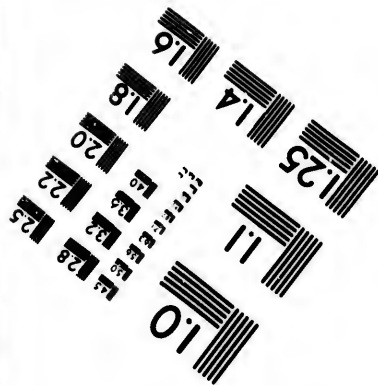
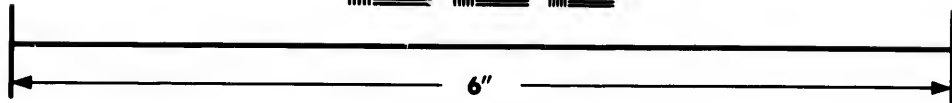
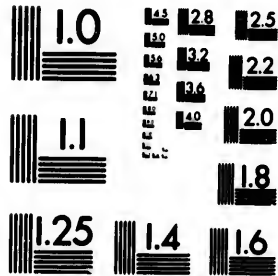


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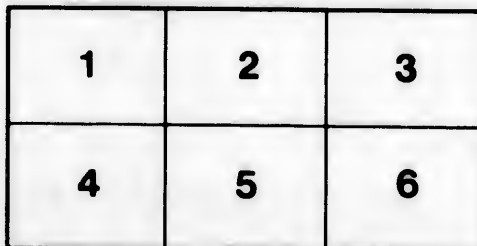
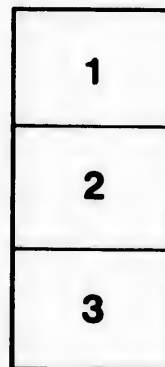
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Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.,

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, VICTORIA,

9th February, 1887.

The Grand Lodge assembled on the above date at 10
o'clock A. M.

Present :—

F. Carne.....	Grand Master.
J. H. Meldram.....	Grand Warden.
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
J. E. Phillips.....	Grand Marshal.
W. H. Huxtable.....	Grand Herald.
R. Scott.....	Grand Chaplain.
J. Pope.....	Grand Instructor.

The Grand Master appointed H. Waller, P. G. M., to act
as D. G. M., and G. Maynard, P. G., as Grand Conductor.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The members present were examined in the Grand Lodge
Degree and reported duly qualified, whereupon the Deputy
Grand Master, by command of the Grand Master, proclaimed
the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

The following were appointed as a Committee on Creden-

tials : Rep. Mitchell, No. 1; Rep. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; and Rep. Scott, No. 6.

Report Read from Committee on Credentials :

VICTORIA, 9th February, 1887.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the certificates and find the following accredited as Representatives to this Grand Lodge :

FROM VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.

D. Dale,	J. Davies,	F. Carne,
T. J. Partridge,	F. Davey,	W. H. Huxtable,
G. Williams,	S. T. Styles,	F. Page,
T. R. Mitchell,	A. Rome,	W. H. Flewin,
W. Steele,	T. Davie,	C. Hayward,
R. McIntosh,	J. G. Taylor,	

FROM COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

J. Fell,	M. Young,	R. Lipsett,
R. W. Fawcett,	F. Norris,	J. Pope,
J. H. Meldram,	W. J. Pendray,	W. H. Mixer,
J. Seurs,	M. Baker,	W. Croft,
G. H. Maynard,	S. Adler,	

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 3.

E. S. Scoullar,	L. F. Bonson,	B. W. Shiles,
H. Hoy,	W. McColl,	J. E. Phillips,
S. T. Mackintosh,	R. H. Baker,	P. J. Foulds,
A. McCorvie,		

FROM DOMINION LODGE, No. 4.

J. Wriglesworth.	E. Fletcher,	W. Rulph,
W. Walker,	T. Bamford,	P. A. Babington
J. E. Phillips,	W. D. McKillican,	E. Cameron.

FROM BLACK DIAMOND LODGE, No. 5.

W. Bone,	A. Galloway,	H. McAdie,
R. Rivers,	M. Bate,	W. H. Morton,
J. Crossan,	J. Wilcox,	J. Phillips,
J. Mahrer,	T. Harris,	A. McGregor.

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R. Scott,	J. Green,	G. Williams,
J. L. Work	J. McNeill,	E. Hoskins,
A. Clarkson,	J. Hoskins.	

And that from the Certificates received, the following Past Grands are entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge :

FROM VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.

A. Phillips,	J. York,	J. D. Robinson,
J. Gosnell,	J. Doughty,	J. Weiler,
E. Fawcett,	J. Dixon,	C. Hegele,
J. M. Read,	M. Hart,	C. Gowen,
G. W. Anderson,	W. Irvine,	R. Roberts,
J. Jackson.	E. C. Holden.	

FROM COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

W. Harrison,	W. F. Archibald,	J. Hawkins,
M. Humber,	J. Partridge,	H. Waller,
J. E. McMillan,	A. B. Gray,	J. W. Carey,
J. P. Goodhue,	R. Hall, Jr.	

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 3.

G. Turner,	H. Elliott,	J. A. Calbick,
W. J. Armstrong.		

FROM DOMINION LODGE, No. 4.

A. Gray,	H. Smith,	J. Creeden,
C. Todd,	F. T. Sherborne,	

FROM BLACK DIAMOND LODGE, No. 5.

E. Quennell,	J. Hemer,	S. D. Levi,
G. Norris,	G. Ramsay,	W. Wilks.

Also, that the following are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree :

- Page, F. McIntosh and W. H. Flewin, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
 Pope, M. Young, J. Hawkins, W. Croft and W. H. Mixer, of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
 Hoj, A. McCorvie, S. T. Mackintosh, R. H. Baker and P. J. Foulds, of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
 Ralph and E. Cameron, of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
 Rivers and Thomas Harris of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
 Edward Hoskins and J. L. Work, of Harmony Lodge, No. 6.

On account of the non-arrival of the mail, the certificates of the Representatives, etc., from Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, are not in our hands. Bros. J. C. Henderson, P. G., and J. A. Campbell, P. G., are in attendance. We are fully satisfied that these brothers are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, and to be recognized as Representatives of their Lodge. We therefore recommend that they be admitted on the condition that the necessary certificates shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. R. MITCHELL,
WM. McCOLL,
ROBERT SCOTT,
Committee on Credentials.

Moved by H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the following Past Grands, on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred :

F. Page, No. 1; J. Pope, J. Hawkins, W. Croft, M. Young and W. H. Mixer, No. 2; H. Hoy, A. McCorvie and P. J. Foulds, No. 3; E. Hoskins, No. 6; J. C. Henderson and J. A. Campbell, No. 7.

The Grand Master appointed the following brothers to fill vacancies on the Committees :

FINANCE.—W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3.

PETITIONS.—T. R. Mitchell, No. 1; W. H. Mixer, No. 2; B. W. Shill, P. G. M., No. 3; J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—J. Davies, No. 1; E. S. Scoullar, No. 3.

LEGISLATION.—S. T. Styles, No. 1; H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; J. Henderson, No. 7; E. Hoskins, No. 6.

The Grand Master then read his report of the past year.

VICTORIA, B. C., February 9th, 1887.

To the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS :

Since we last met another year has been added to the history of Odd Fellowship in this Province, and in accordance with

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rious practice I beg to submit for your consideration a report of my official actions during the time I have had the proud distinction of being Grand Master of this jurisdiction.

The year just expired has been an eventful one for our Order in this Province, from the fact that two new lodges have been added to our number. In addition to this unusual occurrence I am pleased to state that the membership of the older lodges has increased and that all appear to be enjoying financial prosperity.

Attached hereto are the reports of my District Deputies, from which it will be seen that the lodges under their supervision are flourishing. I approve of their decisions with the following exceptions: Brother E. S. Seonllar, of District No. 2, states that he decided, in answer to a question submitted to him, that it was not compulsory for every member of a lodge, present, in good standing, to vote on the application of a candidate for membership, although it was the duty of each member to do so. I hold, however, by section 1216 of White's Digest, 1882, that it is clearly laid down that "every brother present in a lodge or encampment, if qualified to vote, is obliged to vote on all questions, unless excused by the lodge or encampment." This is qualified by section 1217, which provides that a brother shall not vote on a question in which he is directly interested.

I wish to point out, in connection with the negative answer given by Brother J. McNeill, D. D. G. M. District No. 4, to a question submitted to him as to whether the mother of an Oddfellow could join a Rebekah Degree Lodge, that, although strictly correct at the time the decision was given, that, by the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its last session, the qualification has been amended, and the mother of an Oddfellow, if a widow, is now eligible to join the Rebekah Degree Lodge.

PROCLAMATIONS.

Having received the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, dated 4th February, 1886, to observe the 26th April, last, as the anniversary of the institution of our order in America, I issued a dispensation requesting all lodges in this jurisdiction to observe this day in such appropriate manner as they might deem most fitting.

I am in receipt of a Proclamation of the present Grand Sire, dated 10th October, 1886, in which he declares the following resolutions of the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, found at page 10,659 of the proceedings, to be *inoperative and void* in consequence of irregularity in the manner of their adoption, viz. :

Resolved—That in lieu of other regalia, members and visitors at the session of a Grand Body, wearing a scarlet ribbon, and at the session

"of a Grand Encampment a purple ribbon, both about one inch in width, on the lappel of their coat, shall be deemed to be in proper regalia."

"Resolved—That the officers of the said Grand Bodies, in lieu of other regalia, may wear a ribbon, prescribed as above, with the jewel of their offices attached thereto."

The Grand Sire, in the exercise of the plenary powers vested in him by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to suppress the illegal organization known as the "Patriarchal Circle," has issued an important Proclamation, a copy of which is attached, requiring that all officers whether of the Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampment, previous to their installation; all Representatives to Grand Lodges or Encampments, before admission to their Grand Bodies; and all applicants for membership in the Subordinate Lodge or Encampments, previous to their admission, shall make an affirmation in the form therein provided, that they are not members of the "Patriarchal Circle." As the neglect or refusal to carry out the directions in this Proclamation on the part of any Lodge or Officer, involves, on conviction, the penalty of expulsion, I recommend that a copy be sent to each Lodge in the jurisdiction, with instructions to comply with the same.

INSTALLATIONS AND VISITS.

Accompanied by the officers of the Grand Lodge, residing in Victoria I installed the officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, on the 5th July, 1886, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, on the 14th July, 1886, and Dominion Lodge, No. 4, on the 8th July, 1886.

I very much regret that indisposition prevented me from performing this duty in these lodges in January last, but it was efficiently discharged by Brother Meldram, G. W., and Brother Roberts P. G. M., assisted by other Grand Officers.

On the 22nd and 24th November last I visited Harmony Lodge, No. 3, and Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, respectively, and witnessed and assisted in initiating a candidate into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship in each of these lodges.

I was received with great cordiality and have much pleasure in bearing witness to the correctness of the rendition of the work and the general efficiency of the officers.

NEW LODGES.

Having occasion to visit England in April last, when I was absent from the Province for about three months, I empowered Brother Quinlan, G. M., to perform the duties of Grand Master during my absence.

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During this absence, application was made and a dispensation issued to institute a lodge in the prosperous settlement of Chilliwack, and this ceremony was performed by Brother Scoullar D. D. G. M. of District No. 2, on the 24th May last, as set forth in his very interesting report attached. I need not say what pleasure it would have given me to have had the honor of instituting this lodge, had I been here and had been requested to do so.

