

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND DIVISION

OF THE
Sons of Temperance

OF
CANADA EAST,

AT THE
Half-Yearly Session and Fourth Annual Meeting.



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ST. JOHNS, JUNE 18, 1857.
Wednesday, 10, A.M.

THE Grand Division of Canada East assembled in Cameron Division Rooms, for the purpose of holding its Semi-Annual Session.

Officers present. — G.W.P., G. Scribe, G. Con., G. Sen., and G.W.P.

The following Representatives were appointed to fill the vacant chairs, *pro tem* :—

J. C. Becket, G.W.A.,
E. Hitchcock, G.T.,
J. T. Dutton, G. Chaplain.

The Grand Division was opened in due form, and with services of Chaplain.

The minutes of previous meeting read short and approved.

Representatives H. S. Lighthall, Smeaton, and Vanvleit were appointed Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. Scott, entered and took his seat.

The Committee on Credentials reported the Credentials of the following correct:—

David Tees, P. W. P., and J. Montgomery, W.P., Howard Div., No. 1.

Wm. Hall, William More, P.W.P., Gough Div., No. 3.

H. S. Lighthall, and William Sellers, P.W.P., Perseverance Div., No. 4.

G. Mathison, P.W.P., St. Lawrence Div., No. 16.

E. Scriver, A. Bachant, John O'Connor, R. Foster, Danl. Vosburg, P. W. P's., and W. H. Vanvleit, W. P., Lacolle, No. 17.

J. B. Gibson, and W. M. Macfie, P. W. P., Clarenceville Div., No. 19.

A. McIntosh, P. W. P., Manningville Hope Div., No. 22.

E. Hitchcock, M. Whelan, W. Whelan, J. Gillespie, P. W. P's., and Henry Chillingsworth, W. P., Cameron, No. 24.

J. H. Gilman, W. Farrell, P. W. P's., and W. R. Shand, W. P., Richelieu, No. 32.

The following Representatives being in waiting, were introduced and initiated:—

John Montgomery, William Hall, W. R. Shand, Alexander McIntosh, John O'Connor, Danl. Vosburgh, J. B. Gibson, Wm. More, Henry Chillingsworth, John Gillespie.

The following Committees were appointed:—

GOOD AND WELFARE.—Rep. J. C. Becket, Rev. W. Scott, and G. Mathison.

FINANCE.—Rep. H. S. Lighthall, J. B. Gibson, and J. Rickaby.

The G.W.P's Report was read as follows:—

G. W. P'S REPORT.

ST. JOHNS, JUNE 18, 1856.

Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division, of C. E.

Another period has passed, and we are again permitted to assemble in Session of this Grand Division, and I trust this meeting together will be one of harmony, concord and brotherly love.

Since our last meeting circumstances affecting the cause of temperance have transpired, that to some may appear alarming. We have again' been thwarted in our object in the Legislative Halls; but on a careful examination of all the circumstances connected therewith, we shall see that the fault lay with our pretended friends. The voice of 100,000 loyal and true temperance men have not been heard in favour of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, whilst only about 4,000 advocates of the foul Demon that stalks triumphantly throughout our land petitioned against it. Let us never despair, but let us remonstrate and Petition until our Legislators shall grant us the great boon which is our due.

It is probable that before the next Session of Parliament, a general election will take place; if so, it behoves us to be looking out for men of sterling merit to represent us,—men of principle, not expediency,—men that will do what they promise; and let no friend of temperance give his vote to any candidate that will not pledge himself to vote for a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

I have received Reports from the Deputies of the following places, viz:— Clarenceville 2, Qcebec 2, Bristol 2, Leeds 2, Richelieu 2, St. Michaels 2, Lacolle 1, Montreal 1, St. Johns 1,—embracing only 13 Divisions,—in consequence of which I am not enabled to make as full a report of the state of the order under our jurisdiction as I could wish. The Divisions from which I have received reports, report favorably of the sure but slow progress of their several Division.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND DIVISION,

I would call the attention of this Grand Division to a vote passed by the Grand Division of Canada West, for making application to the National Division for a charter for a National Division for the British Provinces, and would recommend that this Grand Division follow their example.

I would also recommend that measures be taken for extending our order in the Eastern Townships, where reside 150,000 inhabitants (Anglo Saxon) with only one Temperance Organization in working order.

I have to congratulate this Grand Division on the resuscitation of one Division and the institution of three new ones.

In conclusion, Brothers, as we have met in peace may we depart in harmony, after our varied duties are done, and may the Great Patriarch above bless our labors and send prosperity to our noble order.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

J. B. CLIFF, G.W.P.

The Grand Scribe's Report was read as follows:—

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T. OF C. E.
Montreal, June 18, 1856.

Officers and Brothers,—

Since the last meeting of this Grand Division, three new Divisions have been instituted under our jurisdiction. Their names and date of Institution, are as follows:—

Richelieu Division, No. 32, located on the Richelieu. Instituted Nov. 3, 1855.

