

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

FROM ITS INSTITUTION AT BROCKVILLE, ON THE 23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1855,
TO THE CLOSE OF ITS SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD AT
THE TOWN OF ST. CATHARINES, ON THE 7TH AUGUST, 1856,

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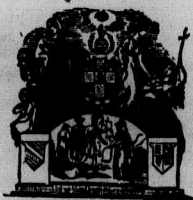
AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING THE

Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order,
OF THE SAID G. L.,

AND THE

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND RULES OF ORDER FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF SUBORDINATE LODGES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.



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FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West.

MEETING FOR INSTITUTION.

1855
LODGE ROOM, BROCK LODGE, No. 9,
Brockville, August 23, 1855.

In compliance with a summons of D. D. G. SIRE REYNOLDS, conveyed to the several Lodges in Canada West, a Meeting was held at 10, A. M., for the purpose of instituting a GRAND LODGE, to be known and hailed as "THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST." D. D. G. SIRE REYNOLDS proceeded to examine the credentials of the several Representatives present and announced to the meeting that the following Representatives were entitled to a seat in the new GRAND LODGE :

P. G. WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS,	}Representing Brock Lodge No. 9.
P. G. GEORGE SHERWOOD,..	
P. G. CHARLES E. EWING,.....	" Industry Lodge No. 25.
P. G. W. A. GLOVER,.....	" Erie Lodge, Pt. Burwell
P. G. JOHN CAMERON,.....	" Gore Lodge, Brantford.
P. G. BELA F. VANBROCKLIN,.....	" " " "
P. G. GEORGE W. ASHTON,.....	" Eureka " London.
P. G. G. T. CLARIS,.....	" Elgin " St. Thomas.

P. G. G. N. MORGAN,.....	Rep. Union Lodge, St. Catharines
P. G. CHAUNCEY YALE,.....	“ “ “ “
P. G. JOHN R. COOK,.....	“ “ “ “
P. G. NICHOLAS RIGGINS,.....	“ “ “ “
P. G. THOMAS FLETCHER,.....	“ “ “ “

The D. D. G. Sire then addressed the Representatives on the state and prosperity of the Order, and proceeded to instruct them in the Grand Lodge Degree, after conferring which, they were desired to elect their Officers for the current year.

Representative VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Yale, nominated D. D. G. Sire Reynolds as Grand Master.—Carried unanimously.

Rep. Sherwood, seconded by Rep. Ewing, nominated Rep. Dixon of Cobourg, as D. G. Master.

Rep. Morgan, seconded by Rep. Fletcher, nominated Rep. Yale of St. Catharines, as D. G. Master.

Rep. Reynolds, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, nominated Rep. Cameron as D. G. Master.

A ballot was taken, when Rep. Yale was declared elected Deputy Grand Master.

Propositions for the Office of Grand Secretary were then received.—Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, nominated Rep. Sherwood. Upon his declining the office, Rep. Sherwood, seconded by Rep. Cameron, named Rep. Fitzsimmons, who also declined. Rep. Fitzsimmons, seconded by Rep. Dixon, proposed Rep. Ewing, who declined. Rep. Yale nominated Rep. Dixon. This nomination was seconded by Rep. Ewing, whereupon Rep. Dixon was duly elected Grand Secretary.

Rep. Cook, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, named Rep. Cameron Grand Warden, and he was declared duly elected.

Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. Ashton, nominated Rep. Claris for the Chair of Grand Treasurer, and he was duly elected.

Grand Master elect, Reynolds, named Rep. Sherwood Grand Marshall, Rep. Ewing, Grand Conductor; and Rep. Fitzsimmons, Grand Guardian. The D. D. G. Sire then proceeded to instal the D. G. Master, the G. Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Warden, and the Appointed Officers, after which the Grand Master was duly installed by the Deputy Grand

Master, and the GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST was declared duly Instituted in Most Ancient form.

The Grand Master having taken the Chair for the transaction of business, it was moved by D. G. M. Yale, seconded by Rep. Glover,—That this Grand Lodge do adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the present Term, in so far as they are applicable to the management of this Grand Lodge. The motion was put and carried.

Moved by Rep. Ewing, seconded by Grand Secretary Dixon,—That the Grand Master, D. G. Master, Representatives Riggins, Cameron, and the mover, be named a Committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that they present a written copy of such Constitution and By-Laws to this Grand Lodge, for its consideration, at their early convenience, but not later than the next Session.—Carried.

Rep. Ewing moved, seconded by Rep. Riggins,—That Grand Master Reynolds be appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.—Carried.

The Grand Master proceeded to name the following Committees :

Property,—Reps. Van Brocklin, Dixon and Riggins.

Finance,—Reps. Ashton, Claris, and Cook.

Laws of Subordinates,—D. G. M. Yale, Riggins, and Cameron.

State of the Order.—Cameron, Yale and Fletcher.

Moved by Rep. Van Brocklin, seconded by Rep. Dixon,—That this Lodge do now adjourn, to meet at 7½, P. M.

LODGE ROOM,

7½, P. M.

Lodge assembled this evening.

Present,—Grand Master in the Chair; Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and all the Representatives.

The Property Committee made their Report, which, on motion of Rep. Morgan, seconded by Rep. Cook, was adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws made their Report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, was adopted and ordered to be filed.

The Standing Committee on the Good of the Order made their Report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Cook, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, was adopted and ordered to be filed.

Rep. Sherwood moved, seconded by Rep. Ewing,—That when this Lodge adjourns it do adjourn to meet at Brantford, on the third Wednesday in the month of October next.

Whereupon, Rep. Morgan, seconded by Rep. Riggins, moved in amendment,—That the word "Brantford" be struck out of the Motion.

The Amendment was put and lost. The Original Motion was then put and declared—Carried.

Rep. Claris moved, seconded by Rep. Ashton,—That the expenses of the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of Canada West be a charge upon the Grand Lodge Funds, and so soon as there are sufficient funds on hand, each Subordinate Lodge be reimbursed its expenditure.—Carried.

The Grand Master proceeded to name the following Deputy District Grand Masters:—

For Counties of Kent and Lambton.—P. G. Mears, of Rose Lodge, Amherstburg.

For County of Middlesex.—Rep. Ashton, of London.

For County of Elgin.—Rep. Glover, of Port Burwell.

For Brant and Haldimand.—Rep. VanBrocklin, Brantford.

For Lincoln and Welland.—The Deputy Grand Master, Yale, St. Catharines.

For Durham, Victoria, Northumberland and Ontario.—Rep. Ewing of Grafton, to be assisted by Grand Secretary Dixon, of Cobourg.

For Leeds and Grenville, Ottawa and the neighboring Counties.—Rep. Sherwood of Brockville.

Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Ewing, moved,—That we cannot allow this, the first opportunity we have had, to pass, without placing on the Minute Book of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, a record for all time to come, of our high sense and appreciation of the noble and untiring zeal and truly praiseworthy perseverance of the late Deputy District Grand Sire, THOMAS REYNOLDS, in upholding and maintaining our revered Institution in Canada West, and that too under the most frowning and adverse circum-

stances, when its utter annihilation was threatened, and nearly accomplished. Be it therefore unanimously Resolved, that the Lodges of Canada West owe him a debt of gratitude, and their warmest thanks, for his noble conduct, which we, as their Representatives, do hereby cordially acknowledge and extend to him, and that this Résolution be recorded in enduring characters upon the Minute Book of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

This Motion was put from the Chair of the Deputy Grand Master, and declared to be carried unanimously, all the Members of the Lodge standing.

Representative Ewing moved, seconded by Rep. Claris,—That this Lodge desires to return its thanks to Brock Lodge No. 9, for the use of the Lodge Room upon this occasion.—Carried.

The Grand Master proceeded, by request, to instruct the Lodge in the Work of the Order.

After which Rep. Sherwood, seconded by Rep. Cameron, moved that this Lodge do now adjourn, to meet in Brantford on the third Wednesday in October next, at 2, P. M.—Carried.

The Grand Master closed the Lodge in ancient form.

ANTHONY DIXON,
Grand Secretary.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

ODD FELLOWS HALL,
Brantford, October 17th, 1855.

This day the adjourned Session of the GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F., OF CANADA WEST, commenced.

The following is a list of the names of the Representatives present, together with the Lodges represented by them, viz:—

<i>Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Representatives.</i>
<i>Union</i>	16.	RIGGINS, MORGAN and YALE.
<i>Gore</i>	34.	CAMERON and VANBROCKLIN.
<i>Eureka</i>	30.	ASHTON.
<i>Elgin</i>	32.	CLARIS.
<i>Industry</i>	25.	EWING.

In the absence of the Grand Master, the Chair was taken by the Deputy G. M., Bro. Yale, of St. Catharines, and in the absence of the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. E. Ewing of Haldimand, was, by vote, appointed to act in his place, pro. tem. The Presiding Officer then proceeded to open the Lodge in due form, after which the following business was transacted.

Two communications were received and read; one, from the G. M. to the G. Secretary, and one from the G. Secretary to the Deputy G. Master. Each communication intimating the unavoidable absence of its author, from the Brantford Session of the Grand Lodge. After they were read, it was moved by Rep. Cameron, and seconded by Rep. Claris,—That the two communications just read be received, and placed on the files.—Carried.

After some consideration, the following Resolution, referring to the absence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, was adopted:

Moved by Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Ewing,—That, considering

the importance of this Meeting of the Grand Lodge, adjourned, as it was, to meet at this time, for the purpose of considering and maturing a Constitution and code of By-Laws, for its future guidance and government, in which must necessarily be involved, to a very great extent, the harmony and efficient working of this Grand Lodge, and consequently, the Subordinate Lodges, within its jurisdiction, it is with the most profound regret that we are without the able assistance of the Worthy Grand Master, and Grand Corresponding Secretary, they having intimated that it would be out of their power to be present on this important occasion, and it is hoped that circumstances may never occur again, to require the absence of those important Officers from any of the future Meetings of this Grand Lodge; and when such may be the case, it may only be the result of insurmountable obstacles.—Carried.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, the Meeting adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.,

October 18th, 1855

This morning the Lodge was opened, pursuant to adjournment. The D. G. Master in the Chair.

The Lodge was opened by the Presiding Officer, *pro forma*. Then came the main business of the Session, *i. e.*, the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. This occupied a considerable length of time, as the entire Constitution and By-Laws were read, considered and adopted, not *en masse*, but by Article, Chapter, and Clause; and hence various opinions were advanced. However, after the whole had been read and considered, the following Resolution was adopted:

Moved by Rep. VanBrocklin, and seconded by Rep. Ashton,—That the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, together with the Constitution and Code of By-Laws which they have drafted, be, and is hereby received, and approved of by this Grand Lodge.—Carried.

The Lodge, after some consideration, passed the following Resolution, which was moved by Rep. Cameron, and seconded by Rep. Ashton:

Resolved.—That the Grand Secretary do, as soon as possible, have the Constitution and By-Laws for the government of this Grand Lodge, just adopted, engrossed in duplicate, and a copy thereof sent to the Grand Sec'y

of the Supreme Grand Lodge, at Baltimore, for the sanction and approbation of that Grand Body, in order that the same may go into operation without unnecessary delay.

