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MORNING SESSION.

MONTREAL, August 17th, 1897.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F., assembled this day in the hall of Beaver Lodge, No. 6, 590 Wellington street, and was called to order at 10 A.M. by Joseph Wilson, Jr., Grand Master.

Upon examination, all present were found entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Edmond, Grand Herald, and C. J. Williams, P.G., Assistant Grand Secretary for this session.

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. D. C. Sanderson, having invoked the Divine blessing upon our deliberations,

The Deputy Grand Master, by order of the Grand Master,

declared the Grand Lodge of Quebec open for the transaction of such business as might be legally brought before it.

The Grand Secretary submitted the credentials of Representatives and Past Grands, and the same was referred to the following Committee on Credentials, appointed by the Grand Master :

W. Marriage.....	No. 1
J. Miller.....	20
C. Spencer.....	21
J. E. Rawstron.....	9
A. Carmichael.....	6

Rep. W. Marriage, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report :

REPRESENTATIVES.

- No. 1—W. Marriage, P.G.M., Thos. Brown, S. Roman.
- No. 2—Geo. Gale, F. Ruthven, Jas. Nortor.
- No. 3—J. Shirlow, O. W. Barwick, Alex. Grant.
- No. 5—J. Edmond, R. Earle.
- No. 6—J. T. Courtenay, L. Jehu, A. Carmichael.
- No. 7—L. Y. Verrill, T. D. Newell.
- No. 8—C. G. Thompson, A. McDonald, A. S. Johnston.
- No. 9—J. E. Rawstron, J. Radcliffe, J. Langtry.
- No. 10—Jas. Black, Jas. Greendale.
- No. 11—T. Hulme, W. Rice.
- No. 12—A. E. Abson, H. L. Cohn, J. S. Walker.
- No. 13—L. Pope, N. Armstrong.
- No. 14—Robt. Law, Robt. Robinson.
- No. 15—A. M. Childs, J. Petit.
- No. 16—W. E. Clark, J. Hyslop.
- No. 17—J. A. Hunter, J. W. Stark.
- No. 18—C. M. Munroe, Rev. W. T. Forsythe.
- No. 19—H. B. Speir, Thomas MacRae.
- No. 20—Geo. Lamb, John Smith, J. Miller.
- No. 21—C. Spencer, H. Batsford.
- No. 22—W. S. McCorkill, J. McCabe, W. P. Berwick.
- No. 23—J. Boydell, J. R. McLeod.
- No. 24—F. T. Curley, Joseph Selby.
- No. 25—L. L. Jenne, F. L. Safford.
- No. 26—G. C. Wilcocks, Alex. Herbert.
- No. 27—Dr. J. L. Clark, R. F. Shaw.
- No. 28—Dr. N. M. Harris, E. E. Mills.
- No. 29—E. A. Hungerford, W. A. Burrage.
- No. 30—F. S. Loomis, I. B. Merriman.

We have also examined the certificates of the following Past Grands, and find them correct :

PAST GRANDS.

- No. 1—B. D. Atkinson, Thos. Brown, A. S. Cairns, John Edwards, A. Ferguson, I. J. Fuller, H. Foreman, J. Goodfellow, Thos. Gilday, Chas. Griffith, J. E. Hayman, R. Johnbaha, R. Keough, W. Marriage, P. G. M., J. B. McConnell, M. D., S. T. McCrudden, P. S. Morrison, J. H. McConnell, H. J. Niven, S. Roman, R. J. Rogers, Lyon Silverman, P. G. M., H. N. Smythe, J. Thomas, J. Watson, C. E. De Wolf, J. Whittet, J. Wilds, L. Yabsley.
- No. 2—J. N. Dick, A. P. Doddridge, R. J. Edwards, George Gale, Joseph Kelly, T. J. Loso, J. Norton, T. Reynar, F. Ruthven, C. M. Teakle, E. H. Walling.
- No. 3—E. J. Briggs, W. A. Bell, W. H. Burroughs, A. Bernstein, O. W. Barwick, S. R. Clendinneng, P. A. Crossby, R. D. Church, J. A. Cuttle, W. Chambers, J. Campbell, J. A. Finlayson, P. G. M., A. M. Finlayson, Alex. Grant, L. Hulek, H. T. Hamilton, A. Jones, A. A. Murphy, J. Norris, W. Patterson, F. Perry, Alex. Rough, R. Robertson, J. J. Reed, P. G. M., T. A. Scott, J. T. Sadler, J. Shirlow, E. J. Spillette, H. Stephens, J. Trudeau, John Tasker, C. J. Thomas, A. Watt.
- No. 4—H. J. Cregeen, A. W. Childs, W. H. Huntley, M. Kollmar, S. J. Kerr, Wm. Kennedy, James S. McCallum, J. H. Peard, Thos. Pollock, A. C. Porteous, E. L. Powers, R. J. Stevenson. Rt. Rev. Bishop Ussher, J. V. Vantier, J. A. Wattie.
- No. 5—Rev. Robt. Gamble, Robt. Earle, J. Edmond, D. McPhall, G. MacCracken, G. McAfee, B. Pointer, Jno. Reid.
- No. 6—L. Alchin, Wm. Alderson, J. E. Bromley, J. Carmichael, J. T. Courtenay, J. A. Currie, And. Carmichael, D. J. Dickson, P. G. M., J. G. Day, Wm. Fraser, J. L. Falconer, F. C. Frith, D. M. Finlayson, J. Gow, Henry Hadley, J. E. Hayden, D. M. Johnston, W. M. Johnston, L. Jehu, A. H. Lavers, L. A. Lavers, R. H. Livingstone, S. C. Matthews, Wm. Miller, Alfred Mills, Geo. McGowan, James Nickle, T. H. Smythe, David Smith, W. H. Scott Thomas Scott, A. W. Staveley, Rich. Turner, C. R. Willis, H. J. Willis.
- No. 7—W. Davis, F. Driver, S. M. Davis, J. P. Ferguson, Wm. Fletcher, G. G. Gyner, P. G. M., John Hawker, F. Halligan, Jos. Irwin, D. Kerr, A. E. McLaughlin, J. W. Main, H. Moreton, T. D. Newell, A. Parkes, Jas. M. Speer, A. J. Taylor, L. Y. Verril, C. J. Wiggins.
- No. 8—W. Bouteille, Jas. W. Campbell, L. E. Carbonnell, R. Curtis, C. W. Cote, John Dolphin, W. F. Duncan, G. J. Digby, Chas. Davis, G. N. Hodge, A. S. Johnston, Rev. James Kines, P. G. M., J. Levinson, A. Lindsay, H. W. Lebaron, W. B. McCutcheon, P. G. M., A. McDonald, W. A. Moorehouse, R. C. Moran, G. M. Robins, A. G. Sjolander, C. G. Thomson, F. I. Thompson, N. N. Walley, P. G. M.
- No. 9—Jas. B. King, Wm. Pepps, J. E. Rawstron, John Radcliffe, W. McLeod Tyler, Alex. Wilson.
- No. 10—C. J. Brown, P. G. M., Jas. Black, D. A. Choiniere, J. E. Church, J. Greendale, A. B. Greendale, E. D. Lawrence, F. J. Monette, Wm. Nolan, G. F. Stewart, A. J. Tenney, H. W. Wood, M. D.
- No. 11—G. Boyd, Wm. Bothwell, Wm. Brown, Alex. Barrie, C. Cockburn, Wm. Ewart, Geo. Fish, T. Hulme, John Moffatt, F. C. Moore, A. McIntosh, Wm. McMoran, N. D. Oatley, Jas. A. Robb, P. G. M., W. Rice, D. F. Smith, David Shaw, Jas. Sparrow, Walter Walsh, Wm. Wattie, H. Wilson, J. Wilson.
- No. 12—A. E. Abson, W. Adams, Geo. M. Brown, H. L. Cohn, J. E.

- Lanktree, H. McGarry, Robt. W. Percy, John S. Walker, G. R. Woodburn.
- No. 13—J. O. Andrews, N. Armstrong, R. L. Barlow, C. Boutelle, G. F. Brown, A. Crack, J. P. Edwards, F. Foster, J. Gibson, W. R. Leet, E. Morrill, E. A. Mountain, L. L. Pope, T. McCallum, J. Mockwell, A. Wilkie.
- No. 14—J. W. Cottingham, T. Dobbie, Robt. Daw, Jas. Fish, F. Ford, J. A. Middleton, Robt. McArthur, John McRae, J. McCluskey, T. McQuat, Alex. Riddell, Robt. Robinsen.
- No. 15—T. N. De Lilley, Kell Kingsley, J. Petit.
- No. 16—E. W. Akhurst, I. Baldwin, W. E. Clark, A. Hall, J. Hyslop, L. Kilburn, J. B. Parker, G. L. Pinkham, P.G.M., T. J. Shurluff, John F. Wilson.
- No. 17—J. A. Brown, F. Bell, J. Clark Boyd, J. D. Bicknell, C. S. Burrows, M. J. Boyd, C. Dewick, Geo. Cunningham, J. Alex. Cameron, J. Findlay, W. C. Hunter, Richard Hastie, J. A. Hunter, A. Philips, T. P. Pringle, J. W. Stark, W. J. Walsh.
- No. 18—S. E. Abbott, W. A. Abbott, Rev. W. T. Forsythe, W. T. Knight, C. M. Munroe, Chas. H. Taylor, L. A. Young, sr.
- No. 19—C. G. Bailey, Saml. Cooper, C. H. Edwards, W. J. Edwards, T. J. Edwards, P. S. Flaws, W. Lindsay, Thomas McRae, H. B. Speir, David Williams.
- No. 20—Wm. Airlie, D. Baird, A. M. Bennie, J. Costigan, L. E. Farrar, J. G. Gardiner, Geo. H. King, Geo. Lamb, John Miller, W. J. Nelson, Thos. J. Potter, John Smith, Rev. D. C. Sanderson, Adolphe Schmidt, Jos. Wilson, jr., Chas. J. Williams.
- No. 21—Alex. Anderson, H. Batsford, W. Burnett, M.D., T. McGrath, C. Spencer, Philip Upton.
- No. 22—W. P. Berwick, H. Brook, H. W. N. Cleland, A. H. Eager, R. H. Fairfield, J. B. Merriman, G. F. Morton, W. S. McCorkill, John McCabe, J. A. Sewell, John Watt, C. W. Wells.
- No. 23—Josiah Boyde, K. McCaskell, M. McIver, J. R. McLeod.
- No. 24—M. E. Baker, F. T. Curley, Jas. L. Gilbert, J. Selby, John F. Yeats, M.D.
- No. 25—J. S. Billings, C. M. Boright, L. L. Jenne, F. L. Safford.
- No. 26—Alex. Herbert, G. C. Wilcocks.
- No. 27—J. L. Clark, M.D., R. F. Shaw.
- No. 28—Frederick England, N. M. Harris, M.D., E. E. Mills.
- No. 29—W. A. Burrage, E. F. Currie, E. A. Hungerford.
- No. 30—F. S. Loomis.

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred upon those of the above who have not received the same.

W. MARRIAGE,
J. MILLER,
C. SPENCER,
A. CARMICHAEL,
J. E. RAWSTRON,

Moved by Rep. Grant, seconded by Rep. Shirlow :

"That the report be accepted as read."

Which was adopted.

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A. H. Eag
C. J. Brow
J. A. Robt
R. H. Fai
E. W. Akl
John Moff
Rev. D.C.

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It wa:

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Which

Moved by Rep. Shirlow, seconded by Rep. Verrill:

"That the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred upon those who have not received the same."

Which was adopted.

Whereupon Grand Marshal Fairfield introduced the following brothers, who were duly instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree by Grand Warden Staveley, and welcomed as members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

James Norton, F. Ruthven.....	No. 2
A. Carmichael, T. Scott.....	6
A. S. Johnston.....	8
T. Hulme.....	11
R. W. Percy, G. Woodburn.....	12
L. L. Pope.....	13
A. Robinson, R. Law.....	14
J. W. Stark.....	17
Rev. W. T. Forsythe.....	18
C. Spencer.....	21
F. T. Curley, J. Selby.....	24
F. L. Safford.....	25
Dr. J. F. Clark.....	27
E. A. Hungerford, W. A. Burrage.....	29
F. S. Loomis, I. B. Merriman.....	30

The Roll of Officers being called, the following were found present:

OFFICERS.

Joseph Wilson, Jr., Montreal.....	Grand Master
Andrew Philips, Huntingdon.....	Deputy " "
Arthur W. Staveley, Montreal.....	" Warden
T. J. Potter Montreal.....	" Secretary
A. H. Eager, Farnham.....	" Treasurer
C. J. Brown, P.G.M., St. Johns.....	Grand Representative
J. A. Robb, P.G.M., Valleyfield.....	" "
R. H. Fairfield, Farnham.....	" Marshal
E. W. Akhurst, Coaticook.....	" Conductor
John Moffatt, Valleyfield.....	" Guardian
Rev. D.C. Sanderson, Kemptville.....	" Chaplain

And a majority of Representatives.

Upon the Grand Secretary proceeding to read the minutes of last session,

It was moved by Rep. Shirlow, seconded by Rep. Abson:

"That the minutes as printed be received as read."

Which was adopted.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees :

DISTRIBUTION.

J. Shirlow.....	No. 3
John Smith.....	20
J. Edmond.....	5
A. S. Johnston.....	8
J. A. Hunter.....	17

LEGISLATION.

F. Ruthven.....	No. 2
Thomas MacRae.....	19
J. S. Walker.....	12
W. S. McCorkill.....	22
J. E. Rawstron.....	9
F. T. Curley.....	24
F. L. Safford.....	25

JUDICIARY.

C. G. Thompson.....	No. 8
L. L. Pope.....	13
J. W. Starke.....	17
R. Law.....	14
J. T. Courtenay.....	6
Joseph Selby.....	24
H. Brook.....	22

APPEALS.

Thos. Brown.....	No. 1
Geo. Gale.....	2
J. E. Rawstron.....	9
Dr. Harris.....	28
Alex. Grant.....	3
J. Boydell.....	23
F. S. Loomis.....	30

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

J. T. Courtenay.....	No. 6
Geo. Lamb.....	20
A. W. Staveley.....	6

PETITIONS.

L. L. Jenne.....	No. 25
Robt. Robertson.....	14
C. M. Munroe.....	18
J. McCabe.....	22
J. Radcliffe.....	9

STATE OF THE ORDER.

L. Jehu.....	No. 6
Dr. J. L. Clark.....	27
G. C. Wilcocks.....	26
I. B. Merriman.....	30
W. A. Burrage.....	29

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T. D. I

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R. F. SI

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W. Ric
H. B. S
A. M. C

Geo. G
J. S. W
W. A. J

Rev. W
Rev. D.

I. B. M
Dr. J. L
T. Huln

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SUPPLIES.

J. Langtry.....	No. 9
E. A. Hungerford.....	29
C. Spencer.....	21
Alex. Herbert.....	26

RETURNS.

W. E. Clarke.....	No. 16
Jas. Norton.....	2
J. Miller.....	20
E. E. Mills.....	28

FINANCE.

Geo. Lamb.....	No. 20
S. Roman.....	1
O. W. Barwick.....	3
L. Y. Verrill.....	7
N. Armstrong.....	13

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

James Black.....	No. 10
H. Batsford.....	21
Alex. Grant.....	3
R. Earle.....	5
T. D. Newell.....	7

REBEKAH.

A. E. Abson.....	No. 12
J. Hyslop.....	16
A. McDonald.....	8
J. Greendale.....	10
R. F. Shaw.....	27

FRATERNAL PRESS.

H. Cohn.....	No. 12
W. Rice.....	11
H. B. Speir.....	19
A. M. Childs.....	15

THANKS.

Geo. Gale.....	No. 2
J. S. Walker.....	12
W. A. Burrage.....	29

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. W. T. Forsythe.....	No. 18
Rev. D. C. Sanderson.....	20

INSURANCE.

I. B. Merriman.....	No. 30
Dr. J. L. Clarke.....	27
T. Hulme.....	11

The reports of the Grand Officers were then presented.

Grand Master's Report.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,—It is with feelings of the deepest gratitude to Almighty God, the Creator and preserver of all things, that I extend to all who are present, and have met with us in the past, a kindly greeting, and to those who for the first time are with us, I extend a hearty welcome to the Eighteenth Annual Session of this Grand Lodge.

Another year has passed away; another year has been added to our lives, carrying with it our good deeds and ill. To some a year of sorrow and to others one of joy, but to our Order we believe that it has been one of progress and prosperity. How many of our fond hopes have been realized, cannot be known. If they were not, it was not from any desire or ambition on our part, but rather to a combination of circumstances which prevented their fulfilment. Looking backward into the twelve months just gone, here and there do we find opportunities of which we lost sight at the time, that might have been utilized and improved.

In accordance with the usage and time-honored custom, I am called upon at this time to render to you an account of my official acts during the year.

I. CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

It is with pleasure I report that the Order in this jurisdiction was never in a more healthy or prosperous condition than at the present time. The lodges (except in one instance referred to in my list of visitations) were never in better shape, and I am sure the coming year will see large additions to our membership.

II. NEW LODGES.

It has been my pleasure to institute during my term of office one subordinate lodge with twenty-nine charter members in the town of Magog. I also expect that before the Grand Lodge meets, or very soon after, that we shall be called upon to institute lodges at St. Armand and Megantic. We also expect a large increase to our ranks by the amalgamation of Oriental Lodge, Derbyline, State of Vermont, with Tomefobia Lodge, No. 18, so, taking everything into consideration, we can congratulate ourselves upon the increase of one hundred and fifteen members for the year.

III. OFFICIAL VISITS.

I am glad that opportunity was afforded me of visiting every lodge in the jurisdiction and found that in many lodges the work was done according to the latest edition of the ritual in a most efficient and impressive manner. The warm welcome with which your Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers have everywhere

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been received, assures me that the lodges expect that they shall receive at least one visit each year from the Grand Master, or at least the Deputy Grand Master, and I believe that untold good will come of proper visitation of subordinate lodges by Grand Lodge Officers.

Mount Royal No. 1.—On December 21, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, A. Philps; T. J. Potter, Grand Secretary; J. Miller, D.D.G.M.; J. T. Courtenay, editor of THE ODFELLOWS' GAZETTE, we had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the Brothers of this lodge, a great many of which will soon be qualified to wear the Veteran's Jewel. The Initiatory Degree was conferred upon two candidates, one of which was the son of the Secretary, Bro. Goodfellow. After the initiation ceremony speeches were in order, when nearly all the veterans had something interesting to say, either of the past or present in connection with the membership in Mount Royal Lodge No. 1. Brothers Philps, Potter, Courtenay, Miller and your Grand Master made speeches appropriate to the occasion, and altogether a very pleasant time was spent in the oldest as well as one of the strongest lodges in the jurisdiction.

Albion Lodge No. 2.—Arrived at Levis on December 30th, and was met at the station by Bro. R. J. Norton, who escorted me to the boat where, after plowing through lots of ice we arrived at Quebec, where the D.D.G.M., Bro. Geo. Gale, and Brothers A. J. Messervy and Jos. Gale were waiting to drive me to Chein d'Or Hotel, where our host, Bro. Pelton, had provided us with a dainty lunch, after which the Brothers drove me up to the Citadel, where we met Bro. J. H. Wood, regimental Quarter Master of the R. C. A., who spared no pains to make our visit to the Citadel as interesting as possible, by explaining the wonders of the fortifications, also the various weapons therein. In the evening, accompanied by Bro. Gale, D.D.G.M.; T. J. Loso, P. G.; C. M. Teakle, P. G., I visited Albion Lodge and received a warm welcome from the fifty-four Brothers present. The business of the evening was the election of officers, which was very interesting, as the lodge had two or more candidates to choose from for each office. After the election was over your Grand Master was called upon to say a few words to the Brothers. The Brothers of this lodge deserve the highest praise for their work in connection with Oddfellowship. We were pleased to see that Albion Lodge thought of their widows and orphans by sending them Christmas gifts. Bro. J. S. Burford escorted me around the city the following day, when I called on several of the Brothers, and spent a pleasant time. I have to thank the Brothers for all their kindness to me on that occasion.

Mizpah Lodge No. 3.—On December 11th I had the pleasure of being present at the first social of the season given by the members of Mizpah Lodge to their lady friends, accompanied by the

Grand Warden, Bro. A. W. Staveley; Grand Secretary, T. J. Potter. The chairman, Bro. John Finlayson, P. G. M., opened the proceedings by welcoming all present. Then followed a most interesting programme, interspersed by remarks by the chairman and your Grand Master. After the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served, after which the company retired to the hall below, where dancing was indulged in until an early hour, when all retired heartily in accord with the sentiment of "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 4.—On March 2nd, in company with A. Staveley, Grand Warden, J. Miller, D. D. G. M., I visited this lodge and received a warm welcome from the few members present. The Duke of Edinburgh has always been numerically weak, and the faithful few who have carried the Duke along got discouraged at last and appointed a committee to seek amalgamation with some other lodge. I strongly endorsed their action, which, I am pleased to say, has been carried through with the utmost success, and the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge is now a thing of the past, the members of which are now to be hailed as members of Wellington Lodge, No. 20.

MacLaren Lodge, No. 5.—On February 21 I arrived in Ottawa, and was met at the station by thirty-five of the Ottawa brothers, under the guidance of Bro. J. T. Johns, who introduced them to me. Afterwards I was escorted to the Gilmour Hotel, where our host, Bro. F. J. Daniels, had provided supper, to which we all did ample justice. The following day Bro. Ringland called, and together we visited the various places of interest in Ottawa. In the evening, accompanied by Bros. J. T. Johns, S. S. Stratton, R. Roman, F. J. Daniels, J. Davis, A. Landels and J. Ringland, we left Ottawa for Wakefield. Arriving at our destination, we were met at the depot by the officers of MacLaren Lodge, who drove us to Bro. Johnston's hotel, where, after doing justice to the good things provided, and it being now eight o'clock, we started for Oddfellows' Hall, and received a most gracious welcome. There being no work I took the opportunity of advising the brothers to inaugurate a system by which they would become better acquainted with the ennobling traits with which Oddfellowship is surrounded. The brothers had provided refreshments which were enjoyed. Addresses were delivered by myself, Bros. John Edmond, D.D.G.M.; J. T. Johns, J. Davis, F. J. Daniels, R. Roman, S. S. Stratton, A. Landels and the old war horse, Bro. Ringland, who wears a veteran's jewel with much pride. The toast, "MacLaren Lodge," was ably replied to by Bros. W. D. Giles, N.G., R. Earle, S. B. Pointer, W. J. McPhee, Ferguson, Trowsee, Munroe and Coates. This brought the banquet to a close. In the morning we left for Ottawa, retaining very pleasant memories of Wakefield and our brothers there.

Beaver Lodge, No. 6.—On December 8th, accompanied by Bros. A. Philps, D.G.M.; A. Staveley, G.W.; W. Marriage, P.G.M.; J. Miller, D.D.G.M.; H. Cohn, D.D.G.M., I visited Beaver Lodge, where we were received by a large number of the members. Beaver Lodge has had a most successful year, having made a gain of 19 members, and the prospects are equally bright for the future. The finances of the lodge are excellent, showing an average for the 233 members of over \$50.00 to the credit of each. There being no work, addresses were made by the visitors and a number of the members; this ended a pleasant evening. Visited again on March 6th, in company with Bros. Geo. Vary, P.D.D.G.S.; J. J. Reed, P.G.M.; Rev. D. C. Sanderson, Grand Chaplain; J. Shirlow, P.G.; R. J. Stevenson. This was the twentieth anniversary of the lodge. There were 68 members of the lodge present, 20 of whom were Past Grands and Past Grand Lodge officers. The business being concluded, Bro. D. J. Dickson occupied the chair and introduced the various speakers. Addresses were made by Bro. Geo. Vary, who instituted the lodge twenty years ago; Bro. A. H. Lavers, the first Noble Grand of the Lodge; Bro. John Gow, the first Permanent Secretary of the lodge; this was the event of the evening, and was received with bursts of applause. Bros. S. C. Matthews, J. Falconer, C. R. Willis, J. Hadley, W. H. Scott, of the old brigade, gave very interesting addresses. The Grand Master and the Rev. D. C. Sanderson, J. J. Reed, P.G.M.; J. Shirlow, P.G., also made addresses appropriate to the occasion. The refreshments being disposed of, and the programme ended, the brothers left, feeling that they had spent one of the pleasantest evenings in connection with Oddfellowship.

Pioneer Lodge, No. 7.—I visited this lodge on December 9th, and was warmly received by the brothers I found there. The business of the evening was the election of officers, but I am sorry to say that there was not enough present to open the lodge. After waiting until nine o'clock we decided to open the lodge with your Grand Master in the chair. I found that the affairs of this lodge are conducted in a very business manner, and that the financial standing is excellent, having over \$40.00 to the credit of each member of the lodge. The reason given for the poor attendance by Bro. L. Y. Verril, Recording Secretary, was an entertainment in the Town Hall, to which everybody seemed to be going. Still it appeared to me that there was certainly a lack of interest, especially upon the part of the officers and the brothers who were nominated to fill the various offices for the ensuing term. I was very sorry that I did not have an opportunity to meet more of the brothers, and I have no doubt but they held the same opinion.

Unity Lodge, No. 8.—On January 11th I was met at the station by Bros. N. N. Walley and C. G. Thompson, who escorted me to the hotel, where, after making arrangements, we proceeded to the lodge, where we were received with all due courtesy by fifty-four



of the Sherbrooke brothers. One candidate was initiated into the mysteries of Oddfellowship, the work being done by the newly installed officers, with two exceptions, and I was much surprised with the manner in which the Past Grand's charge was delivered. I thought that it was equal to anything I ever heard, and after our connection with the initiatory contest in Montreal, this is saying a good deal. A recess was called to allow the Grand Master to become acquainted with the brothers. Some of them had driven fourteen miles to be present. A very pleasant feature of my visit was to be presented to the oldest Oddfellow in the Province of Quebec, Bro. Woodward, who was initiated at Rock Island, Que., in 1840—fifty-seven years an Oddfellow—and still retains a warm feeling for the Order. The lodge being closed, the brothers were invited to the adjoining room, where refreshments were indulged in and speeches were the order of the hour. But all things must end, and, after bidding adieu to the brothers, I returned to the hotel, where Bro. McCutcheon, P. G. M., and several of the brothers left me to retire and ponder over one of the very pleasantest visits I have made.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 9.—On November 17th I was present at the anniversary social of the lodge, at which was present a large number of members and their lady friends and representatives of sister societies. The chairman, Bro. McLeod Tyler, proved himself most efficient on this occasion. The programme, which was well selected, contained an address by the Grand Master, which was delivered, and was evidently much appreciated by those present.

I visited this lodge again on December 23rd, in company with A. Philips, Deputy Grand Master; A. Staveley, Grand Warden; and J. T. Courtenay, P. G.; and assisted at the initiation of a candidate. The degree was worked in a creditable manner, but there is certainly room for improvement in the degree staff of this lodge. They have the material, and I trust that the brothers will devote a little more attention to the duties of this lodge. I expected a better report from Lansdowne Lodge, No. 9, than a decrease of three for the year.

Miriam Lodge, No. 10.—On July 15, in company with Bros. T. J. Potter, Grand Secretary; T. Brown, D.D.G.M.; H. L. Cohn, D.D.G.M., of Montreal, I visited this lodge, where we received a cordial welcome from the large number of the brothers present. The officers of the lodge were installed in an excellent manner by Bro. T. Brown, D.D.G.M., assisted by Bros. T. J. Potter, G. S., H. L. Cohn, G. Marshal. After some remarks by the Grand Master, we sat down to a grand spread in the hall. After discussing the delicacies, speeches were in order, and many good ones were made by the visitors and members. The brothers of Miriam Lodge are to

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be congratulated upon the splendid record for the year—an increase of ten members, the second largest in the jurisdiction.

Valleyfield Lodge, No. 11.—On Dec. 18th, in company with Bro. J. Smith, D.D.G.M., we arrived at Valleyfield, and were met at the depot by Bro. J. A. Robb, Grand Representative, who drove us to his house, where we were welcomed by Mrs. Robb and Ge-Ge, a little tot of four summers. After supper we drove down to the Gault Institute, where the lodge was at home to their friends, who had gathered to the number of three hundred. Bro. Robb occupied the chair, with the Grand Master on his right and Bro. A. Philps, D.G.M., on his left. The chairman, in his opening remarks, extended to all present a most cordial welcome. Later on in the evening the Grand Master delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. Bro. A. Philps, D.G.M., also gave an address, which was received with loud applause. Judging from the remarks passed that evening, Valleyfield Lodge has a strong hold upon the affections of the residents of the town. Financially the lodge is the strongest in the Province of Quebec, and under its present management the future is bright indeed.

The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12.—On November 24th, accompanied by Bros. A. Philps, Deputy Grand Master; A. Staveley, Grand Warden; T. J. Potter, Grand Secretary; H. Cohn, Miller and Abson, D.D.G.M's., visited The Excelsior and were welcomed by some seventy-five members. After the business of the lodge was concluded the chair was taken by Bro. H. Cohn, District Deputy, who had prepared a most interesting programme. Addresses were delivered by your Grand Master and by Bros. A. Philps, D.D.G.M.; A. Staveley, G. W.; T. J. Potter, G. S.; W. G. Scott, P. G.; A. Anderson, P. G.; J. S. Walker, P. G.; and were received with the enthusiasm which the members of this lodge are noted for. The lodge has made substantial gains during the year, and is in a good financial condition. Although only four years in existence, it is the second strongest numerically in the jurisdiction, having 215 members, among whom can be found some of the best workers in connection with our Order.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 13.—On February 20th, in company with Bro. A. Staveley, Grand Warden, I was present at the anniversary supper, where we met a large number of the brothers, also many sisters of Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge, and their friends. The brothers of Golden Rule must be congratulated upon the successful manner in which they have looked after the welfare of our Order in Danville, for, although the town is not very large, they have one of the best lodges in this jurisdiction. After supper, addresses were delivered by the Grand Master and Grand Warden, which were received with attention and applause. The remainder of the evening was spent in social games and social intercourse, where every one seemed to enjoy themselves. Bro. C. Boutelle

endeavored to make our visit a pleasant one, and we shall not forget his kindness.

Laurentian Lodge, No. 14 — On January 19th, accompanied by Bros. T. J. Potter, Grand Secretary; G. Lamb, D. D. G. M., I visited this lodge, and with their assistance, installed the officers into their respective chairs, after which addresses were made by myself, the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy, and the members admitted that they were better posted on the constitution and general laws than ever before. Refreshments were waiting in the adjoining hall, to which we adjourned and spent a very pleasant hour. Visited Laurentian again on May 24th, in company with Canton Mount Royal and a good many brothers from Montreal. We arrived by the morning train and were met by the Argenteuil Rangers' Band and the members of Laurentian Lodge. A procession was formed and all marched to the Exhibition Grounds, where a programme of athletic sports and an exhibition of drill by Canton Mount Royal was carried out to the satisfaction of a large number of the citizens of Lachute. In the evening one of the most successful concerts I ever attended was held in the largest hall in the town, but it failed to accommodate all who wished to attend. The result was that doors and windows were filled, and many had to be turned away. The platform and hall was neatly decorated with flowers. On the programme was found the names of some of the best talent in the city of Montreal, and the several numbers, which included an address, was very much appreciated by all present. Laurentian Lodge is certainly very popular with the people of Lachute.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 15. — On July 7 I visited this lodge in company with Bro. L. Hulek, D. D. G. M. As this lodge works in the French language, of which I am entirely ignorant, it is impossible for me to say whether the work is done correctly or not, but I must say that my impression is that under Bro. L. Hulek's watchful care, everything is done in a business and fraternal manner. The lodge, although surrounded by adverse influences, is making good progress, and I believe has a bright future before it.

Victoria Lodge, No. 16 — On February 16th I was met at the station by Bros. E. W. Akhurst, G. C., W. E. Clark, P. G., and escorted to the hall, where I received a kind reception from the brethren in the lodge room. After saying a few words about the new rituals and receipt forms and other Grand Lodge business, Bro. H. Hall, who occupied the chair, declared a recess when, to my surprise, the ladies of Harmony Rebekah Degree Lodge were announced bringing refreshments, which were served at small tables brought for the purpose. After the tables had been removed, Bro. Clark requested the ladies to remain and hear what the Grand Master had to say. They all accepted the invitation, and I had the pleasure of addressing both the brothers and sisters, who seemed to appreciate my efforts. Addresses were also made by Bros. E. W.

