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OF THE
M.W. GRAND LODGE
OF THE
ANCIENT & HONORABLE FRATERNITY
OF
FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS
OF
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,

A. F. & A. M.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

A Quarterly Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, A. F. & A. M., was held at True Brothers Lodge, Tryon, on Wednesday, the 16th day of May, 1877, at 4 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

M. W., JOHN YEO,	Grand Master.
R. W., JOHN W. MORRISON, .	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W., THOMAS BREHAUT, . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W., W. W. MCLEOD, . . .	as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W., THOMAS A. MCLEAN, .	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W., B. WILSON HIGGS, . .	Grand Secretary.
R. W., ADAM MURRAY, . . .	Grand Lecturer.
W., Rev. T. W. JOHNSTON, as	Grand Chaplain.
W., J. McKECHNIE,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W., J. LANG,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W., C. V. MCGREGOR, . . .	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W., W. T. BURROWS,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W., THOS. H. POPE,	Grand Pursuivant.
W., W. H. FINDLEY,	Grand Steward.
THOMAS SHEIDOW,	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

R. W., THOS. A. MCLEAN, . . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W., JOHN MUIRHEAD, . . .	Past Senior Grand Warden.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form with prayer.

The Credential Committee reported five Lodges represented, and the following Representatives present and entitled to votes in Grand Lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

ADAM MURRAY,	P. M.
THOS. A. McLEAN,	P. M.

Victoria Lodge, No. 2.

CYRUS V. MCGREGOR,	W. M.
CHARLES J. GRILLS,	S. W.
WILLIAM H. FINDLEY,	J. W.
J. W. MORRISON,	P. M.
B. WILSON HIGGS,	P. M.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 5.

THOMAS H. POPE,	W. M.
JOHN YEO,	P. M.

Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 6.

W. T. BURROWS,	W. M.
THOMAS FRIZZLE,	J. W.
THOMAS BREIBAUT,	P. M.

True Brothers Lodge, No. 8.

ALEXANDER DUNBAR,	W. M.
JOHN LANG,	S. W.
T. W. JOHNSTON,	P. M.
BRADFORD HOWATT,	P. M.
SOLOMON B. LEARD,	P. M.
JOHN MUIRHEAD,	P. M.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 9.

JAS. McKECHNIE,	J. W.
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Minutes of Annual Communication were read.

A Petition was presented from Bros. T. W. JOHNSTON, GEORGE HOWATT, J. W. NEEDHAM, and others, praying for a Charter for Westmorland Lodge, working under Dispensation.

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On motion—

Resolved, That the Prayer of Petition be granted.

The Grand Secretary presented a commission from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Idaho, appointing R. W. Bro. JOHN A. MATHESON the Representative of that Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

Also a commission from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, appointing R. W. Bro. JOHN MUIRHEAD the Representative of that Grand Lodge, near this Grand Lodge.

On motion were received and duly accredited.

A communication was read from Bro. Henry C. Wood, relative to an application made to King Hiram Lodge for his Grand Lodge Diploma and a Dedit.

On motion the Grand Secretary was directed to write to the W. M. of King Hiram Lodge on the subject.

M. W. Grand Master gave his decision that, in his opinion, there was nothing in the Constitution or Land Marks for disqualifying a hunchback from being initiated into Masonry, provided he could comply with all the ceremonies of the initiation in the several degrees.

Grand Lodge was called from labor.

R. W. Bro. ADAM MURRAY, the Grand Lecturer in the East, proceeded to open an Entered Apprentice Lodge, after which the Lecture in that degree was given in full. The Lodge was then called to the third degree, and opened and closed in form.

Grand Lodge was then called to labor.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to the Grand Lecturer for his able lecture on the first degree.

Bro. SHEIDOW, the Grand Tyler elect, was presented and duly installed.

On motion—

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report on a uniform Funeral Service for this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Committee:

R. W. J. W. MORRISON; R. W. THOS. A. McLEAN; R. W. ADAM MURRAY.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the brethren of True Brothers Lodge for the use of their Lodge for this communication.

No further business appearing, the Minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, A. F. & A. M., was closed with prayer at 11 o'clock, p.m.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, A. F. & A. M., was held at Orient Lodge, Souris, on Wednesday, the 15th day of August, A. L., 5877, A. D. 1877.

PRESENT:

M. W., JOHN YEO,	Grand Master.
R. W., THOMAS BREHAUT, . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
W., ALEX. MCKENZIE,	as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W., B. WILSON HIGGS, . . .	Grand Secretary.
R. W., ADAM MURRAY,	Grand Lecturer.
W., REV. J. G. CAMERON, . . .	as Grand Chaplain.
W., NEIL MCKELVIE,	as Senior Grand Deacon.
W., JOHN CLAY,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W., RODERICK MUNRO,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W., N. P. STRAMBERG,	Grand Organist.
W., C. V. MCGREGOR,	as Grand Pursuivant.
BRO. THOMAS SHEIDOW, . . .	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form with prayer.

On motion—

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted to this communication.

The Credential Committee reported the following Representatives and Members in attendance.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

GEORGE W. WAKEFORD,	W. M.
DONALD MCKENZIE,	J. W.

GRAND LODGE OF P. E. ISLAND.

Victoria Lodge, No. 2.

C. V. MCGREGOR,	W. M.
C. J. GRYLLS,	S. W.
ALEX. MCKENZIE,	P. M.
B. WILSON HIGGS,	P. M.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 3.

JOHN CLAY,	S. W.
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St. George's Lodge, No. 4.

JOSEPH FAIRCHILD,	S. W.
RODERICK MUNRO,	P. M.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 5.

JAMES RICHARDS,	S. W.
JOHN YEO,	P. M.

Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 6.

W. T. BURRIS,	W. M.
JOHN MCKENZIE,	S. W.
C. B. SAUNDERS,	Proxy J. W.
THOMAS BREHAUT,	P. M.
NEIL MCKELVIE,	P. M.
JAMES MUIRHEAD,	P. M.

True Brothers Lodge, No. 8.

A. DUNBAR,	W. M.
JOHN MUIRHEAD,	P. M.
B. D. HOWATT,	P. M.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 9.

H. C. BROWNELL,	S. W.
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Minutes of last Communication were read.

A Petition was presented from Bros. MCFARLANE, CARLTON, MORROW and others, praying for a Charter to be granted to Orient Lodge, working under Dispensation.

