

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

AT ITS
EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT THE CITY OF MONTREAL,

ON THE
26th and 27th Days of September, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

JAMES DUNBAR, QUEBEC CITY.

GRAND MASTER.

JOHN H. ISAACSON, MONTREAL, P. Q.

GRAND SECRETARY.

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GRAND LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

IN REGULAR SESSION

Held at the City of New York

on the 15th day of January 1888

at the City of New York

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The Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M., was held in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth, and Thursday, the twenty-seventh, days of September, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877, at Masonic Chambers, Place d'Armes Square. The following members being present:—

	M. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Grand Master, on the throne.	
M. W. Bro.	John H. Graham,	Past Grand Master.
R. " "	Melbourne M. Tait	Deputy Grand Master.
" " "	P. L. Cowan,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	M. Burnie,	" Junior Warden.
" " "	Rev. H. W. Nye,	" Chaplain.
" " "	H. M. Alexander,	" Treasurer.
" " "	Alex. Chisholm,	" Registrar.
" " "	John H. Isaacson,	" Secretary.
V. " "	A. Boisseau	" Senior Deacon.

EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

V. W. Bro.	W. Simpson Walker,	Grand Junior Deacon.
" " "	Geo. Pressby,	" Director of Ceremonies.
" " "	Wm. Young, as	" Organist.
V. " "	George Crawford,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	E. A. Pfeiffer,	" Steward.
" " "	Geo. Henry Millen,	" Steward.
" " "	W. M. Lemesurier,	" Steward.
" " "	A. Wilcocks,	" Steward.
" " "	J. Struthers,	" Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	C. Judge,	Quebec and Three Rivers District.
" " "	T. J. McMinn,	Montreal District.
" " "	H. P. Newell,	Bedford District.
" " "	Jas. Addie,	St. Francis District.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. Bro.	James O'Halloran,	P.D.G.M.
" " "	Hon. Thos. Wood,	P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	Alex. Murray,	P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	F. Edgar,	"
" " "	Thos. Milton,	"
" " "	John Turner,	"
" " "	Isaac H. Stearns,	"
" " "	Stevens Baker,	"
" " "	H. D. Pickel,	"
" " "	Geo. O. Tyler,	"
" " "	G. H. Borlase,	"
" " "	Benj. Burland,	P.G.S.W.
" " "	J. B. Charleson,	P.G.J.W.
" " "	John Renshaw,	P.G.J.W.
" " "	J. P. Martin,	"
" " "	John McLean,	P.G.R.
" " "	C. P. Taber,	"
V. " "	Wm. Young,	P.G.S.D.
" " "	James Cleghorn,	P.G.P.
" " "	M. M. Lesser,	P.G.S.

V. W. Bro. G. F. Shufelt,	P.G.S.
" " " Geo. C. Bown,	"
" " " L. B. Warner,	"

PAST MASTERS.

W. Bro. Samuel Kennedy,	W. Bro. T. P. Prentiss,
" " Chas. Mackenzie,	" " E. A. Pfeiffer,
" " C. S. Channell,	V. W. " T. P. Butler,
" " J. F. Wood,	" " D. A. Manson,
" " A. D. Stevens,	" " E. H. Boright,
" " F. H. Throop,	" " John McLean,
" " H. A. Earle,	" " H. L. Jacquays,
" " S. W. Sansum,	" " George Crawford,
" " Joseph Tees,	" " Wm. Young,
" " S. E. Moss,	" " A. McEvilla,
" " J. G. T. Cleghorn,	" " C. A. Hill,
" " Richard Tyler,	" " C. Boon,
" " Charles Knowles, Jr.,	" " D. Rose,
" " Hobart Butler,	" " Thos. Allan.
" " Horatio Horskin,	

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M., was declared, at high twelve, opened in ample form by the M. W. the Grand Master from the throne.

The Committee on Credentials, through their chairman, R. W. Bro. S. R. Whitman, reported the following named members of Grand Lodge as being present and duly qualified to take part in the business and proceedings of Grand Lodge during its present communication, viz. :—

No. 1. *Lodge of Antiquity—Montreal.*

H. J. Boswell, W. M.
Alex. Chisholm, P. M.
J. Olsen, S.W.

No. 2. *Albion Lodge—Quebec City.*

H. Griffith, S.W.

- No. 3. *St. John Lodge—Quebec City.*
 W. J. Stanley, W.M.
 C. J. Dalziel, S.W.
 R. Pincombe, S.W.
 Samuel Kennedy, P.M.
 Chas. McKenzie, P.M.
- No. 5. *Golden Rule Lodge—Stanstead.*
 E. R. Johnson, W.M.
 C. S. Channell, P.M.
- No. 6. *St. Andrew Lodge—Quebec City.*
 Jas. Bowen, Jr., W.M.
 Jas. Dunbar, P.M.
 C. Judge, P.M.
- No. 7. *Prevost Lodge—Dunham.*
 M. C. Baker, W.M.
 Thos. Wood, P.M.
 Stevens Baker, P.M.
 G. F. Shufelt, P.M.
 J. F. Wood, P.M.
- No. 8. *Prevost Lodge—Dunham.*
 A. D. Stevens, P.M. (proxy.)
- No. 9. *Nelson Lodge—St. Armand Station.*
 A. B. Bradley, W.M.
 F. H. Throop, P.M.
- No. 10. *St. George—Montreal.*
 M. M. Lesser, W.M.
 H. A. Earle, P.M.
- No. 11. *St. George—Montreal.*
 G. E. Jaques, Jr., W.M.
 Jas. Fife, S.W.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC

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- S. M. Sansum, P.M.
Joseph Tees, P.M.
- No. 12. *Zetland Lodge—Montreal.*
Thos. Goodwin, W.M.
Wm. Percival, S.W.
Samuel E. Moss, P.M.
J. G. T. Cleghorn, P.M., (proxy).
Richard Tyler, P.M.
- No. 13. *Zetland Lodge—Montreal.*
C. M. Putney, S.W.
- No. 15. *St. Francis Lodge—Richmond.*
Wm. Barnwell, W.M.
J. F. Robertson, S.W.
Jas. McCormick, J.W.
J. H. Graham, P.M.
M. Burnie, P.M.
- No. 16. *Victoria Lodge—Sherbrooke.*
George H. Presby, W.M.
G. Mitchell, S.W.
- No. 17. *Harrington Lodge—Quebec City.*
Wm. Jacques, W.M.
Chas. Knowles, Jr., P.M.
- No. 18. *Shefford Lodge—Waterloo.*
J. I. Wallace, S.W.
- No. 19. *Stanbridge Lodge—Stanbridge.*
H. C. Blinn, W.M.
J. P. Martin, P.M.
Hobart Butler, P.M.
Horatio Horskin, P.M.

No. 20. *Montreal Kilwinning Lodge—Montreal.*

W. R. Cuthbert, W.M.
John Renshaw, P.M.
J. H. Stearns, P.M.

No. 21. *Yamaska Lodge—Granby.*

Geo. Vittie, W.M.

No. 22. *Aylmer Lodge—Aylmer.*

T. B. Prentiss, P.M.

No. 23. *St. George Lodge—Quebec City.*

Martin Winn, P.M., (proxy).
E. A. Pfeiffer, P.M.

No. 24. *Brown Lodge—West Farnham.*

C. P. Taber, W.M.
J. Hinerth, S.W.

No. 25. *Royal Albert Lodge—Montreal.*

E. Holton, W.M.
Samuel Johnston, P.M.
H. M. Alexander, P.M.
F. Edgar, P.M.
M. M. Tait, P.M.
T. P. Butler, P.M.

No. 26. *Victoria Lodge—Montreal.*

John Ion, W.M.
W. M. Lemesurier, P.M.
Alex. Murray, P.M.
Geo. E. Bown, P.M.
J. T. McMinn, P.M.

No. 27. *St. John Lodge—Mansonville.*

D. A. Manson, P.M., (proxy).

- No. 28. *Tuscan Lodge—Levis.*
Edson Fitch, W.M.
C. B. Charleson, P.M.
- No. 29. *Royal Canadian Lodge—Sweetzburg.*
James O'Halloran, P.M.
H. D. Pickel, P.M.
H. D. Newell, P.M.
E. H. Boright, P.M.
- No. 30. *Ascot Lodge—Lennoxville.*
Arthur F. Simpson, W.M.
Alton Lindsay, S.W.
James Addie, P.M.
J. H. Stearns, P.M.
- No. 31. *Ashlar Lodge—Coaticook.*
Albert Fuller, W.M.
- No. 32. *Mount Royal Lodge—Montreal.*
W. Simpson Walker, W.M.
Frederic Massey, S.W.
* J. H. Stearns, P.M.
- No. 33. *Frelighsburg Lodge—Frelighsburg.*
M. P. Reynolds, W.M.
S. R. Whitman, P.M.
- No. 34. *Doric Lodge—Danville.*
W. B. Hall, W.M.
J. H. Stearns, P.M.
- No. 35. *Brome Lake Lodge—Knowlton.*
H. D. Pickel, P.M.

- No. 36. *Chateauguay Lodge—Huntingdon.*
Peter McFarlane, W.M.
Daniel Shanks, S.W.
- No. 37. *Corner Stone Lodge—Cowansville.*
W. Stevenson, W.M.
P. W. Cowan, P.M.
- No. 38. *Mount Moriah Lodge—Montreal.*
A. G. Adams, W.M.
Joseph Martin, S.W.
R. Dougall, S.W.
John McLean, P.M.
- No. 41. *Eddy Lodge—Hull.*
S. S. Cushman, W.M.
George H. Millen, P.M.
- No. 42. *Abercorn Lodge—Abercorn.*
H. L. Jacquays, P.M.
- No. 43. *Milton Lodge—Three Rivers.*
F. F. Farmer, W.M.
Geo. O. Tyler, P.M.
Thos. Milton, P. M.
- No. 44. *St. Charles Lodge—Point St. Charles, Montreal.*
John Forrester, W.M.
Thos. Milton, P.M.
Wm. Young, P.M.
Geo. Crawford, P.M.
- No. 45. *La Loge Cœurs Unis—Montreal.*
E. Belle, W.M.
A. Felix, S.W.
A. Boisseau, P.M., (proxy).

- No. 46. *Excelsior Lodge—Upton.*
Jos. Pilon, W.M.
H. J. Beaman, S.W.
Frederic Wood, S.W.
L. B. Warner, P.M.
Henry W. Nye, P.M.
A. McEvilla, P.M.
- No. 48. *Mount Orford Lodge—Georgeville.*
Erastus Lee, W.M.
W. Shephard, S.W.
- No. 49. *Shavenegan Lodge—Three Rivers.*
John Turner, P.M.
George O. Tyler, P.M.
- No. 50. *Olive Branch Lodge—West Shefford.*
C. A. Hill, P.M.
- No. 51. *Burland Lodge—St. Johns.*
B. Burland, P.M.
J. T. Bull, S.W.
P. Slemmings, S.W.
- No. 52. *Prince Consort Lodge—Montreal.*
W. D. B. Janes, Jr., W.M.
Wm. H. Whyte, S.W.
J. T. Gladstone, J.W.
C. Boon, P.M.
- No. 53. *St. Andrew Lodge—Montreal.*
David Newton, W.M.
J. W. Hannah, S.W.
Daniel Rose, P.M.
Thos. Allan, P.M.

- No. 54. *Ionic Lodge—Montreal.*
 C. W. Woodford, W.M.
 Thos. Brady, S.W.
 Joseph Tees, P.M.
- No. 56. *St. John Lodge—Montreal.*
 John H. Isaacson, W.M
 A. G. Isaacson, S.W.
 G. H. Borlase, P.M.
- No. 57. *Hochelaga Lodge.*
 D. Anderson, W.M.
- No. 59. *Bedford Lodge—Bedford.*
 Hobart Butler, W.M.
Richelieu Lodge, U. D., Sorel.
 John Ellicott, W.M.
Onslow Lodge, U. D., Onslow.
 S. S. Cushman, (proxy).
Corinthian Lodge, U. D., Montreal.
 Hy. Dunne, W.M.
 R. Handsley, S.W.
 Henry W. Bachlaw, J.W.

A very large number of brethren being in attendance, and desirous to visit Grand Lodge at its present communication, the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to direct that all Master Masons being in good standing and properly clothed, should be admitted, the Grand Pursuivant taking care that they be seated apart, so as not to interfere with the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The order of business was submitted to Grand Lodge and distributed amongst its members by the Grand Deacons.

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In accordance with the provision of the Constitution, the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge at its sessions were read by the Grand Secretary.

The minutes of the Funeral Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge, held on the fifteenth day of July, 1876, (5876,) were read and confirmed.

The Grand Secretary was proceeding to read the minutes of the last Annual Communication, 27th and 28th September, 1876, (5876) when it was moved by R. W. Bro. Judge, seconded by R. W. Bro. Chisholm,—

That, inasmuch as the minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, held in the month of September, 1876, have been printed and distributed to the different subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, the same be held as read ;

That the notice of motion given at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge by Wor. Bro. Woodford, of which the following is a copy, viz. :

“That no Mason shall belong to more than one lodge at the same time (except he be an honorary member, as provided for by the Constitution);”
 “this, however, not to apply to brethren who are members of more than one lodge at the time of passing this resolution ;

“Any member of a lodge wishing to affiliate with another lodge must present his application in the usual form, and if his application be accepted in said lodge, his membership shall remain in abeyance until his demit from the former lodge to which he belonged is surrendered to the last mentioned lodge, when he shall become a full member ;”

Having been accidentally omitted in said printed report, the same be received and considered as part of the said minutes, and that the said minutes, as so amended, be and they are hereby confirmed.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and adopted, *nem. con.*

The Grand Secretary distributed to members of Grand Lodge in printed form the following correspondence, had with the Grand Lodge of Scotland :—

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. & A. M.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, CANADA, *January 6th, 1877.*

SIR MICHAEL SHAW STUART, M. W. GRAND MASTER,

Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. BROTHER,—I am directed by James Dunbar, Esq., Queen's Counsel, and M. W. Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., to state for your information and for that of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which was regularly and constitutionally formed and established on the 20th day of October, 1869, (as

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has been already heretofore notified to the Grand Lodge of Scotland,) has since that date been acknowledged and recognized very generally throughout the Globe, as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, having, and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction, in and over the Province of Quebec.

And I am desired to state that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, sincerely desires the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to be in fraternal intercourse with that Grand body, to that end I am requested to address this communication, respectfully requesting that it may be submitted to your Grand Lodge, with the view of obtaining at an early period the recognition desired.