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Akhurst, G. C.; W. E. Clark, P. G.; G. L. Pinkham, P. G. M., and Bro. A. Hall. This lodge has grown to be a strong, healthy lodge, and the finances are the strongest part. The brothers of this lodge are to be congratulated on the success which they have attained, no small part of which must be shared by Harmony Rebekah Degree Lodge, both of which I wish to assure that my welcome was much appreciated.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 17.—On March 17th I arrived in Huntingdon, and was met at the station by Bros J. Moir, C. H. Burrows. In company with the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. A. Philips, I visited the lodge, and received a warm welcome from a large number of brothers present, among which were the members of Burk Lodge, State of New York, who were paying Excelsior Lodge a fraternal visit. Business, initiation of candidates, was now in order, and the degree was conferred in an excellent manner, all the parts being well taken and the charges impressively delivered. The floor movements were very pretty and fairly executed. The proficiency of the degree staff reflects much credit upon the instructor, Bro. J. D. Bicknell. After the ceremony we adjourned to the banquet hall, where a dozen good and faithful Rebekahs were in waiting, and had prepared a delicious supper, which was done justice to. Then followed a programme of speeches, songs, and instrumental music, which was very much enjoyed by the visiting brothers from New York, as well as the Grand Master.

Tomefobia Lodge, No. 18.—I was met at Stanstead Junction on Jan 15th by Bro A. T. Allan, Jr., who escorted me to Stanstead Plain. We visited the Rock Island Whip Works, and afterwards crossed the famous Tomefobia boundary line and visited Bro. A. Miller, P. G., who invited us to visit the lodge room, which we did, and were well repaid for our trouble. The building is a two-story one, the first floor being used as a public hall for concerts and entertainments, and the second floor is used for lodge rooms, and is well furnished and very neat. I found that the territory of this lodge was so limited that they were practically at a standstill, and very little hope for the future. During the conversation it was suggested that steps be taken to amalgamate Oriental Lodge, No. 36, State of Vermont, and Tomefobia Lodge, No. 18, of Quebec, which has since been brought before the Grand Lodge of Vermont by the representatives of Oriental Lodge, but what action was taken did not advance or retard the scheme in any way, as the committee reported that it was a question for the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Arriving at Stanstead we proceeded to visit Tomefobia Lodge, where we met quite a number of the brothers. As there was no work for the lodge to do, I was requested to exemplify the secret work of the four degrees, and from the manner in which I was followed, I am satisfied that some of the brothers were very well skilled. I also pointed out several errors in the By-laws, which have since been arranged. The

lodge has had a most successful year, and the prospects are equally bright for the coming year. The brethren of Tomesfobia Lodge must accept my thanks for the pleasant time spent with them, and especially A. T. Allan, the present Vice Grand.

Equity Lodge, No. 19.—I visited this lodge on Jan. 12th, and received a warm welcome from brothers present. I installed the officers, assisted by Bro. W. Lindsay, D. D. G. M., and assisted at the conferring of the second and third degree. This lodge meets in a nice, cheerful room; the business is well conducted and the finances are in a good healthy state. The members find it rather inconvenient, especially when the roads are bad, to attend the meetings, as some of them there that night had to drive nine miles to get home, but brothers who reside in town keep the stove warm once every two weeks, and Bros. C. C. Bailey, S. Cooper, W. Lindsay, Thos. McCrae shall see that the fires of Oddfellowship shall not suffer from want of attention in the town of Cookshire.

Wellington Lodge, No. 20.—On February 3 I was present at a concert given by the lodge in their beautiful rooms, which was a musical treat. This lodge still continues to advance financially and numerically. Bro. G. Lamb occupied the chair, and in a few well-chosen remarks welcomed the ladies and visitors to partake of the hospitality of Wellington Lodge. All present enjoyed themselves. The programme was good and well rendered in every number. The Grand Master delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. The members, of which I am one, feel a just pride in their lodge and endeavor to inculcate the principles of fraternity in all their actions in connection with the Order. The result is that progress and prosperity still continues to follow this, the banner lodge of the jurisdiction.

Fraternity Lodge, No. 21.—On July 14th, accompanied by Bros. T. J. Potter, Grand Secretary; H. L. Cohn, D. D. G. M.; J. Miller, D. D. G. M.; A. Anderson, P. G.; W. Brownlee, P. G., I visited Fraternity Lodge and installed the officers for the present term, this being my first visit to this lodge since they moved into their new home, where they are doing well with an increase for the year of seven members. After the installation, to me was assigned the pleasant duty of presenting Bro. P. Upton, on behalf of the members, with a neat Past Grand's jewel and address on the occasion of his retiring from the office of Permanent Secretary, which he has held ever since the lodge was instituted. The lodge honored itself in honoring this brother.

Missisquoi Lodge, No. 22.—On September 30th I visited this lodge, accompanied by the District Deputy, Bro. John Shirlow. This visit was made at a most opportune time for the welfare of the lodge, as owing to some difficulty on account of a strike that was in progress among some of the railway employees, there was a good

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deal of feeling among some of the members; but after the situation was fully discussed, which, to the credit of all concerned, was conducted in a kind and brotherly way, the future is sure to unfold the wisdom of their actions. Speaking for myself and my fellow-visitors, I can only add that we were received with warm hearts and the right hand of fellowship by the brothers of Farnham.

Aberdeen Lodge, No. 23.—January 13, in company with L. E. Charbonnel, P.G.C., with the mercury down to 15 below zero and a drive of eight miles before us, we started to visit this lodge, and arrived just in time and proceeded to the hall, where Bros. J. Boydell, D.D.G.M., and twenty others were sitting around a large box stove trying to keep warm. After getting thawed out, the lodge was opened and one candidate was initiated into the mysteries of Oddfellowship, and another brother received the second and third degrees. The Noble Grand, being anxious to see if there was any difference in the work done in our city lodges, requested your Grand Master to act as Noble Grand at the initiation and Bro. Charbonnel as Vice Grand, which we did. The other officers of the lodge did very well, and altogether it was a very good initiation. After the lodge was raised to the third degree, every brother had to respond upon being called, and in this way we spent a very pleasant evening and conveyed a lot of information to the brothers present, who, upon bidding us good-bye, expressed the hope that we would come again.

Century Lodge, No. 24.—I arrived at Dunham on January 14th and in the evening, in company with W. P. Berwick, D. D. G. M., proceeded to visit Century Lodge, where at least forty brothers welcomed your Grand Master. The first, second and third degrees were conferred, after which I exemplified the secret work and, assisted by Bro. W. P. Berwick, I installed the officers. After short addresses by the installing officers, the Noble Grand, Bro. F. T. Curley, before closing the lodge, invited the brothers present to attend a banquet at the hotel, where a bountiful repast had been provided. Bro. J. Selby occupied the chair, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The lodge has made substantial gains during the year, and is in good financial condition, and I was led to believe that they contemplated instituting a Rebekah Degree Lodge in the near future.

Sutton Valley, No. 25.—On February 12th, accompanied by G. F. Morton, I visited Sutton Valley, and was warmly received by about twenty-five brothers present. Considerable discussion took place upon a motion to vote a sum of money to the Indian Famine Fund. On being asked, I decided that the funds of a lodge are trust funds, and cannot be used for even such a worthy object. The motion was withdrawn, and a list placed upon the secretary's desk, where fifteen dollars were subscribed in a few

minutes, which I afterwards saw acknowledged in the *Montreal Daily Star*. Acts of this kind speak louder than words, and show just what kind of material we have in the Order out in the Townships. After the lodge closed we were entertained with light refreshments and some very choice songs and recitations, and a short address from the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.

Granby Lodge, No. 26.—In company with Bros. A. H. Eager, Grand Treasurer, and R. H. Fairfield, Grand Marshal, I visited Granby Lodge, and was received by a very fair attendance of the members. There being no initiation, I gave instructions in the secret work, and also directed their attention to the proposed amendments to the Constitution which will be acted upon at the next session of our Grand Lodge. Remarks were also made by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Marshal, after which the lodge closed, and those present were requested to go over to the hotel, where a very good hour's amusement was had. I expect great results from this lodge. Located in the heart of a manufacturing centre, I see no reason why this lodge should not prosper. They show an increase of two members for the year.

Waterloo Lodge, No. 27.—On July 13, in company with A. H. Eager, Grand Treasurer, and D.D.G.M., we were met upon our arrival by Dr. J. L. Clark, P. G., who drove us to the hotel, after which we visited the lodge and found about forty brothers present. Three candidates were reported in waiting. The officers then took their chairs and initiated the three brothers in a masterly manner. The floor work and conferring of the degrees is in hearty accord with my idea of doing the work. I was very agreeably surprised. After closing we adjourned to the town's council chamber, where we sat down to the banquet table for an hour and listened to each other and were well entertained. The lodge shows an increase of seven members for the year, and have started this term with three initiations and two propositions. Well done, Waterloo!

Knowlton Lodge, No. 28.—On July 6 I arrived at Knowlton, and, in company with A. H. Eager, we visited Knowlton Lodge, where we were received by about sixty brothers. With the assistance of Bros. A. H. Eager, Grand Treasurer; F. England, P. G.; C. M. Eastman, P. G. of Waterloo Lodge, I installed the officers for the present term. I find the lodge continues to prosper and doing good work in the town and vicinity. After making some remarks and listening to those made by others, as it was very warm in the lodge room, the lodge was closed, and we were invited to the hotel, where our host, Bro. Robertson, had prepared a delicious and bountiful banquet. The menu was extensive and decorations grand; everything was in an elaborate style and very emblematic. The I. O. O. F. and the three links were everywhere, and Chinese lanterns gave beauty to the scene, which the brothers who drove over from

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Waterloo, 29 strong, enjoyed very much. After doing justice to the banquet, speeches were indulged in until 12 o'clock, when all retired with kind wishes for the success of Oddfellowship in Knowlton.

Bedford Lodge, No. 29.—On February 2nd, in answer to a telegram, and accompanied by Bros. A. H. Eager, Grand Treasurer; W. S. McCorkill, D.D.G.M.; and I. B. Merriman, I visited Bedford Lodge. The lodge is prospering, both as to finances and membership, having an increase of seven for the year and bright prospects for the future. There being no work of any kind, the visitors were called upon to make a few remarks which drifted around to the aspirations of Bedford Lodge to the proposed institution of a lodge at Pigeon Hill. I assured the brothers that there would be no lodge instituted at that place, but that there might be one instituted at St. Armand, which was satisfactory to all concerned except to the residents of the hill.

Hochelaga Degree Lodge, No. 1.—January 28th I had the pleasure of presiding at what was termed the grand rally of the Degree Lodge and Canton Mount Royal. We were favored by the presence of Bros. A. Philps, D.G.M.; Geo. Varey, P.D.D.G.S.; Jos. D. Allen, Grand Master of the I.O.O.F., Manchester Unity; A. M. Featherstone, Dominion Council, Royal Templars; Thomas Ligget, Master Workman A.O.U.W.; and the orators of the evening, John T. Johns and Bro. W. C. Scott, of Argyle Lodge, Napanee, Ont., and three hundred others. The weather was unfavorable on the evening of the rally; nevertheless the large room was packed to overflowing. The feature of the evening was the addresses delivered by Bros. John T. Johns, W. C. Scott, A. Philps, A. M. Featherstone, James D. Allen and Geo. Varey. During the evening a most excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, and at the close everyone present carried away pleasant recollections of this very successful grand rally.

IV. OUR SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

Catching the spirit of the hour which makes us feel the need of bringing the uninitiated into close contact with the principles of our Order, many lodges have held anniversary celebrations this year. But the most successful was that held in Montreal, in Windsor Hall, on April 26th. The spacious hall was crowded almost to suffocation. There were 1,500 people present, and a great many had to return to their homes regretting that the hall was not large enough to accommodate all who wished to attend. Among those present and occupying seats on the platform were the Grand Master, who presided; Bro. W. H. Hoyle, Past Grand Master of Ontario; J. Richards, President of the St. George's Society; Bros. A. Philps, D. G. M.; Rev. D. C. Sanderson, Grand Chaplain; J. A.

Robb, P.G.M.G.R. The feature of the evening was the oration delivered by Brother Hoyle. He said he thought that, as he stood in the presence of that great audience, he had been highly honored in being asked to address them, but that the honor was not personal, but to the Grand Lodge of the sister Province, which he had the honor of representing. The address was rich in poetic quotation, abounding in wit and humor, and free from the formidable array of figures and dry statistics usually heard on such occasions. At the conclusion of his address Bro. Hoyle received an ovation, as round after round of applause from the large audience showed him that his efforts had merited their appreciation. Rev. D. C. Sanderson, Grand Chaplain, moved that the thanks of the meeting be presented to Bro. Hoyle, and that he be requested to convey to the brotherhood of Ontario the fraternal greetings of their brothers of Quebec. Bro. Philips seconded the resolution, which was carried by the fifteen hundred present with warm applause, and, after singing God Save the Queen, the most successful entertainment ever given under the auspices of the Order in this city was ended.

V. APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been made since last session:—

District Deputy Grand Masters.

John Millar.....	Montreal, First District
Henry Cohn.....	“ Second District
L. Hulek.....	“ Third “
George Gale.....	Quebec
A. S. Johnston.....	Sherbrooke
C. Boutelle.....	Richmond
N. N. Walley.....	Coaticook
John Shirlow.....	Farnham
Walter Lindsay.....	Cookshire
William Davis.....	Danville
John Hyslop.....	Stanstead
G. F. Morton.....	Sutton
W. P. Berwick.....	Dunham
R. H. Fairfield.....	Granby
A. H. Eager.....	Waterloo
J. S. Walker.....	Huntingdon
Thomas Brown.....	St. Johns
John Smith.....	Valleyfield
John Edmond.....	Ottawa
George Lamb.....	Lachute
Josiah Boydell.....	Robinson Bury
Alex. Grant.....	Knowlton
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" E. W. Akhurst	Sherbrooke, " 4
Bro. A. E. Abson	Montreal, " 5 and 6
Mrs. J. W. McKee.....	Coaticook, " 7
" Wm. McCrae.....	Cookshire, " 8
" C. Davis.....	Richmond, " 9
" C. J. Brown	Farnham, " 10

Advisory Committee to Board of Oddfellows Relief Association.

Lyon Silverman; P.G.M.
 John Finlayson,
 Charles J. Brown, "

Grand Auditors.

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VI. APPEALS.

BRO. BREWER VS. THE EXCELSIOR LODGE, NO. 12.

Montreal, November 30th, 1896.

Joseph Wilson, jr., Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I respectfully appeal from the action of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, on the payment of the sum of twenty-five dollars from the funds of the lodge as "Special Relief" to Bro. D. Baxter, said amount being voted and paid illegally on the evening of August 11th, 1896, and contrary to Article 31 of the by-laws of the lodge, which reads as follows :

31.—SPECIAL RELIEF—"Whenever it may become known to the lodge that any brother of this lodge has been reduced to a state of distress, his case shall be referred to a special committee of three brothers, who shall examine into the same and report to the lodge whether any or what relief in their opinion should be granted him from the general fund of the lodge; and it shall be competent to grant any sum not exceeding fifty dollars by a vote of two-thirds of the brothers present and voting."

The facts of the case are: Bro. Baxter, a member of the lodge, while in arrears so as to be non-beneficial, declared himself on the funds of the lodge, being sick. On being informed he was not entitled to benefits while in arrears, he sent the following communication to the lodge, which was read July 28th, 1896:

"Please scratch my name off the lodge books, as I am not fairly treated."

On motion of Bro. Hillier, seconded by Bro. Goldburg, the letter was received and a committee appointed to see Bro. Baxter "and ascertain his reason for having his name erased from the books." Motion carried, and Bros. Hillier, Loisel and J. E. Lanktree, P.G., were appointed the committee.

The duty of said committee was clearly defined to ascertain Bro. Baxter's reasons for having his name erased from the books. The report of the committee is a clear and comprehensive statement of Bro. Baxter's case, and no mention being made of that brother being in distress (the report is herewith attached). On the report being read in lodge, and as the committee was of the opinion that Bro. Baxter "has some claim to the consideration of the lodge, and some steps should be taken to render him justice," it was moved on the evening of August 11th, 1896, by A. E. Abson, P. G., seconded by H. L. Cohn, P.G.: "That this lodge grant Bro. Baxter the sum of twenty-five dollars as special relief. Motion carried unanimously.

As will be seen per report of the committee the brother was in arrears a considerable amount while taken sick, and as such not entitled to benefit. In regard to the question as to the amount Bro. Baxter paid the Noble Grand in payment of his dues, which, if received by the Per. Secretary would have placed him in good standing has no bearing to the matter of special relief granted Bro. Baxter. The amount of \$4 paid in September, 1895, to Bro. Lanktree has not been credited on the Secretary's books, and when Bro. Baxter in March last made a payment to the late Permanent Secretary, Bro. Milburne informed him of his then being in arrears to the amount of \$4 00. So Bro. Baxter in March last had full knowledge of how he stood financially with the lodge at that date, and should have then taken steps to put himself in good standing. The question of \$4 paid in September, 1895, to the Noble Grand of the lodge was a matter between that officer and Bro. Baxter, and one of personal nature which did not come within the jurisdiction of the lodge. So much for the claim of the committee that Bro. Baxter was entitled to "some consideration from the lodge, and steps be taken to render him justice."

The lodge funds also have claim to "some consideration" from the members, and should not be wantonly squandered under the miserable farce they are for special relief when no real case of distress exists or is claimed to exist. In conclusion, my reasons for

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appeal are—First: To protect the funds of the lodge against illegal methods of diverting same. Second: That in Bro. Baxter's case no distress was claimed. Third: That Bro. Baxter did not, either himself or through any member of the lodge, claim he was in distress or apply for special relief. Fourth: No committee was appointed as provided in by-law No. 31 of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, to ascertain that Bro. Baxter was in actual distress. Fifth: That Bro. Baxter has no claim to the consideration of the lodge, as he was fully aware in March last of his financial standing in the lodge (See report of committee.) Sixth: That The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, voting the sum of twenty-five dollars, under the flimsy method of special relief to Bro. D. Baxter, at the regular meeting held Tuesday evening, August 11th, 1896, did so contrary to Article 31 by-laws of the lodge. Said amount of twenty-five dollars became an unwarranted perversion of the lodge funds, and contrary to the legitimate purpose for which the funds of the lodge are created. In view of above facts I asked and obtained permission of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., to appeal to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec against the illegal action of the lodge on the question at issue, and herewith enclose attached copies of paper certified by the lodge as bearing on this appeal

Having full confidence in the justice and grounds on which this appeal is founded, I am willing to abide by your decision as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F., and pray you declare null and void the action taken by The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., and cause such steps to be taken as shall restore to the general fund of the lodge the amount of \$25, illegally voted Bro. D. Baxter as special relief on Tuesday evening, August 11th, 1896.

Yours fraternally,

THOS BREWER.

MONTREAL, November 10th, 1896.

*To the Noble Grand, Officers and Members of The Excelsior Lodge,
No. 12:*

I, the undersigned, respectfully beg herewith to enter my protest against the action of this lodge in recently illegally granting the sum of twenty-five dollars from the funds of the lodge to Bro. Baxter. By-law No. 31 provides that in cases of special relief a committee shall be appointed, and they shall send in a report to the lodge stating whether any relief and what relief shall be granted. Inasmuch as this has not been done, and the by-law has not been observed in this instance, I hereby solemnly protest the action of this lodge in illegally granting funds as already mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

T. BREWER.

THE EXCELSIOR LODGE, NO. 12.

Montreal, November 12th, 1896.

BRO. BREWER:

The following is copied from the minute book :

On July 28th, 1896, the following communication was received from Bro. D. Baxter : " Please scratch my name off the lodge book, as I am not treated fairly." Moved by Bro. Hillier, seconded by Bro. Goldberg, " that the letter be received and a committee be appointed to see Bro. Baxter and ascertain his reason for having his name erased from the books." Committee--Bro. Hillier, Per Sec. Loiselle, P. G. Lanktree.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.—The committee appointed to investigate the case of Bro. Baxter beg to report that they have interviewed Bro. Baxter, who claims benefits for the time he was sick, stating that he was not in arrears, having paid J. E. Lanktree, N.G. at the time, \$4 in September, 1895, to pay his dues for the six months, ending December 31st, 1895, which N. G. Lanktree admits having received, but which he seems to have forgotten to pay over to the Per. Sec ; at least, there is no record of his doing so on the books of the lodge, no credit being given Bro. Baxter for the amount thereon. Bro. Baxter further states that in March last he paid \$4 to the late Per. Sec. Bro. Milburne, which is duly credited. At the time Bro. Milburne said he was \$4 behind, but he said he could not see how that was, as he had paid \$4 in September, but did not tell Bro. Milburne that he had paid it to N.G. Lanktree. Bro. Milburne told him he was not credited with the \$4, but that, if he had paid it, he would have his receipt. He then asked Bro. Milburne to send him a statement of how he stood, which Bro. Milburne promised to do, but does not seem to have carried out the promise, as the statement was not received by him. However, after he got over his sickness, N. G. Lanktree brought him a statement, showing that, since the foundation of the lodge in 1893, his dues had been \$24.04, and he had paid \$20.04, leaving a balance due of \$4, there being no credit of the \$4 paid to N. G. Lanktree in September, 1895. Bro. Baxter says that he had on more than one occasion paid \$4 for his dues to N. G. Lanktree, for which he had been duly credited, except the payment in September, 1895, but never received our receipt for the same, so he cannot produce any ; but he now has a pence-book given him by the late Per. Sec., in which, however, there is no credit of the \$4 paid by him in September, 1895.

The conclusion of the majority committee is that it is evident the dues of \$4.00 paid by him in September to N. G. Lanktree, but there is no evidence to prove that the latter has paid it over to the Per. Sec. Have seen the latter, who states that he has no remembrance of ever having received it from N. G. Lanktree ; he feels positive that if he had he would have credited it to Bro. Baxter or given N. G. Lanktree a receipt for it. He, however, says that if

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N. G. Lanktree can show a receipt to prove to him that he paid the money to him he will pay over the \$4.00 to the lodge. N. G. Lanktree, we understand, is not himself certain whether he paid it over to the Per. Sec. or not, and does not hold any receipt therefor, so that the burden of proving that he has done so now lies with him. It is a question with the committee if, under the circumstances, Bro. Baxter is not entitled to receive the benefits he has been deprived of, for at the time N. G. Lanktree received the \$4.00 he was an officer of the lodge, he then filling the chair of N. G. The case, however, is a peculiar one, and we hesitate to make any recommendation to the lodge to that effect.

We do not consider that Bro. Baxter has been altogether blameless for not having looked more closely and sharply into the matter, and saw that his account was put right after he was told that he was so much behind by Bro. Milburne, and not receiving the promised statement from the latter; but seeing that he had paid his dues to the N. G. of the lodge, we are of the opinion that he has some claim to the consideration of the lodge, and that some steps should be taken to render him justice, the lodge being guided by the General Laws of the Order.

The whole respectfully submitted,

R. J. HILLIER,
J. E. LOISELLE,

On August 14th, 1896, it was moved by P. G. A. E. Abson, seconded by P. G. Cohn, That this lodge grant Bro. Baxter \$25 00 as special relief.

Carried unanimously.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. M. BROWN,
Rec. Sec.

MONTREAL, December 10th, 1896.

JOS. WILSON, Jr., Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec I.O.O.F., Montreal, Que. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the undersigned committee appointed by The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12 I.O.O.F., beg to submit the following in answer to appeal made by P. G. J. T. Courtenay, of Beaver Lodge, and supposed to be on behalf of Bro. T. Brewer, of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12 I.O.O.F. :

FIRSTLY—Clause 69, Uniform Constitution for Subordinates, states : "Any member interested shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, provided such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Secretary *within three months from the date of the final action of the lodge*, on the matter to be appealed against, etc., etc."

Clause 1696 White's Digest, 1895, states : "When, by the

local law, appeals are required to be made within a limited time, and that time is suffered to pass without appeal, the right of appeal is gone, and cannot be resuscitated by a revival of the claim or demand and a second refusal or denial of the demand by the lodge; the second denial being nothing more than a reiteration of the former decision, from which, if at all, the appeal should have been taken."

See also clause 1693, White's Digest, 1895, which states: "When the By-laws of the Grand Lodge limit the period within which appeals from the action of its subordinates must be taken, such Grand Lodge cannot disregard its own laws, or suspend them, and entertain appeals taken after such period has expired."

We, therefore, claim that, under aforesaid clauses of Constitution and Digest quoted, the appeal cannot be entertained, it bearing date of November 30th, 1896, and the final action of the lodge, on the case appealed from, having taken place on August 11th, 1896.

SECONDLY—The appeal submitted is not signed in proper form by the said Bro. Brewer, or by the said J. T. Courtenay, Bro. Brewer having stated in open lodge on different occasions that he could neither read nor write, and we claim that said appeal should be signed by the party appealing, and, if unable to do so, he should make his mark, and it be certified by witness. In this case neither has been done, but Bro. Brewer's name is signed by some other party, without giving any authorization for so doing. We, therefore, claim that the appeal is not presented in proper form, and should not be entertained.

THIRDLY—While we claim that either of the foregoing clauses are sufficient reasons why the appeal should not be entertained, we also claim that the action of the lodge in granting Bro. Baxter the sum of twenty five dollars (\$25) and charging it to special relief, without going through the form of appointing a committee, was perfectly justified under the circumstances. Bro. Baxter, owing to his occupation compelling him to work nights, was unable to attend lodge meetings. He stated he had handed his dues to Bro. J. E. Lanktree, who was then Noble Grand of the lodge. Bro. Lanktree did not deny having received the money, but he did not remember having paid it to the Permanent Secretary. Bro. Baxter was, therefore, actually in good standing as far as he was concerned, he having done his duty in the premises. Further, the whole matter was argued on the floor of the lodge in open meeting, and the lodge by almost unanimous vote, considered that the said Bro. Baxter was entitled to the amount paid him. While we are well aware that clause 31 of the By-laws reads as stated in the appeal, we also consider that a certain amount of common sense should be exercised as well, and cannot see the actual necessity of appointing a committee to do what the lodge did as a whole, and claim that the spirit of the by-law was carried out, although perhaps not strictly the letter.

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We beg to take exception to the following language used in the appeal, viz.:

First—"That the funds should not be wantonly squandered under the miserable farce—they are for special relief"—as it is neither a farce nor wantonly squandering the money of the lodge in paying brothers their just dues.

Secondly—"That The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., in paying the sum of \$25 under the flimsy pretext of special relief to Bro. Baxter, being an unwarranted perversion of the lodge funds."

We claim such language unjust and uncalled for, and should not be used by any good Oddfellow under such circumstances.

The whole respectfully submitted.

ALBERT E. ABSON,
HENRY L. COHN,
JOHN E. LOISELLE,
Committee.

We beg further to state that the following statement in appeal, viz.: "I asked and obtained the permission of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., to appeal to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F., against the alleged action of the lodge in question at issue," is erroneous, for the said Bro. Brewer never made any regular application to The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., to appeal from the action of the lodge in the case of Bro. Baxter, nor obtained permission to do so. He simply entered a protest against the action of the lodge (original of which is attached to appeal) and asked for the papers bearing on the case.

ALBERT E. ABSON,
HENRY L. COHN,
JOHN E. LOISELLE,
Committee.

Re Appeal Thomas Brewer vs. The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, I.O.O.F.,
74 KNOX STREET,
MONTREAL, 15th June, 1897.

The Officers and Members The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—The papers in connection with the appeal of Thomas Brewer vs. The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., have been received, also the answer to said appeal prepared by the Committee appointed by The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, to defend the action of the lodge in the case appealed from, namely: A E Abson, D.D.G.M.; H. L. Cohn, D.D.G.M., and J. E. Loisel, P.S.

After a careful perusal of the evidence submitted I find that

the appeal of Thomas Brewer against the action of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., in granting the sum of twenty-five dollars to David Baxter as special relief to be well founded and in accordance with the laws of our Order and also with Article No. 31 of the By-laws of The Excelsior Lodge *re* special relief.

The first clause of the reply to said appeal by your committee reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned committee appointed by The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., beg to submit the following in answer to the appeal made by J. T. Courtenay, P.G., of Beaver Lodge, and supposed to be on behalf of Bro. Thomas Brewer, of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12."

In regard to the above, I find no evidence submitted to connect J. T. Courtenay, P.G., with the case, and no supposed appeal on behalf of Thomas Brewer has been received by me. As all the documents in connection with the appeal were read in your lodge, and the same received through our Grand Secretary under the seal of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., for my decision, the above part of the answer to appeal by the committee of your lodge is irrelevant and an assertion unwarranted by facts and as such should not have been made.

In regard to clause No. 69 of the Uniform Constitution of Quebec, which reads:

"Any member interested shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, provided such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within three months from the date of the final action of the lodge on the matter to be appealed against."

It is clearly proven that David Baxter, on the evening of August 11th, 1896, was voted the sum of twenty-five dollars under the plea of special relief, and that Thomas Brewer, in a letter dated November 10th, protesting (or appealing) against the action taken by the lodge in regard to the above sum being granted to David Baxter, this protest or appeal was read and received by the lodge on November 11th, just three months after the date on which the money was voted.

I must further state that there is no law in the Subordinate Constitution that I am aware of which states that a member cannot appeal from the action of his lodge on a question such as the one at issue, within any reasonable time, said clause No. 69 refers to the final action of a lodge in trials only, and gives a member three months to appeal from the decision of his lodge, and it is furthermore clearly demonstrated that the Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., by their action in entertaining the appeal, appointing a committee to reply to same, and forwarding all papers in connection with the case through the regular official channel did not entertain the above technical objection.

Sections 1693 and 1696, White's Digest, 1895, has no bearing directly or indirectly on the question at issue, and does not state

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that a member's right to appeal is denied if not made within three months from the date of the final action of his lodge in a matter like the one complained of.

The Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction makes no provision re time of appeal except in cases of trial.

I therefore decide that the above objections to having the appeal of Thomas Brewer vs. the Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, not entertained, are not valid ones, and are based on wrong or misapplied construction of the sections of the Constitution or Digest referred to.

In regard to the second objection of your Committee, That the appeal submitted is not signed in proper form or by the said Thomas Brewer, he having stated in open Lodge on different occasions that he could neither read nor write.

There is no evidence submitted to prove that Thomas Brewer can neither read nor write.

It must therefore be presumed that he can both read and write, having, on the night of his joining the Excelsior Lodge, signed the Constitution and By-laws of said Lodge; and it has not been proven that he did not do so, or has it been shewn that he only made his mark, certified by witness. The statement that Thomas Brewer's name has been signed to his appeal without any authorization for so doing, has not been proven, and is an unwarranted statement of the case, as clearly shewn and proven by all evidence submitted.

The appeal being read and received in open lodge, and no question was then raised in regard to any other person signing for him, without being authorized to do so. And furthermore the action of the Lodge in appointing a Committee waived all such objection and decided that the appeal should be submitted on its merits.

The third contention of your Committee was :

"That while we claim that either of the two foregoing clauses are sufficient reasons why the appeal should not be entertained, we also claim, that the action of the Lodge in granting David Baxter the sum of twenty five dollars (\$25), and charging it to special relief without going through the form of appointing a committee, was perfectly justified under the circumstances.

It is self-evident that your Committee attach but little weight to the first two objections raised against the appeal being entertained, and now for the first time touch the question at issue, and justify the action of The Excelsior Lodge in granting the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) as special relief to David Baxter contrary to Article 31 of the By-laws of the Lodge, which clearly defines how special relief shall be voted or granted.

Your Committee also states that a certain amount of common sense should be exercised and cannot see the actual necessity of

appointing a committee to do what the lodge have done as a whole, and claim that the spirit of the By-law was carried out although perhaps not strictly the letter.

Neither the letter nor the spirit of By-law 31 of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I O O F., was observed. Said By-law makes provision as to how special relief shall be voted and granted to any member of the lodge who has been reduced to a state of distress, and was never intended, in letter or spirit, for the purpose as used in the case of David Baxter, where no actual distress existed or was claimed to exist.

In regard to the final objection of your committee to the appeal of Thomas Brewer, re difference between the words Appeal and Protest, the papers have reached me as an appeal and as such it is entertained. Your committee have also by their reply to same accepted it, and the lodge also by vote in sending the papers to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary have accepted Thomas Brewer's protest as an appeal, which as a matter of fact, it is as the first lines clearly prove. Such objections are *frivolous* and evasive of the real question on which the appeal is founded, namely, the right of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I O O F., to illegally divert the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) from the general fund of the lodge under the plea of special relief.