Onslow Division, No. 33, Onslow. Instituted, April 22, 1856.

Harmony Division, No. 34, New Glasgow. Instituted, March 27, 1856.

From the Reports received from the Divisions, under our jurisdiction, they exhibit considerable progress in our Order since

last meeting. Several Divisions have not sent in Returns for the quarter yet, but I trust they will send them in along with the Reports for next quarter. If all who are in good working order had sent in returns, the synopsis appended to this report for last quarter, would be the most encouraging of any yet presented.

Communications have been received from the Grand Divisions of Canada West, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia, on the subject of applying for a charter for a National Division, for the British Provinces.

Also a communication from the Grand Division of Virginia, relating to alterations of the constitutions.

In regard to the procuring of new emblems for this Grand Division, I have to inform you that, through the kindness of the Grand Scribe of Canada West, I have been enabled to put the order in the hands of a Jeweller in Kingston. They are to be made after the pattern of the emblems used by the Grand Division of Canada West, the Grand Scribe allowing those in his possession to be used as copies.

The Subordinate Divisions under our jurisdiction were supplied with copies of petitions for a Prohibitory Liquor Law, and the most of them sent Petitions accordingly; but I am sorry to say, that notwithstanding these, and the immense number sent in from C. W., embracing the signatures of 100,000 persons, the Legislature did not deign to grant their request, and we are thus thrown forward for another period in the future, to look for the consummation of our wishes. Such a law as desired will come, and, as delays take place, our efforts must increase until we meet with complete success.

The following is a copy of the Annual Return sent to the M. W. S., to December 31st, 1855:—

Total Number of Divisions in operation	....	....	27
Number Admitted	492
" Suspended	105
Total Number Expelled	273
Deaths	2
Violated Pledge	104

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Reinstated	33
Violated the Pledge Second Time	21
Contributing Members	829
Temperance Meetings held	.....	.....	.....	146
Number of Tracts Distributed	.....	.....	.....	100
“ Representatives to Grand Division	.....	.....	.....	76
Number Withdrawn	.....	.....	.....	125
Cash Received	.....	.....	£406	1 7
Paid for Benefits	.....	.....	52	16 3
Cash on hand, including money invested	.....	.....	295	18 8
Total Expenses, exclusive of Benefits	.....	.....	408	17 2
Percentage to Grand Division	.....	.....	47	9 7
Percentage to National Division	.....	.....	2	7 6

The following is a synopsis of the Returns for the Quarter ending March 31, from 18 Divisions :

Members Admitted	.....	.....	.....	.....	105
“ Suspended	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Expelled for Violation of Article 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
“ Non-payment of Dues	.....	.....	.....	.....	47
Deaths	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Violated Pledge	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
Reinstated	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Violated Pledge Second Time	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Contributing Members	.....	.....	.....	.....	775
Temperance Meetings held	.....	.....	.....	.....	46
Number Admitted by Card	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
“ Withdrawn	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
“ Representatives to Grand Division	.....	.....	.....	.....	64
Cash Received	.....	.....	.....	£119	18 3
Paid for Benefits	.....	.....	.....	29	11 3
Cash on hand, including money invested	.....	.....	.....	293	19 5
Total expenses for the quarter, exclusive of Benefits	.....	.....	.....	65	10 8
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division	.....	.....	.....	12	18 4

The following are the Financial Statements of this office since the Annual Meeting to this date.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, OCT., 1855, TO JUNE 18, 1856.

Grand Division in account with Grand Scribe.

— DR. —

To paid Grand Chaplain's expenses to Meetings in Toronto, No. 1.	£ 5 6 0
" M. W. S., on account per centage, No. 2.	2 10 0
" Carriage of Parcel and draft	0 2 0
" Ware & Co., Hamilton, account, No. 3	7 0 0
" Printing account, No. 4	11 10 0
" Grand Scribe's half-year's allowance	5 0 0
" Sundry postage date	2 7 6
Cash on hand	7 1 1
	£40 11 1

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By Cash on hand, Oct., 18, 1855,	£ 4 11 0
" New Charters and Books,	4 10 0
" Per Capita Tax, Cards, &c.	31 10 1
	£40 11 1

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

HENRY ROSE, G.S.

On motion, both reports were referred to the proper Committees.

A communication was received and read from Cameron Div., inviting this Grand Division to join in a procession, and attend a soiree, commencing at half-past three, p.m.—The invitation was accepted.

The Committee appointed at last Session to divide Canada East into districts for the holding of the meetings of this Grand Division, submitted the following Report:—

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Division of Canada East.

We the Committee appointed to draw up a plan so as to divide Canada East into four districts, to be under the jurisdiction of this Grand Division, beg to submit the following:—

The whole humbly submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

Committee, { ALEX. SMEATON,
H. S. LIGETHALL,
ROBERT KENNY,
GEO. M. ROSE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND DIVISION,

QUEBEC DIVISION, No. 1.