Rep. Cameron is to see that the Constitution, &c., is engrossed and forwarded properly.

The time and place of the next Session of the Grand Lodge, was then considered, when it was moved by Rep. Morgan, and seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin,—

That this Grand Lodge do hold its next Annual Session at St. Catharines on the first Wednesday in August, 1856, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., and that the Grand Secretary do impress upon the Subordinate Lodges the necessity and importance of their representatives giving their prompt attendance thereat, as the faithful working of this Grand Body is essential to the success and prosperity of our beloved Order.

After the business of the Meeting was concluded, the following Resolution was moved by Rep. Ewing, and seconded by Rep. Morgan,—

Resolved,—That the warmest thanks of the Reps. to the Grand Lodge, are due to the Members of Gore Lodge, for the very hospitable and brotherly manner by which their conduct has been marked, during the Session of the Grand Lodge in Brantford; and also, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of Gore Lodge.—Carried unanimously.

The Grand Lodge Session was then duly closed, in the ancient form.

CHARLES E. EWING,
G. Secretary, Pro. Tem.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATON

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF G. W.,

J. O. O. F.,

HELD IN THE LODGE ROOM OF UNION LODGE, No. 16, TOWN OF ST. CATHARINES.

CONVENED AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M., AUGUST 6TH, A. D. 1856.

PRESENT:

The following officers and a quorum of members:—

THOS. REYNOLDS, M. D.,	.....	M. W. Grand Master.
CHAUNCEY YALE,	.....	R. W. D'y Grand Master.
JOHN CAMERON,	.....	" Grand Warden.
ANTHONY DIXON,	.....	" Grand Secretary.
G. T. CLARIS,	.....	" Grand Treasurer.
WM. FITZSIMMONS,	.....	" Grand Guardian.

The Credentials of the Grand Representatives in attendance were received and referred to a Committee of Credentials, consisting of the R. W. D. G. M. YALE, No. 16, and D. D. G. M. VANBROCKLIN, No. 34.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report, viz:—

Your Committee on Credentials find the following Representatives entitled to seats in this Grand body, having been duly elected by their several

Lodges in due form, with the exception of P. G. Joseph Laing, Elgin Lodge, No. 32, whose Certificate of Credential is not properly certified, all of which is respectfully submitted.

C. YALE,
B. F. VANBROCKLIN.

P. G. JOHN CAMERON,	}	<i>Gore Lodge</i> ,No. 34.
B. F. VANBROCKLIN,		<i>Rose Lodge</i> ,No. 28.
P. G. HENRY MEARS,	}	<i>Erie Lodge</i> ,No. 33.
P. G. DAVID MERRIL,		<i>Samaritan Lodge</i> ,No. 35.
ALEXANDER MATHEWS,	}	<i>Industry Lodge</i> ,No. 25.
P. G. JOSIAS GILLRAD,		<i>Eureka Lodge</i> ,No. 30.
P. G. W. BISSELL,	}	<i>Chatham Lodge</i> ,No. 29.
P. G. JAS. HENRY,		<i>Morpeth Lodge</i> ,No. 31.
P. G. HIRAM BELL,	}	<i>Brock Lodge</i> ,No. 9.
P. G. THOS. REYNOLDS,		<i>Elgin Lodge</i> ,No. 32.
P. G. WM. FITZSIMMONS,	}	<i>Union Lodge</i> ,No. 16.
P. G. JOSEPH LAING,		<i>Ontario Lodge</i> ,
P. G. L. D. WINCHESTER,	}	
WM. OSBORN,		
CHAUNCEY YALE,		
ANTHONY DIXON,		

On motion of Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the said Report was received and adopted, and Rep. Laing allowed to take his seat, notwithstanding the informality in his Credentials.

The said Grand Representatives took their seats accordingly, whereupon the W. G. Master delivered the following Annual Address and Report:—

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS.—One year has rolled over our heads since you did me the honor of conferring upon me the highest and most responsible office in your gift. I stand now before you, to render an account of my Stewardship—to answer what has been done for the good of the Order in this year of our existence.

I have to render an account in the twofold capacity of your Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also as your Grand Master.

I need scarcely tell you of how little avail it would be, that I should devote so many hours, frequently stolen from the duties of an arduous profession, if my heart were not in the work, and of how little benefit would be my labours had I not the active co-operation of so many zealous in the cause.

At the Baltimore communication, of the 17th of September last, I met with such a reception that I felt proud of being your Representative—the

cordial manner in which the right hand of fellowship was extended to me by all present, from the youngest member of the Lodge up to the venerable founder of the Order in America, P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, who with a firm English grasp, welcomed his youngest son from the North, will not readily be forgotten.

Until our Charter was confirmed I was not entitled to a seat, but by courteous vote of the Grand Lodge, the Representative from Nova Scotia and myself were admitted to the floor of that R. W. body. There were present upon this occasion Representatives from the luxurious South, the cold regions of the North, the enterprising hardy sons of the West, and the not less distinguished wisdom of the East; a phalanx of warriors armed with the glorious weapons of our Order, *Friendship, Love, and Truth*, and ready to stand forth in the strife in which our brotherhood is engaged—the cause of unselfish, generous benevolence—the cause of common Philanthropy—ignoring all party and political views, and endeavouring to unite all in a cause in which honesty of purpose is a prominent characteristic, a bond of union which requires not traditional lore to give antiquity to its origin, for in all ages those alone have been the recognised *Odd Fellows* who have proved themselves to be *honest men*.

Many of the deliberations of the Grand Lodge were of great importance, and I have already laid before the Lodges in this jurisdiction copies of the minutes of the last communication, from which you will have learned what was done. The financial condition of the Order occupied much attention, and in this connexion I may appropriately introduce to you the subject of vital statistics: this subject has deservedly engrossed much deliberation, and where parties are desirous of making ends meet, it is of manifest importance that our expenditure should be closely regulated by the income as well as the probable casualties we have in the human course of events to expect. I would particularly direct your attention to the able reports of the M. W. Grand Sire, and the R. W. G. Secretary. To both these officers we are greatly indebted for their warm interest in our branch of the Order, and to them personally I feel under many obligations. Referring to their flattering notice of our proceedings, I need only express a hope that we may in time to come prove ourselves worthy of the trust reposed in us—that we may guard, as the apple of our eye, the jewel confided to our care.

It was an occasion of no small regret to me, that I was unable to be present at the short session held in Brantford; the reasons of my non-attendance are known to most of you, and it was quite out of my power to leave home at that time, having been so recently away from my private duties and engagements. I regret it the more from the known and tried worth of the Brethren of Gore Lodge, whose acquaintance I had previously made, and whose services to the Order I shall have occasion presently to

notice, and also knowing the importance of having a proper constitution adopted for our guidance hereafter. The disappointment was also heightened by the absence of the Grand Secretary.

In my capacity of Grand Master, much of my time has been required in keeping up the necessary correspondence with the several Lodges. I have endeavored as promptly as possible to reply to every communication, and have the satisfaction of knowing that no letter has remained in my hands more than a day unanswered. Many of the queries addressed to me were easily answered by reference to the Digest and Laws of the Order presented to me at Baltimore: but few of them required much consideration. I shall not now take occasion to enumerate them, as all my correspondence will be laid before you if thought desirable.

In the choice of D. D. G. Masters made at our first session, I have to congratulate you in having such efficient men of business and brethren so devoted to the interests of the Order. Without wishing to particularize I cannot refrain from speaking of the ready and able assistance rendered me by Br. B. F. Van Brocklin, of Brantford, who upon every occasion has proved himself prompt and energetic in the cause of philanthropy—whose good judgement has guided him in casting oil upon the troubled waters without sacrificing correct principle—he is eminently entitled to your thanks for his good offices. May he ever feel the consciousness of having faithfully discharged his duty, and of having proved himself a good warrior in the crusade against selfishness and vice in which we are engaged.

In consequence of some troubles existing in Victoria Lodge, Caledonia, application was made to D. D. G. Master, Brother Van Brocklin, to visit that Lodge, at that time scarcely able to assemble a sufficient number of members to form a working quorum. He at once suggested a course which I as readily approved of, that they should surrender their old charter and apply for a new one; the new charter was granted, and at the desire of the brethren the name has been changed to Caledonia Lodge No. 27. I am sorry I cannot report to you upon its working. I have the gratification of reporting to you the opening of a new Lodge at Ingersoll, to be known and hailed as *Samaritan* Lodge No. 35; this Lodge was also instituted by Br. Van Brocklin, assisted by the Brantford Brethren, and in its first report we have a good earnest of its future usefulness and success; the papers relating to these new Lodges are now laid before you for your approval.

To our American brethren we are much indebted for assistance, counsel, and advice; upon more than one occasion have we been under obligations to our brethren in Michigan, for the opening of lodges in the Far West and their subsequent instruction. Dr. Smith of Detroit, very kindly undertook the duty for me of opening Lodges, and also instructing our brethren. I shall be glad upon some future occasion to know that we can make some adequate return for the repeated kindness shown us.

Some weeks ago, I invited the presence of the Grand Masters of the three neighboring States to be present at this communication, and have received from the Grand Master of Ohio his polite acceptance of our invitation. I had much pleasure in making the acquaintance of the Representatives from Ohio, and do not feel surprised that in such hands the order should be in so prosperous and happy a condition.

An application was made to me by D. D. G. M. Locke of Belle River, Michigan, to allow certain parties, residing in the township of Sombra, C. W., desirous of joining the order, to connect themselves with a Lodge on the American side of the river St. Clair, inasmuch as our nearest Lodge was situated some 30 miles distant; it was further represented to me, that these parties would shortly be in a position to apply for a charter for a Lodge under our own jurisdiction. I felt much pleasure in granting the necessary permission, and hope shortly to receive an application for a charter from these brethren.

I have the satisfaction of laying before you a summary of the working of all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, by which you will find that our progress though slow has been steadily onward. Much of the dross has been cast off, and the pure metal remains with us. Our members now consist of men of the right stamp, engaged in a good cause, and ready to prompt others to do likewise. In deep sympathy with the struggling energy of Brother P. G. Master Maclaren, of Quebec, to revive the order in Canada East, I have to report to you, that the number of Lodges in that jurisdiction has not increased, and only one Lodge now remains of the large band who were pioneers in the work of the order in Canada. Br. Maclaren has bravely buffeted the waves of opposition which have been rising higher and higher, and to his honesty of purpose and firm determination to prove himself an Odd Fellow, indeed it is to be attributed that the funds have not been divided and the last link broken—the last Lodge in Canada East dissolved. It is not pleasant to reflect upon the misconduct of others, but it is only justice to state that had the Montreal brotherhood been composed of metal of the proper ring—had they not in bygone days been recreant to their duty, they would have now the satisfaction of being in a far different position—their attempt to raise a single “Phoenix” would not be so decided a failure.

