

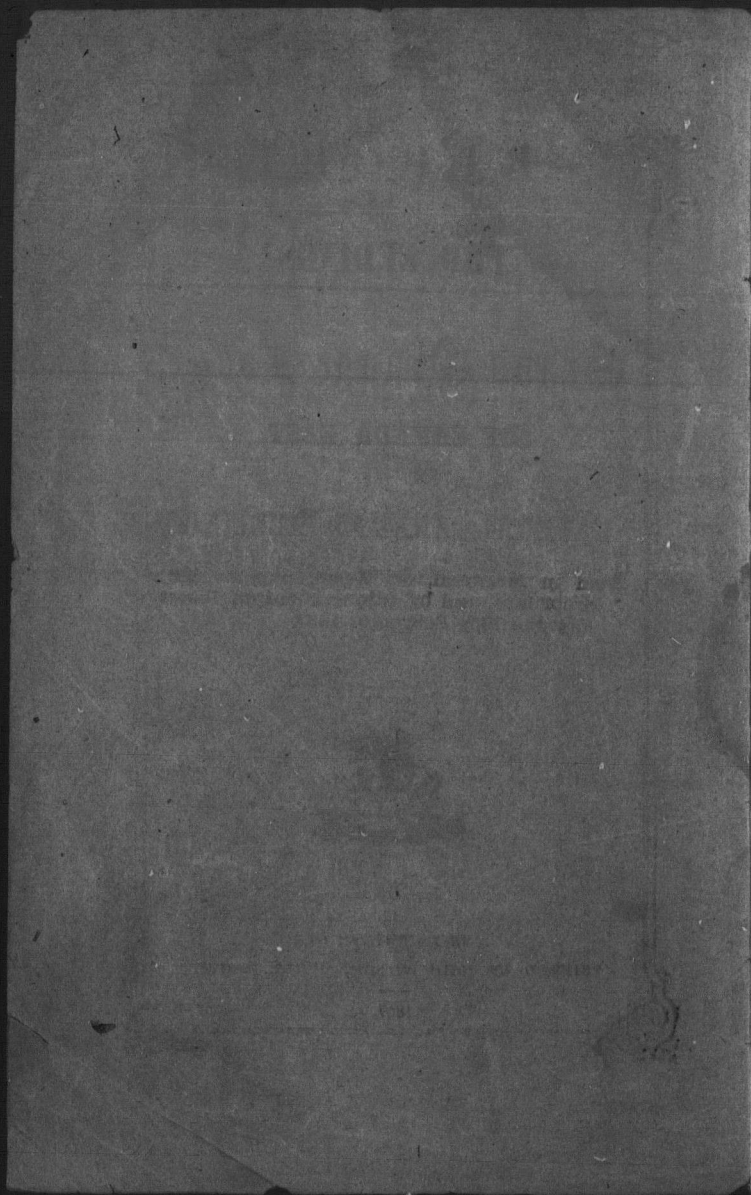
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'PRESENT:

GRAND OFFICERS.

J. McKinnon, G. M.	W. O. Smith, G. S.
J. Henderson, G. T.	John Campbell, D. G. C.

COUNTY MASTER.

John Campbell, County of Montreal.

MASTERS OF LODGES.

W. O. Smith,	J. A. Evans,
J. Campbell,	John J. Arnton.

On account of the Militia demonstration in the city occurring at the time, many Officers and Members were unable to attend; but at 12 o'clock the Provincial Grand Master assumed the Chair, and declared the Grand Lodge opened in the Scarlet Chapter for the transaction of business.

The Chapter was then adjourned until the evening of Thursday

the 19th, and the Grand Lodge re-opened in the Orange Degree, when the Grand Master appointed the following brethren to act on Committees :

ON PROXIES AND CORRESPONDENCE.—Brothers John Campbell, John J. Arnton, and Hugh Cameron.

ON FINANCE.—Brothers J. H. Henderson, O. Burns, and J. F. Blackwood.

ON SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.—Brothers R. Hannay, J. Menzies, and S. Wilson.

It was then moved by Brother Chas. F. Hill, seconded by Brother W. O. Smith, and

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to frame an Address to be presented to the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America, at its next Annual Meeting ; and said Committee be composed of the Grand Master and Officers, and the Masters of Lodges in the City of Montreal.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to Eight o'clock the following evening.

SECOND DAY.

GRAND LODGE ROOM OF C. E.,

Montreal, 21st February, 1857.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at Eight o'clock in the evening, pursuant to adjournment. The Right Worshipful the Grand Master in the Chair.

The adjourned Lodge was then opened in the Orange Degree.