Balaklava,	Gough,
St. Lawrence,	Stanstead:

OTTAWA, No. 2.

Samaritan,	Alymer,
Wellington,	Chelsea,
St. Andrews,	Clarendon,
Victoria,	Bristol,
Chatham,	Lochaber,
Litchfield,	Onslow.

MONTREAL, No. 3.

Neal Dow,	St. Johns,
Howard,	Lacolle,
Jonadab,	Richelieu,
Prince of Wales,	Harmony,
Clarenceville.	

HUNTINGDON, No. 4.

Manningville Hope,	Perseverance,
St. Michael's Union,	Bethel, Lancaster.

Adopted.

It was moved that the Resolution adopted at last meeting, appointing Clarenceville as the place for holding the next Annual Meeting, be rescinded, so that the Report now adopted, come immediately into force.

Not adopted.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned to half-past one P.M.

JUNE 18, 1856—WEDNESDAY, 1½ P.M.

The Grand Division met, according to adjournment, and was opened in usual form.

OFFICERS PRESENT:—G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. Con. and G. Sen.

Vacancies filled as follows:—W. Macfie, G. W. A.; H. S. Lighthall, G. T.; J. T. Dutton, G. Chaplain.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report:—

ST. JOHNS, June 18, 1856.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Division of Canada East.

We, the undersigned Financial Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the Accounts of the G. S., and find them correct.

J. B. GIBSON,
H. S. LIGHTHALL.
JOHN RICKABY.

Adopted.

Moved by Rep. Smeaton,—That the vote be retaken by ballot for rescinding the resolution adopted at last meeting by this Grand Division, appointing Clarenceville as the place for holding the next Annual Meeting.

The motion was ruled out of order by the G. W. P.

The Committee to whom the G. W. P. and Grand Scribe's Reports and the Communications were referred submitted the following Report:—

ST. JOHNS, June 18, 1856.

¶To the Officers and Members of the Grand Division of Canada East:

The Committee on the Good and Welfare, to whom was referred the Report of the G. W. P., and so much of the G. S.'s Report as may be of a general nature, beg leave to report:—

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

The Committee congratulate the Grand Division on the gradual progress of the Order, as reported both by the G. W. P. and the G. S. That progress is not as rapid and extensive as is desirable, considering the noble objects we have in view—and your Committee are impressed with the conviction, that if every individual Member of the Order would use more personal exertions, the cause would take a deeper hold on the community, and the Order become more generally established.

Respecting the principle of Prohibition, this Division has already expressed its judgment, which, we apprehend, will not be likely to undergo any change; but it is with feelings of unmingled regret that your Committee find, as stated, in the Reports before us, that so little attention has been paid by the Legislature to the Petitions of so large a number of intelligent fellow countrymen. The Committee recommend that in the case of a General Election occurring before the next Meeting of the Grand Division, that every lawful effort be made to return to Parliament only such men as will honestly and ably support a Prohibitory Liquor Law; and that the Subordinate Divisions in the respective

localities be earnestly urged to give special attention to this most important practical measure.

The Committee notice with regret that several D. G. W. P.'s have failed to furnish the necessary Reports to the G. W. P., which necessarily embarrasses him in attempting to form a judgment of the standing and progress of the Order. To prevent the recurrence of this remissness on the part of D.G.W.P.'s, it is recommended that the continuance of such Deputies as are delinquent be entirely optional with the G.W.P., and that he be left at perfect liberty to act as may seem to him most expedient and conducive to the good of the Order.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

The first subject requiring notice in the G.S.'s Report relates to the formation of a N. D. for the Provinces of British North America, with communications from the G. D. of Prince Edward's Island, from the G. D. of Nova Scotia, and from the G. D. of Canada West, on the same subject. Your Committee are of opinion that it would not at present add to the strength or efficiency of the Order to propose any such change or arrangement, but that if the other G.D.'s in British America unitedly concur in asking for the change, this G.D. is recommended to throw no obstacle in the way, but simply concur in the proposition when officially invited to do so.

The Communication from the G.S. of the G.D., S. of T. of Virginia, respecting alterations in the Constitution of the National, Grand, and Subordinate Divisions, is recommended to be laid over to next Session, in consequence of the N.D. having already held its Annual Session.

Your Committee recommend that the Semi-Annual Meeting of this G.D. be held on the 2nd Wednesday of May instead of the 3rd Wednesday of June, as this may afford an opportunity of addressing the N.D. on the matters of importance, and for other reasons.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. BECKET.
WILLIAM SCOTT.
GEORGE MATHISON.

The Report was read in sections and adopted.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock to-morrow morning.

JUNE 16, 1856—THURSDAY, 5 A.M.

The Grand Division met, according to adjournment, and was opened in usual form.

OFFICERS PRESENT:—G.W.P., G. Scribe, G. Con. and G. Sen.

