West have no organ or medium of communication of this description.

Temperance legislation during the last Parliament has made but little progress. However, every friend of our institution has been gratified by the enactment of a Sabbath Liquor Law, which in some localities, particularly the rural districts, has been faithfully enforced, with beneficial results. The law limiting the number of taverns to the proportion of one to 250 inhabitants of the municipalities is also a step in the right direction, but its enforcement will require the utmost attention and vigilance on the part of the lovers of morality and good government. In some localities enumerations made in 1856 have been taken as the basis of issuing such licenses, instead of the census of the present year or that of 1851. The most inflated state of our population has been resorted to as the best means of multiplying those licensed houses where the votes are made which keep such rulers and translators of our laws in power. The evasion of this law, however, and the alleged difficulty of selecting from the host of applications for licenses under this Act, is the best argument to be adduced as to the difficulty of enforcing these half measures, and the propriety of standing by our oft repeated demand for prohibition "pure and simple" as the only solution of this difficult and important question. These evasions have also showed us that such legislation is of little use unless our rulers, the guardians of our public morality, are men of the right stamp. A Prohibitory Bill was introduced by Mr. CLARKE, M.P.P., at the last Session, and appears to be all that the most ardent advocates of prohibition can desire. While it is desirable to keep this question constantly before the public and our Legislature, and while we as an organization must have our minds constantly fixed on this as the realization of our hopes, yet we have still a mighty work to perform in the education of public sentiment.

At the present crisis in the affairs of our Province, when the people of our country are called upon to exercise one of the most important duties devolving upon British Canadian citizens—the election of their representatives to Parliament—our duties to ourselves and our country, our sacred obligations and vows taken on our entering this Order, demand that this question should be brought prominently before the public. Where zealous and well tried temperance men are offering themselves, our duty is plain; but let us guard well against new fledged temperance politicians, who make loud professions of attachment to a cause of the first principles of which they are ignorant, and then when their selfish purposes are accomplished will sell their temperance professions and their temperance supporters for the first "savory mess of pottage" offered. Too much importance cannot

be given to the duty of temperance men in this crisis in the affairs of our country. The Order stands committed by resolutions repeatedly, and at almost every Session, to agitate this question of Prohibition, and there is little doubt but attempts will be made during the next Session of Parliament to amend for the benefit of the traffic the wholesome regulations now enacted for the limitation of the number of taverns. The enforcement of the Election Law, rendering it a punishable offence to retail liquor during the election, should have the attention of temperance men. It is well known that these drinking houses are the places where votes are manufactured, where disorder, immorality, and corruption reign supreme. Feeling the importance to operate at this moment, I would respectfully suggest that a Special Committee be appointed at this Session of the Grand Division to draft an Address to the temperance men of Canada on these important matters. Let us in good faith carry out, if possible, every enactment passed, every instalment given, that our supineness or inaction may not belie our professions. "Armed with the power of combination, let us move steadily forward, till the grand purpose of our institution is accomplished. So shall the star of temperance shine the brighter in the light of our virtues.

"Broadly waves our banner o'er us;
Broader still be it unfurled,
Till all nations join the chorus,
'Freedom to a ransomed world.'"

The financial statements of our esteemed Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer will shortly be laid before you, by which you will find, I trust, that economy has been exercised in the expenditure of your funds. There is a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer, which in my opinion might be well invested in furthering the interests of our own Order. Although in comfortable circumstances financially, it is desirable that unusual efforts should be made at once to increase the membership throughout the whole jurisdiction to revive the Order. Not content to occupy a second-rate position in the temperance reform, let us rouse ourselves to more energy in our duties as Sons of Temperance. Believing that our Order is still capable of much extension in Canada, I would respectfully urge on the members of this Grand Division, and especially our respected brethren, the Deputies, the necessity of planting our banner wherever an opening should present itself. Our grateful acknowledgments are due to those active brethren who have been instrumental in organizing new Divisions during the past term. The Counties of York, Huron, Essex, Middlesex, Victoria, and Halton, have each contributed Divisions to this jurisdiction, and to the zeal of our Deputies in those Counties is to be attributed the spread of our Order. Without being invidious, I cannot refrain from mentioning the name of Bro. Botsford, of Amherstburgh, who has been instrumental in resuscitating the Rockville Division. Bro. MIDDLETON, of North Smith Division, also gives an interesting account of the revival of our Order in that region, comprising chiefly the lumbermen of the district. Bros. BUCK and HAGAR have also been successful in opening Halton Pine Grove Division, in the County of Halton. Oakville Division, having surrendered their Charter last October, has again been resuscitated under the Deputyship of Bro. W. H. JONES, and Bro. J. STEWART SCOTT, M.D., has also again unfurled our banner at Shannonville. Bros. EWING, PEARCE, BOTSFORD, SQUELCH, and SMYTH, have rendered good service in resuscitating Divisions. These revivals of Divisions, with others which might be mentioned, form an interesting feature in the proceedings of the recess. In several instances Charters have been surrendered and again applied for, the members having in the interval enlisted

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The erection of Temperance Halls throughout the country is a pleasing evidence of the prosperity of our Order, and may be considered as an earnest of the permanence and stability of our Order in such neighborhoods. In some cases, however, these erections, from being too expensive in their construction, have been a source of much embarrassment to Divisions. The Ora and Orillia Division have made an appeal to the Order with regard to the difficulties under which that Division is laboring in this respect, and it is hoped that an effort will be made by adjacent Divisions to assist them in clearing off a debt which must cripple the energies of the members, and may result in the loss to our cause of a public building which is a benefit to our Order and an ornament to the village in which it is situated.

