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AT ITS

NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT ST. MARY'S,

IN THE ROOMS BELONGING TO ST. MARY'S LODGE,
No. 36, ON THE 5TH AND 6TH AUGUST, A. D. 1863.



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R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West.

HELD AT ST. MARY'S, IN THE HALL OF ST. MARY'S LODGE, NO. 36.

COMMENCING ON THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, A. D. 1863, AT 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The officers and members of St. Mary's Lodge being assembled in Special Session, the officers and representatives of the Grand Lodge were received and welcomed by them in due form; The N. G., Bro. Coleman, then tendered the use of the Hall for the purposes of the Session, and invited the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to become the guests of St. Mary's Lodge, on Thursday evening, the 7th instant, at a dinner to be given in honor of the Grand Lodge on that evening.

The M. W. Grand Master being unavoidably absent, the R. W. D. Grand Master, Bro. Sewell, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, acknowledged the compliment, and accepted the invitation.

The Grand Lodge was then opened, in the Grand Lodge degree; the following officers and representatives, being present:—

R. W. D. G. M.....	Bro. H. SEWELL,
" G. W.....	" JOHN HARRISON,
" G. Sec. and Treas.....	" JAMES WOODYATT,
" G. Rep. to U. S.....	" SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
" G. Guardian.....	" JOHN TAYLOR, Junior
" G. Marshall.....	" JAMES SMITH.
Representative JAMES D. TAIT,	} Union Lodge,....No. 16. Chatham Lodge,....No. 29. Eureka Lodge,....No. 30. Samaritan Lodge,..No. 35. St. Mary's Lodge,..No. 36.
" T. HEALEY,	
" G. W. HUSON,	
" THOMAS BROWN,	
" ROBERT KIRKPATRICK }	
" ABEL BRISTOL,	
" JOHN McLEAN,	

The R. W. D. Grand Master, appointed P. G. Dolson, Tait and Browne, a Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee after a careful examination, find the Credentials of the following named Past Grands, duly formed and attested as Representatives from their respective Lodges to this Grand Lodge, and recommend their admission to seats in this Grand Lodge, viz:—

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.,	Brook Lodge	No. 9.
JAMES D. TAIT,	} Union "	No. 16,
T. HEALEY,		
G. W. HUSON,	Chatham Lodge	No. 29.
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,	} Eureka Lodge	No. 30.
THOMAS BROWNE,		
V. S. MILKES,	Erie Lodge	No. 33.
THOMAS JAMES,	Gore Lodge	No. 34.
ABEL BRISTOL,	Samaritan Lodge	No. 35.
JOHN McLEAN,	St. Mary's Lodge	No. 36.
JOHN FINDLEY	Imperial Lodge	No. 37.
JAMES SMITH	Forest City Lodge	No. 38.
E. F. RYERSON	Avon Lodge	No. 41.
JOHN WETHERLY	Long Point Lodge	No. 42.
JAMES M. O'CONNOR	Thames Lodge	No. 43.
ARCHIBALD FREW	Excelsior Lodge	No. 44.

Your Committee on Credentials find the foregoing Representatives correct with the exception of the Rep. from Forest City Lodge, No. 38, who has left his Certificate behind him, but can be vouched for by Rep. Browne—also an error in the certificate of E. F. Ryerson, Rep. from Avon Lodge, No. 41, stating that he is elected to serve only until the first of January instead of July 1864.

And we further find that Rond Eau Lodge is not yet represented.

In conclusion your Committee move the following:—

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

(Signed)

SAMUEL G. DOLSON.
THOMAS BROWN,
JAMES D. TAIT.

The above Resolution being duly put to the Lodge it was carried unanimously.

Your Committee also find the following Brothers duly certified as Past Grands, and entitled to Membership in this "Grand Lodge."

A. CRICHTON,	Union Lodge	No. 16.
HARRY BLACK,	Eureka Lodge	No. 30.
THOMAS JAMES,	Gore Lodge	No. 34.
JOHN LEVEY,	Thames Lodge	No. 43.
ARCHIBALD FREW	Excelsior Lodge	No. 44.

We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved,—That the above named Past Grands be admitted as Members of this Grand Lodge, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

(Signed)

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
THOMAS BROWN,
JAMES D. TAIT.

The following named Past Grands were then instructed in the G. L. degree, by G. Rep. U. S., Samuel G. Dolsch, viz:

HARRY BLACK	Eureka Lodge	No. 30.
THOMAS JAMES	Gore Lodge	No. 34.
V. S. MILKES	Erie Lodge	No. 33.

E. F. RYERSON.....	<i>Avon Lodge</i>	No. 41.
JOHN WETHERLY.....	<i>Long Point Lodge</i>	No. 42.
J. M. O'CONNOR.....	<i>Thames Lodge</i>	No. 43.
ARCHIBALD FREW.....	<i>Excelsior Lodge</i>	No. 44.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, seconded by Rep. Tait, it was
Resolved, That the Minutes of the last session of this Grand Lodge, held at
 Chatham, be adopted as printed.

The D. G. M. appointed Bro. John R. Peel, Grand Conductor *pro tem*. And also
 appointed the following regular Committees, viz :

- DISTRIBUTION REP.—Taylor, Smith and Findley.
- CORRESPONDENCE REP.—Kirkpatrick, Smith, Ryerson and Tait.
- RETURNS REP.—Bristol, Taylor and Huson.
- STATE OF ORDER AND LEGISLATION.—Smith, Frew, James, Browne and Healey.
- LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—Browne, Healey, Ryerson and Kirkpatrick.
- FINANCE.—James, McLean and Wetherly.
- MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Tait, O'Connor and Milkes.

The Lodge was then closed in the G. L. Degree and opened in the Scarlet
 Degree.

The following Report from the M. W. G. Master was then read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.—This day brings us again together in our
 various capacities, as Officers and Representatives, having in charge the general
 interests of Odd Fellowship in the Province, and when we, as Officers, have ac-
 counted to you for our past stewardship, you as Representatives, having ascertained
 the true position and wants of our good craft, are expected to put things "to
 rights" ? to make the necessary provision for the future; and having put new
 Officers in command, to bid them "God speed" for another, and I hope many other
 successful voyages.

When in taking a retrospect of the year past, and of the carnival of riot and
 war upon our borders, in the track of which we see hosts of disfigured, helpless be-
 ings, and hear the wail of sorrow and anguish which arises from thousands of
 hearts and homes. When we consider all this in contrast with *our* peaceful, and
 prosperous condition as a people; and when, bringing the unhappy scene, still
 nearer the subject before us to day, we contrast the guilt that pervades our own
 Grand and Subordinate Lodge, with the troubles and burdens of the Lodges of our
 Order in the United States, it is almost an overpowering motion which prompts
 us to unite more fervently than ever before, as well in humble thanksgiving for
 blessings received, as in appropriate supplication for a continuance of Divine favor
 towards us.

While it is meet that we should thus acknowledge the Great Author of all things,
 let us not forget to specially implore his mercy, guidance and blessing, for Odd
 Fellows and their Lodges everywhere; to so preserve, strengthen and increase them,
 and render them blessings to mankind; that, when peace and good will again re-
 sume their sway, Odd Fellows shall be known only to be honored and loved, and
 our Order remain for all time to come, as it has been for years past,—the most
 practical, the most munificent, and the grandest benevolent organization upon
 this Continent.

Soon after our last adjournment, I visited, in accordance with my instructions,
 the localities of Ontario and Industry Lodges, for the purpose of recovering their
 effects. I succeeded in obtaining their Charters, Books, Emblems and Regalia, a
 list of which, together with the property itself I placed in charge of the Grand

Secretary, by whom they will be duly accounted for. The Furniture and Funds of Ontario Lodge had been divided among the members. In a paper (marked "A"), accompanying this Report may be found the names of these Brothers, and a statement of the amount each received.

Soon after the organization of Industry Lodge, they commissioned the erection of a Lodge Hall, upon a lot donated to them. Their funds being insufficient to complete the work the Brothers united in making small loans to the Lodge, with the understanding, as I was informed, that they were to be repaid those sums, from the Lodge Funds accumulating thereafter. Their supposed benefactor failed soon after the completion of the Hall, and they learned, too late, that he was unable, as indeed he always had been, to give them a title to the lot upon which they had built. On account of the exorbitant requirements of the party into whose hands the land had passed, the Lodge felt unable or unwilling to redeem their Hall, and soon removed to another building, where they continued their exertions for an existence for some considerable time; but under so much dissatisfaction and discouragement from their misfortune, that they finally ceased to work; and, so far as they could, reimbursed themselves for their loans to the Lodge, from the Furniture and Funds they had accumulated. For further particulars concerning these Lodges, you are referred to their Minute Books and Records and to a communication from their last Deputy-District Grand Master, Bro. A. Macdonald of Cobourg.