In response to a petition from seven members residing at Vancouver, B. C., dated 5th January, 1887, for the establishment of a lodge of our order in that city, I issued a dispensation authorizing them to meet and operate a lodge until a charter is issued by this Grand Body, and also commissioned Brother Scoullar, D. D. G. M. District No. 2, to institute the same. This duty was performed by him and Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, was established on the 24th January, 1887, with sixteen members and with every prospect of success. A very severe cold, which confined me to the house several days, prevented me from attending this auspicious event and participating in the ceremony.

The petitions for these two lodges will be submitted to you and I recommend that a charter should issue in each case.

For some time past the Grand Secretary has been in correspondence with persons at Kamloops who are desirous of forming a lodge of our order in that town, and I think it probable that this event will be consummated in a very short time.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

This valuable accessory to our system is growing, slowly. The action of the committee, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, in preparing and furnishing each member in the jurisdiction with a circular containing the advantages derivable therefrom was commendable, and is bearing good fruit.

I commend this association to your fostering care, and predict for it a useful career. I refer you to the Grand Secretary's report for details as to the present position of this association.

DEATHS.

I regret to inform you that the fell destroyer has visited our ranks during the year and removed from our midst Brother J. Brunton, P. G. Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

I beg to suggest that the practice of other years should be followed

this case and a memorial page be inserted in the Proceedings of this session to record the brother's decease.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, 1880.

Following the example of my two immediate predecessors, I beg to present you with a brief digest of the most important proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, session of 1880.

The sixty-second annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was held in the historic and highly cultured city of Boston, Massachusetts on September 20th to 25th, 1880.

All the jurisdictions, subordinate to the Grand Lodge, were represented with the exception of the Grand Lodges of Arizona, Chile, Denmark, Switzerland, our own and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

The hospitality of the inhabitants of the city seems to have been unbounded, and the Grand Representatives appear to have had a very festive time. The great event of the week was the grand parade of the order, which took place on Wednesday, the 22d September, 1880, in which some 15,000 Odd Fellows and over one hundred bands of music were in line, forming a procession from six to eight miles in length, that required over two and one-quarter hours to pass a given point. A conspicuous feature in the procession was the muster of the Patriarch Militant, numbering between five and six thousand swords.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we gather the following statistics respecting the position of the order on the 31st December, 1885.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire and Australasia) ..	
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	192
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Encampment members.....	94,500
Lodge members.....	531,200
Increase in lodge members.....	100,000
Relief paid by Lodges.....	\$1,960,418
Relief paid by Encampments.....	205,620
Relief paid by Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	14,863
Total Relief.....	\$2,180,901
Revenue of Lodges.....	\$4,764,111 96
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Revenue of Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	71,924 81
Total Revenue.....	\$5,309,688
Increase of Revenue.....	\$ 35,800

From 1830 to Dec. 31, 1885, the sum of \$41,151,900 00 has been expended for relief.

A new feature in the reports this year is the statistics which have been collected respecting Odd Fellows Beneficial Associations in operation. These returns are admittedly incomplete, yet they show that payments have been made by these organizations to the families or representatives of deceased brethren amounting to nearly eight million dollars, and that they had funds on hand June 30, 1886, to the sum of \$516,820 55.

The following is an abstract of new legislation effected and of the construction which has been given to existing laws :

Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may provide for the exemplification of the Degrees of the Order, while open in the Scarlet Degree. A Subordinate cannot expend its funds for a collation and ball even upon the celebration of the anniversary of the Order, nor has a Grand Body power to authorize its subordinates to make such expenditure, as it is not for the "legitimate purposes of the Order."

A revised Ritual of the Hebekeah Degree having been adopted, the said Ritual is to be the only authorized work for this Degree on and after 1st January, 1887.

Salary due an officer cannot offset his dues to entitle him to benefits if taken sick and in arrears.

Standing of members in Encampment is not affected until one year after suspension in Lodge, if under no disability in Encampment.

It is illegal to fine a member for absence from Lodge meetings.

Lodges and Encampments may omit meetings when they fall on a National Anniversary, Thanksgiving Day, and other legally established or generally recognized holidays.

The mother, widow, and unmarried step-daughter of an Odd Fellow may receive the Degree of Rebekah or be admitted to membership in Rebekah Degree Lodge.

The Grand Sire to issue a proclamation annually calling on all Subordinate Lodges to celebrate the 20th October, or such other day as will be more convenient to the Lodges, as a Memorial Day, and to engage in appropriate exercises respecting their deceased members.

The memorial from this Grand Lodge, in support of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to admit persons to membership at 18 years of age, appears in full at page 10,370 of the proceedings, and was, on motion of P. G. Sire Nicholson, ordered to be entered on the journals. The proposed alteration was rejected by vote of 77 against 67 in its favor.

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Columbus, Ohio, was selected as the permanent location of the headquarters of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The next Annual Communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held at Denver, Colorado, in September, 1887.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We have now eight Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, with the probability of another being added shortly to the number, and it requires no great stretch of the imagination to conceive the possibility of even two Lodges being started next year, which will give us the coveted number required to entitle a Representative from this jurisdiction to the mileage and per diem when attending the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

In order to be prepared for this contingency, I would suggest the propriety of electing a qualified person as Grand Representative at this session—even if we are not fortunate enough to secure the necessary number of Lodges, it is quite possible that some qualified brother may be journeying in the direction of Denver next September, and would like to appear in the Sovereign Grand Lodge as the Representative of this Grand Body, and in the event of the Representative elect being unable to attend, he could resign and the other aspirant appointed by the Grand Master to fill the vacancy. At all events, there would be no harm done in electing a Representative at this meeting.

As a matter of general convenience and policy, I would advise that D. G. Masters be appointed for each of the newly instituted Lodges at Chilliwack and Vancouver.

The expenses attendant on the opening of a new Lodge being necessarily heavy I would recommend that the semi-annual tax due from Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, Chilliwack, to 31st December last, be remitted, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed not to require the tax from Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, for the half year ending 30th June, next.

CONCLUSION.

The past year has not only been financially prosperous, but it has been apparently characterized by harmony and unanimity, for I have not received a single appeal, nor has a question been propounded for my decision.

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And now, brothers, allow me to express the hope that our deliberations may be carried on with dispatch and good feeling, that every one will be prompted by a patriotic desire to do that which will benefit our Order in this jurisdiction, and make it still more stable and beneficial than it has hitherto been.

In retiring from this elevated position to which you have elected me, allow me to thank you for the honor thus conferred, and to bespeak a generous and charitable construction for my actions. Any errors that I have committed, I beg of you to attribute rather to a defect of the head than of the heart. I sincerely love and admire Odd Fellowship; it has been my hobby for many years, and although I shall, at the completion of this session, resign into your hands the trust you have bestowed, it will not be to retire into ease or repose, but I shall continue to be as active and assiduous a worker in the ranks as I have been in the past.

I remain, dear sirs and brothers,

Yours in F. L. and T.,

FREDK. CARNE,

Grand Master.

PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND SIRE.

Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE, }
ALBION Orleans County, N. Y., December 23 1886. }

To the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, I, John H. White, Grand Sire, do hereby order and direct as follows:

First.—That no person holding membership in the Patriarchal Circle or its successors, by whatever name it may be known, or in any secret organization not authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge that has heretofore or may hereafter require as a qualification for membership therein a past, present or future membership in this Order, shall be elected or appointed to or installed in any office in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of Odd Fellows under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and it shall be the duty of all installing officers, before installing into office any person who shall have been elected or appointed to any office in any such Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, to exact from each of such persons an affirmation in the following form, viz.:

"I, upon my honor as an Odd Fellow, do solemnly declare that I am not now, and was not at the time of my election (or appointment) to the office into which I am now about to be installed, a member of the Patriarchal Circle, or any successor thereof, by whatever name known, or in any secret organization not authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, that has heretofore or does now require as a qualification for membership therein, a past, present or future standing in this Order of Odd Fellows."

And any such person who shall neglect or refuse to take and subscribe such affirmation shall not be installed into office, but the said office shall be declared vacant, and the Lodge, or Encampment, as the case may be, shall proceed to elect or appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy thereby created.

Second.—That no person shall be elected to or received into membership in any Subordinate Lodge of Odd Fellows under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, unless he shall subscribe an application for membership which shall contain a declaration, upon his honor, that he does not hold membership in the Patriarchal Circle, or any successor thereof, by whatever name the same may be known or called.

Third.—That no Subordinate Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows shall elect to or receive into membership, any member of a Subordinate Lodge, who shall not in his application, declare upon his honor as an Odd Fellow, that he does not hold membership in the Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name the same may be known or called.

Fourth.—That all persons who shall hereafter claim to be admitted as members of or Representatives to any Grand Lodge or Encampment of this Order, shall take and subscribe the affirmation first herein set forth, and no such Grand Lodge or Encampment shall hereafter admit to membership therein or as Representative thereto, any person who shall refuse to take and subscribe such affirmation.

Fifth.—That any Lodge, Encampment or officer who shall wilfully neglect or shall refuse to carry out any of the provisions of the foregoing orders or directions, or who shall violate the same, and any member of the Order or person who shall thereafter become a member, who shall falsely make, take or subscribe either of the foregoing affirmations, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and upon conviction thereof shall be expelled.

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All Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs are required to promulgate to their subordinates the above orders and directions, and they and all Grand Lodges and Encampments shall cause the same to be obeyed.

JOHN H. WHITE,
Grand Sire.

Attest: THOS. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

NANAIMO, B. C., Feb. 2, 1887.

F. Carne, Grand Master.

Dear Sir and Brother.—On May 17, 1886, I granted a dispensation to constitute Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, Chilliwack; also, a dispensation on same date authorizing the public dedication of a hall to the purposes of Odd Fellowship, and permission to install the officers of the above Lodge in public. These are all the official acts performed by me whilst acting as Grand Master during your absence. Hoping to meet you all next week,

I remain yours fraternally,

E. QUENNEL,

Deputy Grand Master.

Office of the D. D. Grand Master, District No. 1, of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia.

VICTORIA, B. C., 4th February, 1887.

Fredk. Carne, Esq., Grand Master Grand Lodge of B. C.

Dear Sir and Brother.—I beg to furnish you with a report of my acts as your Deputy for this District.

On 19th April, 1886, I received an application from Dominion Lodge, No. 4, for a dispensation to enable it to confer the Degrees of the Order on a member on Sunday, 11th April, 1886, in consequence of the brother's purpose to leave the Province next day. This dispensation I declined to grant, and referred the Lodge to section 1269 of White's Digest, which directs that "No Lodge or Encampment or Degree Lodge shall hold any meeting for work or business upon Sunday, except for funeral purposes." In the face of this it was impossible for me to grant the request.

On the 14th April, 1886, I granted a dispensation to Dominion Lodge, No. 4, empowering it to confer the three degrees on Brother Wm. Cowan, member of that lodge, in less time than the law allows, on account of the brother's intention to leave the city.

I am pleased to report that the lodges in this city are enjoying general prosperity, and are efficiently prosecuting the good work for which we are combined.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours, in F. L. and T.,

GEO. H. MAYNARD,
Deputy Grand Master, District No. 1.

SPECIAL REPORT DISTRICT No. 2.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. 25th May, 1886.

To the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of B. O. I. O. O. F.