During the past term I have had much pleasure in receiving the Grand Division proceedings of our Order in Illinois and Maine, from their respective Grand Scribes; also the "Crusader" of Cincinnati, and the "Pledge," forwarded, doubtless, by our late respected and well-beloved Brother, J. A. DAVIDSON, D.G.W.P., who is now laboring with much success in California, thus enabling me to form an idea of the progress of our Order in other Grand Division jurisdictions. From these and other sources, I find that our Order, on this continent as well as in Great Britain, is actively prosecuting its useful mission. While on this subject I would suggest the propriety of transmitting regularly to other Grand Divisions one copy each of our printed proceedings, with the expectation that the compliment will be reciprocated, hoping by this means that we may all be mutually encouraged in the carrying out of the principles of our Order, that the bonds of union may be drawn the closer, and that we may be stimulated by the exertions of our brethren to renewed zeal in the cause of humanity. While on this side of the Atlantic we have powerful allies in the two distinct Orders of Good Templars and other organizations, not omitting the new Order of Dashaways, having had their origin lately in California, where their efforts have been crowned with success, we look with peculiar interest to our mother country and find that, in addition to the efforts of our brethren the British "Sons," the National Temperance League, the United Kingdom Alliance, and the British Temperance League, have had a year of unexampled success. In Ireland also, directly in consequence of the visit of J. B. GOUGH, much progress has been made, and in Wales the efforts of an uneducated and unpretending man have been marvellously blessed among the working classes. In Scotland, for some years past, there has been a decided decrease in the number of public houses, and a corresponding diminution in the quantity of ardent spirits consumed. This good work has doubtless been helped on by the vigorous tone, the increased circulation, and the widening influence of temperance periodical literature, beside the advocacy of our cause by the noble and patriotic of the land. I allude to this activity of the temperance men of Britain lest we should suppose that the success of temperance principles is confined to the zealous and praiseworthy efforts of the people of the American continent. Let the success of this movement, by whomsoever promoted, be a stimulus to the "Sons" of Canada to still greater labor and achievements in this righteous cause.

By reference to the statistics of our Grand Scribe you will find that our membership has not increased during the past six months. While new

membership is very desirable to infuse new vigor and life into our Order, I would call the attention of the Grand Division to the fact that many of our old members, some of them having been under Providence saved from the drunkard's doom, have ceased their connexion with us. Having passed through the honors of office and enjoyed the highest privileges in the gift of the Order, we find their seats vacant in the Division Room, and their influence on behalf of our Order entirely withdrawn. We hope that efforts will be constantly made to bring back this class of our membership. Let us remember, however, that the benefits of our Order are by no means entirely confined to the living or present membership: on the other hand, many who have left our Order carry with them in their daily walk the best evidence that they consider their obligations binding to the end of life, and are bright examples of order, industry, and morality, as well as trophies of our Order. While it is indispensable that we "bring in the young," let us re-enlist the well seasoned material above referred to, as giving solidity and permanence to our Institution.

In many localities the admission of lady visitors to our Division rooms has been of incalculable benefit. As a new branch of usefulness, and as a valuable addition to our efficient means of reaching the masses, I would suggest the distribution of tracts on the temperance movement as a suitable and highly important work, and one which should engage the attention of our friends of the fair sex, who are ever ready to help us on in our glorious work.

The juvenile branch of our Order, the Cadets of Temperance, has not made that progress during the past term which might be reasonably expected. The difficulty appears to be the want of one member in each Division to take upon himself a little extra responsibility—that is, to fill the office of Worthy Patron, which should be done with pleasure to himself and agreeably to the Cadets. I would respectfully urge on the membership more diligent attention to this interesting branch of our Order, from whence our future membership, your successors, will to a great extent be obtained. I would also call your attention to the Bands of Hope, more suitably adapted, however, to the more youthful of our population, and bespeak for them due sympathy and regard.

In conclusion, brethren, I should be wanting in my duty to the Order were I not to bear my testimony to the promptness with which I have had, during a recess in which our Order has not been inactive, the assistance and valuable counsel of our esteemed Grand Scribe. During the past half year many difficult questions have come before the attention of your executive, which I trust have been disposed of with an earnest desire for the prosperity of our Order, but with the assistance and able counsel of Bro. STACEY the duties devolving on my office have been considerably lightened. May he be long spared to labor in the interests of humanity and to see our Order revived and quickened.

And now, brothers, as you proceed to discharge your duties as Representatives from your various Divisions, remember that the future position of our Order in Canada depends very much on the steps taken by you at the present Session to revive the Order in Canada. Let us not be satisfied with less than a first-class position in the great temperance reform. May your deliberations be such as to conduce to the permanent welfare of our Order and the moral elevation of mankind.

Submitted in bonds of Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

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Moved by Representative J. J. HARGRAVE, and seconded by Representative J. LAWRENCE—

That the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report be referred to Brother ANSON BUCK, M.D., ABISHAI MORSE, and Rev. J. CURTS, to report thereon as soon as possible. Carried.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report, which is as follows:

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, CANADA WEST:

Permitted by a kind Providence we assemble to-day in session of this Grand Division, and for the third time in this beautiful city. Ten years have elapsed since the Grand Division met here the first time; and although we miss the presence and friendly greeting of those once beloved brothers, now deceased, who then filled the important offices of Grand Worthy Patriarch, Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, yet we find that "their works do follow them". Let us pray that the blessing of God may rest upon this Grand Division, and that the results of this session may be productive of much good to the Order and to the blessed cause of temperance. We have innumerable reasons to be thankful for the smiles of heaven upon our Order. Thousands of hearts have poured out their warmest benedictions upon our institution for the good which it has been the instrument in accomplishing.

I am happy to present this Grand Body with a cheering report of seventeen new Divisions, chartered during the past term, and six Divisions resuscitated. While the returns do not exhibit an increase of members, owing to the delinquencies of Divisions making returns, yet the addition of new Divisions and new members is sufficiently large to stimulate every friend of the cause to remain true to the work, to be more active, faithful and vigilant for the future; for to the extent that we look on the evils of intemperance with indifference, so does the enemy advance, blighting and blasting the happiness, the fairest prospects and dearest hopes of many of our fellowmen. We still have a great work before us. Let us who have put our hands to the plough not look back, but press on to the accomplishment of that end for which our Order was instituted.