Having, without success, made repeated endeavors by letter, to accomplish the wishes of the Grand Lodge concerning Rose Lodge, I determined in January last to visit Amherstburg taking the Western Lodges in my route. By this journey I secured the Working and Degree Books, the Dispensation, and a few other articles belonging to Rose Lodge. Of their Funds, I could get no account beyond the very unsatisfactory one long since in the possession of this Grand Lodge. Their furniture was seized for Rent. Concerning the disposition made of their Regalia, Emblems, Minute Books and other Records, all with whom I conversed, professed entire ignorance. When it is borne in mind, that it is several years since this Lodge ceased to work, and that the Dispensation recovered by me was a special one, granted them two years ago, upon their reorganization by their Grand Master Dolson, and from that day to this, they have not once held a meeting, or paid a single dollar of Dues—it will not be expected that any very flattering account can be given by me, either of the property or the conduct of the members of this Lodge. However, in this case as in all others of a similar nature, there are honorable exceptions, whose names, together with such further particulars as I could obtain, you will find attached to a communication (marked B.) addressed to you from members of Rose Lodge.

I did not visit Morpeth, having been assured by different Brothers (who I believe were in a position to know,) that the Charter was surrendered soon after the dissolution of the Lodge there, and the Funds having been loaned or misappropriated by their Treasurer, the remaining property, such as Books, Emblems, Regalia &c., were turned over to their more creditable successor, Rond Eau Lodge.

In the matter of Elgin, our only remaining delinquent; the Working and Degree Books, and Charter of which were recovered last year; a Special Committee was appointed, whose Report will be laid before you at this meeting.

I consider it is only fair to state here, that these delinquencies are none of them chargeable to the year past, but are, less one, the total of such cases during our existence as a Grand Lodge. But in each of these cases of irregularity in disbanding and of dishonor in dividing property and Funds; this Lodge should not longer delay decisive action; in order that those who are free from blame shall not be left on a par with, or entirely at the mercy of such as have thus far been allowed to pursue and perfect their evil designs with impunity. Our own indifference or hesitation in

dealing with affairs of this kind; it appears to me has not been the part, either of wisdom or justice. Let us see to it at once, by our decision now, that we offer no license or premium for future misconduct and dishonor among Odd Fellows.

In January last I had the pleasure of Instituting Excelsior Lodge, No 44, located at Hamilton, for which a Charter was granted at our last Session. I was most ably assisted throughout the entire ceremonies of the session, by Grand Officers Woolyast and Smith, and by Past Grand Officers Bissell, Peel, Brown, Read, Partridge and Wigmore; as also by a very creditable number of earnest and talented Brethern from Union, Eureka, Gore and Forest City Lodges.

On account of the size and importance of the City of Hamilton, the necessity for a Lodge of our Order there; has long been felt; and our meeting for the purpose named, was an occasion we were all delighted to honor, as in conclusion we were proud to acknowledge, the happiest reunion in our experience as Odd Fellows. For the first Representative of that Lodge, Past Grand Archibald Frew, I bespeak from you all, the welcome to which, if you do not already, you will soon concede he is really entitled.

During the year just ended, I have visited every Lodge of our Order in this Province. In most cases this has been done in connection with the execution of the special orders of this Grand Lodge, or in the pursuit of my private business. It would be impracticable to give you the details of my visit to each Lodge; their Representatives here, to talk *with* and *to* you, and their Semi-Annual Reports soon to be laid before you, will inform you of all that is most important concerning them. The reception I met was invariably gratifying to me and creditable to the Fraternity, and the Lodge meetings were well attended, by Brethren, who with scarcely an exception were ready to renew with me their pledges of zeal and fidelity to the principles of the Order. In each Lodge I endeavored to have a thorough rehearsal in the Secret Work, making such correction, imparting such advice as I deemed necessary, and conveying from one Lodge to the other, those items of information with regard to Lodge rooms and appurtenances, Finances, Membership, efficiency and zeal, as I thought best calculated to increase fraternal interest and incite laudable emulation.

In this connection, I must particularly commend to your notice the action of Union Lodge in the erection of a beautiful and spacious Odd Fellows Hall. The Brethren of St. Mary's Lodge, whose Hall we now occupy, are also the owners of their Hall. These are examples, which can and should be followed by many other Lodges immediately, and in time by all.

On account of the distance and consequent draft upon our limited Funds, I had not thought a visit to Brock Lodge advisable; but, business unexpectedly calling me to Montreal, afforded an opportunity which I gladly improved. Notwithstanding the lateness of my arrival there, quite unexpectedly to them, a meeting was speedily improvised, at which I had the pleasure of exchanging congratulations with several former associates in Grand Lodge and of forming some new acquaintances. Our meeting was quite informal, but was improved to the best advantage, both in conveying and receiving information pertinent to the occasion, and proved, I believe, mutually agreeable and satisfactory to all present. Most of you are aware that Brockville was the home of our first Grand Master, the lamented Dr. Reynolds, the originator, and until his death, the master spirit of our present organization as a Grand Lodge. Brock Lodge, of which he was a member, is the oldest of our subordinate Lodges. Bearing these things in mind, you will readily appreciate the strangely mingled feelings with which I approached, and sought familiarity with the scenes and associates of his life and labors—feelings of sorrow for his loss; of respect almost amounting to devotion for his memory, and of fraternal sympathy and love for his co-laborers who still cluster around the altar consecrated by his words and conduct, to the works of Friendship, Love and

Truth. What hallowed memories center around his home and Lodge! And how should the recollection of his untiring devotion to our cause prompt his successors there, and our Brethren everywhere, to renewed efforts for the extension and perpetuity of Odd Fellowship.

In November last, I received a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Manchester Unity Order of Odd Fellows; written, as stated therein, in conformity with a resolution passed at their last session, asking whether anything in the way of amalgamation or reciprocity could be effected, whereby the objects of both Orders could be advanced—and if so, what steps were necessary to accomplish that end? This communication, together with a copy of my reply to the same, will be found among other correspondence and papers for your consideration.

Of the various questions submitted for my decision, to all of which I have replied, several were only of local interest; while others were of major importance, or, so well defined by the usages of the Order and the repeated action of our own and the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, that I deem it unnecessary to place them upon record, and will only offer the following:

1st. A Lodge, having rejected a candidate, on a vote taken without ball ballots; at its next regular meeting proceeded to a ball ballot, (as prescribed by the Constitution,) for the same candidate who was thus elected.

QUERY: Was the re-consideration, and final action of the Lodge correct? My reply sustained the final action of the Lodge, on the ground that the ballot which resulted in rejection, was not conformable to law, and consequently void.

2nd. Can a member retiring with the V. G.'s P. W. for the night, be re-admitted at any time during that meeting by giving the same to the I. G.? To which I answered, "Yes."

3d. Are candidates retaining membership in the Manchester Unity, eligible to initiation in our Lodges; and is it admissible for members of our Order to unite with the M. U., thus holding membership in both Orders? My reply was "No."

Subsequently, I obtained, through the Deputy Grand Sire for this Province, the opinion of the Most Worthy Grand Sire of the United States, which is on file, and fully supports my own view of this case. Quite recently I received from the source of the last Query, a special request from the N. G. on behalf of the Lodge; that I would call your attention to this question, with a view to its discussion, and if deemed advisable, such representation of the subject, to the Grand Lodge of the United States as would perhaps result in such amendment of law, or relaxation of usage, as would permit the initiation of members of the M. Unity. It is a question which I believe exclusively effects this jurisdiction, and I respectfully submit it for your consideration.

The amendments adopted at last session have worked favorably, and if followed up by those proposed for this meeting, will, I believe, place our Financial affairs upon a more liberal and substantial basis than has existed for some time past; a result much to be desired, since we should have been compelled, in a short time, under our former system, to resort to special assessment.

The Deputy District Grand Masters, have been more than usually prompt, in remitting their official Reports; and I trust equally so, in the performance of the various duties assigned them. As very much of advantage, both to the Grand and subordinate Lodge arises from the promptitude and faithfulness of the District Deputy, it is earnestly to be hoped that future appointees, will not only accept their Commissions with pride, but, not resting satisfied with filling nominal positions, see to it that nothing is left undone or unattended, which will advance the interests of the Order, and especially, that the very first, and in fact every act of their Lodges, designed for, or tending to dismemberment, is promptly and fully reported either to the Grand Secretary or Grand Master.