Dear Sir and Brother. —By your authority I proceeded to Chilliwack yesterday and instituted Excelsior Lodge, No. 7. I was ably assisted by P. G. M. Brother Shiles, P. G. M. McColl, P. G.'s Turner, Trew, Phillips, Baker, McCorvie, and the officers and members of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3. Through the kindness and generosity of Brother J. C. Henderson, of Excelsior, No. 7, a special steamer, with a band of music, was placed at our disposal, and free tickets were issued to all Odd Fellows in good standing, and their friends. About 150 availed themselves of this generous offer. On arrival at Chilliwack, we formed in procession and marched to the village, where an address of welcome was read to us by one of Chilliwack's prominent citizens, and was replied to by several of the brothers. We were then invited to partake of dinner, which was served in a beautiful grove and was a great credit to the ladies of that place. We then proceeded to the Hall, which was publicly dedicated to the use of Odd Fellowship. After an initiation and conferring the degrees we instituted Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, with a membership of ten. The officers having been elected, we adjourned for supper, which was served in the lower hall, free to all Odd Fellows and their friends. After doing justice to this meal, the officers were publicly installed, and at the conclusion of these ceremonies, a grand ball was given in honor of the event. The day was declared a public holiday, and there was a very large attendance at all the proceedings. Too much credit cannot be given to brother J. C. Henderson, for the able and generous manner in which he provided and carried out the programme for the day, and all present were unanimous in saying that they never enjoyed themselves better, and will long remember their visit to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.

Yours fraternally,

E. S. SCOULLAR,

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NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., January 28th, 1887.

Brother F. Carne, Grand Master Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of B. C.

Dear Sir and Brother.—Herewith I submit my report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 2, for your approval. By your command and with the able assistance of Brothers P. G. Masters McColl and Shiles, and the officers and members of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, I proceeded to Chilliwack on May 24th, 1886, and instituted Excelsior Lodge, No. 7; also, installing their officers. This lodge has started under the most favorable circumstances, and I prelict a grand future for it. The ceremony of dedicating hall and installing officers was public, and a large number of the residents witnessed the event. On July 8th, ably assisted by Brother P. G. M. McColl, I installed the officers of No. 3 into their respective offices; also, again on January 6th, 1887. No. 3 has progressed and prospered, both in numbers and financially, the past year.

I instructed Brother P. G. M. McColl to proceed to Chilliwack and install officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, on July 6th, which he did, and reports that lodge gaining steadily. I also instructed Brother P. G. Henderson to install the officers of said lodge for the present term.

By your command I proceeded to Vancouver on 24th January, and instituted Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, and installed the officers into their respective chairs; also initiated and conferred degrees upon ten new members. This lodge has started with a membership of sixteen, and bids fair to become one of the strongest lodges in the Province.

It is with feelings of the greatest pleasure that I am able to report to you the large increase in our membership, upon the mainland, amounting to over fifty, and trust, in the coming year, my successor may be able to show as large an increase.

There was only one question regarding the interpretation of our laws brought before me during my term of office, namely, as to whether it is compulsory for every member of a lodge present, in good standing, to vote; on the application of a candidate for membership, my decision was, while it is the duty of members in good standing to vote, yet, I could not do anything in our laws to compel a member to do so. This decision, I trust, meet with your approval.

Before closing this report I would like to place on record the able assistance received from Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, in instituting Vancouver Lodge, No. 8; they sending fourteen members to take part in this interesting ceremony, showing a marked contrast to the members of the Order upon Vancouver Island. I regret very much that you have not been able to visit the mainland during your term of office. I hope we may be more fortunate in your successor, as I believe Grand Officers can do a

great deal of good to the Order in making occasional official visits to the various districts under their jurisdictions.

Yours respectfully, and fraternally,

E. S. SCULLAR,
D. D. G. M. District No. 2

NANAIMO, B. C., January 15th, 1887.

To the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

Dear Sir and Brother.—I beg respectfully to submit the following report of my actions as D. D. G. M.

I have the honor to report that my duties have been very light during the past year. On July 14th the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, were duly installed by the Depty Grand Master, Brother Ed. Quesnell. On January 5th I attended Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and installed the officers elect. On the 21st April I granted a dispensation to Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, to initiate Walter Miles a week sooner than the law permitted, as he wished to join in the celebration of the 26th of April. On the 17th of March, 1886, a question was submitted to me for my decision. A brother having paid his dues to a certain date in advance, would the brother be entitled to sick benefits to the date to which he had paid, if between said dates there had been funeral or other assessments charged against him. In my reply I stated that a brother would be in good standing to the end of the term, and referred them to Article 4, Sec. 3, of the Constitution.

On the 18th of August, 1886, a question was submitted to me for my decision as to the legality of reducing the sick benefits of a brother after receiving benefits for the period of six months. In my reply I stated it was legal, and referred to Article 4, Sec. 2 of the Constitution.

Black Diamond Lodge is in a prosperous condition, financially and otherwise.

Yours fraternally,

W. BONE,
D. D. G. M. District No. 3

WELLINGTON, B. C., January 27th, 1887.

Brother Fred'k. Carne, Grand Master Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

Dear Sir and Brother.—In accordance with law, I beg respectfully to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of District No. 2.

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The officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, were duly installed by me on July 12th, 1886, and again on January 10th, 1887. On May 17th, 1886, I received a communication from Harmony Lodge, No. 6 inquiring whether the mother of an Odd Fellow can join a Rebekah Lodge. I answered—*I do not find any authority for conferring this degree on the mother of an Odd Fellow unless she is the wife or widow of an Odd Fellow.*

Yours fraternally,

JOHN McNEILL,

D. D. G. M. District No. 4.

Moved by H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4, that the report be received and handed to a committee of three to distribute the same to the various committees. Carried.

The Grand Master appointed the following committee on Distribution: H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; Rep. W. H. Mixer, No. 2; and Rep. B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3.

Report of Grand Secretary read.

Office of Grand Secretary,
Victoria, British Columbia,
9th February, 1887.

To the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Dear Sirs and Brothers.—It affords me much pleasure in presenting for your consideration a report of the work of this office and of the Order generally in this jurisdiction during the past year. The progress made is greater than it has been the duty of any incumbent of this office to record since the institution of this Grand Lodge. Two new lodges have been instituted—at Chilliwack and Vancouver—under favorable auspices, and with every prospect of a prosperous and useful career, and there is little doubt but that still another will shortly be opened at Kamloops.

The membership of the other lodges has increased and there is every indication of a general revival of the Order in this Province, proving that its latent energy has been awakened, and that its ennobling principles and its sterling advantages are both recognized and appreciated.

The duties devolving on the Grand Secretary in connection with the resolutions of the last session have been fully discharged.

A petition was prepared and despatched to the Sovereign Grand Lodge asking for the remission of the Representative tax charged against this Grand Lodge for the year 1886; the request was granted and the tax remitted—vide Proceedings Sov. G. L. pp. 10,379, 10,525, 10,660.

The amendments effected in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge last session were reported and received the approval of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Vide Proceedings Sov. G. L. pp. 10,371, 10,500, 10,644.

As directed, a memorial was forwarded in support of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to permit the admission of members at 18 years of age. It was presented by Grand Secretary Ross and on motion ordered to be spread on the journal.

The opinion of the Grand Sire was solicited as to whether the adoption of the form of application for membership recommended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, session 1885, was compulsory. The Grand Sire decided that the adoption of this form was not compulsory, and this decision was communicated to the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction.

The attention of the subordinate lodges was called to the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, included in the report of Grand Master McColl, respecting membership in the Patriarchal Circle.

In compliance with a resolution of last session, the appeal of a committee of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for assistance to the Colfax Memorial Fund was sent to each subordinate lodge, and in response thereof I received the following sums:—Victoria Lodge, No. 1, \$5; Columbia Lodge, No. 2, \$5; Dominion Lodge, No. 4, \$5; Harmony Lodge, No. 6, \$4; total \$19, which was duly remitted and the receipt of the treasurer of this fund for this amount is on file in this office.

The proceedings of the last session were printed at the lowest price obtainable and copies distributed in the usual manner. An index has been added for facility of reference, and will, if continued, be of great use when the next volume of Proceedings is bound.

The Finance Committee having reported on the question of payment of Representatives, referred to them last session, a copy of this report was transmitted to each lodge as directed. The report in question will be presented for your consideration.

Copies of amendments made to the by-laws of Victoria, New Westminster and Dominion Lodges have been received and were referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates without delay. The reports of this committee will be laid before you, copies of which have been furnished the respective lodges.

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that thriving place. Difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the necessary five cards to accompany the petition, but this difficulty will probably be overcome by one of the gentlemen interested coming to Victoria to be initiated and taking his withdrawal card, which will make the requisite number. I am credibly informed that between seventy and eighty persons have signified their desire to join the lodge when opened.

By legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge last session, the number of copies of the Proceedings of that Grand Body supplied to each Grand Lodge is increased to one for each subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction, and fifteen copies for the use of the Grand Lodge. I am in receipt of twenty one copies, and beg to request instructions as to their disposal.

I would respectfully remind you that Brother Huxtable, Grand Herald, is entitled to some recognition for cleaning, etc., the Grand Secretary's office during the past year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AMOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

FOR SUPPLIES,

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.....	\$4 25	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2.....	3 00	
New Westminster, No. 3.....	4 00	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4.....	11 50	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.....	3 00	
Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.....	33 75	
Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.....	33 00	
		<u>\$92 50</u>

FOR TAX TERM ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1886,

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.....	72 00	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2.....	52 40	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.....	30 00	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4.....	27 20	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.....	42 80	
Harmony Lodge, No. 6.....	33 20	
		<u>257 60</u>

FOR TAX TERM ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1886,

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.....	71 20	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2.....	53 20	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.....	30 80	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4.....	27 20	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.....	44 40	
Harmony Lodge, No. 6.....	43 60	
		<u>270 40</u>

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Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.....	30 00	
Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.....	30 00	
		<u>60 00</u>

Total amount received and paid over to Grand Treasurer..... \$680 50

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE GRAND TREASURER DURING THE YEAR, 1886.

