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OF THE

GRAND DIVISION

OF

The Sons of Temperance

OF CANADA WEST,

AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT KINGSTON
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OFFICE OF THE
GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T.,
OF CANADA WEST.

Kingston, July 8th, 1858.

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 in the City of London on the first Wednesday in December next, at eleven o'clock A.M.

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SONS OF TEMPERANCE HALL,
Wednesday, June 23d, 1858—11 o'clock A.M. }

The Grand Division of Canada West assembled—the Grand Worthy Patriarch, JOHN BEATTY, Esq., M.D., in the Chair.

The Roll of Officers was called. The following were present :
P. I. ROBLIN, G.W.A.; E. STACEY, G.S.; S. W. SHARRARD, G.T.;
B. AYLSWORTH, G.CON.; J. BREAKENRIDGE, G.SEN.

The Grand Division was opened in due form.

Brother JOHN MOFFAT was appointed Grand Chaplain.

A portion of Scriptures was read and prayer offered.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch congratulated the Grand Division upon having at this Session such a prompt and numerous attendance of Representatives, and trusted that wisdom and prudence would guide and direct all their deliberations to a happy and harmonious result.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed, as a Committee on Credentials, Brothers B. PEARSON, C. H. VAN NORMAN, and E. ROWLAND.

Moved by Representative N. W. POWELL, M.D., and seconded by Representative J. WILSON—

That the hours of meeting and adjournment during the present Session be as follows: Meet at 9 o'clock A.M., adjourn at 12:30 P.M., meet at 2 P.M., and adjourn at 6 P.M., and meet again at 7 P.M.

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Moved in amendment by Representative J. W. GIFFORD, and seconded by Representative D. KENNEDY—

That the hours of meeting and adjournment during the present Session be as follows:—Meet at 8:30 A.M., adjourn at 12:30 P.M.; meet at 2 P.M., adjourn at 5:30; meet again at 7, and adjourn at 10 P.M. Carried.

The Minutes of the last Annual Session were read and adopted.

Moved by Representative J. MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., and seconded by Grand Worthy Associate P. I. ROBLIN—

That Representative A. WORTHINGTON, M.D., be Assistant Grand Scribe for this Session. Carried.

Moved by Representative W. RUDSTON, and seconded by Representative B. ATKINSON—

That Representative DANIEL HERSEY be appointed Messenger during the present Session of the Grand Division. Carried.

Representative J. MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., then moved that the Grand Division do adjourn. The motion was withdrawn that the transaction of business might be facilitated.

It was then moved and seconded that the rule of adjournment and meeting for the present be suspended. Carried.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Brother Rev. G. MILLER as Grand Chaplain for this Session.

The Committee on Credentials presented their Report, as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, KINGSTON, C.W. }
June 23rd, 1858. }

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

Brockville Division..	...	No. 1	Oakville Division ...	...	No. 61
North Augusta ...	...	" 3	Martintown... ..	...	" 62
Coleman's Corners	...	" 5	Newburgh ... ..	...	" 77
Picton ... ..	...	" 14	Orono ... ..	...	" 79
Prescott ... ..	...	" 15	Brougham ... ..	...	" 104
Bath ... ..	...	" 19	Enterprize ... ..	...	" 105
Matilda ... ..	...	" 22	Aurora ... ..	...	" 106
Lyndhurst ... ..	...	" 28	Newmarket ... ..	...	" 108
Lenox ... ..	...	" 32	Lochiel ... ..	...	" 115
Port Hope ... ..	...	" 37	Elginville ... ..	...	" 121
Eldorado ... ..	...	" 43	Palermo ... ..	...	" 143
Peterborough ...	...	" 45	Bloomfield ... ..	...	" 149
Wilton	" 50	Midnight Star	" 152
Haldimand...	" 56	Cascade	" 155
Pioneer	" 58	Pittsburgh	" 163

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St. Andrews	" 195	Mitchell	" 296
Grand Ottawa	" 197	Rising Sun	" 307
Eastern Star	" 204	Williamsville	" 322
South Augusta	" 205	Springhill	" 335
Newtonstewart	" 223	Ontario Union	" 342
Bytown	" 224	City of Ottawa	" 348
Harrowsmith	" 226	Plainville	" 398
Charlesville	" 247	Mechanics'	" 374
Cataraqui... ..	" 249	Haldimand Central	" 393
Quinte	" 273	Drummond	" 405

The following Credentials we find informal:

Quinte Division No. 273—No seal or certificate.

Glengarry Division No. 21—The name of Glengarry Division on the seal, but neither No. of Division, name of Division, or date of Credential.

The Credentials of Wellington Square Division No.103 exactly similar.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

B. PEARSON,
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Exceptions were taken to informalities in some of the credentials, which were explained, and then, on motion, the Report was adopted.

The Grand Conductor reported Representative JOHN LAUDER and forty-eight associates in waiting to be admitted to the Grand Division. They were introduced to the Grand Division and duly initiated.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P.M.

Afternoon Session.

3 o'Clock P.M.

The Grand Division was opened in due form and resumed business, the Grand Worthy Patriarch presiding.

Officers absent—Grand Treasurer and Grand Conductor.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representative B. PEARSON Grand Treasurer, and Representative Dr. POWELL Grand Conductor.

The Grand Conductor reported Representatives JOHN M. HORSEY and others in waiting to be admitted to the Grand Division.

Moved by Representative J. W. GIFFORD, and seconded by Representative T. NIXON—

That the Representatives in waiting be simply obligated. Carried.

The candidates were then introduced and obligated accordingly.

The Committee on Credentials further reported that they had examined other Credentials of the following Divisions:—

Brockville... ..	No. 1	Harrowsmith	No. 226
Beileville	" 8	Storrington	" 260
Mallorytown	" 10	Earnest	" 295
Brighton	" 18		

The Grand Conductor reported Representative R. M. BRITTON and nine associates in waiting, who were introduced and duly obligated.

The following communication from the Joint Committee of Mechanics' Division, No. 374, and Williamsville Division, No. 322, was read:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, S. OF T. HALL, }
Kingston, 23d June, 1858. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION, ASSEMBLED:

Brothers—

The Committee of Arrangement of Demonstration, this day, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, respectfully and cordially invite the Grand Division to participate with them in Procession at 4 o'clock P.M., and Festival at 7:30 in the evening.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. SHANNON, Chairman.
L. ASSELSTINE, Chief Marshal.

Moved by Representative J. W. GIFFORD, and seconded by Representative D. KENNEDY—

That the Grand Division accept the invitation of the Committee of Arrangement. Carried.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch submitted the following Report:—

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, IN THE GRAND DIVISION ASSEMBLED:

Brothers—

Once more the pleasing duty presents itself of meeting you, the Representatives of the Subordinate Divisions of our noble Order, upon the return of our Semi-annual Session. Your presence here in such numbers is the very best evidence which can be offered of your personal devotion to the

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cause as well as of the interest your respective Subordinate Divisions continue to take in the general affairs and prosperity of the Order, of their duty and obligations in conducting and sustaining the same, as well as of their undiminished devotion to *that cause* for the promotion of which our organization exists.

The repeated returns of seasons like the present and the generally prosperous state of the Order, of which the Grand Scribe's Report will inform you, render it quite unnecessary for me to detain you by the perusal of a lengthy Semi-Annual Report, and the more especially as I shall submit a special Report upon the performance of a grave duty assigned me at the last Session of the Grand Division.

I must refer you to the Grand Treasurer's Report for the financial, and to the Grand Scribe's Report for the statistical, details of the Order.

That our Grand Scribe can report the issue of thirty Charters for new Divisions during the past half year; that eight Subordinate Divisions have been resuscitated, while but nine are reported defunct; that Reports of Deputy G.W.P.'s and Recording Scribes testify to the healthy, vigorous state of the Subordinate Divisions generally—presents the most certain and gratifying evidence of the general and well sustained prosperity of our organization.

This well sustained position of the Sons of Temperance in Canada West, to be fairly judged of and appreciated, must be viewed in connection with the condition of our Order in North America, with the effects of time and the influences of those inimical to such a cause, under every phase, upon a purely voluntary association; and also of the large increase reported on the Order of Good Templars—occupying the same ground, engaged in the same cause, advocating the same principles; and with all the fascination of novelty and the propensity to change, operating so strongly in favor of that Order.

It must be remembered, too, that we are battling against the influence of a depraved and vitiated taste, begotten and fostered by the wide-spread traffic in an article peculiar in its effects upon the human system, creating an appetite so unappeasable that it devours estate, and reputation, and honor, and health, and happiness of self and friends, and yet insatiably cries "Give, give," until life itself is consumed; an article, the most potent instrument in the hands of the arch enemy in leading fallen man, by rapid strides, down to perdition. Nor must it be overlooked that we are endeavoring to counteract and uproot habits which are interwoven with the very tissues of social intercourse, confirmed by centuries of use, sustained by the influences of pernicious license laws, insatiable avarice, and the clamor for "vested rights"; habits insidious, destructive, and so general as to pervade all classes and ranks in society; embracing almost indiscriminately in the list of victims, the peasant in his cottage, the prince or noble in his castle, the divine at the altar, the plebeian at the plough, the soldier in the field, the civilian upon the mart, the statesman of loftiest intellect, the almost witless boor, the scholar and the clown, the rich and the poor, the husband and the wife, the parent and the child.

Thus, the real, the intrinsic value of the object, intent and labors of our organization, and of those of all phases engaged with us in the Temperance Cause, can only be estimated when proper views are obtained of the magnitude and prevalence of the vice of Intemperance, against which we contend; and while we may with thankfulness congratulate ourselves upon the success which has crowned our labors as moral suasionists, we, with advanced views

and higher, bolder aim, seek to obtain a legal power with which to strike at the very foundation of the stronghold of the monster, by the erasure from our Statute-book of the last vestige of a right to perpetuate a legalized Liquor traffic.

We have again and again sought this power at the hands of our Legislators. In 1854, we placed before the Houses of Parliament our petitions, to which were appended 80,000 signatures; and again in 1856, when I had before the honor to hold the office of Grand Worthy Patriarch, we, with no small amount of labor and expense, rolled in our volumes of petitions, with 110,000 signatures, praying for a Prohibitory Law.

Our prayer was not granted; but, though foiled we are not beaten—though refused, we are not silenced; and when the proper time comes, with renewed vigor and determination, our battle-cry will again ring through the land, "*Up ye Temperance Hosts and at them!*"

Has your Grand Worthy Patriarch failed in duty in omitting to call upon the Order to renew their demands by petition during the present session of Parliament?

