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OF THE

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OF

**The Sons of Temperance**

**OF CANADA WEST,**

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Office of the Grand Division S. of T.  
OF CANADA WEST,  
Kingston, 4th July, 1859.

*The Officers and Representatives of the Grand Division of Canada West will take notice that the next Annual Session of this Grand Division will be held at Newmarket on the first Wednesday in December next, at 11 o'clock A.M.*

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*Grand Scribe.*

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METROPOLITAN HALL, BROCKVILLE,  
*Wednesday, June 22d, 1859—11 o'clock A.M.* }

The Grand Division of Canada West assembled—the Grand Worthy Patriarch, A. FAREWELL, Esq., in the Chair.

The Roll of Officers being called, the following were reported present:—Rev. W. WILKINSON, Grand Worthy Associate; E. STACEY, Grand Scribe; S. W. SHARRARD, Grand Treasurer; J. F. WRIGHT, Grand Conductor; W. WHEATON, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representative C. H. VANNORMAN as Grand Chaplain, and Representative A. B. PARDEE as acting Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

A portion of Scripture was read and prayer offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch declared the Grand Division open for its appropriate business, and rejoiced at the punctual attendance of so many Representatives.

On motion of Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE, Representative E. ROWLAND was appointed Assistant Grand Scribe for the Session.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed the following Representatives as a Committee on Credentials: J. COULSON, S. J. FERGUSON, and J. WILSON.

Moved by Representative A. ABBOTT, and seconded—

That Representative J. GRANT be appointed the Messenger for the Grand Division during its present Session. Carried.

The Committee on Credentials presented their first Report as follows :

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Brockville, June 22d, 1859. }

To THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE GRAND DIVISION OF CANADA WEST :

Your Committee on Elections and Returns having examined the Credentials of Representatives, beg to report the following correct:

Brockville Division... ..	No. 1	Central Augusta Division... ..	No. 218
Coleman's Corners ... ..	" 5	Grand Ottawa ... ..	" 197
Kemptville ... ..	" 16	Bytown ... ..	" 224
Matilda ... ..	" 22	Vankleek Hill ... ..	" 278
Lenox ... ..	" 32	Williamsville ... ..	" 322
Maitland ... ..	" 71	Lincoln ... ..	" 357
Brougham ... ..	" 104	Haldimand Central ... ..	" 393
North Augusta ... ..	" 205	Plainville ... ..	" 398

Your Committee beg to report that the Seals of Divisions in many cases are very defective, and a large number of Credentials examined have no Seal whatever, and not so reported by the Recording Scribes—the following two Divisions only reported having no Seals, viz :

Mallorytown ... ..	No. 10	Rideau Union ... ..	No. 175
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All of which is submitted in L. P. and F.

E. ROWLAND,  
S. J. FERGUSON, } Committee.  
JOHN WILSON, }

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

The whole of the names of the Representatives present at this Session will appear in the Appendix.

Moved by Representative J. WILSON, and seconded by Representative J. COULSON—

That the hours of meeting of this Grand Division, during the present Session, be as follows: Meet at 9 A.M., adjourn at 12:30 P.M.; meet at 2 P.M., adjourn at 6 P.M.; and meet at 7 P.M. Carried.

A communication from the widow of our late Brother, W. H. ELLERBECK, acknowledging the receipt of copy of resolutions passed at the December Session, having been read, on motion of W. WILKINSON, G.W.A., it was referred to the following Representatives, as a Special Committee, to report thereon: The Grand Worthy Associate, and Representatives J. M. T. HANNUM and C. H. VANNORMAN.

Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE introduced Brother C. LEGGO, Past Grand Treasurer, a Charter member from Brockville Division Number One of the Order in Canada West. This worthy and esteemed veteran Brother was received by the Grand Division with marked respect and pleasure.

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The Grand Scribe presented a communication from the Grand Division of Eastern New York on the subject of the erection of a monument to the memory of Past Most Worthy Patriarch DANIEL H. SANDS, deceased, one of the founders of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

On motion of Representative C. H. VANNORMAN, and seconded by Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE, it was

Resolved—That the communication be referred to a Special Committee of three, to be nominated by the Grand Worthy Patriarch.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch then appointed Representatives A. B. PARDEE, J. G. ELWOOD and J. HARKES a Committee to report thereon.

The Committee on Credentials presented their second Report as follows :

COMMITTEE ROOM, BROCKVILLE, }  
June 22d, 1859.

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND BROTHERS :

Your Committee beg further to report that they have examined the following Credentials and find them correct :

Cobourg Division ... ..	No. 9	Sharon Division ... ..	No. 222
Glengarry ... ..	" 21	Phillipsville ... ..	" 326
Ontario ... ..	" 26	Triumph ... ..	" 351
Tyrone ... ..	" 126	Oxford ... ..	" 383
Rideau Union ... ..	" 175	Middleville ... ..	" 396
Oxford Union ... ..	" 192	Lanark ... ..	" 409

Submitted in L. P. and F.

JOHN WILSON, }  
S. J. FERGUSON, } Committee.

On motion the Report was adopted.

Representative J. G. ELLWOOD introduced, as visitors from the Grand Division of New York, Brother HEWSTON and associates, many of whom were present at the organization of Brockville Division No. 1, Sons of Temperance, of Canada West. The visitors were cordially welcomed by the Grand Division, the Representatives rising in salutation.

Moved by Representative Rev. W. SMART, and seconded by Representative P. SCHOFIELD, M.D., and

Resolved—That a Committee be now appointed to draft a loyal address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, congratulating her on the peace and prosperity of her empire, and respectfully directing her attention to the design, the efforts, and the success of the Grand Division as a most prominent auxiliary in promoting the welfare of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representatives Rev. W. SMART, J. G. ELWOOD and P. SCHOFIELD as a Committee on the address to Her Majesty the Queen.

The Committee on Credentials having reported the Credentials from Prescott Division No. 15 and Plum Hollow Division No. 360, as correct,

The Grand Sentinel announced the Grand Conductor in waiting with Brother E. WHITE and forty associates, who were introduced and duly initiated.

Representative J. G. ELWOOD, of Brockville Division No. 1, invited the Grand Division to accept of the hospitalities of Brockville Division, by taking tea with them at the Westward Market Hall this evening.

On motion of C. H. VANNORMAN, P.G.W.A., and seconded by the Grand Worthy Associate, Rev. W. WILKINSON, it was

Resolved—That the kind invitation of the Brockville Division No. 1 be cordially accepted by the Grand Division.

The Grand Division adjourned till 2 o'clock P.M.

### Afternoon Session.

2 o'clock P.M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Division assembled.

The whole of the Officers were present except the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representative A. ABBOTT to fill the chair of Grand Treasurer *pro tem*.

A portion of Scripture having been read and prayer offered by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Division was declared open for the transaction of business.

The Committee on Credentials presented their fourth Report as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOM, BROCKVILLE, }  
June 22d, 1859. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND BROTHERS:

Your Committee beg further to Report that they have examined the Credentials of the following Divisions and find them correct:

Cornwall Division...	...	No. 91	Martintown Division	...	No. 62
North Williamsburg	...	" 238	Charleville	...	" 247
Stormont	...	" 305			

Submitted in L. P. and F.

J. WILSON, }  
E. ROWLAND } Committee.

On motion the Report was adopted.

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Resolved—That Representatives desiring admission into this Grand Division during the remainder of the Session be merely obligated.

The Grand Sentinel reported Representative C. DECASTLE and twenty associates in waiting, who were introduced by the Grand Conductor and obligated.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Mrs ELLERBECK, presented the following Report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, BROCKVILLE, }  
June 22d, 1859.

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF CANADA WEST:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Mrs W. H. ELLERBECK, beg to report, that while we sincerely sympathise with the widow of our former Brother ELLERBECK in the embarrassed circumstances in which she finds herself placed; nevertheless, as there is no Fund set apart by this Grand Division for the relief of the widows and orphans of its members; and as our former Brother ELLERBECK did not retain his connection with the Order up to the period of his decease, your Committee cannot recommend that the present be made a special case for relief.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

WM. WILKINSON, }  
J. M. T. HANNUM, } Committee.  
C. H. VANNORMAN, }

Moved by Representative G. DALTON, and seconded—  
That the report be adopted. Carried.