On motion--

Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted.

Considerable time was taken up in discussing matters connected with the Craft.

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On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the Officers and Brethren of Orient Lodge, for the use of their Lodge Room during this Communication.

The Minutes were read and approved. No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Prince Edward Island, was closed in Ample Form with Prayer at 11 o'clock, p. m.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island A. F. & A. M., was held at Zetland Lodge, Alberton, on Wednesday, the 21st day of November, A. L., 5877, A. D. 1877.

PRESENT:

M. W., JOHN YEO,	Grand Master.
R. W., JOHN W. MORRISON,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W., THOMAS A. MCLEAN,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W., W. T. HUNT,	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W., B. WILSON HIGGS,	Grand Secretary.
W., DAVID SMALL,	as Grand Chaplain.
W., NEIL MCKELVIE,	as Senior Grand Deacon.
W., JOHN CLAY,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W., G. R. MONTGOMERY,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W., JAMES BARCLAY,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W., THOS. H. POPE,	Grand Pursuivant.
W., ALEX. MATHESON,	as Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form with Prayer.

On motion—

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing, be admitted as Visitors during this Communication.

The Credential Committee reported the following Representatives and Members present and entitled to seats in Grand Lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

THOMAS A. MCLEAN,	P. M.
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Victoria Lodge, No. 2.

W. H. FINDLEY,	J. W.
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King Hiram Lodge, No. 3.

W. T. HUNT,	W. M.
JOHN CLAY,	S. W.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 5.

THOS. H. POPE,	W. M.
JAMES RICHARD,	S. W.
W. R. ELLIS,	P. M.
JOHN YEO,	P. M.
JAMES BARCLAY,	P. M.

Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 6.

W. T. BURRIS,	W. M.
NEIL MCKELVIE,	P. M.

Zetland Lodge, No. 7.

ROBERT HOCKIN,	W. M.
A. J. LEARD,	S. W.
MALCOLM RAMSAY,	J. W.
NEIL WOODSIDE,	P. M.
R. A. CLARK,	P. M.
JOSEPH L. DYER	P. M.
G. R. MONTGOMERY,	P. M.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 9.

WILLIAM MCKECHNIE,	P. M.
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Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read.

The Secretary submitted a Memorial from the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, praying for recognition.

On motion—

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report on the Memorial at the Annual Communication.

The following Committee was appointed, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER MORRISON, PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER MCLEAN, and the GRAND SECRETARY.

Bro. MORRISON, Chairman of Committee on Funeral Services, asked to be allowed to defer the report until the Annual Communication.

M. W. Grand Master called on the Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges present, to give a report of the working of their several Lodges during the past year, which were of a satisfactory nature.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge, be tendered to P. M., Wm. McKECHNIE, Superintendent of the Railway, for his courtesy and kindness to the Members attending Grand Lodge.

On motion—

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Officers and Brethren of Zetland Lodge, for their Lodge Room for this Communication.

Notices of motions for next annual Communications.

By R. W., THOMAS A. McLEAN.—That the constitution be amended by doing away with the Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge and to have Semi-annual Communications, and that the Annual Meeting be held on the 24th June, instead of the Third Wednesday in February.

That the constitution be amended on page 55, Article 6., to read as follows; and no person shall be made a Mason or admitted a Member of a Lodge, if, on balloting, one black ball appear against him.

That the Constitution be amended on page 41, Article 18, by striking out all after the word Lodge in the first line, to Charlotte-town in same line, and all after the words in full on the third line, to the words in full on the fifth line.

Minutes were read and adopted. No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge of P. E. Island, A. F. & A. M., was closed in Ample Form, with Prayer.

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THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE

OF

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,

A. F. & A. M.

The Third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, A. F. & A. M., was held at Victoria and King Solomon Lodge Room, in the City of Charlottetown, commencing at 7 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, February 20th, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878.

PRESENT:

R. W., JOHN W. MORRISON,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W., THOMAS BREHAUT,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W., GEORGE A. AITKEN,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W., JAMES D. MASON,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W., B. WILSON HIGGS,	Grand Secretary.
R. W., ADAM MURRAY,	Grand Lecturer.
R. W., DOCTOR J. H. READ,	Grand Chaplain.
W., DAVID SMALL,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W., J. G. J. WELDON,	as Junior Grand Deacon.
W., A. N. LARGE,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W., E. O. FAULKNER,	as Assistant " "
W., C. B. SAUNDERS,	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W., JAMES BARCLAY,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W., THOMAS H. POPE,	Grand Pursuivant.
W., N. P. STRAMBERG,	Grand Organist.
W., THOMAS SHEIDOW,	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W., THOMAS A. MCLEAN, .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W., JOHN MUIRHEAD, . . .	" Senior Grand Warden.
R. W., WILLIAM T. HUNT, . .	" " " "
R. W., JOHN A. MATHESON, . .	" Junior " "

Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island:

R. W., JOHN W. MORRISON, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

R. W., B. WILSON HIGGS, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

R. W., NEIL McKELVIE, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W., THOMAS A. MCLEAN, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

R. W., JOHN MUIRHEAD, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

R. W., WILLIAM H. AITKEN, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

R. W., WILLIAM T. HUNT, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

R. W., ADAM MURRAY, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

R. W., JOHN A. MATHESON, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

R. W., GEORGE A. AITKEN, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The representatives from a constitutional number of Subordinate Lodges being present, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island was opened in form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion of BROTHER HIGGS, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors, during the present convention.

The Minutes of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communications held in May, August and November were read.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Credential Committee reported from time to time, the following Representatives and Members in attendance:—

St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

GEORGE WAKEFORD,	W. M.
DONALD MCKENZIE,	S. W.
ALFRED A. BALDWIN,	J. W.
ADAM MURRAY,	P. M.
J. G. J. WELDON,	P. M.
DAVID SMALL,	P. M.
SIMON W. CRABB,	P. M.
THOMAS A. MCLEAN,	P. M.
A. N. LARGE,	P. M.
ALEXANDER MCDUGALL,	P. M.
ALEXANDER STRONACH,	P. M.

Victoria Lodge, No. 2.