Feb. 12—No. 1,	F. Carne, milenge.....	\$15 00
" "	2, A. Phillips, ".....	15 00
" "	3, J. Dixon, ".....	15 00
" "	4, F. Davey, ".....	15 00
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" "	6, C. H. Maynard, ".....	15 00
" "	7, F. Norris, ".....	15 00
" "	8, B. W. Shiles, ".....	15 00
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" "	10, W. McColl, ".....	15 00
" "	11, E. H. Fletcher, ".....	15 00
" "	12, W. Walker, ".....	15 00
" "	13, J. E. Phillips, (No. 4) ".....	15 00
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" "	18, J. Green, ".....	5 00
" "	19, G. Williams, (No. 6) ".....	5 00
" "	20, W. H. Huxtable, cleaning, &c., Grand Sec'y office.....	10 00
" "	21, W. H. Morton, Junitor.....	10 00
April 1,	22, J. A. Cohen, printing Proceedings Grand Lodge.....	87 00
April 24,	23, Sovereign Grand Lodge, for supplies.....	19 12
June 4,	24, J. A. Cohen, printing forms of Bond for Treasurer and orders for A. T. P. W.....	19 00
July 1,	25, Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies.....	16 75
Aug. 16,	26, F. Davey, Grand Secretary, 6 months' Salary....	90 00
Dec. 1,	27, M. Miller, printing forms G.'s Certificates.....	7 00
Dec. 6,	28, Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies.....	28 00
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Jan. 1,	29, Odd Fellows' Union, 12 months' rent Grand Secretary's office.....	60 00
Jan. 20,	30, Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies.....	31 00
Feb. 2,	31, F. Davey, Grand Secretary, 6 months' salary....	90 00
"	32, B. C. Stationery Co., Stationery for use of Grand Lodge.....	2 00
"	33, Expressage Grand Lodge Books, &c., to Numnimo, February, 1886.....	1 00
"	34, Customs charges and cost of remittances to Sovereign Grand Lodge for supplies.....	5 00
"	35, Grand Secretary, Postage and Sundries for 12 mos.....	12 00
	Total.....	\$708

SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, last report.....	\$338
Total amount of Cash received.....	680
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Less Orders drawn.....	708
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2000 Orders, A. T. P. W.....	\$5 50	
2 Grand Lodge Degree Books @ \$2.00....	4 00	
3 White's Digests @ \$2.50.....	7 50	
25 Withdrawal Cards @ 20c.....	5 00	
75 Visiting Cards @ 20c.....	15 00	
2 Subordinate Lodge Charters @ 60c.....	1 20	
7 Subordinate Lodge Rituals @ \$2.00....	14 00	
3 Question books @ \$2.00.....	6 00	
3 Black Books @ \$2.25.....	6 75	
1 Degree Chart @ \$2.00.....	2 00	
2 Officers' Roll Books @ \$1.00.....	2 00	
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2 White's Digests @ \$3.50.....	7 00	
2 Officers' Roll Books @ \$3.00, do 1 @ \$1.50	7 50	
40 Lodge Odes @ 10c.....	4 00	
50 Initiation Petitions @ 2c.....	1 00	
60 Visiting Cards @ 25c.....	15 00	
16 Withdrawal Cards @ 25c.....	4 00	
165 orders for P. W. @ 5c.....	8 25	
7 Subordinate Lodge Rituals @ \$3.00....	21 00	
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1 Black Book @ \$4.00, and 1 do @ \$3.00...	7 00	
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61 Books of Forms @ \$5c.....	51 40	
3 Books of Odes, with Music @ 65c.....	1 95	
15 Initiation Petitions.....	1 25	
Orders for P. W.....	5 00	
4 Rebekah Degree Books @ \$1.00.....	4 00	
41 Diplomas @ 65c.....	28 60	
1 Officers' Roll Book @ \$1.00.....	1 00	
12 Withdrawal Cards @ 20c.....	2 40	
49 Visiting Cards @ 22c.....	8 80	
11 Dismissal Certificates @ 22c.....	2 42	
8 Vols. Proceedings Grand Lodge @ \$1.25	10 00	
2 Subordinate Lodge Charters @ 60c....	1 20	
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BALANCE SHEET.**GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.****9 February, 1887.**

Folio.	ACCOUNT.	Dr.	Cr.
3	Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	\$28 97	
12	Stock Account.....	124 27	
27	Treasurer.....	310 67	
42	Profit and Loss.....		\$680 00
44	Furniture and Regalia.....	224 25	
47	Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.....	2 50	
51	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.....		
52	Dominion Lodge, No. 4.....		1 00
53	Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.....		9 25
		\$600 66	\$680 00

REPRESENTATION TO THIS GRAND LODGE.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.....	is entitled to 17 Representatives
Columbia Lodge, No. 2.....	" 14 "
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	" 10 "
Dominion Lodge, No. 4.....	" 9 "
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5..	" 12 "
Harmony Lodge, No. 6.....	" 12 "
Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.....	" 6 "
Total.....	<u>80</u>

The following abstract of the reports of the Subordinate Lodges shows the work performed during the past year and also their present condition :

		Increase.	Decrease.
Number of Lodges	8	2	—
" of members in good standing	700	86	—
" Initiated during the year	101	13	—
" Admitted by Card	14	7	—
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" Reinstated to Membership	2	—	2
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" Past Grands	117	9	—
" of Brothers relieved	106	5	—
" of Widowed Families relieved	5	—	—
" of weeks for which Sick benefits were paid	662	136	—
Amount paid for the relief of Brothers	\$5774 75	\$1016 75	—
" " " " of widowed families	228 00	24 00	—
" " " burying the dead	542 00	—	\$198 00
Total amount expended for relief	6,544 75	772 25	—
" " " current expenses	5,652 86	2,402 48	—
" " of annual receipts	13,621 00	—	331 31
" " of assets	54,828 64	—	1,076 47
Average amount expended for relief per member	9 55		
Average duration of sickness per member	6½ days.		
Average amount of assets per member	about \$80.		
Total amount disbursed for relief since formation of Grand Lodge	55,684 75.		

AUXILIARY ENDOWMENT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

The Committee appointed last session to assist in promoting the welfare of this association met and came to the conclusion that it was advisable in its interests that a circular should be prepared and circulated amongst the brothers, calling their attention to the existence of this organization and pointing out its objects and advantages and soliciting

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their co-operation in extending its usefulness. This was accordingly done and a copy of a circular to the above effect was sent to each member of this jurisdiction whose address could be obtained, enclosing a form of application for membership.

The position of this association at present is as follows :

Number of members per last report.....	100
Number of members admitted during the year.....	48
	148
Number of members suspended for non payment of assess- ment No. 3.....	3
Number of members in good standing.....	145

Being a gain of forty-five members during the year.

The amount received on the last assessment and now available to meet the next claim is \$231 00, as compared with \$164 80, paid on the last death.

I am happy to report that no death has occurred amongst the members of this association during the year now expired.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF THE
AUXILIARY ENDOWMENT BENEFIT ASSOCIA-
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ENDOWMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands, per last report.....	\$ 21 50
Received for assessments.....	214 00
	\$ 235 50

MANAGEMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands per last report	\$ 182 00
Received for Entrance Fees.....	48 00
Received for Dues.....	190 00
Received for Interest, Savings Bank, to 30th June, '86..	5 00
	\$ 425 00

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16th Aug.	Order No. 1—F. Davey, Grand Secretary, salary, 6 months.....	\$ 25 00	
16th Dec.	Order No. 2—J. A. Cohen, Printing.....	18 00	
1887.			
2nd Feb.	Order No. 3—F. Davey, Grand Secretary, salary, 6 months.....	25 00	
2nd Feb.	Order No. 4—F. Davey, Grand Secretary, postage, 12 months.....	10 25	
			78 25
	Balance	\$ 348 06	

SUMMARY.

BALANCES IN HANDS OF GRAND TREASURER.

Endowment Fund.....	\$ 235 40
Management Fund.....	348 06
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I have received many enquiries as to the purpose of the accumulation in the Management Fund. There is certainly no need of a surplus in this Fund, but the amount contributed to it as dues by each member is so small (12½c. per month) that it seems inadvisable to reduce it. In order, therefore, to utilize this surplus, and at the same time add to the stability of the association, I shall have much pleasure in submitting for your favorable consideration an amendment to its rules providing for the creation of a Reserve Fund out of the surplus of the Management Fund, from which the benefits may be paid when the number of deaths in a year exceed a certain percentage of the number of members. This will have the effect of remedying a defect which exists in most assessment societies and serve, in a measure as a safeguard that members shall not be called on for more than a limited number of assessments per year.

When this association attains larger proportions it may be necessary to appoint and remunerate agents in the various places to look after its business and to collect and forward the monies as they become due, but we must, I fear, trespass a little longer on the gratuitous services of the friends of this organization to perform these duties.

I am sorry that I cannot report a more rapid growth in this association. The increase has been slow but steady, and it is possible that after awhile, by patient and unwearied labor, we may realize the consummation of our hopes in having a society that will be in a position to pay at least \$1,000 on the death of one of its members.

A report on this association was furnished the Sovereign Grand Lodge

and appears in the returns of similar societies in operation in our order at pages 10,316 and 10,318 of the Proceedings.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thankfulness for the kindness and consideration that I have received at the hands of the brothers on all occasions, and to urge them to fresh efforts in the good cause in which we are all engaged. Our success in the past year should serve us an incentive to further endeavors. What hinders us from being able next year to report two more lodges and an aggregate of 1,000 members? Our jurisdiction could then claim all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other Grand Lodges, and be entitled to send two representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, where I am assured they would be warmly welcomed. With our increasing population and the number of settlements in the Province where the opening of a lodge of our Order would be a great boon to the settlers in many ways, this object should be easy of attainment. Trusting that it may be realized speedily,

I am, dear sirs and brothers,

Yours in F. L. and T.

FRED'K DAVEY,

Grand Secretary.

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Scoullar, No. 3, that the report be received and handed to the committee appointed to distribute the report of the Grand Master. Carried.

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Maynard, No. 2, that the Grand Lodge adjourn to 1:30 p.m. Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at 1:30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—

F. Carne.....	Grand Master
Henry Waller, P. G. M.	Acting Deputy Grand Master
J. H. Meldrum.....	Grand Warden
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary
J. E. Phillips.....	Grand Marshal
F. Page.....	Grand Conductor
R. Scott.....	Grand Chaplain

The Grand Marshal having examined those present reported all duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present, whereupon the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for business.

Report read from the Committee on Distribution.

to the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Dear Sirs and Brothers.—The undersigned committee, appointed to distribute the report of the Grand Master, beg to report as follows :

All that portion of the Grand Master's Report referring to the welfare and condition of this jurisdiction, be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

All that portion of the Report referring to affirmation of candidates previous to initiation, and also elective officers previous to installation, be referred to Committee on Legislation.

All that portion of the Report referring to the establishment of new Lodges, and all that portion of the District Deputies' reports be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

All the decisions upon questions of law given by the Grand Master or Deputies be referred to a special committee of three representatives.

All that portion of the Report referring to the state of the finances in this jurisdiction only, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That portion of the Report referring to the Proceedings of the Foreign Grand Lodge we do not think it necessary to deal with.

All the District Deputies' Reports, with the exception of those portions given to the Special and Petition Committees, be referred to Committee on State of the Order.

Yours fraternally,

H. WALLER,
B. W. SHILES,
W. H. MIXER,

Committee on Distribution.

Moved by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, that the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Scott, No. 6, and seconded by Rep. McCorvie, No. 3, that the Reports of the D. D. G. Masters be read by the Grand Secretary. Carried.

These Reports were then read.

Report read from the Committee on Distribution.

To the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., of B. C.

Dear Sirs and Brothers.—Your Committee on Distribution of the Grand Secretary's Report beg to recommend as follows:

All that portion of the Report relating to finances, both of the Grand Lodge and Endowment Association, and also that portion, on page referring to the Grand Herald, be referred to Committee on Finance.

The balance of the Report be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

H. WALLER,
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B. W. SHILES,

Committee on Distribution.

Moved by Grand Secretary and seconded by P. G. M. Weller, No. 2, that the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, Rep. Norris, No. 2, and Rep. McCorvie, No. 3, as the Special Committee to report on the Decisions of the Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Secretary gave the following notice of motion:

Odd Fellows' Hall, Victoria, B. C., 9th February, 1887.

To the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Dear Sirs and Brothers.—I hereby give notice that I will move tomorrow the following amendment to the rules of the Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association of this Grand Lodge, viz: add to the rule on page 9, respecting "Funds," the following:

In case there shall appear by the Annual Statements of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer that there is a surplus amount of cash in the Management Fund, after paying all liabilities, the Grand Lodge may set apart such portion of said surplus as may be deemed advisable to form a Reserve Fund, of which a separate account shall also be kept.

Add to the rule respecting "Benefits," at page 10 :

In the event of the number of deaths of members of this Association in any Grand Lodge year exceeding one per cent. of the total number of members of this Association, the Executive Officers may pay from the Reserve Fund the benefits due on such deaths in excess of the percentage before mentioned, provided there be sufficient money in the said Reserve Fund. The amount so paid shall be equivalent to the total amount realized by the preceding assessment, or the sum paid on the death immediately preceding.