For the first time in many years we have complete returns from all our existing Lodges, and none have ceased to work during the year. These Returns, and the Reports of the various Deputies are really encouraging. Of the Returns the Secretary's Report will afford you an abstract, and the Reports will in due course be reviewed in Committee.

While I do not for a moment conclude, that our receipts towards the Wildey Monument Fund are ended, I believe that the amount already paid, in proportion to our numbers, will compare favorably with that of any of the State Jurisdictions from which we have yet heard. This sum, small though it is, is our sincere tribute to the memory of Father Wildey; and added to similar sums to be gathered in from all parts of this Continent, will accomplish a work which will creditably perpetuate his memory, and be alike honorable to us all.

Experience and observation have taught me that the labors of Grand Secretary are, and by no means should be limited to the duties enjoined upon him in the Constitution. So far as authority extends, that of course should be his guide and limit; but there are innumerable other opportunities and ways of imparting information, and keeping up an interest throughout the Fraternity, both by tongue and pen, which, very appropriately falls within his sphere, and thus renders his position, not only the most useful, but the most arduous one connected with our Grand Lodge. It is highly gratifying to me to acknowledge, from my own observation, the efficiency of our present Grand Secretary, Bro. James Woodvatt, and to commend him to your highest consideration and thanks, as a faithful officer, and a true Odd Fellow.

I am too well aware of the importance you attach to our anniversary meetings to think it necessary, to impress upon you, at length, how requisite it is, that we improve faithfully the short period allotted us. System, promptitude and harmony are requisite to the accomplishment of the work for which we have assembled. Let us illustrate all these principles.

If the result of our mutual endeavors has not been productive of all the good we hoped for; let us be thankful that so much of harmony has been maintained and some decided improvement and progress made during the year; and let us upon this occasion consecrate our talents and energies anew to the object for which we are banded; hoping and believing always that the success of our principles will ever tend to "peace on earth—good will to men."

In conclusion, it is not merely a form of words, with which I thank you for the confidence with which you distinguished me one year ago, and for the courteous co-operation which it has been my good fortune to receive in the discharge of my duties. I needed all these, the realization of which makes me more grateful.

H. C. BINGHAM,

Grand Master, G. L. C. W.

On motion of Rep. James, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Master's Report be referred to a special Committee of three for the distribution of the various subjects to appropriate Committees.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted the following Report:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN: By the kind Providence of God, our Father, we are permitted again to assemble at the close of another year, to legislate for the preservation and welfare of our beloved Order; let us ascribe praise to Him, who, through the year, has vouchsafed so much prosperity and success to our efforts, and while we reflect with gratitude on our own position, and address ourselves anew to our work, let us with fraternal sympathy and kindly regard, offer up our

best wishes for our brothers of other Jurisdictions close by, who have been and are now called to endure the affliction of war. Let our prayers be that they may come out of the trial as gold purified.

I take pleasure in discharging the duty of rendering an account of the work of my department; a duty made doubly pleasant by the uniform courtesy and co-operation I have received from all the brotherhood, and especially that of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Bingham, who has been untiring in rendering me such assistance and advice as has been almost invaluable.

As soon as possible after the last session, I attended to the printing and distribution of the Journal, sending copies to each subordinate Lodge, and to the several D. D. G. Masters and Representatives in this Jurisdiction. I also enclosed copies to the Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S., and to each of the Grand Lodges whose address was given in the last Journal of the proceedings of the G. L. U. S. I have to acknowledge the receipt in return of the Journals of the Grand Lodges of California, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Maine, and also the Journal of the Grand Encampments of Iowa, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Tennessee. I am happy to say that all these, while they deeply deplore the terrible condition in which their country is placed by the cruel and desolating war now raging there, yet speak hopefully of the present and future prospects of the Order, and most of them afford undeniable evidence of the great good accomplished by the Order, which is brought more prominently into view by the dire necessity that exists for its benevolent ministrations.

In accordance with the resolution of last session, an appeal was made to each subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction for a subscription to the Wildey Monument Fund. To this several of the Lodges have already responded in a liberal manner, and it is hoped that ere this session close the remainder will have done likewise. The amounts received will be found in the statement herewith submitted.

The matter of purchasing the stones upon which our subordinate Lodge Charters were printed having been placed in the hands of the Executive Officers, I am happy to report, that, as the result of considerable correspondence, one special and two casual visits to Toronto, made by the M. W. Grand Master, we have at last effected the purchase of the principal stone, containing the black drawings. The other quite small stone containing the written portion had been defaced, but can be obtained at a trifling cost at any time. We contracted with Messrs. W. C. Chewett & Co. for the renewal of the written portion and the tints, and also for the printing of a limited supply of Charters for sale. For further particulars you are referred to the correspondence and memorandum of agreement made with Messrs. Chewett & Co., through whose courtesy and favor we were finally enabled to secure our object easier and earlier than we could otherwise have done, and to whom this acknowledgment is justly due. Early in the year descriptive circulars of the Charters were mailed to all accessible Grand Lodges, and sample Charters sent to a few. I would recommend the purchase of the small stone referred to above. Orders already received will very nearly, if not quite, reimburse the Grand Lodge for the purchase made, and there is every probability that when the financial, political and social affairs of our neighbors shall have regained their equilibrium, we shall be enabled to realize by the sale of Charters all that my predecessor in office anticipated in his annual report, and in view of the fact that some of our negotiations are yet incomplete would recommend that the whole matter be left in present hands for another year.

The original Dispensation of Chatham Lodge (a Charter having been granted instead) has been cancelled in accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge.

The dispensation of Eureka and Brock Lodges are the only ones of this class yet uncalled.

Charters of extinct Lodges, (Ontario, Industry and Rose), have been recovered during the recess, and together with inventory of the property recovered, are duly filed with papers of said Lodges. Part of the effects of the above Lodges have been disposed of to Thames and Excelsior Lodges—see "Financial Statement."—The books and records also obtained should be carefully preserved for future reference. The value of the charge books and property obtained is considerably greater than the expense incurred in their recovery.

The by-laws of Excelsior Lodge, and an amended by-law of Gore Lodge are submitted for your approval.

Amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge of which notice was given last Session will require your careful consideration.

The Correspondence had between the M.W. Grand Master and myself is herewith submitted.

The Semi Annual Reports for both terms from all the Lodges have been received giving evidence of life and activity in the benevolent work of the Order. Who can tell the amount of suffering prevented, the amount of comfort afforded to the Widow and Orphan, by the sum devoted to that purpose, small though it be, while the amounts to the credit of the Lodges indicate the ability, if need be, to do yet more for the alleviation of sickness and distress. It will be well for the proper committee to carefully examine the Reports with a view to the correction of some small discrepancies which, notwithstanding all the care exercised in getting up the blank forms still occur.

The Reports of Erie Lodge still show an adherence to their custom for years past of requiring only One Dollar for quarter's dues: and there seems to be a great disinclination on the part of the Lodge to comply with the repeated requirements of the Grand Lodge to amend their Laws in conformity with the Constitution for Subordinates. As an equivalent to the grand Lodge in the matter of per centage they have paid this year fifteen per cent instead of ten, as required from all other Lodges, and seem willing to continue the same. The Lodge appears to be working prosperously and in explanation of their course you are referred to the Report of D. D. Grand Master Glover, for December 1862. Evidently the Constitution ordained for their guidance should be amended to meet their wishes or they should be required to adhere to our well established usage and law.

The Statistical Table accompanying this will show more fully the condition of the several Lodges.

The income and expenditure for the past year is given in the annexed statement.

The supplies on hand are as follows:

Banner, Regalia and Emblems, Rose Lodge.....	\$ 6 00
Balance of Regalia, Ontario Lodge.....	5 00
2 Working Books.....	@ \$ 2 50 5 00
4 Degree Books.....	2 50 10 00
2 Rebecca Books.....	1 25 2 50
3 Public Installation Books.....	1 25 3 75
8 Degree Books.....	2 00 16 00
3 Working Books.....	1 25 3 75
11 Visiting Cards.....	25 2 75
Orders, Blanks, Circulars, Reports, Propositions &c.....	10 00
Postage Stamps.....	1 18
Amount owing by Excelsior Lodge for Regalia.....	27 00
Amount owing by Erie Lodge for two Working Books.....	4 00
Total.....	\$ 162 86

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Abstract of the Semi-Annual Reports of the Subordinate Lodges, Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West,
For the Year Ending 30th June, 1863.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	Initiations.	Refections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Rehstated.	Suspended.	Deaths.	Deaths ceased former-payment of dues.	Contributing Members.	Degrees Conferred.	Number of Brothers Relieved.	Widowed Families Relieved.	Amount paid for Relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for Educating Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow and Orphan Fund.	General Fund.	LOCATION.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Brock Union	16	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	7	4	3	\$ 16 00	\$ 110 00	\$ 187 00	\$ 326 00	\$ 187 00	\$ 187 00	\$ 2508 25	\$ 654 50	Brockville.....	5 Mar. 1846	John Taylor, Jr.
Chatham	20	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	102	18	18	4	\$ 16 00	\$ 180 00	\$ 187 00	\$ 392 00	\$ 187 00	\$ 1992 87	\$ 654 50	St. Catharines....	16 " 1846	J. D. Taylor and S. Healey.	
Eureka	30	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	15	15	1	\$ 8 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 40 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 583 81	\$ 11 37	Chatham.....	11 37	G. W. Husk	
Erie	33	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	27	1	1	\$ 62 50	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 40 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 583 81	\$ 11 37	London.....	2 Feb. 1854	T. Brown & R. Kirkpatrick	
Gore	34	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	6	1	\$ 86 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 154 77	\$ 676 74	\$ 147 00	Port Burwell....	6 Oct. 1854	V. S. Milkes.	
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JAMES WOODYATT, GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, IN
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TO CASH RECEIVED.