I have the honor to be, M. W. Sir,

Your Obedient Brother,

(Signed,) JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND,

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Freemasons' Hall, 98 George Street

EDINBURGH, *May 17th, 1877.*

J. H. ISAACSON, Esq., GRAND SECRETARY,

Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

R. W. DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to inform you that at their quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, on the 5th of February last, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. They at the same time agreed to submit for your approval the name of Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M., of Mother Kilwinning, as representative *here* of your Grand Lodge. I shall be glad to receive the name of the Brother whom the Grand Lodge of Quebec may be pleased to nominate as representative *from* our Grand Lodge.

Permit me to say that the delay which has occurred in sending this official intimation, is due to the change that has been effected in this department.

I am, with the most fraternal regards,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed,) D. MURRAY LYON.

Grand Secretary.

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GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. & A. M.,

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, May 31st, 1877.

D. MURRAY LYON, Esq., GRAND SECRETARY,

Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. & A. M.

R. W. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER,—I am directed by the M. W., the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication to me of the 17th of May, instant, conveying the very gratifying information, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had at its quarterly communication, held at Edinburgh, on 5th February last, unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M. W. Bro. Dunbar, regards this resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as extending to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the recognition asked for by my letter of 6th of January, 1877, to your M. W. Grand Master, and as its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as a legally constituted, and established Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec.

The Grand Master has much pleasure in acquiescing in the suggestion by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of the name of Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M., of Mother Kilwinning Lodge, as representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and I have the pleasure of forwarding his commission.

I feel assured that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, would hail with lively satisfaction, the appointment of its present Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Dunbar, of Quebec City, Queen's Counsel, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, near this Grand Lodge.

An early interchange of the credentials of the representatives of the two Grand Lodges and the continuation of the correspondence now so happily established will be a source of great satisfaction to this Grand Lodge.

I am, R. W. and Dear Brother,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed,) JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary, G. L. of Q.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND,

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Freemasons' Hall, 98 George Street,

EDINBURGH, July 2nd, 1877.

JOHN H. ISAACSON, Esq., GRAND SECRETARY,

Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

R. W. DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to your favour of the 31st May, I beg to say, that I expect to be able to forward our Commission to your M. W. Grand Master, Brother James Dunbar, immediately after the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge on 6th August next.

I deem it an honor to have had the privilege of being the medium of communicating the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to recognise and hold correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

With best regards, I am, ever faithfully yours,

(Signed,) D. MURRAY LYON,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Freemasons' Hall, 98 George Street,

EDINBURGH, August 8th, 1877.

JOHN H. ISAACSON, GRAND SECRETARY,

Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the pleasure of forwarding Commission in favour of your Grand Master, Bro. Dunbar, and hope the relations that are now ratified, may long exist between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland.

Ever faithfully,

D. MURRAY LYON,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. & A. M.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, August 29th, 1877.

D. MURRAY LYON, Esq., GRAND SECRETARY,

Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. & A. M.

DEAR SIR AND B. W. BROTHER,—I am desired by the M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. Dunbar, to acknowledge the receipt by him of Commission in his favor naming him the Grand representative of your Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

A more formal acknowledgment of the Commission will be made by its recipient at an early period. At the present M. W. Bro. Dunbar is from home.

I am, yours fraternally,

(Signed,) JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, Deputy Grand Master, and President of the Board of General Purposes, announced that for the more speedy and effectual carrying out of the business.

which would be brought before the Board preparatory to its introduction to Grand Lodge, he had named from its members the following committees, viz.:

Credentials.

- R. W. Bro. J. B. Charleson.
- " " " S. R. Whitman.
- V. " " Cleghorn.
- " " Barnwell.

Charity.

- R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, Grand Treasurer.
- V. " " Hobart Butler.
- " " S. Kennedy.

Finance.

- R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn.
- " " " P. L. Cowan.
- " " " S. Kennedy.

Grand Master's Address.

- M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham.
- R. " " J. H. Borlase.
- R. " " Melbourne M. Tait.

Grievances and Appeals.

- R. W. Bro. Thos. Milton.
- " " " Isaac H. Stearns.
- V. " " T. P. Butler.

State of Masonry.

- M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham.
- R. " " J. H. Isaacson.
- V. " " S. E. Moss.

Jurisprudence.

- R. W. Bro. F. Edgar.
- " " " J. H. Borlase.
- " " " J. H. Stearns.

Letters of excuse from R. W. Bro. Miller and V. W. Bro. John Shaw, for non-attendance at the present meeting, were read, also a letter from R. W. Bro. Edwin Morris to the same effect, and ordered to be placed on file.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master then delivered the following Address:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec:

BRETHREN,—Assembled at the eighth annual communication, you will all be glad to be informed of the growth in numbers and financial prosperity of this Grand Lodge. The Dominion, of which our jurisdiction forms part, this year celebrated the first decade of its existence, and when we shall be able to mark a similar period in our masonic history as a separate and distinct Province, the Craft will no doubt have equal cause of thankfulness for its share in the general success.

The increase of Freemasonry during the past few years has been very remarkable, and particularly in the United Kingdom, where, according to recent authority, it has been computed that nearly one out of every four or five men of the upper and middle classes is a Mason. The Grand Lodge of England has now three Princes occupying the three first chairs,—the Prince of Wales being Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught Senior Grand Warde, and Prince Leopold Junior Grand Warde.

In the month of May last the gratifying intelligence was received that at their previous quarterly communication, held at Edinburgh, the Grand Lodge of Scotland unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Regarding this resolution as extending to our Grand Lodge the recognition we asked for in the early part of the year, as a legally constituted and established Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec, I cheerfully acquiesced in the suggestion, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of the name of Brother Robert Wylie, of Mother Kilwinning Lodge, as representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Baronet, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scotland, has honored me with a commission appointing me to be the representative in this Province of his Grand Lodge. The correspondence on the subject of this important recognition has been printed, and will be submitted for your consideration.

A copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at its seventh annual communication, was forwarded in February last to the Grand Lodge of England, but no action seems to have been taken with reference to the question raised by your resolutions.

Neither has the Grand Lodge of Missouri as yet receded from the position it assumed towards us, though I have every reason to believe that if Brother Gouley, the well-known Secretary of that Grand Lodge, who lost his life at the destruction by fire of the Southern Hotel, at St. Louis, had been spared, he would have endeavored to have secured for us a fair and satisfactory settlement, if not the full advantages of the North American doctrine as to exclusive jurisdiction.

Repeated inquiries having been made as to the attitude of this Grand Lodge towards the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario" and its members, I deemed it necessary to interdict all intercourse or masonic communication with the lodges under that organization, and the several members thereof, until you shall have taken action in the premises. This imperative step was justified by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at its 21st annual communication, officially brought under my notice, and I could not but respect its sentence of expulsion, pending your decision. A similar course was adopted by the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Louisiana and other States. I am not aware that the doctrine contended for by the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario" has been admitted by any regular body of Masons, nor that it has had recognition extended to it by any other Grand Lodge than that of Texas, which was soon withdrawn. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada will be laid before you, with a copy of my circular.

A petition for recognition has been received from the Grand Lodge of Cuba, already recognized by the Grand Lodges of several States. It will engage your attention, together with an application for information as to the establishment of a new Grand Lodge at Sydney, New South Wales.

For the relief of members of the craft who were sufferers by the great fire at St. John, New Brunswick, I caused \$200 to be promptly forwarded, and I rely upon the Grand Lodge to confirm the grant. I also authorized the issue of a circular to each subordinate Lodge, soliciting pecuniary aid for our unfortunate brethren in that city, who have lost their library and nearly all the contents of the office of the Grand Secretary. As Freemasonry is nothing without charity, I feel I have but to remind you of the calamity which has befallen our brethren in the sister Province to awaken your further sympathy and substantial assistance, if needed.

During my term of office I learned with regret that R. W. Bro. Edgar had resigned his position as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and I had much pleasure in suggesting R. W. Bro. Tait, Deputy Grand Master, as his successor. I have given a commission to R. W. Bro. Calvin G. Shaw as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Dakota, and that Grand Lodge has named W. Bro. F. Sowden as its Representative here.

The Grand Lodge of Canada at its last meeting passed resolutions:—1. That the bequest of the late Bro. Edward Moss, towards the erection of a Freemasons' Widow and Orphan Asylum, should be drawn and paid over to this Grand Lodge; and, 2nd That the amounts contributed to the Asylum Fund by the Lodges in this Province, then holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, should, with interest, be placed to their credit respectively. This honorable mode of dealing with both those benevolences cannot but meet with your admiration, and deserves, as it will doubtless secure, your warmest thanks.

I have granted dispensations for the establishment of three new Lodges: Rouville Lodge at Rougemont, Onslow Lodge at Onslow, and Corinthian Lodge at Montreal. Before granting the prayer of the applicants for Corinthian Lodge, I requested and obtained the repeated and unqualified recommendation of the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master of the Montreal District. If, by the reports to be submitted, it will be found that these Lodges are working well, and that it can be shown they will be of benefit to the craft generally, I recommend that charters be granted to them.

The Committee on Numbering Lodges made its report to the Board of General Purposes at the semi-annual meeting in March last, and the same will come before you for confirmation.

The proposed amalgamation of Lodges has succeeded in some instances only. I commend the subject to your further attention.

Among the notices of motion given for this Communication, is one to provide for the establishment of the office of Grand Lecturer. The requisite amendments to the Constitution have been prepared, and will be submitted to you.

To carry out the resolution of the Grand Lodge, "That it is expedient that so far as practicable the same ritual should be followed in the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and to that end the Grand Master be respectfully requested to appoint a Special Committee to enquire into the matter and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next regular Communication." I appointed M. W. Bro. Graham, R. W. Bro. Bull, and V. W. Bro. Hobart Butler, whose report will merit your serious consideration.

I also desire to hear read the reports of the Committees on the Masonic Temple, forms and jurisprudence, &c.

As this Grand Lodge has had no report on foreign correspondence for some time, owing to the removal from Montreal of the Brother who had undertaken that duty, I cannot too strongly urge the desirability of having such a report, and I shall be glad if the Grand Lodge will procure the necessary outlay to secure it without delay.

The obituary for the year includes the names of W. Bro. T. G. Farmer, a well-known member of the craft in the District of Three Rivers, and three times W. Master of Milton Lodge; V. W. Bro. G. L. Kemp, of Prevost Lodge; Brother Colquhoun, Past Grand Tyler; Bro. E. K. Patton, M.D., of Royal Albert Lodge; Bro. J. Gibson, Past Master of Montreal Kilwinning Lodge; Bro. G. Lynch, Senior Warden of Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, who lost his life at the St. Urbain street fire in Montreal, and W. Bro. Kemp, Past Master of Prevost Lodge.

My predecessor, M. W. Bro. Graham, in his address last year, so ably and elaborately expounded the principles of our craft, that I need not refer to them further than to repeat that we do not allow any political or religious question ever to intrude itself; that (to use the words of one of our beautiful public services), "we have proper respect to the established customs of the country in which we live; we have due deference for our superiors in Church and State, and unlimited good will to all mankind. We publicly express our perfect submission to the laws of the land, our unceasing devotion to peace and order, and our ardent desire, as far as in our power, to promote the welfare of our fellow men." You are thoroughly conversant with our tenets, and the rules that govern the Craft, under the British Constitution, and wherever masonry is rightly understood and properly practised; you know how excellent are the precepts, how perfect the doctrines of our ancient and widely-spread institution, and that he who is a really good mason cannot be a bad citizen.

In retiring from office, after two years service as Grand Master and three years as Deputy Grand Master, I cannot but express to Grand Lodge my most sincere thanks for the honors conferred upon me, and for the assistance given me especially by the venerable Grand Secretary, whom I shall long remember after our official intercourse has ceased, for his kind

and invaluable support. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, at whose foundation I was proud to assist eight years ago, is now too firmly established to need further help from any one individual, but rest assured it has no more ardent well-wisher than myself. May it go on and prosper.

On the motion of R. W. Bro. Tait, seconded by R. W. Bro. Milton, the address of the M. W. the Grand Master was referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon as speedily as possible.

Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to re-assemble at 2.30 p. m. this day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 p. m. this day, M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, P. G. M., on the throne.

James Dunbar, M. W. G. M., as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, D. G. M., as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, and R. W. Bro. Benjamin Burland, Past Pro. G. S. W., as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, presented their Credentials and were received with Grand honors in compliment to the Grand bodies they severally represented.

Other Grand Representatives, formerly introduced, were, in like manner, received.

Most Worshipful Brother Simpson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, here entered Grand Lodge and was received also with Grand honors.

The Grand Secretary read his report, which was as follows:

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—Conformably with the established practice, your Grand Secretary respectfully begs to present this, his report, for the year terminating, September, 1877.

There have been issued during the past Masonic year from this office, by the direction of Grand Lodge, three dispensations authorising the formation of subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction: One for Rouville Lodge, at Rougemont; another for Onslow Lodge, at Onslow, and the third for Corinthian Lodge, at Montreal.

Two Charters, viz., that of Hoyle, No. 14, and Evening Star, late No. 163 C. R., have within the same period been surrendered. The dispensation of Clarke Lodge, late No. 28 Q. R., heretofore reported as defunct, has been also returned to Grand Lodge during the past year.

The number of subordinate Lodges, now on the roll of this Grand Lodge, is sixty-three, which have been regularly numbered as per report of Committee on numbering lodges.

The total amount of money received by me, since last Communication of Grand Lodge, is the sum of \$2,124.50, which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, his receipt being taken therefor; this sum shews a decrease on revenue for the past year, up to the 24th of September instant, date of closing accounts for the year, of \$89.00.

As directed, I have commenced the formation of a Masonic Library, on behalf of Grand Lodge, and by the kindness and liberality of sister Grand Lodges, have been enabled to make a very fair start; bound volumes and a large quantity of unbound matter being now on the shelves; to which it is to be hoped, that during the forthcoming year, and in the future, many useful and valuable additions will be made.

In regard to the directions given me by the Board of General Purposes, at its meeting, in March last, relative to the establishment under my charge of a Masonic journal in this city, I have to state that after giving the subject my serious consideration, and feeling that I could not devote the time requisite, I have judged it expedient, at least for the present, not to enter on the undertaking.

I cannot, however, dismiss this subject, without expressing my conviction, that, if some competent brother would undertake the establishment in Montreal, of a paper devoted to the interests of Free Masonry, and would give the necessary time, provide the proper ability, and push the venture with energy, the enterprise would in the end not only prove a very useful, but also, a remunerating one.

In pursuance with the instructions received from the M. W. the Grand Master, I have obtained parchment sheets for the purposes of Grand Lodge Certificates, to replace paper ones complained of. Some delay occurred in the matter, owing to the fact that it was found to be very difficult to get sheets of the peculiar size and shape required for the plate from which the Certificates are printed.

