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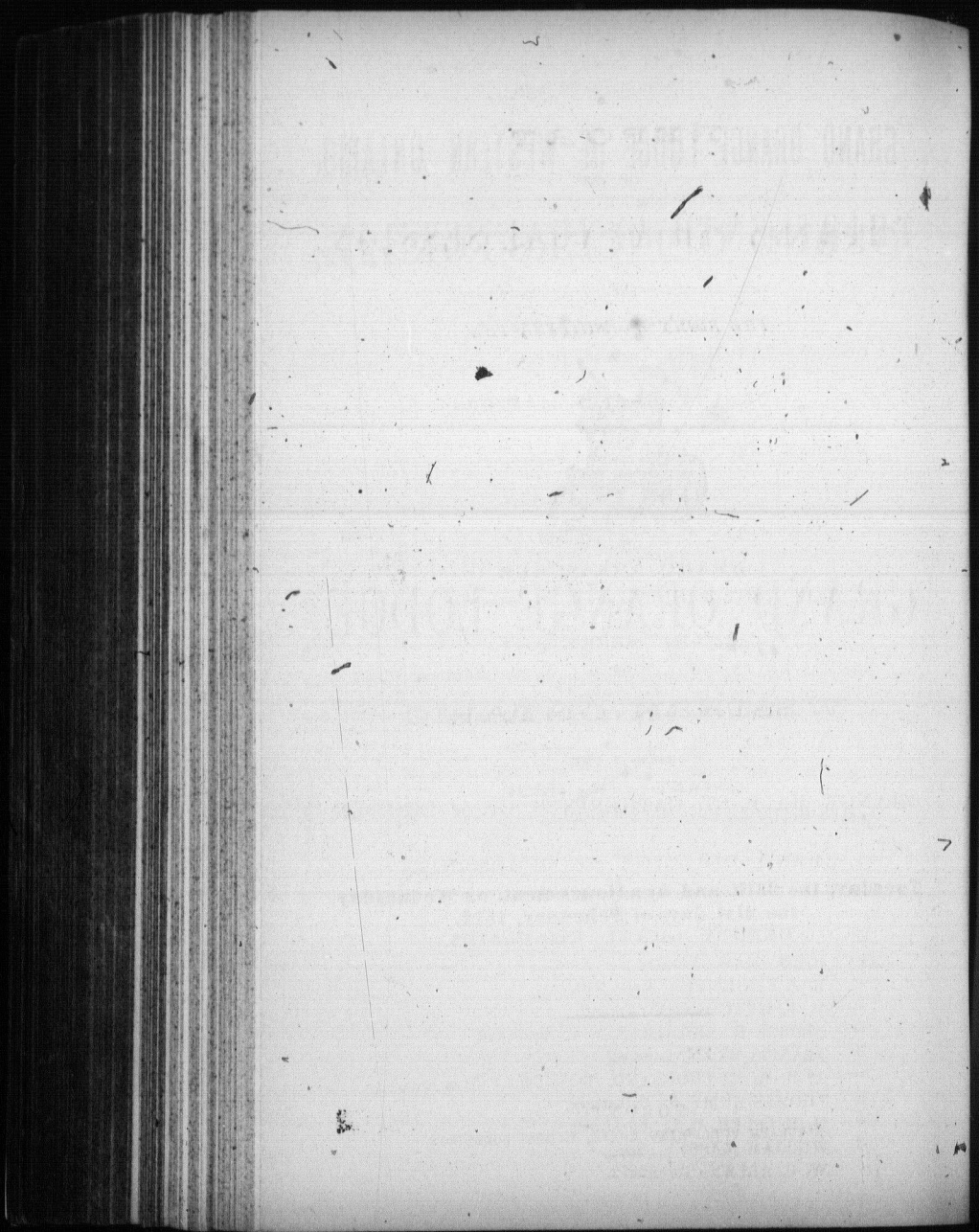
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HELD IN THE
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PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST DAY.

ST. CATHERINES, ORANGE HALL, February 20, 1872.

The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Brother and Companion, Sir W. W. Connor, (in the absence of the R. W.,) took the Chair, at 12 o'clock, noon, and the Right Worshipful the Associate Deputy Grand Master, Brother and Companion Sir William Parkhill took the Deputy Chair.

Brothers and Companions, Sir James McClure, Grand Lecturer of W. O. and Sir James Wilson, County Master of Wentworth, tested the Companions in the Royal Scarlet Degree. The Grand Chaplain, Companion the Reverend Sir Stephen Lett, LL. D., conducted the opening services in the Illustrious Degree of Royal Scarlet, after which the R. W. D. G. Master appointed Brother and Companion Sir William Cooke, J. P., as Inside Herald, and declared the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Right Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario duly opened for the dispatch of business.

Companions Sir D'Arcy Boulton, D. G. M. B. A., and Sir James McClure, G. L. W. O., repeated the Lecture of the Illustrious Degree.

Moved by Companion Sir James Bennett, D. M., Toronto, seconded by Sir John Hoey, C. M., S. Simcoe, and *Resolved*.—That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge do now adjourn and stand adjourned until half-past two o'clock, p. m., then to meet for the dispatch of business.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ORANGE HALL, half-past Two o'clock, p. m.,
February 20, 1872.

Pursuant to Resolution of adjournment, the R. W. D. G. M. Brother and Companion Sir W. W. Connor took the Chair, and Brother and Companion Sir William Parkhill, A. R. W. D. G. Master, the Deputy Chair, and called the Grand Chapter to order. Brothers and Companions Sir James McClure, G. L., and Sir John Hoey, C. M., Simcoe, tested the Brethern and Companions in the Illustrious Degree.

Moved by Companion Sir James Bennett, D. M., Toronto, seconded by Companion Sir William Parkhill, A. D. G. Master, and *Resolved*.—That this Royal Scarlet Chapter be now reduced to the Orange Degree.

The R. W. D. G. Master accordingly declared the Grand Chapter reduced, and instructed the proper officers to that effect.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary presented and read his

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario, in Grand Lodge assembled:—

Twelve years ago the first meeting of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Western Canada met in this town, and at that time the system of Provincial Grand Lodges was viewed with distrust and alarm by the vast majority of the Brethren, and for some years had a very prejudicial effect upon the prosperity of our beloved Association. A happier era is dawning upon us, and it affords me sincere pleasure to be able to congratulate you upon the advancement made by our noble cause of late years.

I feel confident that the past year will compare favorably with any since the inauguration of Provincial Grand Lodges, both as to the numbers and respectability of our members. The march has been onward over our Province with a very few exceptions. Union, love and harmony seem to prevail to a greater extent than at any period heretofore, if I may be permitted to judge from a very extensive correspondence with the Brethren in various sections of our extensive Province.

The past year has not been devoid of stirring events. Paris, after its surrender to and evacuation by the Prussians, met with a still greater scourge in its own communistic citizens, who committed unheard of acts of barbarism and massacred hostages in cold blood.

Next to the humiliation of France, we may rank the humiliation of the Papacy. On the 2nd of July, Victor Emmanuel took possession of Rome, and the Quirinal Palace. Poor, helpless Pio Nino grumbles in a tone very undignified and unwise, reminding us of John Bunyan's description of Giant Pope "grinning at the pilgrims" as they pass, without being able to hurt them. The movement of the Old Catholics in Germany is, indeed, remarkable. In Spain, the Scriptures are eagerly sought for and widely circulated, and the Gospel is listened to with interest in Madrid, Seville, Malaga, and other places. The Bible is in free circulation in Austria, and down-trodden Protestantism in Hungary assumes fresh life.

The marriage of the Princess Louise to the Marquis of Lorne; the long and serious illness of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, who had scarcely recovered when the Prince of Wales was stricken down with fever. These events, and the disloyal attacks on the Crown, have roused a great reaction of loyalty throughout the Empire, but more especially in the Old Country. We earnestly hope that the public and private prayers offered up by the nation for the Queen, Prince, Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, may be answered by a gracious and prayer-hearing God.

We ardently hope that the labors of the Joint High Commission may be the means of allaying for ever all causes of complaint and ill-feeling between our neighbors and the mother country.

The riots in New York on the last twelfth of July and the attack on the Orange procession show that a certain class of Irishmen when they crossed the Atlantic have not left behind them that spirit of faction and intolerance which so distinguishes them in their native land.

The prompt and noble action of Governors Randolph and Hoffman in upholding the rights of the Orangemen to walk upon their Anniversary, as well as that of any other class of citizens upon their Anniversaries, is deserving of all praise, and strongly contrasts with the pusillanimous or treacherous conduct of the Gladstone Government, who think it a much graver offence to lecture against the Pope than against the Queen. Say that the confessional is open to abuse, and if you get pelted, (which is certain to follow,) you will get bound over to keep the peace. But say that the Queen has pocketed her income-tax, and no amount of popular scorn and wrath can persuade the present administrators of the law to interfere. Punishment is ready for an offence against the feelings of Romanism, but none for an outrage upon the instincts of loyalty.

Mr. Murphy dare not lecture on Romanism in Protestant England, but is bound over to keep the *peace*, (or rather gagged,) whilst the Dilkes, Bradlaughes, and Odgers can spout their *treason* without let or hindrance. Fenians can have their *treasonable* gatherings and processions, and flaunt their rebel colors in the streets of Dublin before the vice-regal Lodge; but the loyal Protestants of the North forsooth must be put down for celebrating the *time-honored* and *glorious DEEDS* of their immortal ancestors who placed the House of Hanover on the Throne.

Permit me to make a few quotations from the letters of that noble-hearted and whole-souled Orangeman, *Ulster Scott*, the Rev. Henry Henderson, M. A., of Holly-wood, County Down, Ireland, in that truly loyal and sound Protestant and Orange paper, the *Belfast Weekly News*.