1862.					
August 7th.	To amount from late Treasurer			\$328	11
" "	" Brock Lodge, deficiency of per centage last term.....			1	00
" "	" Eureka Lodge, for Charter Fund.....			5	50
" "	" Imperial Lodge, for Card.....			0	25
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Feb.	18th. " Eureka Lodge	17 47	}	39	89
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March	27th. " Rond Eau Lodge	4 55	}	8	67
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April	3d. " St. Mary's Lodge	10 40	}	20	19
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Feb.	7th. " Chatham Lodge, second hand Working Book.....				
"	18th. " Long Point Lodge, Rebecca Book		}	1	25
"	" Eureka Lodge, Rebecca Book				
May	6th. " Union Lodge, six Traveling Cards.....		}	1	25
June	4th. " Gore Lodge, Rebecca Book.....				
July	13th. " Thames Lodge, Regalia,		}	20	00
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Total.....					

BY CASH PAID FROM AUGUST 7TH, 1862, TO AUGUST 4TH, 1863, INCLUSIVE.

1862.	August 7th.	By Paid mileage and per diem, of Representatives and Officers at the Chatham Session as follows :	
"	"	By 1 Rep. Brock Lodge, No. 9, John Taylor, Jr.....	\$26 22
"	"	" 2 " Union Lodge, No. 16, J. D. Tait and W.H. Read..	26 76
"	"	" 1 " Chatham Lodge, No. 29, G. W. Huson.....	3 00
"	"	" 2 " Eureka Lodge, No. 30, R. Kirkpatrick & G. Powell	13 80
"	"	" 1 " Erie Lodge, No. 33, C. Warren.....	10 32
"	"	" 1 " Gore Lodge, No. 34, James Woodyatt.....	10 20
"	"	" 1 " St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, J. Harrison.....	8 16
"	"	" 1 " Imperial Lodge, No. 37, John Findlay.....	10 20
"	"	" 1 " Forest City Lodge, No. 38, James Smith.....	6 90
"	"	" 1 " Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, A. Humphrey.....	3 72
"	"	" 1 " Avon Lodge, No. 41, Henry Sewell.....	8 76
"	"	" 1 " Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, Abel Bristol.....	8 04
"	"	" Grand Rep. U. S., S. G. Dolson.....	13 38
"	"	" P. G. Master, Wm. Bissell.....	6 90
"	"	" P. D. G. Master, J. R. Peel.....	6 90
"	"	" P. G. Warden, John Collins.....	10 20
"	"	" P. G. Secretary, H. C. Bingham.....	10 20
"	"	" P. G. Treasurer, Thomas Browne.....	6 90
"	"	" 11. " Paid W. L. Copeland, Postage to September 1861.....	0 65
"	"	" 21. " Paid for draft on New York for \$113, to pay Grand Lodge U. S., account of that amount.....	101 70
"	"	" Paid Order of G. M.'s expenses to Cobourg and Grafton..	15 50
"	"	November 25th. By paid Jno. Sutherland's ac., † Ream of Letter Paper 1863.	1 75
"	"	January 21st. By paid Henry Lemmon, Printing Journal, Blank Headings, &c., &c.....	37 50
"	"	February 1st. " Order of G. M. Expenses in visiting Sub. Lodges..	41 12
"	"	July 3rd. " " " to Toronto for Lithograph	5 00
"	"	August 4th. " Paid for Postage, Stationery, Express Charges, Binding, &c.....	20 73
"	"	Balance	258 44
"	"	Total	\$672 95

From the foregoing statement of the Finances it will be seen that while the Income has been sufficient to meet the expenses, there is yet need of economizing as far as possible. To this end I conceive the Grand Lodge will do well if it adopt the amendment proposed at last Session, and recommended before that by Past Grand Masters Yale and Dolson, I refer to Proxy Representation.

In conclusion, brethren, accept my warmest thanks for the honor conferred upon me. Look leniently on the shortcomings of my Administration, of the trust committed to me, and let me trust that my successor will have it in his power to report much greater prosperity another year.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES WOODYATT,

Grand Sec. and Treasurer.

On motion of Rep. Frew, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be referred to the special Committee already appointed for the distribution of the subjects to appropriate Committees.

The Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of U. S. read the following Report :

St. MARY'S, August 5th, 1863.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. of O. F.

SIR AND BROTHERS.—It is with much pleasure that I again meet with you as your Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and render unto you such of the Proceedings of that Grand body as is essential to the interests of our Order in Canada West.

The Grand Lodge of the United States met according to adjournment in the City of Baltimore, on Monday 15th August, when on report of the Committee on Credentials, twenty-four Grand Lodges and eleven Encampments were represented.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire, R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina was again not present to preside over the deliberations of Grand Lodge, in consequence, I presume, of the unsettled state of affairs in that country; that duty however, was ably performed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Milton Herndon of Indiana, whose Annual Report can be seen by referring to the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

There has been no material changes to the Constitution, and in fact very little business of importance was done at this Session, owing to there being no Representation from any of the Southern States, a disposition prevailed among Representatives to do as little business as possible; hoping that soon the political discords which now distract both North and South would be settled, and a full Representation once more met and with renewed energy conduct the important matters of Legislation connected with Odd Fellowship. Our Order being a progressive Institution, it necessarily follows that there must be amendments introduced from time to time, having a tendency to raise the standard of Odd Fellowship nearer and nearer to perfection.

The following answers to questions propounded to the Deputy Grand Sire, acting as Grand Sire, were confirmed by Grand Lodge :

Answer to Question 1st. :

A Grand Master has entire supervision of his Subordinates during vacation, and the right to interfere on all violations of law; and in case of persisted disobedience, may suspend the privileges of the refractory Lodge, until the case is tried and determined by the Grand Lodge.

Answer to Question 2d. :

No appeal to the Grand Lodge lies upon the decision of incidental questions during a trial, they may form exceptions and be the basis of an appeal, but an appeal to the Grand Lodge can only be taken after the decision of the entire case by the Lodge, which is binding until reversed by the Grand Lodge.

Answer to Question 3d. :

The mode of reaching the Grand Master to obtain a decision is a matter for local legislation, and is generally on an appeal from the decision of a District Deputy Grand Master.

Answer to Question 4th. ;

When the Constitution and By-Laws of a Subordinate conflict with the laws and decisions of the State Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the laws of the latter body must be conformed to.

It has been decided that persons claiming to have been members of the Order, but who are unable to establish satisfactorily their claims, can only be readmitted

by Initiation, setting forth in their petition for membership, that they have never been suspended or expelled from any Lodge, and that they are unable to obtain evidence of their former connection with the Order.

The Grand Sire in his address, speaking of Father Wildey says, who could have anticipated such results, that the one Lodge founded by him on the 26th of April 1819, composed of only five members, should gather a nucleus of four thousand Lodges, with over two hundred thousand members, and the Order should have so prospered that in this latter year of its existence it would expend \$300,000 for the relief of its members, \$70,000 for the relief of widowed families, \$100,000 for the education of orphans, and \$60,000 for burying the dead; nearly half a million in one year for this great cause of human benefaction, and this by Lodges representing the Northern and Western States; and still there is a reserve fund of more than one million of dollars for continued usefulness. Who can estimate the good to the world at large resulting from the dissemination of the principles upon which Odd Fellowship is based. By their fruits ye shall know them, and the noble deeds of Father Wildey bespeak the usefulness of his life. His name and remembrance of his deeds will live while Friendship, Love, and Truth endures; it is but for me to announce his death—it is for you to prepare a more deserving tribute to his memory.