FRED'K DAVEY.

Report read from Committee on Legislation :

to the Grand Master and Representatives.

Dear Sirs and Brothers.—We, your committee, beg to report that we have considered the Proclamation of the Grand Sire in regard to the Patriarchal Circle, and would recommend that copies of the affirmations contained therein be printed by the Grand Lodge and distributed to all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, with instructions to insert the same in their Rituals, and also in their Question Book, and every candidate be required to give the same previous to his initiation.

and, also, that a copy of the same affirmation be inserted in the Rituals of this Grand Lodge, to be given by all officers previous to installation.

H. WALLER,
EDWARD HOSKIN,
S. T. STYLES,
WM. CROFT,
JNO. C. HENDERSON,
M. YOUNG,

Committee on Legislation.

Moved by Rep. Scott, No. 6, and seconded by Rep. Maynard, No. 2, that the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates :

Victoria, B. C., 19th June, 1886.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Dear Sirs and Brothers.—We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, beg to report that we have examined the By-Laws of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, submitted to us by the Grand Secretary, and approve of the same, with the following exceptions :

Art. III, page 39—Duties of the V. G. The words "and charges," in the 4th line should be struck out, being contrary to Rule 3, Sec. 1, Art. VI of the Constitution, which provides that the Committee on Charges shall be elected by ballot.

Art. XVI—Dues—Section 1. All the words after the word "quarter" in the 4th line, should be expunged, being contrary to the Laws of the Order as laid down in Sec. 740, page 173 of White's Digest, which state that the By-Laws of a Lodge providing that member's dues must be paid "previous to the election of officers, or he shall not be entitled to vote" is in conflict with the Laws of the Order.

Art. XXII—Fines and Penalties—Sec. 1. The words "except he is absent from the city, in which case he shall be allowed an additional time of two months," are not in accordance with Art. IV, Sec. 4 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, which provides that "When any member's account shows an indebtedness of three months' dues, the Brother shall not be entitled to benefits." This is supported by a decision of the Grand Lodge, at its last Session, page 478 of Proceedings, which affirms that it is not competent for Lodges to grant such exceptional extension of time to Brothers residing at a distance from their Lodge. The words in question should, therefore, be struck out.

Art. XXIV, Sec. V, line 2. The words "that the printed copies shall have been received by the Lodge," should be struck out and the Section made to harmonize with Sec. 2 of Art. XIII of the Constitution, which provides that the By-Laws of a Lodge "are in force from the time of their adoption, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.,

R. LIPSETT,
JAMES POPE.

WM. STEELE,

Committee on Laws of Subordinates

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Young, No. 2, that the Report be laid on the table and considered to-morrow. Carried.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates :

VICTORIA, B. C., 27th January, 1887.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the Province of British Columbia :

Dear Sirs and Brothers.—We beg to report that we have approved of the following amendment to the By Laws of Victoria Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., viz.:

Article XVI. Insert additional, section 2, as follows :

“On the death of a member of this lodge, who was, at the time of his death, in good standing, and when funeral benefits are paid, each member shall be assessed fifty cents; and when funeral benefits are paid on the death of a member's wife or widow, each member shall be assessed twenty-five cents; all these assessments shall be paid to the Sick and Funeral Fund.”

We are, dear Sirs and Brothers, yours fraternally,

R. LIPSETT,
WM. STEELE,
J. POPE,

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Moved by Rep. Huxtable, No. 1, and seconded by P. G. Waller, No. 2, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

VICTORIA, B. C., 25th January, 1887.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the Province of British Columbia :

Dear Sirs and Brothers.—The undersigned members of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg leave to report that we have considered the amendments to the By-Laws of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, submitted by the Grand Secretary, and recommend the same for adoption with the exception of the proposed amendment to Sec. 2 of Art. XXII, from which the words “from the city” should be expunged, and the words “at a distance of fifty miles from the lodge” inserted in lieu, so as to make the same conform to clause 1, Sec. 1 of Art. VII of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

Subordinate Lodges.

In perusing the copy of the By-Laws of this lodge, we find the following alterations necessary in addition to those passed by the lodge:

Article III. Duties of V. G., provides that this officer shall appoint the minority of the Committee on Charges, but, inasmuch as the Constitution of subordinate lodges, by Rule 3, of Sec. 1, Code of Procedure Art. VIII, directs that this committee shall be elected as therein laid down the words "and charges," in the By-Laws referred to should be struck out.

Art. XX, Section 1. Benefits. This Section, after providing the conditions under which Sick Benefits shall be paid, and the rate of these benefits to the members of different Degrees, continues as follows: "except he was absent from the city, in which case he must comply with the requirements of the Second Section of this Article." We think this a clerical error which has by some means crept into the By-Laws of other Lodges in this jurisdiction. The second Section referred to directs that a member taken sick at a point remote from the Lodge shall not, but do not qualify, in any respect, the conditions of Section 1, to which there should be no exception, whether the member resides near or remote from his Lodge. The words in question, in our opinion, apply to and should be added to the next clause, which would then read: "If benefits shall not commence more than one week previous to the time of being reported to the Lodge, except he was absent from the city, in which case he must comply with the requirements of the Second Section of this Article," i. e. send an attested statement of his case, etc.

Sec. 5 of Art. XXIV should also be amended by striking out the words "that the printed copies shall have been received by the Lodge," and the substitution of the words "of their adoption, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge," so as to make this section harmonize with Art. XIII, Sec. 2 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

Fraternally submitted, in F. L. and F.,

JAMES POPE,

R. LIPSETT,

WM. STEELE,

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by B. Croft, No. 2, that the report be laid on the table and considered to-morrow. Carried.

The Grand Marshal was directed to retire and introduce P. G. McIntosh, No. 1, and this Brother was admitted and the Grand Lodge Degree conferred on him.

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Report read from Committee on State of the Order.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Dear Sirs and Brothers. Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as refers to the decision of E. S. Scoullar, D. D. G. M. "that it was not compulsory for every member of a Lodge present in good standing to vote on the application of a candidate for membership, although it was the duty of each member to do so," beg to report that we find there are three modes of voting, one by ballot, by viva voce, and by ayes and nays. That all questions are determined by one or the other of these modes, but that the Sovereign Grand Lodge seems to recognize all things as "questions," and if members are qualified, *must vote*.

Your committee is not prepared to recommend the appointment of a Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge until we have such privilege by right.

Your committee advise the appointment of a D. D. G. M. for Chilliwack, but not at Vancouver, at present.

That the recommendation of the Grand Master to remit the Semi-Annual Tax to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to the 31st December, 1886, be approved; and, also, that Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, shall not be taxed to 30th June, 1887.

Your committee recommend that the word "noting" be amended by substituting "Deputy" in the sixth line of the D. D. Grand Master's Report of District No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT SCOTT,
E. S. SCOULLAR,
P. J. FOULDS,
A. McCORVIE,
JOSHUA DAVIES,

Committee on State of the Order.

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Scoullar, No. 3, that the Report be received and adopted.

Moved by Grand Secretary, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, that the Report of the Committee be adopted, with the exception of the clause referring to the election of a Grand Representative.

On being submitted to the vote the amendment was defeated. The original motion was then put and carried.

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, and seconded by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 8 o'clock this evening. Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment at 8:40 p. m.

Present:—

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| F. Carne..... | Grand Master |
| E. Quennell..... | Deputy Grand Master |
| J. H. Meldram..... | Grand Warden |
| F. Davey..... | “ Secretary |
| G. Norris..... | “ Treasurer |
| J. E. Phillips..... | “ Marshal |
| G. H. Maynard..... | “ Guardian |
| F. Page..... | “ Conductor |
| W. H. Huxtable..... | “ Herald |
| R. Scott..... | “ Chaplain |

The Grand Marshal examined all present, and reported them correct.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present, and the Grand Lodge was proclaimed open for business.

The Grand Marshal retired for the purpose of introducing the Past Grands in attendance, and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on the following Past Grands:—

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of Dominion Lodge, No. 4; and Thomas Harris and R. Rivers, of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

The Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year being the next order of business, the following were nominated for the respective chairs:—

For Grand Master.

EDWARD QUENNEL of No. 5,

nominated by Rep. Bone, No. 5.

JOSHUA DAVIES of No. 1,

nominated by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1.

For Deputy Grand Master.

ROBERT SCOTT of No. 6,

nominated by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1.

J. H. MELDRAM of No. 2,

nominated by Rep. Mixer, No. 2.

Bro. Scott declined the nomination.

For Grand Warden.

ROBERT SCOTT, of No. 3,

nominated by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2.

For Grand Secretary.

F. DAVEY, of No. 1,

nominated by Rep. G. H. Maynard, No. 2.

For Grand Treasurer.

G. H. MAYNARD, of No. 2,

nominated by Rep. Young, No. 2.

W. WALKER, of No. 4,

nominated by Rep. Phillips, No. 4.

E S. SCULLAR, of No. 3,

nominated by Rep. Fletcher, No. 4.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. McAdie, No. 5, and Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, as Tellers.

The ballot was spread for the election of Grand Master and the following result announced:—

Number of votes cast, 49. Number necessary to elect, 25

E. Quennel received 18 votes. J. Davies received 31 votes

Rep. J. Davies was declared duly elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, that the Grand Secretary cast the Ballot for the election of Bro. J. H. Meldram to the office of Deputy Grand Master. Carried. This was done, and Bro. Meldram declared duly elected as Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, that the Grand Secretary cast the ballot for the election of Bro. R. Scott, to the office of Grand Warden. Carried. The Ballot was cast accordingly, and Bro. Scott declared duly elected as Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, that the Deputy Grand Master cast the ballot for the election of Bro. F. Davey to the office of Grand Secretary. Carried. This was done and Bro. Davey declared duly elected as Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The ballot was spread for the election of Grand Treasurer and the following result announced:—

Number of votes cast, 53. Number necessary to elect, 25

Bro. Maynard received 11 votes. Bro. Walker received 11 votes. Bro. Scoullar received 22 votes. Blank, 3 votes.

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Neither candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast, the name of Bro. Maynard was dropped, and the ballot again spread with the following result:—

Number of votes cast, 53. Number necessary to elect, 27.

Bro. Walker received 27 votes. Bro. Scoullar received 26 votes.

Bro. Walker was declared duly elected as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Report read from Grand Treasurer.

Nanaimo, B. C., January 9th, 1887.

To the Grand Master, Officers, and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Sirs and Brothers.—I herewith submit my Report as Grand Treasurer for the year ending this date, comprising the following statements :

- (1) Grand Lodge Account of Receipts and Expenditures.
- (2) Endowment Association, Management Fund.
- (3) Endowment Association, Endowment Fund.
- (4) Summary of Receipts and Disbursements.
- (5) Abstract of Balances.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.,

GEORGE NORRIS,
Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lodge Account.

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	" 3—J. Dixon.....	15 00
	" 4—F. Davey.....	15 00
	" 5—J. H. Meldrum.....	15 00
	" 6—G. H. Maynard.....	15 00
	" 7—F. Norris.....	15 00
	" 8—B. W. Shiles.....	15 00
	" 9—J. E. Phillips.....	15 00
	" 10—W. McColl.....	15 00
	" 11—E. H. Fletcher.....	15 00
	" 12—W. Walker.....	15 00
	" 13—J. E. Phillips.....	15 00
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June 4,	" 24—J. A. Cohen.....	12 00
July 1,	" 25—Grand Secretary, (supplies)..	16 78
Aug. 16,	" 26— " " (salary)....	90 00
Sept. 1,	" 27—M. Miller.....	7 00
Oct. 6,	" 28—Grand Secretary, (supplies)..	28 39
Nov. 1,	" 29—Odd Fellows' Union.....	60 00
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ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION OF GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH
COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

Management Fund.