"The gallant Apprentice Boys of Derry have this week done their duty nobly. In spite of wild charges of dragoons, and the bayonets of police,—in spite of the whole force of the Government—they have manfully carried through their loyal celebration. Ah, sir, to what a condition have we Protestants of Ulster been brought? The Government, up till this moment, allow the most treasonable demonstrations to be made by the Fenians. Even in Dublin, within the shadow of the Castle, these traitors are permitted to meet and march with party, seditious colours and music. No respect has been held by the authorities for the outraged feelings of Protestants—indeed, for the feelings of all loyal men in the metropolis. Yet, see how these same authorities act in regard to the loyal Apprentice Boys. Is it not infamous? Will the Protestant people of England and of Scotland any longer tolerate such wrongs to be inflicted on the peaceable and loyal Protestants of Ulster? Are these not now persecuted,—yes, persecuted by the Gladstone Government? It is not often that I can quote approvingly from a Scotch radical journal; but I am sure my readers will peruse with lively satisfaction the following admirable letter from Mr. H. A. Long, published in the *Glasgow North British Mail*. Referring to the account of the military and police attack on the Apprentice Boys, Mr. Long asks—'What ought to be the dominant feeling in the heart of a rational man when reading this narrative? Should he condemn those Derry men as obstinate bigots who stir up strife by uncovering old wounds to the annoyance of the Papists? Or should one admire them as Christian patriots entering the temple of God, there solemnly to recognise His delivering hand in past ages? Was their march sacramental, monumental, or merely factional? Should a man deprecate our Government, charging Protestants who sustain law and order, while they protect Fenian processions, the members of which glory in rebellion? Or, ought we to applaud the pluck of unarmed and unmounted men, who, being charged by dragoons, fall in again, and march on to the Cathedral? Or, should one grieve over the sad exhibition presented by thousands of Papal Irish, howling as only they can, striking at these men with fists and sticks! Suffer me briefly to answer myself. Scotchmen pride themselves that they made no fuss about the anniversary of Bannockburn. That battle was one of patriotism. Religious principles had nothing to do with it. When Scotia joined hands that anniversary became an anachronism. Derry, Aughrim, and the Boyne had respect to principles. The question was not,—Shall William reign or James rule? but, Whether shall we render allegiance to a Protestant monarchy, guided by constitutional principles, or to a Popish king, acting upon arbitrary principles? The struggle progressing in 1688 is not over, nor can be, while we have in our streets Fenians, and in our legislative assemblies those who have Papal proclivities. Would glorious Bismarck let Papists set cavalry upon his co-religionists? God send a Bismarck for Britain. I deliberately say that if the men of Derry cease to commemorate the goodness of God, as manifested in their awful struggle for life and liberty, one day before Popery passes away, they will merit the contempt of every man loyal to Luther,—and true to the House of Brunswick.' All that is powerfully expressed. And now let me ask,—Has Mr. Gladstone, as the mere tool of his friend Cardinal Cullen, put an end to the burning of Lundy? Why, hundreds of Lundys were strung up and burned all over Ulster last Monday! I predicted it would be so. Yes, and for the future that shall be one of the never-to-be-neglected commemorations of the loyalists of Ulster to do justice to the black treachery of Lundy in almost every town, and village, and parish in the 'Protestant

North! It is well that all traitors to our faith, to our civil and religious liberties, to our Protestant Sovereign, and to the British Constitution should be warned to beware! Mr. Gladstone kindled a blaze over this Province last Monday that will not soon be extinguished. So much for his futile attempt to crush Derry's noble Apprentice Boys. Our valiant forefathers, in battling for the priceless civil and religious liberties they have transmitted to us, fought as with the sword in the one hand and the Bible in the other hand. Thank God, we need not in these days the sword—for the present at all events we can let the sword lie peacefully in the scabbard; but we cannot, we ought not to allow God's peerless, precious Word of Life to be for a day out of our hands. 'The Bible, and the Bible only is the religion of Protestants,' so said Chillingworth; so testified all the Reformers; and let us demonstrate by our conduct that we hold fast by that doctrine. Orangemen should be the best of men. It ought to be their aim to be so. The true soldier would die before he would disgrace his colours, and every Orangeman should be as devoted to the banner of the immortal William. I congratulate you, dear brethren, on the continued success in the past year of the great cause we have so much at heart. In spite of the opposition of a hostile Government, Orangeism has spread rapidly in this country as well as in Scotland and England. Some of the best of our nobility and gentry have their names enrolled in our Illustrious Order: Lord Edwin Hill-Trevor, in Down; Lord Massereene, in Antrim; the Duke of Manchester, in Armagh; Lords Eniskillen and Crichton, in Fermanagh; the Hon. and gallant Colonel Stuart Knox, of Tyrone, are numbered among our leading chiefs. And here are four other distinguished brethren, who uphold the cause of Orangeism in the House of Commons.—Bros. Sir William Verner, of Armagh; William Johnston, of Belfast; Winfield Verner, of Lisburn; and the upright and unswerving William Keown, of Downpatrick. As for the great body of our Orange host I can proudly say they are the honor and the pride of the land. The Queen has no more intelligent, industrious, peaceable, moral, and devotedly attached subjects. Any Protestant in any rank of life should feel honoured in being among the Brotherhood. And how momentous it is that the Orange Institution in this crisis in the history of our country, and, indeed, of the British Empire, should be flourishing. Fenianism has not been put down, as some of the Government organs have falsely written. In some of its public movements it has been suppressed, but only *suppressed*. It is stealthily as active as ever, and its secret network is more widely spread than before. If proof were wanted of that statement, look at the late monster seditious demonstrations in Dublin and in the South, professedly in honor of the mock French Deputation. Remember, also, the celebrations in the South, of the 'martyrdom' of the Manchester assassins. The savage murder of poor Talbot in the streets of Dublin, and the shrieks of triumph at his death, demonstrated the same fact. We are living in Ireland in the midst of seething hatred of the British Government. And in England, Republicanism has its clubs and its advocates, even among members of the House of Commons. Then hear in memory how Romanism has been spreading in the sister kingdoms, while that dark and dreadful system has been gnawing the vitals of the glorious Church of Cranmer, and Ridley, and Jewel, and Hooper, threatening its destruction. The statistics of the astonishing spread of Romanism in England and Scotland are calculated to alarm and arouse all Protestants. Romanism going down on the Continent is certainly advancing in England and in the land of Knox. And yet how strangely tame and luke-warm are the masses of Protestant people of the sister kingdoms. Romanists and Republicans are mightily working, and nevertheless, there is comparatively scarcely a breath of opposition against them. How then should we, and should all loyal men rejoice that there are in the British Empire half-a-million of Orangemen, solemnly pledged,

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to maintain the faith of the Reformation, and to uphold and defend the British Throne and Constitution? They are the fearless and invincible guardians of civil and religious liberty. At the present moment, the Orangemen of Ulster hold in awe the rebel hordes, who, if France had conquered in the late war, would long ere this have rushed forth from their dens to attempt by massacre and rapine to establish an Irish Republic. In the new year, dear brethren, be watchful, united, always true to your colours, and using all efforts and influences to consolidate your strength and increase your numbers. You have truth on your side. The principles you hold are imperishable. I have little space to refer to general matters. Let us rejoice, dear brethren, that at the close of this remarkable year the state of the British Empire is prosperous, so far as trade, commerce, manufacturers, and agriculture are concerned. Wages are high, and labor is remunerative. We are, thank God, at peace with the world. And now peace prevails everywhere. Protestant Prussia rests calmly and proudly after her stupendous victories over a Papal-influenced aggressor. Europe is no longer in dread of the movements of 'the dark' eldest son of his Holiness. Hapless France, covered with blood, is slowly recovering from the wild and fatal crusade that brought her untold misery, ruin, and degradation. Spain is free, rising every day in enlightenment and freedom. Austria is on the onward progress, also, shaking from her limbs the shackles of the Popedom. Is it not heart-cheering to look to Italy rejoicing in the enjoyment of all the blessings of civil and religious liberty? Far across the broad Atlantic we behold America stretching forth her kindly arms to embrace us. We are not 'foreigners' to her noble people; we are of the same race; we speak the same tongue; our interests are identical; we have the same pure faith. We felt just as they felt about the terrible Chicago disaster; and from Protestant Ulster there went forth no niggard aid to help our suffering brethren in the burned and desolated great city of the West. And the Orangemen of the British Empire will everlastingly cherish the remembrance of the noble protection extended to our New York brethren last July by the American Government. The able and enthusiastic vindication of the cause of liberty by Ward Beecher, by the whole American Press, and by the accomplished American Consul, Dr. Rea, will be always gratefully remembered by all Irish loyalists. Our beloved brethren in Canada and the other British Colonies have your warmest regard and affection. They grandly maintain our principles. They are chivalrously loyal. All fraternal greetings to them."

There have been eight new Warrants issued since our last Annual Meeting, viz.—

No. 1328, to the Co. of Bruce.
" 1331, to the Co. of S. Wellington.
Nos. 1333, 1335, 1347 to the Co. of Lincoln.
No. 1334, to the Co. of Welland.
" 1340, to the Co. of North Grey.
" 1343, to the Co. of S. Huron.

Four Warrants some time dormant and which had been returned to this office, have been reissued, viz.—No. 573, formerly in Perth to Lincoln; No. 938, formerly in Perth to Bruce; No. 750, again to Welland; and No. 505, formerly in Oxford to East Lambton; No. 462, North Huron, defaced, has been renewed. While others have been resuscitated in accordance with the recommendation of your Finance Committee's report at the last annual session in London. As you will perceive by some of the following extracts made from those returns received in time.

The W. M. of 1331, Guelph :—

Forty-three members, doing well, only opened about two months.

The County Master, No. 750, Fort Erie, writes :—
Doing splendid.

The W. M. of No 874, Haldimand :—

I take great pleasure in informing you that our Lodge has awakened into new life, and have now 23 members instead of five last June.

The Worthy District Master of Toronto again reports :—

The increase for the last Orange year is 317, while for the year 1870 it was 303, being an increase in the two years of 620 members. Number of members good on the books on the 31st of December, 1871, in this District—1494. This I attribute to two causes, viz., the frequency of our soirees and social gatherings, which are the cause of the Order coming into existence and why it is required at the present day, is often ably set forth by members of our Order, and to the establishment of Young Briton Lodges. There are seven of those Lodges in Toronto, numbering about 80 members, and who are joining our ranks as soon as old enough to do so. We have also a Lodge of smaller boys, called Derry True Blues, numbering about 150, who, as soon as old enough, are absorbed in the ranks of the Young Briton. I have had the pleasure of sending deputations of Britons to open Lodges in the following places, viz. :—Markham, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Barrie and Brampton, and have applications from Orangeville, Stratford, London, Belleville and Guelph. So you see that the young men of the country are being stirred up. So that we may expect in a few years a large accession to our ranks of native Canadians.