The Grand Master afterwards addressed the Lodge, expressed his satisfaction at meeting them once more, and congratulated them upon the restoration of order and unanimity, and upon the steady progress and prosperity of the Order, which, especially in the Upper Province, was the main bulwark of Protestantism. It was evident that the power and influence of Popery in this Province was yet great, and it behoved them to stand shoulder to shoulder in defence of their liberties and religion. Orangemen had been too long separated in this Province by petty feuds, while they ought to be one. They were all acquainted with the fable of the two sticks—when separate they were easily broken, but when put together it required a very strong arm indeed to break them. Orangemen should be one all over the world, and he hoped they would be ere long, and more numerous, bold and determined than they were. They had this evening to elect their Officers for the ensuing year, and he had no doubt they would select those most competent to discharge the duties, and support the honor of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were chosen :—

The Committee on Proxies and Correspondence brought up the following Report, which was, on motion, received, adopted, ordered to be printed, and the Committee discharged.

L. O. L. No. 30, "Wakefield,"	Andrew Nelson,	Master,
" 31, "Markham,"	George Johnston,	"
" 32, "Chelsea,"	J. C. Chamberlin,	"
" 36, "Templeton,"	Robert McIlroy,	"
" 47, "Allen's Corners,"	Wm. Hamilton,	"
" 59, "Hull,"	John McClelland,	"
" 66, "Matham,"	James Grant,	"

Your Committee would notice that L. O. L. No. 66 have not appended their Seal; but they state that it is now in the hands of the engraver. L. O. L. No. 44 have also omitted affixing the Seal of their Lodge, (no reason assigned.)

All which is most respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) JOHN J. ARNTON.
JOHN CAMPBELL.
HUGH CAMERON.

The Report of the Finance Committee was then called for, and brought up by brother J. Henderson, as follows:—

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1856.

Feb'y. 19.	To paid W. O. Smith, Grand Secretary, for expenses, &c.....	£7	10	0
" "	To paid G. Noad, Tyler.....	1	0	0
" "	To paid Brothers Hill and W.O. Smith for expenses as Delegates to Grand Lodge of British North America.....	10	0	0
" "	To paid for advertising, &c., in the Herald, 3s. 4d., Gazette, 11s. 10d. and 3s. 4d., Transcript, 5s.....	1	3	6
" "	To paid T. A. Evans, Treasurer, on account of amount advanced and due to him.....	1	1	6
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Feb'y. 19.	By received Grand Lodge Dues from Lodges No. 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41, 44, 47, 48, 50, 51, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61—30 Lodges at 10s..	15	0	0
March 25.	By Grand Lodge dues from Lodge No. 53.....	0	10	0
" 26.	By Grand Lodge dues from Lodge No. 17.....	0	10	0
April 15.	By Grand Lodge dues from Lodges Nos. 27, 34, 37, 38, 46, 51, 54—7 Lodges, at 10s.....	3	10	0
Feb'y. 29.	Received Grand Committee Dues			

from Geo. Blakeney, No. 16,
 John Elliot, No. 16, John
 Perry, No. 6, John Greer, No.
 6, John Wheeler, No. 14,
 John J. Arnton, No. 3, Geo.
 N. Log, No. 3, Hugh Cameron
 No. 3, W. H. Smith, No. 18,
 J. Henderson, No. 18—10
 members at 2s. 6d..... 1 5 0

—————20 15 0

Balance due T. A. Evans per Treasurer...£37 15 9

J. HENDERSON,
 Grand Treasurer.

We, your Committee, find by the Secretary's book that the number of Lodges in Lower Canada, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, are 61; but that only 38 have paid their Annual dues for the year 1856. We therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge be instructed to write to the different District and County Masters, under which the various Lodges in arrears are sitting, for returns showing the reasons why their dues have not been paid; and further that your Committee, finding that if these arrears were collected the sum realized would be insufficient to cover the debts due by this Grand Lodge, recommend that an appeal be made to each of these Lodges for subscriptions to assist in liquidating said debt.

(Signed.)

JOHN HENDERSON.

JOHN BURNS.

J. F. BLACKWOOD.

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 The Report of the Committee on suspensions and expulsions
 being called for, the Committee presented the following
 Report:—

GRAND LODGE ROOM,

18th September, 1857.

To the W. the Grand Lodge of Canada East now in Annual Session.

The undersigned Committee, appointed to report on suspensions and expulsions, would beg to state that there have been two suspensions, both for non-payment of dues and non-attendance. The expulsions have no reason given. The suspensions are as follows :—

Aylmer, Lodge No. 33, William Hawkins and David Benedict for 6 months, from 14th November, 1856.

Aylmer, Lodge No. 33, the expulsions are as follows : William Routledge and Edwin Hall.