Brethren, I shall not longer detain you from the work of the session; I shall gladly convey to you all the information in my power, on matters connected with the order; it will be your duty to elect at this session the proper officers for the ensuing year; exercise due caution in your choice, and in resigning my charge to my successor, I shall be glad of the assurance, that the work auspiciously begun has a bright future before it, and shall retire with the consciousness that whatever errors may have occurred on my part have not been those of intention. Our order in Canada now numbers 605 members, with a respectable amount of funds in the several

Treasuries. See that you do your duty in compliance with the wishes of the Parent Grand Lodge, which "commands you to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan;" remember also, that "to whom much is given, of him shall much be required."

THOMAS REYNOLDS,

Grand Master

Grand Lodge, Canada West.

REPORT

OF

Thos. Reynolds, M. D., Grand Master Grand Lodge, C. W., for the year ending June 30th, 1856.

NAME.	No.	Initiation	Admission by Cards	Rejections	Withdrawn	Suspended	Expelled	Reinstated	Deceased	Degrees Conferred	Members in good standing	Widows	Amount paid sick benefits	Funeral benefits	W. & O. Fund	General Fund	Percentage paid	WHERE INSTALLED.	WHEN INSTALLED.	REMARKS.
Brook.....	9	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	26	58	1	13	5	237	10	6	5 Mar, 1846	5 Mar, 1846	Oldest Lodge in c.w. [ation
Ontario.....	12	12	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	57	41	0	1	1	40	10	6	" " 1846	" " 1846	Proved eminently successful
Union.....	16	6	3	0	4	0	2	0	1	23	150	7	3	18	733	19	3	St. Cath.	17 " 1846	Laid in the hands of the
Industry.....	25	8	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	32	25	0	5	5	30	0	11	Grafton.	13 June, 1850	Small but active in cause.
Caledonia.....	27	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	45	41	0	2	5	4	9	11	.....	.....	Not working.
Rose.....	28	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	18	0	1	1	89	9	10	Ambertsf-g	Jan'y, 1854	A good Lodge.
Chatham.....	29	14	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	26	35	0	1	1	50	0	5	Chatham.	Feb, 1854	Report imperfect.
Chatham.....	30	14	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	26	35	0	1	1	50	0	5	London.	Feb, 1854	Thriving, and well
W. & O. F.....	31	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	22	0	1	1	13	18	2	Morpeth.	3 May, 1854	A well regulated Lodge.
Kilpeck.....	32	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	64	0	6	5	23	16	4	St. Thomas.	8 Oct, 1854	Under satisfactory manage.
Erle.....	33	25	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	112	76	0	15	1	15	1	7	St. Barwell.	27 Dec, 1854	A valuable ally in the cause.
Gene.....	34	24	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	24	32	0	15	1	6	11	6	30 Jan, 1854	A fine for character, a proud
Samarian.....	35	33	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	24	32	0	15	1	6	11	6	ing Lodge.

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The Grand Master then submitted the following Financial Statement for the past year, viz:—

Grand Lodge of Canada West,

in account with the Grand Master.

		Dr.	£	s.	d.
1855.	August.	To Express charges on Rebekah Books,.....	0	7	6
		“ Postages,	0	4	6
		“ Grant, Messenger,.....	0	5	0
		“ Stationery,	0	13	6
	Sept.	“ Postages and Telegraphs,	0	11	6
		“ Paid for Seal at New York,.....	3	0	0
	October.	“ Postages,	0	7	3
	Nov.	“ do.	0	5	9
	December,	“ do.	0	4	10
1856.					
	January,	“ Express charges on books,.....	0	11	9
		“ Stationery,.....	0	3	3
		“ Express charges,	0	2	6
		“ Postages,	0	5	9
	February,	“ Postages,	0	4	9
	March,	“ Stationery,	0	10	0
		“ Postages,	0	4	7
	April,	“ Postages,	0	4	9
	May,	“ Monitor office, for Printing,.....	0	15	0
		“ Postages,	0	7	6
	June,	“ Telegraphs,	0	2	6
		“ Postages,	0	8	0
		“ Express charges,.....	0	2	6
		“ Stationery,	0	4	6
	July,	“ Postages,	0	8	6
		“ Printing Circulars, at Coburg,.....	1	11	6
		“ Tin Box for papers,.....	1	3	9
	August,	“ Printing Address and Report.....	1	15	0
		“ Representative Tax for 1856, to G. L. U. S.,.....	12	10	0
		“ Paid for draft,	0	1	3
			Cr.	£28	3 2
			By Sundry monies from Lodges per Report,	89	3 2
			Balance,	£61	0 0
			Deduct amount of G. Secretary's account,.....	1	18 9
				£59	1 3

St. Catharines, Aug. 6th, 1856.

Also the following account and communication from Grand Secretary, Ridgely :—

OFFICE COR. & REC. SECRETARY, R. W. G. L. U. S. }
 Baltimore, May 21, 1856. }

R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West,
To Right Worthy Grand Lodge, U. S., Dr.

1855.	Aug. 23.	To amount of Charter Fee,	\$30 00
		“ Representative Tax for 1855,	50 00
1856.	May 21.	“ Representative Tax for 1856,	50 00
			\$130 00

DR. THOS. REYNOLDS,
D. D. G. Sire for Canada West.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—You will find the bill against your G. Lodge annexed. The first item I think, will be remitted at the next session, if you apply for it.

With sincere regards,
 Your Friend and Brother,
 THOS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

The G. Lodge then adjourned until half-past two o'clock, P. M.

Half-past two o'clock P. M.—Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Master presiding, and the same Officers and Representatives present.

The Grand Master called upon the Grand Lodge to nominate and elect its officers for the ensuing year, whereupon it was moved by Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin,

That this Grand Lodge fully satisfied that it cannot better promote the great interests of our beloved Order within its jurisdiction, than by a re-election of its principal Officer, whose term of office now expires; and having witnessed the deep and lively interest which he has invariably evinced for its welfare, and the zeal and fidelity which have ever characterized his discharge of the onerous duties of that high office,

Be it therefore resolved that our justly esteemed and excellent Brother

P. G. Master Thos. Reynolds, M. D., be again elected to that exalted office for the ensuing term.

Which being put by the D. G. Master, was carried unanimously, all the members standing.

Rep. VanBrocklin then nominated D. G. Master Yale, and D. G. Master Yale nominated Rep. VanBrocklin for the office of D. G. Master.

The Grand Master having appointed Rep. Laing and Fitzsimmons tellers, and a ballot being taken for D. G. Master, and Rep. VanBrocklin having a majority of votes, he was declared duly elected for the ensuing term.

Rep. Cameron nominated Rep. Winchester as Grand Warden, and he was declared duly elected.

Rep. Laing nominated Rep. Cameron as Grand Secretary, and he was declared duly elected.

Rep. VanBrocklin nominated Rep. Fitzsimmons as Grand Treasurer, and he was declared duly elected.

The next business in order was the installation of Grand Officers.

Past Deputy Grand Master Chauncey Yale presiding.

The Grand Master elect, Thos. Reynolds, M. D., was then presented and duly installed as the M. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Grand Master then installed the following Grand Officers, viz:—

B. F. VANBROCKLIN,.....	R. W. D. Grand Master.
L. D. WINCHESTER,.....	“ “ Warden,
J. CAMERON,.....	“ “ Secretary,
W. FITZSIMMONS,.....	“ “ Treasurer.

After which the Grand Master announced the following appointment of Officers, who were duly installed:

A. MATHEWS,.....	W. Grand Marshall.
HENRY MEARS,.....	W. Grand Conductor.
HIRAM BELL,.....	W. Grand Guardian.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence and approval of the Grand Lodge, appointed the following named Representatives as the regular standing Committees for the ensuing year:—

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

<i>State of the Order</i> ,.....	Reps. Laing, Winchester and Mears.
<i>Constitution and By-Laws</i> ,..	“ Cameron, Yale and VanBrocklin.
<i>Lodge Returns</i> ,.....	“ Osburn, Henry and Bissell.
<i>Expenses of Representatives</i> ,..	“ Mathews, Bissell and Gillard.
<i>Credentials</i> ,.....	P. D. G. M. Yale and Rep. VanBrocklin.

The G. Master's Address was then referred to the Committee on the "State of the Order," and his Report, and the various returns from Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction, were referred to the Committee on "Lodge Returns."

There having been a very limited attendance of Representatives at the adjourned meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Brantford, on the 17th day of October last, it was deemed advisable to take up the important subject of a Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, for the Government of this Grand Lodge, and By-Laws and Rules of Order for the guidance of Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction, and after a careful perusal and mature consideration thereof,

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, for the government of this Grand Lodge, and the By-Laws and Rules of Order for the regulation and guidance of its Subordinate Lodges, as set forth in the Appendix hereto annexed, were unanimously adopted; the By-Laws adopted and now in force in Subordinate Lodges, to remain and continue in force in those Lodges until altered or amended in the manner and under the authority of those now adopted.

On motion of Rep. Cameron the Financial Statement or account of M. W. G. Master, for the past year; also the account of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the U. S., accompanied by a communication from Grand Secretary Ridgely, in relation thereto, were referred to a Committee on Finance, consisting of Representatives Vanbrocklin, Yale and Merrill.

Rep. Mears, of Rose Lodge, No. 28, submitted a report of a Committee of that Lodge appointed to consider such measures as would be necessary to bring before the present Session of the Grand Lodge, and the M. W. G. Master instructed that Representative what he should communicate to his Lodge in relation to the various matters therein brought under consideration.

The Grand Master carefully imparted instruction in the secret work of the Order to the Representatives and a number of P. Grands present on the occasion.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

7th AUGUST, A. D. 1856, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The M. W. Grand Master presiding.

All the Officers and Representatives present.

Lodge opened in usual form.

The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of yesterday having, on motion been dispensed with,

The Committee on Lodge Returns submitted the following Report:

ST. CATHARINES, 7th July, 1856.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Your Committee, appointed to report on the Official Returns from Subordinate Lodges, most respectfully Report, that having carefully examined the said returns, they find a number of them either but imperfectly filled up, or inaccurate in other respects, and although such inaccuracies may be but trifling, your Committee deem them incompatible with the perfect working, and well being of the Order. Believing the aforesaid errors in the Semi-Annual Reports returned to the G. Lodge, to be unintentional, in every instance, and the result of want of information, haste, and the rather ambiguous wording of blank Returns, and other causes, your Committee have no desire to censure their Brethren for such errors, but would urge upon Subordinate Lodges, and the Grand Secretary, more vigilant attention to this subject in future, since upon the Reports of these bodies the statistics of the Order are based, and from them alone can a correct opinion be formed of the prosperity and actual state of the Institution in Canada West.

Your Committee therefore feel it their duty to report the following errors in the Semi-Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

Samaritan Lodge.—The half yearly Report for the Term ending June 30, 1856, has returned too small a per centage to the Grand Lodge, and shows a balance in favor of said Grand Lodge, of £3 Os. 2½d.

Chatham Lodge.—Last two Reports incorrect, and your Committee would respectfully recommend that they be returned for correction.

Erie Lodge.—Report for Term ending June 30, 1856, is not correctly given, and there is an apparent error, in the number of Members returned in good standing.