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Vacancies were filled as follows:— J. H. Gilman, G. W. A.; E. Hitchcock, G. T.; J. T. Dutton, G. Chaplain.

The Committee on Credentials reported the Credentials of J. Healy, P. W. P. of Gough Division No. 3, correct. The Brother being in waiting, was introduced and initiated.

The minutes of yesterday's meetings were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Delegates from this Grand Division to the Grand Division of Canada West, and other Temperance Conventions held in Toronto, October, 1855, was presented as follows:—

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE G. D. OF C. W., AND TO THE PROVINCIAL TEMPERANCE CONVENTION, HELD IN TORONTO, OCT., 1855.

To the G. W. P. and Representatives to G. D., assembled in St. Johns, June 18, 1856.

The undersigned being duly appointed as your delegates to G. D. of C. W., and other temperance organizations held in Toronto, October 25, and the following days, beg leave to Report,

That it afforded your delegates the utmost satisfaction to be permitted to attend the G. D. of C. W. The vigor and zeal of the Brotherhood in that section of our country stood in high repute, but it required a personal association fully to know the real worth of that noble band of fellow-labourers. Your delegates were received in due form, and invited to take part in the discussions of the session, and were afforded various opportunities of stating our views, and more particularly of reporting the standing and progress of this Division.

We had no opportunity of attending the meetings of the Prohibitory Liquor Law League, but as their designs and propositions were substantially adopted by the Provincial Convention, it was not of so great importance. The Convention was attended not only by members of the G. D., but also by a large number of delegates from all parts of Canada. The decisions of the Convention accorded with the views of this G. D., in reference to the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic, and your representatives had an opportunity, both in Committee and in public, of pledging the support of this G. D., and of the temperance people of Lower Canada. The most respectful attention was paid to our statements, and the whole course of proceedings was such as to lead to the conclusion that our intercommunion was calculated to be mutually beneficial.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCOTT.

JOHN S. HALL.

Adopted.

Rep. Smeaton brought up the motion presented by him at yesterday's meeting, which was ruled out of order by the G. W. P., and appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained by the Grand Division.

Moved by Rep. J. T. Dutton, and adopted :

Resolved,—That this Grand Division, in view of the serious injury sustained by the cause of Total Abstinence in the inefficient and treacherous conduct of those who had been relied upon for the advocacy of the necessity for the establishment of the Prohibitory Liquor Law in this Province during the present Session of the Legislative Assembly, while disavowing any direct interference with subjects generally considered political, does still consider it to be its duty to press upon the attention of the Divisions of our Order in Canada East, the necessity of united organized action in the selection and support of members for the representation of their several localities, who are known, and who will become pledged at the ensuing election, to vote in Parliament for the establishment of the Prohibitory Law in Canada.

Moved by G. Scribe Rose, and adopted :

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to Cameron Division, for their arrangements in providing for the accommodation of the Members of this Grand Division from a distance, and for the use of their Rooms for holding its present meetings, and that the Grand Scribe communicate this resolution to Cameron Division.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Mathison, and adopted :

Resolved,—That this Grand Division does hereby tender, on behalf of the Order, its hearty thanks to those Members of the House of Assembly who nobly, faithfully, and patriotically advocated and cast their votes in favor of a law to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the Province during the present session.

On motion, the Grand Scribe was authorised to get the proceedings of this session inserted in the *Canada Temperance Advocate*, and purchase 250 copies containing it for distribution among the Divisions under our jurisdiction.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned, to meet in Clarenceville on the Third Wednesday of October, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Grand Division was then closed in usual form, and the G. Chaplain's services.

HENRY ROSE,
Grand Scribe.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

CLARENCEVILLE, *October, 15, 1856.*

Wednesday, 10 A. M.

The Grand Division of Canada East met in Clarenceville Division Rooms for the purpose of holding its Annual Session.

Officers present :—

JOHN S. HALL, G. W. A.
HENRY ROSE, G. SCRIBE.
REV. W. SCOTT, G. CHAP.
P. DUFFY, G. CON.

John S. Hall, G. W. A. occupied the chair.

The following Representatives were appointed to fill the vacant chairs :—

J. H. GILMAN, G. W. A.
W. M. MACFIE, G. T.
J. MONTGOMERY, G. SEN.
A. SMEATON, P. G. W. P.

The Grand Division was then opened according to form.

On motion of Grand Scribe Rose, the order of business was suspended, so that Candidates in waiting might now be introduced and initiated.

The acting G. W. P., appointed G. Chap., Rev. W. Scott J. H. Gilman, and W. Vanvliet, the Committee on Credentials.

The Credentials of the following Representatives were then examined and reported correct,—as having been elected until October next :—

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—P. W.P's., J. Brodie, H. Rose, J. S. Hall, J. T. Dutton, W. McBride, W. G. Slack, James Ross, D. Tees, J. Montgomery, and J. M. Hall.

GOUGH DIVISION, No. 3.—R. Brodie, and A. Smeaton, P. W.P.