Moved by the Grand Scribe, and seconded by Representative C. H. VANNORMAN—

That the next order of business, namely, the reception of the Grand Officer's Reports, be suspended until to-morrow morning. Carried.

The Grand Scribe presented petitions from Meaford Division, No. 314, and Berwick and Pine Grove Division, No. 339, S. of T., praying that the Grand Division would grant them new charters, their original charters having been lost or destroyed.

On motion by Representative J. WILSON, the petitions were referred to the following Special Committee to report upon:  
The Grand Scribe; Representatives J. WILSON, and C. H. VANNORMAN.

The Report of the Most Worthy Patriarch of the National Division, on the occasion of the 16th Annual Session of that august body, was, at the request of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, read by the Grand Scribe—(which Report will be found in the journal of the proceedings of the National Division, dated 1st June, 1859.)

Moved by Representative J. G. ELWOOD, and seconded by Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE—

That Brother W. ARMSTRONG, of Prescott Division, No. 15, be appointed Grand Marshal for the Procession.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the demonstration this evening.

### Morning Session.

METROPOLITAN HALL, BROCKVILLE,  
Thursday, June 23d, 1859—9 o'clock A.M. }

The Grand Division assembled pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form—the Grand Worthy Patriarch presiding.

All the Officers being present except the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE Grand Chaplain.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials presented their fifth report as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOM, BROCKVILLE, }  
June 23d, 1859. }

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND REPRESENTATIVES:

Your Committee beg further to Report, that they have examined the Credentials of the following Divisions, and find them correct:

Newburg Division	...	No. 7	Cascade Division	...	No. 155.
Kirby	... ..	" 92			

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

J. WILSON.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

The Grand Conductor introduced Representatives J. A. SHAVER and E. THORNE, who were duly obligated.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch submitted the following Report:

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

Brothers—Let us be truly thankful to the “Giver of all good” for the privilege of meeting together at the Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, Canada West, in this the eleventh year of its existence.

The increase of membership since you last met, and the present prosperity and harmony generally manifested throughout your jurisdiction, are unmistakeable evidences that your efforts to extend the heaven-born principles of Temperance and Brotherly-love have not been unavailing.

Your Grand Scribe’s Report will furnish a detailed account of the condition and progress of the Subordinate Divisions under your jurisdiction, and the Report of the Grand Treasurer will exhibit the favorable state of your finances.

The difficulty with Frontenac Division No. 2, pending at your last Session, has terminated—unfavorably to the claims of the Grand Division so far as the law-suit was concerned, but satisfactorily with regard to the appeal to the National Division. In deciding the case against the Grand Division, Chief Justice Robinson said: “The Statute 14th and 15th Vic., chap. 159, sec. 4, confers upon a Subordinate Division, when incorporated, the same privileges given to the larger corporation called the Grand Division. Among these is the important privilege of holding real estate and personal property. The condition that Subordinate Divisions, to be incorporated, shall be in full standing in the Order, is not prospective in its nature; it makes the being in full standing in the Order a condition, in the *first instance*, but not a condition of the existence of the Charter. I cannot say that the nonexistence of such full standing, after the Subordinate Division has become incorporated, works ipso facto a dissolution of the Corporation.”

From the foregoing extract it will be observed that the effect of incorporating a Subordinate Division, under the Act of the Legislature referred to, is to render the same independent of the Grand Division: that is, *under Statute law*, the only question which came under the consideration of the Court.

With reference to the desirable and intimate connection existing between the Grand Divisions and the Subordinates under their respective jurisdictions, there is a higher law than the 14th & 15th Victoria. I mean the law of love, one of the cardinal principles of our Order. We are bound together by the strongest of human ties—“our honor as men”—and the violation of this law, and the severance of this tie on the part of Frontenac Division, were the questions taken into consideration by the National Division. The case being one of very great importance as affecting the intimate relations existing between the Grand and Subordinate Divisions, I annex the Report of the National Division Committee entire, which was adopted unanimously by the National Division.

APPEAL No. I.

FRONTENAC DIVISION No. 2, GRAND DIVISION, CANADA WEST.

Several appeals and protests are involved in this case, growing out of the same state of facts; and a decision in one case necessarily settles all; hence the Committee have considered them as one.

The case was before this Body at its last Session, and was referred back to the Grand Division of Canada West for amendment of record.

The document before the Committee would make a respectable octavo volume, and there are involved many nice questions of fact as well as law—not only the law of the Order, but of Her Majesty's Province. With the first only are we concerned, as the Courts have been invoked to settle the latter.

After a laborious research, demanding great patience and critical examination, we find the following to be the facts material to the issue:—

First—Two members of Frontenac Division—George and Linton—who were also members of the Grand Division, were charged in their Subordinate Division with violating their obligations as Sons of Temperance, by publishing and circulating reports derogatory to the character of the Grand Division, and calculated materially to impair the usefulness of the Order.

Second—Charges were preferred against these Brothers in the Grand Division to the same effect. These Brothers, if guilty of quietly uttering these slanderous and scandalous reports and imputations upon the Grand Division, were certainly unworthy a place in any branch of our Order.

Third—A Committee, composed of some of the best men in the jurisdiction, were appointed to investigate the charges preferred against Brothers George and Linton before the Grand Division. After a careful and protracted investigation of the case, the Committee reported a resolution declaring them guilty, and recommending their expulsion from the Grand Division. This Report was adopted, and the recusant members expelled by a vote of about 70 to 2.

Fourth—The charge preferred in Frontenac Division was referred to a Committee, and two reports were made, one declaring them guilty, the other acquitting them. The Division refused to find them guilty. An appeal was taken to the Grand Division, and there the action of the Subordinate Division was reversed, and Frontenac Division was directed to expel them.

Fifth—Charges were preferred against Frontenac Division in the Grand Division for insubordination and rebellion, it appearing that some of its members were engaged in defaming the National and Grand Divisions, and exerting their united influence to break down the Order. The Division (George being W.P., and Linton R.S.) were maliciously co-operating in every assault made upon the integrity and reputation of the Order. These charges against the Division, after *full investigation*, were *sustained* in the Grand Division, and the following Resolution was passed:—

“Resolved—That the Grand Worthy Patriarch be delegated from this Grand Division to visit Frontenac Division, to counsel the members thereof, and that he have power to suspend said Division No. 2, or otherwise deal with it as he may deem expedient and necessary.”

In accordance with that Resolution, the Grand Worthy Patriarch did visit the Division, and, as appears of record, met them in the most fraternal spirit, and counselled them in love to yield to the authority of the Grand Division. After this interview and admonition, the Division, by a vote of 35 to 9, deliberately resolved to resist the authority of the Grand Division, by refusing to conform to its decisions. Thereupon the Grand Worthy Patriarch demanded the Charter, Books, Property, &c., in accordance with the By-laws of the Grand Division, and declared the Division suspended until the next meeting of the Grand Division; and in the face of these remonstrances took possession of the Charter.

The action of the Grand Worthy Patriarch was fully sustained by the Grand Division.

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Sixth—Subsequently, instead of appealing to this body, as good and loyal Sons of Temperance should have done, the members declared themselves independent, and proceeded to organize and set up for themselves, and on their own account.

In pursuance of their design they have instituted vexatious law-suits, not yet decided, to recover property, &c.

In reviewing all the proceedings of this complicated and unpleasant case, imperfectly sketched in this Report, your Committee have concluded as follows:—

First—That the accused brothers, George and Linton, exhibited, from the first to the last, a malicious and contumacious spirit, and that their connection with the Order was unfortunately formed and most judiciously terminated.

Second—We have rarely, if ever, seen a more malignant spirit manifested against our Order and its teachings, even by its most open and vicious opponents.

Third—The consideration and forbearance on the part of the Grand Division, and the patient and persevering efforts of its officers, to induce Frontenac Division to yield its rebellion and conform to the laws of the Order, command our admiration, and deserve the praise of all good Sons of Temperance.