The County Master of Bruce reports :—

There are thirty-seven Lodges in this County, but at the Annual County Meeting it was divided into two Orange Counties, viz. :—East and West. Three new Warrants were opened during the year, and I have great pleasure in being in a position to state that the Society is in a prosperous condition in this County. At the late meeting 250 members were present from the various Districts in the County, and everything passed off very harmoniously. I never had the pleasure of attending any meeting of the kind where so much unity and harmony prevailed.

The County Master of Elgin reports :—

Increasing in membership.

The County Secretary of Haldimand reports :—

The business of this County might have been better, but we hope to make a great change in the working of the Order here before long. County Officers should be attentive, and not neglect the various Districts and Lodges in their County.

The County Master of Halton reports :—

I have much pleasure in forwarding the returns of my County for the past year. I am happy to say they show a marked increase over any former period; some more of the leading men have with others joined us, and the indications are in favor of fresh accessions of good men of various classes—just such as make up the best Lodges. I attended both the District and County Meetings, and was highly gratified to find complete cordiality and harmony prevailing. Where such perfect good feeling is found in these Lodges it may be taken as an index, and safely assumed that the same spirit pervades all the Lodges which send their representatives there. I trust many other Counties will be able to report similar progress and prosperity, and as much of the true Orange spirit as rest upon us.

The County Master of East Lambton reports :—

I have the pleasure to state that there is no suspensions or expulsions in our little County the past year. We are going to install a new Lodge next week. We are gaining in numbers, which will show that we are improving in the cause of Orangeism.

The County Master of West Lambton reports :—

I feel it an honor to be again permitted to furnish you with the report of West Lambton, and a pleasing duty when I am able to say that Orangeism is flourishing in this part, notwithstanding all the opposition we are subject to by the enemies of Orangeism, who are very numerous. Orangeism is gaining ground steadily, not in numbers only but in respectability also, many of our members holding very influential and important offices. No 1098, which meets in the pretty little village of Petrolia, numbered but 53 members in December, 1870, and in December, 1871, numbers 93, and still they come. There are some other Lodges, although they cannot boast of such an increase in numbers, yet they are men who have been weighed in the balance and are not found wanting.—Men who are ever ready and willing to defend even unto death that which their forefathers gained for them—Liberty. The Districts and County Meetings were well represented.

The County Master of Lincoln reports :—

It affords me great pleasure to state that the past year has been a most fruitful one in this old County. Three new Lodges have been opened under the most cheering auspices

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and an application for another Warrant is now before the M. W. the G. Master. (Since organized.) A large increase has taken place in the membership of the older Lodges, and all are working well together in peace, love and harmony.

The County Master of West Middlesex reports! :—

The Order is still on the advance, with one or two exceptions. A large County Meeting—love and brotherly feeling prevailed.

The Co. Sec. :—

The Order has not grown in numbers as it has done formerly, but the true heart-felt sincerity of the Cause is advancing, and is becoming much stronger in the breasts of many of the members throughout this County, for we had the most brotherly meeting this year I ever experienced.

The County Master of Muskoka reports :—

The Lodges of this County all seem to be in a prosperous condition—four new Orange Halls have been erected during the past year, and others are in contemplation.

The County Secretary of South Ontario :—

All the Lodges mentioned, except No. 957, are on a good footing and prosperous.

County Master of South Simcoe :—

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report a steady progress and a healthy prosperity in our time-honored Institution in this County during the past year. Most of the Lodges throughout the County report an increase of membership, and consequently an extended influence, which is very encouraging. Several new Orange Halls have been erected; new Warrants have been granted, and a few dormant Warrants have been revived under very favorable auspices, since my last report. The number of suspensions and expulsions, also, I am happy to state, is below the average. In our organization—always favorably looked upon by the majority here—a much more lively interest is manifested now than formerly. This is evinced in the increasing attendance at District and County Meetings, and the increased attention to their proceedings. At our last County Meeting, held at Clarkesville, in the District of Tecumseth, on the 6th inst., over 200 Brethren assembled, and the proceedings were marked by the greatest cordiality and good will. One noticeable feature in our Meetings here is the ever increasing desire for further knowledge in the principle and working of our Association, exhibited by the younger members. In a thorough knowledge of the fundamental rules, the principles and objects of our noble Order, a lively interest in its success, a strict attachment to its requirements, and a persistent observance of its commands, will be found the best safeguard for the exercise of personal freedom and the great natural bulwark of civil and religious liberty. I cannot conclude without a hope that our deliberations may ever be marked by strict decorum and courtesy, and that brotherly love, unity and purity may ever prevail amongst us.

The County Master of Toronto reports :—

I am pleased to inform you that we have seventeen Lodges in the County, which are all in good working order and steadily increasing; they have all paid dues and made returns for the year. I see by your Directory that you place L. O. L. 501 as having made no return for 1870. I would state that this Warrant which has been dormant for many years was returned to the Prov. G. Lodge. Also that L. O. L. 675 was never in the possession of the County or worked in it, but I believe was granted to our late Bro. Sledman J. Campbell, who retained it in his possession, and since his decease, I have never been able to obtain possession of it.

The County Master of Wentworth reports :—

I am happy to inform you our glorious Institution is in a very healthy condition in this County at present. All the Lodges on the report are doing well, with a steady increase in membership all over the County. During the past year, Nos. 554 and 779, in the District of Hamilton, that were formerly dormant, have been resuscitated, and No. 464, in the District of Ancaster, in January of this year, in the Town of Dundas, under its present Master, Bro. James Latimore, I expect a large Lodge. In June, as you are aware, the Grand Lodge of B. A. held its Annual Session in Hamilton, and the presence of the delegates, and the able addresses of the Grand Officers on that occasion materially, in my opinion, contributed to our present prosperity. There are now five Lodges working in the City of Hamilton and two Lodges of Young Britons and one of True Blues, with an aggregate membership of Britons and Blues of 290 members. On the 12th of July last, there was a splendid procession of all the Lodges in the County assisted by the Counties of Brant and Lincoln, all passed off in good style and reflected credit on all concerned. The Brethren in Hamilton have now a splendid Band fully under the control of the Association. It is pleasing to every lover of our noble country to know that every village and town is in a prosperous condition. Hoping that the Divine favor may be continued and extended to us as an Association and to our Dominion

The County Master of East York reports :—

Orangelsm doing well, have opened two Young Briton Lodges.

The County Master of North York reports :—

I have pleasure in stating that with few exceptions all the Lodges in my County are doing well; there are no suspensions or expulsions. And it is gratifying to announce that there was a Lodge of Orange Young Britons started last summer at Newmarket, which now numbers over fifty. May the Cause still prosper.

The County Master of West York reports :—

I have the honor to report that West York is holding its own in numbers, and more particularly in respectability. I never saw a more orderly or well conducted body of men than met at Woodbridge last twelfth of July. At the County Meeting every Lodge was well represented, and I do not think there ever was a time in West York when more interest was felt in the Institution than at present.

I regret exceedingly the incompleteness of and in some instances misprints in the Directory-accompanying the last Annual Report. In some instances I had to write four or five times to some District and County Officers, and then did not receive the required information. I was, therefore, obliged to go to press hurriedly on account of delaying the Annual Report. I, however, think it will have a beneficial effect hereafter, as I have received returns from some of the defaulting Lodges amongst the first this year. I have had a number of complaints from private Lodges that they had not received blank forms upon which to make their returns. I supplied the County Masters early in October.

I would suggest that the Constitution be so amended that each Private Lodge be required to make out but one annual return, viz., to the District; and that the District transmit these returns with the annual District Return to the County, and the County make out and transmit a full Return together with the District Returns to the Provincial Grand Lodge at least a week before the Annual Meeting.

If District and County Officers would enforce the Constitution against delinquent Officers in the matter of Returns and Grand Lodge Dues, it would soon have the desired effect.

Hoping that the Divine blessing may accompany your labors, and that they may tend to the furtherance of true religion, loyalty, charity, and the stability of our time-honored Institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KEYES,
Grand Secretary.

St. Catherines, Ont., February 29th, 1872.

Moved by Bro. Andrew Fleming, P. G. S. B. A., seconded by Bro. Robert Cade, O. M., W. Middlesex, and *Resolved*,—That the Report of the Grand Secretary be received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer then presented and read his Annual Report. (*For which see Appendix.*)

Moved by Bro. Robert Cade, C. M., W. Middlesex, seconded by Bro. William Boles, C. M., Lincoln, and *Resolved*,—That the Report of the Grand Treasurer be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Moved by Bro. Thomas R. Brownlee, Proxy No. 720, seconded by Bro. James McClure, Grand Lecturer, and *Resolved*,—That Bro. John Hoey, C. M., S. Simcoe; William Adamson, C. M., Toronto; G. W. Malloch, C. M., E. Bruce; William Parkhill, C. M., N. York; N. Clarke Wallace, C. M., W. York; and Robert Cade, C. M., W. Middlesex, be the Committee on Finance.

Moved by Bro. John Hoey, C. M., S. Simcoe, seconded by Bro. John Witter, C. M., N. Wellington, and *Resolved*,—That Brothers Dr. Ogden, C. M., Halton; Eli Higgins, W. M., No. 117; John Carter, C. M., E. York; J. T. See, W. M., No. 673; and T. K. Brownlee, Proxy No. 720, be the Committee on Correspondence.

Moved by Bro. James McClure, G. L., seconded by Bro. S. A. Eakins, D. M., Adelaide and *Resolved*,—That Brothers James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth; G. F. Gow, C. M., Muskoka; William Douglass, D. M., West York; Samuel McLean, Proxy No. 761, and the seconder be the Committee on Credentials.