Rose Lodge.—In the Report for Term ending with December, 1855, shows the admission of 15 new Members, and yet reports *none* in good standing: It is without the signature of the Vice Grand. 30 Degrees have been conferred, for which only £9 2s. 6d. has been returned, which would make the price charged for Degrees less than the minimum price fixed by the Constitution, for Subordinate Lodges.

Industry Lodge.—The Report for December, 1855, is only partially filled up, and the one for the Term ending June 30, 1856, shows a deficiency in the per centage to Grand Lodge, a balance remaining unpaid, of £0 12s 6½d.

Ontario Lodge.—Report for Term ending with December, 1855, has the heading unfilled.

Gore Lodge.—On comparing the last two Reports, there is an apparent discrepancy in the number of Members returned in good standing.

Elgin Lodge.—Similarly defective.

Brock Lodge.—In the Report for December 31st, 1855, the heading is unfilled, the Secretary's name omitted, and a deficiency in the per centage paid Grand Lodge, of £0 12s. 6d.

Morpeth Lodge.—In the Report for December, 1855, the V. Grand's name is omitted, also an apparent discrepancy in the two last Reports relating to the sum invested, on behalf of widows and orphans.

Eureka Lodge.—A discrepancy in the two last Reports, in the number of Members in good standing, probably owing to no return being made of Members reinstated.

Union Lodge.—The Report for Term ending December 31st, 1855, gives no return of Members in good standing, and there is a deficiency of £1 11s. 5d., in the per centage to Grand Lodge.

From the whole of the Reports received, there is thus shown a total balance in favor of the Grand Lodge of £5 16s. 8d.

In conclusion, Your Committee would respectfully suggest that the blank Returns issued to Subordinate Lodges be more explicit. That the word Contributions, about which there seems to be a general misunderstanding, be replaced by the word Donations. That the space allotted to Returns of Widow's and Orphan's Fund, be divided, so that the sum received during the Term may be distinctly shown, in contra-distinction to the total Fund reserved for that purpose; and also, as the discrepancy in number of Members in good standing, reported by the several Lodges, may arise from Members in arrears, who are neither suspended or expelled, not being returnable, they would also suggest that a proper space in said blank Reports be allotted for that purpose.

Which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth.

WILLIAM OSBORNE,
JAMES HENRY,
WILLIAM BISSELL,

Committee on Returns.

On motion of Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the said Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following Report:—

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

The Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to submit the following Report:

Your Committee has great pleasure in referring to our Brother Representatives of the Grand Lodge the very able and lucid address of our Worthy Grand Master, Brother Thomas Reynolds, who, with his usual matured judgment had given to the Grand Lodge a very full and comprehensive view of the state of the Order within our jurisdiction, much more so than your Committee can give; and for his invaluable services to ourselves and to the Order generally, we ought to feel a grateful remembrance.

We find, from the material placed in our hands, that the Order within our jurisdiction, is progressing steadily onward; and from the short time that our Grand Lodge has been in existence, there is evidently manifested a still more progressive spirit among our Order, which cannot be better shown than by our present Grand Lodge Meeting, every Subordinate Lodge being represented. And by our Annual Report, we find we have got 605 members in good standing.

The Widow and Orphans' Fund, that brightest jewel of our Order, shows the handsome amount of £1033. The General Fund amounts to £1223. It satisfies your Committee that by continued exertion there will be consummated in Canada West a great and extensive Brotherhood, joined in the Bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth.

*In looking over the condition of Individual Lodges, we find,

1st—*Brock Lodge*, Brockville, the oldest Lodge in Canada West, which through the enlivening energy of our Worthy Grand Master has sustained itself through good and bad report, in such times as no other had to contend with, which had within itself the germinating power of our present condition.

2nd.—*Ontario Lodge*, Cobourg. This Lodge is in good, healthful condition, and shows last year a great increase in membership.

3rd.—*Union Lodge*, St. Catharines, the largest Lodge in our jurisdiction, numbering 150 members in good standing, with a large amount of funds, giving satisfactory evidence of its prosperous condition, and the energy of its officers, one among which we have to mention, is P. W. D. G. Master Chauncy Yale, whose zeal has ever been foremost in the good work.

4th.—*Industry Lodge*, Grafton, a small Lodge progressing slowly, but with evident prosperity.

5th.—*Caledonia Lodge*, Caledonia. Your Committee regret the breaking up of this once prosperous Lodge, through the evil designs and ignorance of pretended Brothers. Your Committee are of opinion that the principal

cause of its failure was the indiscriminate initiating of every one who requested admittance, without regard to moral standing; and your Committee would further submit to the Grand Lodge, that upon a proper selection depends our general prosperity and welfare. From the very able and valuable Report received from D. D. G. M., Brother VanBrocklin, whose great exertions to resuscitate the Caledonia Lodge, and the general interest he has taken in his District, deserves our warmest thanks.

6th.—*Rose Lodge*, Amherstburg, a very prosperous Lodge, which has more than doubled its numbers last year, and from the interest taken by its officers, we anticipate a large increase during the coming year.

7th.—*Chatham Lodge*, Chatham, a small Lodge, but increasing. This Lodge has had more difficulties to contend with than any other within the jurisdiction, on account at the time of the breaking up of the Lodge of the Manchester Unity a complete division took place among the Brotherhood; but now we are happy to say that there is every appearance of a permanent progress.

8th.—*Eureka Lodge*, London, an excellent working Lodge, and increasing in membership; and from the known ability of its officers, we look for a large accession of members.

9th.—*Morpeth Lodge*, Morpeth, a small Lodge in a country locality, and for its position has succeeded beyond our expectations.

10th.—*Elgin Lodge*, St. Thomas, a Lodge in good working order, and steadily increasing.

11th.—*Erie Lodge*, Port Burwell, a large Lodge, and, from its admission into the order, has gone on with a great deal of energy and enterprise.

12th.—*Gore Lodge*, Brantford, one of our best Lodges, and from the spirit exhibited by its officers, will still further increase; and to the counsels and exertions of the D. D. G. M., Bro. VanBrocklin, the Gore Lodge are much indebted.

13th.—*Samaritan Lodge*, Ingersoll, a new Lodge, opened in January of this year, and now numbers 32 members. The enterprise exhibited by the progress of this Lodge, gives us encouragement for the future, in the fact that Oddfellowship has taken hold of the public mind; and we have no doubt that before another year a number of other Lodges will be brought into existence, to strengthen and extend our sphere of usefulness.

We would express our sympathy with W. G. M., Bro. McClaren of Canada East, for the very arduous but unsuccessful attempt to revive the Order in his section of the Province, as his labors must have been trying to a high minded Brother and true Odd Fellow, in buffeting the opposition which it is evident he had to encounter. Still, as there is one Lodge left, we have hope that it may remain as a starting point for future success. We are much indebted to our American Brethern for the kind sympathy and

encouragement they have afforded us, particularly the Grand Secretary, Ridgley, of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and Dr. I. Smith, of Detroit, who has ever been assiduously earnest, in giving assistance and advice.

The Committee express satisfaction for the prospect now held out for the good and welfare of the Order in our jurisdiction, by the recent election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year; as from their known ability and heartfelt desire to extend the blessings of Odd Fellowship, we anticipate great results in diffusing the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH LAING.
HENRY MEARS.
L. D. WINCHESTER.

On motion of Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. Mathews, the said Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Expenses of Representatives submitted the following Report:—

To the Right Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., C. W.

The Committee to whom the Expenses of Representatives to this Grand Lodge was referred, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

That having examined the Finances of this Grand Lodge, and found them insufficient to meet the coming demands against this Lodge, recommend that for this year the expenses of its members be paid by the Lodges sending such Representatives. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MATHEWS,
WM. BISSELL,
JOSIAS GILLARD.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
St. Catharines, Aug. 6th, 1856. }

On motion of Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep VanBrocklin, the same was adopted.

The Committee on Finance laid before the Grand Lodge their Report as follows:—

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West.

COMMITTEE ROOM, St. Catharines, Aug. 7th, 1856.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the R. W. Grand Master's account, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

Your Committee find on examination that the receipts for the year ending

	£	s.	d.
30th June, amount in the aggregate to.....	89	3	2
And that the Expenditures for the same period are as follows:—			
Percentage to G. L., U. S.,.....	15	11	3
Past Secretary's account,.....	1	18	9
Postage,.....	3	7	8
Tin Box and Printing,.....	3	15	0
Stationery,.....	1	15	0
Books and Cards,.....	1	8	9
Express Charges, [.....	0	7	9
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	28	3	2
	£61	0	0
Deduct Grand Secretary's Bill of.....		1	18
Leaving a balance of.....	£59	1	3

Your Committee will state that the vouchers of the Grand Secretary are correct. The percentage to the Right Worthy G. L., U. S., and the Seal of this Grand Lodge form a large item in the account of disbursements; and that your Committee have no vouchers before them for the balance of the account of the K. W. Grand Master; but are of unanimous opinion that the amounts are severally correct, and would recommend the adoption of this Report by the R. W. Grand Lodge.

With regard to the account of the R. W. Grand Lodge of U. S., your Committee are of opinion that the percentage for the years 1855-56, should not be paid for both years, as more than half the year had expired before we had an organization as a Grand body; and also not having a vote in that R. W. Grand body, your Committee are of opinion that the demand is not just and right, and would therefore, in view of these facts, urge upon the consideration of the Grand Lodge to instruct our Grand Representative if possible to obtain a remittance of the percentage for 1855; also the Charter Fee for the organization of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Another consideration your Committee would urge is that our Grand Representative paid at the last communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge the sum of £150, including the percentage of the several Lodges in its jurisdiction, up to the first day of July, 1855.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. VANBROCKLIN.

C. YALE.

D. MERRILL.

On motion of Rep. Mathews, seconded by Rep. Gillard, the same was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Mathews, seconded by Rep. Bell, it was ordered that

this Grand Lodge do instruct its **G** Representative to the next annual Communication of the Supreme Grand Lodge, to support the Report of a Committee of that Grand body, recorded in its last Annual Journal of Proceedings, page 2458, in so far as the last clause thereof is concerned, should the subject again come up for consideration.

On motion of Rep. Henry, seconded by Rep. Bissell a vote of thanks was awarded to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, &c., for the government of this Grand Lodge and its subordinates, for the able manner in which they have performed the important duty assigned to them.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Merrill, that it be Resolved,—That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it do stand adjourned to meet at the Town of Brantford, on the first Wednesday in August, 1857.

It was moved in amendment by Rep. Laing, seconded by Rep. Henry, that this Grand Lodge do hold its next Session at the City of London.

The amendment being put and carried, the original motion was lost.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Yale, it was ordered that the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the government of the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates, finally adopted at the present Session, shall go into effect immediately from and after the publication thereof.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Yale, the Grand Secretary was instructed to have the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand body, from the time of its institution down to the present Session inclusive, printed in pamphlet form; and that 200 copies be obtained for the use of this Grand Lodge and its Subordinates.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, divided the Jurisdiction into districts, and appointed the following Representatives District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing year, that is to say:

For Kent and Lambton,.....	REP. HENRY of Chatham.
“ Middlesex,.....	“ BISSELL of London.
“ Elgin East,.....	“ MERRILL of Port Burwell.
“ do. West,.....	“ P. G. CLARIS, St. Thomas.
“ Brant & Haldimand,.....	REP. VANBROCKLIN, of Brantford.
“ Lincoln & Welland,.....	“ YALE, St. Catharines.
“ Northumberland, Durham, } Peterborough & Victoria, }	..P. G. EWING, of Grafton.
“ Leeds and Grenville,.....	REP. FITZSIMMONS, Brockville.
“ Oxford,.....	“ MATHEWS, of Ingersoll.