In view of the high estimation in which Father Wildey was held by the Grand Lodge, a Committee was appointed consisting of one from each Jurisdiction, to report upon some suitable action to be taken by the Grand Lodge, when they submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, instructing its representation to bring before the Grand Lodge of the United States, the fitness, propriety and justice of the erection of such a monument to the memory of Past Grand Sire Wildey, as shall be alike worthy of his eminent character, as the Father and Founder of American Odd Fellowship, and becoming the supreme Legislative Head of the Order, over whose deliberations he so long and so ably presided, and in furtherance of this object that the co-operation of all sister Jurisdictions be invited, to the end that the offering may be the spontaneous and united tribute of the brotherhood at large, beg leave to report that the Committee regard it as eminently proper that the proposed monument should be erected under the auspices and direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, representing as it does, the Order of Odd Fellows on this Continent, to which the lifetime of the deceased has been devoted, and to which belong his memory and fame. The Committee submit the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States most cordially reciprocate the sentiments expressed in the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, touching the fitness and justice of an appropriate memorial in commemoration of the services of the late Past Grand Sire, Thomas Wildey; and regarding the erection of a suitable tablet or monument to his memory, as properly an offering in which the whole brotherhood should have an opportunity to unite, in view of the obligations which the Order at large owe to his long and valued and successful efforts in the cause of Odd Fellowship, do hereby commend the subject to the several Grand Bodies for their respectful consideration and earnest co-operation.

Resolved, further, That for the purpose of bringing this subject intelligibly before the Order, the Corresponding Secretary be, and is hereby directed to address a circular letter to each Grand Body, respectively requesting them to submit the subject to their several Subordinates, and that such sums as may be contributed by individual brothers, or Lodges, or Encampments, may be received by the Grand Secretaries or Grand Scribes of such Jurisdictions, by them to be forwarded to the Grand Corresponding Secretary; to be placed by him in the Treasury of the

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Grand Lodge of the U. S., to be held by the Grand Treasurer in special trust as the Wildey Monument Fund.

Resolved, further, That a Committee of five be appointed for the purpose of receiving drawings or designs for a suitable monument, and estimates of its cost to be reported to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That this action on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, is not to be construed in any way to commit this body to the erection of a monument to Thomas Wildey, or to incur any responsibilities therein, other than to apply the funds voluntarily contributed to the object contemplated.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby pledges its faith to the fraternity, that no debt shall be contracted in the erection of said monument, beyond what the voluntary contributions of the Order may amount to, and that only such a monument or tablet shall be erected, as the funds thus collected shall pay for, and that under no circumstances shall any contract be made, or plan adopted exceeding the amount of the sum thus contributed and provided for the purpose.

From the Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the Order appears to be in a healthy condition, the utmost harmony continuing to prevail, although in some jurisdictions there has been a falling off in membership, in consequence of so many of our members going into the army.

There was some prospect of a deficit in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, but the Representatives present magnanimously voted a sufficient reduction of their mileage to meet the emergency. The consequence of which was that the Grand Treasurer, in his Report, was enabled to say that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge was now much more favorable than it had been for a series of years.

This Session being the time according to the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers, the following members of Grand Lodge were duly elected and installed with the usual ceremonies:

P. G. M., JAMES B. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, M. W. G. Sire.
 P. G. M., WM. H. YOUNG, of Maryland, R. W. D. G. Sire.
 P. G. M., JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, R. W. G. C. & R. Sec.
 P. G. M., JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, R. W. G. Treasurer.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS:

P. G. M., J. D. WILLIAMSON, of Ohio, R. W. G. Chaplain.
 P. G. M., B. W. DENNIS, of Michigan, R. W. G. Marshall.
 P. G., AUGUSTUS PFAFF, of Pennsylvania, R. W. G. Guardian.
 P. G., JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland, R. W. G. Messenger.

The Committee to whom was referred the revision of the Secret Work of our Order, only partially reported, and the matter was again laid over until the next Session.

The Committee on Grand Bodies, not represented, reported the following States not to be present, namely, South Carolina, North Carolina, Louisiana, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, and Vermont, which was ascertained to be from causes entirely beyond their control.

A communication was received while in Session, and read by Grand Secretary, from the Grand Master of the State of Virginia, which for a moment created considerable clapping of hands by the Grand Representatives. It was as follows:

Office of the M. W. G. Master, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia,
 Norfolk, Sept. 7th, 1862.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Permit me to remind you that our mail facilities are open between you and I, and notwithstanding the difficulties of this causeless war,

it will afford me much pleasure to receive your daily printed proceedings.

I am, dear Sir, yours respectfully,

A. L. HILL, Grand Master.

To James L. Ridgely, Esq.

On motion of Grand Lodge, the request of Grand Master Hill was granted, and the proceedings were ordered to be sent to all Grand Bodies not present.

It has been decided by Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that Grand Secretaries or Grand Scribes, shall not deliver cards to any one, except he has first received a written Order signed by the Secretary's of Lodges or Scribes of Encampments, in his own hand writing, and authenticated by their Seals.

It was also decided, in the same manner, that all Reports of Subordinates to Grand Lodge, must contain the signature of each of the elective officers thereof, and the same carefully preserved by Grand Secretary's and Scribes.

A brother depositing a withdrawal card in a Lodge for membership, must be in possession of the A. T. P. W. Lodges when giving withdrawal cards to members should impart the A. T. P. W. to them. Should any brother fail to be in possession of such words, he can only be admitted as an ancient Odd Fellow.

Such, brethren, is a brief outline of most of the business done by G. Lodge, the Session lasting only four days. Of course there is a great amount of time consumed by Committees, and the discussion of appeal cases, which are of a local nature and not necessary to introduce here. The Grand Lodge will meet again in the City of Baltimore, if no unforeseen cause happens to prevent it.

Brethren, in closing this Report, permit me to return you my thanks for the confidence you have reposed in electing me to the honorable position of Representative to the G. L. of the United States, and I hope and trust, that my humble efforts for the good of our Order may have produced some good results. Still hoping that Odd Fellowship may safely pass through all the difficulties which is now shaking its foundation to the very center, and that soon all America's sons shall once more be gathered within its peaceful folds.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. DOLSON, Grand Representative.

When on motion of Rep. James D. Tait, and seconded by Rep. Thomas Browne, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Grand Rep. to the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S. be referred to the Committee on the state of the Order.

Rep. Taylor from the Committee on the distribution of subjects submitted the following Report and Resolution, which were adopted.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, ST. MARY'S
August 5th, 1863.

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the distribution of "subjects" in the R. W. Grand Master's, and R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Reports, most respectfully recommend, That Clauses of G. M.'s Report, Nos. 8, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, be referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, and that the remaining portion be submitted to the Committee on State of the Order and Legislation.

And further recommend that clauses in G. Sec. and Treasurer's report, viz. No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 15, be referred to the Committee on the state of the Order, and that clauses No. 7, 8 and 11, be referred to the Committee on Laws of Sub-

ordinates ; clause 9, to Committee on Correspondence ; clause 10 to Committee on Returns, and clauses 12, 13 and 14 to the Finance Committee.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following resolution :

That the above recommendations be adopted.

(Signed,)

{ JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.
JAMES SMITH,
JOHN FINDLAY.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned in order to give time for the several Committees to prepare their Reports.

LODGE ROOM, 7 O'CLOCK P. M.
August 5th, 1863.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met and opened in the Scarlet degree, the R. W. the Grand Master, H. C. Bingham presiding, and on call of Roll the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names : Grand Master Bingham, D. G. M. Sewell, G. W. Harrison, G. Sec. & Treasurer Woodyatt, G. Guard Taylor, G. Marshall James Smith, G. Conductor, *pro tem* J. R. Peel, G. Rep. to U. S. Dolson.

Rep. Tait, Healey, Huson, Browne, Kirkpatrick, Milkes, James, Bristol, Findlay, Ryerson, Wetherly and O'Connor.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following Appendix to their Report, with Resolution subjoined, which were adopted :

To the R. W. G. L. of Canada West :

Your Committee on Credentials do report further upon Past Grand Certificates, and which we find correct, viz :

- P. G. EDWARD LONG,.....St. Mary's Lodge,.....No. 36..St. Mary's.
- " GEO. H. MARLATT....." " " " "
- " DAVID A. ROBERTSON, " " " " "
- " THOMAS IREDALE,....." " " " "
- " JAMES WHIMSTER,....." " " " "
- " CHARLES LEE,.....Avon Lodge,.....No. 41. Stratford.
- " WILLIAM MOWATT...." " " " "
- " E. F. RYERSON,....." " " " "
- " JOHN BURNS,....." " " " "
- " C. H. HANKINSON,.....Erie Lodge,.....No. 33..Port Burwell.