After careful consideration of all the facts in this case it is ordered that the appeal be sustained and that The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I O O F., take immediate action to restore to the general fund the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) illegally perverted by vote of the lodge on the evening of August 11th, 1896, to David Baxter as special relief.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH WILSON, JR.,
Grand Master.

VII. QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS.

From Albion, No. 2

First Q.—During last recess a ruling was requested from the Grand Master as to what the cost of admission into our lodge would be to a person of fifty years of age, and as to whether an applicant at such an age could be admitted to membership under our by-laws.

The Grand Master ruled that a person of fifty years could be admitted, and that the cost of admission would not be less than \$20; and drew the attention of the lodge to the first clause of by-law 33 as unconstitutional. This ruling was confirmed by the Grand Lodge at its last meeting, and has now full force of law, the effect of which is the expunging from our by-laws of that clause.

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This ruling has been given in error, as by-law 38 has but one clause, and that clause was not questioned, nor was it considered, the error arising from the fact that the Grand Master was quoting from our by-laws in their unamended form ; but the fact of the error having been made in this way makes it none the less fatal to the by law, as it is thereby expunged to all intents and purposes, as though it had been done designedly, and thus strips the lodge of its power to deal with another very important matter, viz, "members' lodge dues," practically leaving us without any fixed rate, and divesting the lodge of its authority to collect dues, from the fact of the disappearance of the by-law establishing the rate to be collected and depriving the lodge of the right conferred by another by law (either rightly or wrongly) of retaining the arrears of dues, and virtually collecting in advance the balance up to the end of the then current quarter, at the time of paying a member sick benefits.

Now as regards the ruling of the Grand Lodge, *if it is made apparent that by-law 38 was not intended*, but that it was clause 1 of by-law 37 (the clause really aimed at in the ruling), matters are, as the Frenchman would say, "just as worse," because, if this clause was intended to be expunged, the Grand Master's ruling goes with it, as he just ruled that under it a person of fifty years could be admitted at a cost of not less than \$20 ; then he declares it unconstitutional, but invokes it in favor of his ruling, and the Grand Lodge is with him. Besides, if the first clause of by-law 37 is expunged, we shall be without a schedule of rates, and will not know what to charge a person of between 21 to 49 any more than to a person of 50.

The seeming reason of declaring this clause unconstitutional appears to be an inference, drawn by the Grand Master, concurred in by the Grand Lodge, that because the by-law, or schedule in the by law rather, does not go further than the age 49, it thereby restricted and fixed that age limit up to which persons could be admitted under the by-law. But it does not necessarily follow that such should be the case, as the lodge could still enact a by-law extending the age limit at its pleasure. It is true that under the Constitution, article 2, if not taken in conjunction with the by-law, a person of even a hundred years, if otherwise eligible, could be admitted. If for 100, why not for 50, and *vice versa*, if we follow the theory of the G.M? The framers of our by-laws, doubtless, had in mind that the Oddfellows' Relief Association stopped at the age of 49; as may be seen by its circulars, and deemed inadvisable to go farther than that association, as to have done otherwise would have been the creation of a new class of members, viz., beneficial but non-insurable ones—deprived of cheap insurance, one of the greatest blessings enjoyed by other members more fortunate probably by being born twenty-four hours earlier than they were. The ine-

quality of such treatment to members who would be obliged to pay a higher rate to enter the Order must strike one as utterly at variance with the most elementary notions of fair play, and would have, for effect, to be invidious in the distribution of a very attractive and beneficial feature, without taking into account the responsibility assumed by the lodge in being obliged to care for the families of such men who, by being without insurance, might possibly leave them totally destitute on the funds of the lodge, and we could not shirk our responsibility in the matter.

I therefore suggest that the agent of the O.R.A. be requested to furnish the lodge with information, and if he is unable to ascertain direct from the association the age limit for admission to membership in that association.

And in order to legalize our proceedings as soon as possible with respect to our by-law expunged, I would recommend any one of the following courses:

1. Obtain an interpretation ruling from the G. M. or Committee on By-laws at once with respect to the intention of the Grand Lodge in its ruling as bearing on By-law 38, for the purpose of reviving that clause subject to ratification by the Grand Lodge. Its revival will mean the expunging of first clause of 37.

2. Pass or enact By-law 38 over again and in due course send it for approval.

3. Appeal from decision of Grand Lodge to Sovereign G. M. I take the ground that the lodge has the right to enact a schedule without violating the constitution, reserving our right to extend the age limit at its pleasure and that unless specially mentioned in a by-law that persons are prohibited from entering from a certain age, there is no conflict with the constitution.

Second Q.—Respecting Contingent Fund. Although power to pass a by-law creating a Contingent Fund is given by Constitution (Art. 32, page 18) the lodge has not yet availed itself of it, thereby losing to the fund the five per cent. which might be placed to its credit out of total dues received. I may say also that although the by-law has not been passed the fund is in full blast and is co-operating with the general fund in an honest endeavor to afford amusement to the members and its friends.

Third Q.—Yearly Interest on Savings Deposit. At present all goes into the General Fund whilst we have three funds each having a considerable amount at credit. It seems to me only right that each fund should get its own proportion, and more particularly the 'Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Fourth Q.—Chaplain ineligible for elective office of V.G., although some legislation was passed, as is attested by the report of our

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Committee on By-Laws, no alteration has been made in the Grand Lodge Constitution for Subordinates and the Chaplain is disqualified.

DECISION.

The first article deals with the decision of the Past Grand Master as follows: Page 1402, Journal 1896.

Fourth Q.—What would be the initiation fee for a person over 50 years of age joining Albion lodge by initiation?

Answer—Not less than \$20, including degrees. Albion By-Laws, first clause Article 38.

The second clause of said article states that the Grand Master drew the attention of the lodge to the 1st clause of By-law 38 as unconstitutional. I cannot find any evidence to bear out this statement either in the printed or unprinted records of the Grand Lodge.

Your communication is evidently dealing with the report of the Committee on Judiciary, page 1478 (clause b) of Journal 1896, wherein after recommending that decisions of Grand Master be approved, added the following: "and would also call the attention of Albion Lodge to the fact that clause 1 of Article 38 is not constitutional." (This report was adopted.)

Clause 3 states. That this ruling has been given in error as By-law 38 has but one clause, and that clause was not questioned nor was it considered, the error arising from the fact that the Grand Master was quoting from our By-laws in their unamended form. After carefully investigating this statement I must state that there is no record of any amendment ever having been made to Article 38 of Albion By-laws up to and including the 18th of August, 1896. Such being the case the error is entirely with Albion Lodge as I assure you that I cannot see any in the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in deciding that clause 38 (which reads as follows) was unconstitutional:

38. Every member admitted into this Lodge by initiation shall pay previous to such initiation as follows: If 21 years and under 30 years of age, \$10; 30 years and under 35 years of age, \$12; and an additional fifty cents for each year he may exceed thirty-five years, up to 45 years of age.

If 45 and under 50 years of age, \$20. The above includes the cost for degrees. It being, however, enacted that no application for membership as a beneficial member shall be entertained from any person who exceeds fifty years of age. Every brother admitted by deposit of card, shall pay previous to his being declared a member, as follows: If 21 years of age and until 29 years of age, \$5, and an additional sum of fifty cents for each year he is over 29 years. Every brother admitted as a non-beneficial member shall pay on application the sum of \$4. Every brother admitted by deposit of Dismissal certificate shall pay the sum of \$20.

The above By-law No 38, is certainly unconstitutional wherein it adds to the qualifications for membership in the Order, as the qualifications are the sole creation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and cannot be amended in any manner except by that body in session.

The clause that refers to Oddfellows' Relief Association, etc., I would state that we have nothing whatever to do with that Association or its rules or schedules, and while recommending the Association to our members as a cheap and safe insurance investment, we cannot allow their age limit to be used as a qualification to membership in our Order, as we believe the greatest feature of our Order is its fraternity, and we should endeavor to make this its leading features as its rituals and teachings imply.

No. 2, Ans.—Respecting Contingent Fund. As there is nothing in this clause to show that the funds of the lodge are being used for social purposes I do not see any reason to make any comment. As I have no doubt that when the members of Albion Lodge require to draw from the general fund any money for socials or entertainments, they will take advantage of the legislation of the Grand Lodge to do it legally.

No. 3, Ans.—Yearly interest on Savings Deposit. As the by-laws of your lodge designate what moneys shall be placed to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and other funds, it is not necessary for me to make any comment.

No. 4, Ans.—This is not so. The Chaplain is quite eligible for election to the office of Vice-Grand. See White's Digest, clause No. 997.

I am sorry that time will not permit me to enter more fully into details, but I trust that I have answered the various questions submitted to your satisfaction, and if not I assure you that it will be a pleasure to do so upon any future occasion.

Fifth Q.—Can Wellington Lodge furnish Doctor and medicine to members without making a direct charge for such and still pay the same benefit, namely, five dollars per week? Clause 23 of our Constitution says a lodge cannot pay more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the amount of one year's dues, deducting one dollar for Doctor and medicine (the amount we pay per member for same) and the amount of our yearly dues is seven dollars, $\frac{2}{3}$ of which is a fraction less than \$4 67-100. At the present time we are paying five dollars.

Ans.—No, it will be necessary for Wellington Lodge to either create a fund for the purpose of paying a Doctor or reducing the weekly benefits.

Sixth Q.—At our meeting, August 25th, an application for membership properly filled and witnessed by a brother, also accompanied by the physician's certificate of health, was read, and on motion was received and a committee appointed to investigate the

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character and standing of the applicant. At the following regular meeting, Sept. 22nd, the report of the investigating committee was received and the ballot ordered to be passed, which on being found clear the Noble Grand declared the applicant elected to membership. After the meeting it was found that the deposit of two dollars required by Article 5 of our By-laws had not been paid, and a brother therefore claimed that the applicant was illegally elected.

Ans.—If the majority of the lodge consider that the applicant is responsible for the irregularity a motion carried to that effect would annul the election and the Noble Grand would order a new ballot to be passed. But if the lodge decide that the applicant is not responsible for any error or irregularity that may have occurred in connection with the question at issue, then I would decide that the previous ballot was legal and the applicant entitled to all the rights and privileges of such, as it is not in accordance with the principles of our Order that the applicant being innocent of any deception or error on his part should be punished for any irregularity or error of the lodge.

Seventh Q.—Bro. Gardner, Noble Grand of Wellington Lodge, ruled that at present we are paying under clauses 50 and 74 of our By-laws, more benefits than Constitution clause 23 allows. And on appealing from his decision to the lodge, the lodge by a vote of 14 to 6 sustained that decision.

Ans.—After carefully considering the several By-laws and also the Constitution in connection with the question, I find that both decisions must be confirmed.

Eighth Q.—Is the Doctor an officer of the lodge?

Ans.—No, the doctor is not an officer of the lodge. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge clause 33 says that lodges may provide by its By-laws for the election of a physician, but it does not provide for any remuneration for his services. This is also left to the By-laws.

Ninth Q.—Can we elect a Doctor at next meeting or must we first make By-laws No. 50 and 74 conform to Constitution?

Ans.—You can elect a Doctor, but it will be necessary to advise him of the present state of your By-laws so that no complications may arise hereafter. There is one or two things Wellington Lodge can do. The first is to amend the By-laws so that each member residing in the city would be called upon to subscribe a certain amount each quarter to be placed in the Physician fund. The second is to reduce the weekly benefit to the proper proportion allowed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. As when your By-laws promise to each member a certain sum per week through sickness, and other sums to beneficiaries upon his death, you enter upon a business contract and can attain success only when promises are based upon purely business principles.

Tenth Q.—Can a lodge change their night of meeting without giving notice of motion to amend its by-laws?

Ans.—No. The By-laws of the lodge must be first amended and submitted to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge for approval. (See White's Digest, 1895). Cannot change night of meeting without altering its by-laws (1891, Journal. Pages 12353, 12632, 12701).

Eleventh Q.—Can a lodge initiate a clergyman without charging him the regular initiation fee?

Ans.—No. The Constitution does not make any provision for a reduction to men of his calling; so that, according to the law, he will have to pay his initiation fee the same as any other applicant.

Twelfth Q.—Can five members hold the charter of the lodge and prevent the lodge from consolidating with another?

Ans.—Yes. Five being the legal number required to hold a charter, that number can prevent any consolidation whatever. For further information see clause 1445 White's Digest, 1895.

Thirteenth Q.—Can a lodge entertain a motion to donate a sum of money, from the general fund of the lodge, to the Indian famine fund?

Ans.—No. A lodge has not the right to appropriate its funds for charitable purposes in no way connected with the Order.

Fourteenth Q.—Can a lodge suspend a member for non-payment of dues without notifying him of the action about to be taken?

Ans.—A member in arrears for dues twelve months must be notified by the Recording Secretary, under the seal of the lodge, or by some one authorized to send the notice by the lodge.

REBEKAH QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS.

First Q.—Has a brother any right to speak on questions under debate?

Ans.—Yes, providing he is in good standing.

Second Q.—Can a brother accept an office pro tem?

Ans.—Yes, if he is qualified according to the Constitution and By-laws of the lodge.

Third Q.—Is the election, with a Past Grand of a subordinate lodge in the Noble Grand's chair—with that officer present in the lodge room—illegal?

Ans.—Yes, as a Past Grand of a subordinate lodge is not qualified, according to the Constitution of the Rebekah Degree, to preside at the election of officers in a Rebekah lodge, unless he has been elected Noble Grand of a Rebekah lodge.

Fourth Q.—Is there anything against a Noble Grand being re-elected to fill that office for another term?

Ans.—Nothing whatever, if she is free from all charges on the books of the lodge and is the choice of the majority of the members present and voting.

Fifth Q.—Is it illegal to nominate and elect all on the same evening—the first meeting in the month?

Ans.—If the By-laws provide for nomination on the first meeting of the month, and nominations and elections on the second meeting of the month, it would certainly be illegal to both nominate and elect on the first meeting night of the month.

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS AND LETTERS.

In compliance with the standing resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and in pursuance of a time honored custom, I have caused to be issued the following proclamations and letters; a copy of each is hereunto annexed.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.,
Office of the Grand Master.

To the Officers and members of Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges,
I.O.O.F., Province of Quebec, GREETING :

I, Joseph Wilson, jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F., hereby direct that the following proclamation, issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall be read in each lodge, when open at the first meeting after its receipt :

"At the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, September 21st, 1896, the following were adopted :

Resolved—That there be prepared the form of a certificate for dues, etc., to be recognized as evidence of good standing, when the holder desires to make visitation in another jurisdiction in lieu of a visiting card. Said form of certificate to be universal throughout all the jurisdictions on this continent, and to be used as the only legal receipt for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all lodges, encampments, and Rebekah Lodges The A.T.P.W., to be communicated to every member when paying his dues. The privilege to visit in another jurisdiction to depend upon the certificate, which shall bear his signature on the margin, the genuineness of which he must prove before the Examining Committee and give the proper password.

Said certificate to be sold by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of Subordinate Grand bodies, and to the lodges and encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on this continent as regular supplies, conformable to the rules and regulations governing the sale of all supplies by the Sovereign Grand Lodge

Said form of certificate to be plainly bound in a convenient shape and size, with stub attached to each certificate, shall be furnished to subordinate Grand bodies, and to lodges and encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the S.G.L., on this continent, at an advance not to exceed..... per centum of the actual cost, and by subordinate Grand bodies to their respective subordinates at an additional advance of..... per centum.

Provided, however, that nothing in this preamble and resolution shall be so construed as to intend to abolish or restrict the present use or purpose of the visiting card, or to abrogate any of the rights and privileges to which its holder is thereby entitled under the present laws of the Order ; on the contrary, any brother, who by the general laws of the Order is qualified to apply for the same, shall be entitled to receive a visiting card as heretofore ; and the holding of such visiting card shall be prima facie evidence of good standing in the Order, and it is further

Provided, that, upon the presentation of an official certificate only, a lodge or encampment shall not be required to pay sick or funeral benefits,

or render other pecuniary aid to a member of another jurisdiction, unless so directed by the lodge or encampment of which the brother is a member, in which case such benefits or moneys paid shall constitute a legal claim against such lodge or encampment.

Resolved—That the Grand Secretary shall furnish to the Committee on Printing Supplies all additions and amendments made by this Grand body to the rituals of subordinate lodges, encampments, Rebekah lodges and cantons, including the amendments adopted at this session.

Resolved further—That said Committees on Printing Supplies shall procure the compilation and publication of revised editions of the said rituals of subordinate lodges, encampments, Rebekah lodges and cantons—that said revised editions be placed on sale by the Grand Secretary as soon as practicable after January 1st, 1897. That the prices of said revised Rituals be the same as now fixed for the present editions, and that said revisions be furnished to Grand and Subordinate bodies in exchange for copies of the old editions of one-half the price so fixed.

Resolved—That Grand jurisdictions, through their Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs and Department Commanders, be, and they are hereby directed, to cause their subordinates to procure and use such revised Rituals when the same shall be ready for distribution under the terms of the above resolutions."

In accordance with the foregoing, the said form of Certificate for dues, etc., has been prepared and the same will be sold to Grand Bodies at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per hundred certificates. The price to subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, has been fixed at three dollars per one hundred certificates, being the same price charged to Subordinates by Grand Bodies. The certificates are bound in books of from one hundred to five hundred each, and will be ready for delivery by January 1st, 1897.

The copy for the new Rituals, as above ordered, has all been carefully prepared and is in the hands of the printers. The Rituals are confidently expected to be ready for delivery by January, 1897.

As the use of both the Certificates and Rituals is made mandatory by the foregoing resolutions, you are earnestly requested to send your orders for what you will need as early as possible.

Orders for the above supplies will be filled in the order of their receipt at the office of the Grand Secretary, accompanied by the money.

JOSEPH WILSON, JR., Grand Master.

A test: T. J. POTTER, Grand Secretary.

1819—Anniversary Proclamation—1897.

Grand Lodge of Quebec of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.
Office of the Grand Master.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges,
I. O. O. F., Province of Quebec, GREETING:

In accordance with time honored custom, and in obedience to the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, J. Joseph Wilson, jr.,

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Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I O.O.F., by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby enjoin upon all subordinate and Rebekah lodges under our jurisdiction to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the twenty sixth day of April, 1897, it being the seventy-eighth anniversary of our Order, by suitable exercises in observance of the day and by public thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us individually and collectively.

I hereby grant dispensation to all our subordinate and Rebekah lodges to use the name and regalia of our Order at said anniversary without further authority.

Done at the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, this Twentieth day of March, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and of the Order the seventy-eighth year.

JOSEPH WILSON, Jr., Grand Master.

Attest : T. J. POTTER, Grand Secretary.

Memorial Day Proclamation.

Grand Lodge of Quebec of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

Office of the Grand Master.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate and Rebekah

Lodges, I O O F, Province of Quebec.

Greeting—In accordance with the requirements of the standing resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I, Joseph Wilson, Jr., Grand Master, do hereby request all subordinate and Rebekah lodges in this jurisdiction that have suffered loss of membership by death, to assemble on the second Tuesday of June next, being the 8th day of June, 1897 (or on such day as may be more convenient), and engage in proper and suitable exercises in memory of deceased members

Information of the decease of our late brother S. W. Twose, aged 44 years, P.G. of Unity Lodge, No. 8, has been received since our last Memorial Day.

JOSEPH WILSON, Jr.,

Grand Master.

Attest : T. J. POTTER, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, I O O F.

Office of the Grand Master, Montreal, October 17th, 1896.

To the Recording Secretary :

Dear Sir and Brother,—The Sovereign Grand Lodge requires that each year your Grand Lodge shall notify their subordinates as to what Insurance Associations are permitted to use the name of the Order in their respective jurisdictions.

In compliance with this law, you are hereby notified that the only association of an insurance nature, which has fulfilled all the conditions and is thereby entitled to use the name or initials of the

Order in this Province, is the "Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada; head office, Kingston."

The beneficiaries of this Association are now paid through the lodges, thus adding very materially to the practical benevolence of the Order.

The Fraternal Accident Association of America, head office, Westfield, Mass., has permission to transact business in this jurisdiction.

Will you please read this circular at the next regular meeting of your lodge after its receipt, and therefore call the attention of the brethren to these most valuable auxiliaries of the Order, whose strict compliance with our regulations and hearty co-operation in the benevolent work of our institution are worthy of practical endorsement and warmest support by the membership generally.

JOSEPH WILSON, Jr.,
Grand Master.

Attest : THOS. J. POTTER, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Québec of the Independent Order of Oddfellows,
Office of the Grand Master.

Montreal, April 28th, 1897.

To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting :

Having been requested by the Chairman of the Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to collect information as to the advisability of establishing a Juvenile Degree for the children of Oddfellows who are not old enough to join the subordinate and Rebekah lodges.

As this is a very important question I desire to have your views upon the following propositions; also any suggestions pertaining to the degree, the colors, ritual, laws, etc.:

1st—Do you think it would be advantageous to the children of Oddfellows to be taught in a practical manner the principles of Oddfellowship.

2nd—Do you think it would be to the advantage of the Order to establish a Juvenile Degree for Oddfellows' children, say from 16 to 21?

3rd—Do you think it would be in the interest of the Order to admit children whose parents are not connected with the Order, say from 14 to 21?

I desire your aid in obtaining all the information possible on this subject to form the basis of a report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH WILSON, Jr.,
Grand Master.

Attest : T. J. POTTER, Grand Secretary.

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IX. DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

To Princess Rebekah Lodge, No. 4 :

On November 21st, to prepare and circulate a petition for signatures among the Rebekah Lodges, for the purpose of asking to have a Rebekah Assembly instituted.

To Oddfellows' Relief Association :

On November 22nd, to issue receipt forms for use in subordinate Lodges with the advertisement of the association on the back, to be furnished to the Lodges free of charge on application.

To Golden Rule Lodge, No. 13 :

On January 2nd, to change night of meeting from Friday to Saturday night during the winter months.

To Laurentian Lodge, No. 14 :

On April 26th, to hold a picnic and games on May 24th and a concert in the evening.

To Unity Lodge, No. 8 :

On April 30th, to hold a special meeting for the purpose of initiating a candidate.

To Bedford Lodge No. 29 :

On May 8th, to attend divine worship as a Lodge with permission to wear the Regalia of the Order.

To Wellington Lodge No. 20 :

On July 12th, to accept the members of the late Duke of Edinburgh Lodge for the minimum entrance fee.

X. INSTITUTIONS.

Diamond Lodge No. 30 :

On April 10th, assisted by Bros. A. Philps, Deputy Grand Master ; A. Staveley, G. W. ; T. J. Potter, G. S. ; A. H. Eager, G. Treas ; R. H. Fairfield, Grand Marshal ; J. Shirlow, D. D. G. M., at Magog, I instituted Diamond Lodge, No. 30, with twenty-nine charter members. After institution the Degree Staff of Missisquoi Lodge, No. 22, of Farnham, assumed the chairs and conferred the initiatory degree. I am sure it is superfluous for me to say that the ceremony was performed in a perfect manner. The new Lodge starts out with bright prospects. Its members are of high standing in the town. The officers of the lodge were installed as follows : Bros. F. S. Loomis, N. G. ; L. G. H. Torrant, V. G. ; P. Hogg, Secretary ; E. Bullard, Treasurer. There were also present: Bros. H. T. Allan, Jr., Stanstead ; G. L. Price, Knowlton ; T. Robertson, Clinton, Mass. ; N. N. Walley, P. G. M., accompanied by 22 of the Sherbrooke brothers arrived by special train, and Bro. A. H. Eager with 25 brothers from Farnham. The business being concluded, the Grand Master gave the members of the new Lodge some advice in connection with the work of the Lodge. After the Lodge was closed, an invitation was extended and accepted by all present to attend a banquet at the Park House, where the hos-

pitality of the brethren was much in evidence, and enjoyed by all present. The future of this lodge is very promising indeed. Bro. R. H. Fairfield deserves credit for his work in connection with the institution of this lodge.

XI. INVITATION RECEIVED.

July 3rd I received an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Oddfellows' Relief Association of Kingston, which, owing to engagements previously made, I found it was impossible to accept.

XII. PRESENTATION.

Following the example of my immediate predecessor, I presented a trophy for competition in the Degree work. This year, however, the trophy was presented for a contest among the Rebekah lodges, only three of which entered Degree Staffs—namely, Princess No. 4, Beaver Lodge No. 5, and Excelsior Lodge No. 6. The first contest took place between Beaver Lodge No. 5 and Excelsior Lodge No. 6 in Wellington Lodge room, Wednesday evening, February 17th. The large hall was filled to its utmost capacity, when the Degree Staff of Beaver assumed the chairs, and the degree as conferred by them was a revelation to those present. After which the Excelsior Degree Staff took the chairs and not only equalled the performance but were more perfect in the ritualistic work. The work done by both degree staffs on this occasion, laboring under the disadvantage of a strange hall and the excitement of the large number present, and of sitting watching their opponents, had a tendency to disturb (as it did) the memories of some of the members, leading them to forget and make mistakes which would never have been made if the contest had been held under less exciting circumstances. On February 26th I was present, in company with the judges, Bros. A. Philips, D.G.M.; J. A. Finlayson, P.G.M.; John Shirlow, P.G., at the final contest of the competition, which took place in Unity Hall, Sherbrooke. The judges being ready, the Degree Staff of Princess Lodge, No. 4, assumed the chairs and started to win the trophy. The accuracy of movement, execution of floorwork, graceful manner and almost faultless delivery of the ritualistic work as done by the Degree Staff of Princess Lodge entitle them to be hailed as the banner lodge of this jurisdiction, and so the judges declared them. The lodge being closed, those present were invited to the banquet hall, where a very pleasant hour was spent. Addresses were made by the Grand Master and Bros. A. Philips, D.G.M.; J. A. Finlayson, P.G.M.; D. J. Dickson, P.G.M.; W. B. McCutcheon, P.G.M., John Shirlow, P.G. Sister LeBaron, N.G., made a neatly worded speech, thanking the judges and the visitors and last, but not least, the instructor of the Degree Staff, Bro. N. N. Walley, P.G.M., who in a feeling manner responded to the effect that the results of the competition was all the thanks required by him. W. A. Morehouse, P.G., who represented the

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press, also made remarks appropriate to the occasion. Sister B. Wilson, P N.G. of The Excelsior Rebekah Lodge, No 6, was present at the contest.

On the evening of May 17th I visited Sherbrooke again, this time for the purpose of presenting to Princess Rebekah Lodge the trophy of victory, which was a beautiful set of four banners, which were much admired by all the members present. The lodge rather took me by surprise by presenting me with a large photograph of the winning Degree Staff. The picture will be very much appreciated by me in recalling to my mind years hence some of the happy experiences through which I have passed. I have always held this branch of our Order above all others and have been ready to make any and all sacrifices to promote and advance the Rebekah Degree in this jurisdiction. If I have succeeded then I have received my reward, but I still hope to crown my efforts by instituting a Rebekah Assembly before the Grand Lodge meets if possible.

XIII. PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Montreal, Aug. 26th, 1896.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I take pleasure in handing you herewith your Commission as Deputy for the year 1896 97, in accordance with established custom.

In conferring this honor upon you, I deem it proper to call your attention to the responsibilities resting upon you as Deputy of the Grand Master.

In addition to those set forth in your commission, I would ask your careful consideration of the following Special Instructions.

It will be your duty to decide all matters of law and usage that may properly come before you on appeal, in writing, from the decision of the Lodge, your answer being also in writing and entered in full on the records.

Your decision being final, unless appealed from, I trust that your knowledge of the laws and usages of the Order, and your courteous deportment and tact in settling all matters of dispute, will be such as to inspire that confidence on the part of the membership of your Lodge as to render appeal from your decision unnecessary.

It is my earnest desire that you do not take part directly, or indirectly, in any controversy that may arise in your Lodge, as by refraining from participation in disputes on a question of law and usage, you will add to the dignity of the office that confidence and respect for your decisions that is so necessary to the preservation of harmony in a Lodge.

The peace and prosperity of your Lodge should be constantly before you; anything that will lawfully conduce to this end, should receive your cordial support.

Be not too technical nor too hasty in rendering decisions, but act without fear or favor when occasion demands.

In conclusion, Brother, I earnestly ask you to co-operate with me and help me to make this one of the most prosperous years of our Order.

I will do all I can to that end, and want the assistance of every brother in the Order.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH WILSON, JR.,
Grand Master.

XIV. IN MEMORIAM.

Before reviewing the work of the past year, let us bow reverently over the bier of those who are not. Horace says that in the capacious urn of death every name is shaken. Turning, therefore, from the scenes of joy, activity and life, let us contemplate the departed. Death has dealt lightly with our great family. We have been called upon on several occasions, during the past year, to perform the mournful, yet pleasing, duty of comforting the widow and the orphan and wiping from their eyes the tears of sorrow; but let us not forget here and elsewhere the kindness of an overruling Providence in these dispensations; and, while we mourn the loss of our brothers, we tender our condolence and kind sympathy to the bereaved.

Among the fourteen ardent laborers in our ranks who have been summoned was our beloved brother, Samuel W. Twose, P.G. of Unity Lodge, No. 8.

In the death of Brother S. W. Twose our Grand Lodge has lost one of its most efficient workers and our Order an exponent of the principles of Oddfellowship, contesting vigorously for the right and yielding no points where principle might be compromised. His opinions, upon matters relating to Oddfellowship generally, were full of wisdom and good judgment.

XV. RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend that the lodges should advise the Grand Master as to the appointment of their District Deputy Grand Masters. This will save a lot of unnecessary correspondence and much friction.

I would also recommend that the duties of District Deputy Grand Masters be extended to enable them to give dispensations and decisions. As I empowered them to do so, upon handing their commission, it has been carried out in nearly every case.

I would call your attention to the fact that this jurisdiction is extending year after year, and it becomes harder for the Grand Master to devote the time necessary to visit each lodge in the Province. It might be well to divide the jurisdiction, for visitation purposes, between the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Warden. This matter I leave for your consideration.

I would also suggest that the By-laws of each lodge be sub-

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XVI. THANKS

I desire to thank the Oddfellows' Gazette, the Montreal Daily Star, Herald, Witness and other papers who have so kindly apprised the public of our doings and created a livelier interest in the Order.

My thanks are due to all the Grand Lodge Officers, who were always ready to accompany me on visitations and other duties whenever called upon, especially to our Grand Secretary, T. J. Potter, who is a never failing source of help. Such loyalty is highly commendable and deserving of appreciation.

The District Deputy Grand Masters have also placed me under their obligations for their kindness in meeting me at the various Lodges of their districts, and assistance in the work of our Order. I feel that they have done much to advance the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of the office of Grand Master has as usual been heavy and is greatly increasing year by year. I have endeavoured upon all occasions to reply promptly to all letters received and hope that there has been no cause for dissatisfaction in that respect. That pertaining to new Lodges will be of interest to the Order in this jurisdiction, all of which will be laid before you.

XVIII. FRATERNAL PRESS.

The Oddfellows' Gazette has struggled along nearly three years, always financially embarrassed, and I believe that if the Grand Lodge desires to have the publication of this journal continued steps must be taken to place it in the hands of every member within our jurisdiction, otherwise it will become a thing of the past. The following circular speaks for itself which has been sent to every subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction :

MONTREAL, June, 1897.

To the Noble Grand, Officers and Members of I.O.O.F., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS,—

Allow me the liberty of drawing your attention to the position of THE ODDFELLOWS' GAZETTE, the official organ of the Grand Lodge of this Province.

As most of you are aware, THE GAZETTE has been in existence for nearly three years, during which time it has accomplished much for the good of the Order; but it may not be so generally known that, during the whole period of its existence, the financial side of its regular issue has been a constant source of worry and anxiety to the proprietor. Depending almost entirely

upon subscriptions for its support, the work of collecting from individual subscribers is a task of no little magnitude, as the proprietor has discovered from experience that only a limited number send in their subscription voluntarily, the large majority putting off the payment until a more convenient time, or until the proprietor shall call in person to collect it. Having to attend to my regular work to obtain a livelihood, I find it impossible to call on each subscriber and collect the small amount due on the annual subscription, and to avoid continual "dunning,"—an operation disagreeable alike to the subscriber and publisher,—I beg to submit the following propositions to your lodge, which I hope will receive your favorable consideration, and be acted upon as early as possible :

1st.—For the sum of Fifty Cents per annum (payable in two half-yearly instalments) I will mail to the address of every member of your lodge monthly a copy of THE ODDFELLOWS' GAZETTE, the payment for same to be made through the lodge for its entire membership.