Since the last annual session the following new Divisions have been chartered:

Name of Division.	No.	County.	By whom organized.
Maple Grove ...	345	Durham ...	E. G. Power, D. G. W. P.
Alliston ...	287	Simcoe ...	W. Kidd, "
Brock ...	202	Ontario ...	J. Clark, "
Shannonville ...	121	Hastings ...	J. S. Scott, "
Queen Victoria ...	288	Perth ...	W. Hastings, "
Tecumseth ...	346	Simcoe ...	J. Brown, "
Oakville ...	61	Halton ...	W. H. Jones, "
Halton Pine Grove ...	249	Halton ...	W. Hagar, G.S.
(No name reported) ...	248	Simcoe ...	T. Henderson, D. G. W. P.
Walker... ...	264	Perth ...	P. Robertson, "
Moulinette ...	249	Stormont ...	J. McEwen, "
Komoka... ...	370	Middlesex ...	P. H. Atwood, "
Willow Leaf ...	241	Middlesex ...	E. Rowland, G.W.P.
Sheridan ...	101	Halton ...	J. M. Snider, D.G.W.P.
Blythe ...	271	Huron ...	R. Gibbs, "
Linwood ...	178	Waterloo ...	J. Hughes, "
Limehouse ...	57	Halton ...	J. Speight, "

The following six Divisions have been resuscitated :

Name of Division.	No.	County.	By whom.
Royal Maple Leaf ...	55	Northumberland ...	C. E. Ewing, D.G.W.P.
Norwood ...	93	Peterboro' ...	P. Pearce, "
Walsingham ...	258	Norfolk ...	J. J. Holstead, "
Rockville ...	207	Essex ...	H. Botsford, "
Dew Drop ...	208	Ontario ...	J. W. Squelch, "
Peerless ...	130	Glengarry ...	W. Smyth, "

It becomes my painful duty to report the dissolution of the following twelve Divisions :

Warwick Division ...	No. 20	Sand Hill Division ...	No. 255
Rural ...	" 24	Sylvan ...	" 338
Coldspring ...	" 89	Ross ...	" 235
Phillipsville ...	" 326	Brighton ...	" 18
Oakdale ...	" 271	Frankford ...	" 70
Cremore ...	" 146	Osgoode ...	" 33

A synopsis of returns of the Grand Division of Canada West to the National Division, S. of T., of North America, for the term beginning 1st January, 1860, and ending the 1st January, 1861 :

Number of Divisions on the Register ...	317
" " in active operation ...	277
" new members admitted... ..	3732
" " " by card	208
" suspended	572
" expelled for violation of Article 2nd ...	773
" " non-payment of dues	895
" withdrawn	988
" deaths	49
" violated the pledge	814
" reinstated	418
" violated the pledge the second time ...	149
" contributing members computed from 237 Divisions	
which made returns	9335
" female visitors	5028
Supposed " boys in organizations in the jurisdictions ...	3000
" " Cadets of Temperance	1500
" " public meetings held	901
" " temperance tracts distributed... ..	7386
" " Representatives to the Grand Division ...	667
" " " National Division	14
Cash received	\$10793 81
Paid for benefits	692 42
Cash in hand, including money invested in Subordinate Divisions,	16811 86
Total expenses exclusive of benefits	9620 29
Per capita tax to Grand Division... ..	1509 20
" " National Division	186 70

The foregoing abstract of returns includes returns from only 237 Subordinate Divisions, 80 Divisions having neglected to make returns. Had all Divisions attended to this important duty the figures would certainly have been one fourth greater, and showing a male membership of about 12,000. During the year 3732 new members were admitted ; admitted by card 208 ; making a total of 3940. The total number in membership in the 237 Divisions that reported will appear as follows :

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Number of contributing members	9335
" suspended	"	572
" female visitors	"	5028
" Cadets of Temperance	...	...	...	1500
Total				16435

Your Grand Scribe regrets that he is unable to present a full statistical report of the state of the Order for the quarter ending March, 1861; tardiness, and, in many instances, failures, in the returns from Subordinate Divisions, leaves us but an imperfect idea of our true condition. Still, the facts gathered from the 205 Divisions which have made returns, show proportional progress, especially in the large number of new members admitted, being in excess of any quarter last year.

205 returns received from Subordinate Divisions for the quarter ending March, 1861, exhibit the following figures:

Number of new members admitted	...	...	...	1134
" contributing members	...	...	...	8478
" female visitors	...	...	...	4221

The following Divisions are delinquent in not making returns for quarter ending March, 1861:

- Nos. 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 21, 29, 34, 47, 48, 55, 64, 65, 71, 83, 84, 87, 90, 93, 94, 107, 108, 111, 118, 125, 129, 131, 144, 149, 150, 162, 164, 177, 189, 192, 204, 206, 208, 213, 214, 219, 253, 257, 261, 263, 267, 268, 273, 282, 284, 285, 317, 321, 324, 325, 332, 337, 342, 352, 358, 360, 363, 374, 385.

The following Divisions are supposed not to be in working order: Lyndhurst 28, Houghton Central 41, Grantham 72, Georgetown 74, Samson 110, Perseverance 117, Orangeville 127, Erin 140, Dunville 165, Friendship 167, Headford 174, Pleasant Point 182, Howick 198, Livingston 203, Harrow-smith 226, Tuckersmith 228, Penville 231, Osprey 250, Mono Mills 254, Elora 272, East Augusta 291, Centre Road 294, Friendly Union 301, Scotland 309, Alnwick 310, Rescue 315, Victoria 316, Carp Rising Sun 320, Utica 329, Eramosa Central 340, Platonic 343, Bosanquet 356, Worthy 364, Feversham 379, Culross 392, Cainsville 408.

Since the annual session two Sections of Cadets of Temperance have been organized, namely, the Prince of Wales Section No. 33, and the Shannonville Section No. 34.

During the recess I have received notice of the destruction by fire of the Hall of the Fidelity Division, No. 44, and also of the Thanessville Division, No. 354, S. of T., together with all their property, books and papers. I immediately forwarded to those Divisions rituals, cards and papers, and renewed their Charters, to be confirmed by the Grand Division, and the grant of documents supplied without charge.

I regretted to learn that there was no insurance on the Hall of the Thanessville Division, but I am happy to state that the friends of the Order came forward most liberally with voluntary subscriptions, sufficient to defray the cost of a new Hall, which is now in course of building. Subordinate Divisions having Halls should be recommended to effect insurances against loss by fire.

Many of the Sons' halls are valuable and commodious structures, and the hall recently erected by the Bolton Division No. 211, S. of T., reflects great credit upon the enterprise of the brothers in completing it, and it is probably

one of the largest temperance halls in Canada outside of cities. The hall is capable of seating 1000 persons, and has been built at a cost of \$1,400, of which \$1,100 are paid.

In accordance with the instructions of the Grand Division, one thousand copies of the Journal of Grand Division Proceedings were prepared and printed and distributed without delay to the Order in Canada West. The usual blank Quarterly Returns, Charters, &c., have been procured as required at contract prices; also two editions of Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinates have been compiled, embracing rules for admission of female visitors, extracts from revised rules, rules of order, with index. The work has been generally approved by the Divisions, and is supplied at \$5 per 100 copies.