PERSEVERANCE DIVISION, No. 4.—Wm. Sellers, P. W.P.

ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION, No. 16.—A. Walker, and A. Farquhar, P. W.P's.

LACOLLE DIVISION, No. 17.—John Jackson, John O'Connor, E. Sriver, W. B. Vanvliet, John Grey, Arthur Bachant, W. H. Vanvliet, D. Vosburgh, and R. Foster, P. W.P's.

CLARENCEVILLE DIVISION, No. 19.—C. A. Beerwort, J. B. Cliff, W. M. Mafie, J. B. Gibson, R. Butler, H. J. Clark, H. C. Colton, and H. Bush, P. W.P's.

CAMERON DIVISION, No. 14.—Wm. Borbridge, P. Duffy, and H. Chillingsworth, P. W.P's.

NEAL DOW DIVISION, No. 27.—J. C. Becket, W. Easton, J. Ballard, Rev. W. Scott, Willsie Manning, N. S. Davenport, W. Hodgson, P. W.P's., and W. Dickson, W.P.

RICHILIEU DIVISION, No. 32.—J. H. Gilman, Jonathan Gilman, H. G. Trepanie, W. Farrell, W. J. Derrick, W. R. Shand, and J. D. Dewar, P. W.P's.

The following Representatives were announced in waiting, introduced by the Grand Conductor and initiated :—

R. Brodie, P. W.P., GOUGH DIVISION.

Alex. Farquhar, and Alex. Walker, P. W.P's., ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION.

J. Jackson, P. W.P., LACOLLE DIVISION.

W. Borbridge, P. W.P., CAMERON DIVISION.

H. G. Trepanie, W. J. Derrick, Jonathan Gilman, and John D. Dewar, P. W.P's., RICHILIEU DIVISION.

H. J. Clarke, P. W. P., CLARENCEVILLE DIVISION.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned till half past 2 p.m.

October 15, 1856—Half past 2, P. M.

Officers present same as at Morning Session.

The Grand Division proceeded to the nomination of officers, when the following nominations were made :—

G. W. P.—John S. Hall.

G. W. A.—J. H. Gilman, A. Smeaton.

G. Scribe.—Henry Rose.

G. Treas.—A. Smeaton.

G. Chap.—Rev. W. Scott.

G. Con.—W. M. Macfie, W. H. Vanvliet, and A. Farquar.

G. Sen.—A. Walker, J. Montgomery, R. Brodie, and W. Farrell.

The Grand Division then proceeded to the election of officers.

Rep. Duffy, J. O'Connor, and J. Jackson were appointed Scrutineers.

The following is the result of the several ballots :—

G. W. P.—J. S. Hall.

G. W. A.—J. H. Gilman.

G. Scribe.—H. Rose.

G. T.—A. Smeaton.

G. Chap.—Rev. W. Scott.

G. Con.—W. M. Macfie.

G. Sen.—W. Farrell.

The installation of officers was then proceeded with.

The G. W. P. elect, Rep. J. S. Hall, was obligated according to form, and conducted to his seat.

The other officers were then installed in the following order :

J. H. Gilman, G. W. A.
 H. Rose, G. Scribe.
 A. Smeaton, G. T.
 Rev. W. Scott, G. Chap.
 W. M. Macfie, G. Con.
 W. Farrell, G. Sen.

The G. W. P., appointed the following Standing Committees, viz:—

GOOD AND WELFARE,—Rev. W. Scott, Jonathan Gilman, and A. Walker.

FINANCE,—W. H. Vanvliet, P. Duffy, and A. Farquhar.

APPEALS,—J. H. Gilman, J. O'Connor, W. M. Macfie, W. Sellers, and H. Chillingsworth.

ELECTIONS, RETURNS, CHARTERS, PETITION, CONSTITUTIONS, BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATES, AND PUBLICATIONS,—J. Ballard, J. Montgomery, and W. G. Slack.

The Grand Scribe read his Report as follows:—

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE G. D., S. OF T., OF C. E. }
 CLARENCEVILLE, October 15, 1856. }

G. W. P., Officers and Brothers,

But a short period having elapsed since our last meeting, and that being a time when the least activity generally prevails among Divisions, I have scarcely anything to report further than the general business of my office.

No new Divisions have been organized since our last meeting.

In regard to the present condition of our order in Canada East, I have to inform you that three of our oldest, and once best working Divisions, have sent in no Returns for at least three quarters previous to the one now ended; and six others, considered in good standing, have made no returns yet for the quarter ending June 30, but I trust this may have arisen from the neglect of the proper officers entrusted with this matter, and that they will be sent in with the Returns for quarter ending September 30.

Since our last meeting, copies of the proceedings of the National Division have come to hand, and been distributed among our Subordinate Divisions.