2nd.—A guarantee of a much more liberal subscription list from the members of your lodge at present rates. Collections also to be made through the lodge.

It is only by the adoption of one of the above methods that I find it possible to continue the publication of the official organ of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

I heartily thank my many friends throughout the jurisdiction who have so cordially and fraternally assisted me in the publication of THE GAZETTE to the present time.

Yours fraternally.

JOHN T. COURTENAY,

Editor and Proprietor.

I would not invade the political domain nor assume the role of statesman ; I would not call in question the wisdom and patriotism of those who have the management of the affairs of civil government in their hands, but I do not deem it improper to say that this great Fraternity is a Brotherhood of Peace, and in these times of turmoil and trouble, when the thoughtless, the hotheaded and the ambitious talk flippantly of war, Oddfellows should not hesitate to speak out for peace.

Within the last few weeks there has been considerable anxiety arising from fear that the friendly relations which now exist between the two great Anglo Saxon nations should become imperilled. A war between our nation and the United States of America, the two foremost nations on the globe, speaking the same language, united by ties of blood, by religion, by intellectual and moral forces, all tend to advance the happiness of man, elevate the standard of free government. A rupture and war between these two nations would be a crime. There cannot be two propositions strongly antagonistic, and both be right ; there must be a centre within the circle of their differences upon which the contending parties should peacefully meet and agree. We feel confident that wise counsels, guided by a sense of right and just consideration of the sympathies and material interests of these two great branches of a family will prevail, and the perplexing problem be satisfactorily solved.

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CONCLUSION.

And now, before concluding, I must touch upon a theme which cannot fail to arouse feelings of the deepest enthusiasm in the breast of each one assembled here. I refer to the Diamond Jubilee of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, who has for so many years been the protector of all fraternal societies in the Mother Land. And among the Queen's most loyal subjects wherever the British flag floats, none will be found more devoted to Her Majesty than the members of this Grand Lodge. And we humbly and heartily pray, God Save the Queen.

In concluding this report of my year's labor, I wish to remind you that I have followed the dictates of my conscience and therefore the errors are mine in passing judgment. Remember that I have at all times endeavored to be just, fair and impartial.

My official acts as your executive officer for the past year are now before you. I have reviewed them with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret, and hope the good I have done may live after me and the bad be interred with the ashes of the departed year.

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me, I am,

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH WILSON, JR.,

Grand Master.

Deputy Grand Master's Report.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The echo of the gavel, as it closed on our last session, seems scarcely to have died away, when advancing time warns us that old Father Time has been steadily marching onward, and the hour is drawing near for us to render an account of our year's work.

I am proud to say it has been one of prosperity and peace.

It gives me pleasure to note an increase, not only in our membership, but also in our lodges. It was my intention to visit all the lodges in our jurisdiction, but on account of my time being taken up I was unable to do so, which I regret very much.

Nov. 12th.—Accompanied Grand Master on a visit to Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, and spent a pleasant evening.

Dec. 8th.—Visited Beaver Lodge, No. 6, and found it in a flourishing condition.

Dec. 18th.—Accompanied the Grand Master to Valleyfield, and listened to a fine entertainment given by Valleyfield Lodge, No. 11, and also to a fine address by our Grand Master. Valleyfield Lodge is to be congratulated on the success it has achieved.

Dec. 21.—Visited Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, and saw them confer the initiatory work, which was very creditable.

Jan. 13th.—Assisted Bro. John S. Walker, D.D.G.M., to instal the officers of my own lodge.

Jan. 11th.—Assisted Sister Maggie Hunter, D.D.G.M., to instal the officers of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1.

Jan. 28th.—Attended the Grand Rally at Montreal, and listened to an able address given by Bro. J. T. Johns, of Ottawa.

Feb. 17th.—Had the pleasure of witnessing the Rebekah competition between Excelsior Lodge, No. 6, and Beaver, No. 5; was pleased to note the excellent manner in which it was conferred by both lodges.

Feb. 26th.—Attended the Rebekah competition of Princess Lodge, No. 4, of Sherbrooke, and must say they did their work excellently.

April 10th.—Accompanied our Grand Master to the town of Magog with G. W. Staveley, T. J. Potter, Grand Secretary; Bro. Shirlow and the Brothers of Missisquoi Lodge to institute Diamond Lodge, No. 30.

April 26th.—Attended the anniversary of our beloved Order in Windsor Hall (Montreal), which was very fine.

June 18th.—Attended the Jubilee celebration, and was pleased to see so many of our members in procession.

July 14th.—Assisted Bro. John S. Walker, D.D.G.M., to instal the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 17.

July 21st.—Visited Fraternity Lodge, No. 21, and found the lodge in fine condition and increasing in number.

July 28th.—Visited Wellington Lodge, and met with a hearty reception from the large turnout of members present.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the different lodges and the members for the courtesy extended to me while visiting in my official capacity, and only regret, on account of my time being limited, I was unable to visit the others.

ANDREW PHILPS,
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District Deputy Grand Masters' Reports.**MONTREAL DISTRICT, NO. I.***To the Grand Master:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In accordance with the requirements of the office it becomes my duty, and I have much pleasure in presenting my report as D D.G.M. for the above district for the year ending June 30th, 1897.

When I accepted this important position I was fully aware of its responsibilities, and set to work with the determination to fill it to the best of my ability. I have done my best, and have endeavored at all times to perform my duties faithfully and punctually, and trust my efforts will meet with your approval and kind consideration.

I am pleased to report that the Order in this district, at the present time, is in a very healthy condition. The increase in membership is not as large as might be expected, but, when we take into consideration the fact that the year just closed was noted for hard times and business depression, I think we have every reason to feel proud of the progress we have made.

The officers of the respective lodges have, to the best of my knowledge, performed their duties satisfactorily, and I think the general attendance of the members at regular lodge meetings has come up to the average of other years, and I have no hesitation in saying that, with a revival of business, the future annual reports will be very gratifying indeed.

I. INSTALLATIONS.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the following lodges, viz.:

Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1.....	January 4th, 1897
Mizpah Lodge, " 3.....	" 7th, "
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 4.....	" 18th, "
Beaver Lodge, " 6.....	" 5th, "
Wellington Lodge, " 20.....	" 6th, "

On the above occasions I was ably assisted by the following Grand Officers: Grand Warden Staveley and Grand Secretary Potter; Thomas Brown, P.G.; William Johnson, P.G.; C. J. Williams, P.G.; J. T. Courtenay, P.G.; H. Cohn, D.D.G.M., and Walter Marriage, P.G.M.

The officers for the current term were installed as follows: Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, July 5th, 1897; Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, July 22nd, 1897; Wellington Lodge, No. 20, July 7th, 1897; Beaver Lodge, No. 6, July 13th, 1897.

Received from Brother Thos. Pollock, P.G., Secretary of Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 4, the surrender of their charter under date of July 12th, 1897.

At the installation of officers for the current term I was assisted by the following Grand Officers: Thos. Potter, Grand Secretary; Arthur Staveley, Grand Warden; Thos. Brown, P.G.; D.J. Dickson, P.G.M.; William Johnson, P.G.; Albert Abson, P.G.; H.L. Cohn, D.D.G.M.

October 14th, 1896, installed the Noble Grand and Inside Guardian of Wellington Lodge, No. 20.

October 28th, 1896, granted a dispensation to Wellington Lodge, No. 20, to confer the three degrees on a brother, he not being able to attend the degree lodge.

Granted a dispensation to Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, to change their regular meeting night from June 21st to June 26th, on account of June 21st being a civic holiday.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

During my term of office I have visited each lodge as often as possible, although not always officially.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER.

The 78th anniversary of the Order was celebrated by a joint concert in the Windsor Hall on April 26th, 1896. There was a large attendance on this occasion.

MEMORIAL DAY.

In accordance with the proclamation, the lodges in this district observed the 5th of June as Memorial Day.

In closing my report I desire to thank the officers and members of the different lodges for their courtesy, and I wish them all prosperity.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN MILLER, D.D.G.M.

MONTREAL DISTRICT, NO. 2.

To the Grand Master:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As is the custom, and moreover my duty, I hereby present you with the report of my doings for the year ending June 30th, 1897, hoping that, after your personal perusal, you will have seen that, as far as my ability allows me, I have endeavored to fill the duties of D.D.G.M. of district No. 2, Montreal, faithfully and punctually.

Our Order once more, I am greatly pleased to state, has

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progressed wonderfully during the past year, showing that there must be some good work done by active brothers.

INSTALLATIONS OF BOTH TERMS.

The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12	Jan. 5, 1897
Lansdowne " " 9	Jan. 12, 1897
Fraternity " " 21	Jan. 8, 1897
Hochelaga Degree, " 1	Jan. 16, 1897
The Excelsior Lodge, " 12	July 13, 1897
Lansdowne " " 9	July 20, 1897
*Fraternity " " 21	July 14, 1897

*This lodge was installed in ample form by Grand Master Jos. Wilson, jr., in the July term.

To the following brethren who so kindly assisted me at the installations of both terms I extend to them my sincere thanks namely: Past Grand Masters Dickson and Marriage, Grand Warden Staveley, Grand Secretary Potter, District Deputy Grand Masters T. Brown, J. Miller, J. S. Walker, A. E. Abson, J. Smith and P. D. D. G. M. Courtenay; also Past Grands W. Johnson, Anderson, Percy, Morrison, Spencer and Brownlee, of Albert Lodge, Toronto, Ont.

During my term of District Deputy Grand Master I have, when time was at my disposal, visited the various lodges in my district, and must acknowledge that a more courteous reception from each lodge (without exception), when visited, could not have been extended to me, which is most gratifying to an humble servant of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

I have been the recipient of frequent correspondence, and have in every instance answered promptly and seemingly satisfactorily to the senders.

In conjunction with D. D. G. M. Miller, of No. 1 district, we issued a circular, also advertised, *in re* a representation of our Order in the Jubilee parade, the outcome of which, you are personally aware, turned out to be a grand success, especially when it brought forth such eulogiums in the press as being the most respectable looking body in the English section. Our parade might have been more largely attended than it was, but, as usual, as in everything else, you could see the same old faces, "who take an interest in everything in connection with the Order," in the ranks. However, we are all proud of the outcome.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER

was held on Monday, 26th of April, 1897, and was celebrated in a manner never before reached by the Order, as a whole, in the city of Montreal, having held a joint concert of a high order, also an oration by W. H. Hoyle, P. G. M., of Cannington, Ont., which was

the most interesting address ever given in our city on Oddfellowship. This part was certainly a grand treat missed by the brethren unable to be present. This took place in Windsor Hall.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Time waits for no man" has once more proven itself the old, true adage it is, especially in the case of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, which lodge alone, within the space of three weeks, lost by death two of their esteemed brethren in the prime of their life. Let us hope a brighter term awaits not only The Excelsior, but the lodges which have been similarly afflicted.

DECORATION DAY.

Quietly and unostentatiously the graves of our departed brethren to the number of sixty-two were tenderly cared for and decorated with flowers; this year, especially, being done so quietly as to be almost unawares anything was going on in the cemetery, being without the usual gathering and band, as in former years, thus allowing the committees to do their work more expeditiously and satisfactorily. The committees deserve credit for the able manner in which this sacred work was carried out.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

December 5, 1896—To Fraternity Lodge, No. 21, to hold meeting of elections on December 18, 1896, instead of December 24, 1896 (Christmas eve)

April 14, 1897—To Fraternity Lodge, No. 21, to change place of meeting; also night of meeting from 1st of May, 1897.

May 25, 1897—To The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, to propose, ballot and initiate a candidate on the same evening.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In concluding my report you may, perhaps, think me a little presumptuous in what I am about to say, but still I will speak out, namely: I would recommend that this Grand Lodge provide each District Deputy Grand Master with a copy of the Digest, to be returned to said Grand Lodge when the term expires, as reason will at once face you. How can a brother, placed in such a position be in power to give decisions of any description unless you have the law to govern yourself by, especially when that law is Sovereign Grand Lodge decisions, which our own little Constitution and By-laws do not supply to the extent wanted, or any way near it?

Before closing, Worthy Grand Master, I wish to say that I have at all times endeavored to follow the best means and ways to keep harmony and peace in the different lodges in my district, thereby hoping that my efforts were not fruitless, and that your trust in appointing me to that honorable position was not misplaced.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY L. COHN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

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MONTREAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

SPECIAL FRENCH.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is with satisfaction that I send in my report as D.D G M. for Lafayette Lodge, No. 15, which is in a prosperous condition, and bids fair to become one of the best lodges in the city.

The duties in connection with my office have been light and rendered pleasant by the willingness of the officers and members of the lodge to follow the laws and usages of our beloved Order.

On December 20th, 1896, I was appealed to, to legalize a meeting of the lodge held on Thanksgiving Day, which I decided in the affirmative.

On January 13th, of the present year, I installed the officers in their respective stations, with the welcome assistance of Past Grands Finlayson, Burroughs, Courtenay and Cohn, to whom I desire to convey my sincere thanks for their kindness on this occasion.

On January 28th, I granted dispensation to the lodge to wear regalia at a rally given by Degree Lodge.

On July 8th, I installed in the office of R.S., Bro. Harel, vice Bro. L. Mercier resigned.

In closing, I desire to thank the officers and members of Lafayette Lodge for their kindness and courtesy toward myself in the discharge of my duties.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

L. HULEK,

D.D.G.M.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M for this district, I beg respectfully to render you an account of my stewardship on behalf of the Grand Lodge during the year just closing.

Since accepting my commission at your hands I have endeavored to study the best interests of the Order in all my official acts.

Through no fault of mine, I regret to notice a small decrease in the membership of Albion Lodge for the past six months. I trust in the near future a substantial improvement will be announced.

With the assistance of several Past Grands I installed the officers of the Lodge on the 11th of January and again on the 7th of July.

The annual social in commemoration of the seventy-eighth anniversary of the Order was held in Oddfellows' Hall on the evening of April 26 last, and a picnic under the auspices of the Lodge on July 1.

On Sunday afternoon, July 4, a memorial service was held in the Lodge rooms, and later the graves of three deceased Oddfellows (Bros Gore, Davis and French), the first-named only being a late member of Albion Lodge, were decorated with appropriate ceremony in Mount Hermon cemetery.

Dispensations during the year were granted to initiate a candidate on the evening of receipt of proposition; to ballot for, and, if elected, initiate a candidate the same evening as application received; special meeting for the purpose of conferring three degrees on a member the same night.

I was called upon for decisions concerning the issuing of a second travelling card to a brother without the return of the first one; whether any other receipt card than the legal form of certificate issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge could be used, and another regarding the contingent fund of Albion Lodge.

The appeals submitted were as follows: Regarding withdrawal of a charge made by one brother against another; whether the Noble Grand is *ex-officio* a member of all committees; legality of business in the absence of the charter from the lodge room; and another bearing on the same evening's proceedings.

Thanking you, Grand Master, for past courtesies,
Believe me, fraternally yours,

GEORGE GALE,
D.D.G.M.

SHERBROOKE DISTRICT:

To the Grand Master:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D. D. G. M. for Sherbrooke district, I beg to submit my report for the year ending June 30, 1897:

At the regular meetings in January and July, assisted by Past Grands of the lodge, I installed the officers of Unity Lodge, No. 8. This is the only official act I have performed, as peace and harmony prevail in this lodge.

Fraternally yours,
A. S. JOHNSTON,
D.D.G.M.

FARNHAM DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in presenting my report as D.D.G.M. for the District of Farnham.

Missisquoi Lodge, No. 22, has had another very successful year; the reports show a gain in membership and finances.

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necessitate the removal, to remote places, some of the best workers of Missisquoi Lodge. However, I feel satisfied that they will continue to hold membership in what has proved to be one of the most progressive lodges we have in the jurisdiction of Quebec, namely, Missisquoi, No. 22.

During the year I have not been called upon to give a single decision, which speaks well for the harmony prevailing in Missisquoi Lodge.

On Sept. 30th I accompanied the Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Wilson, Jr., on his official visit.

On Dec. 2nd I again visited Missisquoi Lodge, and on behalf of Bro. John J. Reed, P.G.R., I presented Missisquoi Lodge with a very handsome Past Grand's jewel.

On Jan. 9th I installed the officers of Missisquoi Lodge, with the assistance of Grand Warden Staveley, Grand Treas. Eager, P.G. M. Finlayson, P.G.M. Dickson, and Past Grands Abson, Norris and Stevenson.

On April 10th I accompanied the Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Wilson, Jr., and the members of Missisquoi Lodge to Magog, where Diamond Lodge, No. 30, was duly instituted.

On July 21st I installed the officers of Missisquoi Lodge, with the assistance of Grand Treas. Eager and Past Grands McCorkill, Morton and Merriman.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity of thanking the Grand officers, Past Grands and brothers for their assistance during my term of office.

J. SHIRLOW,
D.D.G.M.

COATICOOK DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In regard to Victoria Lodge, peace and harmony seem to have prevailed during the year, so that it has been my pleasure to act as their D.D.G.M. As you are aware, their officers hold office for one year. I had the pleasure to be assisted by several P.G.'s of Unity in installing their officers in January. Every officer was on hand, also a large attendance of the members, who gave us a right royal welcome. Taking all these facts into consideration, I am led to believe that all is well with Victoria.

Fraternally yours,
N. N. WALLEY,
D.D.G.M.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. of Richmond District I beg to submit my report for the term ending June 30th, 1897.

I installed the officers of Pioneer Lodge, No. 7, at regular meetings in January and July.

I have not been called upon to render any decisions during the term.

The lodge is in a good financial condition.

The members work very harmoniously together to keep the lodge on the increase, there being fifteen other secret societies in the town.

On the 20th of June I granted a dispensation to wear street regalia to attend church parade with the Sons of England to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES BOUTELLE,
D.D.G.M.

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. of Miriam Lodge, No. 10, St. Johns, I beg to submit my report for the past year. I have had no official duties to perform other than the regular installation in January and July, on which occasions I was ably assisted by Bros T. J. Potter, G.S.; J. Miller, D.D.G.M.; H. L. Cohn, D. D.G.M.; Bro. Ryder, P.G.; Bro. Lawrence, P.G., and Bro. Black, P.G. As you will see by reports, the lodge has made a net gain of 10, which I think is very good when we consider the limited field the members have to work in. Thanking one and all for their very great kindness to me during my term of office,

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

T. BROWN,
D.D.G.M.

HUNTINGDON DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. of Huntingdon District, I beg to submit my report for the term ending June 30, 1897 :

I installed the officers at regular meetings in January and July.

I have not been called upon to give any decisions, which speaks well for the harmony prevailing in Excelsior Lodge, No. 17.

The meetings are well attended, and the lodge work is very satisfactorily performed.

I take this opportunity of thanking Brothers A. Philps, D.G.M.; A. W. Staveley, G.W.; and G. R. Woodburn, J.P.G.;

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also the Past Grands of Excelsior Lodge, No. 17, who assisted me in the performance of my duties, and to all the members for their extreme kindness.

I remain, fraternally yours,

J. S. WALKER,

D.D.G.M.

SUTTON DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It gives me great pleasure in again presenting to you my report of Sutton Valley Lodge, No. 25. My duties for the past term have been very light. I installed the officers in January and July. I must say that the officers and members have shown good judgment in selecting their members, for, out of a membership of fifty-two, only four have been reported sick in the past year. Their finances are increasing rapidly. They have not had to appeal to me for a single decision. Everything is in good running order, and every member seems to take an interest in the welfare of the lodge.

Yours fraternally,

G. F. MORTON,

D.D.G.M.

VALLEYFIELD DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. for the district of Valleyfield, I beg to submit my report for the year ending July, 1897.

I visited Valleyfield Lodge, No. 11, on the evening of Sept. 7th, 1896, and was warmly welcomed by a goodly number of the members of the lodge. On that evening, I had the pleasure of witnessing the initiation of three new members to the ranks of Oddfellowship. The work was performed in a very creditable manner by the officers of the lodge.

I again visited the lodge on the evening of Jan. 11th and with the assistance of Bro. J. A. Robb, P.G.M.; J. Wilson, P.G.; J. Moffatt, P.G., and W. Brown, P.G., I installed the officers of Valleyfield Lodge, No. 11, for the term ending June 30th, 1897.

I again visited the lodge on the evening of July 12th, 1897, and assisted by Bros J. A. Robb, P.G.M.; J. Wilson, P.G.; H. A. Wilson, P.G., and W. Brown, P.G., I installed the officers for term ending Dec. 31st, 1897.

Peace, harmony and good fellowship has been the prevailing order of things in Valleyfield Lodge, No. 11, for the past year, and no questions have been presented for my decision.

On the evening of July 12th, 1897, I granted a dispensation to

the lodge to initiate and confer the degrees on a candidate the same evening, the reason being that the candidate was leaving town and wished to become a member of Valleyfield Lodge before his departure.

I find that Valleyfield Lodge, No. 11, is in a good, sound financial condition, and the prospects for its future are very encouraging.

Permit me here, Grand Master, to return to yourself and the brothers who have so ably assisted me in the discharge of my duties, my sincere thanks for so much kindness shown to me during my term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SMITH,

D.D.G.M.

DUNHAM DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. for Dunham, I beg leave to submit my report. Century Lodge has not increased numerically, as reports will show, but I am pleased to report the finances in a very healthy condition for a young lodge. The officers were installed in January and July. In January I had the pleasure of assisting the G.M., who was present on his official visit. In July I was assisted by Bro. Baker, P.G., and Bro. Gilbert, P.G.

Fraternally yours,

W. P. BERWICK,

D.D.G.M.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. of Bedford Lodge No. 29, I beg to submit my report for the term ending June 30, 1897.

I installed the officers of Bedford Lodge, No. 29, at regular meetings in January and July. Good attendance and harmony prevails among the members, as in the past.

Yours fraternally,

W. S. McCORKILL,

D.D.G.M.

LACHUTE DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. for the district of Lachute, I beg to report that the past year has been a very successful one for Laurentian Lodge, which now numbers fifty members—an increase of five during the year. They have also added considerably to their capital.

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I installed the officers of this lodge in January and July. On the former occasion I was accompanied by yourself and our Grand Secretary.

This lodge met with a sad bereavement last November, losing two of their members by death within as many weeks—James Marshall died on November 9th, 1896, aged thirty-eight years; David P. Barclay died on November 28th, 1896, aged forty-five years.

Granted dispensation to instal officers (July term) with lodge open in second degree, in order that a member who had not then received his third degree could be present.

Thanking you for the honor reposed in me,

I remain, yours fraternally,

GEO. LAMB,

D.D.G.M.

GRANBY DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. for Granby Lodge, No. 26, it gives me great pleasure to submit my annual report to you and, through you, to the Grand Lodge. I have not been called on to give a single decision during the year, which speaks well for the harmony prevailing in Granby Lodge. This lodge is in a good, healthy condition, as you see by the reports, and the brethren are working in harmony.

Fraternally yours,

R. H. FAIRFIELD,

D.D.G.M.

ROBINSON BURY DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is with pleasure I submit my report as D.D.G.M. of Aberdeen Lodge, No. 23. I must say the office I hold has been a very easy one so far, as the greatest harmony prevails. The officers were duly installed in January last by myself, assisted by brother Past Grands. No officers were elected this July, owing to change of meetings, now being fortnightly. This change the lodge thought necessary on account of the long distance most of the members had to drive.

We are in good financial standing, and, from the healthy appearance of all the members, we are in a good way to add to the bank account. Our membership is increasing slowly, having added several to our list in the past year, and, I am glad to say, all good and well known men.

Your visit to us during the past winter was heartily appreciated by Aberdeen, and, I can assure you, did us all good. I was only sorry it was impossible to have a full lodge at the time.

The 20th of June last was duly observed by a large parade to morning church service.

Trusting that Aberdeen and all other lodges of the I.O.O.F. may continue to grow and prosper.

Yours in F. L. and T.,
J. BOYDELL,
D.D.G.M.

WATERLOO DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I had no official duties to perform, except the regular initiation of officers in January. The lodge is doing very well considering the hard times. I visited the lodge on July 13th with the Grand Master, and they performed the initiatory degree very creditably.

Yours in F. L. and T.,
A. H. EAGER,
D.D.G.M.

COOKSHIRE DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. of Equity Lodge, No. 19, Cookshire, I have to report that I granted two dispensations during my term of office—one to give a brother a degree within the specified time and the other to confer two degrees in one night.

Our lodge is flourishing, and peace and harmony prevails.

Yours fraternally,
WALTER LINDSAY,
D.D.G.M.

STANSTEAD DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. for Tomefobia Lodge, No. 18, I beg leave to submit my report. I have not been called upon to give a single decision during the year, which speaks well for the harmony prevailing in Tomefobia Lodge.

On the 2nd of January, assisted by P. G. Hall, of Victoria Lodge, I installed the officers into their respective chairs.

December 17th, granted dispensation to hold meetings on December 22nd and January 2nd, instead of December 25th and January 1st. June 24th, granted dispensation to wear regalia on July 4th, at divine service, at Fitch Bay.

Tomefobia Lodge is in a healthy condition both numerically and financially.

I remain, yours fraternally,
JOHN HISLOP,
D.D.G.M.

KNOWLTON DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to report having installed the officers of Knowlton Lodge in January. I was accompanied by W. A. Bell, P.G. of Mizpah Lodge, No 3.

On the 30th April last I granted the lodge (Knowlton) a dispensation to wear regalia at a church parade which they intended having on Sunday, May 2nd.

In July the officers of Knowlton Lodge were installed by the Grand Master, for which he must accept my thanks, as it would have been impossible for me to have attended to the installation on account of the death of my father and illness at home.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

ALEX. GRANT,
D.D.G.M.

DANVILLE DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. over the jurisdiction of Danville I beg to report as follows : I have had no official duties to perform except the regular installation of the officers.

Everything is working in perfect harmony. The lodge is in a good sound financial condition. The attendance of members at regular meetings is fair.

Fraternally yours,

W. DAVIS,
D.D.G.M.

MAGOG DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I herewith enclose report of Diamond Lodge, No. 30, Magog, Que.

I visited this lodge on July 5th and installed the officers.

They have at present a small membership, but the prospect is first-class for a material increase in the near future.

Yours, in F. L. and T.,

I. B. MERRIMAN,
D.D.G.M.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In compliance with the duties of my office I beg to report that the officers of Maclaren Lodge, No. 5, were regularly installed for terms ending December and June. Apart from these duties my official work in lodge has been light. I have again to report that No. 5 has not made any progress numerically, but am happy to say financially that we are accumulating

favorably. Maclaren Lodge also desires to acknowledge with gratitude the pleasant event when Grand Master Wilson gave us his official visit on Feb. 22nd, accompanied by visiting brothers from Ottawa, namely, J. Davis, A. Landels, R. Rowan, J. Ringland, F. J. Daniels, S. S. Strotten and J. T. Lyons. With the above gentlemen visiting No. 5 the impression was of so pleasing a nature that it is not easily forgotten.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

JNO EDMOND,
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REBEKAH LODGES.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In compliance with the duties of my office as D.D.G.M. of Rebekah Lodges for the City of Montreal, I have much pleasure in presenting my report for the year ending June 30, 1897.

I am pleased to report that the Rebekah branch of the Order has steadily increased, and make a very fair showing, both financially and numerically.

The officers of Beaver and Excelsior Lodges have, to the best of my knowledge, performed their duties faithfully, and given general satisfaction. The attendance of the members at the regular meetings has been very good.

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I installed the officers of Beaver Lodge, No. 5, January 11th and July 12th; Excelsior Lodge, No. 6, January 8th and July 9th, 1897. On the above occasions I was ably assisted by Past Noble Grands Sister R. Ramsden, Sister M. Rutherford; Bros. A. W. Staveley, G.W.; T. J. Potter, G. Sec'y.; Geo. Vary, P.D.D.G.S., of Gore Lodge, No. 34, of Brantford, Ont.; D. J. Dickson, P.G.M.; Past Grands J. Shirlow, J. Miller, L. Jehu, P. S. Morrison, A. Schmidt, J. T. Courtenay, J. Norris.

II. DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

December 28th, 1896, to Beaver Lodge, No. 5; April 9th, 1897, to Excelsior Lodge, No. 6, to propose and initiate candidates on the same evening, satisfactory reasons being given in both cases.

III. COMPETITION.

During my term of office a friendly competition in the initiatory work was held between Beaver Lodge, No. 5, Excelsior, No. 6, and Princess Lodge, No. 4, of Sherbrooke. The Grand Master kindly

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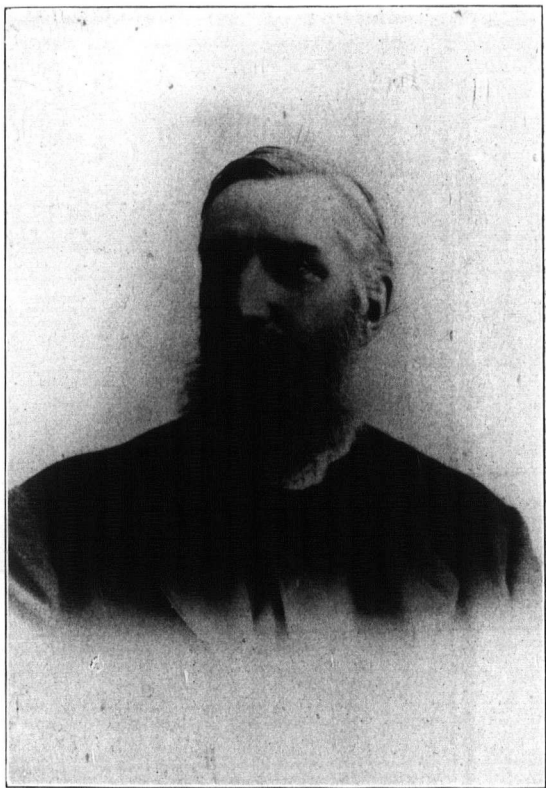
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offered to present a trophy to the successful team. The competition took place between Beaver and Excelsior lodges on February 17th, 1897, in the hall of Wellington Lodge, and that of Princess Lodge in their own hall in Sherbrooke, February 26th, 1897. The judges were Bros. Andrew Philps, Deputy Grand Master; J. A. Finlayson, P.G.M., P.G.R.; John Shirlow, D.D.G.M. Princess Lodge, No. 4, was adjudged the winner, and duly received the Grand Master's trophy, a beautiful set of banners.

The competition has been of great benefit to the lodges who took part. The Degree, as worked by the officers of the competing teams, has never been equalled in this jurisdiction, and I think that it would be beneficial to the Rebekah branch throughout the Province to have an annual competition between all lodges if it were possible to do so.

IV.

During the past year death has taken from us Sister Annie Foley, who departed this life November 14th, 1896, a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 6.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the sisters and brethren who have so kindly assisted me during my term of office as the D.D.G.M. for Rebekah Lodges in Montreal

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT E. ABSON,
D.D.G.M.

SHERBROOKE DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to be able to send you so favorable a report of Princess Lodge, No. 4, D. of R., of Sherbrooke.

That no decision by me has been asked for augurs well for the harmony prevailing among the members. Their meetings are usually well attended and interesting, and several have been initiated during the term. They are proud (and justly so, I think), of their beautiful banners, the trophy offered by our Grand Master, and so successfully competed for by them at the Rebekah Degree contest, and of the name they have won for themselves, "the Banner Degree Lodge."

In January last I visited Princess Lodge and installed the officers. Later on, granted one dispensation, and yesterday, July 8th, I again had the pleasure of visiting them, when I installed the officers for the present term.

With this report, I am, yours respectfully and fraternally,

MRS. E. W. AKHURST,
D.D.G.M.

COATICOOK DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

As D.D.G.M. for Harmony Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 7,

Coaticook, I have very little to report. The name of the lodge seems to have been well chosen, as peace and harmony have prevailed during the year. No calls have been made upon me for official duties aside from the installation of officers.

On the 12th of January I installed the officers in regular form; but in July, owing to my inability to attend, Mrs. E. W. Akhurst, P.N.G. of Harmony Lodge, kindly officiated for me.

I am glad to report the Lodge growing in numbers and interest.

Yours fraternally,

MRS. J. W. MCKEE,
D.D.G.M.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.

To the Grand Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D.D.G.M. for Olive Branch Lodge, No. 9, D. of R., I have nothing special to report.

I have not had any official duties to perform other than the installation of officers in January last.

I regret that I was unable to be present in Richmond at the installation of officers for the present term. I, however, appointed Sister Mrs. Howe, P.N.G. of Olive Branch Lodge, to perform the duties of that office in my stead, but as yet I have received no report from her.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. DAVIS,
D.D.G.M.