The returns of this Grand Division to the National Division were carefully prepared and forwarded to the Most Worthy Scribe as usual, but we deplore the difficulties which have arisen in the neighboring Republic, which has prevented the Annual Session of the National Division taking place as contemplated, in Nashville, Tennessee. In reverting to the postponement of the National Division (the reason is well known to us all), which has decided the executive of the National Division to have considered a postponement advisable, we, as Sons of Temperance, united by no common ties of fraternity to the whole brotherhood, deeply sympathise with the Order everywhere suffering under this sad disruption, which we fear must result injuriously to the cause of all mankind.

A communication from the Most Worthy Patriarch will be submitted, inviting the members of this Grand Division to be present at Atlantic City, N.J., on the 24th and 25th July proximo, when the Grand Divisions of New Jersey and Pennsylvania hold their July Session, and to which the members of every Grand Division of our Order are invited.

The matter of Canton Division versus Bro. FERGUSON, which engaged the attention of the Grand Division last Session, I regret to say, has been the cause of much trouble and anxiety to your executive; and as great dissatisfaction continued to exist in Canton Division against the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch and Bro. FERGUSON, it was deemed proper that the whole matter in dispute should be referred to a Committee of Past Worthy Patriarchs of the three nearest Divisions. Unhappily the Committee was unable to bring about a reconciliation between the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch, Bro. FERGUSON, and the members of Canton Division.

An appeal from Bro. W. HARTRICK against the action of the Canton Division, No. 133, S. of T., for expelling him "for falsehood," "and for not installing the officers at the appointed time," is herewith presented.

In compliance with the request of the Grand Division, our esteemed brother, Dr. JOHN BEATY, P.G.W.P., applied for and procured a legal opinion respecting Mr. DRAPER's claim for certain expenses in a Chancery suit, and as it appeared doubtful whether the exorbitant claim could be successfully resisted, the Past Grand Worthy Patriarch recommended that the claim be settled upon the best terms I could make. Acting as your negotiators, we finally settled with Mr. DRAPER for \$90, instead of \$130, the amount claimed.

The Act of Incorporation has been continued for one year, and there is every probability that it will be further continued at the next Session of Parliament. The requisite amendments were made to the Act by solicitors as suggested, and the Hon. OLIVER MOWAT and the Hon. M. CAMERON agreed

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Moved by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, seconded by Representative A. AIKMAN—

That the Grand Scribe's Report be referred to a Committee of three, namely, Representatives Rev. W. PIRRITE, E. LAFFERTY, and J. LAWRENCE, to report thereon as soon as possible; and the financial items be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following Report:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST:

Your Treasurer would cheerfully submit the following statement of the funds of this Grand Division:—

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By balance on hand at the annual session held at Bowmanville	\$485 63	By paid Draft No. 281, to Thomas Nixon, A.G.S.	\$ 8 00
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May 2		Draft No. 284, J. Rowlands, printing	85 00
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		Draft No. 289, Wm. Armstrong & Co.	32 00
		Draft No. 290, "Canada Gazette," advertising	4 00
		Draft No. 291, G. W. Draper, Chancery costs	90 00
		Draft No. 292, Express Co.'s charges	2 38
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		Draft No. 294, R. Deacon, postage	6 98
		Draft No. 295, E Stacey, G.S., salary,	150 00
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		Draft No 298, postage stamps	33 81
		Draft No 299, Express Co's charges	0 50
		Draft No 300, E Stacey, G.S., salary,	150 00
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On motion the Grand Treasurer's Report was referred to the Finance Committee.

An explanation having been given by the Grand Conductor respecting Representative J. W. FLETCHER, of Bowmanville Division, No. 39, who appeared for initiation without suitable Credentials,

It was moved by the Grand Treasurer, seconded by Representative R. D. WADSWORTH—

That the brother be introduced and obligated. Carried.

Seven Representatives were introduced and obligated.

Moved by Representative JOHN EARLS, seconded by the Grand Scribe—

That Brother FALLIS be the Messenger of the Grand Division during the present Session. Carried.

Communications were read from the Most Worthy Patriarch in reference to the postponement of the National Division Session.

From the Most Worthy Patriarch, inviting members to a Convocation of the Order at Atlantic City, New Jersey :—

JERSEY CITY, N.J., April 2d, 1861.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T., OF CANADA
WEST :

Worthy Brothers—You have already been officially informed by the G.S. of N.J., that the Grand Divisions of Pennsylvania and New Jersey hold their next July Quarterly Sessions at Atlantic City, N.J., on the fourth Wednesday of that month, and from the same source you have been invited to be present, by a delegation.

I need not say that in this proposed convocation of our beloved Order on my native soil I feel a deep and peculiar interest. We are living in "troubled times," amid strife and bitterness and deep alienation. Our nation's harmony is disturbed, and its integrity broken. Where so much is imperilled, it is natural we should tremble for the welfare of that institution on which we justly place so high an estimate. Amid the surgings of this tumultuous sea, on which we are all embarked, there is need of every influence which may tend to calm its troubled waters. *Fraternal intercourse* is such an influence, delightful in its exercise, irresistible in its effect. No sectarian, sectional, or unkind feeling can resist its magic power. It is the cement of our "Cardinal Principles," consolidating all into one; the bright golden chain, linking and extending "our circle until it shall embrace the entire Brotherhood of Humanity."

We propose a national rally on the shore of our common Atlantic—on the very spot where the Pirate Wrecker once kindled his false light to lure the "Homeward Bound" within his demon clutch. There we wish you to meet us, and aid in hoisting a signal light which shall warn the unwary of the far more fatal strand on which his bark, freighted for eternity, is in fearful

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peril. A light, which shall not only illuminate the dark sea of Intemperance, and be a beacon star to the port of safety, but whose soul-gladdened rays shall send joy and hope to many a stricken and despairing heart.

On this surf-beaten shore we hope to meet brothers from every Grand Division of our extended Order, "to interchange the greetings of an exalted friendship;" "to strengthen one another in the discharge of our duty;" and hand in hand to enter those waters which thus unite while they also separate us from our trans-Atlantic brothers, and there washing away all of North, all of South, all of East, all of West, all of Province, and all of State, and "thus illustrate how sweet and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity."