We are dazzled with the prowess and chivalry of a Cardigan, leading a forlorn charge at Balaklava; but we admire and love a Sir Colin, who with paternal prudence and caution, saves his men, watchful for the proper time to strike the blow, and with least expense of life or limb, to secure the victory.

Our ambition leads us to emulate the prudence, and aim at the success of the latter—to avoid the fatal recklessness of the former.

Reference to the Proceedings of this Grand Division at the last Session will show that, while specific expression was given as to the duty of Sons of Temperance in supporting candidates at the then ensuing election, none such was recorded upon petitioning the Legislature during the first Session. This was by common consent left an open question, to be decided as circumstances might present.

Your Executive, with anxious, watchful care, gave this subject every consideration—freely consulted others of our own and kindred organizations, and the result arrived at was the conviction that we would not advance the interests of the cause of Prohibition by attempting to get up Petitions to lay before the House at the present Session. We have reserved our strength—laboring to increase our force—ready to strike at the proper time with telling power.

The conclusion we came to was communicated, by circular, to the subordinate Divisions; and, so far as we have been able to judge from the Reports of our Deputies, received, the course we decided upon was approved of almost universally.

The Hon. M. Cameron has two Bills before the House—one on prohibition, which, I understand, he presents for the purpose of showing that the principle is not and will not be abandoned; the other, a stringent License Law, which, he affirms, he hopes to see adopted by the present House.

News from abroad of the progress of temperance and prohibitive principles, is generally of a cheering character. In Great Britain the United Kingdom Alliance and the Scottish Temperance League are doing a noble work in directing the public mind and educating the masses in the science of Temperance and the fearful evils of intemperance.

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Another effort has been made to obtain the enactment of a Prohibitory Law in our sister Province, Nova Scotia. The effort failed, however, by the small adverse majority of four. But the friends of the cause, with the spirit and pluck of "true blues", declare that they are not to be discouraged, and already are inaugurating another campaign, to be prosecuted with the utmost vigor.

We will not attempt to express our feelings of pleasure and satisfaction upon the triumphant achievement of the Banner State, in the recent re-enactment of what must be, *par excellence*, designated the "*Maine Law*."

How many Jessie Browns, with prospects blighted, and life almost crushed out, under the ruthless Sepoy power of intemperance, which has scathed and violated so many social circles, will again raise their heads, and with exultant hopes, cry, "Dinna ye hear it? The Temperance slogan! Prohibition has triumphed: our State is free!"

All hail to the noble sons of Maine: may the most abundant success attend them in operating, as in achieving, the re-enactment of the law.

Let us imitate their example: let us emulate their patient indomitable endurance and perseverance under reverses however frequent or disheartening; and we shall have the happiness of enjoying with them the peaceful triumphs of prohibitory legislation.

We hope that you will be favored with a Report from our esteemed Brother Moffat, the Grand Division Lecturer, and who, fresh from the Grand Council of our Order, the National Division, will be able to state the condition, progress, and prospects of the Order throughout the United States.

I have to call the attention of this Grand Division to the important matters contained in the special Reports which will be submitted by your Grand Officers, and to request that early and most careful attention may be directed thereto.

With confidence we again affirm that our beloved Order is in a sound prosperous condition, and it is of the more essential consequence that the foundation upon which we stand shall be morally and legally unassailable.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

JOHN BEATTY JR., G.W.P.

Cobourg, June 22d, 1858.

The Grand Scribe submitted his semi-annual Report:—

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE, }
Kingston, 21st June, 1858.

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

Your Grand Scribe would respectfully submit this his semi-annual Report for the past term; and in doing so, he would congratulate the Grand Division upon the continued prosperity and progress of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in this jurisdiction.

A good evidence of progress and activity is evinced by the fact that thirty Charters for new Divisions have been issued since we last assembled toge-

ther. Eight Divisions have been resuscitated. While we have lost, by forfeiture and voluntary surrender of Charters, nine Divisions.

The Annual Returns to the National Division from this Grand Division show a decided improvement over the previous year. The present quarter has not yet expired: still I am in receipt of Quarterly Returns from 241 Divisions, exhibiting in membership from those punctual Divisions 10,200 male members, and 3,400 female visitors.

This exhibits a decidedly healthy condition of the Order in Canada West, and that the Subordinate Divisions have an efficient and healthful existence. It must be reasonably expected that some Divisions will be found at times less prompt and accurate than at others. Still, on the whole, we have cause to rejoice that so many Divisions maintain those healthy characteristics of promptitude and exactness.

The present position of our Order in Canada West, and of the Grand Division, is of commanding importance, and we should be humbly thankful to the Father of Mercies for His protecting love and care.

The following Annual Returns of this Grand Division, which embrace the statistics of the Order for the past year, and include all the Quarterly Returns of Subordinate Divisions, commencing January 1857, and ending January 1858, were forwarded in due time to the Most Worthy Scribe:

Number of Subordinate Divisions	...	...	...	...	338
... admitted new members	...	...	...	...	5,311
... by card	...	...	...	...	156
... suspended	...	...	...	...	2,042
... expelled	...	...	...	...	2,290
... withdrawn	...	...	...	...	843
... deaths	...	...	...	...	34
... violated the pledge	...	...	...	...	1,171
... reinstated	...	...	...	...	361
... violated the pledge second time	...	...	...	...	117
... contributing members, computed from 243 Divisions making returns	...	...	...	...	10,564
... public meetings held	...	...	...	...	608
... temperance tracts distributed	...	...	...	...	13,164
... representatives to Grand Division...	...	...	...	...	619
... do. to National Division	...	...	...	...	9
Cash received	...	...	...	...	\$15,067 13
Paid for benefits	...	...	...	...	1,116 23
Cash on hand, including money invested	...	...	...	...	22,257 36
Total expenses, exclusive of benefits	...	...	...	...	15,336 95
Per centage to Grand Division	...	...	...	...	1,343 14
Per centage to National Division...	...	...	...	...	67 15

The officers of the Subordinate Divisions will perceive the necessity of having all the blank headings of the Quarterly Returns properly filled; in fact, it is only by fidelity in this respect that anything like accuracy can be obtained in our Statistics.

The following new Divisions have been chartered since the Annual Session:

No. 113 Cross Hill Division.
... 245 not reported.

No. 398 Plainville Division.
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Upon application from Hamilton Division No. 25, a Charter and set of books were procured to present to their esteemed Worthy Patriarch for the purpose of instituting a Division in Dublin, Ireland.

One thousand copies of the Journal of Proceedings of the last Session were prepared and printed, and were forwarded to the Divisions, Deputies G.W.P., and Representatives, as early as was practicable.

The revised or new Ritual has been received and supplied to 102 Divisions. I had to procure one thousand additional Ode cards, which are now exhausted. Fifty sets of Ritual remain on hand.

As far as I am informed, the new Ritual is giving the greatest satisfaction. I trust that each and every Subordinate Division will adopt it; otherwise I fear that great inconvenience and confusion will ensue. It would be well for this Grand Division to consider what should be done with the old Rituals, not in use, that are now in the hands of Subordinate Divisions.

During the past term continued effort has been exerted to extend the principles of our beloved Order, and to increase the efficiency of the Divisions. Brother John Moffat, P.G.W.A., has been lecturing continuously. The many assemblies that have listened to his logical and powerful arguments in favor of prohibitory laws, have, we think, been permanently impressed with the absolute necessity of such enactments, for the peace, happiness and safety of our fellow men.

The subject of preparing and presentation of petitions to the Legislature for a Prohibitory Law has received due attention, not only from the executive of this Grand Division, but from the leading temperance men of the Province; who, after mature deliberation, concurred in not throwing away valuable effort, and wasting the energies of temperance men at the present time in getting up petitions.

From the position of things in the House, it was quite evident that instead of a Prohibitory Law, in answer to our petitions, we should have another Licence Law—instead of bread, a stone.

A leading temperance gentleman in the House, who introduced the measure, "believed that a Prohibitory Law could not pass this House," and therefore proposed to bring in a measure to improve the Licence Laws. The only effectual way that could be recommended to improve the Licence laws would be the radical process, and to let the powerful streams of enlightened public sentiment flow in and obliterate the abominable Licence Laws from the Statute-book for ever.

The sentiment that still pervades the Order is, "Down with the traffic"; and we have never been unmindful of the recommendation of our National Division, that the principles of prohibition should be "the object of the Order."

It is indeed cheering to report the state and progress of the Temperance cause in Great Britain and Ireland. The principles of "The Alliance" (identical with our own) are rapidly extending in our fatherland. From Maine we are rejoiced to find that the Prohibitory Law passed by the Legislature of that State has been ratified with almost universal accord by the people.

The melancholy intelligence has reached this office of the decease of two highly valued Brothers, veterans in the cause—Nathan Fellowes, Esq., D.G.W.P., and A. McGregor, Esq., D.G.W.P. They were two of the oldest and

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most earnest Temperance Reformers in the Province, and both leading men of the Sons of Temperance for many years.

While the prospects of the Order in Canada West are generally good, there are many localities where considerable apathy exists; and this would be a fitting opportunity to devise some plans for the revival of the cause. We need a Division of the Sons of Temperance in every village and hamlet of the Province; and with small effort this inestimable benefit could be conferred upon every community. Let each Son of Temperance be a missionary in this glorious work, procure sufficient names of applicants for a charter, and with the assistance of a Deputy G.W.P. a Division would soon be in admirable working order, and be a blessing to the neighborhood.

There is much needed in Canada West a good Temperance paper, the acknowledged organ of the Order; and we believe that sufficient support would be given to sustain such a journal if countenanced by this Grand Division.

Papers purporting to be appeals to the National Division against the decision of this Grand Division were forwarded to this office by the suspended Frontenac Division, from E. W. W. Linton, the (so-styled) R.S. The appeals were not in accordance with facts, and being untruthful and in improper terms, I did not feel myself justified in vouching for their correctness or in affixing the seal of the Grand Division to those appeals. I forwarded them, however, to the Most Worthy Scribe with the above explanation. The malcontents of the Frontenac Division, when suspended, treated the notion of appeal to the National Division with supreme contempt, and it was only a few days before the National Division Session that the appeals were received, and at that time our most important documents were in the courts of law, which subject will be referred to in Reports specially prepared on this matter.

I have to express how much I am indebted to our esteemed Grand Worthy Patriarch and the officers of this Grand Division, and to many beloved brothers, for their valued counsel; and also to our noble Subordinate Divisions which have sustained me with their sympathy, and thus enabled me to perform more vigorously the arduous duties of this office.