1886,		Dr.		
Feb. 13	—To cash received from previous Treasurer.			\$178 02
	"	Transfer of Int. from Endowm't Fd.,	4 92	
Apr. 24	"	from Grand Secretary	19 11	
Aug. 16	"	"	25 00	
Dec. 16	"	"	18 00	
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Feb. 2	"	"	174 75	
	"	Interest in Savings Bank	5 29	
9	"	Grand Secretary	1 48	
				\$426
1886,		Cr.		
Aug. 16	—By Order No. 1—Grand Secretary Davey		\$25 00	
Dec. 16	"	2—J. A. Cohen	18 00	
1887,				
Feb. 2	"	3—Grand Secretary	25 00	
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				\$78
Feb. 9	—By Balance, Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands			\$318

Endowment Fund.

1886,		Dr.		
Feb. 13	—To cash received from late Grand Treasurer.		\$26 22	
April 24	"	Grand Secretary	152 00	
1887,				
Feb. 2	"	"	60 50	
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				\$240
1887,		Cr.		
Feb. 9	—By transfer of interest from Endowment Fund,		\$4 92	
				\$24
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Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands.....

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

To amount received on account Grand Lodge.....	\$1019 45	
" " Management Fund... ..	426 57	
" " Endowment Fund... ..	240 32	
		<u>\$1,686 34</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Grand Lodge, as per vouchers.....	\$708 78	
" Management Fund, " 	78 25	
" Endowment Fund, " 	4 92	
		<u>\$791 95</u>
Balance.....		<u>\$894 39</u>

Abstract of Balances.

Grand Lodge.....	\$310 67	
Endowment Association, Management Fund.....	348 32	
" " Endowment Fund	235 40	
		<u>\$894 39</u>

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Young, No. 2, that the report be received and handed to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

With reference to the report of the D. D. G. M. of District No. 2. We notice with pleasure, the zeal and energy displayed by that officer, having instituted two lodges, and dedicated the Chilliwack Hall besides installing officers, both in public and in private, and conferring degrees, the work done in his district exceeds that of any other. His report shows the enthusiasm of Chilliwack Lodge in attending the institution of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, and the lively interest which the members on the Mainland possess. It is to be regretted that the Grand Lodge Officer visited the Mainland during the year.

ROBERT SCOTT,

A. McCORVIE,

P. J. FOULDS,

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Committee on State of the Order

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Report read from Committee on Petitions.

Moved by Rep. Hoy, No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, that the report be received and adopted.

Moved by Grand Secretary and seconded by Rep. Walker, No. 4, that the report be handed back to the Committee for amendment. Carried.

Amended report presented and read.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members

of the Grand Lodge of B. C.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—Your Committee on Petitions to whom we referred that portion of the Grand Master's report with regard to granting charters to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7 and Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to report as follows:—

1. With reference to the charter be granted in dictation upon the

2. That a committee be appointed regarding the charter, requesting that on account of his referring to Whittier, be entitled to have his

Your Committee on dispensation to the Master.

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Moved by Rep. Shiles, seconded by Rep. Walker, and adopted.

Rep. Hayward

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1. With regard to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, we recommend that a charter be granted said Lodge, and congratulate the Order in this jurisdiction upon the institution of a Lodge in so prosperous a district.

2. That a charter be also granted to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8. With regard to the communication from the Rec. Sec. of the above Lodge, requesting that one of intending charter members names be dropped, on account of his departure from the Province, your Committee find by referring to White's Digest, sec. 1165, that the said Brother is not entitled to have his name entered as a charter member.

Your Committee also approve of the actions of the D. G. M. in issuing a dispensation to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, during the absence of the Grand Master.

We approve of the decision of D. D. G. M. Maynard, in not granting the dispensation to Dominion Lodge to confer the degrees on a Sunday.

With reference to that portion of the G. M.'s report, in which he states that a bad cold prevented him from being present at the institution of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, your Committee regret the occurrence, and congratulate him on his recovery.

With respect to those portions of the Officer's reports, referring to the correspondence with persons at Kamloops, with a view to instituting a Lodge in that growing district, we respectfully recommend that all assistance possible be given in the furtherance of that worthy object, thereby extending the usefulness of our Order, and bringing us one step nearer to the realization of our long desired hope, of being in a position to entitle us to a representation in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS R. MITCHELL,
W. H. MIXER,
J. HOSKIN,
B. W. SHILES,
J. WRIGLESWORTH.

Committee on Petitions.

Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4, and seconded by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, that the report as amended be adopted. Carried.

Rep. Hayward, No. 1, gave the following notice of motion :

"I hereby give notice that to-morrow I shall move that

Sec. 1 of Art. 2 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended to read "seven o'clock p. m.," instead of "nine thirty a. m."

Moved by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Mixer, No. 2, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to ten o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, VICTORIA, B. C.,
10th February, 1887.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present:—

F. Carne.....	Grand Master
H. Waller, P. G. M.....	Acting Deputy Grand Master
J. H. Meldram.....	Grand Warden
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary
J. E. Phillips.....	" Marshal
J. Pope.....	Acting Grand Guardian
F. Page.....	Grand Conductor
W. H. Huxtable.....	Grand Herald
R. Scott.....	Grand Chaplain

The Grand Marshal examined those present and reported all duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Deputy Grand Master, by command of the Grand Master, declared the Grand Lodge duly opened for business.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read.

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Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, that the minutes, as read, be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Norris, No. 5, and seconded by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay over the balance of monies in his hands to the Grand Secretary, taking his receipt for the same, pending the installation of the Grand Treasurer elect. Carried

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates on proposed amendments to By-Laws of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, laid over from yesterday's session.

Moved by Rep. Scoullar, No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Report read from same Committee on By Laws of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, also laid over from yesterday's session.

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, gave the following notice of motion:—

I hereby give notice that I will move, to-morrow, that Sec. 1 of Art. II of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended by striking out the word "February" and substituting "May" in lieu thereof.

The Grand Secretary moved the amendments to the Rules of the Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association of this Grand Lodge, notice of which was given yesterday, seconded by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3. Carried

P. G. R. Evans, of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, was announced in waiting in the ante-room. The

Grand Master appointed P. G. M. Waller and P. G. M. Shiles to retire and introduce the Brother, which was done, and Bro. Evans was cordially welcomed to the Grand Lodge,

Report read from the Committee on Finance.

To the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia:

In compliance with the following Resolution of the last Session of the Grand Lodge, found at page 479 of the Proceedings, in connection with the proposition of P. G. M. Shiles, to amend the Constitution, relative to the payment of Grand Lodge Representatives, viz:—"That the matter lay over until next Session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Finance Committee be instructed to take the same in consideration, and to report during the recess the estimated cost of the proposed amendment, with any alternative scheme they may think more desirable, a copy of their report to be transmitted to each Subordinate Lodge," your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have given the matter their consideration and submit the following as the result of their labors:—

Estimate of the cost of the alteration proposed by P. G. M. Shiles, viz:—"That all Representatives to the Grand Lodge shall be paid at the rate of \$2.50 per diem for each day of actual attendance, at the rate of five cents per mile, each way, for each mile travelled from his home to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge. No allowance of any nature shall be paid to Representatives residing in the city or town where the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge may be held."

Basis of Estimate—Representation on membership as per Semi-Annual Reports of 30th June, 1886. Grand Lodge Session to occupy two days.

IF HELD AT VICTORIA :

LODGE.	NO. MEMBERS.	NO. REPS.	PER DIEM.	MILEAGE.	TOTAL.
New Westminster	75	10	\$25 00	72 00	\$97 00
Black Diamond...	107	12	30 00	86 40	116 40
Harmony.....	83	10	25 00	79 00	104 00
Excelsior.....	10	5	12 50	56 00	68 50
Totals.....			\$92 50	\$293 40	\$385 90

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Victoria	180	17	\$42 50	\$122 40	\$164 90
Columbia.....	131	14	35 00	100 80	135 80
Dominion	68	9	22 50	64 80	87 30
New Westminster	75	10	25 00	40 00	65 00
Harmony.....	83	10	25 00	7 00	32 00
Excelsior.....	10	5	12 50	40 00	52 50
Totals.....			\$162 50	\$375 00	\$537 50

We think these two illustrations will be considered sufficient to enable the Grand Lodge to form an opinion as to the cost of the proposed amendment.

We find that there is no law governing the payment of representatives, and that each Grand Lodge has dealt with the matter on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, but on no fixed principle, sometimes the whole of the Representatives from distant Lodges have been paid, and at other times, only the Representative of each distant Lodge who was fortunate enough to receive the largest number of votes at the election of Representatives.

We are of opinion that the subject should be definitely settled by legislation on a fair basis, and submit that if the principle of paid representation is recognized, that it should be applied to all representatives without distinction. The Brother who sacrifices his time to attend the business of the Grand Lodge when it meets in the town where he resides, is equally entitled to remuneration for that service as the Brother who comes from a distance.

The questions of the payment of Representatives, and that of representation are intimately connected, and cannot well be considered apart.

On the present basis of representation, the Grand Lodge would consist of 77 members, with the prospect of at least 10 additional members if Lodges are instituted at Vancouver and Kamloops. Now, if provision is made for the payment of all Representatives, the majority of these would attend and the consequence would be, that we should have a Grand Lodge that would be unwieldy and greatly out of proportion to the business to be transacted, besides involving a large expenditure of money unnecessarily,

We are of opinion therefore that the basis of representation should be modified, and would suggest the following for adoption, viz.:

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Every Lodge of 100 members and under to be entitled to 3 Representatives, and an additional Representative to be allowed for every additional 50 members or fraction over 30—Provided that no Lodge with less than 20 members shall be entitled to more than one representative.

On this basis the Grand Lodge would consist, on its present membership, of 22 Representatives and the Elective Officers (who, as they have all the privileges, need not be elected as Representatives) in all 27, and in the event of Lodges being opened at Kamloops and Vancouver, we may anticipate 6 more, or a total of 33, quite enough, we submit, to perform all the business of a Grand Lodge.

With reference to payment, we would recommend that all Representatives and Grand Officers, whether elective or appointed, should receive \$2.50 per diem for every days' attendance, and 5 cents per mile for each mile travelled to and from the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, with the exception of the Grand Secretary, who should not be entitled to the per diem. We would also recommend that the Grand Lodge should meet every day not later than 9 o'clock A. M., and continue in Session all day with but short intermission for refreshment, so as to get through the business expeditiously, and that the Roll of Representatives be called at each meeting, and that no absentee be paid per diem, unless excused by resolution of the Grand Lodge, so as to secure a full representation. We would further submit that in the event of a vacancy occurring in the representation of any Lodge, when it would be impossible for the Lodge to elect a successor, that the N. G. be empowered to appoint one.