Come then, brothers, one and all, if you can, the more the better—but at all events be sure that your Grand Division is represented. Come to the home of him whom you have made your servant—"to do your behest." Come to the "Old Battle Field State," which, though small in extent, has ever been patriotic and true, and from the Pennsylvania "Friends" and the "Jersey Blues" receive a brother's greeting.

Atlantic City is on the eastern shore of New Jersey, accessible daily by railroad from Philadelphia and by steamer from New York. It is a beautiful and popular watering place, on a hard beach, where bathing is safe at all hours. The hotels are spacious and good, and their rates are reasonable. A Methodist church, convenient for our purposes, has been placed at our disposal. We hope the N.D. may be induced to hold an adjourned or special session there at the same time.

With these inducements spread before you, surely you will not fail to respond heartily. Brothers, we are with you.

Most truly and fraternally yours,
In the bonds of Love, Purity, and Fidelity,
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From the Grand Scribe of the Grand Division of New Jersey, inviting the members of the Grand Division of Canada West to attend the Annual Session of G.D. of N.J.

From the Committee on "Sands' Monument," stating that the monument had been erected and dedicated.

From the Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, in reference to Act of Incorporation being continued for another year.

A communication from W. SHANLY, Esq., respecting reduction of fare, which could not be granted to Representatives attending the Session of G.D., on motion was placed on fyle.

Four lady visitors were admitted and obligated by the Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

On motion it was resolved that the communications of the Most Worthy Patriarch and the Grand Scribe of New Jersey Grand Division be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of JOHN WILSON, P.G.W.P., Grand Scribe, Grand Conductor, and Representatives J. G. SMILEY and Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH.

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Moved by Representative R. D. WADSWORTH, seconded by Representative ABISHAI MORSE—

That the communication referring to the Sands' Monument be acknowledged by the Grand Scribe. Carried.

The Grand Scribe read an appeal from W. HARTRICK against the action of the Canton Division, No. 133, S. of T.—Referred to Committee on Appeals, which is as follows:—Representatives G. FLETCHER, J. W. FLETCHER, A. M. CROOKS, J. COX, and ANSON BUCK.

Moved by Representative A. MORSE, seconded by the Grand Scribe—

That the thanks of this Grand Division be tendered to the Hon. MALCOLM CAMERON and the Hon. OLIVER MOWAT for their praiseworthy exertions in procuring a continuation of our Act of Incorporation and for other labors to serve the noble cause of temperance. Carried.

Moved by Representative A. MORSE, and seconded by Representative J. LAWRENCE—

That this Grand Division do petition the National Division that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order be so altered as to allow members under 18 years of age to hold all offices in Subordinate Divisions except W.P., W.A., F.S., and T., and vote on all questions except those of finance and the election of the officers before named. Carried.

Moved by Representative R. D. WADSWORTH, and seconded by Representative J. B. CHOATE, in amendment—

That the motion affecting changes in our Constitution do not be considered until after the Committees on Grand Worthy Patriarch's and Grand Scribe's Reports have reported. Lost.

A communication was read from the Mooretown Division No. 153, S. of T., in reference to By-Laws and installation ceremonies for female visitors.

Moved by Representative J. J. HARGRAVE, and seconded by Representative A. BUCK—

That the code of By-Laws for female visitors be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of Subordinate Divisions, to report at the annual session. Carried.

Past Grand Worthy Associate C. H. VANNORMAN, on behalf of the Hamilton Division, No. 25, S. of T., invited the Grand Division to a festival to be held this evening in the Mechanics' Hall.

On motion it was resolved that the Grand Division do cordially accept the invitation of the Hamilton Division to the festival.

On motion it was resolved that when we rise at 5 o'clock the Grand Division remain adjourned till to-morrow morning, but that we assemble at 6:45 this evening to proceed together to the festival.

On motion it was resolved that the Grand Division meet to-morrow morning at 8 instead of 9 o'clock.

A Report on Cadet Ritual was submitted, and, on motion, was laid over until to-morrow morning for consideration.

It was decided that the following Brothers do address the public meeting this evening: Reverends CURTS and PIRRITE, ABISHAI MORSE, R. D. WADSWORTH, ANSON BUCK, and Grand Scribe.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Morning Session.

June 27th—8 o'clock A.M.

The Grand Division assembled pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Worthy Patriarch presiding.

The roll of officers being called, all were present except the Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representative A. MORSE to fill the chair of P.G.W.P.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Division was opened in due form.

Brother JOHN WILSON, P.G.W.P, entered and took his seat.

The minutes of last Session were read and approved.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representative D. O'LOANE on the Committee on Credentials in place of Representative J. B. CHOATE.

The Committee on Credentials brought in their fourth Report, which on motion was adopted.

The Grand Conductor introduced four Representatives, who were duly obligated.

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The Report of Committee on Cadet Ritual, being the first order of business for consideration, was read as follows:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the altering and shortening of the Cadet Ritual, beg to recommend the following alterations, as made in the copy herewith submitted.

Your Committee are of opinion that too much time is taken up not only in opening, but in the initiation ceremony, and if the Ritual could be thus shortened more time would be had for making the meeting more interesting, such as rehearsals of pieces, dialogues, singing of temperance songs, &c., &c., which would be an encouragement to the Cadets, besides, we trust, be the means of doing them some little good.

Your Committee would also recommend that a new Ritual be printed, and that it be furnished to Sections in future for two dollars per set, viz.:— Charter, two Red Books, one set of Officer's Cards, twelve Ode Cards, and six copies of the book of Constitution and By-Laws.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the present old Ritual in the hands of the Grand Scribe might be used for the new—that is, the covers, which would make the new Ritual come considerable less than to get entirely new covers.

Your Committee would suggest that, as Sections have no capitation tax to pay, brothers, Sons of Temperance, throughout our wide extended and beloved Order will exert themselves to sustain Sections that are already established, and where there are none endeavor to organize one; for your Committee are still of opinion that it is to the youth of our land that we are to look for the future for those who must and will be (if properly trained) our great men when our bodies are laid low in the grave. We say again, let every Son of Temperance do what he can, and leave the result to Him who rules over all.

Respectfully submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

R. C. BENEDICT,
JOHN HARKES, JR.,
EDWARD STACEY, G.S.

Moved by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, seconded by the Grand Worthy Associate—

That the Report be adopted, and that the suggestions therein submitted be acted upon by the same Committee at their earliest possible convenience. Carried.