In concluding this Report, permit me in the name of my brethren in this district to bid you welcome to good old Kingston, and trust that your visit to this city may be to you very agreeable, and that your deliberations in Grand Division may be directed by Infinite Wisdom to such measures as will tend to promote the best interests of our noble Order and the great cause of Temperance.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

E. STACEY, G.S.

Moved by Representative B. PEARSON, and seconded by Representative W. RUDSTON—

That the Report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch be referred to the following Committee to report thereon, viz.—Representatives P. I. ROBLIN, G.W.A., F. A. OLIVER, R. C. BENEDICT, R. M. HORSEY, and B. ATKINSON. Carried.

Moved by Representative B. PEARSON, and seconded by Representative I. W. HUNT—

That Representatives J. MOFFAT, DR. POWELL, Rev. J. SHORTT, D.D., C. H. VANNORMAN, and E. ROWLAND, be a Committee on Special Reports. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. W. GIFFORD, and seconded by Representative E. ROWLAND—

That the Report of the Grand Scribe be referred to a Committee consisting of Representatives B. M. BRITTON, J. ELLIOTT, D. KENNEDY, J. G. ELLWOOD, and A. B. PARDEE. Carried.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned to meet at 8:30 in the morning.

Morning Session.

Thursday, June 24th, 1858.

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

Officers absent—Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductor, and Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch filled the vacancies.

A portion of Scriptures was read and prayer offered.

The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected, and approved.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Conductor entered and took their seats.

The Committee on Credentials presented their third Report, which is as follows:

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

Adhesive	No. 118	Social	No. 285
Tyrone 126	Harvest Home... 317
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All of which is respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

B. PEARSON,
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The Grand Conductor introduced Representative CHARLES McARTHUR and eight associates, who were duly obligated.

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TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST:

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The action of the Grand Division at its last Session, relating to certain charges against Messrs. JOSEPH GEORGE and E. W. W. LINTON, members of Frontenac Division, No. 2, located in Kingston, and an appeal of Brothers WHITE and BENEDICT against the proceedings of said Frontenac Division, will be fresh in the memories of the Representatives then present.

However, that those proceedings may be familiar to all *now* present, we refer briefly to the printed minutes—pages 45 and 46, and again 49 and 50. (See and read.)

As this matter and the proceedings therewith connected are peculiar and of importance, I have thought it best, instead of alluding to them in our General Reports, that Special Reports should be submitted thereupon by myself and the Grand Scribe, that the performance of the duty assigned me, and the results thereof, may be duly considered in their proper place.

Your Grand Scribe communicated to Frontenac Division the proceedings of the Grand Division, and informed them that the Grand Worthy Patriarch would visit them, at an early day, to discharge the duties specially delegated by the Grand Division.

The majority of the members of Frontenac Division did not deem it proper to await the visit of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, or to comply with the injunctions of the Grand Division, but at once a resolution was submitted rejecting the requisition to expel Messrs. GEORGE and LINTON, repudiating the charge that any spirit of insubordination had or did exist in the Division. Your Grand Worthy Patriarch was also invited to visit them, that he might see for himself that the Division was in good working order. According to appointment I visited the Division on the evening of the 24th December, found a fair attendance of members, with JOSEPH GEORGE in the Worthy Patriarch's Chair, and a number of visitors from Mechanics' and Williams-ville Division.

I found that the resolution referred to had not been passed, but remained over for consideration and final adoption.

After the reading of the Minutes I assumed the Chair and entered upon the business delegated to me, in the most dispassionate manner.

I explained clearly and minutely the action of the Grand Division, the position of the Frontenac Division in relation to the Grand Division, and exhorted, in the most earnest and affectionate manner, that the Division should carry out the requirements of the Grand Division. I was met with a spirit of the most determined opposition on the part of a large majority of the members then present. I patiently restrained and prevented several attempts made to enter into the discussion of the original subjects of dispute, firmly curbed the attempt on the part of some to indulge in passionate declamation, entreated them to consider the consequences, that suspension of the Division must result if they persisted in resisting the injunctions which were distinctly laid before them, and assured them of my determination to enforce the authority of the Grand Division. The issue was placed upon the adoption of a resolution, moved by a member of the Division, con-

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My proceedings evidently took the malcontents by surprise, and elicited some angry exclamations from the more excited, with the significant inquiry, "Did the Grand Worthy Patriarch suppose he was able to take the Charter out of the room?"

The spirit which prompted such an inquiry was, however, promptly put down by the majority.

I subsequently demanded the Books, Funds and Properties, from the respective officers, but was refused, and I made no attempt to possess myself of them.

My proceedings were protested against by the malcontents with great warmth, as unconstitutional, tyrannical, &c., &c. I informed them that they could have redress against any such proceeding, if I acted unconstitutionally, by an appeal to the Grand Division; but this was rejected with the utmost scorn, as was likewise the declaration that they could appeal to the higher power, the National Division, if they thought themselves unjustly used, upon their appeal to the Grand Division.

Having performed this painful duty, I then informed them that they had no power to proceed or act as Frontenac Division, No. 2, until the next Session of the Grand Division, save that they had the right of appeal to the Grand Division, and afterwards to the National Division—a right they repeatedly declared they would never condescend to use—and I then left the Chair. Immediately upon my doing so, one of the persons present called upon "the members of old Frontenac to remain and reorganize No. 2," and moved "that Brother JOSEPH GEORGE be Worthy Patriarch." Against this proceeding, on the floor of the Hall, I firmly remonstrated, pointing out to them that I had possession of the Charter of No. 2, and consequently they had not a vestige of right to act as a Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

"Well, then," was the reply, "if we cannot act as *Sons of Temperance*, we will organize and carry on our operations as temperance men, and that Brother JOSEPH GEORGE do take the Chair"; and this was done.

The first act, on the chair being taken, was to move that their thanks, as temperance men, be presented to Dr. BEATTY, G.W.P., for the kind and gentlemanly manner in which he had conducted the business and performed his duties that evening.

This was, of course, accepted as an act of formal esteem.

I then left the Hall, taking the Charter with me, accompanied by the visitors and by those members of No. 2 who were desirous of sustaining the authority of the Grand Division.

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The subsequent proceedings of the malcontents have been of the most annoying and vexatious character; but as all the proceedings on our part have been conducted by Brothers Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch RUDSTON and the Grand Scribe, with any authority, sanction and advice, I have requested the Grand Scribe to submit a Special Report, setting forth these subsequent actions up to the present time, so that unnecessary repetition may be avoided, and the Grand Division may have the advantage of the narration of events by the officers personally engaged therein.

I am most happy to record my unqualified testimony to the zeal and untiring devotion to the interests of our Order exhibited by the Brothers above referred to, and by the Brothers in Kingston loyal to our cause, throughout the course of these proceedings, and which has subjected them to the annoyances of private slander and public abuse.

It is my duty to call the attention of the Grand Division to the nature of the powers conferred by the Act of Incorporation.

It is contended that this Act constitutes the Subordinate Divisions separate independent organizations, nullifying the obligation and conditions upon which Charters are granted, and placing any refractory Subordinate Division beyond the control of the Grand Division, and consequently of the whole Order.

We recommend this subject to the careful consideration of the Grand Division, that an amendment to the Act may be obtained, correcting the Act of Incorporation, so that it may conform to the great moral principles upon which our Order is instituted.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

JOHN BEATTY JR., G.W.P.

Cobourg, June 22d, 1858.

The Grand Scribe read the following Special Report, which, together with the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report, was submitted to the Committee on Special Reports:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST.

The Report of Brother WILLIAM RUDSTON, D.G.W.P., and Brother EDWARD STACEY, G.S., on the case of Frontenac Division, No. 2, is herewith respectfully presented.

The undersigned, deputed by the Grand Worthy Patriarch to take charge of the case on the part of the Grand Division, beg leave to report—

That at the last Semi-annual Session of the Grand Division the following resolutions were adopted, after a fair and impartial trial by a Committee, the proceedings of which were revised and confirmed by the Grand Division:—

“Resolved 1st—That the charges and appeals against JOSEPH GEORGE and E. W. W. LINTON are fully sustained, and that the decision of Frontenac Division, No. 2, be reversed, and that Frontenac Division, No. 2, be required to act in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Order forthwith against the accused parties, J. GEORGE and E. W. W. LINTON, they having violated their sacred obligations.

“Resolved 2d—That the protest and appeal of R. C. BENEDICT and others, members of Frontenac and other Divisions in and about the City of Kingston, are fully sustained; and further, with reference to the action of Frontenac Division, No. 2, in passing those resolutions on the 15th October, 1857, is guilty of insubordination.

“Resolved 3d—That the Grand Worthy Patriarch be delegated from this Grand Division, and that he is hereby delegated to visit Frontenac Division, No. 2, to counsel the members thereof, and encourage them in goodness, and generally to keep a watchful supervision over their proceedings; and that the Grand Worthy Patriarch have power to suspend said Division No. 2, or otherwise deal with it as he may deem expedient and necessary.”

To carry out this decision of the Grand Division, the Grand Worthy Patriarch, after due notice thereof previously given to Frontenac Division, No. 2, proceeded to Kingston on the 24th day of December last, and attended the meeting of said Division in his official capacity the same evening, accompanied by the Grand Conductor, Brother RUDSTON, D.G.W.P., Brother STACEY, G.S., and others.

After formally reading the above resolutions to the members of Frontenac Division, No. 2, the Grand Worthy Patriarch called upon the members to give effect to the same in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order. Instead, however, of yielding that obedience to the Grand Division, which is the duty of every Son of Temperance, a majority of said Division set the authority of the Grand Division at defiance, and refused to recognize its authority in the premises. The Grand Worthy Patriarch thereupon solemnly warned the refractory members of the serious consequences of their conduct, and informed them that it would be his duty to suspend the Division if they persisted in their insubordination; but, instead of giving heed to his kindly administered and brotherly admonitions, they treated his authority, as well as his advice, with contempt, and he was compelled to vindicate the authority of the Grand Division by suspending said Frontenac Division, No. 2, which he did in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, and resumed its Charter. The Grand Worthy Patriarch also demanded the custody of the Regalia and other property of said Division; but, although in such a case it is provided by the Constitution that these shall be delivered into the custody of the Grand Division, to await its further action in the premises, the officers of said Division refused to deliver them, thereby subjecting themselves to the penalty of forever being excluded from membership of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

On the 26th December, 1857, the subscribers, acting under the authority of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and on behalf of the Grand Division, took possession of the meeting room of the Frontenac Division, No. 2, of which they (the subscribers) are two of the lessees, also the said Regalia and other property therein, in accordance with the Constitution and Rules.