On motion of Rep. Laing, seconded by Rep. Bissell, the sum of £5 was ordered to be paid to D. D. Grand Master VanBrocklin, for services and for expenses in visiting, and endeavouring in the most energetic and praiseworthy manner to resuscitate Caledonia Lodge, No. 27, at Caledonia, and failing in that object, obtaining a surrender of the Charter, together with the Books and Funds of that Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Laing, seconded by Rep. Bissell, it was resolved that a vote of thanks be and the same is hereby tendered to the Officers and Brethren of Union Lodge, No. 16, for the use of their Lodge Room, and for the very great kindness and courtesy manifested and extended by them to the Grand Lodge, during its present Session.

The business of this Session of the Grand Lodge having been brought to a close, the same adjourned, to meet at the City of London, on the first Wednesday in the month of August, 1857.

Attest.

JNO. CAMERON,
Grand Secretary, G. L. C. W.



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THO'S REYNOLDS, Esq., M. D., *M. W. Grand Master*, Brockville.
B. F. VANBROCKLIN, ... *R. W. D. Grand Master*, ... Brantford.
L. D. WINCHESTER, ... *R. W. Grand Warden*, ... St. Catharines.
JOHN CAMERON, ... *R. W. Grand Secretary*, ... Brantford.
WM. FITZSIMMONS, ... *R. W. Grand Treasurer*, ... Brockville.
THO'S REYNOLDS, Esq., M. D., *R. W. Grand Rep.*, do.
A. MATHEWS, ... *W. Grand Marshall*, ... Ingersoll.
HENRY MEARS, ... *W. Grand Conductor*, ... Amherstburg.
HIRAM BELL, ... *W. Grand Guardian*, ... Morpeth.

For Address of D. D. Grand Masters, see Journal of Proceedings,
appointing the same.

ADDRESS

MEMBERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE

CANADA WEST

F. O. O. R.

JOHN W. BAKER, Secy. M. E. M. N. Grand Lodge, No. 100, St. James St.
 J. R. WILSON, W. M. Grand Lodge, No. 100, St. James St.
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APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, it has been found expedient and of the utmost importance to the well-being of all organized Institutions, to govern the same by sound and uniform laws and regulations ;—

THEREFORE THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST, of the Independent Order of ODD FELLOWS, with a view of ensuring a co-operation and uniformity of action, of providing for the best interests of the Order, and of securing more effectually the permanence of the blessings to be derived from the right exercise of those ennobling and heaven-born principles, of *Friendship, Love and Truth*, on which it is founded, doth ordain, declare and establish the following Articles as the CONSTITUTION, for the government thereof.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND POWERS.

SECTION I.—TITLE.

This Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name, style and title of "THE RIGHT WORTHY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST, OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS."

SECTION II.—POWERS.

Clause 1.—This Provincial Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction in

Odd Fellowship, within that section of the Province of Canada called and known as Canada West, being the Superior Tribunal of all subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction.

Clause 2.—No Lodge can be formed, nor continue to exist, within its jurisdiction, without the express sanction of this Grand Lodge.

Clause 3.—It possesses within its jurisdiction the right and power of granting, suspending or annulling Charters for proper cause; of receiving, hearing and determining appeals from the decisions of Subordinate Lodges, and of redressing all grievances arising therein; of regulating the means of its own support; and of performing all such other acts and things as shall have for their object the promotion of the true and best interests of the Order, or shall appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and are not in violation of the laws of the land, or the regulations of the Order.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I.—QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Clause 1.—This Grand Lodge shall be composed of its Elective and Appointed officers, formally installed, of its Past Grands, duly qualified, and of regular Representatives from the several Lodges under its jurisdiction, who shall have been duly elected, as provided in Section II. of this Article.

Clause 2.—Any Past Grand on presenting a Certificate of his official services, and after satisfactory examination in the Degrees pertaining thereto, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

Clause 3.—No Representative shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto; nor until he has been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and has signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

Clause 4.—Every Past Grand Master, in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and shall have the power of debating and making motions, but in no case shall they have the power of voting, unless they be also Grand Representatives.

SECTION II.—ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Clause 1.—Every Lodge within the jurisdiction, shall, at its first meeting, in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives, as follows: that is to say, one Representative where the number of members in good standing, returned in the next preceding Annual Report, shall be less than 50, and one Representative for each additional 50 members over that number, such Representatives to serve for a period of one year from the day previous to that appointed for the Annual Session of this Grand Lodge.

Clause 2.—Any Lodge not having a properly qualified P. G. may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge within the jurisdiction, to represent it in this Grand Lodge for the like period.

SECTION III.

Clause 1.—The resignation by any member of his office of Representative, must be addressed in writing to the N. G. of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient.

SECTION IV.—TRIAL OF MEMBERS.

Clause 1.—Whenever charges affecting the character or standing of any member shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, by one or more members thereof, the same shall be immediately referred to a Committee of five members, to be elected by ballot, who shall, with as little delay as possible, examine carefully into the charges, and report the result of such examination to this G. Lodge.

Clause 2.—Should the Committee report such charges unfounded, or as not having been proved, such Report shall be accepted as final, and the charges dismissed.

Clause 3.—Should the Committee report the charges as proved in whole or in part, a special meeting of this Grand Lodge shall be convened with all possible despatch, at which the member thus charged shall be heard in his defence; and having heard the same, the G. Lodge shall proceed to determine the case, by the acquittal, reprimand, suspension from his seat in the G. Lodge, or expulsion therefrom of the implicated member, as the G. Lodge may deem fit and proper.

Clause 4.—Whenever any member shall be suspended or expelled,

intimation of the same shall be forthwith given to the N. G. of his Lodge, from which time he shall cease to be a member of the order.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS.

SECTION I.—ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The Elective Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be—

The Most Worthy Grand Master,
 “ Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master,
 “ “ “ Grand Warden,
 “ “ “ Grand Secretary,
 “ “ “ Grand Treasurer,
 “ “ “ Grand Representatives.

Clause 2.—These Elective Officers shall be elected by ballot, after previous nomination, such nomination and election to take place at the Annual Session of the G. Lodge, and at the first meeting thereof.

Clause 3.—At each election the presiding officer shall appoint two of the members present as Tellers, who shall present the ballot-box to each member as his name is called by the Grand Secretary, and having collected all the ballots, shall examine the same, and report the result.

Clause 4.—Each Elective Officer, the G. Representatives excepted, shall be chosen separately, by a majority of the votes given. Should there be no choice of such officer at any ballott, a new ballot shall forthwith take place among the members present; and after each ballot the name of the Candidate who shall have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

Clause 5.—All Candidates for elective offices must have received the three past Official Degrees.

Clause 6.—The Elective Grand Officers shall be installed immediately after the completion of the election, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, and all officers shall serve until the next Annual Session, and until the installation of their successors.

Clause 7.—The siting Grand Master or any P. G. Master, or the highest officer present, shall instal the Grand Master elect, who shall thereafter instal the other officers.

Clause 8.—Should any officer elect fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for that ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, unless sufficient cause be shown for such non-attendance, and the members present shall forthwith proceed to fill the same by a new election, the successful Candidate at which shall be immediately installed. Should sufficient cause be shown, as aforesaid, the installation of the officer elect, so absent, may take place at such time, and in such manner as the G. Lodge may then specially direct.

Clause 9.—The Grand Representative or Representatives to represent this Grand Lodge in the Supreme Grand Lodge of the U. S., to be elected in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the said Supreme Grand Lodge,

SECTION II.—APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The appointed officers of the Grand Lodge shall be—

The Worthy Grand Marshal,
 “ “ “ Conductor,
 “ “ “ Guardian,

to be nominated by the Grand Master immediately after his installation, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. A Right Worthy Grand Chaplain may be appointed at the same time, and in the same manner.

Clause 2.—The Grand Master shall, as soon after his installation as may be, nominate, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, a Right Worthy Grand District Deputy, for each District into which its jurisdiction may be divided by this Grand Lodge, and within which one or more subordinate Lodges may be in operation.

Clause 3.—All the above mentioned appointed officers, except the R. W. G. Chaplain, must be in possession of the three past official degrees.

Clause 4.—The Grand Master may appoint, as Janitor, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, any Brother of the Order of the Scarlet Degree, and in good standing, to take charge of the outer door.

SECTION III.—VACANCIES.

Clause 1.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse being made on his behalf, from four successive meetings of the Grand Lodge, may be declared vacant by the Grand Lodge, on motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion shall have

been given at a regular meeting, at least two weeks previous to that at which it is decided; and that a copy of such notice shall have been transmitted to said occupant.

Clause 2.—Any vacancy in office shall be filled at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge after the announcement of the same, by election or appointment, as the case may be, in the same manner as provided for in the previous sections, and for the residue of the time of the former incumbent.

SECTION IV.—DUTIES AND POWERS.

Clause 1.—The M. W. Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, when present; he shall preserve order and decorum, therein, and decide all questions of order, subject however, to an appeal to this Grand Lodge; he shall have the casting vote upon all occasions when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except in the election of officers; he shall appoint *pro tem.*, in the absence of the regular incumbents, all officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Grand Lodge; sign all requisite orders on the Grand Treasurer, and all regular documents requiring his signature, and transmit, or cause to be transmitted regularly, previous to the commencement of each term, to each Subordinate Lodge, within this jurisdiction, the Pass-Word received from the Supreme Grand Lodge of the U. S.; he shall *ex officio*, be a member of all Committees of this Grand Lodge, whose meetings he may choose to attend; he shall have power in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand District Deputy, to appoint a qualified P. G., to open newly chartered Lodges, install their officers, and present their Charters; and he shall, in person, or by Deputy, visit and inspect the books, proceedings, and work of each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, once in each year, or oftener if he may deem it necessary in the furtherance of their interests.

Clause 2.—The R. W. Deputy Grand Master shall act as the Assistant of the Grand Master, and during the absence of that officer shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall, *ex officio*, become Grand Master, until the next regular Session thereafter.

Clause 3.—The R. W. G. Warden shall preside in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master; he shall assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge;

he shall confer the Grand Lodge Degree on all Past Grands qualified to receive it; and shall, subject to the Grand Master, have charge of the Lodge Room during all meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 4.—The R. W. Grand Secretary shall attend, in person, at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and when absent, shall transmit the books and records thereof; he shall keep a just and true record of all proceedings, and intimate to each Subordinate Lodge such portion thereof as may affect it; he shall preserve all books, and file all documents belonging to his office, attest all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, inform him of all charges to be made against Subordinate Lodges for Dispensations, Cards, &c., transmit for his examination all returns from Subordinate Lodges; pay over to him forthwith, all monies coming into his hands on account of this Grand Lodge; receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge; and submit the same to the Grand Master, at the Grand Lodge, if in Session; conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Grand Lodge; furnish all Committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference, if required so to do; transmit to the Supreme Grand Lodge a regular report of the Order, made up to the 30th day of June, in each year; notify all Subordinate Lodges of each regular Session of this Grand Lodge, at least two weeks previous to its commencement; prepare all Charters granted by the Grand Lodge; affix the Grand Seal to such Charters, and to all other documents requiring it; perform all the duties of the Grand Treasurer in his absence, and attend to all other business not herein enumerated, and coming properly within his duty.