Fourth—We are satisfied, from all the facts in the case, that Frontenac Division was most righteously and lawfully abolished, and that upon every principle of our organic law, and the requirements of the Blue-book, the Charter, Books, &c., are the property of the Grand Division of Canada West.

We submit the following resolution:—

Resolved—That the action of the Grand Division in expelling Brothers George and Linton, and in suspending Frontenac Division No. 2, is hereby affirmed by the National Division, and that all appeals and protests against the said action of the Grand Division be dismissed.

(Signed)

S. F. CARY,  
W. H. ARMSTRONG,  
P. B. STEINESS,  
G. L. MOON,  
J. B. COLLINS.

Respecting this unpleasant case, I have only to add that your Executive, relying upon the good sense of the Subordinate Divisions, and their firm attachment to the Grand Division, thought it inadvisable to incur the expense of publishing circulars to the Subordinate Divisions, last winter, contradicting the misstatements put in circulation as to the case.

One other case of Appeal settled by the National Division claims your attention.

It is that of Newmarket Division No. 108, against the Grand Division. This case being one of importance also, I append the Report of the Committee thereon, which was unanimously adopted by the National Division:—

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

NEWMARKET DIVISION No. 108, vs. THE GRAND DIVISION OF CANADA WEST.

The facts in the case are as follows:—

First—On the 16th day of June, 1857, Brother T. NIXON signified his wish, *verbally*, to withdraw from the Division. On the 23rd June, next meeting, a motion was adopted that Brother NIXON's resignation be accepted.

Second—On the 21st October, 1857, more than four months after, a motion was adopted that the vote granting Brother NIXON's resignation be rescinded. A motion was then made that a Card of Withdrawal be granted Brother NIXON, upon the payment of his dues, &c., up to this date. This motion was adopted.

On the 17th November, 1857, the Division voted that the whole matter in reference to granting Brother NIXON a card of withdrawal be expunged.

An Appeal was taken to the Grand Division, which decided that Brother NIXON was not entitled to a Withdrawal Card, and affirmed the action of the Subordinate Division in expunging all matters relating to the granting of a Card. What, now, is Brother NIXON's position? The vote granting his resignation is rescinded, and the vote granting him a Card is expunged.

As the matter now stands, Brother NIXON is still a member of the Division; and if we even affirm the action of the Grand Division, he can claim a membership. Did Brother NIXON ask to withdraw? The minutes say he did; and this is strengthened by the fact that an application to resign must be made in writing, while an application to withdraw need not be made in writing. It is further shown that Brother NIXON persisted in his wish to get a Card.

The Subordinate Division, recognizing a mistake, correct their record by granting him a Card, and, having granted a Card, they have no right subsequently to expunge their record.

The Committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:—

Resolved—That the decision of the Grand Division be reversed; that Brother NIXON is entitled to a Card, and that the case be remanded to the Grand Division of Canada West for correction.

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

(Signed,)

S. F. CARY,  
P. B. STEINESS,  
WM. H. ARMSTRONG,  
J. B. COLLINS,  
G. L. MOON.

Your Delegates to the National Division were instructed by resolution of the Grand Division, in December last, to make application to the National Division to have the words, "Touch not, taste not, handle not," added to the Pledge.

Your Grand Worthy Patriarch had the honor of moving a resolution in the National Division, in accordance with the above instructions, which was referred to the Committee on Constitution, who reported adversely to the change required, which Report was adopted by the National Division.

Your Grand Worthy Patriarch was instructed by the joint Committee appointed by the Good Templars and the Grand Division, to prepare a draft of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, to be submitted to the Legislature for adoption. The labor was accomplished, not as perfectly as could be wished, but the general principles of the Bill are supposed to be in harmony with the views of this Grand Division, and those whom they represent. A copy of the Bill is herewith submitted for such action as may be deemed advisable.

The Bill proved too stringent a measure to meet the views of the Committee of the House of Assembly upon Temperance and Prohibition. The members of this Committee were Mr SIMPSON, Niagara, Chairman: Hon. Mr CAMERON, Mr W. POWELL, Mr A. P. McDONALD, Mr ROBLIN, Mr COOK,

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It appears from the reports of the Committee that a good deal of attention was paid to the subject in hand. The inquiries instituted resulted in the collection of a large amount of valuable statistical information connected with the traffic, and elicited the opinions of many persons connected with the administration of the law, and otherwise, respecting the kind of legislation required to lessen the evils resulting from the liquor traffic, deplored by all.

Having been appointed at the December Session of the Grand Division to watch the proceedings of the Legislature upon this question, I was present at several meetings of the Committee, and had an opportunity of speaking to most of the members thereof upon other occasions, and found that *those of them* really desirous of passing a Prohibitory Law, began to fear early in the Session that, although a fair majority of Upper Canada members could be counted in favor of such a measure, yet, the House, as a whole, were adverse.

I found, also, that some of our friends in the House, as well as out of it, were desirous of trying a Sunday Prohibitory Law for a time, before pressing the general measure; hence the chances for passing such a Prohibitory Law, during the Session, as would be satisfactory to the Sons of Temperance were considerably lessened. Nevertheless, the Committee determined to press the question upon the attention of the House in such a manner as to raise a discussion upon the principle and propriety of Prohibition.

Several members of the Committee, including the Chairman, assured me, time and again, that a discussion upon the question should be induced in the House. It will be recollected that the Session of the Legislature terminated rather abruptly, and this may have prevented the Committee from raising the contemplated discussion; but many of our friends think the Chairman of the Committee, who holds a good deal of power in such matters, manifested an unnecessary reluctance to press the question upon the attention of the House.

Certainly the Committee had as strong grounds to stand upon in asking the Legislature to take some decided action upon the Liquor Traffic of the country as they could possibly desire. The statistics which they gathered, the evidence accumulated, and the opinions elicited, not only strongly showed the absolute necessity of speedy action, but, also, that all classes in the community demand such action.

True, some difference of opinion exists as to what the legislation should be; but all thinking men agree that something more stringent is necessary to stay the tide of intemperance which is sweeping over and desolating our fair country. Before that Committee, Physicians, Justices of the Peace, Coroners, Gaolers, Recorders, Mayors, Sheriffs and Ministers of the Gospel, bore testimony to the terribly scathing effects of the traffic upon our fellow-men; and Brewers and Distillers stood up and cheerfully witnessed to the vast quantities of God's good grain which they were consuming in the business; and this, too, while the heart-rending wail of famine from several of our recently-settled Counties was appalling the stoutest hearts in the Legislature, and sending a thrill of horror throughout the entire country. Add to this the united voices of 150,000 petitioners, imploring the Legislature to take decided action respecting the liquor traffic; and then tell me if the Committee had not strong reasons for pushing the question.

Since our last meeting, the principles which you labor to disseminate have received such an impetus as to force upon the public a consideration of the

question of Prohibition. A Prohibitory Law applying to fire time intervening between 7 o'clock, P.M., on Saturday, and 8 o'clock, A.M., on Monday, passed the Legislature, and is now in force. Why this infringement upon the vested rights of the citizen? Why deprive a high-minded, independent man from paying his own money, during those hours, for a glass—a harmless glass of liquor? Why break in upon the established rules of sociality, and prevent the enjoyment of friends around the wine-cup? Why interfere with the right of the Publican to sell his liquor which he does not want, at any time, for money which he requires? It is answered—the law was passed in order that the Lord's Day should be kept sacred. But if that were all intended by the Legislature, why include a part of the week, during which men may labor, within the operations of the law? The truth is, the principle of Prohibition is fully conceded; and if there be danger to the community in selling liquor at six o'clock on Monday morning, there is danger also in selling at six o'clock on Monday evening, or at any time on any day of the week. Brothers—be it your mission to show this to our countrymen, and to convince them that if it be *well* to prevent the sale of spirits during thirty-seven hours in the week, 'tis *better* to extend the restriction to the entire week.

In continuing your labors in the field of Temperance and Prohibition, be not forgetful to avail yourselves of all the instrumentalities within your reach.

Organize Sections of Cadets wherever practicable, and cherish those young volunteers, for they are to supply our places in the Division-room. If we cannot sober off the present generation, let us be instrumental in training up those into whose hands the weighty affairs of our progressive country will soon fall, to habits of sobriety.