C. V. MCGREGOR,	W. M.
W. A. O. MORSON,	S. W.
JAMES M. BUTCHER,	J. W.
JOHN W. MORRISON,	P. M.
JAMES D. MASON,	P. M.
ALX. MCKENZIE,	P. M.
AMBROSE L. BROWN,	P. M.
B. WILSON HIGGS,	P. M.
W. W. MCLEOD,	P. M.
W. H. LONGWORTH,	P. M.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 3.

WILLIAM T. HUNT,	W. M.
HENRY C. GREEN,	Proxy S. W.

St. George's Lodge, No. 4.

GEORGE A. AITKEN,	W. M.
JOSEPH FAIRCHILD,	S. W.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 5.

JOHN BELL,	W. M.
ARCHIBALD MONTGOMERY,	S. W.
JAMES BARCLAY,	P. M.
THOMAS H. POPE,	P. M.

Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 6.

C. B. SAUNDERS,	M. W.
THOMAS FRIZZLE,	S. W.
WILLIAM H. BROWN,	J. W.
DAVID ROGERS,	P. M.

GRAND LODGE OF P. E. ISLAND.

THOMAS BREHAUT,	P. M.
RICHARD HUNT,	P. M.
DAVID MONTGOMERY,	P. M.
NEIL MCKELVIE,	P. M.

Zetland Lodge, No. 7.

JOHN A. MATHESON,	P. M.
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True Brothers Lodge, No. 8.

JOHN MUIRHEAD,	P. M.
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King Solomon Lodge, No 9.

N. P. STRAMBERG,	W. M.
JAS. MCKECHNIE,	S. W.
E. O. FAULKNER,	J. W.
ALEXANDER MCKINNON,	P. M.
WILLIAM MCKECHNIE,	P. M.
JOHN MCPHERSON,	P. M.
W. H. AITKEN,	P. M.

GRAND MASTERS ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

In the Providence of God you are again permitted to assemble in our Third Annual Communication, and I much regret that my unavoidable absence from the Province will prevent my meeting you on that occasion. My regret at not being able to meet you proceeds more from personal than other motives, as I feel satisfied the interests of our beloved order will not in any way be materially affected by my absence, but speaking for myself, I always look forward to the meetings of Grand Lodge with pleasure; hence I feel much sorrow at not being able to exchange fraternal greetings with you on the occasion referred to.

Since our last Annual Meeting the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge have been held in May, at Tryon; in August at Souris; and in November at Alberton.

You will learn from the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary the business transacted on these occasions. The kind and hearty reception given us by the Brethren of "True Brothers," "Orient," and "Zetland" Lodges far exceeds my most sanguine expectations. The attendance at each of these meetings was large, and I trust the same good feeling and brotherly love which were then shown, may always attend the meetings of our Grand Lodge.

I have appointed the following representatives of this Grand Lodge to other Grand Lodges:—

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BRO. HENRY SHAW, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia;
 BRO. IRA J. BLOOMFIELD, near the Grand Lodge of Illinois;
 BRO. JOSEPH D. SAYERS, near the Grand Lodge of Texas;
 BRO. DANIEL L. MCKINNON, near the Grand Lodge of Florida.

I have recommended the following appointments:—

BRO. B. WILSON HIGGS, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near this Grand Lodge; BRO. HENRY W. AITKEN, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; BRO. ADAM MURRAY, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and BRO. GEORGE A. AITKEN, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

I respectfully ask Grand Lodge to confirm these appointments and recommendations. I have been so much occupied during the past year that I have been unable to visit as many of the Lodges as I should have desired, but in these few visited I found them working very fairly, and the Brethren in all the Lodges have expressed the determination of making themselves acquainted with the Ritual recommended by Grand Lodge. I have every hope ere the end of another year that a uniform system will obtain in all our Lodges. This is much to be desired, and will, I feel assured, have good results.

Eight Dispensations to confer degrees at shorter periods than authorized by our Constitution have been issued.

At our last Annual Communication we had, in this jurisdiction, nine chartered Lodges; to-day, we have to report eleven. Of the two last mentioned Lodges one is located in Victoria, and named "Westmoreland," and the other, "Orient," and located in Souris East; and here I have with you to sympathize with our Brethren in Souris, for the loss they have met with in the month of December last by fire, when nothing was saved from the devouring element but the charter, (it not being in the Lodge at the time of the accident.) Our Brethren of Souris had expended a considerable sum in furnishing their Lodge Room, and in a few short hours everything was lost. From the solid material that compose Souris Lodge, I have no doubt, like the Phoenix, it will soon rise in greater splendor. It will be for you, Brethren, to say what assistance you can render our Worthy Brothers in this their time of distress.

In the month of June last a very large portion of the city of St. John, New Brunswick, was destroyed by fire, and, in common with other citizens, many of the members of the craft in that commercial city suffered heavy loss, and no doubt many were left destitute. Our sister Grand Lodge and its subordinates lost nearly all of their property, but it is pleasing to record the fact that contributions from all quarters poured into St. John, not only for the general fund, but also from many Masonic jurisdictions, and our esteemed Brother, the M. W. Grand Master, ROBERT T. CLINCH, says in his annual address to the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, in October last: "Our deep distress awoke the kindest sympathy, and former rivalries were forgotten, and sectional differences disappeared from every part of the Dominion, from

sister provinces, from the United States, and from the Mother Country, substantial help and cordial sympathy awoke us to effort, and the few months that have elapsed witness exertions happily made to restore our trade and rebuild our desolated homes. In this great distress our beloved fraternity had its full share, the city Lodges having with their place of meeting, lost all their regalia and Masonic property.

I feel proud of the effort put forth on behalf of the fraternity in St. John by the members in this jurisdiction, and I feel it my duty at this Communication to thank them for their contributions.

During the past year death has been in our midst, and one of the representatives of this Grand Lodge Past Master NEIL RANKIN, has been called from labor to refreshment. Our deceased Brother was one whom we all held in high esteem, and was an active and worthy member of "Victoria" No. 2. I would suggest that a suitable memorial page be published with our proceedings.

The sad and untimely death of Brother FRANK GOULEY, Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the state of Missouri, was, I am sure deplored by us all. Brother GOULEY was one of the victims who lost his life by the fire that destroyed the Southern Hotel at St. Louis. It is considered by many well qualified to judge, as a teacher of Masonic law Brother GOULEY had no superior.