We therefore submit the following Resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the above named P. G.'s be admitted as members of the Grand Lodge, and instructed in the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees.

(Signed,)

{ SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
THOMAS BROWNE,
JAMES D. TAIT.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates submitted the following Report and Resolution :

COMMITTEE ROOMS, ST. MARY'S,
August 5th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, humbly beg to submit the following :

1st. Your Committee have entertained the suggestion "for the amendment of By-Law No. 73, of Gore Lodge No. 34, and recommend that so much of that By-Law as follow the words, 'next preceding such vote,' be erased."

2d. Your Committee further recommend the adoption of By-Law No. 78, of Gore Lodge.

3d. Your Committee further recommend the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, with the exception of Article V., Sec. 1 of By-Laws, by substituting for the word "TEN" the word "six" and amending Sec. III. of same article by substituting for the words "two dollars for each degree," the words following: "Two dollars for the first degree," and "three dollars" for each of the subsequent degrees.

4th. Your Committee further recommend that the clause No. 4, of Article V. of the Constitution of subordinate Lodges be amended, by substituting for the words, "but shall not be less than one dollar and fifty cents (or seven shillings and six pence)" the words following:

"But shall be at the following rates: \$4 00 per year with 15 per cent, \$5 00 per year with 12½ per cent, \$6 00 per year and over, 10 per cent. payable to the Grand Lodge on such contributions."

5th. Your Committee have examined the Report of the R. W. Grand Master, and have given attention to those portions of it which were brought under the notice of your Committee.

6th. Your Committee regret that they cannot recommend the sustaining the M. W. the G. Master's decision as to the subject or query contained in Sec. 2 of Clause 18th.

7th. We recommend that the decision of the M. W. the Grand Master, contained in Sec. 3, Clause 19 be sustained, and which same matter is referred to in Clause 20.

8th. As to clause No. 8, in R. W. Grand Secretary's Report relating to the change of the Constitution, as the Representation to the Grand Lodge, your Committee cannot recommend any change to be made thereon, considering such a change as proposed to tend to a certain extent to curtail a free and just representation of the opinions of the Subordinate Lodges, and of the sentiments of each particular Lodge.

(Signed)

THOMAS BROWNE, *Chairman*.
E. F. RYERSON,
T. HEALEY,
R. KIRKPATRICK.

In accordance with the foregoing we respectfully submit the following Resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That amendment of 73, By-Law of Gore Lodge No. 34, be adopted.

2nd. *Resolved*, That new By-Law 78, of Gore Lodge be adopted.

3rd. *Resolved*, That the Constitution and By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, be adopted as amended.

4th. *Resolved*, That Article V. clause 4th of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended as recommended by your Committee.

5th. *Resolved*. That the decision of our R. W. G. Master, contained in clauses 16 and 17 of his Report be adopted.

6th. *Resolved*. That clause 6 of your Committee's Report be adopted.

7th. *Resolved*. That the decision of the Grand Master, contained in Sec. 3 clause 19 be adopted.

8th. *Resolved*. That the recommendation of your Committee on clause 8, in R. W. Grand Secretary's Report be adopted.

The foregoing Resolutions having been taken up clause by clause, upon due deliberation thereon, resulted in the following :

Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, adopted.

Resolution 6 lost, and the following adopted in lieu thereof, viz :

Moved in amendment by Rep. Tait, and seconded by Rep. Findlay, and

Resolved, That the decision of the R. W. Grand Master on clause 6 of his address, be and is hereby confirmed.

Resolutions 7 and 8 adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following additional report, and resolution :

COMMITTEE ROOM, ST. MARY'S, }
August 5th, 1863. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

Your Committee on Credentials are happy to report that the full representation is now made up, as Rep. Peter Fraser, of Rond Eau has just arrived.

We therefore Report P. G. Fraser duly elected and accredited, and recommend that he be admitted to a seat in this Right Worthy Grand Body.

(Signed,) { SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
THOMAS BROWNE,
JAMES D. TAIT.

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted. *Carried*.

The R. W. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge U. S., Bro. Samuel G. Dolson, then exemplified the secret work of the Order.

It being now past eleven o'clock, the Lodge then adjourned until Thursday morning the 6th inst.

LODGE ROOM, ST. MARY'S, }
Thursday Aug. 6th, 1863. }

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge convened, and on call of roll all the Officers and Representatives answered to their names, with the exception of Rep. Frew of Excelsior Lodge.

Rep. James Smith from Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation, submitted the following Report and Resolutions which were adopted :

COMMITTEE ROOMS, ST. MARY'S, }
August 5th, 1863. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

We your Committee on the State of the Order, have much pleasure in submitting the following Report :

The very lengthy and interesting addresses of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, have been very carefully looked into by your Committee, who are very much gratified to find therein great encouragement that our beloved Order is steadily increasing, both in regard to numbers and usefulness.

We regret to learn that our Grand Master has been unable to again get Ontario, Industry, Rose, and Elgin Lodges into working Order ; but we trust soon to hear that the members of the said Lodges individually, may come to a better understanding with each other, and harmonize so that they will at a very early date unite themselves once more with the Brotherhood, and thereby enjoy the privileges and benefits of Oddfellowship.

With regard to those members of Ontario Lodge dividing amongst themselves

the funds and property of the Lodge, we would recommend that your Honorable Body use the most strenuous means to punish them as their merits deserve, and have their names published as acting unworthy of men and Odd Fellows.

Your Committee have much pleasure to learn that another Lodge has been added to our number, and one which in the estimation of all Odd Fellows, will do much to the furtherance of our cause. We now speak of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, installed at the City of Hamilton in January last.

Your Committee highly approve of the system adopted by our Grand Master in visiting the different Lodges in our jurisdiction, as the same has a great tendency to create a better and more lasting feeling to the Order in general, and trust that the same plan will be continued by each succeeding Grand Master.

Your Committee are proud to learn that the members of Union Lodge, St. Catharines, have followed the steps of the brethren of St. Mary's, in possessing themselves of a Hall or Lodge Room of their own, and trust soon to hear, not only of some, but of all the Lodges in Canada doing likewise.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that the District Deputies have acted with a promptness worthy of their position, and which has greatly assisted the Worthy Grand Secretary to prepare his Report for this Grand Lodge, and trust that future D. D.'s will exercise a similar zeal.

Your Committee fully concur with the hopes of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, relative to the Wildey Monument.

Resolved, That the purchasing of the Charter Stones, and all matters appertaining thereto, be left in the hands of Brother Bingham, Woodyatt, Sewell and Harrison, and that they carry out the instructions given them at a former Session of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to demand from each and all the members of Ontario Lodge, situated at Cobourg, who participated in the division of its funds, at the time of breaking up, the amount each received, and should they decline to comply with the foregoing, then be it further

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary make known throughout the Order, the facts in connection therewith. *Adopted*.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

JAMES SMITH,
THOMAS BROWNE,
T. HEALEY,
THOMAS JAMES,
ARCHIBALD FREW.

Rep. John Taylor, Jr., from the Committee on "Returns," submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted.

COMMITTEE ROOM, ST. MARY'S,
August 5th, 1863. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

We your Committee on Returns, having examined the various Lodge Returns beg leave to report as follows:

The returns of Brock, Union, Chatham, Eurska, Gore, Rond Eau, Samaritan, Forest City and Long Point, are correct.

Erie Lodge No 33 does not give names of rejected applicants in Term ending 30th June, they also continue to charge 4 Dollars per Annum, which is contrary to constitution, and pay the Grand Lodge 15 per cent instead of 10, which course is not advantageous to their Lodge; in Term ending June 30th they do not insert names of ceased to be members for non payment of dues—they Return five.

St. Mary's Lodge No 36 do not give names of ceased to be members for non-payment of dues, though they Report 17; they also Report 91 members on Books when their figures only make 59.

Imperial Lodge No. 37, report 4 members deceased for Term ending 31st December which is not correct, they also in the same Report give ten members withdrawn and only insert the name of one. They report two members expelled, and do not give names in either Reports; also give fifty-five names on Books when figures only show thirty-nine; and in last Report fifty-six members instead of forty, and not signed by the proper N. G.

Avon Lodge No. 41, Reports are both signed by present Secretaries; Report ending June 30th, returns fifteen cents too much in percentage.

Thomas Lodge, No. 43 Report, ending Dec 30th, signed by present instead of past Secretary, otherwise correct.

With regard to clause 10 in the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, we beg leave to state, that having examined all the points necessary with regard to Reports, and are extremely sorry to say that so many mistakes and discrepancies occur in filling Blanks which are so plainly laid down for the use of Secretaries of subordinate Lodges, and we further recommend such clause to the consideration of this Grand Lodge, hoping that some stringent measure may be adopted to obviate such difficulties in future. All of which is most respectfully submitted. In conclusion your Committee move the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted.