In all these proceedings the Grand Worthy Patriarch carried out the Constitution and Laws of the Order in their integrity, and if the said parties claiming to be Frontenac Division, No. 2, felt themselves aggrieved, they had their constitutional remedy, in an appeal to the National Division. But, instead of taking this legitimate and constitutional course, the recusant majority above alluded to, openly declared their independence of the Grand Division, refused to recognize either its authority or that of its officers, broke open the doors of the Temperance Hall, took possession thereof, and, setting at defiance the laws and constitution of the Order, took out a writ of

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These malcontents have, with Mr. Flynn, got up a public meeting, for the purpose of stigmatizing the Order ; have held weekly meetings which were, in fact, nothing but conspiracies against the Grand Division and the Order in Kingston. It is a fact that these parties have assumed to be an independent Order, and announced the same in newspapers of this city ; have initiated persons known to be unfriendly to the Sons of Temperance ; have caused to be printed the private cards of the Order ; exposed our private ceremonies to those who are not members ; issued spurious clearance cards ; elected officers and installed them by our private ceremonies, by a Grand Worthy Patriarch of their own creation : thus showing their utter contempt of the Grand Division.

The Grand Division and its proceedings have been exposed and scandalously falsified at public meetings called by these parties, in the Temperance Hall, and the proceedings of the Grand Division read and garbled, and held up to ridicule, by these malcontents.

A small paper called the "Kingston Mail" has been got up and sustained principally to denounce the Order ; and Mr. George and associates, it is well known, are the instigators, and, with Mr. Flynn, have not left a stone unturned to stigmatize the Grand Division and its officers. The Grand Worthy Patriarch has been denounced by them in the newspapers of this city as "acting like a despot on his throne," "and RUDSTON, STACEY and their Banditti," &c., &c. ; and week after week have the most shameful statements appeared in the newspapers, calculated to prevent persons from joining our Order, and to mislead the public.

We refer you to files of the "Mail" and "British Whig" since the suspension. This "Mail" of Mr. Flynn's, while denouncing the Sons of Temperance, is very glad to insert the liquor advertisements in the same sheet. The most shameful proceedings have been resorted to by these malcontents, and whenever any supposed advantage had been gained by these parties in the courts of law against the officers of the Grand Division, flags have been suspended from the Temperance Hall, and inscribed thereon, "Frontenac Division, No. 2, has won the day."

It has been with great difficulty that the loyal Sons have been prevented from disgracing themselves by noticing such gross insults.

With reference to the suits at law, under the sanction of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and as counselled by our legal advisers, application was made to the Court of Chancery for an injunction to restrain these recusants from using the name of the Frontenac Division, and suing in its corporate name, and dividing the funds. After some preparatory proceedings, it was deemed advisable to withdraw the application, having discovered that the Act of Incorporation was considered defective.

As has been stated above, the recusant majority of the suspended Division, claiming certain rights under the Act of Incorporation, independent of the Constitution and By-laws, took out a writ of replevin, which was twice dismissed by the Judge of the Division Court; not satisfied with which they sued out another before the Quarter Sessions, which was appointed to be tried on the ninth day of June last. The Grand Worthy Patriarch being detained in Cobourg by important judicial business, and an important witness for the Grand Division being absent, an application was made for a postponement of the trial; but, through some technicalities, the Judge refused to put it off, and as the said parties calling themselves Frontenac Division, No. 2, refused to allow of a postponement, a formal verdict was taken against the subscribers for \$116, the alleged value of the property taken possession of. Of course, it is needless to state, that this verdict was a mere formality, and that a new trial will be allowed, as a matter of course, regarding the result of which there is not the slightest room for doubt; for *the Act of Incorporation of the Grand Division is the Act which rules and regulates the acts of the Sub-Divisions*, and the Constitution, Rules and By-laws must be taken along with the Act, as explanatory of the intentions thereof, as it is based upon them. It is only necessary to add that the parties referred to, finding that they had no ground to stand upon, at the last moment made a kind of informal appeal to the National Division, for the purpose of throwing dust in the eyes of the Court, by pretending they had not declared their independence (which they have done by all their acts, words and deeds, for six months past), thereby hoping to strengthen their case with the Court, by pretending that they still belonged to the Order, it having been ascertained (a fact admitted by the legal gentlemen on both sides), that the instant these parties cease to be *members of the Order*, their rights under the Act of Incorporation lapse, and the property of the Division falls to be administered by the Grand Division; the only legal doubt at present, being, whether, in the event of the *suspension of a Division*, the members thereof cease to be members.

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

WM. RUDSTON, D.G.W.P.
EDWARD STACEY, G.S.

Papers are submitted confirmatory of the above Report.

The Grand Conductor reported Representatives LUKE CARSCALLEN and others in waiting, who were introduced and duly obligated.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was then read and submitted to the Finance Committee:—

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

Your Treasurer would beg leave to report the following statement of the funds:—

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

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As several members of the Standing Committee were absent, the Grand Worthy Patriarch added the following Representatives to the Committees:

Committee on Appeals—Representatives A. DIAMOND, R. SHERIN, B. AYLESWORTH and J. CUMMINGS.

Finance Committee—Representatives G. OAL, J. ELLIOTT, and J. BRECKENRIDGE, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representatives R. D. WADSWORTH, J. JONES and J. M. DUNN, as a Committee on Petitions.

The following Communications, Petitions and Appeals, were read by the Grand Scribe, and referred.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Newmarket Division, No. 108, in reference to Representative T. NIXON's appeal from decision of Committee of Past Worthy Patriarchs.

From Brother JAMES A. DAVIDSON: read and referred to Committee on Petitions.

From Brother JOHN C. BECKET, in reference to the Canada Temperance Advocate.

From Coldstream Division, No. 212, on the use of Ginger Wine.

From Brother W. J. KELLY, respecting "The Fountain," a Temperance paper published at Toronto.

PETITIONS.

From Brother Rev. WM. F. LOWE, for a Clearance Card.

From Mechanics' Division, No. 374, and Williamsville Division, No. 322, in reference to the late Frontenac Division, and the late recusant proceedings.

APPEALS.

Of Brother LAMBE, against the decision of the Omemece Division, No. 114, that a Committee's Report on case of violation of Article 2d, should not lie on the table one week.

Of Brother WM. O'BRIEN against the action of Siloam Division, No. 267, deciding that a ballot could be reconsidered, that had resulted in the election of a member.

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Of Brother J. CUPPAGE, against the action of the Orillia Division, No. 122, that members signing a Certificate for a Tavern License, was not a violation of Article 2d.

Of Brother T. NIXON, against Newmarket Division, No. 108, refusing to grant him a Withdrawal Card.

The Minutes of Newmarket Division, No. 108, submitted, when it was shown that a Card had been granted, and the subject had been re-considered, pro and con.

Of Brother E. D. ROGERS, against the proceedings of the officers of Newmarket Division, No. 108, in initiating members in public and transacting private business contrary to usage.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch made some excellent remarks relative to the Maine Law, and submitted a copy of the Act as lately adopted in the State of Maine.

The communication from J. C. BECKET was referred, on motion of Representative J. WILSON, seconded by the Grand Conductor, to Representatives Dr. SCHOFIELD, Dr. RELYEA, and A. DIAMOND, as a Committee on the Maine Law. A copy of the late Maine Law was also handed to the Committee.

A comprehensive Report of the Special Committee on the Constitution of Cadets of Temperance was read by Brother T. NIXON, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed the following Representatives as a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws:— J. COWTON, P. P. PEARSON, and THOMAS MCKEE.

The Special Committee on the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report submitted the following Report, which was read, and, on motion, adopted:

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, }
Kingston, June 24, 1858. }

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF CANADA WEST,
IN GRAND DIVISION ASSEMBLED:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, beg to submit the following:—

That we congratulate you on the general prosperity of our Order, as demonstrated by the large attendance of Delegates from Subordinate Divisions, and would pray for their continued exertion in our noble cause.

The issue of many new Charters during the past half year, and the number of Divisions resuscitated, afford great cause for congratulation.

Your Committee fully endorse the sentiments of the Grand Worthy Patriarch on the prosperity of our Order in Canada West, viewed in connection with our Order generally, and would pray for our continued prosperity, as well as the success of all those who are engaged in our noble cause. While deploring the numerous victims still falling before our arch enemy, Alcohol, we trust that the time is not far distant when all will enjoy the blessings of Temperance, and when the liquor traffic will be spoken of as a thing that *was*.

Your Committee trust that our brethren in Nova Scotia will use continued exertion to procure a Prohibitory Liquor Law, and that the success of our Brethren in Maine will attend them and us.

In concluding our Report, we heartily join the Grand Worthy Patriarch in his appeal to the members of our Order for continued exertion in our noble cause, trusting that the Great Patriarch above will continue to us His blessing, and success must ultimately crown our efforts.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

PHILIP I. ROBLIN,	} Committee.
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BARRACLOUGH ATKINSON,	

Moved by Representative J. WILSON, and seconded by Representative R. SHERIN—

That it is inexpedient to alter the jurisdiction of this Grand Division of Canada West. Carried.

Moved and seconded—

That the Committee on the state of the Order be granted further time to report. Carried.

Moved by the Grand Conductor, and seconded by Representative R. SHERIN—

That the notice of Representative J. BRECKENRIDGE and others, in reference to rules of discipline, lie over until the next Session of this Grand Division. Carried.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch made a verbal Report in reference to the payment of Representatives attending the Grand Division, in favor of each Subordinate Division paying its own Representative, or Representatives paying their own expenses. Adopted.

The Grand Scribe had not received any Report in reference to the appeal of Brother HAGERTY, of Nightingale Division, No. 81.

Representative Rev. WM. SMART read a preamble and resolution on the subject of the Wines of commerce, used at the Holy Sacrament, as follows:

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Whereas it is a matter of great importance in carrying out the designs of this Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, to secure the co-operation of the Churches of the various denominations of Christians; and as many of our brothers connected with such Churches have conscientious scruples as to the propriety of communicating at the *Lord's Supper* by using the *wine of commerce*, from a full conviction that such wines are not the fruit of the vine, they have therefore denied themselves the privilege of meeting with their Christian friends in the celebration of the Last Supper.

It is also a well-known fact that this tenderness of conscience is exercised by professing Christians not members of our Order, and for the same reason, to their grief, as well as that of their associates, they have also absented themselves from celebrating this holy institution.

The Grand Division, without interfering with the affairs of the religious communities, cannot but rejoice that science, while it sheds its benignant rays on all that is elevating and beneficial to man in his progress through time, has developed a process by which, it is hoped by this Grand Division, the difficulties in the way of the peace and duty of our brethren will be removed by the preparation of a wine exclusively of the fruit of the vine.

Resolved, that this fact and subject may be brought before the serious consideration of this Grand Division by a Committee of the following Brethren, to report their views:—Representatives Dr. SCHOFIELD, Dr. RELYEA, Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, and Rev. G. MILLER.