Clause 5.—The R. W. G. Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the monies of this Lodge, depositing the same in some Chartered Banking Institution of this Province, to be named by the Grand Lodge, within three days at furthest, after receipt thereof, unless otherwise directed by this Grand Lodge; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and none other; he shall keep his accounts in a fair, clear and legible manner, exhibiting in as far as possible, the sources of all receipts, and the destination of all disbursements, with the amount of both; he shall have his accounts closed immediately before every regular Session, and submit them thereat to this Grand Lodge, and shall execute, in favor of the Grand Master, Deputy

Grand Master, and Grand Warden in trust, a satisfactory Bond for the due and faithful performance of his duties.

Clause 6.—The R. W. G. Representatives shall attend the Meetings of the Grand Lodge, and act thereat on behalf of the various Lodges within its jurisdiction; they shall be furnished with certificates of election in the form required by the supreme Grand Lodge.

Clause 7.—The R. W. G. Chaplain shall, when present, open and close every meeting of this Grand Lodge, according to his office, if required so to do.

Clause 8.—The W. G. Marshall shall examine Past Grands applying for the Grand Lodge Degree, and shall otherwise assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, according to his office.

Clause 9.—The W. Grand Conductor shall assist the Grand Marshall in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and shall take his place during his absence.

Clause 10.—The W. Grand Guardian shall have the charge of the inner entrance of the Grand Lodge Room, and permit none to enter or depart without the usual formalities.

Clause 11.—Each R. W. Grand District Deputy shall act as the organ of the Grand Master, with the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges situated within the District over which he may be appointed; it shall be his duty to see that the work of the Order is performed therein uniformly and correctly, and to install the Officers of such Lodge or Lodges, or cause the same to be done by a competent Officer; he shall be entrusted with the charge of, and shall countersign and issue all Dispensations granted to any Lodge in his District; he shall report to the Grand Master, previous to each Regular Session, such Dispensations as may have passed through his hands, together with all other matters coming within his sphere of duty; and he shall remit to the Grand Secretary all Dues, Dispensations, Charges, and other Funds, which may have been received by him on account of this Grand Lodge, as soon after receipt of the same as may be.

Clause 12.—Each Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary shall attend every meeting of the Annual Session at which his term has closed, and all Grand Officers shall, in addition to the duties specified in this constitution, perform all such others as the Supreme Grand Lodge may from time to time enjoin.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1.—STANDING COMMITTEES,

Clause 1.—The Elective Grand Officers, exclusive of the Grand Representatives, shall constitute an Advisory Board, who shall meet on the summons of the Grand Master, the duty of which shall be to render assistance and advice to the Grand Master, on such matters as he shall deem it necessary in the discharge of his official duties, to introduce and submit to its notice and consideration, during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2.—The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of each Annual Session to serve until their successors shall be appointed, unless sooner discharged by vote of the Grand Lodge :—

- Committee on Credentials ;
- Committee on Returns ;
- Committee on Finance ;
- Committee on Laws of Subordinates ;
- Committee on Appeals.

Clause 3.—The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of three Members who shall report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the qualification of Brothers claiming admission as Representatives, and on the validity of their Credentials.

Clause 4.—The Committee on Returns shall consist of three Members, and shall examine and report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the regularity of the Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

Clause 5.—The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts and claims against this Grand Lodge, previous to their being ordered for payment ; to examine, at each Regular Session, all financial books and accounts of this Grand Lodge, and report thereon ; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may find to be expedient and necessary.

Clause 6.—The Committee on Appeals shall be composed of at least one member from each Subordinate Lodge represented, to whom shall be referred all Appeals and Grievances from Subordinate Lodges, or from members thereof, (unless in the case of charges against members of this

Grand Lodge,) on which they shall report without delay, recommending such action in the case as they may consider necessary; provided always that no member of this Committee shall act as such, on any appeal to which he may be himself a party.

Clause 7.—The Committee on Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred all By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, sent in for approval,) on which they shall report at the earliest opportunity, pointing out all regulations therein (if any,) which may violate or conflict with the Laws and Usages of the Order, and generally, as to all such matters relative thereto, as they may deem expedient.

SECTION II.—SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Clause 1.—All Special Committees shall be named by the Grand Master, unless provided for by special vote, and shall be held bound to report at the next meeting of their appointment, unless otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge.

Clause 2.—The final reports of all Committees must be made in writing.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION I.

Clause 1.—This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in August in each year, at such place as may be appointed at the preceding Session thereof.

Clause 2.—The Grand Master shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Grand Lodge, wherever, in his judgment, it would be for the true interests and benefit of the Grand Lodge and Oddfellowship generally within its jurisdiction, and the importance of the subject matters for consideration is such as to justify the expenses necessarily involved in such meetings.

Clause 3.—At the Annual Session, the Returns and Reports of the several Subordinate Lodges, as required by the Constitution, shall be presented; the newly elected Representatives shall be admitted to their seats; the Grand Officers shall be elected and installed; and all manner of business, within the powers and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted in due form.

Clause 4.—At any Special meeting of the Lodge, no matter submitted for consideration shall be so acted on thereat as to affect in any way the Funds of this Grand Lodge.

Clause 5.—At all Regular and Special meetings, this Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time, as may be found expedient.

SECTION II.—WORKING.

Clause 1.—To constitute a Regular Special Meeting of this Grand Lodge, there must be a majority of the Representatives of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction present.

Clause 2.—This Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, and by Resolution thereof may be closed in that, and opened in the Scarlet Degree for the transaction of business, in order to enable Brethren of that Degree to be present and witness its proceedings.

Clause 3.—All questions before the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Clause 4.—All the Representatives present shall vote upon, and a majority thereof shall decide all questions before the Grand Lodge; and the Yeas and Nays, if called for and seconded, shall be regularly recorded on the minutes.

Clause 5.—The Representatives of any Lodge which may have failed to make its Annual Returns within one month after the close of any Annual or semi-Annual term, shall have no right to vote in this Grand Lodge until after such Annual or semi-Annual Return shall have been made.

SECTION III.—RETURNS.

Clause 1.—This Grand Lodge shall transmit to the Supreme Grand Lodge at least twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting of the latter, a Return up to the 30th June then last past, containing full information as to the work of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, for the then preceding year, their present state, prospects, and all such other particulars as may be required by the Form of Annual Return which the Supreme Grand Lodge may from time to time prescribe.

Clause 2.—Such Returns shall be accompanied by the amount of dues accruing to the Supreme Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VI.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

SECTION I.—REGALIA.

Clause 1.—The Regalia of the Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge shall consist of the Scarlet Sash or Collar about three inches in width, trimmed with Satin or white Lace or fringe, and a Scarlet Apron trimmed in like manner.

Clause 2.—Members having attained the Royal Purple Degree may wear Trimmings of Yellow Metal, and may also wear a narrow Purple Collar trimmed with Yellow Metal, having attached to it any Jewel which they may be entitled to wear in this Grand Lodge.

Clause 3.—No member shall be permitted to be present at the meetings of this Grand Lodge unless clothed in appropriate Regalia.

SECTION II.—JEWELS.

Clause 1.—The Jewels of the officers of this Grand Lodge shall be as follows:—For Grand Master, the Sun; for Deputy Grand Master, the Crescent; for Grand Warden, the Hour Glass; for Grand Secretary, Crossed Pens; for Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys; for Grand Marshall, Crossed Batons; for Grand Conductor, Crossed Wands; for Grand Guardian, Crossed Swords; all of the above to be of White Metal, (except the G. M.'s and D. G. M.'s, which shall be yellow) and to be enclosed within a five-pointed open Star; such Star to be of yellow metal for the elective officers, and of white metal for the appointed officers.

Clause 2.—The Jewels of members of this Grand Lodge, not being officers, or past elective officers, shall be Crossed Gavils of white metal, within a five-pointed open Star; such Star to be of yellow metal for those having attained the R. P. Degree, and of white metal for others.

Clause 3.—Past elective officers of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to wear the Jewels of the offices they have respectively filled, with a white setting round the external margin of the Star.

ARTICLE VII.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION I.—INSTITUTION.

Clause 1.—Brothers desirous of establishing a new Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall transmit to this Grand Lodge, a written application to

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that effect, accompanied by their Cards of Clearance, or the Certificate of the Grand District Deputy of the District, that the same are in his possession, and by Certificates of their having attained the Scarlet Degree.

Clause 2.—Such application must be signed in every instance by at least five Brothers of the Scarlet Degree, and be accompanied by the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, being the Charter Fee. Should one Lodge, or more, be already established in the proposed location, the signatures of at least ten Brothers, qualified as above, shall be requisite.

Clause 3.—On receipt of a formal application for a Charter, as above required, the Grand Master, with the consent of the Advisory Board, may, if deemed necessary, issue a warrant for the immediate institution of the Lodge petitioned for.

Clause 4.—Every application for the Establishment of a Lodge, shall, as soon as possible, be submitted to the Grand Master, who shall report the same at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 5.—The necessary Charges and Lectures shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge, to every new Lodge on its institution, to be paid for at such rates as may be charged by the Supreme Grand Lodge. The travelling expenses of the Instituting officer shall also be payable by the Lodge instituted.

Clause 6.—The first Noble Grand of a new Lodge shall be entitled to the Past Vice Grand and Past Secretary Degree, in addition to the degrees acquired by actual service.

SECTION II.—GOVERNMENT.

Clause 1.—This Grand Lodge shall stand invested with full power, and it shall be its duty to issue, for the government of its Subordinate Lodges, the Form of Constitution and Rules of Order, ordained by the Supreme Grand Lodge, for the government of Subordinate Lodges under its immediate jurisdiction, with the requisite changes of style therein made; and it may add to such Constitution any Clauses not conflicting with those so ordained by the Supreme Grand Lodge, or with the general Laws or principles of the Order; and, from time to time, afterwards may add to, amend, or repeal such additional Clauses: Provided always, however, that copies of the form of Constitution so to be issued, and of all resolutions enacting, amending, or repealing any such additional Clause, or Clauses thereof, shall

be immediately forwarded, in duplicate, to the Superior Grand Lodge, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signatures of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary; one of such duplicate copies to be returned to this Grand Lodge, certified as approved or otherwise, as the case may be.

Clause 2.—Every Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, must adhere strictly to its Constitution and Rules of Order, as issued by the Grand Lodge; and also to the By-Laws framed by the Lodge in accordance therewith, and confirmed by this Grand Lodge, and shall, in all cases, yield implicit obedience to the further regulations that may from time to time be promulgated by this Grand Lodge.