Support the Temperance Press, that silent power which sways the world.

Call to your aid the enchantment of the human voice; send forth honest, ardent men, whose truthful, burning words shall melt the heart, and swell your ranks with zealous converts.

And fail not to secure the potent aid of Woman. Make your Division-rooms attractive to your wives, sisters and daughters, and the triumph of your principles is certain.

Brothers! Our work is not yet done. The country—this beloved country of our birth or adoption—is sinning still and suffering still; and while she blindly continues to do so, your task is unfinished.

Brothers! Work on—with firm faith and stout hearts, work on—and when men shall come to be governed by good sense and sound reason, as most assuredly they will; when the power of truth shall prevail, as ultimately it will, then shall be witnessed the grand triumph of the principles of moral suasion, and the telling efficiency of Legal Prohibition.

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

A. FAREWELL,  
G.W.P., S.ofT., C.W.

Moved by Representative C. H. VANNORMAN, seconded by Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE—

That the Report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch be referred to a Committee consisting of the following Representatives, to report thereon :—The Grand Worthy Associate, J. G. BELL, and A. B. PARDEE. Carried.

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The Grand Scribe presented the following Report:—

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE, }  
Kingston, 20th June, 1859. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND  
DIVISION OF CANADA WEST:

Officers and Representatives—The period having arrived for the Semi-annual Session of this Grand Body, I herewith submit to you a Report of the principal transactions of the last six months; and I feel that it is incumbent to acknowledge with gratitude that the Beneficent Creator has permitted so many to assemble again for the purpose of deliberating upon the best means to be employed to promote the interests of our beloved Association, and to strengthen each other with the power of fraternal combination in suppressing one of the most alarming evils that ever afflicted suffering humanity.

The special business of this office, by the direction of the Grand Division at its last Session, has been active and incessant in arousing every agency to promote the Heaven-born cause of Temperance. An immense quantity of blank Petitions with Circulars has been scattered freely over Canada West, and the members of the Order have nobly performed their part in canvassing for signatures to Petitions, which have in a great degree resulted in many huge Petitions being presented to the Legislative Assembly for a Prohibitory Liquor Law. Very many localities forwarded Petitions signed by nine-tenths of persons solicited, and many canvassers scarcely met with a refusal; still, it was evident that in many places very feeble effort was made to circulate petitions at all, from the fact that some stern Temperance men had no faith in the Representative Assembly as at present constituted.

Our esteemed Grand Worthy Patriarch, who drafted an excellent Prohibitory Liquor Law, and assiduously watched over, and attended during the whole Session to, the interests of Prohibitory legislation, will, no doubt, give you an ample and interesting report.

An Act to restrain the sale of Intoxicating Liquors from Saturday night till Monday morning has received the Royal assent, and is now the law of Upper Canada. This "Sunday Act" has been freely granted by the Legislature, without any solicitation emanating from this Grand Division or the Order, and it is generally accepted as an instalment of entire Prohibition. A copy of the Act has been forwarded to each Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch.

In accordance with instructions, a Memorial was prepared and forwarded to each County, Township, City, Town and Village Municipal Corporation in Canada West, requesting each Corporation to petition the Legislature to pass a Prohibitory Liquor Law. (A copy of Memorial is herewith presented.)

I am happy to report that a few Municipalities concurred in sending Petitions, whilst with others the important question of Prohibition gave an occasion for discussion and ventilation of the subject.

I herewith present a copy of a Circular issued during the recess by direction of the Grand Division, defining the privileges of Lady Visitors, as generally understood by the Order.

The draft of Memorial to the various Ecclesiastical Bodies in the Province, prepared with great care by Brothers Reverends R. D. WADSWORTH, W. ROWE and J. A. WILLIAMS, was received, and copies were forthwith engrossed and forwarded to the several Synods and Conferences about to be convened; and I am gratified to report that most of the Reverend Religious Bodies received the Memorial courteously, and responded with prompt and



entered deeply into the affections of our Brethren, the Order might not have been in such a flourishing condition.

*Abstract of the Annual Returns of THE GRAND DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST to the NATIONAL DIVISION, for the year ending January 1st, 1859 :—*

	1858.	1857.
Number of Subordinate Divisions	335	338
... admitted by Card	191	156
... admitted new members...	4,018	5,331
... suspended	645	747
... expelled	2,055	2,299
... withdrawn	771	843
... deaths	47	34
... violated the pledge	1,136	1,171
... reinstated	416	361
... violated the pledge the second time	113	117
... contributing members computed from		
248 Divisions which made returns...	10,479	10,564
... of female visitors do. do.	3,468	3,057
... public meetings held	879	608
... temperance tracts distributed...	12,676	13,164
... representatives to the Grand Division	711	619
... representatives to the National Division	9	9
Cash received	\$13,728 93	\$15,067
Paid for benefits	784 01	1,116
Cash on hand, including money invested...	23,582 10	22,257
Total expenses, exclusive of benefits	11,189 80	15,336
Per-centage to Grand Division	1,259 43	1,343
Per-centage to National Division	63 00	67

It is impossible to give an accurate statement of the condition of the Order, in consequence of some of the Subordinate Divisions neglecting to forward the Returns. It would be tedious to enumerate the excuses made for such delinquency. Subordinate Divisions and Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs should see that the Returns are made out and forwarded at the commencement of each quarter.

The following will exhibit the numerical strength of Members for the past four years :—

Male Members returned for 1855	10,822
... 1856	10,135
... 1857	10,564
... 1858	10,479

For the quarter ending March 31st, 1859, Returns have been received from 242 Subordinate Divisions.

From these Divisions the following Statistics are gathered :—

Number admitted	1,092
Admitted by Card	54
Withdrawn	262
Suspended	950
Expelled	594
Violated the Pledge	323
... the second time	29

Reinstated	...	...	...	...	...	...	116
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Number of Members from 242 Divisions	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,327
Receipts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$3,435
Paid for benefits	...	...	...	...	...	...	160
Total expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,657
Cash on hand and invested	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,705
Capitation Tax to Grand Division	...	...	...	...	...	...	311

Whole number of Members as follows:—

Contributing	...	9,327
New, no tax paid...	...	242
Suspended, do.	...	958

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3,582 Female Visitors.

Total ... .. 16,109

The above is a fair estimate of our present number of Members. The unusually large number of Members suspended requires some attention. In some cases the delinquent list has been accumulating from the time the capitation tax, instead of the per-centage on receipts, assessment was adopted.

The following is a list of Divisions which have *not* made Returns for the quarter ending 31st March, 1859:—

Numbers 4, 8, 11, 12, 14, 20, 31, 36, 48, 51, 56, 60, 67, 70, 80, 83, 85, 88, 90, 98, 99, 103, 106, 109, 110, 112, 116, 117, 120, 123, 139, 141, 142, 144, 146, 152, 154, 162, 167, 168, 169, 173, 174, 178, 180, 181, 189, 193, 198, 199, 201, 202, 214, 221, 225, 227, 228, 230, 233, 238, 242, 246, 258, 264, 271, 272, 280, 284, 288, 290, 294, 296, 297, 303, 304, 307, 328, 329, 333, 335, 340, 343, 346, 352, 353, 357, 359, 366, 370, 373, 379, 381, 403, 409, 411.