An invitation was extended to myself and other members of Grand Lodge to be present at the opening of the Masonic Hall at Halifax, Nova Scotia. I was reluctantly compelled from want of time to decline this invitation, and various reasons of a like nature prevented others from attending.

At the Quarterly Communication held in Alberton, in November last Past Deputy Grand Master MACLEAN gave notice of a resolution that he would submit at the next Annual Communication, asking for certain amendments in our constitution, viz: abolishing Quarterly Communications, increasing the initiation fee in subordinate lodges outside of Charlottetown, and a clear ballot for all candidates. As regards the abolishment of the Quarterly Communications, I am of opinion that the time has not arrived for such a change; let us Brethren get better acquainted with each other, and after a few more fraternal greetings, such as we have enjoyed at Summerside, Georgetown, Port Hill, Tryon, Souris, and Alberton, we will be in a better position to dispense with our Quarterly Communications.

The amendments asked for will be submitted for your careful consideration and whatever conclusion you arrive at, I am satisfied your only desire will be for the advancement of Masonry in this Province.

It is cheering to find by the journals from sister jurisdictions, that our time honoured Institution is marching forward in the even tenor of its way, and much could be quoted that would be valuable to this jurisdiction.

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The M. W. Grand Master of old Virginia, United States of America, in his annual address to the Craft, mentions India in the following terms: "But a few days ago a Brother, the prospective Sovereign of an Empire on which the sun never sets, performed certain Masonic rites in the distant land of India. Parsee, Hindoo, Mohanmedan, Jew and Christian, European and Asiatic, thronged in full clothing of the Craft to participate in the ceremonies of the occasion. And whilst the native Princes had been slow to honor the heir expectant to a throne the native Masons were emulous and eager to pay respect and homage to the Grand Master and Prince of England. What an illustration of the conservatism of Masonry."

At a Quarterly Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Scotland held in Edinburg on the 4th instant the M. W. Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, on the throne * * * "The minutes of Grand Committee brought up the question of the recent change in the constitution of the Grand Orient of France whereby a profession of belief in God and in the immortality of the soul is not now essential to admission as Freemasons in that body; and stated that Grand Secretary had intimated to the Grand Orient that should it be the case that such a radical change in the fundamental principles of ancient Freemasonry had indeed been confirmed by that body, Grand Committee would be under the necessity of recommending to Grand Lodge to sever the fraternal relations that have for so long a period subsisted between it and the Grand Orient of France. In connection with this subject, the Depute Grand Master had called attention to the letter, which as he thought, had been very properly addressed by Grand Secretary to the editor of the *Courant* pointing out that, instead of requiring to be urged by a subordinate lodge to its duty in regard to the obliteration of religion from French Freemasonry, Grand Lodge as represented by the Grand Master and Grand Committee, had, some weeks previous to the resolution of Mother Kilwinning on the subject, communicated with the Grand Orient; and Grand Secretary had been thanked for his letter, and instructed to put on record that it was beyond the province of Mother Kilwinning or any lodge holding of Grand Lodge to communicate direct with any Foreign Grand Lodge on the subject of Freemasonry. A reply was submitted from the Grand Orient expressing great astonishment at the proposal for the rupture of fraternal relations, and remarking that there seemed to be a belief that the Grand Orient, in modifying the first article of the French Masonic Constitution, wished to profess atheism and materialism; but holding that this was an erroneous interpretation of the vote—an interpretation which there had already been occasion to protest against—and declaring without hesitation that nothing was more contrary to the feelings which dictated the revision of the article of constitution. In concluding the letter from the Grand Orient expressed the hope that the considerations set forth therein would be weighed by Grand Lodge, which counted among its members so many distinguished men, that when better informed on the question now occupying its attention it would refuse to take part in an act of intolerance which would be at complete variance with the real sentiments of the Masonic brotherhood, and that the

fraternal relations now existing between Grand Lodge and Lodge Orient would be continued. Grand Committee had expressed an opinion that the reply of the Grand Orient was not satisfactory, and this was confirmed by Grand Lodge."

For the Statistics and Finances of this jurisdiction, I must refer you to the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, which I have every confidence will be full and complete.

I again tender you my sincere thanks for my election as your Grand Master for the third time. From the first I undertook the duties of this high position with great reluctance, feeling myself unequal to it, but the kind consideration and assistance which have been extended to me by all the members of the Grand Lodge, have made my task an easy one, and my past associations with you must always be most kindly remembered by me. I trust in electing my successor you may select one better qualified and able to devote more time to the good of the Craft than I have had at my disposal.

Brethren, we are members of an Institution, to say the least, dating back many centuries, of which we may well be proud. Let us go forward and work out the sublime principles laid down on our Trestle board and with the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U. our lodges will prosper in this jurisdiction.

Trusting that your deliberations may be characterized by that feeling of harmony and good will which has hitherto existed, so that the honor and reputation of our noble Order may be fully sustained.

JOHN YEO, Grand Master.

On motion the Address of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee, consisting of W. Bro. WILLIAM McKECHNIE, W. Bro. NEIL McKELVIE, and R. W. Bro. ADAM MURRAY.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island,
A. F. & A. M.:*

I herewith submit my Annual Account and Report for the year just ended.

As soon as possible after the Annual Communication I prepared the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and superintended the printing of same. Copies were forwarded to all the members and representatives. Three copies each were forwarded to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland and all the Grand Lodges in United States and Dominion of Canada.

I have by vote of this Grand Lodge issued Charters to Westmoreland Lodge, No. 10, holding at Victoria, under dispensation; and to Orient Lodge, holding at Souris, under dispensation.

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By order of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I have issued commissions appointing the following representatives of this Grand Lodge:

- Bro. HENRY SHAW, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.
 Bro. IRA J. BLOOMFIELD, near the Grand Lodge of Illinois.
 Bro. JOSEPH D. SATYER, near the Grand Lodge of Texas.
 Bro. DANIEL L. MCKINNON, near the Grand Lodge of Florida.

I received a communication in May from the M. W. Grand Master of Missouri, informing the Grand Master of the untimely death of Bro. George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, at the destruction by fire of the Southern Hotel at St. Louis. Grand Master Clinch of New Brunswick, in speaking of Bro. Gouley says—"as a writer on Masonic principles, a teacher of Masonic law, Bro. Gouley had no superior; as a warm-hearted man, a devoted Mason, his fame was known everywhere." When our own Grand Lodge was formed, I received a kind and fraternal letter from Bro. Gouley, giving me some advice in my duties as Grand Secretary.