Clause 3.—No Public Celebration of any kind, shall be held by Lodges under this jurisdiction, nor any controversy entered into relating to the Order through the public prints, without the express permission of the Grand Master, or in his absence, by the Deputy Grand Master.

Clause 4.—No person shall be admitted to Honorary Membership in any Subordinate Lodge, nor hold Membership in more than one Subordinate Lodge at the same time; and no Lodge shall, by remission or otherwise, exempt any of its members from the payment of the dues levied by law.

Clause 5.—No communication from a Subordinate Lodge shall be recognized as official, unless attested by its Secretary, and having its Seal affixed, of which seal an impression in lead shall be furnished to this Grand Lodge, as soon as may be.

Clause 6.—This Grand Lodge shall divide Canada West under its jurisdiction, into Districts, making such arrangements thereof, from time to time, as circumstances may suggest and require, and as shall seem most fit and expedient.

Clause 7.—The Grand Lodge, or in its recess, the Grand Master thereof, shall have power to issue Dispensations, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to any Lodge under its jurisdiction, to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the various regulations, other than financial, by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any matter with other than the usual and prescribed formalities, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the interest and welfare of the Order so to do.

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SECTION III.—FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

Clause 1.—Any Subordinate Lodge failing to make the Returns and pay the Dues required by its Constitution, for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge at any regular session.

Clause 2.—In the event of any Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers last installed to transmit to this Grand Lodge the Charter, Books, Funds, and other property of said Lodge.

Clause 3.—Members of extinct Lodges, who were clear of the Books of such Lodge, at the time of its dissolution, or who shall have paid to this Grand Lodge all arrears then due, may, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Card of Clearance under the Seal of this Grand Lodge, which shall have all the force of a Card of Clearance regularly granted.

ARTICLE VIII.

FUNDS.

SECTION I.—RECEIPTS.

Clause 1.—This Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive the following sums from Lodges under its jurisdiction:—for every Charter issued to a new Lodge, the sum of seven pounds ten shillings; for every blank form of Visiting Card or Card of Clearance, the sum of nine pence; for every Dispensation issued to authorize the Lodge to proceed in any matter with other than the usual and prescribed formalities, the sum of not more than five dollars, at the discretion of the Grand Master, and not more than ten per cent. on the amount of the gross receipts of each Subordinate Lodge—those to the Widows and Orphans' Fund excepted.

Clause 2.—In case of failure or deficiency in the funds of this Grand Lodge, the sum may be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of votes to which each Lodge is entitled under Article II, Section II, Clause 1, of this Constitution.

SECTION II.—EXPENDITURE.

Clause 1.—All claims against this Grand Lodge shall be first placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and be by him submitted to the Finance Committee, who shall examine and report on the correctness of the same.

Clause 2.—Claims reported correct shall be submitted to this Grand Lodge, at a regular session, and if then approved, the Grand Master shall issue his warrant for the account, on the Grand Treasurer, which shall be attested by the Grand Secretary, and shall be duly entered in the Books of the Grand Lodge, by the Grand Treasurer.

Clause 3.—In cases of urgency, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master may, in his discretion, issue such warrant, making report thereof to the Grand Lodge at its next regular session.

ARTICLE IX.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

SECTION I.—BY-LAWS.

Clause 1.—This Grand Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as it may deem expedient; provided they do not, in any wise, contravene any part of this Constitution, or of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Supreme Grand Lodge, or the general laws, principles, or customs of the Order.

Clause 2.—Copies of all such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate, to the Supreme Grand Lodge, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signatures of its Grand Master and Grand Secretary, one of such duplicate copies to be retained by the Supreme Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to this Grand Lodge certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

Clause 3.—All By-Laws and Resolutions of this Grand Lodge shall be provisionally in force from the time of their enactment; but any portion thereof not conforming to Clause 1 of this Section, may be annulled by the Supreme Grand Lodge, and such annulment may also have retro-active effect.

SECTION II.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of this Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication, and upon notice being given by the Grand Secretary, three months previous thereto, to each of the Subordinate Lodges, of the proposed alteration.

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RULES OF ORDER.

Rule I.—The Presiding Grand Officer, having assumed the Chair, shall direct the Grand Officers and Members to take their respective stations, and, calling up the Grand Lodge, may request the Grand Chaplain, if present, to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer, and shall thereafter direct proclamation to be made by the Grand Marshal of the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Rule II.—The order of Procedure, after opening, shall be as follows:—

- 1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers and Members.
- 2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.
- 3.—The receiving and consideration of any Report from the Committee on Credentials, on claims for admission as Representatives.
- 4.—The admission and instruction (when requisite) of new Members.
- 5.—The reading by the Grand Secretary of the Minutes of last meeting, the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
- 6.—The receiving and consideration of any Report from the Committee on Returns, relative to the Returns from Subordinate Lodges, and the reading of such Returns as may be reported correct.
- 7.—The reading and referring of Accounts presented.
- 8.—The reading, consideration and disposal of Petitions from Subordinate Lodges, or from Members thereof.
- 9.—The reading and referring of Appeals from Subordinate Lodges, or from Members thereof.
- 10.—The reading, consideration and disposal of other Communications.
- 11.—The receiving of any Reports from the other Standing Committees of this Grand Lodge, in the following order:—Committee on Finance; Committee on Grievances; Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

12.—The receiving of any Reports from Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

13.—Unfinished Business, in order of priority at previous meetings.

14.—New Business.

15.—Closing, or Adjournment, as the case may be, of the Grand Lodge.

Rule III.—Any Member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Grand Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or a majority of the Grand Lodge.

Rule IV.—No question, unless regularly moved and seconded, shall be put to the Grand Lodge by the Presiding Officer.

Rule V.—No question shall be open for consideration until regularly put from the Chair; and when so put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

- 1.—To adjourn;
- 2.—To lay on the table;
- 3.—To put the previous question;
- 4.—To postpone;
- 5.—To refer; or
- 6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

Rule VI.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the Members of the Grand Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following:—“*Shall the question be now put?*” which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

Rule VII.—If the vote of the Grand Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon put forthwith to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall not allow any amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Grand Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to

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Rule VIII.—Before taking the vote on any motion, the Presiding Officer shall ask, “*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?*” and, should no member stand up to speak, the Presiding Officer shall rise to take the vote, after which no member shall have a right to speak on the question.

Rule IX.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members, having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next meeting of the then Session, move for a re-consideration, but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule X.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

Rule XI.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, or on the longest or latest time, proposed.

Rule XII.—The Ayes and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any three members.

Rule XIII.—Every member present may be required to vote on any question, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, personally interested in the result, or otherwise incapacitated.

Rule XIV.—Any member, intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection on the Grand Lodge or its members.

Rule XV.—No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until every member desirous of speaking shall have had an opportunity of doing so—nor more than twice, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XVI.—Should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor; and no member shall interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or in any manner disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken, or rules infringed.

Rule XVII.—Any member called to order while speaking, shall resume his seat, and the debate shall forthwith be suspended until the point of

order thus raised be determined; nor shall such member speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanations, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Rule XVIII.—The decision of the Presiding Officer on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he should invite it; and on such questions alone shall he have the privilege of speaking from the Chair.

Rule XIX.—In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—“*Most Worthy Grand Master, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Grand Lodge,*”—and the Grand Lodge shall, after such explanation as the Presiding Officer may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question: “*Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgement of the Grand Lodge?*”

Rule XX.—Any member who may have been ruled out of order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologise to the Grand Lodge, or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain and apologise, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XXI.—Visiting Past Grands, not members of this Grand Lodge, may address the Grand Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule XXII.—During the continuance of a meeting, the utmost decorum shall be observed; and no one shall retire from the room, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XXIII.—A motion to alter or suspend the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many as five members call upon the Grand Lodge to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

Rule XXIV.—These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, (except in the case provided for by Rule XXIII.), by action of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, in the same mode as required in Article IX., of the foregoing Constitution.

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PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows within its Jurisdiction, the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST—the Superior Tribunal of all Lodges within the limits of the Province of Canada West—doth hereby ordain the following Articles, as the CONSTITUTION of all SUBORDINATE LODGES working under its immediate jurisdiction.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND POWERS.

This Lodge shall be constituted of at least Five Members of the Scarlet Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled, “_____ Lodge, No. _____, I. O. O. F. of Canada West,” and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I.—ADMISSION.

Clause 1.—Candidates for Membership in this Lodge must be more than 21, and not over 50 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health.

Clause 2.—Every proposition for Membership must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the Applicant, and his residence, age, and occupation, supported by a reference to at least one other Member of the Lodge.

Clause 3.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a Committee of three Brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., and who shall report thereon at the next Meeting.

Clause 4.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition, immediately after the presentation of such report; when, if less than three black balls be found, the Candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

Clause 5.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow, desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Card of Clearance from the Lodge of which he was previously a Member; and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.

Clause 6.—Every Member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge, and to pay all legal demands against him, so long as he shall remain a Member.

Clause 7.—Any Candidate requiring admission more than eight weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new Candidate.

Clause 8.—The rejection of any Candidate for Membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge within this Province, and to the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Clause 9.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for Membership, until, at least, six months after such rejection; and no person who has been twice rejected on application for Membership in the Order, shall again be proposed as a Candidate.

SECTION II.—DEGREES.

Clause 1.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Five Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and shall then be balloted for.

Clause 2.—If, on such ballot, his application be opposed by more than three of the Members present, it shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be

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Clause 3.—No certificate for Degrees shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the amount required therefor.

Clause 4.—No Brother, having been less than one month in Membership, shall be eligible for Degrees; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any Brother at one and the same meeting.

SECTION III.—CLEARANCE.

Clause 1.—Any brother desiring to withdraw from this Lodge, may signify such desire, either personally in open Lodge, or by letter addressed to the Secretary; and shall thereupon be entitled to his Card of Clearance, provided he be in good standing, and clear of the books.

Clause 2.—Should any Brother, receiving a Card of Clearance from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be again admitted a Member of this Lodge and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as it may think fit.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION I.—ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, P. Secretary, and Treasurer; and the Lodge may also provide, by its By-Laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

Clause 2.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M., must be a P. G. having the three P. O. Degrees; for the office of N. G., a V. G., or P. V. G., for the office of V. G., a Secretary, Past Secretary, or a Brother who has completed, or is then serving, a second term in some inferior office or offices in this Lodge; and no Brother shall be eligible to any of the other elective offices, unless he shall have served at least two terms in some appointed office, and shall have attained the Scarlet Degree.

Clause 3.—No officer except the P. S., Treasurer, or Physician, shall be proposed for re-election to the same office, if any other qualified Brother be in nomination therefor, until two terms after passing through the chair in question.

Clause 4.—Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at

the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, except when the nominees for an office are all absent without excuse, or decline serving.

Clause 5.—No Brother shall be nominated, who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named; and no nomination shall be held to be in force, on proceeding to election, unless the Brother so nominated be then present, or have sent to the Lodge a sufficient excuse in writing.

Clause 6.—The Election of Officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of the D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months, as the Lodge by its By-Laws determine.

Clause 7.—If, for any Elective Office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot.