Since the last Annual Session, Charters have been granted to nineteen new Divisions, as follows:—

No.	Name.	Post-Office.	County.
13	Merrickville	Merrickville	Grenville
24	Rural	Belleville	Hastings
55	Royal Maple Leaf...	Colborne	Northumberland
82	Franklin	Brooklin	Ontario
89	Coldsprings	Coldsprings	Northumberland
92	Kirby	Orono	Durham
132	Cooksville	Cooksville	Peel
140	Smithville	Smithville	Lincoln
177	Churchville...	Churchville	Peel
179	Resolute	Port Hope	Durham
188	Erin Beacon Light	Erin	Wellington
255	Sandhill	Sandhill	Peel
309	Scotland	Scotland	Brant
316	Victoria	Egremont	Grey
318	Macville	Macville	Peel
336	Springhill	King	York
362	Not reported		
386	Sutton	York Mills	York
388	Pakenham	Antrim	Carleton

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Eleven Divisions that had ceased to work have been resuscitated, and are now in good working order, namely:—

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42 Brampton ... ..	Brampton ... ..	Peel
95 Weston ... ..	Weston... ..	York
133 Canton ... ..	Canton... ..	Ontario
141 Erin ... ..	Erin ... ..	Wellington
146 Creemore ... ..	Creemore Mills ... ..	Simcoe
172 Grimsby ... ..	Grimsby ... ..	Lincoln
238 North Williamsburgh	North Williamsburgh	Dundas
256 High Shore ... ..	Sophiasburgh ... ..	Prince Edward
291 Central Augusta ... ..	Central Augusta ... ..	Grenville
338 Sylvan ... ..	Sylvan... ..	Middlesex

During the same time the following thirteen Divisions have surrendered their Charters:—

No. 6 Gananoque Division.	No. 243 Tamworth Division.
... 53 Good Hope "	... 270 Additional "
... 68 Kitley "	... 273 Quinte "
... 97 Arnprior "	... 287 Croydon "
... 138 Port Burwell "	... 300 Oakridge "
... 191 Little Britain "	... 399 Star of the West "
... 207 Allansville "	

The Financial Statement which accompanies this Report shows that the receipts for the last six months amount to... .. £298 13 0  
 Receipts for the corresponding period last year ... .. 282 10 9

Showing an increase of the last six months' receipts ... .. £16 2 3

Some of the Divisions are in a most flourishing condition. Franklin Division No. 82, organized since the last Session, numbers upwards of 130 members. Although some Divisions may have unhappily fallen, yet others have arisen to supply their places.

As requested, I beg to lay before you a Circular from the Grand Division of Eastern New York, soliciting aid for a Sons of Temperance Monument to the memory of Past Most Worthy Patriarch, D. H. SANDS, deceased. Said Circular, having been approved by our esteemed Grand Worthy Patriarch, has been issued to each Subordinate Division of the Order in Canada West, for their voluntary contributions.

I am glad to find that there is not a single case of Appeal to be presented at this Session; and the Order throughout this jurisdiction is characterized by its accustomed peace and harmony.

Minor differences of opinion continually occur respecting the meaning of the Constitution, and its supposed infringements. The decision of our Grand Worthy Patriarch in such cases is invariably treated with due respect, as are the opinions given by the Grand Scribe.

#### PETITIONS PRESENTED.

The Petition of Berwick and Pine Grove Division No. 339, for a new Charter, theirs having been stolen.

The Petition of Meaford Division No. 314, for a new Charter and Books, theirs having been destroyed by fire.

The late agreeable Session of the National Division of Sons of Temperance of North America, just closed, was more numerous attended than on any previous occasion. All of the British Provinces were well represented; and I am rejoiced to learn that our Order is rising.

I may be permitted to quote from the Report of the Most Worthy Patriarch a few lines of that able document, which clearly explains *our* wants:—

“The Order wants no legislation at present; all it wants is a universal moving spirit, and Divisional and individual effort. Divisional in the missionary work of forming new Divisions, and individual work in gaining new members.”

The Most Worthy Scribe has communicated to this office that the National Division has sustained the Grand Division of Canada West in the matter of Appeal of Linton and others relative to the late Frontenac Division No. 2.

The vote on the Report of the Committee dismissing the Appeal as stated was *unanimous*.

In the case of Newmarket Division, the Appeal was referred back to the Grand Division for amendment—a Withdrawal Card to be granted to Brother NIXON.

I am happy to state that the Representatives of this Grand Division to the National Division were found at the place of duty.

Upwards of ten years have elapsed, and we find that the Order has accomplished more than its most sanguine friends ever anticipated. And this is not surprising; for we find that the life-inspiring principle of our Order is a generous love of man. The sacrifice of self for the good of others is its natural expression.

In the beautiful Town in which we are now permitted by a kind Providence to assemble, the Order of the Sons of Temperance first had birth in Canada. This day is the Anniversary of good old Brockville Division No. 1; and on this favored spot the Grand Division of Canada West was organized. These hallowed associations should kindle anew our zeal, and excite us to still greater exertions to aid the cause of Temperance and humanity.

Trusting that this Session may not be devoid of beneficial results, but that interchange of sentiment will animate all present with renewed hope and ardor to work for the cause of all mankind.

Respectfully submitted in the bonds of L. P. and F.  
EDWARD STACEY, G.S.

Moved by the Grand Worthy Associate, seconded by Representative J. D. HAYES—

That the Report of the Grand Scribe be referred to a Committee composed of Representatives Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, J. WILSON, and J. CUMMINGS, to report thereon. Carried.

The Grand Scribe also read his Financial Statement, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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The Grand Treasurer submitted the following Report :—  
 To THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND BROTHERS :  
 Your Grand Treasurer would respectfully submit the following Statement  
 of Funds of the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance of Canada West, on  
 this day, the 22nd of June, 1859 :—

SYLVANUS W. SHARRARD, G.T. IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND DIVISION S. OF T. CANADA WEST.

Dec. 1. 1858.	To balance on hand last Session...£76 6 8½	Dec. 3 1858.	By paid drafts—
1859.		No. 194. J Beatty, G W P, station-	ery and expenses .. .. .£11 13 9
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		Jan 31	No 199 G Brown, advertising acc't 5 5 0
		Feb 15	No 200 T W Robison, stationery
			acc't.. .. . 14 18 5
		March 3	No 201 T Foote, for "Prototype" 0 17 6
		March 8	No 202 W J Dawson, A G S at
			London .. .. . 2 10 0
		No 203 F A Fickardt, N D account,	Rituals .. .. . 62 10 0
		No 203 Commission on draft and	postage .. .. . 0 7 6
		No 204 J Gillean, stationery at	London .. .. . 0 5 0
		No 205 Express Co's charges .. 1 9 4	
		March 19	No 206 G W Draper, costs in
			Queen's Bench .. .. . 21 12 4
		No 207 Verdict in Suit .. .. 29 0 0	
		March 25	No 208 G W Draper's cost in Coun-
			ty Court .. .. . 8 0 7
		No 209 Grand Scribe's travelling	expenses at London .. .. . 3 10 0
		No 201 Item of salary, G S to 3rd	Dec .. .. . 15 8 0
		No 211 Grand Scribe's salary to	3rd March .. .. . 43 15 0
		April 15	No 212 R Deacon, postage acc't.. 1 10 1
		April 23	No 214 Smith & Henderson's acc't 19 4 11
		April 27	No 215 R R Donnelly, printing, ac 6 0 0
		May 25	No 216 Express Co's charges and
			duty on rituals .. .. . 3 7 3
		No 217 F A Fickardt, N D per-	centage and bank com .. .. 15 16 6
		No 218 J Moffat and Rev J Shortt	N D appropriation.. .. . 20 0 0
		June 7	No 219 E Stacey, G S salary to 3d
			June .. .. . 43 15 0
		June 10	No 220 R Deacon, postage and
			bank commission .. .. . 3 1 7
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Moved by Representative J. AULT, and seconded—

That the Report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read a letter from Brother J. C. PLATER, of Ottawa City, urging a law to request the Subordinate Divisions to petition the Legislature for Prohibition.

Moved by Representative — HAYES, seconded by Representative BREAKENRIDGE—

That the letter be received and filed. Carried.

The Special Committee appointed to Report on the Sands Monument presented the following Report:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, BROCKVILLE, }  
June 23d, 1859.

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST:

Your Committee, appointed to consider the communication of the Sands Monument Committee of the Grand Division of Eastern New York, beg leave to Report—

That, after carefully examining the Communication, and taking into our earnest consideration the past faithful and eminent services to our noble cause of our lamented Brother, Past Most Worthy Patriarch SANDS, as well as to the influence for good upon Society which such a tribute of respect would wield, together with the incentive to action that such a token would induce among our surviving Brothers—your Committee have come to the unanimous conclusion to recommend to this Grand Division the appropriation of the sum of £5 as a contribution to this undertaking, to be forwarded by the Grand Scribe to Wm. H. ARMSTRONG, Grand Treasurer, No. 15 Nassau Street, New York.