Since our last Annual Communication the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island has been recognized by the following Grand Lodges:

Alabama,	Arkansas,	Colorado,
Illinois,	Indiana,	Kansas,
Mississippi,	Missouri,	Nebraska,
Wyoming,	Connecticut,	Maryland.

Making in all thirty-four Grand Lodges that have extended fraternal and cordial recognition to this Grand Lodge.

I have received the Proceedings of forty-nine Grand Lodges since my last Report, viz.:

Alabama, 1876,	Mississippi, 1877,
Arkansas, 1877,	Missouri, 1877,
British Columbia, 1877	Montana, 1877,
Brazil, 1877,	Nebraska, 1877,
California, 1877,	Nevada, 1877,
Canada, 1877,	New Brunswick, 1877,
Colorado, 1877,	New Hampshire, 1877,
Connecticut, 1877,	New Jersey, 1877,
Dakota, 1877,	New York, 1877,
Delaware, 1876,	Nova Scotia, 1877,
District Columbia, 1876,	Ohio, 1877,
Florida, 1876,	Oregon, 1877,
Georgia, 1877,	Pennsylvania (Early History)
Idaho, 1877,	1730 to 1780,
Illinois, 1877,	Quebec, 1877,
Indiana, 1877,	Rhode Island, 1877,
Indian Territory, 1877,	South Carolina, 1877,
Iowa, 1877,	Tennessee, 1876,
Kansas, 1877,	Texas, 1877,
Louisiana, 1877,	Utah, 1877,
Maine, 1877,	Vermont, 1877,

Manitoba, 1877,
 Maryland, 1877,
 Massachusetts, 1877,
 Michigan, 1877,
 Minnesota, 1877,

Virginia, 1877,
 Washington, 1877,
 Wisconsin, 1877,
 Wyoming, 1877,

I have received a communication from RAMA ILLA, representative of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, asking for recognition of this Grand Lodge. Accompanying the Petition were sundry pamphlets; the Proceedings and Constitution of the New Grand Lodge. This matter was referred to a Committee at the Quarterly Communication in November.

I have also received a Protest from the Grand Lodge of Colon, relating to the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, which will be submitted to the Committee.

As our Diplomas were nearly all used, I ordered one hundred from Edinburgh. Our Plate is in charge of Bro. ALEX. HAY, and he has been kind enough to have them struck off, and they were received by last mail.

Returns have been received from the following Subordinate Lodges, for the year ending 27th December, 1877:

St. John's, No. 1; Victoria, No. 2; King Hiram, No. 3; St. George's, No. 4; Alexandra, No. 5; Mount Lebanon, No. 6; Zetland, No. 7; True Brother's, No. 8; King Solomon, No. 9; Orient, No. 11; shewing as follows:

Number Initiated,	33,
" Passed,	35,
" Raised,	40,
" Affiliated	11,
" Suspended, Non payment Dues,	22,
" Died,	10,
" Denied,	37,
Whole number Registered,	566.

The receipts of the office during the past year have been \$284.90. I herewith submit my annual account:

RECEIVED FOR DUES.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1,	\$44.00
Victoria " 2,	40.40
King Hiram, " 3,	8.00
St. George's, " 4,	18.80
Alexandra, " 5,	20.80
Mount Lebanon, " 6,	32.00
True Brothers, " 8,	16.80
King Solomon, " 9,	11.60
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RECEIVED FOR DIPLOMAS AND ENROLMENTS.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1,	\$11.00
Victoria, " 2,	11.00
King Hiram, " 3,	2.00
St. George's, " 4,	4.00
Alexandra, " 5,	8.00
Mount Lebanon, " 6,	20.00
King Solomon, " 9,	18.00
	<u>\$74.00</u>

RECEIVED FOR NEW DISPENSATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1,	\$2.50
Victoria, " 2,	3.50
St. George's " 4,	1.50
Alexandra " 5,	0.50
Mount Lebanon, " 6,	6.00
King Solomon, " 9,	4.50
	<u>\$18.50</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Received for Dues,	\$192.40
Diplomas and Enrolments,	74.00
Warrants, Dispositions and Affiliations,	18.50
Total,	<u>\$284.90</u>

By cash to Grand Treasurer, \$284.90

B. WILSON HIGGS, Grand Secretary.

On motion the Grand Secretary's Report was submitted to the following committee: W. Bro. N. P. STRAMBERG, W. Bro. THOMAS H. POPE, W. Bro. SIMON W. CRABBE.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES D. MASON, Grand Treasurer,

In Account with Grand Lodge of P. E. Island.

1877.	Dr.	
February.	To Balance,	\$92.30
1878.		
February.	" Cash per Grand Secretary,	284.90
		<u>\$377.20</u>

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Feb. 20.	By paid Bremner Bros., printing,	\$91.66
	" Grand Sec'y's bill for	
	Postage, Diplomas, &c.,	40.62
	" Grand Secretary's Salary,	150.00
	" Grand Tyler,	20.00
	Balance,	74.92
		\$377.20
Charlottetown, P. E. Island, }	JAMES D. MASON,	
February 20, 1878. }	Grand Treasurer.	

On motion the Grand Treasurer's accounts were referred to committee on Grand Secretary's Report.

On motion of W. Bro. ALEXANDER MCKINNON, seconded by W. Bro. WILLIAM MCKECHNIE, it was

Resolved, That the rule relating to returns and payments of dues being made by subordinate Lodges, before the first of February, be suspended for this Communication.

W. Bro. DAVID MONTGOMERY, seconded by W. Bro. WILLIAM MCKECHNIE, offered the following resolution, which was on motion adopted:

Resolved, That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place this evening, at half-past nine o'clock.

R. W. Bro. THOMAS A. McLEAN, pursuant to notice given at the last Quarterly Communication, moved the following resolution, which on being put to vote was lost:

Resolved, That the Constitution as it now is, with regard to balloting for candidates, is at variance with the Ancient Landmarks of our craft, Therefore

Resolved, That on page 55, Article 6, of the Constitution, the word "two," on the seventh line, be struck out, and the word "one" substituted, and all after be struck out.