The only alterations or amendments to the Constitution that have been made, and to which I would direct your attention, are the following, viz:—

1. Youths can now be admitted into Divisions at the age of 14, instead of 16, as heretofore.
2. The amount of initiation fees, and weekly dues, can now be regulated by each Division.
3. Female visitors can be admitted at over 14 years, instead of 16, as heretofore, and have the privilege of voting on the admission of females, and of being present during the working of the Degrees, upon being properly obligated.

The National Division have adopted the *Crusader*, edited by Bro. Carey, and published in Cincinnati, as their organ during the present year. Your Grand Scribe has been appointed Agent for Canada East, and who shall be happy to forward any orders for the paper that may be sent to him.

The next meeting of the National Division is to be held in Providence, commencing on the 2nd Monday of June, 1857, to be continued at least six days.

The following is a Synopsis of the returns for the quarter ending June 30, but owing to its incompleteness as already mentioned, does not present such a correct statement as might be wished:—

Members Admitted	....	....	....	....	58
“ Suspended,	....	....	....	....	14
Expelled for Violation of Article 2,	....	....	....	....	18
“ Non-payment of Dues,	....	....	....	....	18
Deaths	....	....	....	....	—
Violated Pledge,	....	....	....	....	28
Reinstated,	....	....	....	....	11
Violated Pledge the Second Time,	....	....	....	....	2
Contributing Members,	....	....	....	....	839
Temperance Meetings Held,	....	....	....	....	27
Number Admitted by Card,	....	....	....	....	5
“ Withdrawn,	....	....	....	....	26
“ Representatives to Grand Division,	....	....	....	....	64
Cash Received,	....	....	....	£101 16 3	
Paid for Benefits,	....	....	....	12 15 5	
Cash on hand, including money invested,	....	....	....	248 11 8	
Total expenses for the quarter, exclusive of benefits,...	....	....	....	70 5 10	
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division,	....	....	....	12 10 8	

The following is the Financial Statement of the transactions of this office, since last meeting :—

Grand Division in account with Grand Scribe.

— DR. —

To paid Printing Account	....	....	....	....	£2 1 3
To Paid J. C. Becket, for <i>Advocates</i>	..	....	....	....	1 5 0
To paid Sundry Postages to date,	2 8 9
To paid Balance Grand Scribe's Allowance	5 0 0
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By Cash on hand at date,	£ 7 1 1
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By Cash per Capita Tax,	16 19 2
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Balance on Hand as above	<u>£15 2 3</u>

Respectfully submitted,

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

HENRY ROSE,

Grand Scribe.

In motion, report referred to proper Committees.

Two appeals from A. Smeaton, against action of Gough Division, were presented by Grand Scribe, and referred to Committee on Appeals.

The Deputies were then appointed, with the consent of the G. D., for the year 1856-7.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report:—

To the Officers and Brethren of the Grand Division of Canada East.

We your Committee on Finance beg to Report that having examined the Financial statements of the Grand Scribe, and compared the same with the vouchers, do find them correct.

(Signed)

W. H. VANVLIET,
PETER DUFFY,
ALEX. FARQUHAR.

On motion adopted.

On motion, the allowance to the Grand Scribe for next year was fixed at £15.

Moved by G. Treas. A. Smeaton and adopted

Resolved,—That to meet the deficiency in the completion of our Regalia the per capita tax be continued for another year at 4d.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 a.m.

October 16, 1856—10 o'clock, A.M.

The Grand Division met according to adjournment and was opened according to form.

Officers all present, except G. Sen. Rep. J. Montgomery acting. Rep., John Moffatt of the Grand Division of Canada West was introduced according to form and took his seat as a visitor.

The credentials of Rep. A. Dawson, Prince of Wales' Division,

and Rep. Greenshields, of Victoria Division, were presented and reported correct.

Rep. Greenshields and J. M. Hall, being in waiting, were introduced and initiated.

The Committee on Good and Welfare presented the following Report:—

To the Officers and Brethren of the Grand Division of Canada East.

The Committee on the good and welfare of the order, to whom was referred the statement of the Grand Scribe, beg leave to report.

That it is with extreme regret that the Grand Worthy Patriarch has not been able to reach this place in order to attend the Meeting of this Grand Division. His removal to Canada West soon after his Installation was unavoidable and unexpected, but we are persuaded that he has not ceased to wish well to our order and has done what he could for the advancement of its interests.

Most of the information which could have been given by the G. W. P., may be found in the report of the Grand Scribe, whose diligence and attention to duty is worthy of all praise. It is to be deeply regretted that any of the Divisions should cease to act for their own good and for the good of community, and your Committee observe with much sorrow, that several divisions known to be in good working order have not furnished any report of their standing. It is earnestly hoped that the proper officers will fulfil their duties in this respect, and therefore that every division in good working order will be faithfully reported. It is recommended that the Grand Scribe be desired to address a communication to Subordinate Divisions to this effect, in order the more effectually to accomplish the desired object.