A petition was presented from the Canton Division, No. 133, S. of T., for a copy of their old Charter, the original Charter having been lost.

On motion action was deferred until after the Committee on Appeals had reported.

The Grand Treasurer was appointed on Special Committee instead of the Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, who leaves.

Representative A. MORSE was appointed to occupy the Past Grand Worthy Patriarch's chair.

Moved by Representative J. LAWRENCE, seconded by Representative ANTHONY FOX—

That the second clause of the Committee's Report on the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report, submitted to the Grand Division at the Bowmanville Session, be amended; that the instructions given to our Representatives to the National Division, asking for an alteration in the Constitution to admit Female Visitors on the same password as members, be not carried into effect; and it is the opinion of this Grand Division that Female Visitors should have a separate password for the good working of the Order. Carried.

Moved in amendment by Representative D. DUFF, seconded by Representative M. H. JONES—

That the motion lie on the table until the next Annual Session of the Grand Division. Lost.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representative D. O'LOANE on Finance Committee instead of Representative S. R. LISTER, who is obliged to leave.

Representative W. BEATTY, of Omagh Division, No. 318, S. of T., was admitted and duly obligated.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their fifth Report, which on motion was adopted.

The Grand Conductor introduced three Representatives, who were duly obligated.

The following places were put in nomination for the annual meeting of the Grand Division:—

Town of Oakville—On motion of J. LAWRENCE, seconded by Rev. W. PIRITTE.

City of Toronto—On motion of W. H. PETTIGREW, seconded by N. McEACHREN.

Town of Peterborough—On motion of Grand Treasurer, seconded by Grand Worthy Associate.

On taking the vote, the town of Oakville having the majority of votes, the Grand Worthy Patriarch declared that the next Annual Session of the Grand Division be held in the town of Oakville, on the first Wednesday in December next.

The Special Committee on communications from the Most Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe of New Jersey Grand Division, submitted the following Report, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted:

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GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Hamilton, 27th June, 1861. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS :

The Special Committee on communications from the Most Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe of New Jersey Grand Division, beg leave to report that it is with feelings of deep sympathy we learn the impracticability of the National Division holding its annual session ; and we cordially approve of the action of the New Jersey Grand Division, which will furnish an opportunity for members of the National Division to meet and advise the executive as to a safe course of proceeding.

We recommend that a deputation from among our Representatives to the National Division be appointed to attend the annual meeting of the New Jersey Grand Division at Atlantic City ; and that said deputation be instructed to invite the National Division to meet at some place in one of the British Provinces, and the Most Worthy Patriarch be respectfully requested immediately to call said meeting to be held at an early day.

The whole respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

R. D. WADSWORTH,
I. G. SMILEY,
R. WINDATT, G.C.
S. W. SHARRARD, G.T.
E. STACEY, G.S.

Moved by Grand Conductor, and seconded by Representative J. W. FLETCHER—

That all members of this Grand Division eligible to seats in the National Division be authorized to represent this Grand Division at the joint meeting of the Grand Divisions of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and that the expenses of the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe be paid from the funds of the Grand Division.

Moved in amendment by Representative J. EARLS, and seconded by Representative D. DUFF—

That the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe be the deputation of this Grand Division to the annual meeting of the New Jersey Grand Division ; that their expenses be paid ; and that if they cannot conveniently attend, the Grand Worthy Patriarch shall have power to appoint substitutes. Carried.

Moved by Representative Rev. J. CURTS, and seconded by Representative Dr. BUCK—

That it is the opinion of this Grand Division, that in view of the many homeless, ruined, shattered and deplorable victims of intemperance, it would be conducive to their redemption and the welfare of our country to secure for this object a Provincial Inebriate Asylum ; and we therefore recommend that this Grand Division petition the Government to grant funds from the provincial treasury for the erection and support of such an institution ; and that a committee of five, consisting of Brothers Dr. JOHN BEATTY, P.G.W.P., Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, J. LAWRENCE, A. MORSE, and E. STACEY, G.S., be appointed to draft a petition for said purpose, and submit the same to the next annual session of the Grand Division ; further, that the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs introduce the subject to every Subordinate Division within their jurisdiction. Carried.

Moved by Representative A. MORSE, and seconded by Representative J. J. HARGRAVE—

That the thanks of this Grand Division be given to the Hamilton Division No. 25, S. of T., for the hearty reception and splendid entertainment given to this Grand Division at their temperance festival, and that the Grand Scribe convey a copy of this resolution to it. Carried.

The Committee on Appeals submitted the following Report:

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T., C.W.:

We, the undersigned, your committee, have endeavored carefully to investigate this most unfortunate matter. We find the entire proceedings in the case very irregular, and consider that much of the present ill feeling has arisen from misunderstanding and from want of a proper knowledge of the constitution. Brother HARTRICK we consider hasty in stating before the Grand Division that an appeal in the case of Brother FERGUSON had been made when virtually there was no constitutional appeal. The Worthy Patriarch of Canton Division is also to blame in not seeing that the proper action was taken in regard to that matter. We also find that the committee upon the charge against Brother HARTRICK proceeded unconstitutionally, not having in their Report to the Division included the evidence upon which they found their verdict, as well as not having submitted resolutions for the action of the Division as required. The Recording Scribe of Canton Division, as far as we can determine, did not notify Brother HARTRICK to appear in his defence. Your committee, in consequence of these unconstitutional acts, cannot but recommend that the action of Canton Division, so far as it relates to the expulsion of Brother HARTRICK, be reversed. Your committee do not consider it proper to express an opinion as to whether Brother HARTRICK is chargeable or not. If he is, the Canton Division can proceed against him in the manner by our constitution provided. Your committee give it as their unanimous opinion, that most of the difficulties arising in Subordinate Divisions proceed from ignorance of the Constitution and By-laws, and would earnestly impress upon the Grand Division the necessity of bringing this matter under the notice of every Division within their jurisdiction as soon as possible, with a view to improvement in this direction.

All of which is respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

GEORGE FLETCHER,
A. M. CROOKS,
JOHN W. FLETCHER,
A. BUCK,
JAMES COX.

Moved by Representative D. DUFF, and seconded by Representative W. H. PETTIGREW—

That the Report now read be adopted. Carried.