Moved by Bro. James Bennett, D. M., Toronto, and seconded by Bro. John Witter, C. M., N. Wellington, and *Resolved*.—That Brothers George Dayis, D. M., Barrie; John Lynn, D. M., King; Robert Cade, C. M., W. Middlesex; George Shier, C. M., N. Ontario; James McClure, G. Lecturer, and the seconder be the Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions.

Moved by Bro. Andrew Fleming, P. G. S., B. A., seconded by Bro. William Boles, C. M., Lincoln, and *Resolved*.—That the several petitions presented by the Grand Secretary be referred to the Respective Committees of Correspondence and Suspensions and Expulsions.

Moved by Bro. John Hoey, C. M., S. Simcoe, seconded by Bro. George Shier, C. M., N. Ontario, and *Resolved*.—That Brothers O. R. Gowan, P. M., W. G. M., B. A.; D'Arcy Boulton, M. W. D. G. M., B. A.; James Bennett, D. M., Toronto; Robert Wilson, C. M., W. Bruce, and George Davies, D. M., Barrie, be a Committee to report on the advisability of memorializing the Legislature of Ontario to pass an Act of Incorporation for the Orangemen of the Province of Ontario, with power to confer with the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario East now in session, and to report at the present session of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary read the following telegram from the R. W. G. Lodge of Ontario East : . .

CORNWALL, February 20th, 1872.

To Thomas Keyes, Esq., P. G. Lodge, Ontario West :—

The Grand Lodge for Ontario East sends a fraternal greeting to your Grand Lodge.

H. S. MACDONALD, G. Master.

A. J. VAN INGEN, G. Secretary.

Moved by Bro. the Rev. Stephen Lett, LL. D., G. Chaplain, seconded by Bro. James Bennett, D. M., Toronto, and *Resolved*.—That this Grand Lodge of Western Ontario do fully and cordially reciprocate the kind and fraternal greeting from the Grand Lodge of Eastern Ontario.

The following telegram was sent in friendly reciprocation :—

ORANGE HALL, ST. CATHERINES, ONT., February 20th, 1872.

To the R. W. P. G. Lodge of Eastern Ontario :—

The P. G. Lodge of Western Ontario fully and cordially reciprocates the fraternal greeting of your Grand Lodge.

W. W. CONNOR, D. G. Master.
THOS. KEYES, G. Secretary.

Moved by Bro. George Davis, D. M., Barrie, seconded by Bro. David Dunn, D. M., Essa, and *Resolved*.—That the name of John Robinson, C. M., S. Perth, be substituted for that of George Davis, D. M., Barrie, on the Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions.

Brother Ogle R. Gowan, P. W. G. M., B. A., read four resolutions which, he stated, he intended moving on to-morrow, but a number of the Brethren expressing a desire that they should be considered during the present sitting, it was moved by Bro. James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth, seconded by Bro. Dr. Ogden, C. M., Halton, and *Resolved*.—That the Resolutions read by Brother O. R. Gowan, P. M. W. Grand Master, B. A., be now considered by this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Andrew Fleming, P. M. W. G. S., B. A., seconded by Bro. Robert Wilson, C. M., W. Bruce,—That Brother Gowan's resolutions be postponed until to-morrow. *Lost*.

Moved by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ogle R. Gowan, M. W. P. G. M., B. A., seconded by Bro. James McClure, Esq., G. L., of Ontario West, and *Resolved*.—That great uneasiness and dissatisfaction exists in the minds of all true Orangemen at the remissness or neglect to bring to justice, if possible, the murderers of our martyred Brother, Thomas Scott.

Moved by Lieut.-Col. Gowan, seconded by Bro. William P. Burleigh, Esq., W. M. L. O. L. 926, and *Resolved*.—That much doubt and uncertainty is felt as to what Empire, Dominion, or Province, or what Governor, Officer, or other person had, or now has, the right and power to take the necessary steps to bring the guilty parties to justice, and where the responsibility properly rests for the neglect of this sacred duty.

Moved by Lieut.-Col. Gowan, seconded by Bro. Moses Lang, Esq., County Master of Waterloo, and *Resolved*.—That whilst the Orangemen of this Province, of which our dear Brother Thomas Scott was a loyal subject, are desirous of according to the Local Government of Ontario the highest meed of commendation for the course adopted by them, with a view of bringing the murderers to justice, provided the Government were influenced in such course by proper and disinterested motives; at the same time, if the steps taken proceeded from a desire to make party capital out of so solemn a subject, by offering a reward for arrest, without constitutional or legal authority to convict, or try, or otherwise to render substantial justice in the premises, no language can be too strong, and no indignation too severe, to apply to wickedness so revolting. And the Orangemen are therefore determined that they shall know the truth, and what Power, Person, or Party it is that thus dares to trifle with so grave a subject.

Moved by Bro. Lient.-Col. Gowan, seconded by Bro. James Wilson, C. M. of Wentworth and *Resolved*,—That in view of these facts, the sister Grand Lodges of Eastern and Western Ontario do unite in procuring from Past Grand Master, the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, Q. C.; D'Arcy Boulton, Esq., Deputy Grand Master B. A.; and Provincial Grand Masters Herbert S. Macdonald, Esq., M. P. P., and D'Alton McCarthy, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, their joint legal opinion in writing, as to what Empire, Dominion, Province, or Tribunal had, or now has, the right and power to cause the arrest and prosecution of the alleged murderers of the said Thomas Scott, and that in the event of the sister Grand Lodge refusing to join with us, this Provincial Grand Lodge do procure said opinions at its own expense, and do cause the same to be published in the Annual Report, and also through the public Press for the information of the Brethern.

Moved by Bro. T. R. Brownlee, Proxy No. 720, seconded by Bro. John Robinson, C. M., S. Perth, and *Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge do send a fraternal greeting to the Grand Lodge of Quebec now in session at Montreal. A telegram in accordance with the resolution was accordingly dispatched.

Moved by Bro. T. R. Brownlee, Proxy No. 720, seconded by Bro. William Boles, C. M., Lincoln, and *Resolved*,—That this R. W. G. Lodge do march in procession to Divine Service, in St. George's Church to-morrow at 10:30, a. m., and that a collection be there taken up in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home, Toronto.

Notices of Motion.

By Brother Robert McKnight, D. M., St. Vincent:—

That this Grand Lodge representing, as it does, the Loyal Orangemen of Western Ontario, deeply regret that no effective means have been taken either by the Dominion Government or the Government of Manitoba to bring to justice the murderers of our late Brother Thomas Scott. That while the Grand Lodge thus expresses its regret at the inaction of the Dominion Government in reference to the atrocious outrage as well as the *effete* means employed by the Government of Manitoba to bring the guilty to justice, it recognizes the laudable efforts of the present Government of Ontario to procure a grant of \$5,000 to offer as a reward for the apprehension of the dastardly murderers as a move in the right direction.

By Brother Eli Higgins, W. M. No. 117:—

I will to-morrow move that a Committee be appointed by this R. W. G. Lodge to draft an address of congratulation to our beloved Queen and the Prince of Wales, expressing the heartfelt thanks of this Grand Lodge to Almighty God for their recovery from their late illness.

Moved by Bro. John Hoey, C. M., S. Simcoe, seconded by Bro. George Shier, C. M., N. Ontario, and *Resolved*,—That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge do now adjourn until to-morrow at 9 o'clock, a. m. The R. W. D. Grand Master then declared the Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, February 21st, 1872.

The Right Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, a. m., the Right Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair, and the R. W. D. G. Master in the Deputy Chair.

Brothers John Hoey, D. G. L., B. A., and John Orr, G. D. C., tested the Brethren in the Orange Degree.

The R. W. G. Master read a communication from the M. W. G. Treasurer respecting the Finances, &c., all of which had received the attention of the Finance Committee.

The Minutes of the first day's proceedings were read by the Grand Secretary.

Moved by Bro. James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth, seconded by Bro. William Douglass, D. M., W. York, and *Resolved*,—That the Minutes just read be confirmed by this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Brother N. Clarke Wallace, C. M., W. York, presented and read the Report of the Committee on Finance.

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario:—

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit their Report.
The attention of your Committee has been directed by the Grand Treasurer to the accounts between the R. W. Grand Lodge and the M. W. Grand Lodge, at date.

Your Committee find that the balance due the M. W. in '69 was.. \$1,231 00
Accrued since that time..... 717 50

Total..... \$1,948 50
Paid up since 1869..... 1,595 00

Leaving balance due to them..... \$353 50

Your Committee recommend that Two Dollars be refunded to Mr. Crawford, for money overpaid by him on L.O.L. No. 1,027, in 1862, said Lodge being at that time dormant.

Your Committee have considered the Petition of the County of Perth, relating to the District of Wallace, but cannot recommend the prayer of the Petition, as no evidence has been produced before your Committee that sums mentioned in said Petition had been paid.

The Finance Committee of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge have carefully examined the books, accounts and vouchers of your Grand Treasurer, and find a

Balance on hand from last year of..... \$587 38
Grand Lodge dues received..... 913 00
Cash received for 12 Warrants, at \$6..... 72 00
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Total receipts for year..... 1,579 38
Total disbursements for which vouchers have been produced..... 887 25

Showing a balance in Treasurer's hands at this date of..... 742 13

The accounts of your Grand Treasurer are kept in their usual excellent manner, and the Committee have much pleasure in testifying to the correct and satisfactory state of the Treasurer's Books.

Your Committee would recommend that the undermentioned sums be paid to the following Grand Officers:—

To the Grand Secretary..... \$200 00
" " Treasurer..... 50 00
" " Chaplain..... 10 00
Two Tylers, \$5 each..... 10 00

\$270 00

Your Committee would also recommend that a sufficient number of Reports of the R. W. Grand Lodge be printed, containing Reports of Secretary and Treasurer Committees, &c., and that the Grand Treasurer pay therefor from the Grand Lodge Funds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. CLARKE WALLACE, Chairman.

ROBERT CADE.

WILLIAM PARKHILL.

GEORGE W. MALLOW.

JOHN HOBY

Committee Room, St. Catharines, Feb. 20th, 1872.