Considering the many benefits which generally result from the free distribution of tracts and appropriate publications on the subject of temperance and intemperance, your Committee exceedingly regret that so few tracts have been distributed since the last meeting of the G. D. Every Subordinate Division should feel itself bound to circulate freely, sound instruction, calculated to awaken the conscience and advance the common cause in which we are engaged. There never was greater reason for exertion than now; intemperance abounds and we fear increases. A trifle of money spent in the purchase of tracts or in the more liberal circulation of suitable publications, would not fail to be a good investment, to say nothing of the propriety of attempting to do all the good in our power.

The *Crusader* edited by General Carey, reported as being now the organ of the National Division, is a very valuable and useful weekly publication, printed in Cincinnati, and is well worthy of the position it now occupies as the organ of the order.

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vantageous, giving a greater degree of freedom of action, and affording an opportunity to increase the efficiency of the Subordinate Divisions.

Considering the abounding of intemperance and the relapse of many to fatal drinking habits, your Committee see reasons for continuing the agitation for a Prohibitory Law, but more especially do your Committee urge upon the consideration of Subordinate Divisions, the necessity of holding public meetings in every locality for the progress of the temperance cause, and in every case make arrangements for presenting the pledge of total abstinence for signature.

The success and permanency of our order depends on the zeal, unity and constancy of all its members. Let us therefore go forth to our different localities determined to leave nothing undone which can be done to secure advancement and success.

All which is respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.,

WILLIAM SCOTT,
ALEX. WALKER,
JONATHAN GILMAN.

On motion the Report was discussed in sections and adopted.

The Committee on appeals presented the following Report :—

CLARENCEVILLE, October 16th, 1856.

APPEALS.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers & Brothers :

We, your Committee on appeals, have examined the papers in the case of Bro. A. Smeaton against the action of Gough Division, and find that it was moved and carried by a majority vote to omit all the ceremonies except the examination and the administration of the pledge, in the case of the admission of a brother. Brother Smeaton appeals from this action of the Gough Division, inasmuch as the decision ought to have been by a two-third vote, and making this case exceptional from their general usage, and thus making a precedent for future inovations of the same kind, and for these reasons your Committee beg to submit the following :—

Resolved,—That the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. & F.,

WM. SELLARS,
J. H. GILMAN,
JOHN O'CONNOR,
HENRY CHILLINGSWORTH,
W. M. MACFIE.

On motion to adopt, it was moved in amendment,

“That the Report be referred back to the Committee, so that they get further information on the subject, and report at next session of this Grand Division.”

Amendment adopted.

The Committee on appeals also presented the following Report on appeal, No. 2:—

Your Committee on appeals have examined the papers in the appeal case, No. 2, Bro. Smeaton was not allowed to speak a second time, although another brother was allowed to interrupt him after he had commenced, contrary to page 24, Sec. 15 of their Rules of Order. Bro. Smeaton appealed from the decision of the chair, which was sustained by the Division.

Against this action Bro. Smeaton appeals.

Your Committee are of opinion, from all the evidence before them, that the Division acted contrary to their own rules of order in putting down Bro. Smeaton, after he had risen to speak, or in allowing another to interrupt him, as there is nothing to show that he was talking improperly or out of order, and would, therefore, submit the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. & F..

WM. SELLARS,
J. H. GILMAN,
JOHN O'CONNOR,
HENRY CHILLINGSWORTH,
W. M. MACFIE.

Adopted.

Moved by Rep. R. Brodie, and adopted.

Resolved,—That 200 copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Division be printed for the use of the Members and Subordinate Divisions.

The following Memorial and Resolution was presented and adopted:—

It was moved by Rep. W. Scott, and Seconded by Rep. A. Dawson, and adopted.

Resolved,—That in view of the approaching Railway Celebration, and considering the enormous evils resulting from the use of intoxicating drinks on occasions of public demonstrations, the officers of this Grand Division are authorized to address a communication to the Committee of Management earnestly setting forth the expediency of not providing any intoxicating drinks on the occasion referred to, of which the following is a copy:

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To the General Committee of the Railway Celebration.

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned officers of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, in Canada East, beg leave most respectfully to represent,

That in common with the community generally we rejoice in the prosperity of the country, and in the success of every enterprise calculated to advance its material progress, and test its various and vast resources. The completion of the Grand Trunk Railway to Toronto is one of these enterprises, and the opening of that road is an event of such importance, as to deserve a celebration on a magnificent scale. That celebration may not only convey to strangers and visitors an idea of the material wealth of Canada, but may also afford an opportunity for all to judge of the moral character and order of the people of Canada. This will much depend on the manner in which the celebration shall be managed. The great object of our organization is to promote the temperance cause, and prevent the increase of intemperance, and therefore we beg leave to urge on you the necessity and propriety of carrying out the plan of festivities without the use of intoxicating drinks, as was the case a few years ago at a magnificent celebration in the neighbouring republic. Such a mode of demonstration will not only be the means of avoiding innumerable evils, but will be most likely to secure the cordial co-operation of *all classes and all professions*.