The Committee on the Grand Scribe's Report submitted the following Report:

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Scribe, beg leave to report—

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1st, That it is a matter of encouragement to the members of our Order that quite a large number of new Divisions have been formed during the recess and several languishing Divisions warmed again into life and efficiency, which should prompt us to renewed zeal in the prosecution of the interests of our noble Order. Your Committee cannot refrain from expressing their regret that so many Subordinate Divisions neglect promptly to attend to their duty in forwarding to the office of the Grand Scribe the returns required from them, as it prevents that officer from making a full report, and consequently leaves us in ignorance in regard to the true state of our Order generally. And we would recommend that all Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs give their attention to this very important matter and see that the Subordinate Divisions over which they exercise a supervision, promptly make out and forward to the Grand Scribe their returns in due time, and properly filled up.

2d, That your Committee deeply regret the dissolution of twelve Divisions during the past quarter, and would earnestly recommend to the friends of our Order in these localities to devote themselves anew to the cause, with a view of resuscitating those Divisions and otherwise promoting the objects of our Order.

3d, That your Committee would here record with heartfelt gratitude the fact that the quarter ending March, 1861, in regard to the increase of membership, is in excess of any quarter during the past year, affording a practical refutation of the oft-repeated statement of our enemies that the Order is going down, and should stimulate us to greater devotion to the cause.

4th, That your Committee learn with deep regret that several Divisions have had the misfortune to lose their halls by fire: and we would earnestly recommend all Subordinate Divisions to effect, as soon as possible, the insurance of their buildings against loss by fire.

5th, Your committee would desire to call attention to the suggestion contained in the Grand Scribe's Report in reference to the collection of statistics in regard to the liquor traffic, and would strongly urge upon all the Divisions to procure schedules for this purpose, collect what information they can, and forward to the office of the Grand Scribe, Kingston, as soon as possible. It is the opinion of your committee that if we were able to present correct statistics of the traffic in this province it would become an element of power in our hands in carrying on successfully the warfare against this destructive vice.

6th, Your Committee would desire to reiterate the oft-repeated expressions of our entire confidence in our much respected and deservedly esteemed Grand Scribe, Brother E. STACEY, believing that our Order is very much indebted to the patient spirit and arduous labors of our worthy Brother. May Heaven long spare him to our Order and to the cause of humanity.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

W. PIRRITE,
J. LAWRENCE,
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Grand Division Committee Rooms, }
Hamilton, C.W., June 27, 1861. }

Moved by Representative D. DUFF, and seconded by Representative H. H. JONES—

That the Report of the Committee now read be adopted. Carried.

The Grand Division adjourned to meet at 1:30 p.m.
Services of Grand Chaplain.

Afternoon Session.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment. The Grand Worthy Patriarch in the chair.

The following officers were absent:—JOHN WILSON, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch; S. W. SHARRARD, Grand Treasurer; Rev. J. SHORTT, Grand Chaplain.

Vacancies filled as follows:—Representative ANTHONY FOX, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch; Representative J. W. COTTER, Grand Treasurer; Representative A. MORSE, Grand Chaplain. Services of Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of the Morning Session read and approved.

The petition of Canton Division, No. 133, S. of T., laid over until after the Committee on Appeals had reported, was read again and referred to the Committee on Charters.

Representative Dr. BUCK was appointed on Committee on Charters instead of Representative C. E. EWING, who is absent.

The Committee on Charters submitted the following Report:

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES:

Your Committee would recommend that the petition of the Canton Division, No. 133, S. of T., be granted. At the same time your Committee would beg through the Grand Division to recommend the brothers of Canton Division to be more careful in seeing that the Charter, with other papers, be delivered up quarterly by the Worthy Patriarch to the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch and his successor in office, as by the Constitution required, in order to prevent similar occurrences in future.

Respectfully submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

R. WINDATT, G.C.,
A. BUCK, D.G.W.P.,
E. STACEY, G.S.

Moved by the Grand Worthy Associate, and seconded by Representative J. LAWRENCE—

That the Report just read be adopted. Carried.

The Grand Treasurer entered and took his seat.

Moved by Representative J. LAWRENCE, and seconded by Representative A. AIKMAN—

That this Grand Division approve of the parade regalia adopted by the National Division at its last Session, a specimen of which was exhibited to

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this Grand Division ; and we hereby recommend it to the favorable consideration of all Subordinate Divisions. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. LAWRENCE, and seconded by Representative W. BOOK—

That this Grand Division employ a competent Temperance Lecturer to travel through the Upper Province, organizing Subordinate Divisions, for the term of one year, who shall be paid out of the funds of this Grand Division. Lost.

Moved in amendment by Representative J. EARLS, and seconded by Representative J. COX—

That the subject of the employment of a Grand Division Lecturer be laid over until the Annual Session. Carried.

Moved by Representative A. MORSE, and seconded by Representative G. FLETCHER—

That the praiseworthy and successful exertions of the Palermo and other Divisions in the cause of temperance are highly appreciated by this Grand Division, and are worthy of imitation by other Divisions ; this Grand Division therefore tenders many thanks to those Divisions, and desires they will "not be weary in well doing." Carried.

The Committee on the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report submitted the following Report :—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Address, report as follows :—

1st. That we do hereby congratulate this Grand Division on the reception of the very deeply interesting and highly valuable Report from our Grand Worthy Patriarch, and fondly cherish the hope that it will be duly appreciated by our Order.

2nd. Your Committee gratefully acknowledge under God the prosperity of our Order presented and the encouragement afforded in the prosecution of our philanthropic and vastly important mission, and trust that this part of the Report will incite us to renewed exertions in this great work.

3rd. We deeply regret (from the information communicated in the Report) that the difficulties and hostilities among our brethren in the now agitated States of America have prevented the holding of our National Division at the appointed time, and we most heartily respond to the noble sentiments expressed by our Grand Worthy Patriarch, and have too much reason to fear the demoralizing effects which those unfortunate disturbances may produce on our Order and the cause of humanity. Your Committee would therefore strongly urge upon all lovers of humanity to use their influence and raise their prayers that those fearful evils may be averted from our own comparatively happy land.

4th. Your Committee view favorably the invitation to attend the Convention at Atlantic City of the New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania Grand Divisions, and recommend that this Grand Division send a delegation to said Convention.

5th. Your Committee, in view of the present extreme emergencies and the importance of the great questions now pending, would suggest the propriety of this Grand Division inviting the National Division to hold its next Session in Canada, where freedom of speech happily exists, and where questions of creed, of sections, of origin, or race, will not interfere.