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

A. B. PARDEE,  
JOHN HARKES,  
JAMES G. ELWOOD.

Moved by Representative E. THORNE, seconded by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH— ✓

That the Report be received and adopted.

It was moved in amendment—

That the Report be laid over until after the Finance Committee shall have reported. Carried.

Moved by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, seconded by Representative J. G. ELWOOD—

That, in view of the necessity of having a second paid Representative to the National Division, the promise of the Grand Worthy Patriarch to see that his expenses be paid be redeemed by the Grand Division; and that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of \$40, to be applied as above. Carried. ✓

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Moved by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, seconded by Representative C. H. VANNORMAN—

That the Constitution of the Cadets be amended by adding to Article 4, Section 6, to this effect:—"That a Withdrawal-card shall be granted to Members desiring to change their residence, provided the Brother applying shall be clear on the Books of his Section; and the fee to be charged for such Card to be twelve and a-half cents. Brothers leaving the Order shall not be entitled to a Card." Referred to Committee.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed the following Representatives as a Committee to make the necessary amendments to the Cadet Constitution:—Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, J. COUCH, and A. HAGERTY.

Moved by Representative E. C. SLITER, seconded by Representative T. WEBSTER—

That we recommend all Subordinate Divisions to appoint Special Committees for the purpose of enforcing the present License Law; and more particularly for the carrying out of the late Act for the suppression of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors from Saturday night till Monday morning.

Moved in amendment by Representative A. HAGERTY, seconded by Representative J. PURVIS—

That the Legislature having, at its last Session, passed a measure known as the Sunday Liquor Law, while numerous petitions were before the House praying for the enactment of a Bill for the *entire* suppression of the traffic:

Therefore, Resolved—That this Grand Division will incur no responsibility in the non-execution of the said Law, believing that it restrained the action of the Legislature upon the measure prayed for, thereby securing its defeat; and that the Grand Division will recognize no measure as legitimate unless submitted to the popular voice of the people. Lost.

Moved by Representative E. THORNE, seconded by Representative T. H. McCAULEY, in amendment to the amendment—

That this Grand Division recommend the Subordinate Divisions to organize branches of the Canadian Sabbath Liquor Law Enforcement League, in connection with the various Divisions. Lost.

On a division the original motion was declared carried.

Moved by Representative J. COOK, seconded by Representative J. M. T. HANNUM—

That the question, where shall the next Annual Session of this Grand Division be held? shall be the first order of business of the Afternoon Session. Carried.

The Committee appointed to draft an humble Address to Her Majesty presented their Report.

Moved by Representative J. M. T. HANNUM, seconded by Representative J. COOK—

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Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen be received and adopted; and that the Address be transcribed with the Seal of the Grand Division attached; and that a deputation be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to have the kindness to forward the Address to our beloved Queen.

The Grand Division subsequently granted leave to the Committee to withdraw the draft of Address for revision.

The Grand Division adjourned at 12:30, to meet again at 2 P.M.

### Afternoon Session.

2 o'clock P.M.—June 23, 1859.

The Grand Division assembled—The Grand Worthy Patriarch in the Chair.

Officers absent—Grand Worthy Associate and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

The vacancies were filled as follows:—Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch; and Representative W. ARMSTRONG, Grand Worthy Associate.

A portion of Holy Scripture was read by the Grand Chaplain, and prayer offered.

The Grand Conductor then declared the Grand Division open for business.

The Committee on Petitions presented the following Report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Brockville, June 23d, 1859. }

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Berwick and Pine Grove Division No. 339, for a new Charter, theirs having been stolen; and that of Meaford Division No. 314, for Books and Charter, theirs having been destroyed by fire—beg to recommend that the Charters and Books asked for in these Petitions be granted free of charge.

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

E. STACEY,  
JOHN WILSON,  
C.H. VANNORMAN, } Committee.

Moved by Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE, and seconded by Representative A. ABBOTT—

That the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

The Grand Sentinel announced the Grand Conductor in waiting with Representative JOHN WRIGHT and associates, who were duly introduced to the Grand Division and obligated.

A communication was read from the proprietors of the Panorama of the Bottle, inviting the attendance of the Grand Division this evening free of charge.

Moved by Representative C.H. VANNORMAN, and seconded—

That we respectfully acknowledge the communication of H. Wells & Co., but, owing to the pressure of business, are compelled respectfully to decline their kind invitation.

Moved by Representative J. TERRY, seconded by Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE—

That the next meeting of this Grand Division be held in the Village of Newmarket.

Representative J. COATES nominated Ottawa.

Representative J. COUCH nominated Toronto.

Representative J.D. HAYES nominated Cobourg.

Representative J. COATES asked leave to withdraw the City of Ottawa from nomination, which, on motion, was granted.

After a short discussion upon the merits of the several places, the Grand Worthy Patriarch called upon the Grand Division to vote, when he declared the vote in favor of Newmarket.

Moved by Representative A. HAGARTY, seconded by Representative W. A. WOOD—

That the Legislature, not having responded to the prayer of 150,000 Petitioners for an Act to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of Intoxicating Liquors within the Province, the only resource left for carrying on the agitation effectually is afforded by the clause in the Municipal Act which allows the question of Prohibition to be submitted to the electors of each Municipality.

Resolved, therefore—That this Grand Division would urgently enforce upon all Divisions the necessity of holding County Conventions by delegates from all Temperance bodies, to take into consideration the most feasible measures to sustain an uncompromising agitation for the dissemination of correct information among the masses, remove existing prejudices and errors, provoke discussion, devise means to secure the return of Temperance men to Parliament, Municipal and County Councils, and prepare the public mind for the final adoption of a general Prohibitory enactment, and secure the carrying out of the same.

Moved by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, seconded by Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE—

That Brother Hagarty's motion lie over until after the Report of the Committee on the Grand Worthy Patriarch's and Grand Scribe's Reports shall have been submitted. Carried.

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Representative S. J. FERGUSON presented a petition from the Lady Visitors of Cartwright Division No. 259, for certain privileges, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Petitions to report thereon.

Moved by Representative J. COUCH, seconded by Representative J. A. SHAVER—

That Representatives T. WEBSTER and R. STAFFORD be added to the Committee on the amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of Cadets of Temperance.

Moved by Representative — HAYES, seconded by T. H. McAULEY—

That each Subordinate Division have the power to make a By-law to expel any Lady Visitor by a majority of members present at any regular meeting of a Division, Lady Visitors voting with the Division.

Referred to Committee on Petition from Cartwright Division.

Moved by Representative AULT, seconded by Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE—

That this Grand Division adjourn until 7 o'clock.

The Grand Division then adjourned at 3:40, to meet again at 7 o'clock.

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### Evening Session.

*7 o'clock, P.M.*

The Grand Division was opened in due form—the Grand Worthy Patriarch presiding.

The Roll of Officers being called, all were found present.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

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

COMMITTEE ROOM, BROCKVILLE, }  
June 23d, 1859. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND BRETHERN OF THE  
GRAND DIVISION OF S. OF T. CANADA WEST:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, beg to report that they have given the document their best consideration.

To them, as it must be to every well-wisher of the Temperance movement, the healthy and harmonious state of the Order, at the present time, is a mat-

ter of sincere gratification. While they humbly acknowledge their dependence and indebtedness to a gracious Providence for the measure of success which has attended our beloved Order, they feel that much of that success is attributable to the persevering and efficient efforts of the members of the Order generally, but more especially to those of our respected and esteemed Brother who fills the Chair of this Grand Division. To his untiring exertions has our Order in Western Canada been greatly indebted; and your Committee feel that a sense of duty to his fellow-men, more than any earthly personal consideration, has been his incentive in laboring so earnestly as he has done for the furtherance of the good Cause. The thanks of all good men, and the prayers of benefited humanity, will be his reward.