(Signed)

ABEL BRISTOL,
JNO. TAYLOR, JR.
GEO. W. HUSON.

Rep. Robt. Kirkpatrick, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following Report and Resolution which were adopted:

COMMITTEE ROOM, ST. MARY'S,
Aug. 5th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

Your Committee on Correspondence, after having carefully reviewed the correspondence laid before them, respectfully report, that they do not find anything but what has been gone over, and reported upon by other Committees.

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

(Signed)

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK, *Chairman*.
JAMES SMITH,
E. G. T. RYERSON,
JAMES D. TAIT.

Rep. Thomas James, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report and Resolution, which were adopted:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, ST. MARY'S LODGE,
Aug. 6th, 1863.

To the W. G. M., and Members of the G. Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. :

Your Finance Committee having carefully examined the accounts, and Vouchers of the G. S. & T., find the same in every respect correct, with a cash balance in hand of \$258 44.

Your Committee would recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz :

R. W. G. Lodge of the United States.....	\$75 00
Expenses of special Committee, appointed to visit Elgin Lodge No. 32.	5 47½

Total	\$80 47½
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Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders in accordance therewith in favor of Officers and Representatives present.

(Signed,)

{ JAMES D. TAIT,
J. M. O'CONNOR,
VINCENT S. MILKS.

P. G. Bro., Richard Wigmore from the Special Committee appointed at the last session to visit St. Thomas in the matter of Elgin Lodge, submitted a Report and Resolutions whereupon it was

Resolved, that the Special Committee be discharged and the Report be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Grand Rep. Dolson from the Special Committee on Testimonial to Bro. J. R. Peel submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted.

COMMITTEE ROOM, ST. MARY'S LODGE,
Aug. 6th, 1863. }

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. Lodge of C. W.

Your Special Committee who were appointed at a previous Session of this G. Lodge to procure some suitable testimonial to our worthy Bro., J. R. Peel, for the very beautiful design he has furnished this Grand Lodge for a Charter, beg leave to report for the information of their G. Lodge, that in consequence of the finances of the G. Lodge not being more than sufficient to defray the actual expenses of this Grand body, that they have not as yet been able to obtain anything which in their opinion would be suitable; be it therefore

Resolved, That in view of the high estimation in which this Grand Lodge has for the beautiful design furnished us by Bro. Peel and the great benefit likely to be derived from the sale of copies of Charters, made from these drawings, that this Grand Lodge will, whenever the funds so admit of it, procure such testimonial as may be deemed suitable by any Committee appointed by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That such testimonial be not considered of such importance for its intrinsic value, but as a token from this Grand Lodge, to Bro., Peel, as an appreciation for his kindness shown in the matter and ability displayed.

Resolved further, That the present Committee appointed to procure such Testimonial be now discharged, and a new Committee appointed, consisting of the M. W. Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be a Standing Committee for that purpose, and that when in their opinion the funds will warrant them, that they procure what they would consider suitable, and that the presentation of said Testimonial be made in open Session of this Grand Lodge, and that the same be fully announced to the several Subordinates to this Grand Body, previous to the said meeting of Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

{ SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
WILLIAM H. READ,
CHAUNCEY YALE.

The Lodge then adjourned until one o'clock, P. M.

ST. MARY'S LODGE ROOM, 1 O'CLOCK P. M.
August 6th, 1863. }

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

All the Officers and Representatives present, with the exception of Representatives McLean and Fraser.

P. Grands P. D. Fraser, Thomas Iredale, G. H. Marlatt, James Whimster and C. H. Hankinson were then instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree. The Lodge was then closed and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

On motion of Rep. Healey it was

Resolved, That the Lodge proceed with the reception of Reports of Committees—Rep. Browne, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report and Resolution, which were adopted:

LODGE ROOM, ST. MARY'S, }
August 6th, 1863. }

To the Right Worthy G. L., I. O. of O. F., of C. W.:

Your Committee nominated to report on the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, do hereby further recommend that By-Laws of Brock Lodge, No. 9 be amended, by substituting in the clause No. 4 of Section 3, of Article VII., for the words included within and between the words, "nor shall any vote" and "suspension as previous thereto,"—the words following, namely, "any suspended brother who may wish to be reinstated, on his being thought worthy by ballot, be admitted by paying his dues, as they accrue from the date of his admission; and should he at any time be entitled to benefits of whatsoever kind, said benefits shall be credited to his arrears, if the same be not previously paid."

THOMAS BROWNE, *Chairman*.
T. HEALEY,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
EGT. F. RYERSON.

Resolved, That the above appended Report be adopted.

Rep. James Smith, from Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the "Report" of the Special Committee on Elgin Lodge, submitted the following Report and Resolutions which were adopted:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, ST. MARY'S, }
August 6th, 1863. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

We your Committee, to whom the Report of the Special Committee in regard to Elgin Lodge was referred, beg leave to submit the following:

The special care and zeal which characterizes the action of the Committee that visited St. Thomas in the matter above, is highly commendable, and from the facts placed so fully before us in the Report referred to, have to recommend as follows, viz:

Resolved, That Brothers King, Morgan, McAdam, Drake and Caswell be at once expelled from the Order, for accomplishing the disorganization of Elgin Lodge, and participating in a division of the funds thereof, in direct opposition to their duties and obligations, and also for contempt towards this Grand Lodge, as well as the Special Committee appointed to enquire into the same.

Resolved, That all other brothers of Elgin Lodge in good standing at the time of its dissolution, who did not aid in the same, or who innocently participated in the division of the funds and property of the said Lodge, shall be entitled to cards from this Grand Lodge, as soon as they shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the effect, and deliver up to this Grand Lodge, all such funds and property as they may have received as aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Members of Committee of the State of the
Order and Legislature.

{ JAMES SMITH,
THOMAS BROWNE,
T. HEALEY,
THOMAS JAMES.

Nomination of Officers for ensuing year being in Order, the following brothers were nominated, viz:

- P. G. M. BISSELL, nominated Bro. JAMES WOODYATT, for G. M.
 G. W. HARRISON, " " JOHN R. PEEL, for G. M.
 Rep. SMITH, " " THOMAS BROWNE, D. G. M.
 " SMITH, " " ROBERT KIRKPATRICK, G. W.
 " TAIT, " " JAMES SMITH, G. Sec. and Treasurer.
 P. G. Rep. to U. S., L. G. DOLSON, H. C. BINGHAM, for G. R. to G. L. U. S.

The Grand Master having appointed as Tellers, Reps. Ryerson and Taylor, the Grand Lodge proceeded to election with the following result:

- JAMES WOODYATT,..... R. W. G. Master, 1st. Ballot.
 THOMAS BROWNE,..... " D. G. M., Acclamation.
 ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,..... " G. Warden "
 JAMES SMITH,..... " G. Sec. & Treas "
 H. C. BINGHAM,..... " G. Rep. to G. L. of U. S.

The above named Officers were then presented by P. G. M. Bissell, and installed by G. Rep. Dolson, into their respective offices.

The Grand Master afterwards made the following appointments, viz:

- P. G. BRO. EDWARD W. DIXON..... G. Guardian.
 " " RICHARD WIGMORE,..... G. Marshal.
 " " HARRY BLACK,..... G. Conductor.

The R. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Past Grands, as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Lodges for the ensuing year, viz:

- For Brock Lodge,..... BRO. ROBERT FITZSIMMONS.
 " Union Lodge,..... " JAMES A. SWINTON.
 " Chatham Lodge,..... " JAMES MARQUAND.
 " Forest City and Eureka Lodges..... " THOMAS BROWN.
 " Erie Lodge..... " W. A. GLOVER.
 " Gore Lodge,..... " ROBERT PARK.
 " Samaritan Lodge..... " ABEL BRISTOL.
 " St. Mary's Lodge,..... " THOMAS IREDALE.
 " Imperial Lodge,..... " JOHN COLLINS.
 " Rond Eau Lodge,..... " W. R. FELLOWES.
 " Avon Lodge..... " E. F. RYERSON.
 " Long Point Lodge,..... " JOHN WETHERLY.
 " Thames Lodge,..... " J. M. O'CONNOR.
 " Excelsior Lodge..... " ARCHIBALD FREW.