Since the last annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, the following Lodges have made returns and paid dues in full for past 12 months, and are clear on the books:—

1. Antiquity.	20. Kilwinning.	41. Eddy.
2. Albion.	21. Yamaska.	43. Milton.
3. St. Johns.	22. Aylmer.	45. Coeurs Unis.
5. Golden Rule.	23. St. George.	47. Graham.
6. St. Andrew.	24. Browne.	49. Shawenegan.
7. Prevost.	25. Royal Albert.	50. Olive Branch.
8. Prevost.	26. Victoria.	52. Prince Consort.
9. Nelson.	29. Royal Canadian.	53. St. Andrew.
10. St. George.	30. Ascot.	54. Ionic.
11. St. George.	31. Ashlar.	55. Lake Magog.
12. Zetland.	32. Mount Royal.	56. St. John.
13. Zetland.	33. Frelighsburg.	57. Hochelaga.
15. St. Francis.	34. Doric.	58. Montarville.
16. Victoria.	37. Corner Stone.	59. Bedford.
17. Harrington.	38. Mount Moriah.	60. Richelieu.
18. Shefford.	40. Pontiac.	Corinthian, U. D.
19. Stanbridge.		

The following are at the present six months or upwards in arrears :—

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| 4. Dorchester. | 36. Chateauguay. | 46. Excelsior. |
| 14. Hoyle. | 39. Sutton. | 48. Mount Orford. |
| 27. St. Johns. | 42. Abercorn. | Onslow, U. D. |
| 28. Tuscan. | 44. St. Charles. | Rouville, U. D. |
| 35. Brome Lake. | | |

Agreeably with a resolution of Grand Lodge passed at its meeting, held in September, 1876, I addressed communications to the following Lodges, viz.: Abercorn, No. 42; Sutton, No. 39; Burland, No. 51; and Dorchester, No. 4, in the terms directed. The three first named replied to my letters; the correspondence has been laid before the Board of General Purposes, and the result will, no doubt, be submitted to Grand Lodge.

I had the pleasure, in obedience to the order of Grand Lodge, of officially communicating to R. W. Bro. O'Halloran, P.D.G.M., the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge, in September, 1876, recognising the distinguished services of that R. W. Brother.

The correspondence of the office, during the past year, has been extensive, I have endeavored to respond promptly to all letters and communications received.

In many cases, information has been sought from me, as Grand Secretary, on questions of Masonic Jurisprudence, where the information asked for, has touched on questions settled by the action of Grand Lodge, I have at once given the information required; but, on all unsettled points, I have referred my correspondents to the Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master.

I desire to call attention to the unsatisfactory manner, in which as a general rule, the returns to Grand Lodge are made, from Subordinate Lodges. Not more than one-half make returns semi-annually, as directed by the Constitution, a large majority neglect to properly fill up the blanks in forms; some omit dates, others give only initial letters to the given names of members; many fail to affix the Lodge Seal, and not a few are forwarded unsigned by proper officers.

With respect to Lodge Seals, I would call the attention of Worshipful Masters of Lodges, to page 51, sec. 1 and 2 of the Book of Constitution, which under caption, "Of the Lodge Seal," reads as follows:

"1st. Every Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be fixed to all documents proper to be used.

"2nd. An impression of the Seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new Seal, shall in like manner be transmitted."

No. 1, Antiquity; No. 25, Royal Albert; No. 45, Cœurs Unis, have each reported one member of their respective Lodges as suspended for un-Masonic conduct. The following Lodges have returned suspensions for non-payment of dues as follows:—

Antiquity.....	No. 1.....	One.
St. George.....	" 11.....	Five.
Ashlan.....	" 31.....	Thirteen.

Prevost	No. 8	Four.
St. George	" 10	Three.
Zetland	" 12	Five.
St. Francis	" 15	Two.
Victoria	" 26	Twelve.
Harington	" 17	One.
Chateaugnay	" 36	One.
Ascot	" 30	One.
Graham	" 47	Fourteen.
St. George	" 23	Two.
Mount Moriah	" 38	One.
Pontiac	" 40	Three.
Cœurs Unis	" 45	Five.
Excelsior	" 46	Six.
Burland	" 51	Eight.
Ionic	" 52	Two.
St. Andrew	" 53	One.
Corner Stone	" 37	Six.

The names of such suspended members will appear as usual, annexed to the printed proceedings of the present year of Grand Lodge.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Judge, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Renshaw, the Grand Secretary's Report was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report :

MONTREAL, September 26, 1877.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M. W. SIR, W. BRETHREN, AND BRETHREN,—I beg herewith to submit my Annual Report as Grand Treasurer.

Balance on hand last Annual Communication	\$1184 89
Received from the Grand Secretary to September 24, this year, on which date the books were closed (which includes dues, certificates and warrants), a total of	2124 50
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DISBURSEMENTS.

I have disbursed by order (detailed statement, vouchers, &c., submitted, examined and found correct by the Finance Committee of the Board of General Purposes) a total sum of	2224 19
Leaving a balance to the credit of Grand Lodge of	\$1085 20

A sum of \$500 was ordered by the Board of General Purposes at their last semi-annual meeting to be taken from the General Fund of the Grand Lodge and placed to the credit of the Benevolent Fund, to repair drawings

from that fund for charitable purposes and to keep intact the original fund, namely, \$4,000.

The Benevolent Fund expended since last Report, by order of the Board of General Purposes, at the last Annual Communication, \$305.00, and has added to its funds the \$500 grant of the Board of General Purposes from the General Fund of the Grand Lodge. It has also invested in Montreal Consolidated Bonds (six per cents) \$3,102.51; the balance, to make up the \$4,000 original grant, will be placed by the D. G. Master when similar securities may be purchased. The Treasurer was ordered to pay out of this fund the sum of \$200 towards the relief of distressed brethren in St. John, N.B., which leaves a balance (detailed statement rendered the Finance Committee) of \$935.56 in the Treasury, and Corporation Bonds; \$3,000 are held in trust by the D. G. M., G. S., and G. T.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. ALEXANDER,

Grand Treasurer.

And it was, on the motion of W. Bro. McMinn, seconded by V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, referred to the Board of General Purposes.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait gave notice that he would, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, move thereat the following resolution:

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended as to Section 11 of "the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business," by striking out all the words after the word "given" and inserting the following: "At least six weeks previous to the communication of Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary, who shall cause the same to be inserted in the notices to such communication."

R. W. Bro. Judge gave notice that at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge he would move as an amendment to the Constitution:

That the words "fourth Wednesday in the month of September," in Art. 17, Page 17, of the book of Constitution, be struck out, and the words "second Wednesday in January" be substituted therefor.

Worshipful Bro. R. Tyler gave notice that he would, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, move the following resolution:

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be altered by striking therefrom, at page 51, sec. 7, the words "two black balls," and, in lieu thereof, inserting the words "one black ball."

R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn gave notice that he would, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, move:

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended under the heading "Fees," page 56, by the insertion after the clause referring to Grand Lodge Dues, of the following words: "Every member of each Lodge shall pay towards the General Benevolent Fund one dollar per annum."

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Judge, D.D.G.M., for the District of Quebec and Three Rivers, presented the following report:

DISTRICT OF QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS.

Quebec, 25th September, 1877.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. Quebec.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

In compliance with the Constitution, I beg to submit the following report on the state of Free-Masonry in the District over which I have the honour to preside.

The number of Lodges in the District remains unchanged, viz:—Eight. Certain Brethren residing at Rivière du Loup, (en bas,) forwarded to me in May last, a petition to form a Lodge at that place. The petition itself was not in form, and amongst other irregularities of less importance, did not conform to the Constitution in as much as the recommendation of the nearest Lodge was not obtained. I returned the petition for correction in form, with a request that the omission as regards the consent of the nearest Lodge be supplied, to enable me to act upon it. For causes which I have no reason to doubt were good and sufficient, the Tuscan Lodge, Lévis, (the nearest to the proposed new Lodge) withheld its support, and therefore no further steps were taken by me in the matter. I am of opinion, however, that the time has not yet arrived when a strong and thriving Lodge can be formed at that point. At present the Brethren residing there are few in number, and the mass of the population being inimical to Free-Masonry, no considerable accession to the Craft can be looked for, so that were a new Lodge formed, it would commence weak in point of membership, probably drag on a sickly existence for a year or two, and then cease to exist.

During the year I have visited frequently all the Lodges in my District, with the exception of Milton No. 43, and Shawenagan No. 49, at Three Rivers. My intention was to visit the Brethren in that city, and with that object in view I started overland in March last accompanied by W. Bro. Bowen, W. M. Lodge St. Andrew. After proceeding some 10 miles on the journey, a heavy snow storm set in, which rendered further progress impossible, and I was reluctantly compelled to return to Quebec. Since then, owing to the great pressure of my private affairs, I have had no opportunity of visiting those Lodges, which I much regret, particularly as I know that my failure to reach them on the occasion just referred to was a serious

disappointment to the Brethren there, who had made every preparation to receive me, and for which I beg to tender them my warmest acknowledgements.

I am happy to state that the Lodges in my District continue to work harmoniously, and are in a fairly prosperous state. No Masonic complaints have been laid before me during the year.

On St. John's Day, 27th Dec. last, it was my privilege to install the Worshipful Masters and officers of the City Lodges, and at the regular communication in January the Worshipful Master and officers of Tuscan Lodge, Levis. The Brethren composing the Lodges in Quebec and neighbourhood being desirous of celebrating the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, by giving a Masonic Ball, under the patronage of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I cheerfully granted a dispensation to enable them to attend in regalia. It affords me great satisfaction to report that the Ball was in every respect a success, tending, as I am convinced it did, to promote greater harmony and good feeling amongst the Brethren in this vicinity.

The District has to deplore the removal by death of W. Bro. Thomas G. Farmer, late Past Master of Milton Lodge, No. 43, Three Rivers. He was a zealous Brother, and one who was indefatigable in promoting the welfare of the craft in his own city, as well as an ardent supporter of this Grand Lodge. He was interred with Masonic honours.

In conclusion, it is my pleasing duty to acknowledge many acts of courtesy from the Brethren in this District, which have made the labours of my important office more than usually light and agreeable.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted,

C. JUDGE,

D. D. G. M.

R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, D.D.G.M., for the Montreal District, presented the following report:

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec:

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the District of Montreal.

At the present time there are, in the District of Montreal, Nineteen Lodges working under Warrants, from the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and two Lodges working under Dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master. There still remain in the District, three Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, and one under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The two Lodges working under Dispensation are, Richelieu Lodge, Sorel and Corinthian Lodge, Montreal. In July last, I paid an official visit to

Richelieu Lodge, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Stearns, W. Bro. Ion, W. M. Victoria Lodge, and W. Bro. Newton, W. M. and Bro. Hutchinson of St. Andrew's Lodge, and Bro. Kay of Royal Albert Lodge. As a result of this visit, I have much pleasure in recommending to Grand Lodge the granting of a Warrant of Constitution to Richelieu Lodge. On the 4th of April last, ably supported and assisted by R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, D. G. M.; the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Murray, and a numerous assemblage of W. Brethren & Brethren of the District, I had the pleasure of inaugurating Corinthian Lodge, by delivering the Dispensation, granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, to Bro. Henry Dunne, and the other Brethren named therein; since that date, I have, on several occasions, visited this Lodge, and can testify to the regularity and ability of the work as conducted by its W. M. and officers. I have theretore full confidence in recommending that a Warrant of Constitution be granted to Corinthian Lodge at the ensuing communication of Grand Lodge.

During my term of office, I have been called upon to constitute, dedicate, and install the officers of two Lodges in my District, Warrants of Constitution, for which were granted at last annual communication of Grand Lodge. These two Lodges, are, Montarville Lodge, in Longueuil, now No. 58, and Hochelaga Lodge, in Hochelaga, now No. 57, on the Registry of our Grand Lodge. I am glad to be able to report that both of those Lodges are continuing to work and progress in the most satisfactory manner.

I have to report official visits paid to Hoyle Lodge, in Lacolle, No. 14, and Chateauguay Lodge in Huntingdon No. 36, accompanied to the former by our Esteemed Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bro. Stearns, and to the latter by R. W. Bro. Stearns. Information had reached me that the present condition of Hoyle Lodge, was somewhat unsatisfactory. The attendance of members to receive us at the communication at Lacolle was very poor, and from the lack of interest exhibited, with the exception of the W. M., W. Bro. Daniel Salt, and two or three other very efficient Brethren, the outlook of the Lodge was not encouraging. Valuable suggestions as to the resuscitation of the Lodge were made by the R. W. Brethren who accompanied me, and hopes were expressed by the W. M. and other members of the Lodge, that success would crown their efforts. On my return to the City, R. W. Bro. Thos. Milton kindly agreed to visit Hoyle Lodge, and afford the Brethren the benefit of his advice and experience. I regret to have to report, that all his efforts were ineffectual to restore the Lodge to working order, and W. Bro. Salt, as W. M., was reluctantly compelled to surrender the Warrant of Hoyle Lodge; the same was in due course handed to me, and is now in possession of the Grand Secretary. The other properties of the Lodge are in the hands of W. Bro. Salt, who has promised to forward them to me at the earliest opportunity.

On visiting Chateauguay Lodge in Huntingdon, the state of matters there presented to us formed a pleasing contrast to that experienced at Lacolle. We found the Lodge in a most prosperous condition, and no want of life or interest amongst its members; this gratifying result I found was generally attributed by the members to the untiring care and attention of R. W. Bro. Daniel Boyd, whose Masonic knowledge and experience have been unsparingly devoted to the furtherance and support of Chateauguay Lodge. To this esteemed Brother are due my thanks, and also the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his exertions in recovering the Dispensation and property of Clarke Lodge Ormstown, to recover which I

was authorized to take the necessary steps by a motion passed at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge. I found, on enquiry, no warrant has ever been issued to Clarke Lodge. The dispensation and property returned to me, through R. W. Bro. Boyd, have been placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

All the Lodges in my District have been visited by me officially, with one exception, and I am glad to report that, generally speaking, they all appear to be working with good and efficient Masters and Officers. No one, however, I think, could visit the Lodge of the District, as I have done, without being forcibly struck by the want of uniformity in the various details of the work of the Lodges. I trust that the measures lately adopted, and the revision of the ritual by a number of the experienced brethren of the Province, will result in the production of a uniform system of work for the entire jurisdiction, which will be accepted and faithfully carried out, as far as circumstances will admit, by every Lodge on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

While not presuming in any way to dictate a course of action to any of the Lodges in the District, I cannot refrain from expressing my opinion that the interests of Masonry in Montreal would be strengthened and benefited by the amalgamation of the Lodges severally bearing the names of St. George and Zetland, and though the proper time for such amalgamation may not yet have arrived, I would earnestly request the members of the Lodges interested to seriously consider the question.