Your Committee have much satisfaction in learning that the appeal made to the National Division by some of the late members of the late Frontenac Division, respecting the action of this Grand Division, has not been entertained, and that the proceedings had in relation thereto by this Grand Division have not only been fully sustained, but cordially approved of by that body; and the tribute of praise paid by the National Division to the patient and careful consideration of the whole subject, and the forbearance and brotherly feeling manifested by the late officers and members of this Grand Division, is most satisfactory and gratifying. At the same time, it is a matter of sincere regret and concern to your Committee to find that the interpretation of the law Courts of our country respecting the Statute incorporating our Organization, conflicts with the decision of the highest branch of our Order. The subject is so well known that it need not be explained here. The difficulty is one of more than ordinary import to the best interests and well-working of our Order. After the most attentive consideration which your Committee could bestow upon the subject in all its bearings, they have come to the conclusion that it is desirable that the Act of Incorporation should be so amended as to make the letter coincide with the spirit of the enactment, as was intended by its originators, and by the Members of our Order generally. With this view they would recommend that the Executive officers of this Grand Division be instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to have the desired change effected.

And further, respecting this matter of difficulty with the recusant members of the late Frontenac Division, your Committee have to recommend, in view of the many and persistent efforts put forth, and the manifold misstatements published by interested parties, to the detriment of the fair fame and honorable dealing of the members of this Grand Division as a body, that a number of copies of the Report of the National Division respecting this matter be published and circulated as widely as possible; your Committee conceiving it to be a full refutation of the many foul imputations thrown out against this Grand Division.

Respecting the appeal to the National Division from the decision of this Grand Division, relative to the trouble which has arisen between Brother NIXON and the majority of the members of Newmarket Division No. 108, your Committee regret to find that the action taken by this Grand Division has not been sustained by that august body. They, nevertheless, feel bound to suggest that this Grand Division humbly bow to the ruling of their superior body, and recommend that the previous action had by this Grand Division be reversed, and that the Newmarket Division No. 108 be directed to grant to Brother NIXON a card of withdrawal, in accordance with the decision of the National Division.

Your Committee observe, though not with displeasure, that the instructions to our Representatives to the National Division to endeavor to have

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added to the Pledge the words "touch not, taste not, handle not," was not favorably entertained by that body. This, your Committee conceive, should operate as a caution against all such attempts at extreme and impractical legislation by this Grand Division in future.

Your Committee, in common with the great majority of the friends of total abstinence throughout the country, regret that the efforts put forth during the late Session of the Provincial Parliament to secure the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law were not successful. Still, your Committee have every reason to believe that they were not unprofitable. In the investigation of the subject by a Committee of the House of Assembly, a mass of facts and a vast amount of reliable information has been elicited, which your Committee regard as being of very great importance—facts and information which may be used with advantage and benefit to every advocate of our Cause—which may go far to bring home conviction to the minds of many men when other instrumentalities had failed—and the publication of which plain truths cannot fail to be beneficial in every sense. In that respect, at least, good service has been done by last winter's agitation. But in another point of view the agitation has not been unproductive. Through its instrumentality mainly has a partial prohibitory enactment been secured, viz.: the law to restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors between the hours of seven o'clock on Saturday evening and eight o'clock on Monday morning, to certain parties. This enactment your Committee regard as being one of marked importance. They view it as one step in the right direction—a certain indication of the end to be attained. Your Committee confidently rely that the satisfactory results of the working of this measure, if fairly administered, will lead to the adoption of a wholesome Prohibitory Law—such a law as the necessities and the exigencies of the times call for. Your Committee strongly conceive that the best efforts of this Grand Division, by every instrumentality at its command, should be earnestly put forth to the attainment of this most desirable and necessary reform.

Your Committee have had under consideration the draft of a law for the suppression of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor, which was submitted to the Committee of the House of Assembly, but which the majority of that Committee deemed too stringent. Your Committee fully approve of the Bill, and would gladly see it adopted. To the Grand Worthy Patriarch is due the credit of drafting this document, and it in no way detracts from his well-earned reputation as a clear-headed and practical legislator.

Your Committee feel that they cannot more properly close their Report than by directing the attention of this Grand Division to the closing observations, so eloquently expressed, of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, respecting the organization of Sections of Cadets, the support of the Temperance Press, the encouragement of the advocates of our Cause, and the potent influence of woman. These are matters of first importance, demanding the most serious and careful consideration.

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

Wm. WILKINSON, }  
A. B. PARDEE, } Committee.  
J. G. BELL, }

Moved by Representative C. H. VANNORMAN, and seconded by Representative A. ABBOTT—

That the Report of the Committee on Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report be received and adopted. Carried.

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

GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, BROCKVILLE, }  
June 23d, 1859. }

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the very excellent Report of the Grand Scribe, found great pleasure in carefully perusing the same, displaying, as it does, thought and diligence, with a very happy recognition of the Divine goodness and favor shown to this Order since its first establishment, and a willingness to acknowledge the services of each and every Brother.

We are pleased to find that, on the whole, the Order must be considered in a state somewhat better than *statu quo*, inasmuch as we have not only held our own, but our peace and harmony are in the highest state of perfection. It is worthy of notice that there are no appeals. We have peace in all our borders; and while we are thus strong ourselves, we can and do rejoice at the growing prosperity of kindred organizations. We conceive we have gained much; first, by the zealous and very general agitation connected with the circulation of the Petition for a Prohibitory Liquor Law; second, by the actual enactment of a law similar to the Forbes Mackenzie Act of Scotland, by which the principle of prohibition is not only recognized but enforced, and that, too, during a period of the week (the holy Sabbath) when there is not only more public drunkenness, but also the many other evils therewith associated; third, the readiness with which some of the Municipal bodies, and all Ecclesiastical bodies, have received and entertained the Memorials presented by this Grand Division, going beyond, in their deliverance thereon, all former action; fourth, we have again commenced instituting Sections of Cadets, and strongly urge Subordinate Divisions to encourage their formation within their respective localities; and we recommend the payment of the expense incurred by printing Ritual and Constitution, &c.

Your Committee are of opinion that Lecturers, of good talent and high moral character, ought to be encouraged by the members of this Order; especially *self-denying* men, who are willing to visit destitute parts, and there instruct our rapidly increasing population in the heaven-born principles of our noble Order. We regret that the present state of our finances will not warrant the payment of a stipulated salary to such worthy laborers; but would respectfully suggest the appointment of a Special Committee to report to the Annual Session some feasible plan by which a well-organized system of lecturing can be maintained throughout the whole Province the year round.

We lament the frightful amount of delinquency amongst our members by the violation of Article II.; and we see no other remedy but to recommend to each Subordinate Division the appointment of a Special Committee, whose duty it shall be to visit every suspended or expelled member *personally*, and endeavor to persuade all to return to the Order, with the assurance that they will be received with open hands and warm hearts.

We are glad to find the action of this Grand Division in Appeal No. 1 sustained by the National Division, and in reference to which we fully concur in its decision. It is pleasing to know that we were fully and ably represented in that august body; and the success of our far-extending and

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It would be ungallant as well as ungrateful not to acknowledge the patronage of the fair sex, enjoyed by many of the Subordinate Divisions; and we confidently hope it will be increased a thousand fold.

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

R. D. WADSWORTH, }  
JOHN WILSON, } Committee.  
JAMES CUMMING, }

Moved by Representative J. A. SHAVER, seconded by the Grand Conductor—

That the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Representative T. WEBSTER, seconded by Representative J. A. SHAVER—

That, in order to facilitate the business of this Grand Division, no Brother be permitted to speak more than once, nor longer than five minutes, during the remainder of this Session. Lost.

The Committee on the Cadets of Temperance presented the following Report:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, BROCKVILLE, }  
June 23d, 1859. }

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

Your Committee, appointed to report on certain alterations proposed to be made in the Constitution of Cadets of Temperance, beg leave to Report—

I. That they recommend Article IV. of the Constitution to be amended by adding a Sixth Section, as follows:—"That a Withdrawal-card shall be granted to members desiring to remove to another part of the country, provided the Brother applying shall be clear on the books of his Section, twelve and a-half cents to be paid therefor, which shall continue good for one year. Brothers leaving the Order shall not be entitled to such Card. The Grand Division to furnish said Cards."