The hour named for the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing year, having arrived, the following Brethren were appointed tellers:—W. Bro. JOSEPH FAIRCHILD, R. W. Bro. JOHN A. MATHE-SON, W. Bro. RICHARD HUNT.

The election then proceeded, with the following result:

M. W., JOHN YEO, (re-elected)	Grand Master.
R. W., ADAM MURRAY,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W., NEIL MCKELVIE,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W., WILLIAM H. AITKEN,	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W., DAVID SMALL,	Grand Treasurer.

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R. W., THOMAS A. McLEAN.	Grand Lecturer.
R. W., J. H. READ, D.D. (re-elected)	Grand Chaplain.
W., WILLIAM McKECHNIE,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W., THOS. H. POPE.	Junior Grand Deacon.
W., A. N. LARGE, (re-elected)	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
R. W., JOHN A. MATHESON,	Asst. Grand Dir. of "
W., DAVID MONTGOMERY,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W., CHARLES B. SAUNDERS,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W., N. P. STRAMBERG,	Grand Organist.
W., C. V. MCGREGOR,	Grand Pursuivant.
W., ALEXANDER McDougall,	Grand Steward.
W., JAMES BARCLAY,	Grand Steward.
BRO. THOMAS SHEIDOW,	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor, to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1878.

At ten o'clock, a. m., the Grand Lodge was called to labor, R. W. JOHN W. MORRISON, Deputy Grand Master, in the east.

BRO. JAMES McKECHNIE gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he would move for an alteration in the Constitution, on page 16, Article 6, so as to read, after the Worshipful Master, "Senior and Junior Wardens."

R. W. Bro. ADAM MURRAY presented a Commission from the Grand Lodge of Florida, appointing him the representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

R. W. Bro. GEORGE A. AITKEN presented a Commission from Grand Lodge of Texas, appointing him the representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

On motion, were received and accredited as such.

The Committee to whom was referred the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, recommended that the Grand Lodge adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That the question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba stand over until our next Communication.

On motion, the recommendation was adopted.

R. W. Bro. THOMAS A. McLEAN, pursuant to notice given at the last Quarterly Communication, moved the following:

Whereas, the Annual Communication being held at the time when traveling is very uncertain, and has already caused numerous delays and disappointment to many members whose duty it is to be present,

Resolved, That clause 13, page 18, be changed to read as follows: The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be holden in the City of Charlottetown on the twenty-fourth day of June, and if that day happens on Sunday, the following Monday. The semi-Annual Communication to be held on the third Wednesday of December; place of meeting to be decided at the Annual Communication.

Which was carried unanimously.

W. Bro. WILLIAM McKECHNIE, Chairman of Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Prince Edward Island.

Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

Your Committee beg leave to express its regret that unavoidable circumstances necessitated the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master; and also that we anticipate with pleasure his speedy return to our midst, by the favor and under the protection of the Great Architect of the universe.

We are pleased to know that the Regular Quarterly Meetings of this Grand Lodge have been well attended, and been productive of harmony and brotherly love in the several parts of this jurisdiction. We also beg to acknowledge the cordial welcome and fraternal greeting extended by the brethren of "True Brother's," "Orient" and "Zetland" Lodges, to the visiting and official brethren upon those occasions.

Your Committee recommend that the appointments of representatives to the Grand Lodges named, made by the M. W. Grand Master, be confirmed.

We also have great pleasure in being informed by the M. W. Grand Master, of the progress towards a uniformity of ritual, as well as the advance made in the knowledge of Masonic work, by the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, during past year, and would respectfully urge the necessity of continued exertion in this direction.

We much regret the great loss sustained by the brethren of "Orient" Lodge, in the destruction by fire of the jewels and property of their Lodge, and beg to recommend that material aid be extended to "Orient" Lodge by the several subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction.

Your Committee beg respectfully to advise that immediate steps be taken to create a fund for the purpose of purchasing a suitable Regalia for the officers of this Grand Lodge; all will agree that a Regalia is necessary, and we are firmly of opinion that an effort properly made would be handsomely sustained by the brethren generally for this purpose.

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Your Committee would adopt the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master, in relation to the death of our late lamented Brother, NEIL RANKIN, that a suitable Memorial page be published along with the Minutes of this Grand Lodge.

We would submit for the consideration of this Grand Lodge the advisability of extending a vote of sympathy to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, upon the great loss sustained by it in the death of R. W. Brother GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, late Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Your Committee beg heartily to congratulate this Grand Lodge upon the re-election of Most Worshipful Bro. JOHN YEO, as our Grand Master for the ensuing year. We have great pleasure in doing this, knowing that the Members of this Grand Lodge universally love and esteem Most Worshipful Brother YEO for his urbanity, and the moderation and ability displayed by him in the performance of the duties appertaining to his responsible and difficult position; and also to express our unbounded confidence in M. W. Bro. YEO, for the future.

We cannot close this report without expressing our approval of the manner in which the duties of Grand Secretary have been performed by our esteemed Brother, B. WILSON HIGGS, during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. McKECHNIE,
NEIL MACKELVIE,
ADAM MURRAY.

Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,
Charlottetown,
February 21st, 1878.

Which Report was concurred in.

W. BRO. N. P. STRAMBERG, Chairman of Committee on the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's Report and Account, presented the following Report.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

Your Committee on the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's Account and Report have the honor to state that they have examined the Account of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them correct.

The Receipts for the past year:

For dues,	\$197.40
Diplomas and enrollments,	74.00
Dispensations and Affiliations,	18.50
	\$294.90

Expenses for the year:

Printing Report,	\$91.66
Secretary's Bill for Diplomas and Postage,	40.62
Grand Secretary's Salary,	150.00
Grand Tyler,	20.00
Balance in hand,	74.92
	\$377.20

Respectfully submitted.

N. P. STRAMBERG,
T. H. POPE,
SIMON W. CRABBE.

W. Bro. SIMON W. CRABBE, seconded by the Grand Secretary, moved the following:

Resolved, That all dues and fees owing by "Orient" Lodge, No. 11, be remitted, that Lodge having lost all their Furniture and Regalia by fire.

Carried unanimously.

On motion—

Resolved, That the installation of officers for ensuing year take place to-night, at seven o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor until three o'clock, p. m.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Lodge was called to labor, Deputy Grand Master MORRISON in the east.

W. Bro. HENRY W. AITKEN presented a commission from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, appointing him the Representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

On motion, was received and duly accredited.