I have to report having granted the following Dispensations :

To the W. M. and Brethren of Montarville Lodge, Longueuil, No. 58, permitting them to wear their Masonic Regalia at a reception held in their own Lodge Room, on the 21st November last.

To the W. M. and Brethren of Prince Consort Lodge, Montreal, No. 52, permitting them the use of their Masonic Regalia at a Festival given by them on the evening of St. John's Day, in December last.

The conduct of the brethren on both of these occasions fully justified the indulgence granted them.

I have also, in terms of the Constitution, granted a Dispensation to the W. M. and Brethren of Hochelaga Lodge, Hochelaga, No. 57, to pass and raise at a less interval than one month from receiving a preceding degree, a sea-going mariner, Brother Alexander Crowe Vance.

In accordance with a motion carried at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, the purport of which was conveyed to me by the Grand Secretary, I on the 24th of October last, proceeded to Prince Consort Lodge, No. 25, and there re-obligated Bro. Ward in the first and second Degrees, and, in the name of the Grand Lodge, declared him to be a regularly passed unaffiliated Fellow Craft Freemason. As the application of this brother for affiliation, and the conferring on him of the third Degree in Prince Consort Lodge, was on ballot rejected, the brother finds himself in a peculiar position, and the W. M. of the Lodge has addressed to me a communication, which I now produce with this report.

I desire to call special attention to the continuance in my District of four Lodges still working under the jurisdiction of foreign Grand Lodges.

It appears to me that the period has now arrived when it is due, not only to the Grand Lodge of Quebec itself, but, in a greater degree, due to the sister Grand Lodges of the world who have acknowledged our supreme jurisdiction in this Province, that pressure should be legitimately brought to bear on the two Grand Lodges interested, in order that the present anomalous condition of affairs should no longer be allowed to exist. With reference to this question, I would like to call attention to the following remarks, taken from the last-issued proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; they occur in the review of the proceedings of our Grand Lodge, when referring to the position taken by us, and run thus:—
 "The Grand Lodge of Quebec has been recognised as a just and duly constituted Grand Lodge; therefore, under the American doctrine, it has sole and exclusive jurisdiction in the territory in which it is located, and we hope, as we said last year, that it will stand up for its rights to the very end of extremity."

I have also to express a hope that the question of dual membership, which has caused so much trouble and irritation amongst our various Lodges, will be so disposed of at the approaching Communication of the Grand Lodge as materially to tend to the increase of harmony, strength and prosperity throughout our entire jurisdiction.

I cannot close my report without expressing my appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered to me in the discharge of my official duties by W. Bro. John Ion, the W. M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 26, who was kind enough to accept the office of District Secretary. I would also desire to offer my thanks to the many R. W. Brethren, W. Brethren and Brethren for their invaluable support and assistance so invariably rendered to me in my visits to town and country Lodges; and to all the Brethren of the District, whose reception and treatment of me in my official capacity has been at all times of the most cordial and fraternal character, rendering my visits and work amongst them a labor of love, I render my sincerest thanks.

I regret to have to report that during my term of office the following Brethren of this District have been removed from their earthly labors by the hand of Death:—

Antiquity Lodge, No. 1, Bro. T. Lockhart Cameron.
 St. George's Lodge, No. 10, Bro. P. Husson.
 St. George's Lodge, No. 11, Bro. James Leslie.
 Kilwinning Lodge, No. 20, Bro. George Lynch, P. W.
 Kilwinning Lodge, No. 20, W. Bro. James Gibson, P. M.
 Kilwinning Lodge, No. 20, Bro. Henry Pearson.
 Royal Albert Lodge, No. 25, Bro. E. K. Patton, M.D.
 St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 53, Bro. James McCormick.

The Craft in the city of Montreal have also to regret the loss of an old and valued servant in the death of our late Bro. Robert Colquhoun, who acted for many years past as Tyler for several of the Montreal Lodges.

The circumstances attendant on the death of Bro. Geo. Lynch, S. W. of Kilwinning Lodge, who lost his life at the fire in St. Urban street, endeavoring to save the lives of others, were of such a nature as greatly to excite the public mind. I therefore considered it well to request the Brethren of Montreal District generally, to assist the members of Kilwin-

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ning Lodge in paying the last tribute of respect to our brave and unfortunate Brother, and I cannot too sincerely express my thanks for the manner in which the Brethren, on that occasion, responded to my request.

The whole most respectfully submitted.

J. T. McMINN,

D.D.G.M., Montreal District.

R. W. Bro. H. P. Newell, D.D.G.M., for the District of Bedford, made the following report :

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Bedford District.

During the year I have instituted one Lodge, constituted one, and have withdrawn the charter from one, granted two dispensations, and visited quite a number of Lodges.

On the 30th of October last, I visited the brethren at Rougemont, and opened Rouville Lodge under what I considered very favorable circumstances. W. H. Code, W. M.; Samuel Vineburgh, S.W.; A. Dame, J.W.; W. McKerness, treasurer; E. Guilett, secretary; James Ashton, I. G.; John Ashton, tyler. Since then I have written twice to the secretary that I would meet the Lodge, but in both cases have been requested to postpone my visit.

In the month of December last, I visited the two Prevost Lodges at Dunham, and used what influence I could to effect a reconciliation or an amalgamation, but was unsuccessful.

I have made several unsuccessful attempts to effect an amalgamation with Royal Canadian and Corner Stone Lodges at Sweetsburg and Cowansville, but local feeling being so strong I can see but little prospect of union at present.

I granted a dispensation to Bedford Lodge to appear in regalia on St. Johns Day, Dec. 27, 1876, for a Masonic reunion. Also a dispensation to St. Johns Lodge, Mansonville for the brethren to appear in regalia at a Masonic Festival, on St. Johns Day, Dec. 27, 1876.

December 27, 1876, I visited Stanbridge Lodge and installed the officers. I found the Lodge in a very healthy condition, working with that peace and harmony which should ever characterize Free Masons.

On the same evening I visited and constituted Bedford Lodge. I also installed the officers, and am happy to report it a first class Lodge.

During the month of December, 1876, and January and February, 1877, I called the brethren of Evening Star Lodge together at three different times, to take into consideration the advisability of their surrendering their

charter, as they had not met since February, 1876. The brethren felt unable to go on, and surrendered to me the charter and records Feb. 23, 1877.

On St. John the Baptist's day, June 24, 1877, I visited and installed the officers of Brome Lake Lodge, and am happy to report every thing quite satisfactory.

During the year I have frequently visited Royal Canadian Lodge at Sweetsburg, and Corner Stone Lodge at Cowansville. I installed the officers in both Lodges.

I have to report the death of Brother Alexander Stark, of Brown Lodge, in the month of June last, also the death of V. W. Brother G. L. Kemp, of Prevost Lodge, on the 12th of Sept. inst. They were both buried with Masonic honours.

I regret that I have not been able to visit more of the Lodges in my jurisdiction, but as I have heard no complaint, I trust that peace and harmony prevail within our borders.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

H. P. NEWELL,

D. D. G. M. for the District of Bedford.

Sept. 25, 1877.

R. W. Bro. E. B. Eddy, D.D.G.M., for the Ottawa District, through the Grand Secretary, made the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Quebec.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution I submit my Report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District.

It affords me pleasure to report that Peace and Harmony prevail throughout this District. A fair share of prosperity has been enjoyed by the different Lodges during the past year, and with one or two exceptions, they are in good working order.

I granted two Dispensations, one to Eddy Lodge to wear Masonic clothing and attend a Concert held in Ottawa under the auspices of the Craft for the relief of Local Charities, another to Pontiac Lodge to change their night of meeting from the second to the first Tuesday in each month. Also had the honor of forwarding the M. W. Grand Master's Dispensation for formation of Onslow Lodge, Quio. Would recommend that a Warrant of Confirmation be granted to this Lodge by the M. W. the Grand Lodge at its present session, same to take effect the 27th day of December next.

The number and names of Lodges in this District are as follows, viz:— Pontiac, No. 40; Onslow, U. D.; Aylmer, No. 22, and Eddy, No. 41.

The usual press of private business necessitating frequent absences from home prevented my visiting the several Lodges to the extent I would have wished for.

I examined the books of the above named Lodges and found them well kept and in good order.

There is a great diversity of work in the Lodges in this District which creates confusion, and is also detrimental to the proper instruction of the Brethren.

I most respectfully recommend this Grand Lodge to obtain with as little delay as practicable, a regularly authorized and established Ritual in order to secure uniformity in the several Private Lodges, all of which differ in this respect for the want of it.

I am sorry to report that the Messenger of Death visited our District and called from our midst after a lingering illness at Hull, on the 19th day of March last, Bro. THOMAS GEORGE BUCK, thereby adding another worker to that Grand Lodge above, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest, therein to receive the rewards of their labor. He was buried with Masonic honors by the brethren of Eddy Lodge, No. 41, of which he was a charter member.

His presence is missed by a large circle of friends and Brethren who mourn his loss.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. EDDY,

D. D. G. M. Ottawa District.

R. W. Bro. Jas. Addie, D. D. G. M., for the District of St. Francis, made his report verbally, stating that he had accidentally left his home without it, and promising to submit it, in the course of a few days, to the Board of General Purposes.

The above reports were received, and those of R. W. Bros, Judge, McMinn, Newell and Eddy, were referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon, the President of the Board was directed to report on the written report of R. W. Bro. Addie after the same shall have been received.

The report of R. W. Bro. Addie has since been received, and is as follows:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honour to lay before you my report upon the state of Masonry in the St. Francis District for the year 1876. There are nine Lodges in this District, six of which I have visited during the year, three—viz., Mount Orford Lodge, at Georgeville; Doric Lodge, at Danville; and Excelsior Lodge, at Upton—I have been unable to visit. I granted dispensations to Golden Rule Lodge, at Stanstead, and St. Francis Lodge, at Richmond, to

hold Masonic Festivals on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1876; each of these Festivals, as I have since learned, passed off very pleasantly.

I am very happy to say that I found the Lodges which I visited working in an efficient and constitutional manner, the officers thoroughly qualified for the discharge of their duties, especially Golden Rule Lodge, at Stanstead, Victoria Lodge, at Sherbrooke, and Ascot Lodge, at Lennoxville. I found the usual attendance of members fair, and the minutes of the several Lodges carefully and regularly kept. I have good reason to believe that the Lodges which I have been unable to visit are in a prosperous condition. I was sorry to find in the most of the Lodges that several brethren were in arrears for dues, in a few instances heavily so.

On the Festival of St. John, December 27th, I had the honour to instal the Officers of Victoria, Ascot, and Lake Magog Lodges, in the City of Sherbrooke. I have found that the members of all the Lodges in this District, with the exception of Golden Rule, Mount Orford, and Lake Magog Lodges (which work the ancient York Rite), are very anxious that uniformity of work should be established in this Province as soon as possible. I am sorry to say that if Golden Rule, Mount Orford, and Lake Magog Lodges are compelled to change their Ritual, it will very materially dampen their zeal for Freemasonry, as they are very warmly attached to their Ritual, which I am happy to say is thoroughly and efficiently worked by them; especially is this the case with Golden Rule Lodge, which is the best worked Lodge I ever had the pleasure of visiting. I have also found all the Masters of the Lodges in this District very anxious that you would give them a Code of Masonic Law. They say the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec does not touch on many points; and, on referring to Grand Lodge rulings, they find such diverse and antagonistic decisions that it is impossible for them to know what course to pursue. They firmly believe that the prosperity of the order would be materially enhanced if a Code similar to that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ohio was established; and I must say that I heartily concur in their opinion.

The G. A. of the Universe has, in His providence, seen fit to remove from amongst us, to the G. Lodge above, W. Bro. William Lane, Past Master of Ascot Lodge, a loss which Ascot Lodge feels deeply. His body was interred with Masonic honours by Ascot Lodge, assisted by a large number of members from Victoria and other Lodges. We have also to deplore the death of Bro. Dr. Hall, of Lake Magog Lodge, whose removal from their midst is deeply regretted by the members of his Lodge. His body was removed to the City of Montreal for burial. These are the only deaths, so far as I have been able to learn, in this District.

During the month of January I received, from the Worshipful Master of Mount Orford Lodge, a complaint against St. John and Graham Lodges in Bedford District, for having encroached on the territory under their jurisdiction. This complaint I laid before the Board of General Purposes at its semi annual meeting in March, when it was decided that the matter should be referred to M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, for his explanation of the circumstances of the case, he being acquainted with the whole matter; and the complaint, with his opinion thereon, was to be submitted to the most Worshipful the Grand Master for his decision; and I trust the difficulty has by this time been settled.

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During the past two years the membership of Victoria Lodge, in the City of Sherbrooke, has been largely increased, consequently the labours of the Master and officers have been very severe. Anticipating continued prosperity in the future, a number of the members of the Victoria have deemed it advisable to form a new Lodge in the City of Sherbrooke, to be called the "Prince of Wales Lodge." I shall present their petition at the present Annual Communication, and I have much pleasure in recommending that its prayer be granted, being firmly convinced that "Prince of Wales Lodge" will be an honour to the craft.

In conclusion, I am happy to be able to state that harmony and prosperity have attended all the Lodges in this District during the past Masonic year.

The whole respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADDIE,

D. D. G. M. St. Francis District.

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. H. Nye, then delivered the following discourse:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

In addressing you for the fifth time as your Grand Chaplain I cannot pretend to advance anything very new, as the field of Masonic ethics has been pretty thoroughly explored in previous discourses by myself and my worthy predecessors in this office. The utmost that I can hope to do is to clothe some of the old familiar truths in a new garb, and to re-awaken your interest in subjects which by reason of their frequent repetition, may, perhaps, have grown tame and wearisome.

One of the most striking and attractive features of our order is its social character. It is its high privilege and duty to go forth into the midst of a dark and selfish world as the herald of a broader charity and more active benevolence. Freemasonry not only inculcates the principle of love and benevolence, it seems to give them an actual and living presence in all the occupations and intercourse of life, so that wherever the lot of a good Mason may be cast the invisible but helpful arms of his order may surround him to protect him from danger and to help him on his wanderings through this maze world.

Like the fabled deities of ancient story, Freemasonry surrounds all her children with her fostering arms, watching over their struggling footsteps with maternal care, in the hour of peril, sickness or distress, revealing her heaven-born beauty and power. By her gracious ministration the weary pilgrim's load is lightened, his path cleared before him, and should death overtake him on his journey, away from kindred, home and friends, her soft hands smooth his dying pillow and wipe away nature's last bitter tear. This, my brethren, is no mere rhetorical picture conjured up by the speaker's fancy, of a Utopian institution such as the world has never seen;

it is the simple experience of many a worthy brother, who under the ægis of our order has passed from darkness into light. Such deeds of kindness seldom meet the public eye, or gratify the public ear, but they are being daily registered in imperishable characters in the records of the Grand Lodge above.