It was moved and seconded, that Representative Rev. W. SMART be added to the Committee. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. WILSON, and seconded by Representative D. EASTWOOD—

That this Grand Division take no action in the matter.

The amendment was withdrawn, and the above resolution referred to the special committee.

Notice having been given that a Resolution on the next place of meeting of the Grand Division would be the first order of business after the opening of the afternoon Session, the Grand Division adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

2 o'Clock.

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

Officers absent—Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductor, Grand Chaplain, and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch filled the vacancies.

A letter was received and read from Hon. NEAL DOW, regretting that he could not attend this Session of the Grand Division, but hoped to visit some of the cities and towns in Canada next September.

The Grand Conductor entered and took his seat.

Moved by Representative J. WILSON, and seconded—

That the subject of where the next meeting of this Grand Division be held shall be taken up at 3 o'clock. Lost.

Moved by Representative J. W. DUNN, and seconded by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH—

That the next Session of this Grand Division be held at Niagara.

Moved by Representative G. V. N. RELYEA, and seconded by Representative P. I. ROBLIN, G.W.A.—

That the Grand Division be held in Belleville.

Moved by Representative B. PEARSON, and seconded by Representative W. DEEKS—

That the City of Toronto be the place for holding the Grand Division.

Moved by Representative J. COOK, and seconded by Representative W. RUDSTON—

That the Grand Division be held in the City of Ottawa.

Moved by Representative J. ELLIOTT, and seconded by Representative R. SHERIN—

That London be the place for holding the next Annual Session of the Grand Division.

An interesting and animated discussion then took place on the merits of each place nominated.

It was moved and seconded—

That there be no further discussion on this subject. Carried.

The votes were then taken on each place in its order, and London was declared the place selected for the next Session of the Grand Division.

Moved by Representative J. ELLIOTT, and seconded by Representative J. G. BELL—

That this Grand Division learns with very much pleasure that it is the intention of the Hon. NEAL DOW, of Portland, State of Maine, to visit Canada sometime during the ensuing autumn; and we hereby record our high appreciation of his services in the cause of Temperance, and pledge ourselves to do all we can to make his visit as agreeable to him as we expect it to be profitable to us. Carried.

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That the Grand Scribe be instructed to have prepared in the published Returns a separate column, in which the number of members over twelve months in arrears may be placed, thereby securing a correspondence between the per centage to the Grand Division and the number of contributing members in Subordinate Divisions. Carried.

Moved by Representative N. W. POWELL, M.D., and seconded by Representative J. WILSON, and

Resolved—That it will greatly facilitate the business of the opening of the Session of this Grand Division if the Committee on Credentials and Returns be ready to report at the opening of the Session on the first day, and to that end said Committee are required to meet at 9 o'clock A.M. of the first day, at the place of Session, to receive Returns and Credentials of Representatives; and in case a majority of said Committee be not present at that time, the Grand Worthy Patriarch shall fill the vacancies without waiting for the opening of the Grand Division. Carried.

In consequence of the echo being so great in the City Hall, where the Grand Division was assembled, it was moved and seconded—

That this Grand Division, after the close of this Session, hold its remaining Sessions at the Temperance Hall. Carried.

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

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND DIVISION, }
Kingston, June 24, 1858.

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Scribe, beg to report that they have given their careful attention to that very ably written document.

The parts of the Report upon which your Committee would venture a suggestion or two, and which seem to require the attention of the Grand Division, are the following, in the order presented by the Grand Scribe:—

That, although our prosperity is not so great as we would desire, yet we must be unfeignedly thankful for our present position, and must hail with encouragement any increase in our membership, such as is evinced by the thirty new Divisions recently chartered, and the nine which have been resuscitated. As shown by the Annual Returns from Subordinate Divisions, presented in the Grand Scribe's Report, the number of our members is very little greater than that of the year just previous; but we hope that the excrescences are now about removed—so that henceforth our growth will be more rapid and more uniform; and if Subordinate Divisions will only make an effort, next year's increase will be much greater. In relation to suspended Divisions, this fact is in our favor—that many who, from indolence

in the work, and from the press of their business, have allowed themselves to become in arrears for dues, remain firm to their principles, and are with us still, if only aroused to a sense of their duty.

We have now 10,000 members, and among so many, the number of deaths, being only thirty-four, is certainly a convincing proof that the per centage of deaths among Temperance men is very much smaller than the general per centage, as shown by tables prepared by Life Assurance Societies and Health Associations. In our organization last year we had only about one death to every 300.

Your Committee would recommend that the financial part of the Grand Scribe's Report be referred to the Finance Committee. We are glad to perceive the healthy condition of our money affairs, as exhibited by the balance sheet accompanying said report; and, as suggested, we would again call the attention of Representatives, and, through them, the attention of the few lax Subordinate Divisions, to the necessity of a promptness in making their quarterly returns.

Your Committee would call the attention of the Lecturing Committee to those localities where Divisions have suspended their operations; that those Divisions may by some means be resuscitated.

We hail with delight the prospect of extending our Order beyond the ocean, especially to the metropolis of Ireland, and hope that the charter given to the W.P. of Hamilton Division will include those who will be the nucleus of a large and powerful army in that city.

We recommend a continuance of the practice of printing in pamphlet form the proceedings of the Grand Division, and their transmission to Subordinate Divisions; as they tend greatly to increase the interest of members in our Order.

Your Committee would recommend the Grand Division to urge upon Subordinate Divisions the necessity of uniformity in the use of the New Ritual. As it is the Old Ritual, improved only in what was acknowledged by all to be defective, we think the Subordinate Divisions will be universally satisfied with it.

We notice with great pleasure the good results of Brother Moffat's lectures. He has faithfully, earnestly, and eloquently, told truths to Canadians; and if at all practicable, we would recommend keeping him in the field. And while we see the importance of a professional lecturer, we would not forget the great good resulting from local effort; and would recommend the Grand Division to ask (by circular) Ministers of every denomination who agree with us that our principles are founded upon the basis of eternal truth as given us in the Scriptures, to advocate them to their hearers, and thus co-operate with us in our work of reform.

While your Committee are prepared cordially to sustain the course taken by the Grand Worthy Patriarch in reference to circulating petitions to be presented at the present Session of the Legislature, yet in view of the change in public sentiment, which now seems to be more in favor of a prohibitory liquor law, your committee would express the hope that by the time of another annual Session of Parliament the prospects of the Temperance cause will be such as to afford the Grand Division every encouragement to resume the work of petitioning with renewed energy and activity.

We deeply regret the death of two veterans in the cause, especially now, when we require in our ranks every true soldier who will stand for our principles, whatever might tend to discourage; but we must submit to the will

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Your Committee cannot adopt the suggestion of the Grand Scribe in reference to the establishment of a paper as the acknowledged organ of the Sons of Temperance, inasmuch as those papers at present established in the Province for the propagation of Temperance principles are not sufficiently sustained by Temperance men; and in this connection we would recommend that the members of the Grand Division do more universally manifest their approbation by their subscriptions for at least one of those papers now published in the Temperance cause.

In reference to that part of the Report alluding to the matter of appeal from the Grand Division to the National Division, by the Frontenac Division No. 2, your committee would simply say that as everything in connection with this much vexed question has been referred to a special committee, they deem it a work of supererogation to do anything in the matter, but would express that the Grand Division, in discussing the Report of that Committee, would take steps to have all the troubles amicably arranged.

We hail so large an attendance of Representatives as a token of good, and hope the increased interest which the people of Canada are taking in our excellent organization will swell our numbers greater than they have ever yet been.

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

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Moved by Representative J. W. GIFFORD, and seconded by Representative A. J. WRIGHT—

That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Scribe's Report be received and adopted.

Moved by Representative J. COOK in amendment, and seconded—

That the Committee on Grand Scribe's Report be allowed to amend the same. Carried.

The Lecturing Committee submitted the following Report :

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

Your Committee would beg most respectfully to Report, that in accordance with a Resolution passed at the last Grand Division, they employed Brother JOHN MOFFAT as their Lecturer, and that they issued Circulars to all the Divisions, apprising them of the action taken by the Grand Division in reference to the [subordinate] Divisions aiding the Lecturing Fund by contributing five cents for each member in good standing.

Yet your Committee are sorry to have to report that the scheme has not

worked as it was fondly hoped it would ; as you will see by the reports that very, very few of the Divisions have responded to the call ; and in many instances your Committee have been embarrassed by calls for the Lecturer from Divisions whose donations were very small—say 7s. 6d.—and who seemed to think that he might and ought to travel from one end of the Province to the other at their call ; and in many instances have, in consequence of the small pittance forwarded to your Committee, made that as an excuse not to do anything for the Lecturer when in their locality ; and we are sorry to add that we are in debt, as the figures will show.

A. E. Vannorman, Secy. and Treas'r. of Committee in account with John Moffat.
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Fergus .. 213	4 00	Bath .. 19	1 50

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

A. E. VANNORMAN,
Secretary and Treasurer of Lecture Committee.

June 24th, 1858.

Moved by Representative P. I. ROBLIN, G.W.A., and seconded by Representative Dr. POWELL—

That the final report referred to the

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That the financial portion of the Report of the Lecturing Committee be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

A communication from the Grand Lecturer was read, and a verbal report given by him of his present position as the Grand Division Lecturer.

The Report of the Committee on the Grand Scribe's Report was again presented as amended, and on motion was adopted.

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

Resolved 1. That the Report of the Secretary of the Lecturing Committee be adopted.

Resolved 2. That this Grand Division receives with deep regret the resignation of Brother JOHN MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., as Grand Division Lecturer, and that we tender him our hearty thanks for his most efficient services while in the employment of this Grand Division.

Resolved 3. That the deficiency in Brother JOHN MOFFAT's salary be paid out of the funds of the Grand Division. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. FORD, and seconded by Representative L. McGUIRE, and Resolved—

That this Grand Division pledge itself to renewed exertions in the promotion of Temperance principles, by using every effort to organize new Divisions and build up those that already exist amongst us, so that when another opportunity is afforded to petition the Legislature on the subject of Prohibition, we shall be prepared to make a strenuous effort to obtain that long-desired object. Carried.

The Special Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws for Juvenile Temperance Associations submitted the following Report:—

[The Report not having been sent in in time to appear in its proper place here, it will be found in an Appendix.]

Moved and seconded—

That the above Report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Representative J. ELLIOTT, and seconded by Representative Rev. J. SHORTT, D.D.—

That the Report of the Committee be referred back, to amend the clause relating to a Report of a Special Committee this Session, and that said Committee report next Session.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by the Grand Scribe, and seconded by Representative N. W. POWELL, M.D.,

That the Report of the Committee on Juvenile Temperance Associations be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Brothers C.H. VANNORMAN, D. EASTWOOD, and C. McARTHUR, to report this Session. Carried.