Report of Grand Secretary.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F. :

BRETHREN,—I herewith present my third annual report for your consideration, and am pleased to greet you with the tidings of success that have rewarded our efforts during the past year, one new lodge having been added to our roll and 115 brothers to our membership.

SUMMARY OF WORK AND STANDING, JUNE 30, 1897.

Number of lodges last report.....	29
Instituted during year.....	1

Present number of lodges	30
Number of members last report.....	2391

To which add :

Initiated during the year.....	246
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Reinstated.....	9	1575
From which deduct :		1290
Withdrawn by card.....	44	
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	114	
Expelled for cause.....	1	
Deceased.....	14	
Error in last report.....	2	
	175	
Increase for the year.....	115	
Present membership.....	2506	

RELIEF REPORT.

Brothers relieved (361).....	\$ 6487 19
Widowed families relieved.....	1306 91
Orphans educated.....	258 75
Brothers buried.....	491 21
Brothers' wives buried.....	15 00
Special relief.....	594 00
	\$ 9153 06
Paid for relief last year.....	8038 61
Increase.....	\$ 1114 45
Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid....	1583 6-7
Number of weeks last year.....	1219 6-7
Increase.....	364

RECEIPTS OF SUBORDINATES.

Initiations.....	\$ 2642 00
Degrees.....	211 50
Dues.....	15,695 52
Deposit of Cards.....	345 05
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards.....	63 45
Total.....	\$ 18,957 52
Receipts for last year.....	19,116 91
Decrease for the year.....	159 39

FINANCES.

The finances of this Grand Lodge are in a much better position

than they have been for some years, and this is owing to the fact that we met in Montreal last year, and in order to build up a reserve fund it is necessary that we continue to meet in Montreal for some years.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the year ending July 31st, 1897.

Mileage and per diem.....	\$ 447 19	
Expenses.....	450 68	
Missionary.....	39 23	
Stationery and printing.....	207 50	
Grand Representative tax.....	150 00	
Profit on supplies.....		\$ 72 85
Interest.....		1 92
Charters.....		4 40
Revenue.....		1495 10
Balance.....	279 67	
	<u>\$1574 27</u>	<u>\$1574 27</u>
Balance last report.....	\$ 940 86	
Gain for the year as above.....	279 67	
	<u>—————</u>	<u>\$ 1220 53</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Supplies.....	\$ 159 29
Property.....	12 00
Regalia.....	16 00
Grand Treasurer (cash on hand).....	1005 64
	<u>\$1220 53</u>

I. REPORTS.

The semi-annual and financial reports have been received promptly from nearly all of the lodges. Diamond lodge, No. 30 (our baby lodge) was the first to send in complete returns this year.

II. NEW LODGE.

Diamond Lodge, No. 30, Magog, Que., instituted April 10th, 1897, by Grand Master Jos. Wilson, jr., with 29 charter members. By instructions from the Grand Master I have issued a charter to this lodge.

III. CHARTER SURRENDERED.

The Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 4, after a hard struggle has been compelled to hand in their charter, the same have been returned to me by D.D.G.M. Miller on the 15th July, 1897.

IV. BY-LAWS.

During the year there have been a large number of amendments to the by-laws of subordinate lodges, all of which had been

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referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, where they received prompt attention and interested lodges at once notified of their action. The report of Committee will be found annexed.

V. GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

According to resolution, I had 600 copies of Journal of Proceedings of last session printed and immediately forwarded to all of the lodges in this jurisdiction, a sufficient number for their Past Grands, also exchanged copies with Grand Secretaries of sister jurisdictions. I would recommend that 600 copies of this year's Journal of Proceedings be printed.

VI. MIZPAH LODGE APPEAL.

The appeal of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, Montreal, vs. Anchor Lodge, No. 66, Denver, Col., having been decided in favor of Mizpah Lodge, on application from the Secretary of the lodge, I forwarded the amount of \$9.56 held in trust by this Grand Lodge.

VII. REBEKAH LODGES.

This branch of our Order shows a net gain of 20 members for the year, but as a Rebekah assembly will no doubt be formed this year, I confidently look forward to a largely increased membership.

Number of Rebekah lodges.....TO

	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
Members last report.....	291	320	611
Gain for year.....	5	15	20
Present membership.....	296	335	631

VIII. ODDFELLOWS' GAZETTE.

The Oddfellows' Gazette, the official organ of this Grand Lodge, I am sorry to say, has reached a crisis in its history, when it is necessary that this Grand Lodge take some action to ensure its publication. The *Gazette* has been in existence for almost three years, and has been a welcome visitor to many of our homes, and would be a serious loss to our Order, should it be compelled to cease publication. I trust some action will be taken in the matter.

IX. INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS.

During the past year insurance certificates have been issued to the Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada, Kingston, Ont., and to the Fraternal Accident Association of America, Westfield, Mass., to continue business in this jurisdiction. Both of these associations have complied with all the requirements of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

X. OFFICIAL VISITS.

During the past year I have visited the city lodges as often as possible and have assisted at most of the installations. I have also had the pleasure of accompanying the Grand Master to Lachute

and St. Johns, and also assisted at the institution of Diamond Lodge, No. 30, Magog, which was the result of the labors of our Farnham brothers. I also attended the annual meeting of the Oddfellows' Relief Association in Kingston, in company with the Advisory Board of this Grand Lodge. I acted on the Finance Committee, and am pleased to report that after examining the books and securities of the Association, I am fully convinced that every member of our order ought to be a member of this association. The reserve fund has now reached \$105,000, which is a credit to the able management of Bro. Meek, who is ably assisted by Bro. Blackeby and an efficient office staff.

XI. IN MEMORIAM.

Death has again been busy in our midst, fourteen of our members having passed to the Grand Lodge above since last we met.

XII AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

The following amendments will come up for discussion:

Rep. Abson gave the following notice of motion:

That Section No. 1 of Article VI. be amended by striking out in the second line all the words after the word "Montreal" to the word "it" in the third line.

The section as amended will read as follows:

Article VI.—This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Tuesday in August in each year, in the city of Montreal. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Master, of which the Grand Master shall cause three weeks' notice to be given each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction.

P.G.M. Dickson gave the following notice of motion:

I, the undersigned, give notice that at the next session of this Grand Lodge I will move that section one, article three, of the constitution be amended by striking out the word "two" in the fourth line, and substituting the word "one," and the word "three" in the sixth line and substituting the word "two."

The section, as amended will read as follows:

Article III.—Each lodge in the jurisdiction shall at its second regular meeting in the month of July in each year elect from among its Past Grands, in good standing, representatives as follows, namely: One representative when the number of members returned in its last semi-annual returns shall have been one hundred or less, and two representatives when such members shall have been more than one hundred.

Rep. Edwards gave the following notice of motion:

"I hereby give notice of motion to amend Uniform Constitution, page 4, Article 25, by striking out the word *expenses* wherever mentioned in said Article, and substituting therefore the word *benefits*."

The following motion which was laid over will come up for discussion :

"That this Grand Lodge instruct their representatives to invite the Sovereign Grand Lodge to hold its session in Montreal."

XIII. NEW RITUALS.

I am pleased to report that all of the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, with two exceptions, have exchanged their old rituals for the new edition. The official receipt has also been supplied to all of the Lodges, while this has increased the work of this office during the past year. I have endeavored to give all business my prompt attention.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Grand Master for the many courtesies received, and for his prompt attention to all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Order. He has labored faithfully in the discharge of his duties, sparing neither time or energy in pushing the work forward, and while our gains have not been as large as we expected, we have just reason to feel satisfied with the results.

I wish also to thank the Grand Lodge officers and the officers and members of the Subordinate Lodges for the uniform courtesy extended to me at all times.

Faternally submitted,

THOS. J. POTTER,

Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

We, the undersigned Committee on Printing having called for tenders for printing Journal for session 1897, received the following tenders:

Witness Printing House.....	\$193 25
O. W. Barwick.....	177 00
John Wilson.....	159 00
Herald Printing Co.....	156 25
D. Taylor & Son... ..	155 00

And accepted the lowest tender that of D. Taylor & Son.

T. J. POTTER,
ROBT. W. PERCY,
WM. A. BELL.

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATES—JULY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

MEMBERSHIP.

LODGES.		MEMBERS last Report.	Admitted	Total.	Within by'd Susp'd N.P.L.	Error last Rep	Present Membership.	Past (Grands.	INITIATIONS.	DEGREES.	DUES.	DEPOSIT CARDS.	V. & W. CARDS.	SUNDRIES.	Physicians' Fee.	TOTAL.	Gr'd Lodges/Dues
NAME.	No.																
Mount Royal....	1	Montreal....	104	5	109	1	108	28	55 00	\$	\$320 60	\$	2 10	3 80	38 75	\$449 70	\$320 60
Albion.....	2	Quebec.....	115	6	121	1	119	33	86 00		320 50		3 80	287 24	38 75	\$473 35	736 29
Mtph.....	3	Montreal....	118	2	120	14	116	42	20 00		306 65		70	.....	.....	417 35	33 70
Duke of Edinb.....	4	.....	56	.....	56	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....		.....	.....	.....	129 10	12 60
MacLaren.....	5	Wakefield.....	27	.....	27	1	26	9	.....		842 80		1 20	.....	.....	81 20	7 80
Beaver.....	6	Montreal....	214	3	217	2	214	315	30 00		842 80		3 30	.....	.....	842 10	64 20
Pioneer.....	7	Richmond.....	67	.....	67	1	66	138	.....		157 50		3 25	.....	.....	458 50	10 80
Sherbrook k.....	8	St. John's.....	169	4	173	3	168	26	40 00		335 30		3 25	.....	.....	471 55	50 40
Unity.....	9	Montreal....	106	3	109	7	101	58	38 00		477 00		1 40	.....	.....	516 40	30 30
Landowne.....	10	St. John's.....	49	.....	49	3	46	12	30 00		6 00		1 25	28 20	.....	207 35	21 90
Miriam.....	11	Valleyfield.....	66	.....	66	1	65	20	30 00		168 20		2 25	.....	.....	267 65	15 60
The Excelsior.....	12	Montreal....	202	13	215	11	202	8	146 00		870 24		3 30	.....	.....	1019 54	60 90
Golden Rule.....	13	Danville.....	63	.....	63	2	60	15	20 00		187 25		5 00	.....	.....	228 50	19 80
Laurentian.....	14	Lachute.....	45	.....	45	2	43	12	30 00		97 25		5 00	.....	.....	123 25	13 80
Lafayette.....	15	Montreal....	73	.....	73	1	72	4	30 00		139 39		5 00	15 00	.....	204 89	13 20
Coaticook.....	16	.....	58	.....	58	1	57	10	10 00		182 60		30	.....	.....	196 90	21 00
Victoria.....	17	Huntingdon.....	72	.....	72	1	71	3	10 00		176 80		30	.....	.....	187 30	16 80
Excelsior.....	18	Stanstead P'n.....	72	.....	72	2	70	6	10 00		139 00		30	.....	.....	149 30	21 90
Tomefobia.....	19	Cookshire.....	47	.....	47	3	44	10	30 00		75 90		1 05	.....	.....	132 90	15 00
Equity.....	20	Montreal....	186	12	198	13	185	11	126 00		705 90		1 05	.....	.....	842 95	56 40
Wellington.....	21	Maternity.....	72	.....	72	3	69	7	32 00		237 00		30	29 00	.....	318 80	22 50
Mississquoi.....	22	Farnham.....	126	1	127	1	125	11	12 00		495 05		30	.....	.....	505 35	37 50
Robinson B'ry.....	23	Dunham.....	45	.....	45	2	43	3	14 00		64 00		1 05	.....	.....	85 00	7 20
Century.....	24	Sutton.....	47	.....	47	1	46	4	60 00		159 30		1 05	75	.....	221 10	15 00
Sutton Valley.....	25	Granby.....	46	.....	46	2	44	5	55 00		158 80		90	.....	.....	214 70	15 30
Granby.....	26	Waterloo.....	49	.....	49	2	47	48	25 00		183 30		50	75	.....	163 50	14 40
Waterloo.....	27	Knowlton.....	47	.....	47	5	42	2	30 00		191 25		80	.....	.....	234 55	15 90
Knowlton.....	28	Bedford.....	53	.....	53	4	49	1	32 00		105 00		.....	.....	.....	191 25	14 70
Bedford.....	29	.....	53	.....	53	4	49	1	32 00		105 00		.....	.....	.....	137 80	17 10
Total.....		Total.....	2391	100	2491	105	2386	334	1066 00		7827 73		30 35	331 94	67 75	50448 77	723 30
General Assn. Reg.	1	Montreal....	1601	10	1611	10	1601	1701	62 00		9 00		9 93	.....	.....	162 93	10 00

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATES—JANUARY 1ST TO JUNE 30TH, 1897.

MEMBERSHIP.

LODGES.	LOCATION.	RECEIPTS.															
		Members last Report.	Admitted.	AL.	d'n by C'd	elled.	ased.	resent	Membersh.	Grands.	ATIONS	REES.	SIT CARDS	W. CARDS	DUES.	Physicians' Fee.	odges/Dues
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REPORTS OF SUBORDINATES—JANUARY 1ST TO JUNE 30TH, 1897.

MEMBERSHIP.

RECEIPTS.

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RETURNS OF SUBORDINATES.—RELIEF GRANTED—JULY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

Lodges.	LOCATION.		Relief of Brothers.		Relief of Bro., or other Lodg.'s		Relief of Widowed Families		Education of Orphans.		Burial of Brothers.		Burial of Bros Wives		Special Relief.		No. of Weeks Sick Benefit.			
	No.	N. NAME.	No.		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.					
1	Montreal	1	5	\$ 65 70	2	\$ 47 02	6	\$ 138 80		\$					2	\$ 13 00	\$ 264 50	30		
2	Montreal	2	124 00	1	35 00	2	38 77	2	75 00						1	8 00	162 00	31		
3	Montreal	3	35 00	2	35 00	2	38 77	2	75 00	2	15 00						148 77	7		
4	Wakenfield.	1	35 00														50 00	7		
5	Wakenfield.	2	65 18	1	6 00	3	65 00	8	6 00								15 00			
6	Montreal	44	112 00	1	6 00	3	65 00	8	6 00								39 80	866 98	131 37	
7	Richmond.	7	112 00														112 00	39		
8	Sherrbrooke.	8	172 00	3	135 00							1	30 00			20 00	357 00	89	112 00	
9	Langstowne.	9	145 21			2	65 00					1	5 00			5 00	215 21	29	215 21	
10	St. Johns	4	41 14														41 14	14	41 14	
11	Valleyfield.	11	4 00														53 60	57 60	1	
12	The Excelsior.	12	269 27	1	19 28	2	50 00	5	25 00								104 25	327 80	53 1-7	
13	Danville.	3	45 00														45 00	45 00	15	
14	Lachine.	5	34 88									2	60 00				67 00	67 00	2	
15	Montreal	15	8 00														34 88	34 88	7	
16	Victoria	1	3 00														50 00	73 00	4	
17	Montreal	17	124 00									1	21 21			15 00	59 21	59 21	1	
18	Stansfeld	4	50 00														139 00	139 00		
19	Coquitash	4	377 86	1	58 90	3	60 00	4	20 00								15 40	100 40	18	
20	Montreal	14	53 32														20 00	536 79	67 3-7	
21	Fraternite	7	274 25														53 32	53 32	10 4-7	
22	Mississquoi	12	12 00														4 30	278 75	54 5-7	
23	Robinson B.	23	75 00														12 00	12 00	4	
24	Dunham	24	36 00															36 00	36 00	10
25	Sutton Valley	25	54 12															54 12	54 12	3-7
26	Granby	26	25 71															25 71	25 71	5 1-7
27	Waterloo	27																		
28	Knowlton	28																		
29	Bedford	29																		
Total			138	2700 67 11	438	97 23	563	80 21	135	00 6	211	21	1	15	00 15	843	55	4408	20 667 6-7	

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATES.—RELIEF GRANTED—JANUARY 1ST TO JUNE 30TH, 1897.

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SYNOPSIS OF FINANCIAL REPORT—JUNE 30TH, 1897.

LODGES.	LOCATION.	CASH.	Securities.	Real Estate and Personalities.	Furniture.	Amounts of Dues.	Other Assets.	TOTAL.	Liabilities.	Capital.
Mount Royal.....	1 Montreal.....	\$ 1441 43	.....	170 00	\$ 850 00	\$ 187 05	.....	\$ 2648 48	\$ 8 10	\$ 2640 38
Albion.....	2 Quebec.....	1566 50	.....	246 25	212 25	147 30	44 75	2219 05	99 50	2119 55
Mizpah.....	3 Montreal.....	2412 52	.....	99 73	698 25	237 63	109 14	3607 27	147 25	3460 02
MacLaren.....	5 Wakefield.....	359 27	.....	125 00	55 00	35 50	.....	574 77	35 30	539 47
Beaver.....	6 Montreal.....	1454 51	\$ 8840 40	518 85	.....	299 75	114 22	11203 73	63 25	11140 48
Pioneer.....	7 Richmond.....	1787 39	.....	125 00	682 39	57 80	46 75	2699 33	28 50	2670 83
Unity.....	8 Sherbrooke.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lansdowne.....	9 Montreal.....	1342 10	.....	188 50	42 51	144 74	12 50	1730 35	3 19	1727 16
Miriam.....	10 St. Johns.....	957 60	.....	525 72	604 74	190 00	8 75	2346 87	57 30	2289 57
Valleyfield.....	11 Valleyfield.....	1013 37	.....	80 00	287 54	99 25	.....	1480 16	66 25	1413 91
The Excelsior.....	12 Montreal.....	2224 15	.....	188 30	35 90	361 14	11 40	2830 89	53 90	2766 99
Golden Rule.....	13 Danville.....	800 00	1337 70	209 50	382 60	79 00	11 00	2819 80	62 60	2757 20
Laurentian.....	14 Lachute.....	830 91	.....	100 00	70 00	90 50	55 00	1140 43	24 00	1122 43
Lafayette.....	15 Montreal.....	647 91	.....	.....	.....	113 00	.....	760 98	60 00	700 98
Victoria.....	16 Coaticook.....	1056 41	.....	529 61	206 05	170 00	10 00	2572 68	60 75	2511 93
Excelsior.....	17 Huntingdon.....	1001 90	.....	175 00	245 00	62 60	50 00	1534 50	27 25	1507 25
Tomelobia.....	18 Stanstead Plain.....	580 33	.....	85 00	85 00	134 00	20 00	994 33	54 60	939 73
Equity.....	19 Cookshire.....	428 68	.....	40 00	250 00	111 35	50 00	880 03	102 50	777 53
Wellington.....	20 Montreal.....	4814 98	.....	180 81	51 04	261 95	120 00	5428 78	48 05	5386 73
Patrimony.....	21 ".....	847 85	.....	225 00	15 00	93 30	20 00	1201 15	16 40	1184 75
Missisquoi.....	22 Farnham.....	2591 03	.....	117 30	364 84	70 40	63 50	3213 13	107 90	3105 23
Aberdeen.....	23 Robinson Bury.....	239 87	.....	29 15	.....	66 00	.....	335 02	6 00	329 02
Century.....	24 Dunham.....	422 86	.....	90 00	150 00	.....	.....	662 86	.....	662 85
Sutton Valley.....	25 Sutton.....	553 39	.....	154 67	90 09	150 65	32 00	981 40	57 20	924 20
Wauby.....	26 Granby.....	381 50	.....	125 05	.....	33 50	21 77	501 88	.....	501 88
Waterloo.....	27 Waterloo.....	630 90	.....	145 47	18 38	30 80	25 00	850 61	.....	850 61
Knowlton.....	28 Knowlton.....	324 13	.....	106 08	103 21	80 30	.....	673 72	3 35	670 37
Bedford.....	29 Bedford.....	274 10	.....	118 44	160 57	93 50	44 00	690 67	20 00	670 67
Diamond.....	30 Magog.....	169 10	.....	34 72	75 10	25 00	.....	298 98	26 00	272 98
Total.....		\$31,755 09	10184 10	4883 15	5796 66	3449 01	\$69 84	56937 85	1239 14	55698 71
* No report.										

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*No report.									

ELECTED OFFICERS SUBORDINATE LODGES—TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

LODGES.	No.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	RECORDING SECRETARY.	PERMANENT SECRETARY.	TREASURER
Mount Royal.....	1	Montreal.....	Monday.....	Wm. Ware	I. Kyle	J. Goodfellow	S. Roman	L. Silverman
Albion.....	2	Quebec.....	Wednesday.....	R. J. Edwards	W. F. Fanning	I. F. Teakle	A. J. Teakle	F. J. Lose
Mizpah.....	3	Montreal.....	Thursday.....	J. A. Finlayson	W. Reed	A. J. Leslie	A. Grant	W. A. Bell
MacLaren.....	5	Wakenfield.....	Monday.....	A. McGillis	S. Cates	A. E. Austin	R. Earle	A. R. Trowse
Beaver.....	6	Montreal.....	Tuesday.....	Dr. Griffith	W. Johnston	D. J. Dickson	F. W. Berridge	J. Carmichael
Pioneer.....	7	Richmond.....	Tuesday.....	J. R. Kerr	R. Wood	L. Y. Verrill	W. Davis	I. D. Newell
Unity.....	8	Sherbrooke.....	Monday.....	J. Lowe	J. W. Bean	A. G. Sjlander	N. G. Bray	N. N. Walley
Lansdowne.....	9	Montreal.....	Tuesday.....	A. Foreman, jr.	E. Lloyd	D. Morrow	I. E. Rawstron	H. Stephens
Miriam.....	10	St. Johns.....	Thursday.....	G. Bonnault	G. O'Leary	C. J. Brown	J. Black	J. Greendale
Valleyfield.....	11	Valleyfield.....	Monday.....	H. Kiehn	G. A. Loy	J. E. Gynor	F. C. Moore	W. Rice
The Excelsior.....	12	Montreal.....	Tuesday.....	W. Scouler	N. McDonald	G. M. Brown	J. E. Loisele	A. E. Hinton
Golden Rule.....	13	Danville.....	Friday.....	F. Bettridge	Geo. Church	J. Houston	A. J. Perkins	J. H. Gibson
Laurentian.....	14	Lachute.....	Tuesday.....	H. Slater	G. I. Walker	L. Taylor	.....	R. Daw
Lafayette.....	15	Montreal.....	2nd & 4th Thu.	C. Boyer	A. Lorrain	L. Mercier	A. Peltier	P. Paradis
Victoria.....	16	Coaticook.....	Alt. Tuesday.....	W. H. Allen	E. A. Akhurst	H. Bridgman	W. E. Clark	E. Wetherell
Excelsior.....	17	Huntingdon.....	Wednesday.....	A. R. McDonald	P. Elder	G. Cunningham	R. Hastie	F. Bell
Tomefobia.....	18	Stanstead.....	Friday.....	W. B. Bullock	A. T. Allen, jr.	F. P. Pocock	.....	J. W. Abbey
Equity.....	19	Cookshire.....	Alt. Tuesdays.	J. J. McLeod	E. French	R. A. Darker	.....	J. Cooper
Wellington.....	20	Montreal.....	Wednesday.....	W. Millen	I. F. Davis	Geo. Carr	W. Barrett	Geo. Lamb
Fraternity.....	21	.....	Wednesday.....	L. F. Thompson	J. B. Taylor	Geo. Burnett	J. R. Melville	C. E. Kacey
Missisquoi.....	22	Farnham.....	Wednesday.....	E. Blackburn	W. N. McCabe	Geo. F. Merton	A. H. Eager	E. Stebbins
Aberdeen.....	23	Robinson Bury.	1st & 3rd Sat.	W. J. Dawson	W. Webster	W. Robertson	.....	J. Boydell
Century.....	24	Dunham.....	Thursday.....	W. A. Doherty	J. G. Wales	G. E. Crawford	.....	F. E. Currie
Sutton Valley.....	25	.....	Friday.....	E. B. Greeley	R. Wilson	L. L. Jenne	.....	R. J. Parsons
Granby.....	26	Granby.....	2nd & 4th Mon	W. A. Hodgson	E. N. C. Streeter	J. T. Seale	.....	W. Kay
Waterloo.....	27	Waterloo.....	Alt. Tuesdays.	C. M. Easman	E. J. McKenna	N. O. Rockwell	.....	R. F. Shaw
Knowlton.....	28	Knowlton.....	Tuesday.....	T. Pearson	L. J. Demers	E. Caldwell	.....	R. England
Bedford.....	29	Bedford.....	Tuesday.....	C. A. Bachelior	E. V. Nye	H. O. Campbell	E. A. Hungerford	L. M. Monck
Diamond.....	30	Magog.....	Monday.....	L. G. Tarrant	A. McCallum...	P. F. Hogg	E. Cain	E. H. Bullard

ELECTIVE OFFICERS REBEKAH LODGES—TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

NAME.	° N	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	SECRETARY.	PERMANENT SECRETARY.	TREASURER.
Pioneer.....	1	Huntingdon...	2nd & 4th Mon	Mrs. M. J. Boyd	Miss Shaw	Miss M. Hunter	Miss Oney	Mrs. Philips
Floral.....	2	St. Johns....	1st & 3rd Tues	Mrs. Lawrence	Mrs. Henke	Mrs. C. J. Brown	.....	Mrs. Greendale
Maple Leaf....	3	Danville.....	2nd & 4th Tues	Miss Boutelle	Mrs. Armstrong	Miss Burbank	.....	Mrs. Crack
Princess.....	4	Sherbrooke...	Alternate Thur	Mrs. A. McDonald	Mrs. J. Lowe	Mrs. Craig	.....	Mrs. C. N. Hodge
Beaver.....	5	Montreal.....	2nd & 4th Mon	Miss Jenkins	Mrs. Owen	Mrs. Friedlander	.....	Mrs. Livingston
Excelsior.....	6	Montreal.....	2nd & 4th Fri	Miss Brown	Miss Barrington	Miss M. Brown	.....	Mrs. Wilson
Harmony.....	7	Coaticook....	Alternate Tues.	Mrs. Baldwin	Mrs. Fox	Mrs. Meade	.....	Mrs. Cummings
Vera.....	8	Cookshire....	Alternate Tues.	Miss Chaddock	Mrs. J. A. Cooper	Miss Bailey	.....	Mrs. Planché
Olive Branch..	9	Richmond....	Alternate Thur.	Miss Gosselin	Miss Howe	Miss Haggart	.....	Mrs. McCourt
Mayflower.....	10	Farnham.....	4th Thurs....	Mrs. Slack	Mrs. G. H. Martyn	Mrs J S Martin	Mrs. G. L. Clark	Miss Wilson

REPORT OF REBEKAH LODGES YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

NAME.	No.	LOCATION.	Members last Report.		Admitted during Year.		Withdrawn or Dropped.		Deceased.		Members, December 31st, 1896.		Amount of Assets last report.	Receipts.	Total.	Expenses.	Assets.
			Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.					
Pioneer.....	1	Huntingdon.	24	25	1	..	1	..	..	..	24	21	\$ 28 78	\$ 15 20	\$ 43 98	\$ 3 35	\$ 40 63
Floral.....	2	St. Johns...	9	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	7	79 37	.....	79 37	.....	79 37
Maple Leaf...	3	Danville...	18	17	4	6	..	1	..	1	22	21	38 77	30 00	68 77	25 13	43 64
Princess.....	4	Sherbrooke...	54	59	3	9	..	..	..	..	57	68	221 53	112 95	334 48	72 75	261 73
Beaver.....	5	Montreal...	25	53	5	11	9	11	..	..	21	53	59 51	283 55	343 06	50 20	292 86
Excelsior....	6	Montreal...	81	39	6	8	6	1	1	2	80	44	252 40	131 60	384 00	87 40	296 60
Harmony.....	7	Cookcook...	24	39	6	6	..	..	..	..	30	45	43 75	19 55	63 30	34 86	27 44
Vera.....	8	Cookshire...	13	21	1	4	..	..	..	..	14	25	65 55	35 22	100 77	48 13	52 64
Olive Branch	9	Richmond...	19	31	1	1	..	..	..	..	20	32	38 77	61 25	100 02	21 65	78 37
Mayflower...	10	Farnham...	..	..	20	19	..	..	..	..	20	19	.....	38 00	38 00	.....	38 00
			267	291	47	64	17	15	1	5	296	335	\$ 628 43	\$ 727 32	\$ 1355 75	\$ 343 47	\$ 1012 28

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES.

ARTICLES.	On hand July 31st, 1896.	Received during year.	Sold during year.	On hand July 31st, 1897.	At Cost.
Visiting Cards	52	189	199	42	8 40
Withdrawal Cards.....	42	40	57	25	5 00
Kebekah Visiting Cards.....	16	35	11	40	8 00
" Withdrawal Cards.....	19	10	14	15	3 00
Dismissal Certificates.....	8	10	7	11	2 20
Digests (White's) (a).....	11	6	10	7	17 50
Book of Forms.....	2	6	1	7	4 25
Question and Answer Books	4	.....	2	2	2 00
Odes with Music.....	2	3	2	3	1 50
Members' Diplomas.....	2	.....	2	2	1 00
Funeral Ceremony.....	9	5	5	9	1 80
Book of Medical Certificates	21	.....	10	11	6 00
Bound Proceedings G. L. of Q. to 1888.	1	.....	.....	1	1 00
Subordinate Lodge Rituals.....	11	92	94	9	18 00
" " Charters.....	2	2	1	3	1 80
" " Ode Cards.....	188	.....	25	163	4 89
" " Floor Work.....	7	.....	6	1	30
" " Charts .....	.....	3	1	2	4 00
Rebekah Lodge Rituals.....	3	25	20	8	16 00
" " Charters.....	2	.....	2	2	1 20
" " Ode Cards.....	75	.....	75	2	25
" " Floor Work.....	5	.....	1	4	1 20
" " Laws	16	.....	2	14	70
" " Burial Ceremonies.....	7	.....	3	4	40
Memorial Ceremony.....	.....	5	.....	5	1 00
Anniversary Ceremony.....	2	5	.....	7	1 40
Official Receipt (Books of 100).....	.....	50	36	14	35 00
Grand Lodge Constitution & Ly-Laws (b)	75	.....	2	73	36 50
Supplies of Stock on hand.....	\$186 89

(a.) 3 copies in hand of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

(b.) 3 " " " " " "

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RECEIPTS TO JULY 31ST, 1897.

FROM.	C Z	Charters	Supplies	Per Capita Tax.		TOTAL.
				Dec 31 96	Jun 30 97	
Mount Royal.....	1	..	\$ 9 75	\$ 32 40	\$ 30 30	\$ 72 45
Albion.....	2	..	28 75	33 60	33 30	95 65
Mizpah.....	3	..	10 00	35 70	36 30	82 00
Duke of Edinburgh.....	4	..	1 75	12 60	10 80	25 15
MacLaren.....	5	..	9 00	7 80	7 80	24 60
Beaver.....	6	..	16 50	64 20	69 90	150 60
Pioneer.....	7	..	9 75	19 80	19 80	49 35
Unity.....	8	..	17 50	50 40	51 60	119 50
Lansdowne.....	9	..	9 00	30 30	30 90	70 20
Miriam.....	10	..	13 40	21 60	22 80	57 80
Valleyfield.....	11	..	8 50	15 60	15 00	39 10
The Excelsior.....	12	..	13 50	60 90	62 10	136 50
Golden Rule.....	13	..	8 50	19 80	20 10	48 40
Laurentian.....	14	..	14 00	13 80	15 00	42 80
Lafayette.....	15	..	4 00	13 20	15 90	33 10
Victoria.....	16	..	22 25	21 90	22 50	66 65
Excelsior.....	17	..	7 30	16 80	17 70	41 80
Tomefobia.....	18	..	10 00	21 90	23 70	55 60
Equity.....	19	..	10 50	15 00	13 20	38 70
Wellington.....	20	..	13 00	56 40	58 20	127 60
Fraternity.....	21	..	6 60	22 50	24 00	53 10
Missisquoi.....	22	..	25 40	37 50	38 40	101 30
Aberdeen.....	23	..	5 30	7 20	8 40	20 90
Century.....	24	..	9 60	15 00	15 00	39 60
Sutton Valley.....	25	..	7 00	15 30	15 60	37 90
Granby.....	26	..	8 50	14 40	14 40	37 30
Waterloo.....	27	..	10 50	15 90	16 80	43 20
Knowlton.....	28	..	...	14 70	15 00	29 70
Bedford.....	29	..	6 40	17 10	18 00	41 50
Diamond.....	30	10 00	10 00	..	9 30	29 30
Hochelaga Degree Lodge..	1	..	3 00	..	.....	3 00
Pioneer, D. of R.....	1	..	3 00	..	.....	3 00
Maple Leaf.....	3	..	4 50	..	.....	4 50
Princess.....	4	..	9 00	..	.....	9 00
Beaver.....	5	..	6 65	..	.....	6 65
The Excelsior.....	6	..	3 50	..	.....	3 50
Harmony.....	7	..	1 75	..	.....	1 75
Vera.....	8	..	10 45	..	.....	10 45
Olive Branch.....	9	..	4 50	..	.....	4 50
Mayflower.....	10	..	1 05	..	.....	1 05
Total.....		10 00	373 65	723 30	751 80	1858 75

Oddfellows Relief Association.....\$ 10 00
 Fraternal Accident Association.....10 00

Total Amount paid Grand Treasurer.....\$1,878 75

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Cash Balance per last Report.....	\$ 763.13
Received from Grand Secretary.....	1878.75
“ for Interest.....	1.92
	<u>\$2643 80</u>

DISBURSEMENTS BY GRAND TREASURER.