It is sometimes said that Masonry is selfish, that masons confine their benefactions to themselves. Were this true to the fullest extent, it would be no serious imputation; for all will admit that our charities or benefits must be limited by our resources, and it is in no wise derogatory to the masonic body if their "charity begins at home." Freemasonry, undoubtedly, gives the first place in its regard and benefactions to its own children, but its principle is that of unrestricted philanthropy: and, beyond its pale, many a heart has been made to throb with reviving hope, and many an eye to sparkle with joy by its timely aid. The true Mason's ear, while it is peculiarly alert to catch the faintest cry of distress that is rung from a brother's heart, is never closed to that cry from whatever quarter it may come. The spirit which animates our order, inspiring all its faithful members and controlling all their acts, is the spirit of love—love deep as the fatherhood of God and wide as the brotherhood of man.

It is not only to each other, therefore, that we are to exercise the virtues of charity and *forbearance* (for the former includes the latter), but to all mankind, to all who need our sympathy, our kindness, and our assistance. And in a world so suffering as this, we are never at a loss to find an ample field for the exercises of those graces. In every corner of our cities, towns and villages we see honest poverty struggling with the most adverse circumstances. Everywhere we tread in the midst of indescribable misery, everywhere open before us the dwellings of hungry poverty, where oppressed and suffering virtue hides herself and weeps. The field for the exercise of our charity is unlimited, and it is the special glory of masons that they belong to an institution which is as widespread as the evils which it seeks to remedy.

There is another distinguishing feature of our Order, which although I have alluded to in former addresses, I cannot pass over on the present occasion. It is a glorious part of the mission of Freemasonry to seek to promote a true spirit of *brotherly kindness* among all ranks and conditions of men. Knowing no distinction but that of *merit*, and including in her fold men of all classes and creeds, she frowns upon all sectional and sectarian differences, and says to the angry disputants in politics or religion—"Sirs, ye are brethren!" May I be permitted to repeat on this point words which I addressed to the Grand Lodge four years ago, and to which recent events have supplied a sad and striking commentary?

Freemasonry has ample work to do in all States and nations in hastening the brotherhood of man. In this Canada of ours there is sufficient need that it should spread the cement of brotherly love to counteract the sectional, political and sectarian tendencies to alienation and strife. In the religious world even, I am sorry to say, there is need of masonic labor to realize the unity for which every true worshipper of the great Jehovah ever hopes and prays. It ought not so to be, but it is true that in the Masonic circle there is a tie of brotherhood which makes religious men more truly fraternal, and not merely to express more of that union which is so essential to religious joy and usefulness than they are wont to have outside that circle. And surely if ever age or country has need of all the forces that can be made available for so great a result, our young Dominion in this, the hour

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of her youth and danger, has that need. Here within our borders we have a community composed of races widely differing in origin and idiosyncrasy, and the tide of emigration is constantly bringing in waves of population from the elder world to find a home and country under the broad shelter of our free institutions—our just and equal laws. To unite and assimilate these varied people is a task which requires Masonic cement and Masonic charity. Let us each strive in his own sphere, faithfully to use the trowel and spread the cement of affection and kindness which unites all the members of the great Masonic family, wheresoever dispersed, into one grand union of brotherly love, relief and truth.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James O'Halloran, P.G.M., seconded by V. W. Bro. W. Simpson,

That the discourse of the R. W. Grand Chaplain, just delivered, be entered *in extenso* in the minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and be also published in some of the newspapers of this city.

The motion was carried unanimously.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report on numbering Lodges on the roll.

NUMBERING OF LODGES.

On the question of Numbering Lodges, the Board beg to report as follows:—

That having carefully examined the various documents submitted in evidence of the claims of the respective Lodges for seniority, they have agreed upon the following order, in which the existing Lodges should be placed:

1. Antiquity Montreal.
2. Albion Quebec.
3. St. John "
4. Dorchester St. Johns.
5. Golden Rule Stanstead.
6. St. Andrew Quebec.
7. Prevost, late 2, Q. R. Dunham.
8. Prevost, late 1, R. C. Dunham.
9. Nelson St. Armand Station.
10. St. George, late 19, C. R. Montreal.
11. St. George, late 6, Q. R. "
12. Zetland, late 7, Q. R. "
13. Zetland, late 21, C. R. "
14. Hoyle Lacolle.
15. St. Francis Richmond.
16. Victoria Sherbrooke.
17. Harrington Quebec.
18. Sheffield Waterloo.
19. Stanbridge Stanbridge.
20. Montreal Kilwinning Montreal.
21. Yamaska Granby.

22. Aylmer	Aylmer.
23. St. George	Quebec.
24. Browne	West Farnham.
25. Royal Albert	Montreal.
26. Victoria	"
27. St. John	Mansonville.
28. Tuscan	Levis.
29. Royal Canadian	Sweetsburg.
30. Ascot	Lennoxville.
31. Ashlar	Coaticooke.
32. Mount Royal	Montreal.
33. Frelighsburg	Frelighsburg.
34. Doric	Danville.
35. Brome Lake	Knowlton.
36. Chateauguay	Huntingdon.
37. Corner Stone	Cowansville.
38. Mount Moriah	Montreal.
39. Sutton	Sutton Flatts.
40. Pontiac	Shawville.
41. Eddy	Hull.
42. Abercorn	Abercorn.
43. Milton	Three Rivers.
44. St. Charles	Montreal.
45. Cœurs Unis	"
46. Excelsier	Upton.
47. Graham	Bolton Centre.
48. Mount Orford	Georgeville.
49. Shawenegan	Three Rivers.
50. Olive Branch	West Shefford.
51. Burland	St. Johns.
52. Prince Consort	Montreal.
53. St. Andrew	"
54. Ionic	"
55. Lake Magog	Magog.
56. St. John	Montreal.
57. Hochelaga	Hochelaga.
58. Montarville	Longueuil.
59. Bedford	Bedford.
60. Richelieu	Sorel.
61. Onslow	Onslow.
62. Corinthian	Montreal.
U. D. Rouville	Rougemont.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Tait, seconded by W. Bro. S. E. Moss, the report just read was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Tait, for the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report on "The Asylum Fund":

In the matter of the "Asylum Fund" the Board beg to report as follows:—

That since the semi-annual meeting of the Board of General Purposes, in March last, the Grand Secretary has received official information from

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the Grand Lodge of Canada, that at its recent Communication that Most Worshipful Body had decided to refund to this Grand Lodge the different sums subscribed by Lower Canada Lodges for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Asylum, with the interest accrued, and also to pay over the bequest of the late Bro. Edward Moss towards the same object.

The Board respectfully suggest that the money about to be refunded be paid over to the Benevolent Fund of this Grand Lodge, if practicable.

On motion of W. Bro. Boswell, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Tait, for the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report on Masonic Journal.

"MASONIC JOURNAL."

The Board have had under consideration the question of a Masonic journal for this Province, which was alluded to in the address of the M. W. the Grand Master at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and beg to report that at the last semi-annual meeting of the Board the following Report was adopted:—

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes.

The Committee on "Masonic Journal" begs leave to report:

That its members are of opinion that a Masonic journal, published under the control and superintendence of the Grand Lodge or its nominees, would tend much to forward the interest of the Craft in this Province by the promulgating amongst its members Masonic news which otherwise cannot generally be disseminated.

Your Committee are not prepared to advise any considerable amount of expenditure from Grand Lodge funds for the purpose of a yearly subsidy to a paper, nevertheless they think that at starting a small sum might be granted, which, with subscriptions and advertisements to be obtained, would guarantee the paper for at least one year.

Your Committee have made inquiries in regard to the cost of such a paper as would, in their opinion, be ample to answer the end sought after, and find that one of the size and general pattern of *The Masonic Token*, issued by Bro. Stephen Berry, of Portland, Me., and which is issued quarterly, could be established, and run at about the following rate of expense:

For printing and publishing	\$150 00
Postage, &c	50 00
Total	\$200 00

On reference to last printed proceedings of Grand Lodge of Quebec, it appears there is a membership in our Craft in the Province of Quebec of about 3,000, and your Committee are of opinion that say one-fourth of that number, or 750, could easily be induced to subscribe at the annual sum of twenty-five cents—this would give..... \$112.50

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The same authority informed us that these are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada sixty-three Lodges, each of which, by recommendation of the Grand Lodge, would also subscribe for one copy.....	9.45
A few standing advertisements ought to produce.....	120 00
Total	\$241 95

If this calculation is at all reliable, and your Committee thinks it is, enough money will be easily raised to carry out the project recommended.

Your Committee is alive to the fact that on the limited scale now recommended a very great deal in the way of editorial talent cannot be expected, indeed they are disposed to advise that at the outset the paper will not depend so much on original matter in the shape of editorials as a compilation of Masonic matter for dissemination amongst the Craft.

Your Committee would finally recommend that if arrangements can be made with the Grand Secretary, that that officer should take charge of the proposed paper for at least the first year of its existence, or until arrangements can be made with a competent person for permanent editorship.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. JUDGE,

Chairman.

At the same meeting the President of the Board and Grand Treasurer were instructed to make the necessary arrangements with the Grand Secretary to carry out the views embodied in the foregoing Report of Committee.

The President of the Board and Grand Treasurer have, at the present meeting of the Board, reported that they had endeavored to effect an arrangement with the Grand Secretary as above directed, but that the Grand Secretary declined to enter into any arrangements for certain reasons, which will be stated in his Report.

The whole matter is, therefore, respectfully submitted.

W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, seconded by V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, offered the following resolution:

That the report of the Board of General Purposes regarding the publication of a Masonic Journal, under the auspices of this Grand Lodge, be referred back to the Board with instructions to report again thereon at the next regular communication of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Judge, seconded by R. W. Bro. Hon. Thos. Wood, it was

Resolved,—That the election of officers of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, shall commence at eleven of the clock forenoon of the morrow (Thursday), immediately after the presentation of Testimonial on behalf of Grand Lodge to M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, P.G.M.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, D.G.M., from the Board of General Purposes, made the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M. :

Your Board beg most respectfully to report :

That whereas it appears that a communication has been received by the Grand Secretary from Burland Lodge, No. 51, under this jurisdiction, requesting the remission of the past year's dues of that Lodge to this Grand Lodge, said dues amounting to the sum of thirty dollars seventy-five cents (\$30.75), in consequence of the losses sustained by that Lodge by the fire which happened last year at St. Johns, Q., where the Lodge meets, and by which all the regalia, furniture and other property of the Lodge were destroyed.

And, inasmuch as this Grand Lodge, at a former communication, was pleased for similar reasons to remit one year's dues to Dorchester Lodge, No. 4, the Board recommends that the request of Burland Lodge, as above, be granted.

On the motion of the Grand Treasurer, seconded by the Grand Secretary, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, from the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M. :

The Board of General Purposes beg to report—

That there are in the hands of the Grand Secretary a number of reports, &c., &c., from Sister Grand Lodges, which are not bound, and that a small sum, say thirty dollars, might advantageously be employed in the binding of these reports, so fitting them for the shelves of Grand Lodge Library.

The Board therefore suggest that a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for the present year be paid to the Grand Secretary to be used for binding and for other purposes in connection with the Library at the discretion of that officer.

On the motion of V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, seconded by R. W. Bro. Grand Treasurer, the report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes by R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, made the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M. :

Your Board beg respectfully to report—

That having carefully examined the books of Richelieu Lodge, U. D., and of Corinthian Lodge, U. D., and finding the same proper and in form.

And being satisfied after due enquiry that the above Lodges are in a prosperous condition, and are under the management of prudent and skilful craftsmen, the Board advises that a Warrant or Charter should be granted to each of the above Lodges.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Thos. Milton, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. R. Whitman, the report on Warrants just read was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes through R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, made the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M. :

Your Board having had before them the case of Brother Ward, now or formerly a member of Prince Consort Lodge, No. 52, and having carefully investigated its peculiar circumstances, recommend that Prince Consort Lodge be instructed to confer the third degree on Brother Ward at a period suitable to all parties. Also that the said Lodge be directed to provide for that Brother after his "raising," a Grand Lodge certificate in the usual form.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Thos. Milton, seconded by R. W. Bro. Renshaw, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, for the Board of General Purposes, made the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M. :

Your Board beg to report that they have considered carefully the complaint laid before the Board by Bro. G. N. Wilkinson, stating that at the Regular Communication of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 5, Q. R., Stanstead, held in the month of April last, he was initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry; that at the Regular Communication of the said Lodge, held in May last, he was "placed upon probation for six months;" that no complaint or charge had been preferred against him, and that further advancement in the Order, and even a formal trial, had been refused him.

Upon examination we find that the Brother was, after being duly recommended, ballotted for and accepted in open Lodge and initiated, as stated by him; that at the next Regular Communication of the Lodge, without any reason being assigned therefor, the following resolution was passed in open Lodge: "That Bro. George N. Wilkinson be put on probation for six "months;" which resolution was communicated by the Secretary of the Lodge to the Brother, who demanded a reason, and received for reply the intimation that he "he was put on probation for unworthiness, but that the Secretary could not inform him who brought the matter before the Lodge."

The Brother, in consequence of the notification by the Secretary of the passing of the resolution in question, was prevented from presenting himself for further advancement in the Order, but has, instead, appealed to Grand Lodge for redress.

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We are bound to say that we consider the action of Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 arbitrary and unconstitutional, and would recommend that the Lodge be ordered, at its next Regular Communication; or whenever the Brother making the complaint presents himself for the purpose, to examine him,—and if he be found sufficiently advanced to pass him to the Second Degree, and within the usual time thereafter, upon his undergoing a satisfactory examination and proving himself qualified, to raise him to the Sublime Degree of a M. M., unless, indeed, a distinct and sufficient charge has been previously preferred against him, and he be in due time tried and convicted thereupon.

On the motion of V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, seconded by W. Bro. E. H. Johnson, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, from the Board of General Purposes, made the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M. :

Your Board beg respectfully to report—

That at the meeting of the Board in the month of March last, 1877, the following sums of money in aid of distressed Brethren were granted :

First.—To Bro. Strothers, Grand Tyler, the sum of Twenty-five dollars, to be taken from Benevolent Fund.

Second.—To W. Bro. Lane, P. M., of Ascot Lodge, No. 30, the sum of forty dollars, to be taken from same fund.

Your Board beg further to report,

That on the application, regularly made, of Bro. C. Richardson, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 6, they recommend that the sum of forty dollars be granted to that brother, that sum to be placed in the hands of W. Bro. Bowen, to be used at his discretion.