R. W. Bro. THOMAS A. McLEAN, pursuant to notice given at the last Quarterly Communication, moved that, on page 41, Section 18, the Constitution be altered by striking out after the word "Lodge," on the first line, to "Charlottetown" on the same line, and all after the words "in full" on the third line to "in full" on the fifth line—

Which, on motion, was lost.

R. W. Bro. ADAM MURRAY, Chairman of Committee on Funeral Service, presented a Report on same.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. E. O. FAULKNER,

Resolved, That the Report, as presented, be accepted and adopted, and that a Committee be appointed to have it printed.

The following Committee were appointed:

R. W. Bro. ADAM MURRAY, Bro. E. O. FAULKNER, Grand Chaplain and Grand Secretary.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, the following resolution was adopted:

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Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Prince Edward Island, offer fraternal sympathy to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, on the lamented and untimely death of their late Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. GEORGE FRANK GOULEY.

Bro. J. McKECHNIE gave notice that at the Regular Communication in June, he would move, That the Grand Lodge Officers elected and installed at this present Communication hold office until the Annual Communication in June, 1879.

R. W. Bro. THOMAS A. McLEAN gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he will move to alter that part of the Constitution relative to Balloting for Candidates and Members.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor, to be on again at seven o'clock.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Lodge was called to labor.

Deputy Grand Master in the east.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of officers for the ensuing year, when R. W. Bro. J. W. MORRISON installed the following Grand Officers elect.

R. W., ADAM MURRAY,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W., NEIL McKELVIE,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W., HENRY W. AITKEN,	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W., DAVID SMALL,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W., B. WILSON HIGGS,	Grand Secretary.
R. W., THOMAS A. McLEAN,	Grand Lecturer.
R. W., J. H. READ, D.D.,	Grand Chaplain.
W., WILLIAM McKECHNIE,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W., THOMAS H. POPE,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W., A. N. LARGE,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
R. W., JOHN A. MATHESON,	Asst. " "
W., C. B. SAUNDERS,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W., N. P. STRAMBERG,	Grand Organist.
W., CYRUS V. MCGREGOR,	Grand Pursuivant.
W., ALEXANDER McDOUGALL,	Grand Steward.
Bro. THOMAS SHELDON,	Grand Tyler.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then announced the following appointments for ensuing year:—

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS:

W. Bro. GEORGE W. WAKEFORD; W. Bro. CYRUS V. MCGREGOR; W. Bro. W. T. BURROWS.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS:

R. W. Bro. NEIL McKELVIE; R. W. Bro. J. W. MORRISON; R. W. Bro. JAMES D. MASON.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS:

R. W. Bro. DAVID SMALL; R. W. Bro. THOMAS BREHAUT; W. Bro. JOHN CLAY.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES:

M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Senior

Grand Warden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, (as per constitution); appointed, Past Deputy Grand Master MORRISON; R. W. Bro. W. T. HUNT; R. W. Bro. GEORGE A. AITKEN; R. W. Bro. JOHN MUIRHEAD; W. Bro. SIMON W. CRABBE; W. Bro. JAMES BARCLAY; W. Bro. D. MONTGOMERY; W. Bro. WILLIAM McKECHNIE; W. Bro. JAMES McFARLANE; W. Bro. W. W. McLEOD.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. WILLIAM McKECHNIE, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. MORRISON:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to procure Regalia for the Grand Lodge, not to cost more than five hundred dollars, and the Regalia be ready for the Communication in June.

The following Committee were appointed:

W. Bro. WILLIAM McKECHNIE; R. W. Bro. J. W. MORRISON, and the Grand Secretary.

On motion—

Resolved, That the funds necessary for the purpose of procuring the Grand Lodge Regalia, for the Grand Lodge, be contributed as follows:—one third by the Grand Lodge, the balance by equal assessments on each member of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction; officers of the Grand Lodge to be assessed double.

W. Bro. ALEX. MCKINNON gave notice that at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge he would move that that part of the Constitution relating to balloting for Candidates be altered, so as to allow Subordinate Lodges the privilege of demanding a clear ballot, if they see fit.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be empowered to have three hundred and fifty copies of the Grand Lodge Proceedings printed by tender.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Officers and Brethren of Victoria and King Solomon Lodges for the use of their Hall for this Communication.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to W. Bro. WM. McKECHNIE, Superintendent of the Island Railway, for his usual courtesy extended to the Brethren of Grand Lodge.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and approved, and the M. W. Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was closed in form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

B. Wilson Higgs
Grand Secy

In Memory

of

Neil Rankin,

Past Master

of

Victoria Lodge, No. 2,

Who died at Charlottetown,

August 4, 1877.

Aged 56 years.

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RETURNS OF THE OFFICERS & PAST MASTERS
OF THE
Subordinate Lodges,
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Charlottetown.

OFFICERS :

George W. Wakeford, Worshipful Master; Donald McKenzie, Senior Warden; Alfred A. Baldwin, Junior Warden; A. Newton Large, Treasurer; Robert B. Huestis, Secretary; John H. Read, D. D., Chaplain; Thomas A. McLean, Senior Deacon; Henry W. Mutch, Junior Deacon; Thomas Taylor and George Offer, Stewards; John G. J. Weldon, Marshal; William H. Sampson, Organist; George C. Hooper, Inner Guard; John Hobbs, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS :

Adam Murray, J. G. J. Weldon, A. Newton Large, P. S. McGowan, W. D. Stewart, Thomas A. McLean, Alexander Stronach, Simon W. Crabbe, David Small, Alexander McDougall.

Victoria Lodge, No. 2, Charlottetown.

OFFICERS :

Cyrus V. McGregor, Worshipful Master; Walter A. Morson, Senior Warden; James M. Butcher, Junior Warden; William R. Watson, Treasurer; Alexander Devine, Secretary; Rev. John McLeod, Chaplain; William Bethune, Senior Deacon; John Davison, Junior Deacon; John Lawson and Edward Cameron, Stewards; Elijah F. Purdy, Marshal; Alexander McKenzie, Organist; Christian Hansen, Inner Guard; John Hobbs, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS ;

John W. Morrison, J. D. Mason, Charles Young, Ambrose L. Brown, Louis H. Davies, Alexander McKenzie, B. Wilson Higgs, W. W. McLeod, Henry W. Longworth.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 3, Summerside.