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The Report on Petitions and Communications was read and referred back to the Committee for amendment.

The Grand Division adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock.

Evening Session.

7 o'Clock.

The Grand Division met in due form—Dr. BEATTY, Grand Worthy Patriarch, in the Chair.

Officers absent—Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch filled the vacancies as follows: Representative W. RUDSTON, Grand Treasurer; Representative P.P. PEARSON, Grand Sentinel; Representative Rev. G. MILLER, Grand Chaplain.

The Minutes were then read, corrected, and adopted.

The Special Committee on the Special Reports of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Grand Scribe, and Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch W. RUDSTON, submitted the following Report:—

GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Kingston, June 24, 1858. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST.

We, the Committee to whom was referred the Special Reports of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and Brothers RUDSTON, D.G.W.P., and E. STACEY, G.S., his Deputies, beg respectfully to Report:—

We find that in accordance with instructions from the Grand Division, at its last Session, the Grand Worthy Patriarch visited Frontenac Division No. 2, and that the said Division refused to acknowledge the authority of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, or to comply with his requests; and that in the discharge of his duty as Grand Worthy Patriarch, he found it necessary to suspend said Division until the present Session of the Grand Division.

We find further, that after suspension, the said Division remained in insubordination; that they refused to deliver up the Charter, Books, and other property belonging to the Division;—thus violating the solemn obligation which they took as Sons of Temperance, and the obligations of office which their Worthy Patriarch took at the time of his installation. That the so-called Division, after suspension, continued to hold meetings, in defiance of the Grand Worthy Patriarch and this Grand Division, under the title of Frontenac Division No. 2; that they elected officers, and by means

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Your Committee are therefore of opinion that in accordance with Part 12 of the Constitution of the National Division, this Grand Division has no alternative but to declare the Charter of Frontenac Division No. 2 forfeited; and would recommend—

First—That the Reports of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and of Grand Scribe E. STACEY and Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch W. RUDSTON, acting as his Deputies, be adopted.

Second—That Frontenac Division No. 2 has by its own acts forfeited its Charter, and it is hereby declared so forfeited.

Your Committee beg further to report, that inasmuch as the Act of Incorporation of the Order of the Sons of Temperance is found to be defective, your Committee would recommend—

Third—That the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe be appointed to devise and procure such alterations in our Act of Incorporation as they may find necessary for the interests of the Order.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

JOHN MOFFAT, NEWTON W. POWELL, JONATHAN SHORTT, C. H. VANNORMAN, EDWARD ROWLAND,	}	Committee.
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Moved by Representative F. A. OLIVER, and seconded by Representative J. BRECKENRIDGE—

That the Report of the Special Committee on the Special Reports of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Grand Scribe, and Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch W. RUDSTON, be received and adopted. Carried.

A long statement from Mr. J. GEORGE, of the late Frontenac Division, was read and found to contain statements with regard to the Grand Worthy Patriarch, which were pronounced by him to be deliberate, unvarnished, wilful falsehoods; and that if he had made such statements as were there attributed to him by JOSEPH GEORGE, he would be unworthy of filling the lowest office in the Order.

On motion the letter was placed on file.

Moved by Representative J. G. BELL, and seconded by Representative N. W. POWELL, M.D.—

That the Grand Worthy Patriarch be, and is hereby empowered, to restore to the loyal members of the late Frontenac Division, the Charter, provided they will consent to comply with the decision of this Grand Division. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. ELLIOTT, and seconded by Representative A. B. PARDEE—

That this Grand Division would record its high appreciation of the noble and disinterested efforts of the Executive in carrying out the instructions of this Grand Division relative to the late Frontenac Division. Carried.

The Committee on Petitions and Communications submitted the following Report:—

GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, }
Kingston, 24th June, 1858. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THE
GRAND DIVISION, SONS OF TEMPERANCE, OF CANADA WEST.

Your Committee, to whom was referred sundry petitions, &c., beg leave to report as follows:—

1. In the matter of the application of Brother W. F. LOWE for a Clearance Card, we recommend that the Grand Division accede to his wishes and grant his request.

2. In reference to the communication of Brother J. A. DAVIDSON, your Committee are of opinion that this excellent Brother deserves every encouragement which the Grand Division can afford him. We regret that in the present state of our finances it would not be justifiable to employ additional Lecturers; but we think it would be well to recommend the Subordinate Divisions to receive the Brother cordially, and in every way in their power to aid him in his disinterested and self-denying labors to promote the great Temperance cause.

3. We conceive the request of our esteemed Brother BECKETT, the enterprising proprietor and publisher of the "Canada Temperance Advocate," deserves the hearty support of our Order; and we think it only necessary to repeat the former reiterated approval of this invaluable Temperance periodical, and regret that the support hitherto given has not been as encouraging, in a financial point of view, as he desires and deserves at the hands of the Teetotallers of Canada, and indeed of British North America. We strongly recommend that the members of the Order subscribe for the "Canada Temperance Advocate," and that in each Subordinate Division the matter of its increased circulation be earnestly considered.

4. We hail the "Fountain" as a useful Temperance publication, especially in the matter of promoting juvenile effort, and would recommend that our zealous Brother, W. J. KELLY, turn his attention exclusively to the advocacy and promotion of the organization of Sections of Cadets, Bands of Hope, &c. &c., and that in such case the "Fountain" be recommended to the support of all Sons of Temperance.

5. Your Committee regret exceedingly that there are to be found in our midst unprincipled and designing persons, who, for the sake of filthy lucre, if not from worse motives, hesitate not to impose upon the Temperance community beverages not only of a questionable character, but decidedly intoxicating, designating them "Temperance drinks," and among such we have no hesitation in naming "Ginger Wine" and "Lager Beer." We think that all Sons of Temperance ought to be on their guard against using any beverages in Taverns, except Tea, Coffee, or Water; and that, even when beverages named "Temperance drinks" are offered by known friends, if there be a doubt of their true character, the benefit of such doubt be given

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R. D. WADSWORTH, }
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On motion the above Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Unfermented Wine for Sacramental purposes, submitted the following Report:—

GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Kingston, June 24, 1858. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST.

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of the *Unfermented Juice of the Grape for Sacramental purposes* being easily obtained in the City of Kingston, prepared with the utmost care and upon strictly scientific principles, by our esteemed and zealous friend, Dr. MAIR, beg leave to report—

That your Committee conceive it to be the duty of the Grand Division to take into their serious consideration the following facts:—That there are Christians, members of this Order and *not of this Order*, who have conscientious objections to the use of any kind of alcoholic or drugged wines in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; that the number of such individuals increases as our members multiply and our principles become understood; that the indefatigable exertions of such generous hearted men as Dr. MAIR of this city, and others who might be named, have demonstrated the fact, that in our own Province, yea, at our own doors, can be procured an un-intoxicating wine, such as, if approved by the respected and venerable ecclesiastical bodies laboring in this portion of the vineyard of our Divine Lord and Master, would meet the conscientious scruples and remove the cause of exclusion from His table of those brethren *in and out* of the Order who desire to show forth the Lord's death till He come again, in the use only of a pure unfermented wine; and we rejoice to call attention to the cheering truth, that the Churches themselves are now more attentively and prayerfully considering the claims of our cause than at any former period.

Your Committee having examined the wine prepared by Dr. MAIR, are of opinion that it may be safely recommended for the use of such churches as may deem it proper to make the change which the foregoing observations suggest; and as Dr. M. has no pecuniary interest to serve or sinister design in its preparation, he has kindly consented to make public the recipes for its manufacture, and generously bestowed a sample for the Committee and members of the Grand Division to examine for themselves.

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

P. SCHOFIELD, }
G. V. N. RELYEA, } Committee.
GILBERT MILLER, }
WILLIAM SMART, }
R. D. WADSWORTH, }

Moved by Representative A. DIAMOND, and seconded—

That the consideration of the Report just read be deferred till the Morning Session. Carried.

The Committee on the Maine Law submitted the following Report:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, OF CANADA WEST, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the Prohibitory Liquor Law recently enacted in the State of Maine, and its adaptability to our Province, beg most respectfully to Report—

That they have examined and considered said Act as closely as their limited time would permit, and find that with a few clerical amendments to suit the character of our municipal and other institutions (differing as they do in many respects from those of the State of Maine), the Act is as wisely and judiciously framed as the advocates of Temperance could well desire, and its transfer to our Statute Books could not fail to operate as an inestimable boon to the community at large.

The principle of legal prohibition of the sale and manufacture of all intoxicating liquors lies at the base of the Temperance movement, and until this is effected, all efforts, no matter how vigorous or united, must prove comparatively impotent in eradicating the deep-seated and wide-spread evils of intemperance.

With this object in view, your Committee would urge upon the Grand Division the importance of bringing this subject before the attention of the Legislature now in Session.

The only amendment your Committee would venture to suggest in reference to the said Maine Law, is in regard to the adulteration of liquors by the admixture of noxious or poisonous ingredients. Your Committee cannot express themselves too strongly on this heinous offence. They deem it a misdemeanor of the gravest kind, and think that a severer punishment than that for ordinary violations under the Statute should be apportioned to such high offenders. Every one who would poisonously adulterate or knowingly sell such adulterated liquors, shortening the lives of their fellows for the sake of a paltry gain, deserve to be tried and punished as felons of the most dangerous description; and if a new Law is to be enacted in the Province on this subject, such law would be defective if it did not contain a penal clause to this effect.

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

P. SCHOFIELD,
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Moved by Representative D. KENNEDY, and seconded by Representative J. W. GIFFORD—

That the above Report be adopted. Carried.

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The Committee on Appeals made their first Report, as follows:—

GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Kingston, June 24, 1858. }

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

The Committee of Appeals having carefully considered the matter of Appeal of Brother THOMAS NIXON against the decision of an Appeal Committee in the case of Brother NIXON versus Newmarket Division No. 108, beg most respectfully to Report—

That they find that neither the Appellant nor the Newmarket Division have acted throughout in accordance with the laws or usages of the Order.

That while your Committee would not reverse the decision of the Committee in refusing Brother NIXON a card of withdrawal, they find that Brother NIXON has done nothing to prejudice his standing as a member of said Division No. 108.

In the matter of Appeal of Brothers GEORGE LAMB and JAMES ENGLISH against Omeme Division No. 114, your Committee would beg to Report that the Appeal be sustained, and the decision of said Division reversed.