Clause 8.—A majority of all the legal votes cast, shall be necessary to election; should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

SECTION II.—APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W. C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R. and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

Clause 2.—These Officers shall be nominated by the N. G. immediately after his Installation; except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be nominated at the same period by the V. G.

Clause 3.—All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and the W. and O. G. must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

Clause 4.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G. a Brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

SECTION III.—VACANCIES.

Clause 1.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from four successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided

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Clause 2.—Any Vacancy in Office shall be filled by election or appointment as the case may be, in the manner as provided for in the previous Sections; and Brothers, so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the office, provided they complete the Term.

SECTION IV.—DUTIES AND POWERS.

Clause 1.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers, as are prescribed by the Charge-Books and Usages of the Order, and the laws of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto such duties and powers, as may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding Clause of this Section.

ARTICLE IV.

SESSIONS, TERMS AND RETURNS.

SECTION I.—SESSIONS.

Clause 1.—This Lodge shall hold its Meetings weekly, on such evening and at such hour as may be provided by its By-Laws.

Clause 2.—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Clause 3.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present; nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order annexed to this Constitution.

Clause 4.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the Pass-word for the Term, or are introduced by an Officer of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 5.—This Lodge shall have no power to resolve itself, at any time, into Committee of the Whole.

SECTION II.—TERMS.

Clause 1.—The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively: should the D. M., P. S. or Physician, be elected Semi-Annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if Annually, then at the first regular meeting in July.

Clause 2.—Every Term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

SECTION III.—RETURNS.

Clause 1.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of C. W., immediately on the expiry of their Term of Office, a regular Return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of Quarterly Return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

Clause 2.—Such Semi-Annual Return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge, not being more than 10 per cent. on the Receipts of this Lodge, as shown by the Return, exclusive of the amount received on account of the W. and O. Fund.

Clause 3.—It shall also be the duty of the Officers for the Term ending on the 30th June in every year, to forward to the Grand Lodge a Return of the Relief granted during the year ending as above, with such other particulars as may be contained in such blank form of Annual Return, as may from time to time be prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 4.—A Fine of ten shillings shall be payable by this Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of any Semi-Annual Term, previous to the Returns required by this Section being placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 5.—Should this Lodge, or the Officers thereof, fail to make the Returns required by the preceding Clauses, for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter; and it shall be the duty of the last-installed Officers, to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect, (or to such other Brother as may be appointed, by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

FUNDS.

SECTION II.—CONTRIBUTIONS.

Clause 1.—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be known respectively as the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the General Benefit

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Clause 2.—The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the Candidate, and shall not be less than One Pound Five Shillings.

Clause 3.—The Charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than Five Shillings for each of the Five Degrees; and all monies received on account of Degree Charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

Clause 4.—The Contributions of each Member to the Regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-Laws, but shall not be at a less rate than Seven Shillings and Six Pence per Quarter: one-third of whatever may be the Quarterly Contribution to the Benefit Funds shall be placed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and the remaining two-thirds to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

Clause 5.—The Lodge shall have the power of enacting such Fees for Visiting and Clearance Cards, (to be applied to the General Fund) and such Fines for neglect of duty, &c., (to be applied to the Widows and Orphans' Fund,) as may be determined by the By-Laws.

SECTION II.—DISBURSEMENTS.

Clause 1.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or other disability, not occasioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws; Provided always that such weekly Benefit shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the General Benefit Fund, and that this Lodge shall not be held to pay such Benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week, unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.

Clause 2.—In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as required by the By-Laws, there shall be paid to his nearest of kin or other legal representative, from the General Fund, towards defraying the funeral expenses, such sum, not being less than Five Pounds, nor more than Twelve

Pounds Ten Shillings, as may be fixed by the By-Laws of this Lodge.

Clause 3.—The Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the payment of a Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral: Provided such Funeral Benefit shall not exceed one-half of the amount payable by the Lodge for a Funeral Benefit under Clause 2 of this Section.

Clause 4.—The Lodge shall, by its By-Laws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress: Provided such relief shall be applied from no other than the General Fund, and shall in no one case exceed the sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings.

Clause 5.—The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit: Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed, by any one member, to such Widows and Orphans' Fund, within the space of twenty years, under the By-Laws of the Lodge; and that, if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities.

ARTICLE VI.

PENALTIES AND TRIAL.

SECTION I.—PENALTIES.

Clause 1.—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe the Constitution or By-Laws of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

Clause 2.—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues,) shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of Section II. of this Article.

Clause 3.—When any Brother, suspended for an indefinite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be re-instated, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement.

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Clause 4.—No Brother shall be re-instated, until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then.

Clause 5.—Notice of every suspension, expulsion, or re-instatement, shall forthwith be transmitted to every Subordinate Lodge within this Province.

Clause 6.—No Brother who has been legally expelled shall be again admitted to Membership, until after the same procedure as is prescribed by Clause 3 of this Section, and the obtaining of the consent of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION II.—TRIALS.

Clause 1.—No Member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in good standing.

Clause 2.—Any charge or charges, so preferred, shall be referred to a Committee of five Members, of whom three shall be quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which Committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question.

Clause 3.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a Member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final, without further action from the Lodge.

Clause 4.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three of their number, in their name.

Clause 5.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the Brother under charges shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

Clause 6.—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

SECTION III.—APPEALS.

Clause 1.—Any party interested shall have the right of appeal to the Lodge, from the decision of a Committee, given under Clause 3 of the preceding section ; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal, shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

Clause 2.—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge ; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled, or modified, as a majority of the Members present shall determine.

Clause 3.—Any party interested may appeal to the Grand Lodge of Canada West, on the ground of informality or want of fairness ; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved—but not otherwise—the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in the preceding Section.

ARTICLE VII.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

SECTION I.—REGALIA.

Clause 1.—The Regalia of Members belonging to this Lodge shall be as follows:—For the Initiatory Degree, a plain white apron ; for the higher Degrees, white aprons and collars trimmed with the emblematic colour of each Degree—*i. e.*, first, white ; second, pink ; third, blue ; fourth, green ; fifth, scarlet ; rosettes of the appropriate colours may be worn on the collars.

Clause 2.—The Officers' Regalia shall be as follows:—For Degree Master, Past-Grand's Regalia ; Noble Grand, scarlet collar ; Vice Grand, blue collar ; Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer, green collar ; Physician, pink collar ; Chaplain, white collar ; (each of them trimmed with white or silver :) for Warden and Conductor, black sashes ; O. G. and Supporters of N. G., scarlet sashes ; I. G. and Supporters of V. G., blue sashes ; and Scene Supporters, white sashes ; aprons of all Officers to be white, edged with the colour of the collar or sash indicated for the office, and those of Elective Officers and Chaplain may also be trimmed with white or silver ; the caps and robes of Officers to correspond in colour with the collar or sash of their office.

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Clause 3.—All Officers shall wear the Regalia of their respective offices while present in the Lodge, and all Members must appear in the Regalia of the highest Degree they have received.

Clause 4.—The Regalia of P. G. shall be a scarlet collar or sash, and an apron, either white edged with scarlet, or scarlet edged with white; such collar, sash or apron may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, or, where the Brother has attained the R. P. Degree, with yellow metal.

SECTION II.—FUNERAL REGALIA.

Clause 1.—All Members of this Lodge, when attending, as such, the Funeral of a deceased Brother, shall wear on the left breast a black crape rosette, having a centre of the colour of the highest Degree to which they may have attained, with a sprig of evergreen above, and, below, any jewel they may be entitled to wear.

Clause 2.—The ordinary mourning badge, to be worn in memory of a deceased Brother for one month after his Funeral, shall be a strip of black crape or silk, passed through two button holes of the left lappel of the coat.

SECTION III.—JEWELS.

Clause 1.—The Jewels of the Officers of this Lodge shall be as follows:—For D. M., a five-pointed open star, with breastplate in centre; for N. G., crossed gavils; for V. G., hour glass; for Secretary, crossed pens; for Financial Secretary, pen and key crossed; for Treasurer, crossed keys; for Warden, crossed axes; for Conductor, crossed staves; for Guardians, crossed swords; the whole to be of white metal.

Clause 2.—Past Elective Officers shall be entitled to wear the Jewels of the offices they have passed respectively, together with the Regalia appertaining to the same, except P. G's., whose Jewel shall be a five-pointed open star with crossed gavils in centre—to be of yellow metal, when the P. G. has attained the R. P. Degree, otherwise of white metal.

ARTICLE VIII.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

SECTION I.—BY-LAWS.

Clause 1.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with power to adopt, from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as may be deemed expedient: Provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Consti-

tution, of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of C. W., or the principles or custom of the Order.

Clause 2.—All such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the Signature of its N. G. and Secretary ; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

SECTION II.—DISPENSATIONS.

Clause 1.—The Grand Lodge, or, in its récess, the Grand Master, shall have power to grant Dispensations to any Lodge, to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the foregoing Regulations, other than financial, whenever the said Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the welfare and interest of the Order so to do.

Clause 2.—Such charge shall be made for Dispensations issued under this Section, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

SECTION III.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

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RULES OF ORDER.

Rule I.—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, the Officers and Brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule II.—The order of Procedure, after opening, shall be as follows :—

- 1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers.
- 2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.
- 3.—The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of the last Lodge night ; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
- 4.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.
- 5.—The Nomination or Election of Officers, on the evenings designated for such Nomination or Election.
- 6.—The receiving and consideration of Reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.
- 7.—The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.
- 8.—The receiving of Propositions for Membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.
- 9.—The receiving and considerations of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.
- 10.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.
- 11.—The reading and consideration of Accounts and other Communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12.—Good and Welfare: being *first*, Unfinished Business, in order of priority at former Meetings; and, *secondly*, New Business.

13.—The closing of the Lodge.

Rule III.—Any Member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

Rule IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

- 1.—To adjourn;
- 2.—To lay on the table;
- 3.—To put the previous question;
- 4.—To postpone;
- 5.—To refer; or
- 6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

Rule V.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the Members of the Lodge present, and then shall always be put in the words following:—“*Shall the question be now put?*” which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the previous question may have been so made.

Rule VI.—If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

Rule VII.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

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taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time, proposed.

Rule IX.—The Ayes and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any member, duly seconded.

Rule X.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two Members, having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next regular meeting, move for a re-consideration thereof; but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule XI.—Any question decided by the Lodge, shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by re-consideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

Rule XII.—Every Member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIII.—Any Brother intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one Brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

Rule XIV.—The Presiding Officer, or any Member, may call a Brother to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Rule XV.—In all cases where a Member may appeal from any decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—“*M. N., I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge;*” and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question:—“*Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?*”

Rule XVI.—Any Brother who may have been called to order for

manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologise to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologise, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XVII.—The Presiding Officer, or the Lodge, may, at any time, require all Members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any Member or Members from so doing,

Rule XVIII.—Brothers, not Members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIX.—No Brother shall retire, while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XX.—A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many as seven Members call upon the Lodge to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

Rule XXI.—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, (except in the case provided for by Rule XX.) by action of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