On motion of Grand Treasurer, seconded by R. W. Bro. Charleson, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, from the Board of General Purposes, made the following report :

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec A. F. and A. M. :

Your Board begs respectfully to report,—

That the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary have been carefully examined and checked with the respective vouchers and the same have been found correct.

That there is a balance of \$1,085.20 at the credit of the General Fund, which amount is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

This balance is the amount after withdrawal of five hundred dollars

(500.00) transferred to the Benevolent Fund by order of the Board of General Purposes.

That, in regard to the Benevolent Fund, by order of the Board of General Purposes, the sum of \$3,102.50 has been invested in the City of Montreal Consolidated six per cent. Bonds, in the name of R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, Deputy Grand Master, H. M. Alexander, Grand Treasurer, and John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, *in trust*, for the Board of General Purposes; an amount of \$935.56 stands at present in the Savings Bank of the Exchange Bank, in the name of "The Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

That there has been an amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) drawn during the past year from the Benevolent Fund and applied for the relief of the brethren at St. John, New Brunswick, sufferers by the recent calamitous fire there; this drawing was made on the responsibility of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master of the Montreal District, and the Grand Treasurer, after satisfactory official information had been received from the M. W. the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Your Board now recommends that this amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be taken from the General Fund and be placed to the credit of the Benevolent Fund, so as to keep the original amount of the last named fund intact, and that sufficient to make up four thousand dollars be invested when opportunity offers.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. R. Whitman, the report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes presented a report, through its president, which was adopted, ordering the payment of the sum of fifty dollars to the Grand Chaplain.

The following notice of motion, given at a previous communication of Grand Lodge by M. W. Bro. Thos. White, Junior, viz —

That Article 17 of the Book of Constitution relating to the place of meeting of Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the words "at Montreal," in the third line, and substituting therefor "alternately at the Cities of Montreal and Quebec,"

in the absence of M. W. Bro. White, finding no mover, fell to the ground.

W. Bro. Daniel Rose in pursuance of notice of motion by

him regularly given, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray :

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be altered by striking therefrom at page 40, clause 24, the words : " And of the Regular Lodge dues for the period he was suspended."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and lost.

V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, in accordance with his notice of motion given at the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander :

That such amendments be made to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge as will provide for the establishing of the office of Grand Lecturer, and the providing of an adequate salary to be paid to such officer for the performance of his duties in that capacity.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge, and not receiving a three-fourths vote, as required by the Constitution, it was declared lost.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, pursuant to his notice of motion given at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge, moved :

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be altered by striking therefrom at page 26, sec. 1 of Grand Chaplain, the words : " The Grand Chaplain," and substituting therefor the words : " Two Grand Chaplains."

The motion was lost.

R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, in the absence of W. Bro. Woodford, in accordance with the notice regularly given by the latter named Brother, then moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, the following resolution :

That no Mason shall belong to more than one Lodge at the same time (except he be an honorary member, as provided for by the Constitution).

This, however, not to apply to Brethren who are members of more than one Lodge at the time of passing this resolution.

Any member of a Lodge wishing to affiliate with another Lodge must present his application in the usual form, and if his application be accepted in said Lodge, his membership shall remain in abeyance until his demit from the former Lodge to which he belonged is surrendered to the last mentioned Lodge, when he shall become a full member.

The above resolution having been put to Grand Lodge, and

receiving the support of forty-five votes out of the total of fifty votes cast, was declared carried.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master informed the members of Grand Lodge present that it had been arranged to present in Grand Lodge, at the hour of 10 a.m., on the morrow, to M. W. Bro. John Hamilton Graham, P.G.M., the splendid silver service purchased in England by order of this Grand Lodge, in testimony of its appreciation of his valuable services, and requested the Brethren to be present in large numbers on that occasion.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master also gave notice that the election of officers of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year would commence at 11 o'clock a.m., on the morrow, or so soon as the above referred to presentation had taken place.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, seconded by R. W. Bro. Grand Secretary, and resolved:

That as the Committee on Ritual, appointed by the M. W. G. Master, and consisting of M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, W. Bro. Hobart Butler, and R. W. Bro. Richard Bull, are not prepared with any report on the subject, they be discharged; and that the Committee subsequently appointed, consisting of R. W. Bros. M. M. Tait, J. T. McMinn, Richard Bull, F. Edgar, Alex. Murray, J. H. Stearns, J. Urquhart, Thos. Milton, and A. Boisseau, being prepared with a report, be allowed to present the same.

R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, as Chairman of the Committee named by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, on ritual of the Grand Lodge of Quebec brought before Grand Lodge the following report:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.:

The Committee appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, on Ritual, beg to present this their report—

That they have completed the revision of the Ritual as far as the conclusion of the first or E. A. degree.

They respectfully suggest that the revised form be communicated to Grand Lodge during its present session for the information of its members, and in order that their labors so far performed may be dealt with as Grand Lodge shall see fit.

On behalf of the Committee.

(Signed,)

M. M. TAIT,

Chairman.

On motion of Bro. Tait, seconded by Bro. McMinn, the report was received.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Evening Session should be devoted to an exemplification of the Ritual as prepared.

It being six o'clock p.m., Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to re-assemble to receive above report of Committee on Ritual and other business, at 8 p.m., this day.

EVENING SESSION.

Grand Lodge resumed labor this evening at eight o'clock, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on the throne.

R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, on behalf of the Committee, exemplified the proposed work so far as the same had been prepared, *i. e.*, the whole of the opening, working in, and closing the first or E. A. degree.

On the motion of R. W. Bro. Addie, seconded by W. Bro. McFarlane, a vote of thanks was passed to R. W. Bro. McMinn for the pains and labor taken by him in exemplifying the work prepared by the Committee on Ritual.

It was then moved by R. W. Bro. Addie, seconded by W. Bro. Woodford:

That the Ritual of the E. A. degree, as just exemplified by R. W. Bro. McMinn, and as prepared by the Committee on Ritual, be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. E. R. Johnston, seconded by W. Bro. Vittie, moved in amendment:

That the Ritual just exemplified be not adopted.

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Nye, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, moved as an amendment to the amendment.

That the question of the adoption by this Grand Lodge of the proposed new Ritual be deferred until the morrow.

The amendment to the amendment was put to Grand Lodge, and was carried on the following vote :

Ayes	35
Nays	22

It being 10 o'clock p.m., Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to re-assemble on the morrow at 10:30 a.m.

MORNING SESSION.

27th September, 1877.

Grand Lodge resumed labor this day at 10:30 a.m., the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on the throne, a very large number of its members and visiting Brethren being present.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, for and on behalf of Grand Lodge, then presented to M. W. Bro. John H. Graham, a beautiful and costly silver tea service, in performance of this act, M. W. Bro. Dunbar said :

To John Hamilton Graham, Esquire, LL.D., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—At the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved.—That in recognition of the very valuable services rendered to the Craft in this Province by M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, and his labours for the welfare of this Grand Lodge, a suitable testimonial be tendered to him on behalf of this Grand Lodge, and that the M. W. G. M., the D. G. M., Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be a Committee to carry into effect this Resolution.

The accompanying Silver Tea Service having been procured from England, the pleasing duty devolved upon me, as one of the last and most agreeable of my official acts, to offer it, on behalf of this Grand Lodge for your acceptance.

To add to the terms of the resolution of Grand Lodge, I need only say, that by this testimonial is meant to evince the gratitude of Grand Lodge for your zealous and unceasing efforts to procure its establishment and exclusive sovereignty within this Province, and for your laborious and most valuable services during the six years you were the presiding officer.

Grand Lodge wishes you long life and happiness, and that you may have the proud satisfaction of seeing your handiwork crowned with the still greater success of this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Graham accepted the gift with suitable acknowledgments.

Pursuant to the understanding of yesterday, the election of officers of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the following, on the reports of the Scrutineers, Brothers T. P. Butler, E. H. Johnson and Edson Fitch, were declared duly elected.

- R. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, Grand Master.
- “ “ “ Hon. Thos. Wood, Deputy Grand Master.
- “ “ “ Edson Fitch, Grand Senior Warden.
- “ “ “ E. R. Johnson, “ Junior Warden.
- “ “ “ H. W. Nye, re-elected, “ Chaplain.
- “ “ “ H. M. Alexander, re-elected Grand Treasurer.
- “ “ “ John Shaw, Grand Registrar.
- “ “ “ John H. Isaacson, re-elected Grand Secretary.
- “ “ “ Benjamin Baker, Grand Tyler.

The following named Brethren were by the members of Grand Lodge from their several districts recommended to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to be by him appointed as District Deputy Grand Masters :

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| For Quebec and Three | } | R. W. Bro. C. Judge, Quebec City. |
| Riviers District, | | |
| “ Montreal District, | “ “ “ | J. T. McMinn, Montreal. |
| “ St. Francis “ “ “ | “ “ “ | E. S. Foss, Sherbrooke. |
| “ Bedford “ “ “ | “ “ “ | Horatio Horskin, Bedford. |
| “ Ottawa “ “ “ | “ “ “ | George H. Millen, Hull. |

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was pleased to approve and confirm each of the above recommendations.

A ballot having been passed, the following were duly elected as members of the Board of General Purposes :

M. W. Bro. John H. Graham.
 R. " " Isaac H. Stearns.
 " " S. S. Cushman.
 " " Arthur F. Simpson.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report :—

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board to whom was referred the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, begs to report as follows :

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to the Grand Master for his able and interesting address.

That the growth in numbers and financial prosperity of the Craft generally, not merely in this Province of Quebec in which we are more immediately interested, but also in every country, is the subject of sincere congratulation.

That the Board is pleased to notice that at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Edinburgh, that Grand Lodge unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that an interchange of representatives has been agreed upon, a proceeding which must of necessity further and increase the friendly relationship which already exists between the two Grand bodies, but your Board is still compelled to refer to the existence in the City of Montreal of a Lodge hailing from and recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a fact which seems inconsistent with the Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction in this Province, which is claimed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and which seems to have been practically admitted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Your Board hopes that by further correspondence between the two Grand Bodies this difficulty may be arranged. Your Board equally regrets that a difficulty of a somewhat similar nature with the Grand Lodge of England is still unsettled. The action taken by the Grand Master in reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario will no doubt be approved by this Grand Lodge, at all events until further information as to the objects of the members of the Craft who have undertaken to form and organize the said so-called Grand Lodge, and the propriety or necessity of such organization shall have been supplied. This matter, however, is referred to in a separate report of your Board.

The reference to the bequest of the late Brother E. Moss, and also as to the amounts heretofore contributed by the Lodges in this Jurisdiction to the Masonic Asylum Fund have been received with much satisfaction, and the Board recognises with thanks the efforts of E. W. Bro. Lesser, who has contributed in no small degree to the attainment of this object.

With reference to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and its claims for recognition by this Grand Lodge, the Board is of opinion that it would be desirable to await fuller information, as to the condition of Masonry in that jurisdiction before action be taken in this matter.

The Board, in conclusion, congratulates Grand Lodge upon the prosperity which the Craft now enjoys in this Province, and its future prospects of influence and usefulness.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Borlase, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. R. Whitman, the report on Grand Master's address was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report:—

STATE OF MASONRY.

The Board is pleased to be able to report that the State of Masonry in this Province, as shewn in the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, is most satisfactory; the report of the Grand Secretary shewing that nearly all the Lodges have made prompt and proper returns, and the accounts of the Grand Treasurer shewing a good and sufficient sum on hand to meet all the requirements of Grand Lodge.

The Board begs to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the request of the Grand Secretary that the returns from the Subordinate Lodges should be made in the prescribed form, and in due time; and hopes that in future these details will receive the necessary attention from Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of Lodges.

The Board is gratified to learn the prosperous condition of the several Districts as shewn in the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and hopes that in future each Lodge will receive at least one visit in the year from the District Deputy Grand Master of the District.

There is one exception, however, to the harmony which exists throughout the Craft in this Jurisdiction, and that is contained in the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for the Montreal District.

The Board regrets to learn from this report that there are still Lodges in that District working under Warrants from other Grand Lodges, and not acknowledging the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

In view of the fact that all possible means have been exhausted by this Grand Lodge, to bring about an amicable settlement with these Lodges working under Foreign Grand Lodges, without effect, the Board recommends that the proper steps be now taken to establish the authority of this Grand Lodge over all Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

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On motion of R. W. Bro. Stearns, seconded by R. W. Bro. Edson Fitch, this report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes to whom was referred the application of Ashlar Lodge, Coaticook, for a remission of Grand Lodge fees, begs to report:

That having examined into the state of this Lodge, the Board finds that, owing to the great depression in trade at Coaticook, many of the large employers of labour at that place have been obliged to shut down, throwing many of the members of the Lodge out of employment, in consequence of which the Lodge almost fell into abeyance. By the exertions of the present W. M., aided by a few zealous brethren, the Lodge has been resuscitated, and all the Grand Lodge dues, up to this time have been met. But there are about 20 members of the Lodge who have not yet received their Grand Lodge Diplomas, although they are fully entitled to them. The Lodge being entirely without funds is not now in position to obtain them. The Board recommends that, under the exceptional circumstances in which the Lodge is placed, the said Diplomas be granted and that the Lodge be allowed 12 months to pay for the same.

On motion of R. W. Bro. McMinn, seconded by R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, the report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes then made the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.:

The Board of General Purposes begs to report,—

That having carefully and particularly examined all the evidence adduced, and papers and documents laid before it in the matter of Brother Elias Gay, lately suspended for Unmasonic Conduct, by Lodge of Antiquity, No. 1, your Board recommends that the suspension be continued until such time as said Elias Gay shall appear before this Grand Lodge, and shew cause why he be not expelled from the Order.

On motion of R. W. Bro. McMinn, seconded by W. Bro. Boswell, the report was received and adopted.

Grand Lodge was then called off from labor to refreshment, to re-assemble at 2:50 p.m., this day.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 2:50 p.m., this 27th day of September, 1877, 5877, Most Worshipful Bro. James Dunbar on the Throne.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report:—

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the applications for assistance, of Mrs. Wiswell and Mrs. Lane, and Bro. David B. Lewis, begs to report,—

That these applications having been presented only on the last day of the meeting of Grand Lodge, it would be irregular under the Constitution to grant any money vote to assist the applicants.

Therefore, the Board recommends that the applications lay over until the next meeting of this Board.

On motion of R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, seconded by W. Bro. Kennedy, the report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report as to mutual and systematic benevolence of private Lodges:—

That it appears to the Board that the most practical and feasible mode of collecting the subscriptions of the several private Lodges for the purposes of benevolence would be to amend the constitution under the caption "fees," page 56, by inserting on said page, immediately preceding the last paragraph, the following words: "Every member of each Lodge shall pay towards the General Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge, one dollar per annum." Should this amendment be carried, the Board suggests that the Boards of Relief for each District be organized as at present, and that the Executive Committee of each Board be authorised to draw on the Grand Treasurer to the extent, if necessary, of the amount received from the private Lodges in each respective District. In the opinion of the Board, this or some more efficient system of collecting general funds for mutual benevolence must be adopted, as the present organizations are falling to pieces for want of proper support.