We estimate that a meeting of the Grand Lodge held in Victoria, on the above lines, and continuing in Session Two days, would cost about \$266, as follows:—

LODGE.	NO. MEMBERS.	NO. REPS.	PER DIEM.	MILEAGE.	TOTAL.
Victoria	180	5	\$25 00	\$25 00
Columbia	131	4	20 00	20 00
New Westminster.	75	3	15 00	\$24 00	39 00
Dominion	68	3	15 00	15 00
Black Diamond...	107	3	15 00	18 00	33 00
Harmony	83	3	15 00	24 00	39 00
Excelsior	10	1	5 00	12 00	17 00
Grand Officers, except Grand Secretary, 10 No., residing as at present.....			50 00	28 00	78 00
Total.....			\$160 00	\$106 00	\$266 00

This estimate is only \$41.00 in excess of the actual cost of the last Session at Nanaimo, and in view of the prosperity which the Order is enjoying in this jurisdiction at present, and its flattering prospects for the future, we cordially recommend the same for your adoption; observing at the same time, that we find from the Report of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, that with a membership of 366, about one-half of our number, the expense of its last communication was estimated at \$900.00, to meet which a tax of \$3.00 per member was levied, against 80 cents in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANCIS PAGE,
FRED'K NORRIS,
M. BATE,
W. WALKER,
G. WILLIAMS,

Moved by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, that the report be considered seriatim. Carried.

The report was then read and Clause 1, on motion to that effect, adopted.

Portion recommending a modification of the present basis of representation. Moved by Rep. Fell, No. 2, and seconded by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Moved as an amendment by Rep. Norris, No. 5, and seconded by Rep. Scoullar, No. 3, that the report of the Finance Committee relating to the basis of representation be amended by the substitution of the following:—

“One representative shall be allowed for 25 members, and an additional one for every additional 25 members, or fraction thereof up to 100 members, and then one for every additional 25 members, a Lodge with less than 25 members to be allowed one representative.”

The amendment, on being submitted to the vote, was declared to be carried.

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Moved by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Mixer, No. 2, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to half-past one o'clock this afternoon. Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at 1:45 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—

F. Carne.....	Grand Master
J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M.....	Acting Deputy Grand Master
J. H. Meldram.....	Grand Warden
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary
J. E. Phillips.....	Grand Marshal
J. Pope.....	Acting Grand Guardian
W. H. Huxtable.....	Grand Herald
R. Scott.....	Grand Chaplain

The members present were examined and reported duly qualified by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for business.

The consideration of the report of the Finance Committee was resumed.

Moved by Rep. J'hillips, No. 4, and seconded by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, that the recommendation of the Committee with reference to the payment of Representatives, &c., be adopted.

Moved, as an amendment, by Rep. Scoullar, No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Mixer, No. 2, "That the elective and appointed officers and representatives to this Grand Lodge be paid

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Moved by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, and seconded by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, as an amendment to the amendment, "That no per diem payment be made to any Representative or Officer of this Grand Lodge, but that actual travelling expenses only be paid, not to exceed in any case five cents per mile, for each mile travelled."

The amendment to the amendment, being put to the Grand Lodge, was declared lost—14 voting for and 18 against it.

The amendment was then submitted to the vote, and declared carried by a vote of 17 for and 15 against.

Moved by Rep. Davey, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Trigglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4, That the Resolutions now passed be handed to the Committee on Legislation to report such alterations to the Grand Lodge Constitution as may be necessary to give the said Resolutions legal effect. Withdrawn

Rep. Scoullar, No. 3, gave the following notice of motion

whereby give notice that to-morrow I will move the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge:—

Strike out first para. of Sec. 3, Art. 2, to the word "standing" in 5th, and insert the following:—Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to one Representative for 25 members and under, and an additional Representative for each additional 25 members, or fraction thereof up to

100 members, and one for every additional 25 members above the 100 members.

Each elected and appointed Officer and Representative to this Grand Lodge, shall be paid at the rate of \$2 *per diem*, such payment shall include in the case of New Westminster, Vancouver, Nanaimo and West Vancouver, two full travelling days and travelling expenses, not exceeding five cents per mile for each mile travelled, and in the case of Chilliwack four full travelling days shall be allowed, and \$2 *per diem* for each day of the Session. No remuneration shall be paid to any Grand Officer or Representative residing in the town where the Grand Lodge is held.

Moved by Rep. McCorvie, No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Hoy, No. 3, that the amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution, proposed by Rep. Scoullar, No. 3, be taken into consideration to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M. Carried.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

Dear Sirs and Bros:—Your Committee on the State of the Order, whom was referred the Report of the Grand Secretary, have much pleasure in testifying to its able and exhaustive character. We are pleased to notice the progress of the Order, both as to its numerical strength, as well as its finances; the institution of Chilliwack and Vancouver Lodges is gratifying, and indicates that the Order on the mainland, bids fair to soon equal the Island.

We regret that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has declined to accede to our petition to admit members 18 years of age.

We would suggest that it would be advantageous to have the Chairman of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates as permanent as possible, it would necessarily aid in reviewing By-Laws, and save work in the Grand Body.

We hope that a Lodge at Kamloops may be instituted during the next year.

We recommend that each elective Grand Officer receive a copy of the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and each Lodge receive a copy.

Your Committee recommend that a sum be fixed by this Grand Lodge as a remuneration for taking care of the Grand Secretary's Office.

Your Committee recommend that the Committee on the Endowment

association be retained, as at present constituted, as we are of opinion that its interest will be best conserved by so doing.

ROBERT SCOTT,
JOSHUA DAVIES,
E. S. SCOULLAR,
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Committee on State of the Order.

Moved by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by the Grand Secretary and seconded by Rep. McIntosh, No. 1, "Whereas, the institution of Odd Fellowship is purely a philanthropic and charitable one, and cultivates provident and self-dependent habits amongst its members by making provision during health for times of sickness and accident."

"And, whereas, in this Province adequate provision for sick and indigent members of the community is not made by the State on an organized plan as in older countries."

"And, whereas, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is the duty of the State to encourage and foster such institutions as these."

"And, whereas, this principle is recognized in England, where the investments of similar societies are not liable to taxation; and in this Province Church property and that of charitable Institutions are exempt from taxation"

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed by this Grand Lodge for the purpose of obtaining such alteration in existing laws as will afford immunity from taxation of the funds and investments of such registered friendly and philanthropic institutions, and that they be authorized to collect and prepare such statistics and information respecting the objects

ained at and the relief disbursed by this Institution, and take such steps in the matter as they may deem advisable.

The Committee to consist of the Elective Grand Officers Rep. Hayward, No. 1, P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, Rep. McC... P. G. M., No. 3, Rep. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4, Rep. Norris, No. 5, Rep. R. Scott, No. 6 and Rep. Henderso... No. 7, with power to add to their number. Carried.

Rep. G. H. Maynard, No. 2, gave the following notice of motion:—

“I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move that the Rules of the Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association of the Grand Lodge be amended as follows: Strike out all the rate of assessments from the scale at page 8 above sixty years of age, and that the alteration take effect from the 1st January 1888, after which date no new members to be accepted in the Association over the age of sixty.”

Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, gave the following notice:

I will move to-morrow that the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, (1888), be held in the city of New Westminster.

Moved by Grand Secretary, and seconded by Rep. Maynard, No. 2, that the sum of \$300 from the balance to the credit of the Management Fund of the Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association be transferred to the credit of the Reserve Fund of the said Association. Carried

Report read from Finance Committee.

Moved by Rep. Scoullar, No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, that the report be handed back to the Committee for amendment.

Report as amended by Committee read.

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To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that they have examined the Reports and Books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct. The balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands to the credit of the Grand Lodge, being \$310.67.

After carefully considering the condition of the Order in this Province, your Committee recommend that \$12.50 be paid to each Representative of distant Lodges attending this Grand Lodge as mileage, except the Representatives from Excelsior Lodge No. 7, Chilliwhack, to whom we recommend that \$15 each should be paid.

Your Committee recommend that the *per capita* tax to be paid by the subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, should be \$1.00. Fifty cents to be paid on 30th of June, and fifty cents on 31st December.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for ensuing year:

REVENUE.

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands.....	\$310 67
<i>per capita</i> tax, 710 members at \$1 each.....	710 00
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EXPENDITURE.

Salary of Grand Secretary.....	\$180 00
Rent Grand Secretary's office.....	60 00
Stationery and Postage.....	10 00
Printing.....	100 00
Grand Herald.....	20 00
Mileage to Representatives, this Session, 21 @ \$12.50, and 2 @ \$15.00.....	292 50
Foreign Grand Lodge Tax.....	75 00
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	\$737 50
Balance of Revenue over Expenditure.....	\$283 17

The Books of the Endowment Association have been carefully examined by your Committee and found correct, showing the following balances on hand:—

Management Fund.....	\$348 32
Endowment Fund.....	235 40

W. WALKER,
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GEORGE WILLIAMS,
J. A. CAMPBELL,
FRED'K NORRIS.

Committee on Finance.

Moved by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, and seconded by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, that the report be received and adopted.

Moved by Rep. Norris, No. 5, and seconded by Rep. Dale, No. 1, that the report be amended by substituting 80 cents in place of \$1 per capita tax for ensuing year. The amendment was put to the vote and declared to be lost. The original motion was submitted to the vote and declared carried.

Rep. Hayward, No. 1, withdrew the motion to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of which notice was given yesterday.

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare and forward to the Sovereign Grand Lodge a respectful address praying for the remission of the Representative Tax due from this Grand Lodge for the present year. Carried.

The Grand Master announced that, in deference to the wish of many of the representatives present, P. G. R. Evans of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, had expressed his willingness to exemplify the secret work at any time the Grand Lodge may desire.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to P. G. R. Evans, for his kind offer, and that he be requested to exemplify the work at once.

P. G. R. Evans courteously acceded to this request, and in a very impressive manner exemplified the secret work.

It was moved by Rep. Norris, No. 5, and seconded by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to P. G. R. Evans for his kindness in rendering the secret work. Carried.

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Moved by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Carried

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

Odd Fellows' Hall, Victoria, B. C., 11th February, 1887.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 10 A. M. pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—

F. Carne.....	Grand Master
Hy. Waller, P. G. M.	Acting Deputy Grand Master
J. H. Meldram.....	Grand Warden
J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M.....	Acting Grand Secretary
J. Phillips.....	Grand Marshal
J. Pope.....	Grand Guardian
W H. Huxtable.....	Grand Herald
R. Scott.....	Grand Chaplain

The members present were examined in the Grand Lodge Degree and reported duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Deputy Grand Master, by command of the Grand Master, declared the Grand Lodge duly opened for business.

A note was read from the Grand Secretary explaining the cause of his temporary absence.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read. Moved by Rep. Scoullar, No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Hoy, No. 3, that the minutes, as read, be adopted. Carried.

The Grand Secretary arrived and took his chair.

Rep. Scoullar, No. 3, moved the amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution respecting representation, etc., to the

Grand Lodge, standing in his name, of which notice was given yesterday. Seconded by Rep. Henderson, No. 7. Moved by Grand Secretary and seconded by Rep. Dale, No. 1, that the question be postponed indefinitely. Carried.

P. G. M. Waller, No. 2 moved the amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution, of which notice had been given to change the date of meeting of the Grand Lodge, seconded by Rep. Meldram, No. 2. The motion on being put to the vote, was declared lost.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Henderson, No. 7, that the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, (1888), be held in the city of New Westminster. Carried.

Rep. Maynard, No. 2, moved the amendment to the rules of the Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association, standing in his name, seconded by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No 3, and carried.

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Henderson, No. 7, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the three Lodges held in this city, for the use of the hall, etc, during the present session. Carried.

Moved by Grand Secretary and seconded by Rep. McColl P. G. M., No. 3, that the report of the Finance Committee on the question of representation and payment of representatives to the Grand Lodge, be received and filed, and the Committee thanked for their labor.

Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4, and seconded by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 7:30 P. M., and that the Installation of the Grand Lodge Officers take place in the Third Degree. Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present:—

F. Carne.....	Grand Master
Hy. Waller, P. G. M.....	Acting Deputy Grand Master
J. H. Meldram.....	Grand Warden
F. Davey.....	“ Secretary
J. Phillips.....	“ Marshal
J. Pope.....	Acting Grand Guardian
W.H.Huxtable.....	Grand Herald
R Scott.....	“ Chaplain

The members present were examined in the Grand Lodge Degree, and all reported duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Deputy Grand Master by command of the Grand Master, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for business.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and reopened in the Third Degree.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. M. Shiles and P. G. M. Trigglesworth to present the Grand Officers elect for installation.

Joshua Davies, of No. 1, was presented, duly obligated and installed into the office of Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed the following elective officers in their respective chairs:—

J. H. Meldram No. 2, as.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. Scott, No. 6, as.....	Grand Warden
F. Davey, No. 1, as.....	“ Secretary
W. Walker, No. 4, as.....	“ Treasurer

The Grand Master then appointed the following officers:

H. Hoy, No. 3,	Grand Marshal
W. H. Mixer, No. 2,	" Guardian
P. J. Foulds, No. 3,	" Conductor
W. H. Huxtable, No. 1,	" Herald
J. E. McMillan, No. 2,	" Chaplain
H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2 } W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3 }	" Instructors

The Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Conductor and Grand Herald, were presented duly obligated, and installed into their respective chairs.

The Grand Master also appointed the following Brothers to act as District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing year:

F. Norris, No. 2,	for District	No. 1.
A. McCorvie, No. 3,	" "	No. 2.
John Hemer, No. 4,	" "	No. 3.
Geo. Williams, No. 6,	" "	No. 4.
J. C. Henderson, No. 7,	" "	No. 5.

and the following to form the standing committees:--

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Wm. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; E. S. Scoullon, No. 3; W. Croft, No. 2; E. H. Fletcher, No. 4; T. J. Partridge, No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS—B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; T. R. Mitchell, No. 1; M. Bate, No. 5; T. Davie, No. 1; J. Hoskins, No. 6.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES—H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; Hayward, No. 1; P. A. Babington, No. 4; P. J. Foulds, No. 3; A. Campbell, No. 7.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER—W. D. McKillican, P. G. M., No. 1; H. Elliott, No. 3; G. H. Maynard, No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS—John Weiler, P. G. M., No. 1; J. Pope, No. 1; S. T. Mackintosh, No. 3; T. Bamford, No. 4; J. Crossan, No. 5.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION—J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4; J. Seaton, No. 2; D. Dale, No. 1; G. Norris, No. 5; W. H. Mixer, No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION—A. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 1; G. H. Maynard, No. 2; B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; J. E. Phillips, No. 4; W. H. Morton, No. 5; Geo. Williams, No. 6; J. C. Henderson, No. 7.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING—Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Those present not having the Grand Lodge Degree retired, and the Grand Lodge was closed in the Third and

Following officers:

Grand Marshal
 " Guardian
 " Conductor
 " Herald
 " Chaplain
 " Instructors

Grand Conductor
 obligated, and in

Following Brothers to
 the ensuing year:

No. 1.
 No. 2.
 No. 3.
 No. 4.
 No. 5.

committees:--

M., No. 3; E. S. Scoull
 4; T. J. Partridge, No.
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 ller, P. G. M., No. 2;
 P. J. Foulds, No. 3;

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M., No. 1; J. Pope, No.
 4; J. Crossan, No. 5.
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 W. H. Mixer, No. 2.
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Grand Treasurer.
 and Lodge Degree
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opened in the Grand Lodge Degree. All present were ex-
 amined and reported qualified.

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep.
 Carne, P. G. M. No. 1, that the appointments of the Grand
 Master be confirmed by this Grand Lodge. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by
 P. G. M., Waller, No. 2, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge
 be presented to the retiring Grand Master for his efficient
 services in the chair. Carried.

Bro. Carne, P. G. M., acknowledged the compliment in
 suitable terms.

The minutes of the day's proceedings were read. Moved
 by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep.
 Phillips No. 4, that the minutes be adopted as read.
 Carried.

Moved by P. G. M. Waller, No. 2, and seconded by Rep.
 Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, that this Grand Lodge do now ad-
 journ *sine die*. Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

FRED'K DAVEY,
 Grand Secretary.



ABSTRACT FROM REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the term ending 30th June, 1886.

Name and Number of Lodge.	Night of Meeting.	Charter Members.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as Anct. O. F.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Deceased.	Cesed Membership by non-payment of dues.	Rejected.	Number of Members in (food standing.	Revenue.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1.....	Monday.....	6	2								180	\$1,777 88
Columbia Lodge, No. 2.....	Wednesday.....	9							2		131	1,394 62
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.....	Thursday.....	8		1	1	6	1				75	650 06
Dominion Lodge No. 4.....	Thursday.....	6							2		68	692 60
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.....	Wednesday.....	4	1								107	1,117 50
Harmony Lodge, No. 6.....	Monday.....	4						1		1	83	597 00
Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.....	Tuesday.....	10									10	150 00
		1037	3	1	1	6	2		4	1	354	\$6,379 50

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.....	8	9	1	6	1	1	6	1	1	375
Columbia Lodge, No. 2.....	9	1	1	6	1	1	6	1	1	692 50
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.....	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,117 50
Dominion Lodge, No. 4.....	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	597 00
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.....	4	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150 00
Harmony Lodge, No. 6.....	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.....	10	37	3	1	1	1	6	2	4	\$6,379 50

ABSTRACT FROM REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the term ending 31st December, 1886.

Name and Number of Lodge.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Deceased.	Ceased Membership by non-payment of dues.	Total.	Revenue.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1.....	Monday.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	178	\$1,680 56
Columbia Lodge, No. 2.....	Wednesday.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	4	133	1,069 00
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.....	Thursday.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	76	538 00
Dominion Lodge, No. 4.....	Thursday.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	4	68	509 50
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.....	Wednesday.....	5	1	1	1	1	2	11	111	1,265 35
Harmony Lodge, No. 6.....	Monday.....	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	109	1,684 60
Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.....	Tuesday.....	13	2	1	1	1	1	1	25	494 50
		(C)	5	1	2	1	4	13	700	\$7,241 51

LIST OF OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, I. O. O. F.

Of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the term commencing

1st January, 1887.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE-GRAND.	RECORDING SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	PERMANENT SECRETARY.
Victoria.....	1 Victoria....	W. H. Flewin, P. G.	W. E. Holmes.	F. Davey, P. G.	J. Weiler, P. G.	F. Davey, P. G.
Columbia.....	2 Victoria....	A. Henderson.	P. W. Dempster P. G.	R. W. Fawcett, P. G.	G. H. Maynard, P. G.	R. Jones.....
New Westminster.	3 New Westminster.	N. A. White...	C. R. Monek..	R. F. Bonson, ..	A. McCorvie....	G. R. Raymond....
Dominion.....	4 Victoria....	A. G. McCand- les.	L. Cousins....	T. Bamford, P. G.	W. Walker, P. G.	T. Bamford, P. G..
Black Diamond	5 Nanaimo....	R. Rivers.....	B. Baker.....	A. McGregor, P. G.	J. Crossan, P. G.	A. McGregor, P. G.
Harmony.....	6 Wellington.	J. A. Thompson	B. Shearing...	R. Kilpatrick...	G. Williams.....	R. Kilpatrick.....
Excelsior.....	7 Chilliwack	J. McCutcheon	R. Campbell..	D. J. Kennedy..	J. C. Henderson..	T. H. Henderson..
Vancouver.....	8 Vancouver..	W. Vivian....	T. C. Gray....	T. B. Draper....	D. Gray.....	W. Beavis.....

In Memoriam.

JAMES W. BRUNTON, P. G.

Initiated in Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.,

9th June, 1877,

Died 26th August, 1886.

4	Victoria	A. McGregor.	J. Crossan, P. G. A. McGregor.
5	Nanaimo	B. Baker	G. Williams
6	Black Diamond	R. Rivers	R. Kilpatrick
7	Harmony	J. A. Thompson	J. C. Henderson
8	Excelsior	J. McCutcheon	T. H. Henderson
	Vancouver	R. Campbell	W. Beavis
		T. C. Gray	D. Gray
		T. B. Draper	



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PAST GRAND MASTERS
 —OF THE—
 GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
 I. O. O. F.

J. S. DRUMMOND.....	1874.....	Victoria
JOHN WEILER.....	1875.....	"
J. P. DAVIES.....	1876.....	"
R. ROBERTS.....	1877.....	"
W. J. JEFFREE.....	1878.....	"
CHARLES GOWEN.....	1879.....	"
J. WRIGLESWORTH.....	1880.....	"
B. W. SHILES.....	1881.....	New Westminster
HENRY WALLER.....	1882.....	Victoria
ALEXANDER PHILLIPS.....	1883.....	"
W. D. McKILLICAN.....	1884.....	"
WM. McCOLL.....	1885.....	"
FRED'K CARNE.....	1886.....	"

* Died 6th February, 1884.

† Died 20th September, 1879.

‡ Died 18th March, 1885.

**ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
I. O. O. F.**

JOSHUA DAVIES.....	Grand Master.....	Victoria
J. H. MELDRAM.....	Deputy Grand Master.....	"
R. SCOTT.....	Grand Warden.....	Wellington
FRED'K DAVEY.....	" Secretary, P. O. Box 481,	Victoria
W. WALKER.....	" Treasurer	"
H. HOY.....	" Marshal.....	New Westminster
W. H. MIXER.....	" Guardian.....	Victoria
P. J. FOULDS.....	" Conductor.....	New Westminster
W. H. HUXTABLE.....	" Herald.....	Victoria
HENRY WALLER, P. G. M.,	" Instructor.....	"
WM. McCOLL, P. G. M.,	" "	New Westminster

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1.....	F. NORRIS.....	Victoria
" 2.....	A. McCORVIE.....	New Westminster
" 3.....	J. HEMER.....	Nanaimo
" 4.....	G. WILLIAMS.....	Wellington
" 5.....	J. C. HENDERSON.....	Chilliwack

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☞ The next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge will be held at New Westminster, on Wednesday, the 8th day of February, 1888.

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SUPPLIES.

The following rates will be charged for Supplies, all orders for which must be signed by the Secretary, and must bear the seal of the Lodge:—

Charter Fee.....	\$30 00
Charge and Degree Books, (each).....	3 00
Degree of Rebekah Books.....	3 00
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, (each).....	25
Dismissal Certificates.....	25
Books of Forms.....	1 25
Books of Odes, with Music.....	1 00
White's Digest.....	3 50
Lodge Odes.....	10
Certificates of Membership.....	1 00
Officers' Roll Books.....	3 00
Initiation petitions, per 100.....	2 00
Bound Proceedings Grand Lodge, B. C., 1874-85.....	2 00
Subordinate Lodge Degree Chart.....	3 00
Question Book.....	3 00

OFFICERS

COLUMBIA,

- Victoria
- ster..... "
- Wellington,
- P. O. Box 481, Victoria
- "
-New Westminster
- Victoria
-New Westminster
-Victoria
- "
-New Westminster

MASTERS.

- Victoria
-New Westminster
-Nanaimo
- Wellington
- N..... Chilliwack

Age will be held at New
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