Moved by Bro. N. Clarke Wallace, C. M. W. York, seconded by Bro. William Parkhill, A. D. G. M., and Resolved,—That the report of the Finance Committee now read be received and adopted.

The hour for proceeding to church having arrived, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. John Orr, assisted by Bro. T. R. Brownlee, C. D., C. Lincoln, formed the Grand Lodge into procession and marched to St. George's Church, preceded by the Thorold Brass Band and a large number of O. Y. Britons (carrying their beautiful banner), together with many visiting Brethren of the Private Lodges from different parts of the country. The Revds. Henry Holland, M.A., Rector; J. M. Ballard, B.A., Curate, and John Carry, B.D., D. G. Chaplain, conducted the morning service, &c., and the Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D., Grand Chaplain, preached an excellent and impressive sermon. The Collection taken up in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home, Toronto, amounted to over Fifty-five Dollars. The Revs. D. F. Hutchinson, D. G. C., B.A., Thomas Rump, Co. C. Lincoln, and A. C. Shaw, M.A., were also present. After Divine Service the Grand Director and Assistants re-formed the Brethren in procession order and returned to the Orange Hall, and the R. W. G. Lodge resumed business.

Moved by Bro. James McClure, G. L., seconded by Bro. William Parkhill, A.D.G.M., and Resolved.—That this R. W. Grand Lodge do now adjourn to two o'clock, p.m.
The R. W. G. M. declared the Grand Lodge accordingly adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock p.m. the R. W. Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment, R. W. Brother D'Alton McCarthy, G.M., in the Chair, and R. W. Bro. W. W. Connor, D. G. M., in the Deputy Chair, the other Grand Officers being in their respective places.

The Brethren were then tested in the Orange Degree by Bros. James McClure, G. L., and John Orr, G. D. C., and the R. W. G. M. declared the Grand Lodge ready for business.

The R. W. G. Master then thanked the Brethren in a very feeling and fraternal manner for their kindness and confidence during the past three years, and vacated the Chair, and called the R. W. D. G. Master thereto. The A. D. G. Master taking the Deputy chair.

Moved by Bro. James Bennett, D. M. Toronto, seconded by Bro. G. F. Gow, C. M., Muskoka, and Resolved.—That Brother D'Arcy Boulton, D. G. M., B. A., be elected Grand Master of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for the ensuing Orange year.

The Grand Master elect was duly installed, and took the chair. He returned thanks for the honor conferred, and confidence placed in him, in his usual feeling and eloquent manner.

Moved by Bro. James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth, seconded by Bro. Andrew Harron, D.M., Hamilton,—That Bro. W. W. Connor be re-elected Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing Orange year of this R. W. G. Lodge.

Moved by the Rev. D. F. Hutchinson, D. G. C., B. A., and seconded by Bro. Samuel McLean, P. 761, and Resolved.—That Bro. G. F. Gow, C. M. of Muskoka, be elected R. W. D. G. Master of this R. W. G. Lodge.

Moved by Bro. Samuel McLean, P. 761, seconded by Bro. John Nixon, W. M., No. 105, and Resolved.—That Bro. William Parkhill, C. M., N. York, be re-elected Associate R. W. D. G. Master for the ensuing Orange year.

Moved by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lett, G. C., seconded by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, D. G. C., B. A., and Resolved.—That Bro. the Rev. John Carry, B.D., be elected R. W. Grand Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Moved by Bro. James McClure, G. Lecturer, seconded by Bro. George Shier, C. M., N. Ontario, and Resolved.—That Bro. James H. Bessey be re-elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Moved by Bro. George Shier, C. M., N. Ontario, seconded by Bro. James McClure, G. L., and Resolved.—That Bro. Thomas Keyes be re-elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

Moved by Bro. William Boles, C. M., Lincoln, seconded by Bro. James A. Saunders, P. No. 130.—That Brother Joseph Doupe be re-elected Deputy Grand Secretary.

The Yeas and Nays being demanded, the following brethren voted YEA:—R. Wilson, J. H. Bessey, Shier, Gerry, Hoey, Dr. Lett, Robinson, Patterson, J. P. Carter, Dr. Carry, McCarthy, Boles, Cade, Saunders, Greenwood, Burleigh, Gibson, Lang, Magwood, Turner, Connor, Dr. Ogden, Switzer, Bradley, L. H. Beasey, Farrel, White, Boyle, Higgins, Thomas, Davis, Dunn, Plunkett, Gow, Wells, Dagg, Reavely, McKenna, Douglas, Jas. Wilson, Harron, Armstrong, Adamson, Karr, Little, Cumberland, McClure, Keyes.—Yeas, 48.

NAYS.—Elliott, Bennett, T. McCracken, Crozier, Cheyne, Witter, J. Carter, N. C. Wallace, J. R. Wallace, Jas. McCracken, Nixon, Crawford, McKenzie, Burns, Peel, W. Brownlee, Whitaker, Parke, Malloch, Essery, Kenny, Durdin, Kennedy, McLean, McCaw, Somers, McGregor, Wingfield, Crumb, Heaslip, Stephenson, Gallagher, Morrison, McCulla, Bell, McCallum, T. R. Brownlee, Beattie, McKittrick, Smith, Rea, Scallion, Jas. Lytle, Parkhill, Hogan, Mackeague, Hewitt, Dodds, Dawson, Warnoch, See, Lynn, Waugh, McKnight, McAndrew, Milligan.—Nays, 56.

Moved by Bro. Samuel McLean, Proxy No. 761, seconded by Bro. Thomas Kenny, W. M., No. 197, and Resolved.—That Brother John Orr, G. D. C., be elected Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

Moved by Bro. William Parkhill, C. M., N. York, seconded by Bro. John Lynn, D. M., King, and Resolved.—That Bro. James McClure be re-elected Grand Lecturer.

Moved by Bro. William Parkhill, C. M., N. York, seconded by Bro. John Orr, D. G. Secretary, That Brother Samuel McLean be elected Grand Director of Ceremonies for the coming year.

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Moved by Bro. G. F. Gow, D. G. M., seconded by Bro. John Wittier, C. M., N. Wellington, That Brother Hugh McCaw, W. M., No. 404, be elected Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Moved by Bro. James H. Boyle, W. M., No. 1347, seconded by Bro. Eli Higgins, W. M., No. 117, and Resolved,—That Brother Thomas R. Brownlee be elected Grand Director of Ceremonies for the ensuing year.

Moved by Bro. William Douglas, D. M., W. York, seconded by Bro. James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth, and Resolved,—That Bro. the Rev. John Shaw be elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. John Orr, D. G. S., seconded by Bro. John Carter, C. M., E. York, and Resolved,—That Bro. the Rev. E. J. Fessenden, B. A., be elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. J. T. See, W. M., No. 573 seconded by Eli Higgins, W. M., No. 117, and Resolved,—That Bro. the Rev. D. E. Hutchinson be elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. Samuel McLean, Proxy 761, seconded by Bro. Thomas Kenny, W. M., No. 197, and Resolved,—That Bro. the Rev. G. H. Bridgeman, M. A., be elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. E. T. Essery, D. M., London, seconded by Bro. A. A. Dardin, W. M., No. 412, and Resolved,—That Bro. the Rev. Francis Ryan be elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. Simon Parke, C. M., N. Grey, seconded by Bro. Robert McNight, D. M., St. Vincent, and Resolved,—That Bro. the Rev. Rural Dean A. H. R. Mulholland be elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. William Wells, D. M., Barton, seconded by Bro. James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth, and Resolved,—That Bro. the Rev. Thomas Rump be elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. John Orr, D. G. S., seconded by Bro. S. A. Eakins, D. M., Adelaide, and Resolved,—That Bro. the Reverend Canon H. B. Osler be elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. M. J. Patterson, C. M., S. Wellington, seconded by Bro. John Wittier, C. M., N. Wellington, and Resolved,—That Bro. the Reverend William Massey, be elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. James Bennett, D. M., Toronto, seconded by Bro. William Douglas, D. M., W. York, and Resolved,—That Bro. the Rev. W. C. Allen be elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

At this stage of the proceedings, the following telegram was received :—

CORNWALL, February 21st, 1872.

Thomas Keyes, Grand Secretary :—

Our Grand Lodge have appointed Committee to not in conjunction with yours as to Act of Incorporation.

H. S. MACDONALD, Grand Master.
A. J. VAN INGEN, Grand Secretary.

Brother James McClure, G. L., Chairman of Committee on Suspension and Expulsions, presented and read their Report.

Moved by Bro. Joseph Doupe, G. L., B. A., seconded by Bro. John Orr, D. G. S., and Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions be considered clause by clause.

After considerable discussion on clause seven, it was

Moved by Bro. James Wilson, C. M., seconded by Bro. Wm. Parkhill, A. D. G. M. and Resolved,—That the previous question be now put.

Which being put was adopted.

Moved by Bro. James McClure, G. L., seconded by Bro. John Wittier, C. M. N. W., and Resolved,—That the Report be received and adopted.

For Report of Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, see Appendix.

Moved by Bro. George Shier, C. M., N. O., seconded by Bro. John Wittier, C. M., N. W., and Resolved,—That this R. W. Grand Lodge do now adjourn for one hour.

The R. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge adjourned for an hour.

EVENING SESSION.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at 7:30 p.m., the R. W. the Grand Master in the Chair, all the other R. W. Grand Officers being in their respective places. Bros. James McClure, G. L., and Thomas R. Brownlee, G. D. C., tested the Brethren, and the business of the Grand Lodge was resumed.

Brother James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth, chairman of Committee on Credentials presented and read their Report.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario :—

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the Creden-

tials of the members claiming the right to sit and vote in this Grand Lodge, and find the Brethren named on pages 4, 5 and 6 of this Report entitled to that privilege.

Your Committee are of opinion, and would respectfully recommend that the Constitution be amended so that the Committee on Credentials may be first appointed, and that they report at the beginning of each session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WILSON, Chairman.
WILLIAM DOUGLAS.
G. F. COW.
SAMUEL McLEAN.
ROBERT CADE.
S. A. EAKINS.

Grand Committee Room, St. Catherines, Feb. 21st, 1872.