In the matter of Appeal of Brother W. O'BRIEN against the action of the Siloam Division No. 267, your Committee Report that the Appeal be sustained, and the action of the Division be reversed, in accordance with Art. 5, Sec. 5, of the Constitution.

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

A. DIAMOND,
JOHN WILSON,
ROBT. SHERIN,
JAMES CUMMING,
HENRY ROBINSON } Committee.

Moved by Representative J. NOTT, seconded by Representative B. M. BRITON—

That the Report be adopted.

It was then moved in amendment and seconded—

That the Report be taken up seriatim. Carried.

It was moved and seconded—

That the minutes in the case of Brother NIXON be read. Carried.

It was then moved and seconded—

That further action in this matter lie over till the morning Session. Carried.

The Grand Division then adjourned to meet at half-past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Morning Session.*Friday, 25th June—8:30 o'Clock.*

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in due form—Dr. BEATTY, Grand Worthy Patriarch, presiding.

The following Officers were reported absent—Grand Worthy Associate, Grand Chaplain, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch filled the vacancies as follows: Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, Grand Worthy Associate; P. P. PEARSON, Grand Sentinel; N. W. POWELL, M.D., Grand Scribe; F. A. OLIVER, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Chaplain read a portion of Scripture and offered up prayer.

The Minutes of the previous Session were then read and approved of.

The Grand Worthy Associate, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Sentinel, entered and took their seats.

The Report of the Committee on Unfermented Wine for Sacramental purposes was again read.

The Grand Conductor introduced Brother J. SIMPSON, of Spring Hill Division No. 335, who was duly obligated.

Moved by Representative N. W. POWELL, M.D., seconded by Representative J. WILSON—

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee on Unfermented Wines for Sacramental purposes be not adopted; but at the same time this Grand Division is of opinion that every effort to procure the pure juice of the grape is commendable.

Moved in amendment by Representative J. ELLIOTT, seconded by Representative A. B. PARDEE—

That the Report of the Committee on the unfermented wine, juice of the grape, for sacramental purposes, be adopted.

The recipes for making unfermented wine were ruled by the Grand Worthy Patriarch out of order, and not to appear in the Minutes—which ruling was approved by the Grand Division.

The original motion was then put and carried.

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The Report of the Committee on Appeals, which was laid over last evening, was then brought up and considered.

It was moved and seconded—

That the first part of said Report be adopted. Carried.

It was moved and seconded—

That the second clause of said Report be adopted. Carried.

It was moved and seconded—

That the third clause of said Report be adopted. Carried.

On motion, the Report as a whole was adopted.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND DIVISION, }
Kingston, June 25, 1858. }

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

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the Reports, Vouchers and Accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe, would most respectfully Report that we have carefully examined the same, and find them satisfactory and correct.

To amount of Receipts for last six months, including Cash on				
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By amount of Cash on hand at date	\$467 63	<u>1869 73</u>

In conclusion, your Committee would further Report that the Books of the Grand Scribe are kept in a highly creditable and business-like manner.

We further recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz.—

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

JOHN ELLIOTT,
J. BREAKENRIDGE, } Committee.
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It was moved and seconded—

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Representative D. KENNEDY, seconded by Representative J. W. GIFFORD—

That whereas a decision in a Court of Law has been obtained by persons suspended by the authority of the Grand Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance of Canada West, and which the Grand Division believe to be contrary to its Charter; and as the interests of the Order generally are involved in the issue; that in order to strengthen the hands of the Executive officers of the Grand Division in procuring and prosecuting a new trial, or to take any other course they may deem advisable to arrive at a settlement, that this Grand Division renews its confidence in the wisdom and prudence of its Executive officers; and that the expenses incurred be paid out of the funds of the Grand Division. Carried.

A verbal Report of the Special Committee on the Report of the Committee on Juvenile Temperance Associations was submitted, setting forth the alterations contemplated, viz.: The Sections of Cadets now or hereafter to be established to be under the supervision of a Division of the Sons of Temperance. In order to the establishment of a Section, the applicants will have to hand their application, countersigned by the Division they propose to act under, and also give in their adhesion to all the rules and laws that may be made from time to time for the government of the Cadets of Temperance by the Grand Division. Their head officer, the Worthy Archon, shall be a Son of Temperance, and elected by a Division of the Sons of Temperance which the Section may act under: he shall be chairman of the Section, and shall be responsible to his Division for a proper administration of the laws. Candidates must be over eight years, and under eighteen years of age; and members of the Section under twelve years shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

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

That the Report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Representative J. COWTON, and seconded by Representative J. SHIELDS—

That the age of admission shall be twelve years instead of eight years, and that the words "eighteen years" be omitted. Lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Moved by Representative D. EASTWOOD, seconded by Representative C. H. VANNORMAN—

That an Executive Committee of five members be appointed by the Grand Division (of whom the Grand Scribe shall be one) who shall hereafter be appointed at the Annual Sessions of this Grand Division, whose duty it

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

That the Executive Committee have power, and are hereby instructed to revise the Ritual and By-laws of the Cadets, and to procure such a number of copies, together with the Constitution, as may by them be deemed necessary. Carried.

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

That Subordinate Divisions be earnestly recommended to receive Cadets into Divisions of Sons of Temperance at the age of eighteen years, without the payment of initiation fee, upon condition of their furnishing a certificate of membership and character from the Section to which they respectively belonged, and on payment of one quarter's dues in advance. Carried.

NOTE BY G.S.—Youths are by the Constitution now admitted into the Divisions at the age of fourteen years.

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

That the Executive Committee be instructed that in the preparation of the Ritual they shall insert an obligation to be administered to the Worthy Archon, Vice Archon, and Chaplain, embracing in full the obligation of a Cadet of Temperance, to be observed during their continuance in office.

Moved by Representative F. A. OLIVER, and seconded by the Grand Treasurer—

That Brothers E. STACEY, G.S., R. C. BENEDICT, J. ELLIOTT, C. H. VANNORMAN, and D. EASTWOOD, be the Executive Committee on Juvenile Temperance Associations. Carried.

The Committee on Appeals submitted a second Report:—

GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Kingston, June 25, 1858.

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

Your Committee on Appeals having considered the Appeal of E. D. RODGERS against the decision of J. B. CALDWELL, W.P. of Newmarket Division No. 108, and of P. P. PEARSON, D.G.W.P. of that Division, beg leave to Report—

That they find the grounds of appeal to be as follows:—That on the 6th of April last, under the sanction of said officers, said Division No. 108 was thrown open to the public, and that the ordinary business of the Order, including the initiation of new members, was transacted in the presence of those who were not members. The appellant protested against such conduct, but was overruled—from which he now appeals.

It is the opinion of your Committee that said conduct of said named officers is—first, a violation of the obligation which every member takes upon his admission into the Order; second, it is a violation of the W.P.'s obligation taken on his installation into office; third, it is a still more gross violation of the obligation of every D.G.W.P.

Your Committee would therefore Report that the Appeal be sustained, and recommend that said offenders be dealt with according to the laws of the Order.

In the appeal of J. CUPPAGE against the Orillia Division No. 122, your Committee would Report that a charge was preferred by the Appellant against certain members of said Division for violating Article 2 of our Constitution, by signing a recommendation for one Humphrey Harmer to keep a house of public entertainment in the village of Orillia. The Division decided that this act was not a violation of said Article No. 2 of the Constitution.

Your Committee would report that said Appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Division confirmed. They would also point out the inconsistency of members of the Order promoting by their influence, either directly or indirectly, the interests of those engaged in the liquor traffic.

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

A. DIAMOND,	} Committee.
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It was moved and seconded, that the Report be taken up seriatim.

The first item was then read from the Chair, put and carried.

The second item was also read from the Chair, put and carried.

Moved by Representative J. MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., and seconded by Representative T. LECKIE—

That this Grand Division recommend to Subordinate Divisions to pass such By-laws as shall entirely prohibit the use of Tobacco in the Division or ante-rooms, either during Division hours or at any other time. Carried.

The subject of Prohibition again received the attention of the Grand Division; when it was

Moved by Representative J. M. DUNN, and seconded by Representative J. BRECKENRIDGE, G.S.—

That the Report on the Maine Law be referred to a Committee to be composed of Grand Worthy Patriarch DR. BEATTY, Grand Scribe E. STACEY, and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch Rev. J. SHORTT, D.D., to take such action in the premises as they may deem expedient. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. M. DUNN, and seconded by Representative Dr A. WORTHINGTON—

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That it is the opinion of this Grand Division that Subordinate Divisions would greatly promote the interests of the Order, as well as the well-being of the community generally, by putting into execution those Municipal By-laws—namely: against vendors selling liquor on the Sabbath; allowing gambling on their premises; keeping their places open after the appointed hours of shutting; and especially against liquor sellers taking their seats in Municipal Councils—which now exist. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. M. DUNN, and seconded by the Grand Conductor—

That in order to diffuse the principles of Temperance more widely, and to infuse fresh vigor into the operations of our beloved Order, that this Grand Division strongly recommend that Subordinate Divisions hold monthly public meetings in their respective localities, as it is believed, if those meetings are properly conducted, that great good may be done. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. W. GIFFORD, and seconded by Representative D. KENNEDY—

That the sum of eight dollars be paid to Representative D. HERSEY for services rendered as Messenger to this Grand Division during its present Session. Carried.

Moved by Representative D. KENNEDY, and seconded by Representative J. BRECKENRIDGE—

That the sum of twelve dollars be paid to Representative Dr. A. WORTHINGTON for his services as Assistant Grand Scribe during the present Session of the Grand Division. Carried.

Moved by Representative N. W. POWELL, M.D., and seconded by Representative E. ROWLAND—

That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby respectfully presented, to WM. SHANLEY, Esq., Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railroad, and to B. FRENCH, Esq., Superintendent of the Prescott and Ottawa Railway, for their kindness and liberality in permitting members to attend this Session of the Grand Division at one-half the usual fare. Carried.

Moved by Representative E. ROWLAND, and seconded by Representative N. W. POWELL, M.D.—

That Representative C. H. VANNORMAN, JOHN MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., and DR. CASE, of the city of Hamilton, be appointed a Committee to wait upon C. J. BRYDGES, Esq., Managing Director of the Great Western Railway, and the Managers of other Companies for the conveyance of the travelling community, to procure, if possible, the conveyance of Representatives at reduced rates on the occasion of the next Session of this Grand Division at London. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. W. GIFFORD, and seconded by Representative E. ROWLAND—

That the thanks of this Grand Division be unanimously tendered to our

Brethren and friends of Temperance in Kingston, for their hospitality and kindness to this body during its present Session. Carried.