II. Finding that exception is taken to some parts of the Constitution, especially the power of electing the chief Officers, and the requirement that they shall be Sons of Temperance; also, the non-allowance of members over eighteen years of age to remain members of the Sections; we would respectfully recommend the Grand Division to appoint the present Committee as a Special Committee, to report at the next Annual Session all amendments and alterations thought necessary, and in the mean time let suggestions on the matter be addressed to its Chairman. Said Committee to meet the day before the meeting of the Annual Session at Newmarket.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

R. D. WADSWORTH, Chairman,  
JOHN COUCH,  
THOMAS WEBSTER,  
R. STAFFORD,  
ALFRED HAGARTY.

On motion adopted.

On motion of Representative J. AULT, and seconded, it was resolved—

That the Grand Worthy Associate, Grand Scribe, and Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, be a Committee to carry out the recommendation of the Grand Scribe's Report with regard to lecturing operations. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE, seconded by Representative A. ABBOTT, and resolved—

That the Assistant Grand Scribe, Brother E. ROWLAND, receive the sum of Ten Dollars for his services during the Session of the Grand Division. Carried.

Moved by the Grand Worthy Associate, and seconded by Representative HARKES—

That the sum of Five Dollars be paid the Messenger for his services during the present Session of the Grand Division.

Moved by Representative J. WILSON, seconded by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH—

That the thanks of this Grand Division are hereby tendered to our Brothers and friends in Brockville for their hospitality and kindness to this body during the present Session. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE, seconded by Representative R. COLEMAN—

That the proceedings of this Session of the Grand Division be printed in pamphlet form in the same manner as the last. Carried.

The Committee on the Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen presented their draft of Petition as revised.

Moved by Representative J. G. BELL, seconded by Representative C. H. VANNORMAN, and resolved—

That the first draft of Address to Her Majesty the Queen be adopted, and that the Grand Scribe engross it and forward it to his Excellency the Governor General for transmission to Her Majesty in the usual form. Carried.

The Grand Sentinel reported Representative J. ROBERTSON in waiting for admission to the Grand Division, who was then duly introduced by the Grand Conductor, and obligated.

The Grand Division then took up the Resolution of Representative A. HAGARTY (see page 26), which Resolution on motion was carried.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, BROCKVILLE, }  
23d June, 1859. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF CANADA WEST:—

Your Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the financial part of the Grand Scribe's Report and the Grand Treasurer's Re-

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port, and find them correct. The following is a general statement of the Finances of this Grand Division:—

To balance in hand of Grand Treasurer at last Session	\$305 34
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To cash in hands of Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer \$331 67

Your Committee have audited the following accounts, and recommend their payment as soon as there are sufficient funds for the purpose:—

R. R. Donnelly, account for printing Cadet work	... \$195 50
J. Rowlands, account for printing Proceedings, &c.	... 183 00
Armstrong & Benedict, for advertising and printing	... 15 84
E. Thorne, for printing	... .. 4 40

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While your Committee regret that a small deficiency in the funds of this Grand Division is shown by the foregoing statement, they nevertheless feel that, in view of unusual expenses having been necessarily incurred since our last meeting, they are enabled to report so favorable a state of our finances.

Among the unusual expenses referred to above, was the publishing of the Cadet work, which now remains as property in the possession of the Grand Division.

In conclusion, your Committee would reiterate the sentiment of high appreciation that has been heretofore so often expressed by this Grand Division of the most faithful and efficient services of our Grand Scribe, Brother E. STACEY, and also of our Grand Treasurer.

Your Committee would recommend that our Grand Scribe be authorized to dispose of the property belonging to the late Frontenac Division now in his hands, and that the proceeds be placed in the Treasury of the Grand Division.

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

C. H. VANNORMAN, }  
E. THORNE, } Committee.  
JAMES G. ELWOOD, }

Moved by Representative J. BREAKENRIDGE, seconded by the Grand Conductor—

That the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Representative A. HAGARTY, seconded by Representative J. TERRY, and resolved—

That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby most gratefully tendered to, the Managers of the several Railroads who have, with their usual liberality, granted Tickets to and from the Grand Division at half fare. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Representative J. G. Bell, seconded by the Grand Worthy Associate—

That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to, the members of Brockville Division No. 1, for providing this fine spacious Hall for the sittings of the Grand Division; and that the Grand Scribe do convey an intimation of the same. Carried unanimously.

On motion the Report relating to the privileges of Lady Visitors was laid over until the Annual Session.

The business of the Session having terminated in a most agreeable manner, the minutes were approved; and, after the impressive services of the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Division adjourned to meet in Newmarket on the first Wednesday in December next, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

The Session was closed in due form by the Grand Conductor.



EDWARD STACEY,  
*Grand Scribe.*

*In attend*

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Byce, D. ...  
Bass, J. ...  
Brown, R. ...  
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Bell, J.G. ...  
Coates, W. ...  
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Coates, J. ...  
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Coon, M. ...  
Couch, J. ...  
Christie, A.

## OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

*In attendance at the June Session of the Grand Division, 1859.*

A. FAREWELL .. ..	Grand Worthy Patriarch.
Rev. W. WILKINSON .. ..	Grand Worthy Associate.
EDWARD STACEY .. ..	Grand Scribe.
S. W. SHARRARD .. ..	Grand Treasurer.
J. F. WRIGHT .. ..	Grand Conductor.
W. WHEATON .. ..	Grand Sentinel.

The following Brethren from the Oswegatchie Division No. 235, Grand Division of Eastern New York, were present, namely:—Brothers HEWSTON, J. BREKMON, and ISAAC PLUMT, Past Worthy Patriarchs.

Representative.	Division.	No.	Representative.	Division.	No.
Abbott, A. ...	...Brockville	... 1	Clint, J. ...	...Cornwall	... 91
Armstrong, W. ...	...Prescott	... 15	Coulson, J. ...	...Alma	...186
Anderson, F. ...	...Charleville	...247	Coon, E. ...	...Cent. Augusta	218
Aylesworth, D.W. ...	...Cen. Augusta	...218	Cook, J. ...	...Bytown	...224
Ault, J. ...	...Charleville	...247	Collins, J. ...	...Stormont	...305
Black, D. ...	...Brockville	... 1	Craig, T. ...	...Oxford	...383
Buell, J. ...	...Brockville	... 1	Craig, A. ...	...Lanark	...409
Bellamy, S.J. ...	...North Augusta	3	Dalton, G.S. ...	...South Augusta	205
Bellamy, J.B. ...	...North Augusta	3	Dalton, W.B. ...	...South Augusta	205
Breakenridge, J. ...	...Coleman's Cor.	5	Dickey, J. ...	...N. Williamsb'g	238
Breakenridge, S.F. ...	...Coleman's Cor.	5	DeCastle, E. ...	...Charleville	...247
Buell, G.S. ...	...Coleman's Cor.	5	Elwood, J.G. ...	...Brockville	... 1
Brouse, J. ...	...Matilda	... 22	Forrester, D. ...	...Mallorytown	... 10
Burritt, C. ...	...Maitland	... 71	Fletcher, W.J. ...	...Matilda	... 22
Byce, D. ...	...Oxford Union	...192	Fairbairn, P. ...	...Bytown	...224
Bass, J. ...	...Oxford Union	...192	Ferguson, S.J. ...	...Cartwright	...259
Brown, R. ...	...Phillipsville	...326	Grant, J. ...	...Brockville	... 1
Brown, T. ...	...Phillipsville	...326	Gracey, J. ...	...Maitland	... 71
Brannon, G.K. ...	...Plum Hollow	...360	Guthrie, —	...Middleville	...396
Bell, J.G. ...	...Grand Ottawa	197	Hutcheson, J. ...	...Brockville	... 1
Coates, W. ...	...Brockville	... 1	Hayes, J.D. ...	...Cobourg	... 9
Coleman, R. ...	...North Augusta	3	Hulbert, S. ...	...Prescott	... 15
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Christie, A. ...	...Martintown	... 62	Houston, H. ...	...Ross	...234

Hickey, M.W. ...Charleville ...247	Purvis, A. ... Mallorytown ... 10
Hume, J. ... Charleville ...247	Purvis, P.C. ... Mallorytown ... 10
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