By paid Mileage and per diem Session 1896.....	\$ 447 19
“ Grand Representative Tax.....	150.00
“ D. Taylor & Son, printing Journal, Session 1896.....	180.00
“ Oddfellows' Gazette, Printing.....	6.00
“ Montreal Star “.....	1.50
“ “ Witness “.....	1.50
“ J. Parslow, Circulars and Stationery....	18.50
“ Caretaker, Session 1896.....	8.00
“ Joseph Wilson, Jr., G. M., Expenses....	100.00
“ J. A. Robb, P.G.M., Expenses.....	14.29
“ Oddfellows' Gazette (Bonus).....	50.00
“ T. J. Potter, Salary,.....	200.00
“ James Johnston & Co.....	5.65
“ G. W. Wilson, framing Charters.....	5.75
“ Dominion Regalia Co., G.M. Collar....	13.30
“ John Watt, D.D.G.M., Expenses.....	1.25
“ A. H. Eager, D.D.G.M., “.....	2.50
“ R. H. Fairfield, D.D.G.M., “.....	2.00
“ G. F. Morton, D.D.G.M., “.....	4.00
“ John Wilson, D.D.G.M., “.....	5.00
“ W. P. Berwick, D.D.G.M., “.....	5.00
“ J. D. Bicknell, D.D.G.M., “.....	5.00
“ W. S. McCorkill, D.D.G.M., “.....	3 23
“ A. W. Staveley, D.D.G.M., “.....	6.90
“ Alex Grant, D.D.G.M., “.....	4 35
“ Mizpah Lodge amount held in trust.....	9.56

\$1250.47

DISBURSEMENTS BY GRAND SECRETARY.

“ Sovereign G. L. for supplies....	\$328.46
“ Express charges for year.....	23 93
“ Postage for year.....	29.55
“ Cartage trunk to and from G.L.	.75
“ Telephone messages and Bank collections.....	1.00
“ P. O. Box for year ending June 30, 1898.....	4.00

Cash on hand.....
\$ 387.69
1005.64
\$2643.80

• A. H. EAGER, *Grand Treasurer.*

Montreal, June 30th, 1897.

T. J. POTTER, Grand Secretary,

In account with GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

For Receipts for 12 months ending June 30th, 1897.

Per Capita Tax from Subordinate Lodges.....	\$1475.10
Supplies paid by " "	373.65
Diamond Lodge Charter.....	10.00
Oddfellows' Relief Association.....	10.00
Fraternal Accident Association.....	10.00
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	\$1878.75
By Amount paid Grand Treasurer.....	1878.75
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Audited and found correct,

JOHN GOW, }
J. E. HAYDEN, } Auditors.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, the undersigned auditors appointed by the Grand Master, beg to report having examined the books of the Grand Secretary, and statement and vouchers produced by the Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

In looking over the books of the Grand Secretary, which we find neatly kept, we notice that the work of this officer has increased very much of late years; owing to increase in number of lodges and membership, and think that the amount of salary paid is not enough for the work done, it being only \$50 more than paid 15 years ago, when we had only 14 lodges with 734 members.

We are of the opinion that the Grand Treasurer should be a resident of Montreal, as it would facilitate the business of the Grand Lodge to have both the Grand Secretary and Treasurer in the city.

JOHN GOW, }
J. E. HAYDEN, } Auditors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, report that, since the last session of this Grand Lodge, we have examined all amendments to the By-Laws of the different subordinate lodges referred to us by Bro. T. J. Potter, Grand Secretary, and submit the following report for your approval:

By-Laws of Albion Lodge, No. 2, approved, with the following exceptions:

Article 14, page 41, *re* duties of Vice Grand, strike out all the words on the 13th line after the word "order." (See section 1007 Digest 1895).

Article 32, page 48, Finance Committee Strike out the word "Trustees."

Article 37, page 49. Makes no provision for candidates over fifty years of age.

Article 40, page 51, Funds. Strike out the word "should" in the first line and insert the word "shall." See sections 30 and 31, Uniform Constitution.

Article 45, page 53, clause 2, Sick Benefits. Strike out all the words on the fifth line after "doctor" See sections 63 and 146, Digest 1895, Article 49, page 55. Orphan Benefits.—No provision is made in the By-Laws of Albion Lodge, No. 2, for payment of benefits to the orphans of a deceased brother, consequently Article 49 is not effective, or an omission has been made in this most important work of the Order. We direct the special attention of the lodge to above omission.

Article 47, page 54, Widows Benefits. Strike out the words on the fourth line "not to exceed," and substitute in place thereof the word "off."

Article 52, page 55, other benefits. Not approved; a stated amount of benefit must be paid. See sections 4, 5 and 153, Digest 1895.

Article 55, page 56, *re* suspensions. Not approved; a member must be notified. See section 701 Digest.

Article 57. Strike out. See clause 2, Article 37, By-Laws.

Article 59, Disbursements. Strike out the words "percentage to the Grand Lodge" in second line, and the word "benefits" in

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the third line Benefits and per capita tax to Grand Lodge are not subject to a vote by the lodge.

Article 61, Disabilities. Not approved. The lodge cannot refuse to accept the payment of dues from a member who has neither been suspended nor expelled, and requires such member to undergo a medical examination.

Article 64, Special fines. Strike out the words "Junior Past Grand" and insert in place thereof the words "Noble Grand." It is obligatory on the N. G. to perform such duties.

Clause 2, Rules of Order, conflict with Article 15 of By-Laws (on the tenth line).

Section 34, Uniform Constitution, has been amended. Chaplain is now a qualified officer. See section 997 Digest.

By-Laws Nos. 14, 16, 23, 26, 27, 37, 40, 45, 47, 52, 55, 61, 63 and clause 2 Rules of Order, Albion Lodge, No. 2, approved as amended. Article 32 approved, with the exception that Trustees should not audit their own books.

By-Laws Nos. 6 and 9, 11, 11A and 47A Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, approved.

By-Law No. 15, Beaver Lodge, No. 6, *re* admission fees, approved.

By-Law No. 38, Lansdowne Lodge, No. 9, *re* dues, approved.

By-Laws Nos. 15, 18, 24, 26, 27, 48 The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, approved. Article 32, *re* relief granted visiting brothers, not approved. See Section 118 Digest.

Article 61 By-Laws Lafayette Lodge, No. 15, approved.

Articles No. 2, 12, 36, 37, 39, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 54, 56 By-Laws of Tomefobia Lodge, No. 18, approved.

By-Laws of Equity Lodge, No. 19, approved, with the following exceptions:

Article 5—Strike out the last seven words, and would suggest they be replaced by "majority vote of the Lodge."

Article 6—Strike out in the last line the words "by vote."

Article 10—Strike out the last six words.

Article 12—V. G. must first examine the ballot and report same to the Noble Grand, favorable or unfavorable. See clause 7, Uniform Constitution

Article 14—Word book on the 17th line to read "books."

Article 16—Divide into two from the word "office" on the 5th line.

Article 17—Strike out. See sections 61—65 Uniform Constitution.

Article 41—*Re* Benefits. Strike out on the first line, page 30, the words "special vote of the lodge," and strike out from the word "he" on the second line, page 30, to word "disability" on line five. See Article 23 Uniform Constitution.

Article 45—Strike out. Lodge must state specified amount.

Articles 46, 48 and 52—Strike out. See section 781 Digest.

Article 58 should read, after the word membership on the third line, "Provided he has been duly notified under the seal of the lodge." See section 701 Digest.

Article 59—Add "providing sections 61 to 65 Uniform Constitution has been complied with"

By Law No. 10, Wellington Lodge, No. 20, *re* Dues, approved.

By-Law Sutton Valley Lodge, *re* change of regular meeting, approved.

By-Laws of Hochelaga Degree Lodge, No. 1, approved in full.

By-Laws of Beaver Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, approved, with the following exceptions:

Article 1—Title of lodge. Correct to read: "Beaver Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, I.O.O.F."

Article 38—Strike out the words "Section 2, Article 6, of Constitution" and insert "laws and usage of the Order."

Article 39—After the words "and if repeated" to read, "shall be dealt with as the lodge may determine."

By-Law No. 2, Vera Rebekah Lodge, No. 8, *re* change of meeting, approved.

By-Laws of Missisquoi Lodge, No. 22, approved, with the following exceptions:

Article 16, *re* Admission Fees. Strike out the words "Brakemen shall pay \$100." (This clause has been before the Committee on previous occasions and rejected. See page 1456 Grand Lodge Journal, 1896).

Article 23, *re* Benefits. The lodge cannot pay less than \$2.00 per week for the first year. See Article 23 Uniform Constitution.

Article 43, *re* Duties of Officers. Strike out the last six words, "and act as outside conductor."

Article 57, *re* Dismissal of Officers. Strike out. See Uniform Constitution, section 60 to 65.

Article 64, *re* Disabilities of Members. "Shall not be permitted to speak in lodge except on such charges, nor to vote on any question whatever, and hold any office." Not approved. See section 781 Digest.

By-Laws of Bedford Lodge, No. 29, approved, with the following exceptions:

Article 22, *re* Sick Benefits. Not approved. See section 23, Uniform Constitution

Article 56, *re* Dismissal of Officers. Strike out.

Article 86, *re* Fines. Omit on the fifth line the letters "J. P. G." and insert the word "he" after "Constitution."

Resolved that the above By-Laws and amendments, as approved by your Committee be confirmed.

JOHN T. COURTENAY,
A. W. STAVELEY,
GEO. LAMB.

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Rep. Shirlow from Committee on Distribution, made the following report :

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.

We, your Committee on Distribution, beg leave to report that the subject matter in the reports of Grand Officers be distributed as follows :

To the Committee on the State of the Order—

From the Grand Master's report—Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, also page 1548, proclamation *re* Anniversary, and page 1550, circular *re* Juvenile degree.

Deputy Grand Master's report, all the report pages 1557 and 1558.

D.D.G.M. Montreal No. 1—Page 1559 and 1560, except Dis-pensions and Memorial Day.

D.D.G.M. Montreal No. 2—Pages 1560 and 1561.

" Montreal No. 3...Page 1563, clauses 1, 2, 4, 6, 7.

" Quebec—Pages 1563, 1564, clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

" Sherbrooke—Page 1564.

" Farnham—Pages 1564 and 1565.

" Coaticook—Page 1565.

" Richmond—Pages 1565 and 1566

" St. Johns—Page 1566.

" Huntingdon—Pages 1566 and 1567.

" Sutton—Page 1567.

" Valleyfield—Page 1567, clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, page 1568, clauses 7, 8.

" Dunham—Page 1568.

" Bedford—Page 1568.

" Lachute—Page 1568, clause 1, and page 1569, clause 1.

" Granby—Page 1569.

" Robinson Bury—Page 1569.

" Waterloo—Page 1570.

" Cookshire—Page 1570.

" Stanstead—Page 1570, clauses 1, 2, 4.

" Knowlton—Page 1571, clauses 1, 3.

" Danville—Page 1571.

" Magog—Page 1571.

" Ottawa—Page 1572.

" Montreal Rebekah—Page 1572, clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, also page 1572, clause 1.

" Sherbrooke Rebekah—Page 1573.

" Coaticook Rebekah—Page 1573 and 1574.

" Richmond Rebekah—Page 1574.

Grand Secretary's report—Pages 1574 and 1575, except last clause ; page 1576, clause 3 ; page 1577, clause 7 ; page 1577, clause 10.

To the Committee on "In Memoriam":

Grand Master's report—Page 1549, Memorial Day Proclamation, and page 1554, clause 14.

D.D.G.M. Montreal No. 1—Page 1560, clause re Memorial Day.

D.D.G.M. Montreal No. 2—Page 1562, Memorial and Decoration clauses.

D.D.G.M. Quebec—Page 1564, clause 1.

D.D.G.M. Lachute—Page 1569, clause 2.

D.D.G.M. Montreal Rebekah—Page 1573, clause 4.

Grand Secretary's report—Page 1578, clause 2.

To the Committee on Thanks:

Grand Master's report—Page 1555, clause 16.

To the Committee on Judiciary:

Grand Master's report—Questions and Decisions, pages 1540, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, and Proclamation re Official receipt and new rituals; page 1551, Dispensations granted; also page 1553, instructions to D.D.G.M's.

D.D.G.M. Montreal No. 1—Page 1560, dispensations granted.

" Montreal No. 2—Page 1562, dispensations granted.

" Montreal No. 3—Page 1563, clauses 3 and 5.

" Quebec—Page 1564, clauses 2 and 3.

" Valleyfield—Page 1567, clause 6.

" Lachute—Page 1569, clause 3.

" Stanstead—Page 1570, clause 3.

" Knowlton—Page 1571, clause 2.

" Montreal Rebekah—Page 1572, clause 2.

Grand Secretary's report—Page 1579, clause 13.

To the Committee on Appeals:

Grand Master's report—All of clause 6, pages 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536, 1537, 1538, 1539 and 1540.

D.D.G.M. Quebec—Page 1564, clause 4.

To the Committee on Legislation:

Grand Master's report—Page 1555, clause 15.

D.D.G.M. Montreal No. 2—Page 1562, recommendations.

To the Committee on Petitions:

Grand Master's report—Page 1551, clause 10.

Grand Secretary's report—Page 1576, clause 2.

To the Committee on Insurance:

Grand Master's report—Page 1549, Proclamations re insurance

Grand Secretary's report—Page 1577, clause 9, and Advisory Committee report.

To the Committee on Finance :

Grand Secretary's report—Page 1575, last clause ; page 1576, down to clause 1 ; page 1577, clauses 5 and 6 ; page 1579, report of printing committee, and page 1588.

Grand Treasurer's report—Page 1590 ; and Auditor's report, page 1591.

To the Committee on Fraternal Press :

Grand Master's report—Page 1556, clause 18.

Grand Secretary's report—Page 1577, clause 8.

To the Committee on Supplies :

Grand Secretary's report—Page 1589.

To the Committee on Returns :

Grand Secretary's report—Page 1576, clause 1, also pages 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586 and 1587.

We would also recommend that the Grand Master appoint a Special Committee on Correspondence to report on correspondence referred to on page 1555, clause 17 of the Grand Master's report.

The whole respectfully submitted,

J. SHIRLOW, A. S. JOHNSTON,
JOHN SMITH, J. EDMOND,
JOHN A. HUNTER.

Moved by Rep. Shirlow, seconded by Rep. J. Smith :

"That the report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

The Grand Master appointed the following special Committee on Correspondence :

N. N. Walley	No. 8
R. H. Livingston	6
C. Dewick	17

On the roll of lodges being called, the following questions were asked :

Rep. Marriage, from No. 1, asked for a ruling on the following question :

"Can a lodge take in candidates over 50 years as non-beneficial members?"

The Grand Master ruled that non-beneficial membership is

only open to Oddfellows who have retained membership in the Order at least five years, and to members of defunct lodges who were in good standing at the time of dissolution of their lodges.

Rep. Gale, from No. 2, presented a series of resolutions adopted by Albion Lodge.

Moved by Rep. Batsford, seconded by Rep. Gale:

"That they be referred to Committee on Legislation."

Moved in amendment by Rep. Lamb, seconded by P.G.M.

Robb:

"That they be referred back to the Representative of Albion Lodge with the exception of last clause, which reads: 'That our representatives be instructed to enquire from the Grand Lodge why blank forms of petitions for membership are not kept in stock by the Grand Secretary and on his list of supplies,' which be referred to Committee on Legislation."

The amendment was adopted.

Rep. McCorkill, from No. 22, asked permission for Missisquoi Lodge to reinstate a member who had been expelled from the lodge.

Moved by Rep. Abson, seconded by Rep. Batsford:

"That question submitted by No. 22, be referred to a special committee."

Which was adopted.

The Grand Master appointed the following special committee: Grand Representatives Robb and Brown and Rep. Dr. Clark.

Moved by Rep. Shirlow, seconded by Rep. Abson:

"That immediately after the election of officers, the Grand Representatives exemplify the secret work."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Shirlow, seconded by Rep. Batsford:

"That this Grand Lodge adjourn until 2 p.m."

Which was adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 p.m., Grand Master Jos. Wilson, jr., presiding. After the usual examination and prayer by Rev. Bro. Forsythe, the Grand Secretary called the roll of officers and representatives, and reported a quorum.

The Grand Lodge was therefore declared open for business by Deputy Grand Master Philps.

Representatives Forsythe and Akhurst introduced Bro. Geo. Varey, P.D.D.G.S., Gore Lodge, Brantford, Ont.

Grand Representative Robb, from Special Committee on question from Missisquoi Lodge, Farnham, presented the following:

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee appointed to consider the request from representatives of Missisquoi Lodge of Farnham, that that lodge be allowed to admit a member who had been expelled for cause, beg leave to report that not having any evidence as to the cause of expulsion, nor to what extent the cause has been removed, beg to be discharged from the further consideration of this question, and recommend that Missisquoi Lodge prepare and submit a statement of the facts to the next Grand Lodge.

JAMES A. ROBB.

C. J. BROWN.

J. L. CLARK.

Moved by P.G.M. Robb, seconded by Rep. Shirlow, "That report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Rep. L. L. Jenne, from Committee on Petitions, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Petitions, beg to report as follows: That the Grand Master having received a petition for a warrant of a subordinate lodge at Magog, he having granted the same, we, your Committee, endorse the action of the Grand Master.

L. L. JENNE. ROBERT ROBINSON.

J. McCABE. JOHN RADCLIFFE.

Moved by Rep. Radcliffe, seconded by Rep. J. McCabe, "That report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Rep. L. Jehu, from Committee on State of the Order, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on the state of the Order, beg leave to report as follows: We find that during the past year that one new lodge has been instituted with a membership of 31, and we regret also to note that one of the oldest lodges in the jurisdiction has been compelled to surrender its charter, namely Duke of Edinburgh

No. 4, whose members to the number of 36, we find are to become affiliated with Wellington Lodge, No. 20, a fact your Committee are pleased to note, and notwithstanding such conditions your Committee are pleased to report a steady increase in membership throughout the province generally, the increase for the past year being 115 members, the greater part of which has taken place in the townships, which augurs well for the energy of our brothers in these localities.

We also congratulate our worthy Grand Master upon the very large amount of work performed by him during his term of office, he having covered, we believe, the whole jurisdiction and represented the order at large in a most able manner.

Your Committee are also pleased to endorse the action of the Grand Master in granting proclamations as authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Your Committee are also pleased to note that the Rebekah Branch of our Order has not been forgotten by our worthy Grand Master, he having encouraged proficiency in the secret work of that body by presenting a beautiful set of banners for competition and which was most ably secured by Princess Lodge, of Sherbrooke, which lodge we congratulate upon their brilliant victory.

We are also pleased to note that the Deputy Grand Master has followed closely in the footsteps of his predecessors by fulfilling the duties of his office with utmost satisfaction.

We are also pleased to note that the D.D.G.M.'s as a whole have performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner.

And also that our Grand Secretary continues to exhibit his usual zeal to perfect the arduous duties of his office.

The whole respectfully submitted.

L. JEHU.

J. L. CLARKE.

W. A. BURRAGE. I. B. MERRIMAN.

Moved by Rep. Jehu, seconded by Rep. Batsford, "That the report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Rep. Abson, from Committee on Rebekah, presented the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REBEKAH.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Rebekah, beg leave to report that we are pleased to indorse the action of the Grand Master in his endeavors to bring the Rebekah Degree work to a high standard of efficiency, inasmuch as he presented to the winning lodge a beautiful set of banners, thereby increasing the interest in the competition. We wish to congratulate Princess Lodge, No. 4, on their accuracy,

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execution, etc., in winning the trophy. We believe that the judges in question, Bros. J. A. Finlayson, A. Philips and J. Shirlow, acted and gave their decision, according to their judgment, to the most deserving; and we fully believe that Princess Lodge deserve all they received.

We also congratulate the Grand Master in being able to institute a Rebekah Assembly, and trust that it will be the means of increasing the membership in the Rebekah branch of our Order.

We also recommend that the Grand Master appoint a Special Committee for the purpose of preparing a charter and defining the powers of the Rebekah Assembly.

We recommend the Grand Lodge to donate to the newly instituted Rebekah Assembly the sum of \$75 00 (seventy-five dollars), it being the intention of the Rebekah Assembly to meet in active session three months hence, and we fully believe the amount in question is necessary to cover their expenses.

The whole respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. ABSON, ANDREW McDONALD,
JNO. HISLOP, R. F. SHAW,
 J. GREENDALE.

Moved by Rep. Abson, seconded by Rep. McDonald:

"That the report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

P.G. Dewick, from Special Committee on Correspondence, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I. O. O. F.

Your Special Committee on Correspondence *re* New Lodges, beg leave to report as follows: That they have carefully gone over the same, and find that it has been very considerable, and has been attended to very promptly and satisfactorily by your Grand Master, and in each case has resulted in the institution of the proposed Lodges, with the exception of the proposed Lodge at Megantic. In this case the matter is still being carried forward as fast as the welfare of our Order will justify. The present indications are that it will soon be an accomplished fact.

We would therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Master be approved, and we trust the incoming Grand Master will exert the same diligence in carrying forward the work.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS DEWICK.
N. N. WALLEY.
R. H. LIVINGSTON.

Moved by P.G.M. Walley, seconded by Rep. Greendale "That report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Rep. Lanktree, from Committee on Supplies, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES,

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Supplies, beg to report having made a careful examination, find the supplies on hand to correspond with the statement on page 1588.

The whole respectfully submitted,

J. E. LANKTREE,
E. A. HUNGERFORD,
C. SPENCER.

Moved by Rep. Lanktree, seconded by Rep. Spencer:

"That the Report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Rep. Forsythe, from Committee on Memoriam, presented the following:

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAM.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

Fourteen of our number have joined the ranks of the great majority. We express our great gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that the hand of Death has dealt so lightly with us. The low death rate bears testimony to the sober, temperate and virtuous lives in our brotherhood. The deaths have afforded us opportunities of manifesting the great cardinal principles of our Order in helping the widow and the orphan. We unite with our Sherbrooke brethren in paying of respect and honor to the memory of Bro. S. W. Twose. We trust that with regard to all our brethren that our loss is their eternal gain, and that in the land that lies beyond this vale of tears there will be a grand reunion.

We regret that Decoration Day is not more generally observed, and we recommend to the subordinate lodges a more general observance of this commemorative service as tending to keep alive the great truths of our great common brotherhood on both sides of the grave.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. SANDERSON,
W. T. FORSYTHE.

Moved by Rep. Forsythe, seconded by Bro. Sanderson:

"That report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Rep. Marriage, from Committee on Credentials, presented the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report the following Brothers duly accredited to this Grand Lodge in waiting, for the Grand Lodge Degree, and recommend that they receive same: John Yabsley, No. 1; J. Campbell, No. 3, L. Alchin, No. 6; H. J. Cregeen, No. 20.

The Grand Marshal introduced the above-named, and the Grand Warden conferred the Grand Lodge Degree upon them.

Rep. I. B. Merriman, from Committee on Insurance, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

1.—Your Committee on Insurance have had before them the report of the year 1896-7 of the Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada, and are gratified to observe the excellent standing which this valuable auxiliary to this Order has attained. Its present financial position places it at the head of protective assurance societies, and we can only recommend those who have not already done so to become connected with this cheap and reliable insurance organization. Inasmuch as its affairs have been dealt with by the Advisory Committee of this Grand Lodge, we have only to recommend that the usual authority for it to do business in this jurisdiction be granted.

2.—And we also recommend the granting of permission to do business in this jurisdiction to the Fraternal Accident Association of America.

3.—*Re* the Ridgely Protective Association, the claim made by L. A. Young against the same, your committee desire to call attention to the fact that this association was never granted permission to do business in this jurisdiction. What policies it wrote in Quebec were in clear violation of the laws of the Order. Each year this Grand body renders to all its subordinates the names of the associations authorized to do business in the name of the Order in the Province of Quebec. If a brother, ignoring this safeguard, chooses to take out a policy in an unauthorized association and is not fairly treated, it must be considered that the remedy must lie between the brother and the association. As, therefore, this Grand body never licensed the offending association to do business in this Province, we respectfully ask to be relieved from further consideration of the matter.

I. B. MERRIMAN,
THOMAS HULME,
J. L. CLARK.

Moved by Rep. Merriman, seconded by J. Smith :

"That report be adopted."

Moved in amendment by Bro. Sanderson, seconded by Rep. Batsford :

"That report be considered clause by clause."

The amendment being put was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Abson, seconded by Rep. Shirlow :

"That Clause 1 be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Smith, seconded by Rep. Batsford :

"That Clause 2 be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Abson, seconded by Rep. Radcliffe :

"That Clause 3 be adopted."

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, it was moved by P.G.M. Robb, seconded by Rep. Smith :

"That further consideration of this Clause be laid over until after election of officers."

Which was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Master appointed the following tellers: Bros. Blackeby, Varey and Turner.

For Grand Master,

Andrew Philps, No. 17, was nominated by Grand Rep. J. A. Robb. As there was but one nominee, on motion of Rep. Miller, the Grand Secretary cast the ballot of the Grand Lodge for Andrew Philps, and he was declared duly elected Grand Master.

For Deputy Grand Master,

A. W. Staveley. No. 6, was nominated by Rep. Shirlow. Being the only nominee, on motion of Rep. Abson, the Grand Secretary cast the ballot of the Grand Lodge for A. W. Staveley, and he was declared duly elected Deputy Grand Master.

For Grand Warden,

A. H. Eager, No. 22, was nominated by Rep. Batsford ; C. M. Teakle, No. 2, was nominated by Bro. Griffith ; T. Brown, No. 1, was nominated by Rep. Cohn ; E. W. Akhurst, No. 16, was nominated by Rep. Brown ; R. H. Fairfield, No. 22, was nominated by Rep. Verrill.

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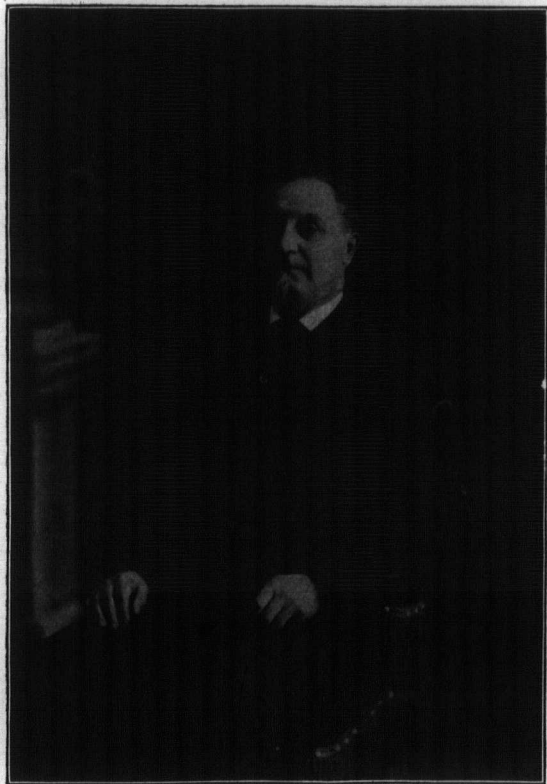
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Bro. Teakle having declined nomination,

It was moved by Rep. Abson, seconded by Rep. Cohn :

"That Bro. Teakle be allowed to resign."

Which was adopted.

On the second ballot, Bro. A. H. Eager having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Warden.

For Grand Secretary,

T. J. Potter, No. 20, was nominated by Rep. Marriage, and there being but one nominee, on motion of Rep. Smith, the Assistant Grand Secretary cast the ballot of the Grand Lodge for T. J. Potter, and he was declared duly elected Grand Secretary.

For Grand Treasurer,

J. Shirlow, No. 3, was nominated by Rep. Abson ; C. Griffith, No. 1, was nominated by Rep. Courtenay ; E. W. Akhurst, No. 16, was nominated by Rep. Thompson. On the second ballot being taken, Bro. E. W. Akhurst having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Treasurer.

For Grand Representative,

Joseph Wilson, Jr., was nominated by Rep. Abson, and being the only nominee, on motion of Rep. Miller the Grand Secretary cast the ballot of the Grand Lodge for Joseph Wilson, Jr., and the Deputy Grand Master declared him duly elected Grand Representative for two years.

Moved by Rep. Miller, seconded by Rep. Barwick :

"That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the Scrutineers."

Which was unanimously adopted, and the Grand Master thanked the brothers in fitting terms.

The report of Committee on Insurance was then taken up, the question being on the motion of Rep. Abson : "That Clause 3 be adopted."

It was moved in amendment by Bro. Sanderson, seconded by Rep. Forsythe :

"That clause 3 of Report of Committee on Insurance be referred to a Special Committee."

Amendment adopted.

Moved by Rep. Abson, seconded by Rep. Barwick :

"That report as amended be adopted."

Which was adopted.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Clause 3 of Report of Committee on Insurance : P.G.M.'s Reed and Robb and Bro. Sanderson.

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Rep Black, from Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, recommend as follows :

That the Grand Lodge officers and representatives residing in the city of Montreal be allowed one day, Quebec, Cookshire, Wakefield, three days, and all other places two days: at two dollars (\$2.) per day and mileage as follows :

Representatives from Lachute.....	\$2 10
“ “ Quebec.....	5 85
“ “ Wakefield.....	7 20
“ “ Farnham.....	2 00
“ “ Sherbrooke	5 60
“ “ Richmond.....	4 25
“ “ Danville.....	4 95
“ “ Cookshire.	6 75
“ “ Coaticook.....	6 75
“ “ St. Johns.....	1 50
“ “ Valleyfield.....	1 95
“ “ Huntingdon.....	2 60
“ “ Aberdeen... ..	7 25
“ “ Dunham.....	2 95
“ “ Sutton.....	3 60
“ “ Granby.....	2 75
“ “ Waterloo.....	3 75
“ “ Knowlton.....	3 95
“ “ Bedford.....	3 00
“ “ Stanstead.....	5 60
“ “ Magog.....	4 60

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

JAMES BLACK, T. D. NEWELL,
R. EARLE, H. BATSFORD,
A. GRANT,

Moved by Rep. Black, seconded by Rep. Newell:

“That report be adopted.”

Which was adopted.