Moved by Bro. James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth, seconded by Bro. William Douglas, D. M., W. York, and *Resolved*,—That the Report of the Committee on Credentials just read, be received and adopted.

Brother J. T. Sec, Secretary of the Committee on Correspondence, presented and read their Report.

Moved by Bro. E. T. Essary, D. M., London, seconded by Bro. James Crawford, W. M., No. 791, and *Resolved*,—That the Report of the Committee on Correspondence be received, and considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 were adopted; considerable discussion having arisen on the 3rd clause, it was moved by Bro. John McGregor, W. M., 651, seconded by Bro. John Hoey, C. M., S. Simcoe, and *Resolved*,—That the previous question be now put. Clauses third and fourth were adopted.

Moved by Bro. John McGregor, W. M., No. 621, seconded by Bro. John Shier, C. M., N. Ontario, and *Resolved*,—That Bro Charles Baird and the W. M. of L. O. L. No. 779, be interrogated by the R. W. G. Master as to how and from whom he received the Annual to gain admission into this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge. Both were heard, and the clause adopted.

Moved by Bro. John Carter, C. M., E. York, seconded by Bro. J. T. Sec, W. M., No. 573, and *Resolved*,—That the Report of the Committee on Correspondence be adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Lodge of Western Ontario:—

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report that they have duly examined the correspondence of the Grand Secretary for the past year, and find that with his usual care that officer has given prompt and careful attention to the various matters coming under his notice.

2nd. Your Committee desire to impress upon the proper County and District Officers the necessity of a prompt distribution of Blank, Returns, and Grand Lodge Reports to the various Lodges under their jurisdiction.

3rd. With reference to the application of Bro. C. C. Baird for his certificate now in possession of L. O. L., No. 412, we, after due and careful examination, recommend that it be restored to him, together with the letters annexed.

4th. Said certificate appears to have been irregularly received by the W. M. of L. O. L., No. 412; and we recommend that the clause in the Constitution requiring the surrender of certificates in writing to be carefully and fully carried out in every instance.

5th. It appears that Bro. C. C. Baird has received the Annual from L. O. L., No. 779, without having deposited his certificate, or belonging to the same.

6th. In reference to the petition of Bro. James McClure, in the matter of L. O. L., 679, we recommend it to be referred to its County Lodge.

7th. In regard to the petition in the case of John Reed, of London; your Committee can take no action, the matter having been disposed of at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge.

8th. We recommend the petition of L. O. L., 283, in the County of Haldimand, asking to be attached to the County of Wentworth to be granted if both Counties consent thereto.

9th. We also recommend the petition of L. O. Lodges, 1102, 1267, 905, 1172, 1298, and 441, asking that the County of Monck be set apart as an Orange County be granted.

10th. In the matter of the division of the County of Bruce, we recommend its division into the Eastern and Western Counties. The *Eastern* to consist of the Townships of Brant, Carrick, Elderslie, Greenock, Arran, Amabel and Albermarle. The *Western*—to include the Townships of Sauguen, Bruce, Kincardine, Huron, Kinloss, and Calross; L. O. L. 581 to be permitted to attach themselves to either; also, the officers recently elected for the respective Counties to be confirmed in their respective Offices.

11th. We also recommend that the able Report of the Grand Secretary, together with the extracts from the Belfast *Weekly News* read by him, be printed in the Report of this Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Lastly, the complete and able manner of keeping the books, and the very business like Report of your Grand Secretary cannot be too highly praised.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated, Feb. 21st, 1872, Grand Committee Room, St. Catherines.
(Signed),

JNO. CARTER, C. M., East York, Chairman.
E. J. OGDEN, M. D., C. M., Co. of Halton.
ELI HIGGINS, W. M., 117, St. Catherines.
T. R. BROWNLEE, Proxy 720,
J. T. SEE, Sec'y, W. M., 573.

Brother Robert Wilson, C. M., W. Bruce, presented and read the Report of the Committee on Incorporation.

Moved by Brother Robert Wilson, C. M., W. Bruce, seconded by Brother William Parkhill, A. D. G. M., and Resolved,—That the Report just read be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION.

To the R. W. the G. L. of Western Ontario :—

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution yesterday adopted by your R. W. G. Lodge, in reference to an Act of Incorporation for the L. O. Institution, beg leave to report that they recommend that your Committee be authorized to draft a Bill to be submitted to the Provincial Legislature, and to take such further steps in reference thereto as they shall deem proper, with a view to carry out the intentions of your Grand Lodge, and to procure the Act of Incorporation for our Loyal Society.

Your Committee beg further to report that they have caused a telegram to be forwarded to the R. W. the G. Lodge of Eastern Ontario, inviting their co-operation with your G. Lodge in this matter.

Committee Room, St. Catherines, 21st February, 1872.

OGLE R. GOWAN, Chairman.
D'ARCY BOULTON, Secretary.
JAMES BENNETT.
ROBERT WILSON.
GEORGE DAVIS.

Moved by Brother Robert McKnight, D. M., St. Vincent, seconded by Brother J. W. Wingfield, W. M., 328.—That this Grand Lodge representing as it does the Loyal Orangenemen of Western Ontario, deeply regret that no effective means have been employed either by the Dominion Government or the Government of Manitoba to bring to justice the murderers of our late Brother Thomas Scott. That while the Grand Lodge thus expresses its regret at the inaction of the Dominion Government with reference to the atrocious outrage, as well as the *effete* means employed by the Government of Manitoba; it recognises the action of the present Government of Ontario in procuring a grant of \$5,000 to offer as a reward for the apprehension of the dastardly murderers as a move in the right direction.

Moved in amendment by Brother James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth, seconded by Brother James McClure, Grand Lecturer, Western Ontario, and Resolved,—That as doubts exist as to what Government, if any, in Canada, has been to blame in not bringing the murderers of our late Brother Thomas Scott to justice, and as this R. W. Grand Lodge has passed a Resolution asking the opinion of eminent counsel as to what Government has the legal power to punish the murderers of Brother Scott, and as this R. W. Grand Lodge believe the offer of \$5,000 reward made by the present Government of Ontario is made mainly to catch the eye of and secure the votes of the Orangenemen of Ontario, therefore, this Grand Lodge deprecates the attempts made to make political capital out of so grave and serious a matter.

The Yeas and Nays being called for on the amendment, were as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. McClure, Patterson, Parkhill, Witter, McKindsey, J. P. Carter, Shier, Robinson, Switzer, Connor, Crawford, Armstrong, Gery, Robt. Wilson, Parke, Cumberland, Farrell, Hogan, Whitaker, Reaveley, Gibson, Brownlee, Magwood, Lang, Essery, Boles, Durdin, Dr. Johnston, Stephenson, John Carter, Higgins, Eakens, Doupe, Sommers, Doey, McAndrew, See, James Wilson, Wells, Fleming, Harron, Dagg, J. H. Bessey, McKenna, Burleigh, Karr, Waugh, Little, Gallagher, Morrison, Dunn, Milligan, L. H. Bessey, Campbell, Esterbrooke, Bradley, Boyle, McKee, Dodds, Dawson, Warnock, W. Reaveley, Heslip, Mackeague, Kennedy, Kenny, White, Bell, McCallum, McKittrick, Beatty, Cooke, Smith, Cade, Nixon, Davis, Gow, Douglas, Bennett, Orr, Saunders, Keyes, T. R. Brownlee, Hewett, R. Little.—85.

NAYS—Messrs. McGregor, McKnight, Peel, Wingfield and McCaw.—5.

Moved by Brother George Davies, D. M., Barrie, seconded by Brother James Bennett, D. M., Toronto, and Resolved,—That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have the resolution and amendment just passed sent to the Toronto *Leader* and *Telegraph* newspapers, and any other papers he wishes, as an item of news, with the division now taken on the same.

Moved by Brother Eli Higgins, W. M., 117, seconded by Brother John McGregor, W. M., 621, and Resolved.—That a Committee be appointed to draft an address from this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge to our Beloved Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and the Prince of Wales, expressing the heartfelt gratitude of this body to Almighty God, at their recovery from their

recent illness; and that the Committee consist of Brothers D'Arcy Boulton, R. W. G. Master, Ogle R. Gowan, P. M. W. G. Master, James Bennett, D. Master, Toronto, and John McGregor, W. M. 621.

Brother William Heeney, P. D. G. Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of R. B. Knights of Ireland, then came forward on behalf of the County Lodge of Lincoln, and presented and read in a very impressive manner the following

ADDRESS.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario:—

BROTHER WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—The Loyal Orangemen of the County of Lincoln beg to bid you a fraternal welcome to the Town of St. Catharines. It is now twelve years since your R. W. G. Lodge met in our midst, to hold the first Annual Session of the Provincial Lodge of Western Canada. Since that time a great change has taken place in our Order, not only in this Country and Province but throughout the whole World. Our principles are being better understood, our loyalty acknowledged, and our services to the cause of Protestant Truth appreciated. In the neighboring Republic the past year has been an eventful one in the annals of Orangeism. Never before have the eyes of the American Protestant population been so thoroughly opened as upon the last anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in New York City, and the necessity of organization has become so obvious to them, that since the gallant parade of our Brethren there, their membership has nearly doubled, and no less than six other secret Protestant societies have been formed and are fast filling up their ranks. Let us hope that ere long they may all be banded together in one solid phalanx under the time-honored name of *Orange*. In Australia, too, our Brethren have had many difficulties to contend with, but have come off triumphant. The never slumbering antipathy of Rome has displayed itself in the strenuous efforts of her followers in that distant colony to suppress the meetings of the Loyal Orangemen. But the Australian Brethren who possess the true principles of our forefathers, determined to assert their rights, and with the stout old "No Surrender" spirit, which is the soul of our Noble Order, they have fought the fight and won the victory.