P. G. Rep. Dolson, at this period of the proceedings duly instructed the under-mentioned Brothers in the Past Official Degrees, viz:

- BRO. HARRY BLACK, Secretary's, Vice Grand and Noble Grand.
 " P. D. FRASER, " "
 " V. S. MILKS, " "
 " JAMES WEIMSTER " "
 " J. M. O'CONNOR, " "
 " JOHN WETHERLY " "
 " THOS. IREDALE, " "
 " G. H. MARLATT, " "

It was moved by G. Rep. S. G. Dolson, and seconded by Rep. Taylor, that this Grand Lodge fully appreciates the zeal, exertions, and ability displayed by our worthy Past Grand Master, in the cause of Oddfellowship in our Jurisdiction. Be it therefore

Resolved, That the thanks and good wishes of this Grand Lodge, for his future welfare, are hereby tendered to Past Grand Master H. C. Bingham, and that a copy of this *Resolution*, under the Seal of the Grand Lodge, be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to our P. G. Master. Carried unanimously.

On motion of P. D. G. M. Sewell, seconded by Rep. McLean, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the Report and Resolutions, submitted by the special Committee in matter of Testimonial to Bro. J. R. Peel, and unanimously adopted by this Grand Lodge, be forwarded to Bro. Peel by the Grand Secretary, under the Seal of Grand Lodge.

Rep. Kirkpatrick submitted the following Appendix to No. 1 of Report, on correspondence, together with Resolutions specified below.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, ST. MARY'S,
August 6th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

The attention of your Committee has been called to a correspondence had between the R. W. Grand Master and five brothers of the late Rose Lodge, "praying for cards of clearance." After mature deliberation, your Committee do report favorably upon petitions of Bros. John Conroy, Fanel Conroy, and Bro. Dunbar. Therefore be it

Resolved, First, That cards of clearance be granted by the R. W. G. Master after having ascertained that they have not in any way participated in the division of the funds, or other property of the said Rose Lodge.

Resolved, Second, That there are not sufficient facts presented in the correspondence and memorandum of the Grand Master to warrant us to report favorable upon the two remaining Brothers, viz.: Thomas H. Bushe and Samuel McGee.

(Signed)

{ ROBERT KIRKPATRICK, *Chairman*.
JAMES SMITH,
E. F. RYERSON,
JAMES D. TAIT.

The above Resolutions having been separately put to the Lodge, they were carried accordingly.

On motion of Rep. Taylor it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Bro. James Woodyatt, Past Grand Secretary, for the very great zeal with which he has worked for the benefit of our beloved cause, and for the very able and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties during his term in that highly important office.

On motion of Rep. Tait, and seconded by Rep. Healey, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Officers and members of St. Mary's Lodge, for their uniform kindness and courtesy since this R. W. G. Lodge met here, and would particularly notice the untiring zeal of P. G. Warden, Bro. Harrison, in the unceasing endeavors which he made to promote the comfort and convenience of the Officers and Reps. of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of G. Rep. Bingham it was

Resolved, That in view of the recovering of the Charters and Books of secret work of Elgin, Ontario, Industry, Rose and Morpeth Lodges, and all other facts connected therewith, placed before the Lodge at this Session, we therefore do hereby declare those Lodges extinct; and also that the Grand Secretary be instructed to carefully file all the final papers connected therewith.

On motion of Dep. G. M. Browne, it was

Resolved, That the Bond of the late Grand Secretary and Treasurer be given up to him, he having paid over to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer the balance in his hands at the termination of his office.

On motion of P. G. Rep. Dolson, and seconded by Rep. Ryerson, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby ordered to get the proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed as soon as practicable by him, and that he forward the usual number of copies to the subordinate Lodges immediately after.

On motion of P. G. Rep. Dolson, and seconded by Rep. Taylor, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet in the City of London on the first Wednesday in August, A. D. 1864, at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon.

JAMES SMITH,

Grand Secretary.





**Grand Secretary and Treasurer to Wildey Monument
Fund Dr.**

1863.		
January 14th.	To Avon Lodge, No. 41.....	\$6 00
April 3rd.	“ St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36.....	6 00
July 8th.	“ Imperial Lodge, No. 37.....	2 00
July 16th.	“ Excelsior Lodge, No. 44.....	3 00
July 16th.	“ Gore Lodge, No. 34.....	6 00
August 5th.	“ Forest City Lodge, No. 38.....	8 25
August 5th.	“ Eureka Lodge, No. 30.....	9 50
August 5th.	“ Long Point Lodge, No. 42.....	5 00
	Total.....	<u>\$45 75</u>

ADDRESS
OF THE
OFFICERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE
OF CANADA WEST.

J. O. O. I.

AND THE D. D. GRAND MASTERS OF THE VARIOUS
DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

GRAND OFFICERS.

JAMES WOODYATT, M. W. Grand Master..... Brantford
 THOMAS BROWNE, R. W. D. Grand Master..... London.
 ROBERT KIRKPATRICK, R. W. Grand Warden..... "
 JAMES SMITH, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer..... "
 H. C. BINGHAM, R. W. Grand Representative..... Brantford

D. D. GRAND MASTERS.

R. FITZSIMMONS, Brock Lodge, No. 9..... Brockville.
 JAMES A. SWINTON, Union Lodge, No. 16..... St. Catharines.
 JAMES MARQUAND, Chatham Lodge, No. 29..... Chatham.
 THOMAS BROWN, Forest City and Eureka Lodges,..... London.
 W. A. GLOVER, Erie Lodge, No. 33..... Port Burwell.
 ROBERT PARKE, Gore Lodge, No. 34..... Brantford.
 ABEL BRISTOL, Samaritan Lodge, No. 35..... Ingersoll.
 THOMAS IREDALE, St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36..... St Mary's.
 JOHN COLLINS, Imperial Lodge, No. 37..... Mt. Vernon.
 W. R. FELLOWES, Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40..... Blenheim.
 E. F. RYERSON, Avon Lodge, No. 41..... Stratford.
 JOHN WETHERLY, Long Point Lodge, No. 42..... Simcoe.
 J. M. O'CONNOR, Thames Lodge, No. 43..... Mitchell.
 ARCHIBALD FREW, Excelsior Lodge, No. 44..... Hamilton.

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES,

FOR THE TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 1863.

LODGE.	NO.	LOCATION.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	PER. SECRETARY.	EVENINGS OF MEETINGS.
Brock Union.....	9	Brockville.....	Geo. Walker.....	H. G. Flint.....	J. S. Mather.....	R. Fitzsimmons.....	M. J. Reid.....	Tuesday
Chatham.....	16	St. Catharines.....	Waller Chaufield.....	Arth. Lepper.....	Adam Purris.....	George Wales.....	Alex. Critchton.....	Monday
Eureka.....	29	Chatham.....	Wm. Smith.....	John Reims.....	Henry Neal.....	James Baxter.....	John Schneider.....	Tuesday
Erie.....	33	Port Burwell.....	John Ferguson.....	John Jury.....	J. Waits.....	George Powell.....	James Westland.....	Tuesday
Gore.....	34	Brantford.....	H. Light.....	P. Hidden.....	C. H. Hankinson.....	John Farthings.....	C. H. Hankinson.....	Thursday
Samaritan.....	35	Ingersoll.....	W. B. Woodiyat.....	Josias B. King.....	James Woodiyat.....	Thomas James.....	James Woodiyat.....	Thursday
St. Mary's.....	36	St. Mary's.....	W. H. Ross.....	T. Fletcher.....	Abel Bristol.....	James McDonald.....	Abel Bristol.....	Wednesday
Imperial.....	37	Barford.....	Wm. Coleman.....	D. H. Duff.....	R. Barbour.....	J. R. Douglas.....	D. Miller.....	Tuesday
Forest City.....	38	London.....	Wm. Harrison.....	S. G. Matthews.....	John Collins.....	Ed. W. Dixon.....	John Collins.....	Monday
Rond Eau.....	40	Blenheim.....	Joseph Sewell.....	Edwin Belz.....	Elias P. Hall.....	J. B. Sheldon.....	James Smith.....	Monday
Avon.....	41	Stratford.....	Wm. Harrison.....	Jes. McMichael.....	W. R. Followes.....	Wm. Morvat.....	W. R. Followes.....	Saturday
Long Point.....	42	Stimcoe.....	R. S. Service.....	John Mowat.....	C. B. Taylor.....	Duncan Wilson.....	C. B. Taylor.....	Friday
Thames.....	43	Mitchell.....	John Worton.....	John Wilson.....	George Merritt.....	J. M. O'Connor.....	George Wetherly.....	Tuesday
Excelsior.....	44	Hamilton.....	Wm. McNeil.....	Wm. Clegg.....	A. Maclaren.....	Jacob Hammell.....	A. Maclaren.....	Thursday
			James Anglin.....	Richard Newton.....	C. W. Kempster.....		C. W. Kempster.....	Thursday