Moved by Representative N. D. DICKINSON, and seconded by Representative J. HILLYARD—

That with a view of more extensively and effectually promoting the cause of total abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, this Grand Division earnestly recommend that every Subordinate Division under their control adopt an energetic system of endeavoring to co-operate with all friends of the Temperance Cause in their several localities, for the purpose of holding public Temperance meetings periodically, and at short intervals, hoping that thus the broad ground of public opinion may be thoroughly prepared for the final adoption and cordial sustaining of a Prohibitory Liquor Law throughout Canada. Carried.

Moved by Representative N. W. POWELL, M.D., seconded by Representative J. ELLIOTT—

That the salary of the Grand Scribe until the next Session of the Grand Division be at the rate of £150 per annum. Carried.

Representatives Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, and C. H. VANNORMAN asked for information in reference to any action of the National Division on the matter of admitting ladies into the Order of the Sons of Temperance as members, receiving the quarterly password.

In reply to the above inquiry, the Grand Worthy Patriarch stated that no alteration had been made.

Moved by the Grand Scribe, and seconded by Representative J. L. BAKER—

That whereas the Degree Work has not been found of any great advantage to the Order, and the Degree Work being out of print, and the National Division having decided not to publish another edition of the same, therefore Resolved, that this Grand Division deem it inexpedient to take any further action on the subject of Degrees. Carried.

Moved by the Grand Conductor, and seconded by the Past Grand Worthy Patriarch—

That the Rule to adjourn be suspended in order to finish all the business connected with the Session.

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

That Brothers WILLIAM BATES, now a resident of Dublin in Ireland, and W. J. WHITTELL of Perth, Scotland, both late members of Hamilton Division No. 25, Sons of Temperance of Canada West, be and are hereby recommended to the National and Grand Divisions of Great Britain and Ireland, for appointment as Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs for the localities in which they now reside. Carried.

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The Grand Conductor declared the Grand Division adjourned to meet at London, C.W., on the first Wednesday of December next.



EDWARD STACEY,
Grand Scribe.

APPENDIX.

Report marked No. 1 was first brought in and referred to a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, who presented Report marked No. 2. The whole of the papers were then referred to a Special Committee, whose action will be found recorded in the proper place in the minutes (page 40).

(No. 1.)

GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Kingston, June 24, 1858. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST.

Your Committee to whom was referred at the last Grand Division the "drafting of a Constitution and Rules for the management of the Juvenile Branches in connection with the Grand Division," beg leave to Report—

That they have taken the old Constitution and By-laws of the Cadets as the basis of a new one, which they have considerably abridged.

Your Committee further beg to Report, that on concluding their work in connection with the Constitution and By-laws, they found it absolutely necessary to alter and amend the Red Book of the Cadets, so that no clashing might occur between it and the Constitution.

Your Committee beg leave further to suggest that the Grand Division appoint a committee of three, to be called the Cadet Committee, with the Grand Scribe as Chairman.

The documents above referred to are herewith respectfully submitted, together with this Report.

THOMAS NIXON, } Committee.
R. C. BENEDICT, }

(No. 2.)

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND DIVISION, }
Kingston, June 24, 1858. }

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Session of the Grand Division, for the purpose of drafting By-laws and Constitution for the management of the Juvenile Branches in connection with the Grand Division, beg leave most respectfully

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to Report, that we have examined the Report of the aforesaid Committee as well as the draft of the Constitution and By-laws prepared by them; and find that several alterations and amendments are absolutely necessary to the efficient working of the Sections. We refer especially to the rule fixing the age at which youths are eligible for membership also implying that they shall leave at the age of eighteen.

We beg further to express our approval of that part of the Report which recommends the appointment of a Committee of three, and would suggest that said Committee be styled the Grand Division Executive Committee for Cadets of Temperance, the Chairman of which shall be styled Grand Worthy Patron.

And further, we beg to recommend that the Executive Committee shall call an Annual Convention, to be composed of the A.W.A. or P.W.A., and one W.P. or P.W.P. from each Section, who shall be called Delegates, and who shall prepare to discuss such measures for the better working of the organization as they may wish to bring before the Grand Division through the Executive Committee.

We therefore beg to suggest that the draft of the Constitution and By-laws be referred to a Special Committee, to be amended in conformity with this Report, and that said Committee be requested to report at the present Session of the Grand Division.

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

P. P. PEARSON, } Committee on
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THE NATIONAL DIVISION.

The National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America assembled on the 9th June, 1858, at Indianapolis.

The following interesting particulars are taken from "The Crusader," the organ of the Order of the Sons of Temperance :

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION.

Most	W.P.	....	B. D. TOWNSEND	....	South Carolina.
..	W.A.	....	E. W. JACKSON	....	Maine.
..	W.S.	....	F. A. FICKARDT	....	Pennsylvania.
..	W.T.	....	R. M. FOUST	....	Pennsylvania.
..	W.C.	....	JOHN MOFFAT	....	Canada West.
..	W.	Chaplain—	J. LEACH	....	Indiana.
..	W.S.	....	S. A. DUKE	....	Iowa.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

INDIANAPOLIS, (Ind.), June 10th, 1858.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Report of the M. W. Scribe as relates to the prosperity and present condition of the Order, respectfully submit the following Report:—

Your Committee tender their warmest congratulations to the friends of sobriety and good order everywhere, on the unmistakable evidence of an increasing interest in the cause of Temperance in general, and of our Order in particular, which is manifesting itself in almost every part of our jurisdiction. This awakening interest calls us to a more earnest and ardent devotion of all our powers to increase this interest, and give it such a direction as will result in the greatest practical effect for good.

It is a truth, whether our philosophy of human society will account for it or not, that

“ There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune,”

and the amount of effort required to accomplish any desired result is much less when this tide is in our favor than when it is against us. The present is a propitious time for our labor of love. The horizon, which but a few months ago was hung with darkness, is now streaked with the dawn of a temperance revival, which, if we are but faithful to our mission, will cheer many a desolate home, will save from disgrace and ruin many a tempted youth, and will be crowned with results and consequences which the cycles of eternity alone can fully unfold.

Of the ultimate triumph of our cardinal principles we cannot for a moment doubt, while we have any confidence in truth, faith in God, or hope for humanity. In the great conflict of life the cause of truth and righteousness may seem to be stricken down for the time, but our reverses should only teach us wisdom, and we should rally our forces again to the battle, strengthened and made wiser by the experience of the past.

The causes conspiring to produce the present hopeful state of the Order, and, by implication, of the cause of temperance generally, are mainly these:

1st. The revision of our Ritual of Ceremonies. Experience has taught us that the more simple and plainer our forms, the more impressive they become, and the better adapted to that universal acceptance which is so desirable in an Order intended to scatter its blessings among the ranks of society. True beauty is not made up of meretricious ornaments, but of simple unadorned worth.

2d. The introduction of a swarm of Orders and institutions based on the central idea of total abstinence, but varied to meet the necessities of time, place and circumstances, real or imaginary, had divided our ranks, and, in the ratio of this divi-

sion, had weakened anything like we could hope and thought—is an indispensable in the temperance every temperance bringing back the false hope association. T many localities rectly, but reflection of public of thousands. cannot fail to this versatile a principles of the and immovable ments, the mere whim of fashion commands of a be mistake to support of the temperance meet these new substitution that rations. It comes and while moving destiny,” the addresses itself to all ings, and, in the nate Divisions, grades of society localities. It the instrumentality perfection will pervade evils of intemperance the friends of so 3d. Another, adding lustre to sister visitors are who supposes that can be successful influence, has weakened of the nineteenth

sion, had weakened the temperance army, and unfitted it for anything like simultaneous or concerted action, in which alone we could hope for success. Mature reflection—the sober second thought—has convinced us that the Sons of Temperance is an indispensable organization, an essential element of progress in the temperance reform, and one which it is the duty of every temperance man to maintain. This returning sanity is bringing back to the Division those who had been deluded by the false hope of exerting more influence for good in some other association. This re-concentration of effort is producing, in many localities, the happiest results, not only on the Order directly, but reflexly on society in general, producing a healthy tone of public sentiment, and moulding the fates and fortunes of thousands. Those who have studied the genius of our Order cannot fail to admire its peculiar adaptation to the wants of this versatile and progressive age. While the great central principles of the Order, the internal skeleton, remains as fixed and immoveable as the everlasting hills, the internal investments, the mere drapery, can be changed with every changing whim of fashion, the wants of each succeeding year, or the demands of a better cultivated taste. It is, therefore, a great mistake to suppose that every year, and each successive phase of the temperance question, demands a new organization to meet these new exigencies. The Sons of Temperance is an institution that most admirably meets these ever changing indications. It combines most completely “diversity in unity,” and while moving to the fulfilment of its mission, its “manifest destiny,” the achievement of a sober world, it yet accommodates itself to all the reasonable demands of its social surroundings, and, in the large discretion left in the hands of Subordinate Divisions, adapts itself as far as possible to the various grades of society, as well as to the demands of widely separated localities. It thus justifies its claim to be the great temperance instrumentality of the age, embodying, as far as human imperfection will permit, the elements of prevention and cure for the evils of intemperance, and as such has peculiar claims on all the friends of sobriety everywhere.

3d. Another, and not the least among the causes which are adding lustre to the star of our Order, is the interest which our sister visitors are taking in the prosperity of our Divisions. He who supposes that any great moral reform or social revolution can be successfully carried forward without the aid of woman's influence, has wholly misread human society in the meridian of the nineteenth century. This influence we have happily se-

cured, and its effects are not only apparent in the prosperity of the Divisions, but it is sowing good seeds around the hearthstones that will spring up in the homes of the land, and bear fruit in coming generations to happy millions.

The recommendation of the M.W. Scribe on the subject of admitting ministers of the gospel without fees or dues, involves a question which should not be lightly passed over. The influence of the pulpit is one that we should, by all means, enlist in a cause so holy as that of ours, but we doubt the propriety of making any special discrimination in favor of any particular class in society. If ministers are admitted without fees or dues, should we not extend that privilege to professional teachers? Temperance lessons in the school are nearly as important as in the church; and if we begin to discriminate, where will we end? Moreover, the discretionary power now left with Subordinate Divisions in the management of their funds, we think amply sufficient to meet the emergency, and Subordinate Divisions are the most competent judges of when they should exercise that power. Nevertheless, we would not undervalue the importance of securing the aid of so powerful an auxiliary as the pulpit on all moral questions.

There are, in many parts of our jurisdiction, ministers of real worth, who are laboring under mistaken views of our objects, or the modes of attaining our ends, whose false impressions might be corrected by the issuing from this most worthy body a circular addressed to the clergy, earnestly inviting their cooperation with us in our labor for the promotion of Temperance, and with it every moral and social virtue.

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