6th. Your Committee recommend that no action be taken at present on the tax per capita due the National Division until its position be settled and fixed in a more satisfactory manner.

7th. As it relates to the establishing of a National Division in the British American Provinces, your Committee are of opinion that a question of such grave importance should not be hastily determined, but would respectfully recommend that the question be submitted to all Subordinate Divisions under the jurisdiction of this Grand Division, and also that a correspondence be opened with the Grand Divisions of our sister Provinces on the subject; and if it be found advisable, after having been maturely considered, to establish such National Division, that it be done in a cordial spirit and feeling, and in a constitutional manner.

8th. Your Committee are aware that some dissatisfaction exists from the action of the last Session of the Grand Division (we believe unknown to the Grand Worthy Patriarch) on what is called the "Cider Question;" that some Divisions have with difficulty been kept together in consequence of the prohibition of cider in its unfermented state. Your Committee would recommend that this Grand Division take such action on this very important item of our principles as will probably meet the peculiarities of the case.

Your Committee agree with the very excellent remarks in the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report as to the importance of temperance men showing their attachment to the cause at the present time—a time perhaps the most important in some respects of any in the history of our country and our cause. It is therefore very desirable that all temperance men be careful that their support at the polls be given to such candidates only as will in their judgment be faithful in procuring a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

9th. Your Committee approve of the suggestions of the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report respecting the distribution of temperance tracts by lady visitors and such other means as may be thought best.

10th. Your Committee earnestly urge members of the Grand Division to use their influence and exertions in the formation of juvenile branches of our Order.

11th. Your Committee desire to bear favorable testimony to the efficiency and ability of our Grand Scribe.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

JAMES CURTS,
ABISHAI MORSE,
A. BUCK.

Moved by Representative J. CURTS, and seconded by Representative A. MORSE—

That the Committee's Report just read be adopted. Carried.

Moved in amendment by the Grand Worthy Associate, and seconded by Representative D. KIRKWOOD—

That the words "where freedom of speech happily exists" be struck out of Committee's Report. Lost.

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Moved by Representative G. FLETCHER, and seconded by Representative A. M. CROOKS—

That the sum of eight dollars be paid Brother R. D. WADSWORTH for his services as Assistant Grand Scribe, and that four dollars be paid to Brother FALLIS as Messenger. Carried.

Moved by Representative ANTHONY FOX, and seconded by Representative A. MORSE—

That in consequence of the inattention and remissness of Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs in making their Reports to the Grand Worthy Patriarch, therefore resolved that a form of Report embracing the several particulars of information usually reported to the Grand Worthy Patriarch be prepared in blank and printed, and supplied to Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs, and that it be optional with the Deputies to use said blank Reports or write such Reports, as may to them seem best. Carried.

Moved by Representative A. MORSE, seconded by Representative Rev. W. PIRRITE, and resolved—

That if the Most Worthy Patriarch of the National Division should accept the offer of this Grand Division to appoint the next session of the National Division in Canada, the executive officers of this Grand Division are hereby authorized to take such steps and adopt such measures as to them shall seem necessary for that purpose, and that such National Division meeting be held in Toronto.

Moved by Representative Rev. W. PIRRITE, and seconded by Representative A. MORSE—

That the thanks of this Grand Division are due to our respected Grand Worthy Patriarch, EDWARD ROWLAND, Esq., for the very able, courteous and efficient manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the present session of this Grand Division. Carried.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report:

COMMITTEE ROOMS,
Hamilton, June 27th, 1861. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND DIVISION :

Your Finance Committee have much pleasure in reporting upon the financial affairs of this Grand Division, which they find in a most satisfactory condition. From the Report of the Grand Treasurer and financial part of the Grand Scribe's Report, which your Committee find correct, they are enabled to present the following summary :

Balance in hands of Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer at last session of the Grand Division...	...	...	...	...	\$551 02
Amount of receipts since do.	...	...	...	...	947 26
				Total ...	\$1498 28
Amount of orders paid by Grand Treasurer	...	...	...	...	658 32
				Balance ...	\$839 96

Thus showing the satisfactory increase since the last session of the Grand Division of \$288 94.

Your Committee find an account of \$111 from John Rowlands for printing Minutes and other documents, which they recommend to be paid.

As heretofore, the books of our Grand Scribe have been kept in the most satisfactory manner, and his continued efficiency as Grand Scribe calls for our united commendations.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

C. H. VANNORMAN,
WM. BOOK,
DANIEL O'LOANE.

Moved by the Grand Worthy Associate, and seconded by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH—

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. J. HARGRAVE, and seconded by Representative T. H. WILLMOTT—

That the rent of this hall during the sittings of this Grand Division be paid by the Grand Treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. J. HARGRAVE, and seconded by C. H. VANNORMAN, P.G.W.A.—

That the Grand Scribe get the proceedings of this Session of the Grand Division printed in pamphlet form as usual. Carried.

There being no other business before the Grand Division, the minutes were read and approved.

This interesting Session of the Grand Division was closed in due form and in great peace and harmony.

The Grand Conductor declared the Grand Division adjourned to meet in the town of Oakville, on the first Wednesday in December next.



EDWARD STACEY,
Grand Scribe.

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Representatives.

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Crooks, A.M.
Cox, James...
Curts, Rev. Jas
Choate, J.B.
Case, W.I.A., M
Carswell, E.
Campbell, Joh
Duff, D. ...
Duffes, A. ...
Dunning, M.
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Hargrave, J. J
Jones, M. H.
Kennedy, S.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

*In attendance at the Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division
at Hamilton, C. W., on the 26th and 27th June, 1861.*

EDWARD ROWLAND, London ...	... Grand Worthy Patriarch.
EDWARD CARSWELL, Oshawa ...	... Grand Worthy Associate.
EDWARD STACEY, Kingston ...	... Grand Scribe.
S. W. SHARRARD, Brougham ...	... Grand Treasurer.
RICHARD WINDATT, Bowmanville ...	... Grand Conductor.
WILLIAM HAGER, Palermo ...	... Grand Sentinel.
JOHN WILSON, Grafton ...	... Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Divisions.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Divisions.</i>	<i>No.</i>
Agnew, John ...	Cumminsville,	230	Kirkwood, D. ...	Caledon ...	102
Aikman, Alex. ...	Palermo ...	143	Leavens, B. W. ...	Canton ...	133
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