The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

JAMES MENZIES.

ROBERT MANN.

The District Master then presented the following Report :—
To the W. the Grand Lodge of Canada East in Annual Session.

I sincerely regret that in the performance of my duty of rendering a Report of the state of the Orange Lodges in the District of Montreal, I am not able to make a return of the number of Members in the several Lodges, having only received returns from L. O. L. No. 3, 6, 16, 18, 42, and 44, although I applied to each Master for that purpose.

No. 3 returns 76 Members.

6	"	25	"
16	"	15	"
18	"	63	"
42	"	22	"
44	"	58	"

Total 259

And they have paid ten dollars as dues to the Grand Lodge. I hope others will in due time. I regret that I have not had an opportunity of visiting the Lodges since my appointment, but hope to do so ere long. I fear, from the circumstance of my not receiving returns from several, that due attention is not paid to their working, and that they are not in so efficient a state as is desirable. Complaints have been made that sufficient attention is not paid to the tying of the Lodges, and to those forms and ceremonies which have been established for the due maintenance of order, and the initiation of the members into those details of our assemblages which should make the Orange Association as well disciplined and efficient as the armies of our beloved Sovereign.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH T. DUTTON,

District Master.

Montreal, 17th February, 1857.

The several Reports were then received and ordered to be printed.

Brother Breadner reported irregularity in conferring Degrees at Russelltown and Hemingsford. When it was moved and carried,

That the Grand Secretary be required to write to them on the subject.

It was then moved by Brother Evans, seconded by Brother Hill, and

Resolved,—That the semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge be held at Aylmer on the 3rd Tuesday in August.

Moved also by Brother Evans, seconded by Brother Breadner, and

Resolved,—That the next Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge be held in Montreal on the 3rd Tuesday in February, 1858.

It was then moved by Brother Evans, seconded by Brother Keller,

That 200 copies of the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge be printed under the direction of Brothers W. O. Smith and Dutton.

It was afterwards moved, seconded, and carried unanimously,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the M. W. the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, for their able conduct on this occasion.

On which the Grand Master returned thanks in a neat speech.

The Lecture in the Orange Degree was then repeated, and the Lodge was adjourned.

The Grand Lodge then resumed in the Scarlet Chapter, and

The Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

God Save the Queen.

JOSEPH T. DUTTON,

G. Sec. W. G. L., C. E.

Subsequently the Committee on the Address agreed on the following for presentation to the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America, at its Annual Meeting at Quebec in June next.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America in Annual Session Assembled.

We, the Officers and Members of the Deputy Grand Lodge of Canada East, at our Annual Session, on behalf of the brethren of the Loyal Orange Association, and of the Lodges under our jurisdiction, beg respectfully to address your Right Worshipful Body, and to congratulate you upon the happy union which has taken place in our Loyal Protestant Institution, thereby healing the wounds which had been experienced through the dissensions and misunderstandings which have too long disturbed the counsels and marred the peace of the Lodges in Canada, while they have seriously compromised its character and interests.

This union we beg on this occasion to assure your Right Worshipful Assembly, it will be our constant aim at all times to promote and maintain ; and we trust that your Right Worshipful body will so revise and amend our Constitution and Laws as to establish our Association on the most equitable and permanent basis in these Colonies, so that no individual members shall in future be able to disturb the harmony, or detract from the respectability and usefulness of our Order. We have to express our regret that some private Lodges, formerly under our jurisdiction, by not recognizing our authority, though continued to us at your last Annual Session, prevent the practical completion of that union we are anxious, and endeavoring to cement ; but we respectfully trust that your Right Worshipful body, at your coming Annual Assembly in Quebec, will so wisely and equitably legislate in this matter as to bind the Lodges in Canada East in closer union to each other, and to your Right Worshipful body, while you preserve to us our privileges as a Deputy Grand Lodge ; and believing such privileges to be a means of more efficiently working the private Lodges, and making them more readily subservient to the grand purposes of our

organization, in maintaining resistance to Popery and defence of Protestant rights and privileges, that you will extend the advantages they are calculated to confer to other localities of similar importance, wherever 50 or more Lodges can be found contiguous, under warrant.

We hope and fervently pray that your Annual Session in Quebec may be so crowned with success in promoting the growth, stability and prosperity of Orangeism in the Province of Canada, as shortly completely to frustrate the designs of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, in their foul and continued conspiracy against the civil and religious rights and liberties of the inhabitants of British North America.

We are,

Dear Brethren,

Yours in the bonds of the Order

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J. A. EVANS, Master No 3.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Master, No 16.

JOHN J. ARNTON, Master, No 6.

JAMES. L. MATHEWSON, Master No 18.

Montreal, 10th June, 1857.