In Ireland, our Brethren have suffered their annual persecutions on their attempts to celebrate their glorious anniversaries, but especially in Londonderry. Again has the British Government heaped insult and injury on the Loyalists of Ulster, and while in the Popish South, rebellious gatherings pass unnoticed, the Orangemen of the North are trampled upon when they endeavor to celebrate in the Maiden City of Derry, one of the most wonderful deliverances ever wrought by God for His people. We are proud to know, however, that though insult is heaped upon insult and injury upon injury, yet our loyal Brethren in old Ireland hold firmly to the principles of their Order, and maintain as they have ever done that love for Britain and Britain's Queen, which Orangemen can proudly boast of. Notwithstanding the threats and boasts of Fenians and Home Rulers, the hearty and spontaneous bursts of condolence and congratulation which have emanated from every Lodge throughout the Island, on the occasion of the late illness and subsequent recovery of the Heir apparent, prove beyond a doubt that at least a quarter of a million of Irish Orangemen will fight for British Connections and the British Constitution. Yes, Brethren, through good report, and evil report, they never forget the Loyal Truth that guards Victoria's throne.

Their loyalty is still the same
Whether they win or lose the game;
True as the dial to the sun,
Although it be not shone upon.

In England, the old lion is shaking off his lethargy, and throughout the length and breadth of the land the Orange cause is rapidly spreading. In "Bonnie Scotland," where our Orange tree has struck deep its roots and spread its branches wide, the benefits of our Order are strongly felt, and we look forward with hope to the time when it will overshadow the whole land. Everywhere the cry is "Onward," never were we in such a position as at present, wherever England's Red Cross Banner waves, the Orange Banner is spreading to the breeze, and if we be but true to ourselves, and to the teachings and principles of our Order we may expect the Divine blessing which ever attends the cause of Truth and Right.

We desire to congratulate you on the efficient and harmonious working of the Order throughout the Dominion, and especially in this Province; and we earnestly hope that Officers and Members may so continue to work together that peace, love, and harmony may prevail in every Lodge under your jurisdiction.

In conclusion, we again welcome you to our County Town, and fervently pray that the Great Grand Master above, may so guide and direct your Councils, that they may lead to His glory, the spread of true Protestant principles, and the benefit of our beloved Institution.

Signed on behalf of the Orangemen of the County of Lincoln.

WM. BOLES, C. M.
EARNEST A. MURPHY, C. S.

The Right Worshipful, the Grand Master, in a very feeling and eloquent manner thanked the Brethren of Lincoln for the cordial and brotherly reception which they had received, and said he had very much regretted that a copy of the Address had not been furnished to either his predecessor or himself in

order that it might have been suitably replied to in writing as it merited. The R. W. then ordered the Address to be entered on the Minutes.

Moved by Bro. John Carter, C. M., E. York, seconded by Bro. Edwin Milliken, D. M., Markham That this R. W. Grand Lodge do now adjourn until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. Lost.

Moved by Bro. Hugh McCaw, W. M., 404, seconded by Bro. Frank Somers, Proxy 140,—That Bro. John Ross Robertson be Printer to this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year

Moved by Brother John McGregor, W. M., 621, seconded by Brother George Shier, C. M., N. Ontario,—That Brother the Rev. D. F. Hutchinson do have the Grand Lodge printing for the ensuing year.

Moved by Bro. James Bennett, D. M., Toronto, seconded by Bro. Thomas Kenny, W. M., 197,—That Bro. Henry Lemon be the Printer to this R. W. G. Lodge for the ensuing year.

Moved by Brother John McGregor, W. M., 621, seconded by Brother George Shier, C. M., N. Ontario, and *Resolved*,—That the previous question be now put.

Brother John Ross Robertson was elected Grand Lodge Printer.

Moved by Brother John Hoey, C. M., South Simcoe, seconded by Brother David Dunn, D. M., Essa, and *Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Committee of Arrangements for the superior manner in which they carried out the arrangements for this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge

Moved by Brother George Davis, D. M., Barrie, seconded by Brother Samuel Heaslip, W. M., 86, and *Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the several Clergymen for officiating for this Grand Lodge, and for the use of the Church.

Moved by Bro. Geo. Shier, C. M., N. Ontario, seconded by Bro. John Carter, C. M., E. York That this R. W. Grand Lodge do now adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Lost.

Moved by Bro. James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth, seconded by Bro. William Douglas, D. M., W. York, and *Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to Brother Thomas Ferguson, M. P. P., for the noble stand he took on a recent occasion in the Legislature of Ontario against Sectarian Grants from the Public Funds of this Province; and that the Grand Secretary be requested to forward to Bro. Ferguson a copy of this resolution.

Moved by Bro. Samuel Heaslip, W. M., 86, seconded by Bro. John Dodds, D. M., Orangeville, and *Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Organist and Choir for their kindness in supplying the music in Church to-day.

Moved by Bro. Robert McKnight, D. M., St. Vincent, and seconded by Bro. William Parkhill, C. M., N. York, and *Resolved*,—That the best thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and hereby tendered to the retiring Grand Master, Brother D'Alton McCarthy, Esq., for the courteous and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of Grand Master during the past three years.

Moved by Bro. Robert McKnight, D. M., St. Vincent, seconded by Bro. Thomas Peel, W. M., 188, and *Resolved*,—That the best thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge are due and hereby tendered to our retiring R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Brother W. W. Connor, Esq., for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

The following places were severally proposed as the place of holding the next Annual Meeting of the Right Worshipful the Grand Orange Lodge, viz., Orangeville, Orillia, Oshawa, Meaford, Strathroy, Brantford, Clinton, Hamilton, Toronto, Cannington, Markham, and Oakville. On the seventh vote being taken, the majority were in favor of Orangeville. Therefore the next Annual Session of the R. W. G. O. Lodge of Western Ontario will be held in the village of Orangeville, on the third Tuesday in February, 1873, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon.

Moved by Bro. George Shier, C. M., N. Ontario, seconded by Bro. James McClure, Grand Lecturer, and *Resolved*,—That this R. W. Grand Lodge be raised to the Royal Scarlet, and then adjourn.

Companions McClure, G. L., and T. R. Brownlee, G. D. C., tested the Brethren and Companions in the Illustrious Degree.

Moved by Companion Sir George Shier, C. M., N. Ontario, seconded by Companion Sir John Nixon, W. M., 105, and *Resolved*,—That the hour of closing be inserted in the minutes of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Companions Sir D'Arcy Boulton, R. W. G. M., and Sir James McClure, G. Lecturer, repeated the lecture of the Illustrious Degree.

The Minutes having been read and approved, Companion the Rev. Sir Thomas Rump, D. G. Chaplain, read the closing prayer; and the Right Worshipful the Grand Master declared the Thirteenth Annual Session closed at a quarter past five o'clock, a. m., Thursday, the 22nd February, 1872.

THOMAS KEYES, *Grand Secretary*.

St. Catharines, Ont., February 23rd, 1872.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

APPENDIX.

Suspensions, Expulsions and Petitions.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ontario,
West:—

1st. "Your Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Petitions, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined all the County returns, and as there are no appeals, your Committee recommend that the same be confirmed by your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

2nd. "Your Committee have had before them the petition of Robert Johnston and others, praying that Robert Cowan may be reinstated, as he had been expelled from L. O. L. No. 657, unconstitutionally. They recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted.

3rd. "Also the petition of James Robb, of L. O. L. No. 4, Toronto, asking his case to be referred back to the District. Your Committee recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted.

4th. "Also the petition of Arthur Crooks, expelled from L. O. L. Mo 386, asking to be reinstated. Having heard all the explanations in the case, recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted.

5th. "Also the petition of D. D. Campbell, of L. O. L. No. 625, be granted, as the District and County Lodges desire to have him reinstated.

6th. "Also the petition of Thomas Farrell, of L. O. L. No. 429, be granted, as recommended by both District and County Lodges.

7th. "With respect to the appeal of Brother Joseph Doupe against the decision of the County Lodge of South Simcoe, your Committee recommend that the decision of said County Lodge be sustained.

8th. "Also the communication from Bro. J. H. Brazier, District Master of Norfolk, in respect to Thomas Townley having been expelled from L. O. L. No. 1162, informally, your Committee recommend that the case be sent back to the County Lodge for its decision.

9th. "Your Committee further state that they cannot close their report without expressing their regret that there are not more than one-half of the County Lodges which have sent in their reports, and they would recommend that in future, that no County Master be entitled to a vote in this Grand Lodge, unless he has made his return.

All of which is most respectfully submitted to your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge,

JAMES McCURE, CHAIRMAN.
JOHN LYNN,
JOHN ROBINSON,
GEORGE SHIER,
JOHN WITTER.

Grand Lodge Committee Room, }
St. Catharines, Feb. 21st, 1872. }

Suspensions and Expulsions.

Unless where it is otherwise stated, the offence for which these suspensions and expulsions have been inflicted, are: For non-attendance, non-payment of dues, contempt of summons, and violation of obligation.

COUNTY OF BRUCE.

No. 803—Colin Ralston.
1326—Robert McCul, for one year.

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No. 257 --Neil Caswell, } six months, or until they deliver up County property illegally held.
257—E. Redmond. }

HALDIMAND.

No. 741—Robert Russell, one year, bad conduct on 12th July.
741—Francis Welesby, until dues are paid.

HALTON.

No. 165—John Kelly, three years, from August 24th, 1871, disorderly conduct 12th July
245—John Hosie, six years, embezzlement of monies.

LINCOLN.

No. 77—William Reid, three months, from June 16th, 1871, striking a brother.
117—J. Gardner, Joseph Swazzer, William Swazzer, William Ellis, and H. Walker.
720—William Secord, A. Baldwin, W. Callado, C. D. Secord, James McMullen, W. Richardson, W. B. Clendinning, for two years, from August, 1871.
744—Elijah Phelps, Oscar Smrth, Frank Weaver, Charles Clark, and Johnston Wood,
1234—J. Brydges and J. Sualthorn.

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- No. 537—Donald Robertson, William Clark, Joseph S. Small, James Donnelly, William Avery, James A. Sommerville, William Malon, Francis Woodward, until dues are paid.
658—Edward Clan, left the country

NORTH ONTARIO.

- No. 228—William White, two years, from 6th February, 1872, divulging the secrets of R. A. being out on certificate.

SOUTH PERTH.

- No. 518—Andrew Elliott, until dues are paid.

SOUTH SIMCOE.