On motion of R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, moved:

That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the form of Ritual for Lodges in this Jurisdiction so far reported, consisting of the Ritual of the first degree is satisfactory, and should be adopted, but that it is not expedient to enforce the same until the report is completed; therefore, the Committee on ritual be requested to continue its labor.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and carried.

The Board of General Purposes made the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.:

Your Board respectfully reports,—

That the subject of the appointment by this Grand Lodge of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, having been under the notice of the Board, it strongly recommends that such Committee be named, and that the following Brethren act as such:

R. W. Bro. Nye, as Chairman.
 " " " Judge.
 " " " W. Simpson Walker.
 " " " Grand Secretary.

On motion of R. W. Bro. F. Edgar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, the report was received and adopted.

Thereupon, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master appointed Bros. Nye, Judge, Walker and Isaacson, as Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.:

The Board of General Purposes beg to report,—

That they have considered the petition of certain Brethren residing at Sherbrooke, asking for a Warrant to establish "Prince of Wales Lodge" there, and finding that the petition is recommended by Victoria Lodge, No. 16, in that City, and by the District Deputy Grand Master for the St. Francis District,

Your Board recommend that a Warrant do issue from this Grand Lodge as prayed for.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Thos. Milton, seconded by R. W. Bro. Addie, the report was received and adopted, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to issue the Warrant as soon as practicable.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.:

Your Board beg to report,—

That they have had laid before them a petition from Brethren at Rivière du Loup, (*en bas*), asking for a dispensation to authorise them to establish a Lodge at that place, together with the report of Tuscan Lodge, No. 28, and the opinion of the District Deputy Grand Master of Quebec and Three Rivers on the matter, and after considering the subject they are of opinion that it would be inadvisable for Grand Lodge to grant the Warrant asked for.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Thos. Milton, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, Deputy Grand Master, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray:—

That this Grand Lodge cannot permit M. W. Bro. James Dunbar to retire from the highest office in Grand Lodge, which he has filled with so much ability, without expressing its deep sense of the obligation under which it is to him for the valuable services rendered by him since its establishment to the present time.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and carried by acclamation.

M. W. Bro. Dunbar expressed his thanks to Grand Lodge for the kind expressions towards him contained in the foregoing resolution, and assured G. L. of his continued interest in its welfare.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The following officers elect having been duly presented,

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were formally installed in the several offices to which they had been elected, viz.:

M. W. Bro. Melbourne M. Tait,	M. W. Grand Master.
R. " " Thos. Wood,	R. " Dep. Grand Master.
" " " Edson Fitch,	" " Grand Sen. Warden.
" " " E. R. Johnston,	" " " Jun. " "
" " " H. M. Alexander,	" " " Treasurer.
" " " John H. Isaacson,	" " " Secretary.

R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Edgar, and it was

Resolved,—That in consideration of the recognition of this Grand Lodge—through the establishment of fraternal relations in the interchange of Grand Representatives—by the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and in view of the fact that there still exists in this Jurisdiction, a Subordinate Lodge working under Charter from that Grand Body, as well as three Subordinate Lodges working under Charters from the Grand Lodge of England; therefore, it is expedient, that a definite period be now fixed when those several Lodges shall return to their respective Grand Lodges their Charters, and receive from this Grand Lodge a Duplicate thereof, so that the Supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec may be preserved intact in accordance with the well understood regulations defining the Territorial Jurisdiction of Grand Lodges on this Continent.

And, inasmuch as the interests of the Craft in this Jurisdiction require that no unnecessary delay shall ensue in carrying out this resolution, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master is hereby instructed to cause the same to be communicated forthwith to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland respectively, with a respectful notification that their several subordinate Lodges shall on or before the 1st of January next comply with the terms thereof.

R. W. Bro. Isaacson moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander:—

That the thanks of this G. L. are due and are hereby tendered to James Tasker, Esq., Principal of the Business College in this City, for the use of one of his rooms for the purposes of business of Grand Lodge.

The motion was unanimously carried, and the Grand Secretary desired to carry it into effect.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, Ottawa River Navigation Company, and to each of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, The Central Vermont Railway Company, and the South-

Eastern Railway Company, who had carried delegates and visitors to the present meeting of Grand Lodge to and from Montreal at reduced fare.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler,

That the thanks of this G. L. are due and are hereby tendered to the Room Committee of Masonic Hall, for the use of their premises for the purposes of the present communication.

The motion was carried.

There being no other business before Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary read the rough minutes of the proceedings of this Communication, which were approved.

The R. W. the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was closed in ample form.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

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Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, held at Chicago, Illinois, on the 15th day of June, 1888.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge at Chicago, Illinois, this 15th day of June, 1888.

Wm. H. Mason, Grand Master

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LIST OF GRAND LODGES

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, WITH
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Alabama	D. Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber	Little Rock.
Argentine Republic ...	Carlos Urien	Buenos Ayres.
Belgium	Gustav Washer	Brussels.
Brazil	Dr. A. Freire de Amaral.	Rio Janeiro.
British Columbia	C. M. Chambers	Victoria.
California	Alex. G. Abel	San Francisco.
Columbia, District of .	W. R. Singleton	Washington.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Dakota	Mark W. Bailey	Canton.
Georgia	J. Emmett Blackshear.	Macon.
Hungary	Antoine Richer	Pesth.
Idaho	Chas. Hemrod	Boise City.
Illinois	John F. Burrell	Springfield.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Ireland	S. B. Oldham	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Leavenworth.
Louisiana	Jas. C. Batchelor	New Orleans.
Manitoba	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Michigan	E. S. Garfield	Detroit.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Montana	C. Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	W. R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Brunswick	W. F. Bunting	St. John.
New Hampshire	John A. Harris	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New York	James M. Austin, M.D.	New York.

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Nova Scotia	Benj. Curren, B.C.L.....	Halifax.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Prince Edward Island.	B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyons.....	Edinburgh.
South Carolina.....	Charles Ingleby.....	Charleston.
Texas	Geo. H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry Clarke	Rutland.
West Virginia	O. S. Lodg	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	W. G. Tonn	Evanston.

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39. Dakota—R. W. Bro. Calvin G. Shaw.
R. W. Bro. Frank Montague Sowdon, Montreal, Que.
40. Prince Edward Island—R. W. Bro. McKelvie.
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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1877-78.

PRESIDENT:

R. W. Bro. Hon. Thos Wood, Deputy Grand Master, Dunham.

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(By virtue of their Office.)

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" " "	E. R. Johnson,	Stanstead,	Grand Junior Warden.
" " "	H. M. Alexander,	Montreal,	Grand Treasurer.

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R. W. Bro.	J. T. McMinn,	Montreal,	Montreal District.
" " "	C. Judge,	Quebec,	Quebec & Three Rivers Dist.
" " "	E. T. Foss,	Sherbrooke,	St. Francis District.
" " "	Horatio Horskin,	Bedford,	Bedford District.
" " "	George H. Millen,	Hull,	Ottawa District.

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M. W. Bro.	J. H. Graham,	Richmond.
R. W. Bro.	I. H. Stearns,	Montreal.
" " "	S. S. Cushman,	Hull.
" " "	Arthur F. Simpson,	Lennoxville.

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M. W. Bro.	James Dunbar,	Quebec.
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" " "	James Bowen, jr.,	Quebec.
" " "	E. E. Spencer,	Freligsburg.

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R. W. Bro.	Edgar,	Montreal.
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" " "	Milton,	Montreal.
V. " "	Hobart Butler,	Bedford.
" " "	T. P. Butler,	Montreal.
M. " "	Thos. White,	Montreal.
R. " "	C. Staveley,	Quebec City.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1877-78.

	M. W. Bro.	MELBOURNE M. TAIT, Montreal,	Grand Master.
	R. W. Bro.	HON. THOS. WOOD, Dunham,	Deputy Grand Master,
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	" " "	J. T. McMINN, Montreal,	D.D.G.M. Montreal Dist.
	" " "	HORATIO HORSKIN, Bedford,	" Bedford Dist.
	" " "	E. T. FOSS, Sherbrooke,	" St. Francis Dist.
	" " "	GEORGE H. MILLEN, Hull	" Ottawa Dist.
	" " "	EDSON FITCH, Levis,	Grand Senior Warden.
	" " "	E. R. JOHNSON, Stanstead,	Grand Junior Warden.
	" " "	REV. H. W. NYE, Ironhill,	Grand Chaplain.
	" " "	H. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal,	Grand Treasurer.
	" " "	JOHN SHAW, Quebec,	Grand Registrar.
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	" " "	W. R. CUTHBERT, Montreal,	Grand Junior Deacon.
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	" " "	MICHAEL LYNCH, Danville,	Grand Organist.
	" " "	W. D. B. JAMES, Montreal,	Grand Pursuivant.
	" " "	MARTIN WINN, Quebec,	Grand Steward.
	" " "	D. MANSON, Mansonville,	" "
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STATEMENT OF MONIES RECEIVED BY GRAND SECRETARY
DURING THE YEAR TERMINATING 27th SEPT., 1877.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	\$	CTS.
1	Antiquity.....	28	50
2	Albion.....	45	75
3	St. John.....	37	50
5	Golden Rule.....	102	00
6	St. Andrew.....	67	75
7	Prevost.....	26	00
8	Prevost.....	29	00
9	Nelson.....	13	75
11	St. George.....	56	00
12	Zetland.....	52	50
13	Zetland.....	58	00
14	Hoyle.....	7	25
15	St. Francis.....	79	00
16	Victoria.....	33	25
17	Harrington.....	43	50
18	Shefford.....	44	00
19	Stanbridge.....	35	50
20	Montreal Kilwinning.....	172	50
21	Yamaska.....	11	25
22	Aylmer.....	23	50
23	St. George.....	21	75
24	Browne.....	11	50
25	Royal Albert.....	57	50
26	Victoria.....	30	75
27	St. John.....	25	50
29	Royal Canadian.....	31	75
30	Ascot.....	58	50
32	Mount Royal.....	135	50
33	Frelighsburg.....	17	50
34	Doric.....	39	75
35	Brome Lake.....	11	25
36	Chateauguay.....	38	75
37	Corner Stone.....	41	00
38	Mount Moriah.....	71	00
39	Sutton.....	16	50
40	Pontiac.....	22	75
41	Eddy.....	46	25
42	Abercorn.....	19	00
45	Coeurs Unis.....	45	00
46	Excelsior.....	8	75
47	Graham.....	25	00
48	Mount Orford.....	17	00
50	Olive Branch.....	13	75
52	Prince Consort.....	75	50
	Carried forward.....	\$1,847	00

STATEMENT OF MONIES RECEIVED BY GRAND SECRETARY
DURING THE YEAR TERMINATING 27th SEPT., 1877.—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	\$ cts.
	Brought forward.....	1,847 00
53	St. Andrew.....	45 00
54	Ionic.....	66 25
55	Lake Magog.....	10 00
56	St. John.....	4 75
57	Hochelaga.....	26 00
58	Montarville.....	20 00
59	Bedford.....	48 25
60	Richelieu.....	29 50
61	Corinthian.....	11 75
	Onslow.....	10 00
	Evening Star.....	5 00
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SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1877.

No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspended.	Reinstated.	Members.
1	Antiquity.....	Montreal.....	2	2	.....	2	5	2	2	.....	49
2	Albion.....	Quebec.....	1	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	32
3	St. John.....	Quebec.....	4	5	4	2	5	1	.....	.....	50
4	Dorchester.....	St. John.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Golden Rule.....	Stanstead.....	11	9	9	1	2	2	.....	.....	144
6	St. Andrew.....	Quebec.....	6	6	8	1	3	1	.....	.....	79
7	Prevost.....	Dunham.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	52
8	Prevost.....	Dunham.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	46
9	Nelson.....	St. Armand.....	2	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
10	St. George.....	Montreal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	3	.....	36
11	St. George.....	Montreal.....	7	3	2	.....	.....	1	5	.....	79
12	Zetland.....	Montreal.....	5	8	6	.....	6	1	5	.....	68
13	Zetland.....	Montreal.....	5	3	2	2	9	.....	.....	.....	28
14	*Hoyle.....	Lacolle.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
15	St. Francis.....	Richmond.....	15	15	11	4	3	2	.....	.....	54
16	Victoria.....	Sherbrooke.....	13	12	9	4	2	.....	2	.....	101
17	Harington.....	Quebec.....	8	10	9	1	4	.....	1	.....	46
18	Shefford.....	Waterloo.....	4	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	67
19	Stanbridge.....	Stanbridge.....	2	2	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	59
20	Kilwinning.....	Montreal.....	10	11	11	3	3	3	.....	.....	157
21	Yamaska.....	Shefford.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
22	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	7	3	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
23	St. George.....	Quebec.....	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	.....	30
24	Browne.....	West Farnham.....	2	2	2	2	.....	1	1	.....	25
25	Royal Albert.....	Montreal.....	2	8	8	6	9	1	1	.....	141
26	Victoria.....	Montreal.....	3	3	3	.....	10	1	12	.....	43
27	St. John.....	Mansonville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	*Tuscan.....	Levis.....	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
29	Royal Canadian.....	Sweetsburgh.....	2	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
30	Ascot.....	Lennoxville.....	13	11	7	1	2	1	1	.....	64
31	Ashlar.....	Coaticook.....	16	16	16	1	7	2	13	.....	64
32	Mount Royal.....	Montreal.....	6	6	6	3	4	.....	.....	.....	55
33	Freligsburg.....	Freligsburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
34	Doric.....	Danville.....	3	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	68
35	Brome Lake.....	Knowlton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36	Chateauguay.....	Huntingdon.....	6	5	5	.....	1	1	.....	.....	39
37	Corner Stone.....	Cowansville.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	35
38	Mount Moriah.....	Montreal.....	7	7	7	.....	2	1	1	.....	53
39	Sutton.....	Sutton Flats.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40	Pontiac.....	Shawville.....	3	3	3	1	6	1	3	2	25
41	Eddy.....	Hull.....	7	6	5	3	1	1	.....	.....	59
42	Aberoom.....	Aberoom.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			180	175	155	46	95	25	62	7	2055

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1877—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspended.	Reinstated.	Members.
	Brought forward.....		180	175	155	46	95	25	62	7	2055
43	Milton.....	Three Rivers.....	1				6	1			35
44	St. Charles.....	Point St. Charles.....									
45	Cours Unis.....	Montreal.....	6	4	3		3		6	2	53
46	Excelsior.....	Upton.....	3	2	2		3		6		33
47	Graham.....	Bolton Centre.....	9	3	2					14	30
48	Mount Orford.....	Georgeville.....	5	5	5						39
49	Shawenegan.....	Three Rivers.....						1			26
50	Olive Branch.....	West Shefford.....	1	1	1						21
51	Burland.....	St. Johns.....	2	2	2	1	3	1	6		49
52	Prince Consort.....	Montreal.....	10	9	8		1				94
53	St. Andrew.....	Montreal.....	5	5	6	2	5	1	1		71
54	Ionic.....	Montreal.....	9	9	9	1	5		2		71
55	Lake Magog.....	Magog.....	3	3	3		1	1			29
56	St. John.....	Montreal.....	2	1	1	5	1				23
57	Hochelaga.....	Hochelaga.....	4	4	4	1					27
58	Montarville.....	Longueuil.....	8	8	8						22
59	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	1	1	1		1				50
	Evening Star.....	Brigham.....									20
	Richelieu.....	Sorel.....	10	10	9	8	2				33
	Corinthian.....	Montreal.....	3	2		3					29
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SUSPENDED.

FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 1.—*Antiquity.*

Gregor McGregor.

No. 8.—*Prevost.*

John Fair, Milton R. Bowker, Charles Krans, Andrew McGowan.

No. 10.—*St. George.*

Thomas Robinson, Allanson J. Shorey, Theodore Carter.

No. 11.—*St. George.*

William Webster, H. D. Lecappelain, William McKerness, Thomas M. G. Roberts, Frank T. Tappin.

No. 12.—*Zeland.*

E. W. Graham, P. Mahoney, Thomas Hurst, W. H. Coddington, James Hayden.

No. 15.—*St. Francis.*

Michael Lynch, Thomas Fee.

No. 17.—*Harington.*

E. E. Lauzon.

No. 23.—*St. George.*

J. B. Turner, Joseph St. Onge.

No. 26.—*Victoria.*

D. J. T. Allen, W. H. Bulmer, Robert Dawes, James A. Filgate, James Goulden, J. Lawdor, Martin Lawson, John B. Middlemiss, William Miller, R. T. Mackenzie, W. J. McNeice, A. B. Shearer.

No. 30.—*Ascot.*

William Henry Mannix.

No. 31.—*Ashlar.*

H. E. Edward, J. L. Thornton, A. A. Thomas, George W. Bowen, A. H. Baker, C. D. Dyke, David F. Brown, S. B. Humphrey, Charles T. Buckland, E. H. Todd, John N. Jenks, W. R. Cleveland, J. G. Bush.

No. 36.—*Chateauguay.*

Donald McPherson.

No. 37.—*Corner Stone.*

Edson Kemp, T. F. Wood, Robert Oliver, Henry Gatehouse, Daniel Spencer, William B. Seely.

No. 38.—*Mount Moriah.*

Robert Dawes.

No. 40.—*Pontiac.*

William G. Leroy, Archibald Leitch, Richard Foster.

No. 45.—*Cœurs Unis.*

Paul Payant, Moise Vary, Napoleon Prefontaine, Stanislas Auger, Louis Richard.

SUSPENDED—Continued.

FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 46.—Excellior.

Louis Faucher, William McEville, James McHardy, Thomas Desève,
George Faucher, A. Lusignan.

No. 47.—Graham.

William Grear, John Eade, J. H. Fowler, George Cairns, William Warren,
Henry Peardon, L. S. West, George E. Bowket, John Arthur, Anthony
Lachambre, William Peardon, Quincy A. Randall, Peter W. Fuller,
Eugene Baldwin.

No. 51.—Burland.

A. Chormier, E. N. Chevalier, C. Laperche, H. Bonin, E. Gibbons, J.
Mooney, E. W. Blodgett, S. Patterson.

No. 53.—St. Andre.

James S. Meldrum.

No. 54.—Ianic.

William Brady, John Gunn,

FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

No. 1.—Antiquity.

Elias Gay.

No. 25.—Royal Albert.

William George Bindley.

No. 45.—Cœurs Unis.

Sylvestre Bonneville.

No. 52.—Prince Consort.

Charles Boon, Henry Goodrick.

REINSTATED.

No. 16.—Victoria.

John H. Unsworth, W. H. Becket.

No. 24.—Brown.

Edward Oshier.

No. 30.—Ascot.

George T. Wiswell.

No. 40.—Pontiac.

William G. Leroy, Archibald Leitch.

No. 45.—Cœurs Unis.

Zotique Perrault, John D. Porcheron.

No. 52.—Prince Consort.

Charles Boon, Henry Goodrick.

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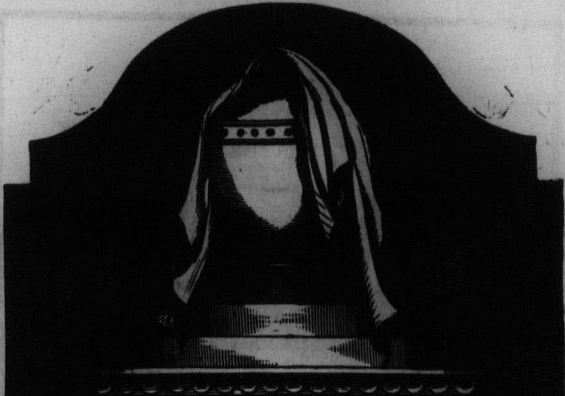
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DEATHS.

- No. 1.—*Antiquity*—L. F. Cameron, Robert Colquhoun.
" 3.—*St. John*—William Crawford.
" 5.—*Golden Rule*—Lafayette Buck, Timothy Wynn.
" 6.—*St. Andrew's*—James G. Colston.
" 7.—*Prevost*—Ani C. Squire, G. L. Kemp.
" 10.—*St. George*—Auguste Amos, Philippe Hussin.
" 11.—*St. George*—James H. Leslie.
" 12.—*Zelland*—Edward Moss.
" 20.—*Kilwinning*—Jas. Gibson, Geo. J. Lynch, Henry Pearson.
" 23.—*St. George*—William Mountain.
" 24.—*Brown*—Alexander Starke.
" 25.—*Royal Albert*—Edward K. Patton, M.D.
" 26.—*Victoria*—James Goulden.
" 30.—*Ascot*—William Lane.
" 31.—*Ashlar*—F. W. Crane, R. C. Lyster.
" 40.—*Pontiac*—Alexander Flockhard.
" 41.—*Eddy*—Thomas G. Buck.
" 43.—*Milton*—George Richardson.
" 49.—*Shawenegan*—Robert Southwood.
" 51.—*Burland*—Edward Hill.
" 53.—*St. Andrew*—James S. McCormick.
" 55.—*Lake Magog*—J. B. Hall, M.D.



In Memoriam.

V. W. BROTHER

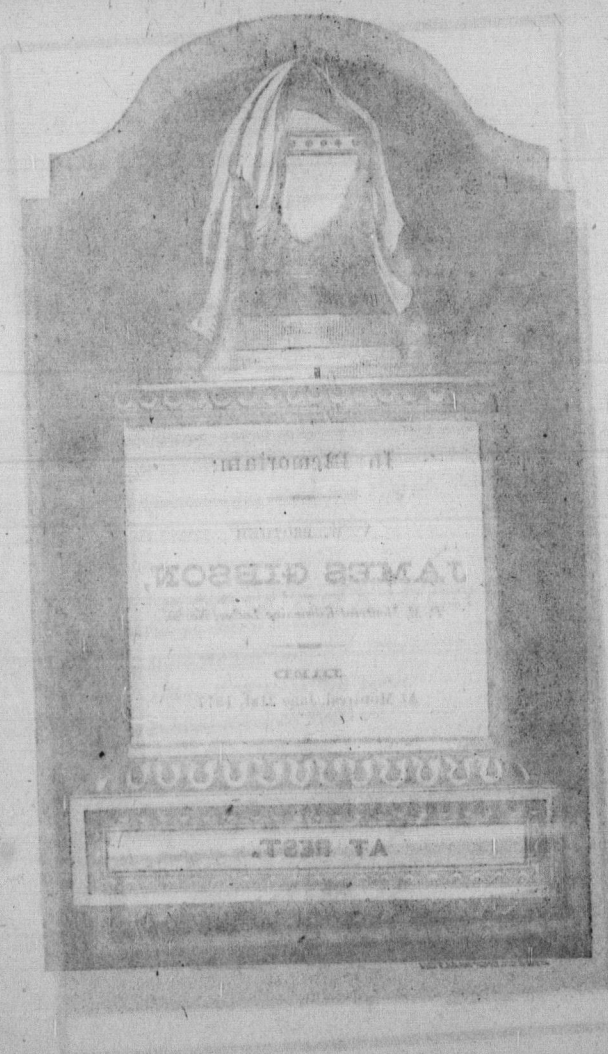
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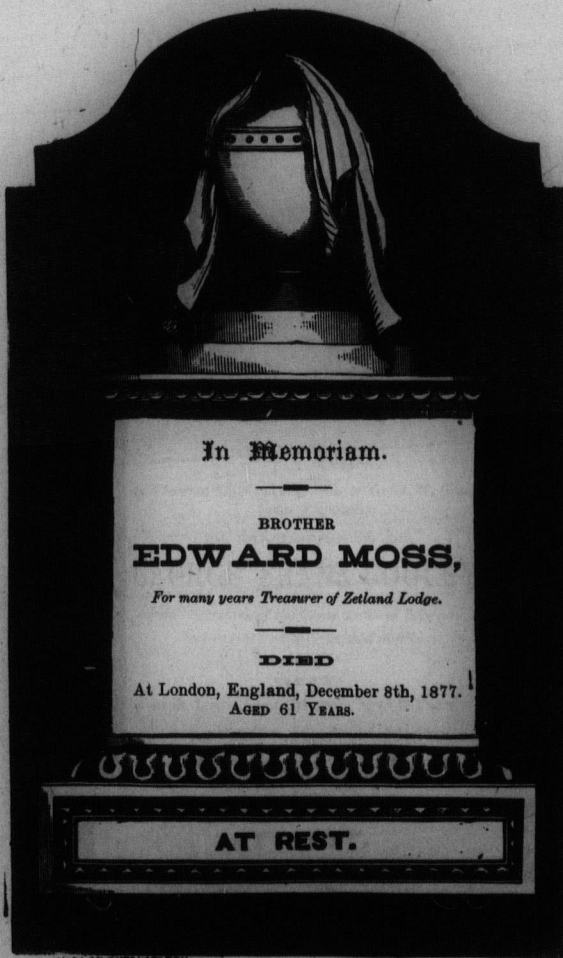
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At Montreal, June 21st, 1877.

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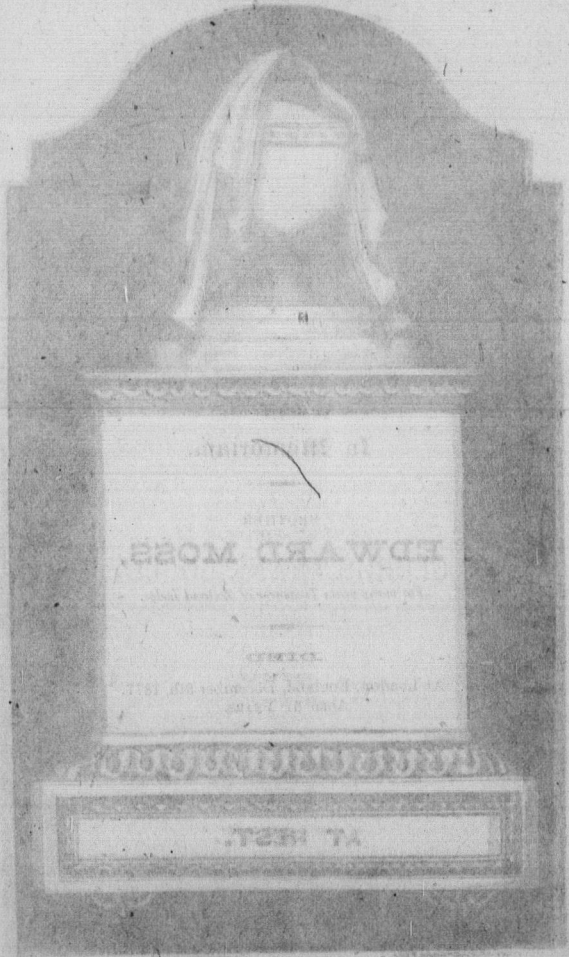
EDWARD MOSS,

For many years Treasurer of Zetland Lodge.

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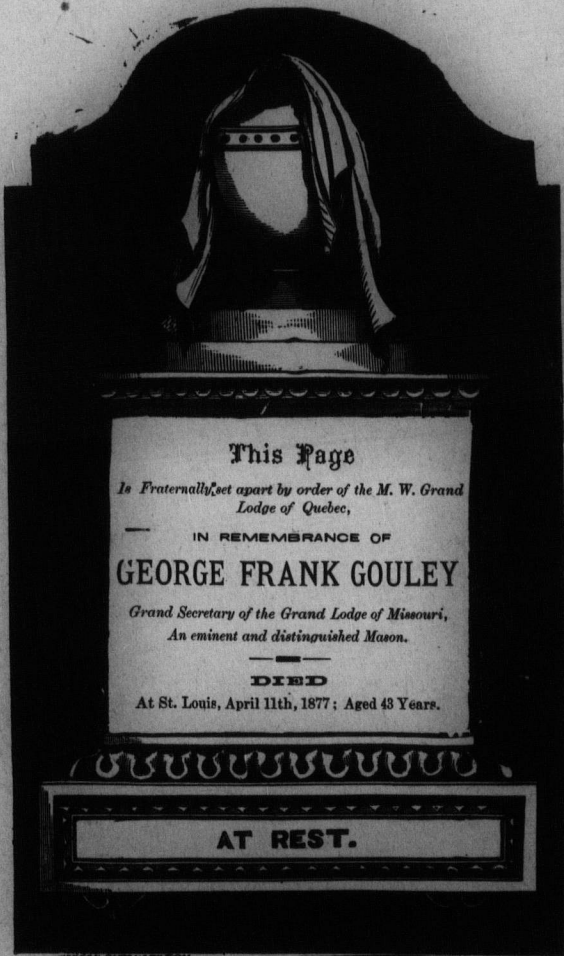
At London, England, December 8th, 1877.
AGED 61 YEARS.

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*Is Fraternally set apart by order of the M. W. Grand
Lodge of Quebec,*

— IN REMEMBRANCE OF —

GEORGE FRANK GOULEY

*Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri,
An eminent and distinguished Mason.*

— **DIED** —

At St. Louis, April 11th, 1877; Aged 43 Years.

AT REST.