We yield to none in desiring the prosperity of Canada, and are as anxious as any can be that the commercial importance of Montreal should be known and appreciated, but being persuaded that these objects can be accomplished without the use of strong drink better than with, it is earnestly hoped that no intoxicating liquor will be provided by the general committee of management for the guests at the approaching demonstration.

The Grand Division of Canada East, now assembled for the transaction of business, is composed of representatives of subordinate divisions, located in various parts of Canada East, including Montreal and Quebec. We have been authorized to address you on this subject, with the full conviction that the sentiments and desires expressed are coincided in by a large majority of the people among whom we live.

Trusting that our judgment and respectful wish may receive your favourable consideration,

J. S. HALL, Grand Worthy Patriarch,
 J. H. GILMAN, Grand Worthy Associate,
 HENRY ROSE, Grand Scribe,
 A. SMEATON, Grand Treasurer,
 REV. W. SCOTT, Grand Chaplain,
 W. M. MACFIE, Grand Conductor,
 WM. FARRELL, Grand Sentinel.

Moved by G. Scribe Rose, seconded by Rep. Greenshields.

Resolved.—That the meetings for next year be—the semi-annual meeting in Lachute and the annual meeting in Quebec. Adopted.

Moved by G. Scribe Rose, and adopted.

Resolved,—That when this meeting close, we adjourn to meet at Lachute on the first Wednesday of June at — o'clock.

Moved by G. Chap. Scott, and adopted.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to Clarenceville Division, for the use of their rooms, and to Clarenceville and Richilieu Divisions, for the manner in which they have entertained the members of this Grand Division during their stay here.

Moved by Rep. Duffy, and adopted.

Resolved,—That 250 copies of the proceedings of the last and present sessions of this Grand Division be printed, and distributed as heretofore, among the members and Divisions.

Moved by Rep. R. Brodie, and adopted.

Resolved,—That the proceedings of this session be printed in the *Temperance Advocate*, and that the Grand Scribe procure 250 copies of the same.

Rep. Moffatt, of the Grand Division of C. W. addressed the Grand Division.

It was announced to the Grand Division that arrangements were made, and that Rep. Moffatt would deliver a public lecture in the Academy this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Moved by G. Chap. Rev. W. Scott, and adopted.

Resolved,—That this Grand Division receives with satisfaction the visit of Bro. Moffatt, of the Grand Division of Canada West, and expresses its satisfaction with the statements and suggestions which he has kindly and eloquently made. This Grand Division rejoices in this opportunity of manifesting its union with the brethren of Canada West, and authorizes Bro. Moffatt to present our fraternal congratulations to the Grand Division at its next meeting.

Moved by Grand Scribe Rose, and adopted.

Resolved,—That our Grand Chaplain Rev. W. Scott, be our Representative to the Grand Division of Canada West.

as follows, viz :—

Montreal,	J. S. Hall, G. W. P.	{ Howard Division No. 1. Jonadab Division, No 21. Neal Dow Div. No. 27. Prince of Wales Div. 31. Gough Division, No. 3. St. Lawrence Div. No. 16. Litchfield Division No. 2. Perseverance Div. No. 4. Bethel Div. No. 5. Union Div., No. 6. Aylmer Div., No. 8. St. Andrew's Div. No. 9. Victoria Div. No. 10. Lancaster Div. No. 11. Lochaber Div. No. 13. St. Michaels Union, 14. Lacolle Div. No. 17. Clarenceville Div No 19. Wellington Div. No. 20. Manningville Div No. 22. Cameron Div. No. 24. Samaritan Div. No. 25. Bristol Div., No. 28. Clarendon Div. No. 29. Balaclava Div. No. 30. Richilieu Div. No. 32. Onslow Div. No. 33. Harmony Div. No. 34.
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Portage du Fort,		
Huntingdon,	Jas. McCracken,	
Ormstown,	A. McEachern,	
Stanstead,	M. Dixon,	
Aylmer,	J. Clauson,	
St. Andrew's	E. S. Orr,	
Lachute,	Dr. Christie,	
Lancaster,	H. McLean,	
Lochaber,	G. W. Cameron,	
St. Michaels,	J. Vosburgh,	
Lacolle,	W. H. Vanleit,	
Clarenceville,	Dr. Gibson,	
Point Fortune,	J. Pitcairn,	
Manningville,	Alex. McIntosh,	
St. Johns,	Thomas Mace,	
Pointe a Cavagnol,	E.P. Grout,	
Bristol,	John Ramsay,	
Clarendon,	Robert Rolph,	
Leeds,	J. R. Lambly,	
Richilieu,	J. H. Gilman,	
Onslow,	Rev. Mr. Greigg,	
New Glasgow,	James F. Kerr,	

The Grand Division then adjourned to meet at Lachute on the 1st Wednesday of June at — o'clock.

HENRY ROSE,
Grand Scribe.