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REPORT MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME.	RANK.	DAYS.	PER D.	MILEAGE	TOTAL.
OFFICERS.					
Jos. Wilson.....	G. M.....	1	\$2 00	\$2 00
And. Philps.....	D. G. M.....	2	4 00	\$2 60	6 60
A. W. Staveley.....	G. W.....	1	2 00	.....	2 00
T. J. Potter.....	G. Sec.....	1	2 00	.....	2 00
A. H. Eager.....	G. Treas.....	2	4 00	2 00	6 00
C. J. Brown.....	G. Rep.....	2	4 00	1 50	5 50
Jas. A. Robb.....	G. Rep.....	2	4 00	1 95	5 95
R. H. Fairfield.....	G. Marshal	2	4 00	2 00	6 00
E. W. Akhurst.....	G. Con.....	2	4 00	6 75	10 75
Jno. Moffatt.....	G. G.....	2	4 00	1 95	5 95
D. C. Sanderson.....	G. Chap.....	2	4 00	7 50	11 50
REPRESENTATIVES.					
LODGE.					
W. Marriage.....	No. 1	1	2 00	.....	2 00
Thos. Brown.....	1	1	2 00	.....	2 00
S. Roman.....	1	1	2 00	.....	2 00
Geo Gale.....	2	3	6 00	5 85	11 85
Jas. Norton.....	2	3	6 00	5 85	11 85
Jas. Shirlow.....	3	1	2 00	.....	2 00
O. W. Barwick.....	3	1	2 00	.....	2 00
Alex. Grant.....	3	1	2 00	.....	2 00
J. Edmond.....	5	3	6 00	7 20	13 20
R. Earle.....	5	3	6 00	7 20	13 20
J. T. Courtenay.....	6	1	2 00	.....	2 00
L. Jehu.....	6	1	2 00	.....	2 00
A. Carmichael.....	6	1	2 00	.....	2 00
L. Y. Verrill.....	7	2	4 00	4 25	8 25
T. D. Newell.....	7	2	4 00	4 25	8 25
C. G. Thompson.....	8	2	4 00	5 60	9 60
A. McDonald.....	8	2	4 00	5 60	9 60
A. S. Johnston.....	8	2	4 00	5 60	9 60
J. Radcliffe.....	9	1	2 00	.....	2 00
J. Lanktree.....	9	1	2 00	.....	2 00
J. E. Rawston.....	9	1	2 00	.....	2 00
Jas. Black.....	10	2	4 00	1 50	5 50
Jas. Greendale.....	10	2	4 00	1 50	5 50
T. Hulme.....	11	2	4 00	1 95	5 95
W. Rice.....	11	2	4 00	1 95	5 95
A. E. Abson.....	12	1	2 00	.....	2 00
H. L. Cohn.....	12	1	2 00	.....	2 00
J. S. Walker.....	12	1	2 00	.....	2 00
L. L. Pope.....	13	2	4 00	4 95	8 95
N. Armstrong.....	13	2	4 00	4 95	8 95
Robt. Law.....	14	2	4 00	2 10	6 10
Robt. Robinson.....	14	2	4 00	2 00	6 10
A. W. Childs.....	15	1	2 00	.....	2 00

REPORT MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—Continued

NAME.	LODGE.	DAYS	PER DIEM.	MILEAGE	TOTAL.
REPRESENTATIVES.					
W. E. Clarke	16	2	\$4 00	\$6 75	\$10 75
J. Hyslop.....	16	2	4 00	6 75	10 75
J. A. Hunter.....	17	2	4 00	2 60	6 60
J. W. Starke.....	17	2	4 00	2 60	6 60
Rev. W. T. Forsythe.....	18	2	4 00	5 60	9 60
H. B. Speir.....	19	3	6 00	6 75	12 75
Thos. MacRea.....	19	3	6 00	6 75	12 75
Geo. Lamb.....	20	1	2 00	.....	2 00
Jno. Smith.....	20	1	2 00	.....	2 00
J. Miller.....	20	1	2 00	.....	2 00
C. Spencer.....	21	1	2 00	.....	2 00
H. Batsford.....	21	1	2 00	.....	2 00
W. S. McCorkill.....	22	2	4 00	2 00	6 00
Jno. McCabe.....	22	2	4 00	2 00	6 00
W. P. Berwick.....	22	2	4 00	2 00	6 00
F. T. Curley.....	24	2	4 00	2 95	6 95
Jos. Selby.....	24	2	4 00	2 95	6 95
L. L. Jenne.....	25	2	4 00	3 60	7 60
F. L. Safford.....	25	2	4 00	3 60	7 60
Dr. J. L. Clark.....	27	2	4 00	3 75	7 75
R. F. Shaw.....	27	2	4 00	3 75	7 75
E. A. Hungerford.....	29	2	4 00	3 00	7 00
W. A. Barrage.....	29	2	4 00	3 00	7 00
F. S. Loomis.....	30	2	4 00	4 60	8 60
I. B. Merriman.....	30	2	4 00	4 60	8 60
F. Ruthven.....	2	3	6 00	5 85	11 85
C. J. Williams, Asst. Sec'y.....	1	2 00	2 00
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Rep. Thompson, from Committee on Judiciary, presented the following :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F. :

We, your Committee on Judiciary, to whom are referred questions and decisions on pages 1540 to 1546 inclusive, recommend that the decision of the Grand Master be sustained with the exception of by-law 38, which refers to dues. It is evident that by-law 37,

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clause 2, re admission fee, was the one the G.M. based his decision on. Questions from 5 to 14 inclusive are sustained.

Rebekah questions from 1st to 5th inclusive are sustained.

Proclamations and letters are in accordance with the laws and usages of our Order.

2—Dispensations granted.

Exception taken to Golden Rule Lodge, No. 13, re changing night of meeting, which is contrary to decision given by G.M. Question 10, page 1546. The others sustained.

Page 1562, dispensation re Fraternity Lodge, for changing night of meeting, not approved unless by-laws made to conform; the other two dispensations sustained.

Instructions to D.D.G.M. be approved.

3—Page 1560, approved.

Page 1563, clause 3 and 4, approved.

Page 1564, " 2 and 3, "

Page 1567, " 6, "

Page 1569, " 3, not approved.

Page 1570, " 3, be "

Page 1571, " 2, " "

Page 1572, " 2, " "

Page 1579, " 13, recommend that these two lodges procure new rituals.

The whole respectfully submitted,

C. G. THOMPSON, L. L. POPE,

W. P. BERWICK, J. W. STARK,

JOSEPH SELBY, ROBT. LAW,

JOHN T. COURTENAY.

Moved by Rep. Thompson, seconded by Rep. Courtenay :

" That the report be adopted."

Moved in amendment by Rep. Smith, seconded by Rep. Shir-
low :

" That this report be taken up clause by clause."

Amendment adopted.

Clause 1—The Grand Master explained that the by-laws of Albion Lodge had been printed and re-numbered since Grand Master's decision, by-law 38 being now 37, and that the decision was correct.

With the above explanation this clause was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Courtenay, seconded by Rep. McCorkill :

" That clause 2 be adopted."

Moved in amendment by Rep. Gale, seconded by Rep. Speir :

" That exception to this clause be struck out."

Amendment adopted.

Moved by Rep. Courtenay, seconded by Rep. Spencer :

"That clause 3 be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Thompson, seconded by Rep. Earle .

"That clause 4 be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Smith, seconded by Rep. Barwick :

"That report as amended be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Bro. Sanderson, from Special Committee presented the following :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAUSE 3 OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

The Committee report as follows : The case of Bro. Young, of Tomefobia Lodge, No 18, against the Ridgley Protective Association, recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward the records in this case to our Grand Representatives, with instructions to bring the same before the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next session for adjudication.

JOHN J. REED,
D. SANDERSON,
JAS. A. ROBB.

Moved by Bro. Sanderson, seconded by Rep. Smith :

"That report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Rep. Gale presented the following :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

The Committee on Thanks beg respectfully to submit the following report for adoption by this Grand Lodge :

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Bro Jos. Wilson, Jr., Grand Master, for the wisdom and tact he has continuously displayed in his official acts ;

To Bro. T. J. Potter, Grand Secretary, for the faithful and efficient manner in which he discharged the difficult and continually increasing duties of office ;

To Bro. A. Philips, Deputy Grand Master ; Bro. A. W. Staveley, Grand Warden, and other retiring Grand officers, for the efforts they have constantly put forward in promoting the interests of the Order in general and the membership of this Province in particular ;

Further,—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and

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hereby tendered to the officers and members of Beaver Lodge, No. 6, for so generously placing their spacious lodge and other rooms for the meetings of this Grand Lodge, committees, etc., as well as providing other necessities looking to the comfort of the representatives.

In anticipation of a complimentary banquet from the members of the above lodge to the delegates, we beg to convey to the officers and brothers our best thanks for the same.

The members of the Grand Lodge, not residents of Montreal, again feel it incumbent upon them to place on record their appreciation of the hearty welcome which has been on all occasions of meetings in the city tendered the visiting delegates, this year being no exception.

Finally, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Press, fraternal and otherwise, for many acts of courtesy, by which the welfare and prosperity of the Order has been advanced in a large measure.

The whole respectfully submitted,

GEO. GALE,
J. S. WALKER,
H. A. BURRAGE.

Moved by Rep. Gale, seconded by Rep. Spencer:

"That report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Rep. W. E. Clark, from Committee on Returns, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, the undersigned, your Committee on Returns, beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined all returns, semi-annual and financial, presented to us, and find them correct with the following exceptions:

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Mizpah, No. 3, not signed by auditors. Lansdowne, No. 9, not signed by Rec. Secretary. Lafayette, No. 15, no seal. Century, No. 24, no seal. Knowlton, No. 28, not signed by auditors; no seal. Bedford, No. 29, no seal. Unity, No. 8, no report.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS, JULY 1ST, 1896.

Pioneer Lodge, No. 7, not signed by N.G. Aberdeen Lodge, No. 23, not signed by V.G.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS, JUNE 30TH, 1897.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, not signed by V.G. Lafayette Lodge, No. 15, not signed by N.G. Knowlton Lodge, No. 28, not signed by Per. Sec. or Rec. Sec. Bedford Lodge, No. 29, not signed by Secretary.

REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

May Flower, No. 10, not sealed.

We, your Committee, congratulate Diamond Lodge, No. 30, on having been the first to forward complete returns. We have also examined Grand Secretary's report, pages 1580 to 1587, and find it to be correct. The whole respectfully submitted,

W. E. CLARK, J. MILLER,
JAMES NORTON,

Moved by Rep. Clark, seconded by Rep. Miller :

"That report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Rep. Ruthven, from Committee on Legislation, presented the following :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

1. Page 1554, Grand Master's Report.—We recommend that Sec. 1 of Clause 15 be adopted.

2. *Re* Sec. 2 of Clause 15 of G.M.'s Report, your Committee recommend that the suggestions of the G.M. be concurred in, and D.D.G.M. be given power to give dispensations and decisions on points of law arising in lodges under their control.

3. We recommend that Sec. 3 of Clause 15 be not adopted. The custom remains as formerly.

4. We recommend that no action be taken on Sec. 4 of Clause 15 (Page 1554), as it is already covered by Sec. 85 and 86 of the Uniform Constitution and By-laws for subordinate lodges.

5. Page 1562 D.D.G.M.'s Report.—We approve the adoption of the recommendation of the D.D.G.M., District No. 2, *re* placing digest in the hands of all D.D.G.M.'s.

6. In answer to enquiry from Albion Lodge, No. 2, we recommend that subordinate lodges be allowed to provide their own proposition forms as the Grand Lodge has never kept them in stock.

Submitted in F. L. and T.

FRED RUTHVEN, THOS. MACRAE,
F. L. SAFFORD, J. S. WALKER,
W. S. McCORKILL, F. T. CURLEY,

Moved by Rep. Ruthven, seconded by Rep. Shirlow :

"That Report be taken up clause by clause."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Walker, seconded by Rep. Jehu :

"That clause 1 be adopted."

Which was adopted.

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Moved by Rep. Verrill, seconded by Rep. Safford :

"That clause 2 be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Verrill, seconded by Rep. McCorkill :

"That clause 3 be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Courtenay, seconded by Rep. Smith :

"That Clause 4 be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Shirlow, seconded by Rep. Smith :

"That recommendation in clause 5 be not entertained."

Moved in amendment by Rep. Brown, seconded by Rep. Gale:

"That Digests be obtained for No. 1 and No. 2 Districts of Montreal."

Amendment lost.

Clause 6 ruled out by Grand Master.

Moved by Rep. Shirlow, seconded by Rep. Spencer :

"That report as amended be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Moved by P.G.M. John J. Reed, seconded by Rep. Jehu :

"Resolved, that our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to introduce an amendment to the Insurance Law of the Order, under which any officer or agent of any association, being instrumental in having a policy issued to a member of a jurisdiction in which no authority to act has been given by such state or provincial Grand Body, shall be deprived of the certificate granted."

Which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

BROTHERS,—Your special committee on "Mutual and Benevolent Insurance Legislation," beg to report that under the present law we see no necessity of any action being necessary at this session unless the Grand Body should decide to apply for letters patent of incorporation.

L. E. CHARBONNEL,
JOHN J. REED.

Moved by Rep. Courtenay, seconded by Rep. Thompson :

"That report be received and committee discharged with thanks."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Gale, seconded by Rep. Norton : "Resolved, that the representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be instructed to take the necessary means at the next meeting to secure the recall of the Uniform Certificate of dues, at present in general use in the Order."

Which was adopted.

Reps. Geo. Gale and Ruthven presented the following: "That in future, with the view of giving more time for the consideration of various questions coming before the Grand Lodge, that a two days' session be held instead of one."

Moved by Rep. Courtenay, seconded by Rep. Law: "Resolved, that the Recording Secretary of every lodge in the jurisdiction transmit to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws a certified copy of the general laws of their respective lodges on or before the 30th of June of each year, for the approval of the said committee and information of this Grand body, so as to insure that same will conform to the recent legislation and the laws and usages of the Order."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Forsythe, seconded by Rep. Clark: "Resolved, that this Grand Lodge instruct its representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to confer with the grand representatives of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, to arrange that the Sovereign Grand Lodge grant its permission to Tomefobia Lodge, No. 18, of this jurisdiction, to hold its meetings at their newly-acquired lodge-room in Derby Line, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, provided that it initiate no members from that jurisdiction without the express consent of the nearest lodges."

Which was adopted.

Rep. John Smith presented the following:

I hereby give notice that I will, at the next session of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, move that Section 2 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be amended as follows: That the word "nine" be substituted for the word "three" on the fourth line, the whole to read as follows:

SECTION 2. These elective officers shall be elected by ballot after nomination, such nomination and election to take place at the annual session of this Grand Lodge and on the first evening of the session at 9 o'clock p. m.

Moved by Rep. Courtenay, seconded by Rep. Jehu: "Resolved, the Grand Lodge representatives be instructed to introduce and support such legislation as may be necessary to have the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held biennially, and further resolved, that our grand representatives support all legislation having a tendency to reduce the cost of the official certificate.

Which was adopted.

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Rep. H. L. Cohn, from Committee on Fraternal Press, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL PRESS.

To the Grand Lodge of Québec, I.O.O.F.:

We your Committee on Fraternal Press are unanimous in admitting that the members should without doubt be provided with a paper in connection with our Order in our little jurisdiction, so as to allow especially those of our members who are not in a position to attend our meetings to be in touch with what is going on, for there is no doubt there are many brothers unable to attend who have their whole soul in the order that they may be dropped for the old stereotyped initials N.P.D., whom by having all the information given them by this medium may be retained in our ranks.

It is also very regrettable that through the non-support of our individual members, there has been one number of the issue omitted towards this year's volume and consolidated two numbers into one through not being able to make ends meet, which literally means our paper is defunct. Without doubt there is not a bona fide subscriber, but will regret very much the stoppage of this issue of the ODDFELLOWS' GAZETTE from reaching their homes. We would humbly suggest that this Grand Body take immediate steps to uphold this paper by not giving a little support as heretofore, but undertake to issue this paper on their own responsibility. Looking over our officers' reports of the present session it is quite noticeable how every one speaks in the same tone of regret at the prospect of its future. Now the proposition of this Committee, and the only way we can see to maintain this paper is that the per Capita Tax be raised to 70c annually and provide each and every member with a copy. You may at once ask the question who is going to undertake the management, but in our opinion that is a secondary consideration, for no doubt many can be found who would undertake it just for the revenue from advertisements. Another question will at once be asked, what is to be done with Bro. J. T. Courtenay, the present publisher, who has had such a burden these last three years; well, as the well known adage of this noble Order is, that we would never wrong a brother to the value of one cent, we leave this part to the discretion of this Grand Lodge.

The whole respectfully submitted,

W. L. COHN, W. RICE,
H. B. SPEIR, A. W. CHILDS.

Moved by Rep. Cohn, seconded by Rep. Speir: "That report be adopted."

Moved in amendment by Rep. Thompson, seconded by Rep. Earle: "That report be referred back to Committee to ascertain as to the actual cost of same."

Amendment adopted.

Rep. Brown, from Committee on Appeals, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Appeals, to whom was submitted that portion of the Grand Master's Report contained on pages 1531 to 1540, beg to report as follows: That we have examined all the papers in connection with the Appeal of Bro. Brewer vs. the Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, and we find the decision of the Grand Master well founded. In regard to that portion of the report of the D.D.G.M. for the Quebec district, contained in clause 4, page 1564, not having the papers before us, we are unable to arrive at any conclusion.

Fraternally submitted,

T. BROWN.

GEO. GALE, A. GRANT,
F. S. LOOMIS, J. E. RAWSTRON.

Moved by Rep. Brown, seconded by Rep. Marriage:

"That report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Smith, seconded by Rep. Hyslop: "That a special committee be appointed to draw up a suitable address to be forwarded to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen in commemoration of her Diamond Jubilee."

Which was adopted.

The Grand Master appointed the following committee: Bros. Cameron, Alchin and Forsythe.

Rep. Geo. Lamb, from Committee on Finance, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee recommend the payment of the following accounts:

I. B. Merriman,	D.D.G.M.	\$ 5 25
W. S. McCorkill,	"	6 00
R. H. Fairfield,	"	2 00
J. W. McKee,	"	1 20
W. P. Berwick,	"	5 00
C. Boutelle,	"	2 20
G. F. Morton,	"	4 50
A. H. Eager,	"	2 50
Wm. Davis,	"	2 20
Geo. Lamb,	"	5 00
J. Shirlow,	"	4 50

James Johnson & Co, Ribbon and Safety Pins...	5 25
Advertising in "Star".....	1 50
" " "Witness".....	1 50
Barwick, Millen & Co.....	26 85
J. Smith, D.D.G.M.....	5 50
J. S. Walker, ".....	8 20
Grand Master's expenses, over estimate.....	54 48
Alex Grant, D.D.G.M.....	4 35
A. W. Staveley, ".....	1 90
G. W. Wilson & Co.....	25
Missisquoi Lodge Missionary Work.....	30 00
J. Shirlow, D.D.G.M.....	4 70

\$184 83

We have examined these accounts and find them correct, and recommend their payment be approved, but would respectfully suggest that hereafter no sums be paid without the authority of this Grand Lodge.

We find the Grand Master's expenses have amounted to \$54.48 over and above the appropriation, owing to the increased number of lodges having to be visited, and recommend that for the coming year the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

We approve the action of the Printing Committee in accepting the tender of MESSRS. D. TAYLOR & SON, for the printing of 600 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of the present session.

The Auditors' Report referred to us we approve.

In view of the increased number of lodges, and the extra work entailed on the Grand Secretary thereby, we recommend that his salary be fixed for the coming year at \$300.00.

The Committee recommend that all monies received during the year, be deposited in the bank, and that all bills be paid by cheque as per constitution.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Cash on hand, June 30th, 1897.....	\$ 1,005 64
Per Capita Tax, 60c on 2,600 members.....	1,560 00
Profit on Supplies.....	50 00
Oddfellows' Relief Association.....	10 00
" Frat. Acc. ".....	10 00

\$ 2,635 64

EXPENDITURE.

Mileage and per diem.....	\$ 500 00
Grand Rep. Tax.....	150 00
Grand Master's Expenses.....	150 00
Missionary Work.....	50 00

Printing Journal.....	155 00
Grand Secretary for Sundries.....	60 00
Grand Secretary, salary.....	300 00
Rebekah Assembly.....	75 00
D.D.G.M. expenses, etc., as per statement.....	184 83
Grand Lodge meeting.....	10 00

\$1634 83

Estimated balance, June 30th, 1898

\$1100 81

Your Committee recommend the following for adoption :

Resolved, that the sum of \$1634 83 be appropriated for the current year's expenses.

GEO. LAMB, S. ROMAN,
L. Y. VERRILL, N. ARMSTRONG,
O. W. BARWICK.

Moved by Rep. Lamb, seconded by Rep. Verrill :

"That report be adopted."

Which was adopted.

Rep. Cohn, from Committee on Fraternal Press, presented the following :

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F. :

We your Committee on Fraternal Press after further considering the official organ of this Grand Lodge, have the bona-fide figures of the actual cost of issuing said paper for the past year. Cost \$600.

Now as per report our recommendation gives a revenue of \$250 by Per Capita tax, also without fear we can count on at least \$250 more from advertisements so that we are still of the same mind that, there is no doubt of its being an accomplished success if well handled, and moreover the present editor and publisher will undertake to run it as formerly at said figures. As before stated we wish to say again it may not be in the same form as at present but guarantee an issue that our Order will not be ashamed of.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. COHN, W. RICE,
H. B. SPEIR.

Moved by Rep. Cohn, seconded by Rep. Speir : "That report be adopted."

Moved in amendment by P.G.M. Reed, seconded by Rep. Shallow : "That this matter be referred to subordinate lodges with instructions to have the subject specially considered at a stated meeting to which the members shall receive due notice."

Moved by P.G.M. Robb, seconded by Rep. Abson : "That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn until 9 p.m."

Which was adopted.

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EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Wilson presiding.

After the usual examination, followed by prayer by the Rev. Bro. Forsythe, the Grand Secretary called the roll, and reported a quorum.

Deputy Grand Master Philps, by direction of the Grand Master, declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

Rep. W. Marriage, from Committee on Credentials, presented the following :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee report the following Past Grands in waiting to receive the G L. Degree, being duly authenticated, and recommend that they receive the same.

H. N. Smythe.....	No. 1.
H. T. Hamilton.....	No. 3.
D. Baird.....	No. 20.

W. MARRIAGE, J. MILLER,
C. SPENCER.

The Grand Warden retired and conferred the Grand Lodge degree on the above brothers, after which they were duly introduced.

The Fraternal Press Report was then taken up.

The amendment being put, was declared lost.

The question being on the motion of Rep. Cohn, to adopt Report of Committee on Fraternal Press, it was moved by Rep. Thompson, seconded by Rep. Smith : "That the yeas and nays be taken." Which was adopted.

The Grand Master declared the motion adopted, the vote being 26 yeas, 24 nays.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN

We the undersigned, appointed as a committee to prepare and address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, upon the completion of sixty years reign, do respectfully submit the following for the approval of Grand Lodge.

W. T. FORSYTHE,
LEWIS ALCHIN.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, by Divine Permission, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, Defender of the Faith.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, the members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, of the Province of Quebec, in session assembled, do humbly approach your Majesty to offer our congratulations upon the completion of sixty years of happy and successful rule over this Kingdom and Empire. We assure you of our dutiful and sincere attachment to your person and throne, and pray that the blessing of our Heavenly Father, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe and the Almighty King of Kings, may still rest upon your August Person, and prolong your rule upon the Throne of your Ancestors for many years of happy sovereignty. Nowhere has your Majesty more loving and dutiful subjects than in the Dominion of Canada, over which we pray that the flag of the Empire may long float. We recognize how much of the prosperity of these sixty years has been due to your noble example and personal influence for good. We gratefully recall that that work of mercy and love which is peculiarly the object of our Order—viz., relieving the needs of the widow and orphan—has been a work especially dear to your Majesty's heart, which has ever throbbed in sympathy with the suffering and afflicted and manifested this sympathy by loving deeds and affectionate enquiry.

Obediently and humbly leaving this tribute of respect and love at the foot of your Majesty's Throne,

We remain on behalf of Grand Lodge of Quebec of I.O.O.F.

Your Majesty's Liege Subjects,

....., Grand Master.

....., Grand Secretary

MONTREAL, Canada,

August 17th, 1897.

M Moved by Rep. Forsythe, seconded by Rep. McCorkill: "That report be accepted."

Which was adopted unanimously.

P.G.M. Finlayson presented the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF ODDFELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

The annual meeting of the Association was held in Oddfellows' Hall, Kingston, on Wednesday, July 21st, the President, Dr. Fife Fowler, presiding.

Among those present were H. White, G. M. of Ontario; J. A.

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Young, D.G.M.; W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M.; Rev. T. W. Jolliffe, P. G. M.; John Donough, P.G.M.; J. B. King, G.S.; J. A. Robb, P. G. M.; C. J. Brown, P.G.M.; J. A. Finlayson, P.G.M.; T. J. Potter, G.S.; Rev. D. C. Sanderson, G.C.; Captain Donnelly, and about thirty members from various parts of Ontario and Quebec.

After the meeting had been called to order, His Worship Mayor Skinner, of Kingston, welcomed the visitors to the Limestone city.

After which the various committees were appointed, and the reports of the directors and different officers presented.

The following extracts from the report of the directors speak for themselves, and need no comment:

THE FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

With the increase in membership there has been, of course, an increase of revenue, and the total income of the Association in the last financial year, from all sources, was \$122,957.45.

In benefits there was expended \$73,500, of which sum \$8,000 went towards the liquidation of claims unadjusted on June 30th, 1896, and \$65,500 in claims arising during the year 1896-97. In disability benefits the expenditure amounted to \$2,000.

Since the last meeting investments have been made to the extent of \$26,207.34. The surplus for the year was \$31,834.46, and the total surplus over all liabilities, \$121,005.76.

The reserve fund on June 30th, 1896, was \$82,750.00. On June 30th, 1897, it was \$105,000, an increase during the year of \$22,250.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

At the evening session the reports of the several committees were read and considered, as was also the proposal to place engineers and firemen on the hazardous list. After considerable discussion, during which it was pointed out that the proxies issued were not in legal form, the indefinite postponement was moved and carried, thus disposing of the matter for another two years at least.

The question of issuing paid-up policies was also laid over, the directors being instructed to consult the Insurance Department of Ontario, and submit the actuarial scheme of Messrs. R. Watson & Sons for its approval.

The delegates are indebted to the directors for a most delightful sail on the steamer Paul Smith to Simcoe Island, where lunch was served, after which they returned to the city at about 8.15, when business was resumed, all being loud in praise of the courtesies extended by the good brethren of the Limestone City.

J. A. FINLAYSON,
C. J. BROWN.

In accordance with notice of motion given by P.G.M. Dickson at last session, it was moved by P.G.M. Dickson, seconded by P.G.M. Finlayson: "That section one, article three, of the consti-

tution be amended by striking out the word 'two' in the fourth line, and substituting the word 'one,' and the word 'three' in the sixth line and substituting the word 'two.' "

Moved in amendment by Rep. Brown, seconded by Rep. Courtenay: "That when a lodge has 200 members or over they shall have three representatives."

The amendment being put was lost.
Motion was not adopted.

In accordance with notice of motion given by Rep. Abson at last session, it was moved by Rep. Abson, seconded by Rep. Shir-low: "That Section No. 1 of Article VI. be amended by striking out in the second line all the words after the word 'Montreal' to the word 'it' in the third line."

Which was not adopted.

In accordance with notice of motion given by Rep. Edwards at last session, it was moved by Rep. Hulme, seconded by Rep. McRae: "That Article 25 of the constitution be amended by striking out the word 'expenses' wherever mentioned in said article, and substituting therefor the word 'benefits.'"

Which was not adopted.

The following motion which was laid over came up for discussion:

"That this Grand Lodge instruct their representatives to invite the Sovereign Grand Lodge to hold its session in Montreal."

Moved by Rep. Courtenay, seconded by Rep. McCorkill: "That this question be indefinitely postponed."

Which was adopted.

Moved by P.G.M. Reed, seconded by Rep. Speir: "Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to deliver to the secretary of the Rebekah Assembly all Rebekah supplies now on hand at cost price, and that such supplies as may hereafter be required by that body shall be obtained through the Grand Secretary also at cost price."

Which was adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented the following petitions:
To the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

On behalf of Bedford Lodge, No. 29, we extend a cordial invitation to the Grand Lodge to hold their next annual Grand Lodge meeting in their hall in the town of Bedford.

E. A. HUNGERFORD.
W. A. BURRAGE.

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To the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

We, the representatives of Valleyfield Lodge, No. 11, acting on instructions from our lodge, extend an invitation to this Grand Lodge to hold its next annual session in the town of Valleyfield.

W. RICE.

THOMAS HULME.

Moved by Rep. Jenne, seconded by Rep. McCabe: "That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in Bedford."

Moved in amendment by P.G.M. Robb, seconded by Rep. Smith: "That this Grand Lodge hold its next session in Valleyfield." Amendment being put was adopted. Motion as amended adopted.

The installation of Grand Officers was then proceeded with.

Andrew Philips, Grand Master-elect, was presented by J. A. Robb, P.G.M., G.R., and J. A. Finlayson, P.G.M., P.G.R., and was duly installed into office by the retiring Grand Master, Joseph Wilson, jr.

Grand Master Philips then installed the following:

A. W. Staveley, Deputy Grand Master, presented by Walter Marriage, P.G.M., and D. J. Dickson, P.G.M., P.G.R.

A. H. Eager, Grand Warden, presented by J. A. Finlayson, P.G.M., P.G.R., and J. J. Reed, P.G.M., P.G.R.

Thos. J. Potter, Grand Secretary, presented by D. J. Dickson, P.G.M., P.G.R.

E. W. Akhurst, Grand Treasurer, presented by D. J. Dickson, P.G.M., P.G.R.

The Grand Master then made the following appointments, which were accepted and the brothers were presented and duly installed into office.

T. Brown, No. 1.....	Grand Marshal
L. Y. Verrill, No. 7.....	Grand Conductor
H. L. Cohn, No. 12.....	Grand Guardian
Rev. W. T. Forsythe, No. 18.....	Grand Chaplain
T. MacRae, No. 19.....	Grand Herald

Moved by Rep. Barwick, sec. by Rep Geo. Lamb, that the sum of five dollars be voted to Bro. J. A. Currie, caretaker of the hall for the day.

Which was adopted.

P.G.M. Dickson gave the following notice of motion:

We the undersigned give notice that at the next annual session of this Grand Lodge we will move that section one, article three, of the Constitution be amended, as follows: Erase the word "two" on the fourth line and substitute the word "one." Erase the words "one hundred" on the fifth line and substitute the word "fifty."

Erase the word "three" on the sixth line and substitute the word "two." Erase the words "more than one hundred" on the sixth and seventh lines and substitute the words "more than fifty and up to one hundred" and add the words "and three Representatives when such number shall have been more than one hundred"

The section as amended will read as follows :

Each lodge in the jurisdiction shall at its second regular meeting in the month of July in each year elect from among its Past Grands in good standing, Representatives as follows :—namely, one Representative, when the number of members returned in its last semi-annual returns shall have been fifty or less ; two Representatives, when such number shall have been more than fifty and up to one hundred, and three Representatives when such number shall have been more than one hundred.

D. J. DICKSON.
J. SHIRLOW.
O. W. BARWICK.
GEO. LAMB.

The Grand Master appointed the following committee to prepare charter and draft constitution for Rebekah Assembly.

Bros. P.G.M.'s Reed, Finlayson and Wilson.

Moved by Rep. Abson, seconded by Rep. Shirlow : "That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, *sine die*."

Which was adopted.

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. T. Forsythe, having addressed the throne of grace, the Deputy Grand Master, by direction of the Grand Master, proclaimed the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F., adjourned, *sine die*.

THOMAS J. POTTER,
Grand Secretary.



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REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE AT EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL SESSION, MONTREAL, AUGUST, 17, 1897.

Abson, A. E.	Gale, George	Newell, T. D.
Armstrong, N. C.	Gow, J.	Potter, T. J.
Alchin, L.	Grant, A.	Percy, R.
Akhurst, E. W.	Greendale, Jas.	Pope, L. L.
Brownlee, J. E.	Hamilton, H. T.	Philps, A.
Barrie, A.	Hulme, T.	Robb, J. A.
Barwick, O. W.	Hayden, J. E.	Rice, W. A.
Berwick, W. P.	Hayman, J. E.	Roman, S.
Burrage, W. A.	Hunter, J. A.	Rawstron, J. E.
Boyd, M. J.	Hungerford, E. A.	Robinson, R.
Baird, D.	Hyslop, Jno.	Reed, J. J.
Brown, C. J.	Jehu, L.	Radcliffe, J.
Brown, Thos.	Johnston, D. M.	Ruthven, F.
Batsford, H.	Johnsten, W. M.	Shirlow, John
Brown, Geo. H.	Johnston, A. S.	Spence, C.
Black, Jas.	King, Geo.	Staveley, A. W.
Carmichael, J.	Kollmar, M.	Smythe, N. F.
Campbell, J. B.	Lavers, A. H.	Sanderson, D. C.
Courtenay, J. T.	Lamb, Geo.	Scott, T.
Cohn, H. L.	Livingston, R. H.	Selby, J.
Clark, W. E.	Loomis, F. S.	Shaw, R. F.
Currie, J. A.	Law, R.	Speir, H. B.
Cregeen, H. J.	Lanktree, J. E.	Starke, J. W.
Carmichael, A.	Miller, W. H.	Stevenson, R. J.
Clark, J. L.	Miller, J.	Smith, J.
Childs, A. W.	Moffatt, J.	Safford, F. L.
Curley, F. T.	Merriman, I. B.	Thompson, C. G.
Cameron, J. A.	McGowan, Geo.	Teakle, C. M.
Dewick, C.	McCorkill, W. S.	Turner, R.
Dickson, D. J.	McDonald, A.	Verrill, L. Y.
Edmond, J.	Marriage, W.	Wilson, jr., Jos.
Eager, A. H.	MacRae, Thos.	Williams, C. J.
Earle, R.	McCabe, J.	Walker, J. S.
Finlayson, J. A.	Morrison, P. S.	Walley, N. N.
Fairfield, R. H.	Nickle, J.	Woodburn, Geo. R.
Forsythe, W. T.	Norris, J.	Yabsley, J.
Griffith, Chas.	Norton, Jas.	