OFFICERS :

William T. Hunt, Worshipful Master; John Clay, Senior Warden; Stephen McNeill, Junior Warden; Harry C. Green, Treasurer; Henry F. Jarvis, Secretary; Benjamin S. Mills, Chaplain; Philip McLeod, Senior Deacon; Edward Raynor, Junior Deacon; George Compton and James D. Stewart, Stewards; Samuel Leard, Inner Guard; Alexander Waugh, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS :

William T. Hunt, Benjamin S. Mills, Stephen McNeill, George Compton, Robert H. McDonald; John Clay.

St. George's Lodge, No. 4, Georgetown.

OFFICERS :

George A. Aitken, Worshipful Master; Joseph Fairchild, Senior Warden; David H. Logan, Junior Warden; Philip Westaway, Treasurer; William Wightman, Secretary; James W. McDonald, Senior Deacon; John M. Stewart, Junior Deacon; Nathaniel McLaren and Charles D. Poole, Stewards; Daniel F. Kennedy, Marshal; Arthur P. Hobbs, Inner Guard; Donald Beaton, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS :

David Kaye, M. D., William B. Aitken, Roderick Munro, George A. Aitken.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 5, Port Hill.

OFFICERS :

John Bell, Worshipful Master; Archibald Montgomery, Senior Warden; Hugh Montgomery, Junior Warden; John Maynard, Treasurer; William R. Ellis, Secretary; Rev. Robert Dobie, Chaplain; Thomas H. Pope, Senior Deacon; William I. Jenkins, Junior Deacon; John Crawford and Archibald McIntosh, Stewards; John Currie, Inner Guard; David Sullivan, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS :

John Yeo, Hugh A. Ramsay, William R. Ellis, James Barclay, William T. Ellis, Thomas Adams, Thomas H. Pope.

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Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 6, Summerside.

OFFICERS :

Charles B. Saunders, Worshipful Master; Thomas Frizzle, Senior Warden; William H. Brown, Junior Warden; C. R. Clarke, Treasurer; William Newman, Secretary; Rev. Charles Frazer, Chaplain; John Grady, Senior Deacon; G. M. Doull, Junior Deacon; J. D. Enman and Douglass Gordon, Stewards; James A. Bearisto, Marshal; A. E. Clarke, Inner Guard; George Shelton, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS :

James Gourlie, James Muirhead, Richard Hunt, David Rogers, Thomas Brehaut, Neil McKelvie, David Montgomery, William T. Burrows.

Zetland Lodge, No. 7, Alberton.

OFFICERS :

Archibald J. Leard, Worshipful Master; Benjamin Champion, Senior Warden; Charles W. McRae, Junior Warden; Joseph L. Dyer, Treasurer; Benjamin Campbell, Secretary; David Gordon, Chaplain; Malcolm Ramsay, Senior Deacon; David Lewis, Junior Deacon; Neil Woodside and G. R. Montgomery, Stewards; Alexander Matthews, Inner Guard; John McKay, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS :

Neil Woodside, John A. Matheson, George R. Montgomery, R. A. Clarke, Joseph L. Dyer, Robert Hockin.

True Brothers Lodge, No. 8, Tryon.

OFFICERS :

Alexander Dunbar, Worshipful Master; James Cameron, Senior Warden; Archibald Lord, Junior Warden; Cyrenius Clarke, Treasurer; Robert Leard, Secretary; Alexander Morrison, Senior Deacon; John Doull, Junior Deacon; John Lang, Inner Guard; Alexander McAldar, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS :

John Muirhead, Solomon Leard, John Lang.

GRAND LODGE OF P. E. ISLAND.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 9, Charlottetown.

OFFICERS :

N. P. Stramberg, Worshipful Master; James McKechnie, Senior Warden; E. O. Faulkner, Junior Warden; D. R. McLennan, Treasurer; Lemuel M. Pöple, Secretary; Rev. Alfred Osborne, Chaplain; Thomas Boardman, Senior Deacon; James Caldwell, Junior Deacon; Roderick McLeod and F. H. Beer, Stewards; Warren J. Miller, Organist; Benjamin Bremner, Inner Guard; John Hobbs, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS :

Alexander McKinnon, William McKechnie, John McPherson, William H. Aitken.

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 10, Victoria.

No Returns.

Orient Lodge, No. 11, Souris.

James McFarlane, Worshipful Master; Caleb C. Carlton, Senior Warden, Frederick Morrow, Junior Warden; John A. Dingwell, Treasurer; John McLean, Secretary; Rev. J. G. Cameron, Chaplain; E. G. Fuller, Senior Deacon; Joseph Campbell, Junior Deacon; James McLaughlan and A. W. Owen, Stewards; Richard Keiff, Inner Guard; John White, Tyler.

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Grand Officers AND their Addresses, FOR 1878.

M. W. Grand Master,	HON. JOHN YEO, re-elected,	Port Hill.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	ADAM MURRAY,	Charlottetown.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden,	NEIL MCKELVIE,	Summerside.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden,	WILLIAM H. AITKEN,	Charlottetown.
R. W. Grand Treasurer,	DAVID SMALL,	Charlottetown.
R. W. Grand Secretary,	B. WILSON HIGGS, re-elected,	Charlottetown.
R. W. Grand Lecturer,	THOMAS A. McLEAN,	Charlottetown.
R. W. Grand Chaplain,	J. H. READ, D.D., re-elected,	Charlottetown.
W. Senior Grand Deacon,	WILLIAM McKECHNIE,	Charlottetown.
W. Junior Grand Deacon,	THOMAS H. POPE,	Bideford.
W. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies,	A. N. LARGE, re-elected,	Charlottetown.
R. W. Asst. " "	JOHN A. MATHESON,	Albion.
W. Grand Sword Bearer,	DAVID MONTGOMERY,	Summerside.
W. Grand Standard Bearer,	CHARLES B. SAUNDERS,	Summerside.
W. Grand Organist,	N. P. STRAMBERG,	Charlottetown.
W. Grand Pursuivant,	C. V. MCGREGOR,	Charlottetown.
W. Grand Steward,	ALEXANDER McDOUGALL,	Charlottetown.
W. Grand Steward,	JAMES BARCLAY,	Port Hill.
W. Grand Tyler,	THOMAS SHELDON,	Charlottetown.