VISITORS.

A. H. Blackeby, Past Grand Representative, Waterloo Lodge, Galt, Ont.

George Varey, F.D.D.G.S., Gore Lodge, Brantford, Ont.

In Memoriam.

HUBERT TOLLES,

Of Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1.

Died April 6th, 1897. Age 52 years.

JOHN G. GORE,

Of Albion Lodge, No. 2.

Died February 23rd, 1896. Age 46 years.

J. R. LEWIS,

Of Beaver Lodge, No. 6.

Died December 7th, 1896. Age 50 years.

GEORGE HASTINGS,

Of Pioneer Lodge, No. 7.

Died February 6th, 1897. Age 38 years.

S. W. TWOSE,

Past Grand of Unity Lodge, No. 8.

Died February 5th, 1897. Age 44 years.

WM. PILGRIM,

Of Unity Lodge, No. 8.

Died November 10th, 1896. Age 40 years.

WM. HEALY,

Of Unity Lodge, No. 8.

Died November 22, 1896. Age 38½ years.

ALONZO McDONALD,

Of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12.

Died October 18th, 1896. Age 36 years.

WALTER GOLDSACK,

Of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12.

Died June 1st, 1897. Age 36 years.

JOHN A. FLEMING,

Of The Excelsior Lodge, No. 12.

Died June 14th, 1897. Age 31 years.

JAMES MARSHALL,

Of Laurentian Lodge, No. 14.

Died November 9th, 1896. Age 38 years.

DAVID P. BARCLAY,

Of Laurentian Lodge, No. 14.

Died November 23th, 1896. Age 45 years.

A. F. ADAMS,

Of Victoria Lodge, No. 16.

Died December 27th, 1896. Age 63 years.

JOHN H. BLACK,

Of Excelsior Lodge, No. 17.

Died August 4th, 1896. Age 40 years.

THOMAS WYNDE,

Of Wellington Lodge, No. 20.

Died March 3rd, 1897. Age 40 years.

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE SINCE INSTITUTION.

Year	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Warden.	Grand Secretary.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Representative.	Grand Representative.
1879	Wales L Lee	W Boutelle	L Silverman	A A Murphy	I H Field	I H Field	I A Finlayson
1880	Lyon Silverman	M Hutchinson	H H Field	W A Kellond	T H Christmas	W Boutelle	N N Walley
1881	M Hutchinson	G G Gymer	H A Jackson	E J Fish	T H Christmas	W Boutelle	D J Dickson
1882	Rt Rev B B Usher	G G Gymer	A J Tenny	E J Fish	T H Christmas	W Boutelle	J J Reed
1883	G G Gymer	J B McConnell	J A Finlayson	E J Fish	H Hadley	L Silverman	L Silverman
1884	B McConnell	J H Graham	W Boutelle	E J Fish	L A Lavers	L Silverman	L Silverman
1885	J A Finlayson	Rev J Kines	G L Pinkham	E J Fish	L A Lavers	H A Jackson	H A Jackson
1886	Rev J Kines	G L Pinkham	H Hadley	E J Fish	Geo A Childs	H A Jackson	Rev J Kines
1887	G L Pinkham	H Hadley	A Barrie	H A Jackson	L A Lavers	Rev J Kines	John Gow
1888	John J Reed	A Barrie	N N Walley	H A Jackson	John Gow	John J Reed	John J Reed
1889	N N Walley	John Gow	J B Lorge	H A Jackson	W Marriage	John J Reed	J A Finlayson
1890	D J Dickson	W T Knight	W B McCutcheon	John J Reed	C E DeWolf	N N Walley	N N Walley
1891	W Marriage	W B McCutcheon	J S Cowan	C Griffith	C E DeWolf	N N Walley	D J Dickson
1892	W B McCutcheon	J S Cowan	C J Brown	C Griffith	C E DeWolf	G L Pinkham	J J Reed
1893	Jas S Cowan	J S Cowan	W Davis	C Griffith	A Philips	G L Pinkham	L Silverman
1894	C J Brown	Jas A Robb	Jos Wilson, jr	T J Potter	A Philips	L Silverman	J J Reed
1895	Jas A Robb	Jos Wilson, jr	A Philips	T J Potter	A W Staveley	J J Reed	C J Brown
1896	Jos Wilson, jr	A Philips	A W Staveley	T J Potter	A H Eager	C J Brown	J A Robb
1897	A Philips	A W Staveley	A H Eager	T J Potter	E W Akhurst	J A Robb	J Wilson, jr

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REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
—TO THE—
Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.
SESSION OF 1897.
HELD AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

To the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.O.F.:

Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge herewith submit for your consideration a summary of the reports and proceedings of that Sovereign body. We submit that inasmuch as the reports of the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and copies of the daily journal have been mailed to some members of every lodge within the jurisdiction, it is not desirable that extra expense should be added to the Grand Lodge of Quebec through printing a voluminous report of matters presented to the Sovereign Lodge. The session opened Monday, Sept. 20th, and adjourned *sine die* Saturday, Sept. 25th. The journey to Springfield, the Capitol of Illinois, was a pleasant one, and our week's journey in the Sangamon country shall always be remembered as one of the pleasant incidents in our life. The weather in Illinois was salubrious, such as we people of the Province of Quebec experience in our own healthy and prosperous country during the months of September and October. The Oddfellows of Illinois and the citizens of Springfield in their efforts to promote the comfort and pleasure of visiting Oddfellows and their friends outdone anything we ever experienced. This cordial welcome did not come from Oddfellows alone, but from citizens of all stations, from the Governor of Illinois and his amiable wife who rules over the Executive Mansion, to the bootblack who shined 'em up, all joined in welcoming the Oddfellows.

THE RECEPTION.

The session was held in the Representatives' hall at the Capitol. Prior to opening the Seventy-third Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a public reception was held at which there were present many of the best people of Springfield. Rev. J. W. Venable, Grand Chaplain, opened the proceedings with prayer, after which addresses were delivered by Hon. John R. Tanner, Governor of Illinois; Hon. Lorin E. Wheeler, Mayor of Springfield; Hon. George C. Rankin, Grand Master; Hon. J. D. Murphy, Grand

Patriarch, and Mrs. May D. Stone, President of Rebekah Assembly of Illinois. Grand Sire Carleton made an eloquent response. The proceedings were pleasantly varied with music. The reception ceremonies being over, no time was lost in calling the Sovereign Grand Lodge to order. Forty-nine Grand Lodges and thirty-four Grand Encampments were represented, and the following officers:

FRED CARLETON.....Grand Sire.
A. S. PINKERTON.....Deputy Grand Sire.
J. FRANK GRANT.....Grand Secretary.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.....Grand Treasurer.
HARRY S. WRIGHT.....Asst. Grand Sec., pro. tem.
REV. W. J. VENABLE.....Grand Chaplain.
R. G. FLOYD.....Grand Marshal.
E. D. HODGE.....Grand Guardian.
C. H. LYMAN.....Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....Kentucky.
JOHN H. WHITE.....New York.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....Kentucky.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE.....North Carolina.
CL. T. CAMPBELL.....Ontario, Canada.
JOHN W. STEBBINS.....New York.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Representatives: You meet once more in annual session to legislate for the good of the great Order of which you are the supreme legislative body, and no doubt are fully impressed with the grave responsibilities resting upon you as the representatives and guardians of nearly a million of Oddfellows, men and women, scattered over the entire world.

So impressed with the magnitude of the interests confided to you, I have no doubt that the labors of this session will redound to the good of our great Order, and I trust this session will become memorable for the good results which flow from its deliberations and labors.

You meet at this session for the second time in the history of the Order, in the great state of Illinois, chief of the great central States of the American Union, one of the greatest grain producing regions of the country, third in population of the States, containing the second largest city of America, and last but not least, being the fourth largest jurisdiction of our Order.

In the beautiful city of Springfield, you will meet in the legislative halls of the State, under the very shadow of the monument erected to the memory of Illinois' revered son, the martyred President,

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Abraham Lincoln ; in the midst of earnest and devoted Oddfellows, who I know will do all in their power to make your session a pleasant one, so that on your return to your homes you will feel that your visit to Springfield has been one long to be remembered.

As required by the Constitution, I report to you the details of my administration of the great office with which you have honored me, and herewith submit my official actions and decisions to you for consideration.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The condition of the various branches of the Order are fairly good, although owing to the depressed condition of business in the United States, coupled with the excitement always attendant on a Presidential election in this country, I am unable to report any large increase during the year 1896 ; but we are not going backward. The membership of the Subordinate Lodges show an increase, while the Rebekah branch has made very large proportional gains.

In the Encampment branch I regret to say that the figures show a slight decrease, while the Patriarchs Militant have gained in membership, showing that the legislation of past years which invested them with more authority to govern themselves has been wise and beneficial to this branch.

If some way could be devised by which suspensions for non-payment of dues could be avoided, or greatly lessened, it would be the greatest achievement of our legislation for years. I commend the subject to your most earnest and careful consideration.

STATISTICS FROM REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY FOR THE YEARS 1895 AND 1896.

	Dec. 31st, 1895.	Dec. 31st, 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges.....	56	56	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges.....	10,875	11,115	270	.....
Rebekah Lodges.....	4,111	4,567	456	.....
Grand Encampments...	50	51	1	.....
Sub. Encampments.....	2,628	2,648	20	.....
Lodge Initiations.....	63,219	60,146	.....	3,073
Lodge Members.....	799,085	806,055	6,070	.....
Encampment Members..	132,694	130,732	.....	1,962
Rebekah Members.....	237,953	264,479	26,526	.....
Relief by Lodges.....	\$3,007,081 33	\$3,067,965 81	\$60,884 48	.....
Relief by Encampments.	278,980 08	274,209 99	.....	\$4,670 09
Relief by Rebek. Lodges	47,761 73	51,059 83	3,298 10	.....
Total Relief.....	3,333,823 14	3,393,235 63	59,412 49	.....
Revenue of Lodges.....	7,587,850 39	7,579,025 98	.....	17,824 41
Rev. of Rebekah Lodges	380,795 99	886,202 26	505,406 27	.....
Total Revenue.....	8,591,004 21	9,058,646 79	467,642 58	.....

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1896,
INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	2,137,592
Members relieved.....	2,076,004
Widowed families relieved	227,940
Members deceased.....	202,228
Total relief.....	\$ 74,356,668 76
Total receipts.....	193,247,022 80

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australasia, Denmark, Switzerland and Sweden).....	5
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	55
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	66
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,671
Subordinate Lodges.....	11,399
Encampment members.....	131,898
Lodge members.....	831,718
Rebekah Lodges.....	4,573
Sisters, members of Rebekah Lodges.....	164,679
Brothers, members of Rebekah Lodges	116,812

NOTES OF THE SESSION.

The Grand Sire reported 115 questions of law, asked and answered.

A resolution to admit to the Rebekah Order married women whose husbands are not Oddfellows was defeated.

A resolution adopting biennial instead of annual sessions was defeated by a large majority. Your representatives voted in favor of the proposed change.

The 18 year-old amendment met with the usual fate, indefinitely postponed.

An attempt to amend the law so as to admit bar-tenders, met with scarcely any support.

A proposed change in qualifications of Grand Representatives, providing that all Grand Representatives should be a member in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge was defeated on a technicality.

28,000 of the Revised Journal of Proceedings of 1896 were printed at a cost of \$5,606.29.

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A history of Oddfellowship, published by Bro. Lee Hascall, of Harmony Lodge, Massachusetts, was authorized by resolution to be entitled, "The Official History of Oddfellowship."

By resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, all cards bearing upon the margin the fac-simile of Theo. A. Ross are legal.

The Order is making no progress in South America, Mexico nor Cuba.

The official receipt is now optional at a cost of \$1.50 per 100 to Grand Lodges and to Subordinates until the present supply is exhausted, when the price will be reduced to 80c per hundred to Grand Lodges and \$1.00 to Subordinates.

The Committee appointed at session of 1896 to report upon a juvenile degree for the children of Oddfellows, submitted an adverse report, which was adopted.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario were granted authority to have the words "assessment system" embodied in the receipts for that jurisdiction in compliance with the Statutory Laws of the province.

In future the Journal will not be known as the Revised Journal but as the "Journal of Proceedings."

The statistics of the Manchester Unity will be no longer compiled and printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

A new Rebekah ritual is to be issued and will be given in exchange for the issue of 1896, free of extra cost.

The 1898 session will be held in the city of Boston.

An official reporter was appointed for the session.

Rep. Robb was on the Committee on Drawing of Seats; Rep. Wilson on Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Wilson, of Quebec, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation: Resolved, That the Grand Sire appoint a Committee of Three, whose duties shall be to examine documents from the Grand Lodge of Quebec vs. the Ridgeley Association of Worcester and the Oddfellows' Accident Company of Boston.

No. 219. By Woodyatt, of Ontario, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Wilson, of Quebec, that the Grand Sire appoint a Committee on Insurance to consist of three members, whose duty shall be to examine documents from the Grand Lodge of Quebec vs. the Ridgeley Protective Association, Worcester and the

Oddfellows' Accident Co., of Boston, beg to report that we have examined the documents submitted and find that the subject matter is a dispute between the societies named and a policy-holder, as to the amount of indemnity that should be paid for an injury.

It is not a function of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to adjudicate upon any such question. The courts of law are the proper forum for the brother who feels aggrieved.

We cannot recommend the committee asked for, and offer the following: Resolved, That your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. M. Woodyatt,	H. E. Holmes,
L. H. Mead,	Frank L. Powers,
Walter E. Carlin,	John L. Nolen,
Edwin L. Pillsbury,	C. R. Elliott,
E. B. Van Deman,	J. E. C. Farnham,
H. J. Rowe,	Francis M. Rea.

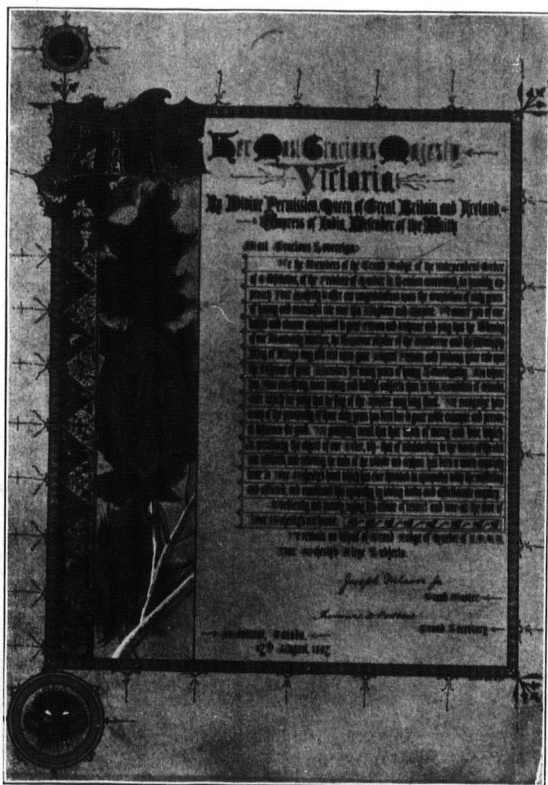
Which was adopted.

As your representatives we have endeavored to fulfil the duties of the office faithfully. We regret that upon some important questions our votes were not permitted to go on record so that you, our constituents, might judge of our action. In explanation of this we may state that the yeas and nays can only be taken at the request of the house, otherwise a standing vote rules.

We take this opportunity of thanking you for your confidence, and express the hope that our actions may meet with your approval.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES A. ROBB,
JOSEPH WILSON, Jr.



ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

AUGUST 17th, 1897.

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REBEKAH ASSEMBLY INSTITUTION.

On Monday evening, August 16th, 1897, Grand Master Joseph Wilson, jr., instituted a Rebekah Assembly for the Province of Quebec, in Mount Royal lodge room, 251 St. James street, Montreal. A large number of city members were present, besides many visiting sisters and brothers.

The Grand Master was assisted by Andrew Philips, Deputy Grand Master; A. W. Staveley, Grand Warden; T. J. Potter Grand Secretary; C. J. Brown, Grand Representative; and A. H. Blackeby, P. G. R. of Ontario.

The various Rebekah lodges were represented as follows:

Pioneer No. 1, Mrs. Hastie; Floral No. 2, Mrs. Greendale; Maple Leaf No. 3, Mrs. Howe; Princess No. 4, Mrs. G. N. Hodge; Beaver No. 5, Mrs. Friedlander; Excelsior No. 6, Mrs. Murray; Harmony No. 7, Mrs. Akhurst; Vera No. 8, Bro. H. B. Speir; Olive Branch No. 9, Mrs. Verrill; Mayflower No. 10, Mrs. Brown.

After the institution Grand Representative Brown conferred the Rebekah Assembly Degree on the delegates.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President.....	Mrs. G. N. Hodge, Sherbrooke
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Howe, Richmond
Warden.....	Mrs. Hastie, Huntingdon
Secretary.....	Mrs. Akhurst, Coaticook
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Murray, Montreal

The elections being concluded, the installation of officers was at once proceeded with.

President elect, Mrs. Hodge, was introduced by Bro. Blackeby and duly installed into office by Grand Master Wilson.

The elective officers were then introduced and duly installed by President Mrs. Hodge.

The president requested Bro. Blackeby to present the appointed officers for installation, and they were presented and installed in the following order:

Marshal.....	Miss Bailey, Cookshire
Conductor.....	Mrs. Friedlander, Montreal
Chaplain.....	Mrs. Brown, St. Johns
I. G.	Mrs. Greendale, St. Johns
O. G.	Mrs. Crack, Danville

The business being concluded the assembly adjourned to meet after the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

TELEGRAPH CIPHER AND KEY.

The following Telegraph Cipher and Key, to be used as a cheap mode of telegraphic communication between Lodges and Relief Committees, was adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1895, and is now in use :

HOUSE—Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, and asking of us financial assistance.

FUNDS—Shall we aid him and draw on you to the extent of . . ?

CASH—Is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodge, in good standing.

RIVER—Has your Lodge a member in good standing by the name of ?

BOAT—He is an expelled member, and has not been in good standing for

WHITE—We don't know any such party, and he does not belong to our Lodge.

GRIP—Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

CAUTION—Look out for a fraud named

SECRETARY—He has a fraudulent Card.

FINAL—A member of your Lodge died here.

BLACK—He is a fraud, and if he has a Card or other papers from this Lodge, they are forgeries.

RED—Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, died here.

GREEN—Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

YELLOW—Is in our city and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge.

PURPLE—We think best to bury him there.

LODGE—Forward remains to this Lodge by

REGALIA—Assist him, and we will honor draft to the extent of

HELP—Will your Lodge pay nurse hire, and how much per day ?

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

HELD IN THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ONT.

KINGSTON, July 21, 1897.

The Association met in the Oddfellows' Hall at 3 o'clock, the President, Dr. Fife Fowler, in the chair. Among the members from a distance were the following: Henry White, Port Hope, Grand Master; J. A. Young, Thamesford, Deputy Grand Master; J. B. King, Toronto, Grand Secretary; Rev. T. W. Joliffe, Colborne; W. H. Hoyle, Cannington, John Donogh, Toronto, Past Grand Masters, Ontario; James A. Robb, Valleyfield; J. A. Finlayson, Montreal, and C. J. Brown, St. Johns, Past Grand Masters, and T. J. Potter, Montreal, Grand Secretary, Quebec; Rev. D. C. Sanderson, Kemptville; L. Ferguson, St. Thomas; M. Myers, Cornwall; R. W. Haydon, Almonte; W. S. Given, Millbrook; C. R. Curry, Brockville; J. E. Ryan, Prescott; F. W. Martin, Picton; C. R. Cotton, Gananoque; R. F. Morrow, Peterboro; A. McFee, J. T. Osborne, and L. C. Pascoe, Belleville; G. S. Seeber, and R. Hawkins, Smith's Falls; C. W. Postlethwait, Merrickville; T. J. Naylor, Deseronto; A. Jordon, Prescott; H. J. Guppy, Ottawa, J. H. Magill, Port Hope; Captain Donnelly, R. F. Elliott, B. H. Carnovsky, S. Oberndorffler, W. Mundell and W. H. Godwin, Kingston, Directors; R. Meek, Secretary, and D. Callaghan, Treasurer of the Association, Kingston; His Worship the Mayor, J. S. Skinner; and the following local members: Joseph Daunt, R. Reynolds, George Lee, J. McWater, R. Diack, E. Offord, W. S. Burk, J. Laturney, P. M. Thompson, R. J. Wilson, W. J. C. Allen, J. C. Hardy, J. S. R. McCann, F. T. Phillips, D. A. Shaw, J. M. Whinton, R. E. Kent, F. R. Sargent, Rev. W. B. Carey, J. R. Donaldson, W. J. Livingston, Rev. Prof. Worrell, and others.

THE VARIOUS REPORTS.

The Directors, in their report, stated:

"With the increase in membership there has been, of course, an increase of revenue, and the total income of the Association in the last financial year, from all sources, was \$122,957.45.

"In benefits there was expended \$73,500, of which sum \$8,000 went towards the liquidation of claims unadjusted on June 30th, 1896, and \$65,500 in claims arising during the year 1896-97. In disability benefits the expenditure amounted to \$2,000.

"Since the last meeting investments have been made to the extent of \$26,207.34. The surplus for the year was \$31,834.46, and the total surplus over all liabilities, \$121,005.76.

"The reserve fund on June 30th, 1896, was \$82,750.00. On June 30th, 1897, it was 105,000, an increase during the year of \$22,250."

The Secretary reported that the majority of the new members being young men, the average age has been reduced, until it is now, with one exception, the lowest average age of any society doing business exclusively in Canada. It is 36.87. The death rate for the year was 5.83. The membership at the close of the fiscal year was 9,376.

The audits of the books of the Secretary were made monthly, and of the books of the Treasurer quarterly. The securities were examined twice in the year by the auditors and found correct.

The Superintendent of Agencies reported in detail upon his work. During the year he has been largely over three provinces, and in his travels had covered 13,764 miles.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank, June 30th, 1896.....	\$ 2,760 90
Admission Fees	858 00
Assessments	113,744 79
Fees, changed certificates.....	83 00
Interest on investments	3,496 55
Refund of premium on debentures.....	14 21
Debentures paid.....	2,000 00

\$122,957 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Beneficiaries	\$ 73,500 00
" Disability claims	2,000 00
" General expenses	3,829 77
" Salaries	4,625 00
" Commission	7,450 79
" Office furniture.....	30 00
Invested in securities.....	26,207 34
Balance in the Bank.....	5,314 55

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Assessments maturing	\$ 19,313 30
Office furniture.....	423 30
Current account in Bank.....	5,314 55
Invested in debentures.....	45,320 12
Special deposits in Banks.....	54,634 49
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	\$125,005 76

LIABILITIES.

Unadjusted claims.....	\$ 4,000 00
Management fund.....	2,846 44
Reserve fund	105,000 00
Contingent fund	13,159 32
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	\$125,005 76

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

REVENUE.

Admission fees.....	\$ 858 00
Assessments.....	95,489 17
Assessments unpaid but collectable.....	19,313 30
Fees	83 00
Interest	3,496 55
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EXPENDITURE.

Commissions.....	\$ 7,450 79
Expenses	3,829 77
Salaries	4,625 00
Disability claims.....	2 000 00
Death claims, June 30th, 1897.....	65,500 00
Unadjusted claims	4,000 00
Surplus over expenditure.....	31,834 46
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STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership on 30th June, 1896.....	8,819
Applications received during the year.....	1,245
Reinstated	1
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	<i>Less.</i>	
Applications rejected.....	32	
Died.....	55	
Lapsed.....	362	
Withdrawn.....	5	
Applications for increase not affecting membership.....	35	
		<u>489</u>

Net increase for the year.....	557
Total membership on 30th June, 1897.....	<u>9,376</u>

INSURANCE.

Insurance in force on 30th June, 1896.....	\$11,888,000 00
Amount for which new certificates issued.....	\$1,221,000 00
Amount of increases.....	33,000 00
Amount of reinstatement.....	2,000 00
	<u>\$1,256,000 00</u>

	<i>Less.</i>
Death claims matured.....	\$ 70,500
Lapsed and withdrawn...	480,000
	<u>\$550,500 00</u>

Net increase for the year.....	\$ 705,500 00
Total insurance in force on 30th June, 1897.....	<u>\$ 12,593,500 00</u>

ASSESSMENT.

Amount of assessment on 30th June, 1896...	\$18,792 17
Increase for the year.....	1,266 79
Net amount of assessment on 30th June, 1897....	<u>\$20,058 96</u>

FACTS FOR THE BENEFICIARIES.

In connection with the membership these figures will prove interesting:
Average age of deceased members, 45.6727.

Amount of insurance on same, \$70,500
Death rate for the year per 1,000, 5.8318.
Average annual death rate, 6.1095.
Average age of new members, 30.699.
Average age of present membership, 36.877.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Membership reported that the Association had been a most useful auxiliary of the Order—that, according to information obtained from agents many who desired benefits in the Association had joined the lodges in order to obtain them. The Order, as well as the Association, had, therefore, been advantaged by the cordial relations which existed between the Association and the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the Extension of the Work approved of the formation of a local board in Winnipeg to supervise the local agencies and extend the usefulness of the Association in Manitoba. It expressed the hope that similar boards would be organized in the other outlying provinces.

The Committee on Paid-Up Policies commended the action of the directors in procuring actuarial calculations on which to found paid up policies. The annual meeting decided to have further information upon the subject before proceeding to introduce this new feature in the business of the Association. The matter will come up again next year. The same committee endorsed the application of the Sisters of Rebekah degree for admission to the Association, and recommended that notice be given of such changes in the constitution as the carrying out of this recommendation involved.

The Committee on Laws and Amendments sanctioned the following change in the Disability Law, being the addition of a clause to Article X: "A claim for disability shall be absolutely barred unless the notice required by clause 1, of this section, be filed with the Secretary within six months from the occurrence of the disability."

The Finance Committee congratulated the Association on its gratifying financial exhibit for the year, upon the advance of the reserve fund to \$105,000, and upon the fact that this growing fund guaranteed the perpetuity of the Association through future years. The committee examined into the details of the various funds, securities, etc., and expressed itself as well satisfied with the result.

The Committee on General Business approved of the identification of the Association with the Bureau of Information, established by the Canadian Fraternal Association, of the present form of assessment notices, and of the printing, as far as practicable, of the rates of the Association in the by-laws of the subordinate lodges.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Captain Donne'ly, R. F. Elliott and B. H. Carnovsky, retiring directors, were re-elected for a term of three years each.

A. T. Smith and John Nicolle were re-elected auditors of the Association for the ensuing year.

The consideration of the motion of which Bro. Carey gave notice, and having for its object the restoration of engineers and firemen on railway trains to the hazardous class, was indefinitely postponed.

Two notices of motion were given (1) by W. S. Given, that he would move to amend the Constitution, making sisters of the Rebekah Degree admissible to membership; and (2) by Rev. W. B. Carey, that he would move to amend the Constitution, making the date of the annual meeting of the Association the first Wednesday in August of each year.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Fife Fowler, M.D., P.G.M.	President
J. B. McIver, P.G.	Vice-President
R. Meek, P. G.	Secretary
Daniel Callaghan, P. G.	Treasurer
A. H. Blakeby, P. G. P.	Supt. of Agencies
John Nicolle, P. G.	Auditor
A. T. Smith, P. G.	Auditor

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Fife Fowler, M.D., P.G.M.	R. F. Elliott, P.G.
W. J. Livingston, P. G.	J. B. McIver, P.G.
S. Oberndorffer, P. G.	W. H. Godwin
T. Donnolly, P.G.	W. Mundell, P.G.
B. H. Carnovsky, P.G.	

NON-RESIDENT DIRECTORS.

John Donogh, P.G.M.	Toronto, Ont.
John Ormiston, P.G.M.	Gananoque, Ont.
L. Ferguson, P.G.W.	St. Thomas, Ont.
J. Wilson, Jr., P.G.M.	Montreal, Que.
J. A. Robb, P.G.M.	Valleyfield, Que.
T. J. Potter, G.S.	Montreal, Que.
J. H. Sutherland, P.G.M.	Halifax, N.S.
B. Bremner, P.G.M.	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
S. T. Rogers, P.G.M.	Moncton, N.B.
R. H. Shanks, G.S.	Winnipeg, Man.
W. J. Roche, P.G.M.	Minnedosa, Man.
J. Jardine, P.G.	Calgary, Alta., N.W.T.

BANQUET TENDERED THE GRAND LODGE
BY BEAVER LODGE, NO. 6.

During the afternoon session the representatives of Beaver Lodge invited the members of the Grand Lodge to a banquet to take place at 7 p.m., which was accepted, and of which the Montreal *Witness* speaks as follows :

The banquet tendered the Grand Lodge by the members of Beaver Lodge, No. 6, was in every way successful. There were present about two hundred guests.

After justice had been done to the sumptuous repast provided by Messrs. Welsh & Rough, toasts were in order and were responded to in a hearty manner. "The Queen" was responded to by the singing of the National Anthem "The Sovereign Grand Lodge" was responded to by Past Grand Master Bro. J. A. Robb, of Valleyfield, who, on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge thanked the guests for the kindness extended that institution. He was hopeful that the Sovereign Grand Lodge would be induced to meet in Montreal in the near future.

On behalf of the Grand Encampment, Bro. J. J. Reed, Past Grand Chief Patriarch, expressed a desire for a Grand Encampment in the Province of Quebec as well as in Ontario.

Retiring Past Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Wilson, jr., and Grand Master-elect, Bro. A. Philps, responded to the toast of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The former thanked the brethren for the support given him during the year of his official position as Grand Master. He also thanked the officers and members of Beaver Lodge, No. 6, for the hospitable manner in which they had received the members of the Grand Lodge. He also congratulated Beaver Lodge for its excellent showing. In conclusion, he said the condition of the Grand Lodge was encouraging. Bro. Philps, after thanking the members of the Grand Lodge for the honor conferred upon him, solicited the support and sympathy of the members of the jurisdiction in his capacity as Grand Master. He pledged himself to fulfil the trust placed in him in an honest and impartial manner. "Sister Jurisdictions" was responded to in a pleasing manner by the Rev. Bro. Forsythe. He reminded the brethren of the three cardinal points of Oddfellowship, that of friendship, love and truth, and trusted that those principles would never be forgotten. "The Subordinate Lodges" were fittingly replied to by Past Grand Master Bro. J. A. Finlayson. He assured the Grand Master-elect of the support and co-operation of the subordinate lodges. He was encouraged at the excellent showing of Beaver Lodge, and hoped prosperity would continue in all the lodges in the jurisdiction.

Bro. A. H. Blackeby, on behalf of the Oddfellows' Relief Association of Kingston, thanked the Oddfellows of the Province of Quebec for the interest manifested in the relief association. He gave a few interesting figures showing the condition of the association, which was enthusiastically received.

Bro. A. W. Staveley, the newly elected Deputy Grand Master, responded for the "Rebekahs." He hoped the Rebekahs would avail themselves of the privileges extended to them through the formation of a grand assembly in the province.

The "Fraternal Press" was responded to by Bro. J. T. Courtenay, publisher of the "Oddfellows' Gazette." He thanked the members for the support given the "Gazette."

"The Chairman" was fittingly responded to by Bro. D. J. Dickson, P. G. M., who thanked the members of the Grand Lodge for their attendance and hope to see them meet again in the near future under Beaver's hospitality. Unity Hall was profusely decorated with flowers, flags, bunting, etc., for the occasion.

"For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was heartily sung before each toast was responded to.

The success of the event reflects credit upon the committee, composed of Bros. D. J. Dickson, P. G. M., chairman; L. Jehu, P. G., secretary, and Bros. A. R. Griffith, N. G.; A. W. Staveley, G. W.; James Currie, P. G.; G. McGowan, P. G.; W. Johnston, V. G.; J. Carmichael, P. G.; and L. Alchin, P. G.

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The next session of the Grand Lodge of Quebec will be held in Valleyfield, on the Third Tuesday in August, 1898.