- No. 9—Thomas Alford and Blair McCracken, until dues are paid.
1058—John Campbell, five years, from 12th July, for theft.

TORONTO.

- No. 357—Edward Barlow, John Bartley, William Clark, James Dutton, Thomas Flavell, J. H. Graham, Alexander Harrison, Jas. Head, Robert Johnson, Wm. H. Jubb, Jas. Stewart, John Thompson, Fred. Tyner, Wm. White, John Wilson, Johnson Wilcock, until dues are paid.
No. 387—Wm. Campbell, F. Toulman, Jas. Glen and John Guthrie, until dues are paid.
No. 404—Joseph Walford, Robert Breen and John Thornton, for two years from 12th of July, 1871.
No. 551—William Graham, for two years from 28th August, 1871; and Thomas Allen, for seven years from 28th of August, 1871, for being drunk and disorderly on 12th July, 1871, and attempting to destroy the banner of the Lodge.

EXPULSIONS.

BRUCE.

- No. 803—John Burrows and William Maitland.
No. 1284—G. R. Bolls.

HALTON.

- No. 1184—John Anderson, indefinitely.

WEST LAMBTON.

- No. 1096—Douglas Davison.
No. 1151—Thomas Elhison, defrauding Lodge, &c.

LINCOLN.

- No. 77—Jas. McDonald, general bad conduct.
No. 177—J. Nichol and S. Montgomery, marrying Papists.
No. 720—Joseph Clark.

WEST MIDDLESEX.

- No. 292—Wesley Burgess, Thomas Marten, Benjamin Huat and F. B. Riley.
No. 537—Edward Nichol.

NORTH PERTH.

- No. 45—Charles Pinder.

SOUTH PERTH.

- No. 384—Anderson Beaty.
No. 492—Richard S. McKnight.
No. 518—David T. McConnell and Joseph Hazlett, for felony.
No. 591—Simon Poland.
No. 592—George Ritchie,

TORONTO.

- No. 4—F. Strange, and J. Beckwick.
No. 137—Robert Boyd, Arthur Ardah and Jas. E. Smith.
No. 375—Henry Brownlee, Bigamy.
No. 396—Joseph Bakwin.
No. 558—Robert Wilson.
No. 657—Thomas McClelland.

The following counties have made no returns to this office, viz.—Brant, North Grey, North Huron, East Middlesex, Oxford, North Simcoe and Welland.

The following districts are reported in county returns as having made no returns to their respective counties, viz.:—Walkerton, Culross, Ellen Gowan, Osprey, Proton, Artemesia Mount Forrest, Dunnville, Sarnia, Sonbra, Scott, Thorah, Mitchell, Elden and Union.

GRAND LODGE DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR,

County of Brant.

Nos. 197, 1274 for 1871 \$ 4 00
 " 197, 478..... for 1872 4 00

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County of Bruce.

Nos. 734, 735, 818, 872..... for 1870 \$ 8 00
 " 203, 208, 460, 547, 609, 612, 639, 669, 734, 790, 803, 1093,
 1139, 1222, 1233..... " 1871 30 00

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County of Elgin.

No. 1028..... for 1871 \$ 2 00
 " 307, 563, 1026..... " 1871 6 00

\$ 8 00

County of Essex.

Nos. 1218, 1268..... for 1872 \$ 4 00
 No. 1140..... " 1872 2 00

\$ 6 00

County of North Grey.

No. 193..... for 1862 \$ 2 00
 " 994..... " 1863 2 00
 " 176..... " 1869 2 00
 Nos. 176, 973, 1092.. :..... " 1870 6 00
 " 175, 198, 394, 801, 973, 984, 992, 1081, 1092, 1203, 1261.. " 1871 22 00
 No. 1073..... " 1872 2 00

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County of South Grey.

No. 666..... for 1870 \$ 2 00
 Nos. 509, 632, 666, 668, 689, 737, 909, 1118, 1045, 1125, 1192,
 1201..... " 1871 24 00
 No. 666.. :..... " 1872 2 00

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County of Haldimand.

Nos. 29, 51, 874..... for 1870 \$ 6 00
 " 51, 128, 741, 839, 843, 960, 1056..... " 1871 14 00
 " 51, 128, 741, 839, 843, 874, 960..... " 1872 14 00

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County of Halton.

No. 272..... for 1870 \$ 2 00
 Nos. 158, 165, 245, 272, 332, 1177, 1184..... " 1871 14 00

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County of Huron.

Nos. 283, 1090, 1091..... for 1870 \$ 6 00
 " 24, 145, 153, 182, 189, 219, 306, 383, 462, 493, 526, 575,
 499, 610, 642, 662, 685, 710, 775, 813, 833, 890, 924, 796,
 963, 1035, 1071, 1086, 1097, 1092, 1210, 1250..... " 1871 64 00
 " 560, 963, 793..... " 1872 6 00

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County of Kent.

No. 359..... for 1868 \$ 2 00
 " 859..... " 1869 2 00
 " 859..... " 1870 2 00
 " 859..... " 1871 2 00
 " 1041..... " 1872 2 00

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County of East Lambton.

No. 536..... for 1869 \$ 2 00
 Nos. 516, 536, 746, 819, 830, 911, 965, 1029..... " 1870 16 00
 " 516, 536, 746, 819, 830, 911..... " 1871 12 00

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County of West Lambton.

Nos. 916, 964, 988, 1237..... for 1871 \$ 8 00
 " 514, 637, 1096, 1151, 1239, 1237..... " 1872 12 00

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REPORT OF R. W. GRAND LODGE.

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County of Lincoln.

No. 130.....	for 1871	\$ 2 00
Nos. 77, 117, 130, 204, 270, 341, 573, 720, 844, 1102, 1172, 1267	" 1872	24 00
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County of East Middlesex.

Nos. 156, 230, 303, 325, 791, 792, 990.....	for 1870	\$14 00
No. 817.....	" 1871	2 00
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County of West Middlesex.

No. 292.....	for 1870	\$ 2 00
Nos. 292, 593.....	" 1871	4 00
" 543, 593, 658, 901, 981, 1186.....	" 1872	12 00
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County of Norfolk.

Nos. 287, 491.....	for 1870	\$ 4 00
" 433, 491, 556, 1204.....	" 1871	8 00
No. 491.....	" 1872	2 00
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County of North Ontario.

No. 567.....	for 1862	\$ 2 00
" 572.....	" 1863	2 00
Nos. 567, 825.....	" 1867	4 00
No. 572.....	" 1868	2 00
No. 129, 459, 567, 569, 671, 572, 583, 584, 673, 954, 1089.....	" 1871	22 00
" 129, 223, 454, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 583, 584, 606, 673, 798, 812, 954, 1089.....	" 1872	34 00
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County of South Ontario.

Nos. 167, 168, 796.....	for 1871	\$ 6 00
" 665, 666, 822.....	" 1872	6 00
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County of Oxford.

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County of Peel.

Nos. 5, 10, 61, 62, 63, 76, 81, 84, 105, 138, 142, 146, 148, 167, 163, 184, 185, 192, 211, 249, 260, 269, 260, 263, 290, 293, 455, 604, 613, 696, 708, 770, 1020, 1174, 1181.....	for 1871	\$70 00
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County of Perth.

Nos. 385, 827, 908.....	for 1870	\$ 6 00
" 45, 78, 369, 384, 422, 531, 540, 617, 627, 630, 655, 656, 677, 751, 865, 892, 970, 1019.....	" 1871	36 00
" 313, 346, 384, 466, 492, 518, 591, 592, 707, 759, 768, 1170.....	" 1872	24 00
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County of North Simcoe.

Nos. 193, 195, 539, 644, 649, 651, 667, 956.....	for 1871	\$16 00
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County of South Simcoe.

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" 432, 553, 1082.....	" 1870	6 00
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" 9, 16, 60, 66, 73, 86, 89, 104, 125, 154, 200, 209, 354, 355, 359, 366, 432, 450, 452, 465, 472, 533, 553, 605, 694, 702, 784, 829, 850, 877, 878, 885, 1053, 1058, 1083, 1236, 1246, 1297.....	" 1872	76 00
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Toronto.

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" 137.....	" 1864	2 00
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Nos. 264, 441, 519, 894, 905, 1298, 1299.....	for 1871 \$14 00
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County of North Wellington.	
No. 124.....	for 1868 \$ 2 00
Nos. 22, 345, 427, 976, 1258.....	" 1870 10 00
" 22, 124, 302, 320, 345, 427, 530, 566, 608, 615, 681, 761,	" 1871 34 00
" 787, 1023, 1099, 1258, 1277.....	" 1872 4 00
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County of South Wellington.	
Nos. 377, 414, 603, 661.....	for 1871 \$ 8 00
" 112, 377, 603, 661, 1331.....	" 1872 10 00
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County of Wentworth.	
No. 779.....	for 1870 \$ 2 00
Nos. 312, 1179:.....	" 1871 4 00
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County of East York.	
Nos. 91, 164, 207, 215, 228, 548, 778.....	for 1871 \$14 00
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County of West York	
Nos. 28, 135, 191, 216, 269, 506, 703.....	for 1870 \$14 00
" 28, 135, 191, 216, 269, 506, 703.....	" 1871 14 00
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County of North York.	
Nos. 585, 622, 693, 736, 930.....	for 1872 \$10 00
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County of Muskoka.	
Nos. 538, 1229.....	for 1871 \$ 4 00
" 218, 62, 893, 592, 538, 1144.....	" 1872 12 00
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total Dues as received.....	\$918 00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

James H. Bessey, Esq., G. T. in account with G. L of W. O.

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To balance on hand as per last audit.....	\$ 587 33
" Grand Lodge Dues.....	918 00
" 12 Warrants at \$6 each, and one at \$2.....	74 00
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By cash to Bro. Wm. Anderson, G. L. Dues.....	\$ 104 00
" " " Thomas Keyes, as G. Secretary.....	250 00
" " " J. H. Bessey, as G. Treasurer.....	50 00
" " " Rev. D. Smyth, as G. Chaplain.....	10 00
" " " Mills and Murray, as Tylers.....	5 00
" " " J Ross Robertson, for printing.....	169 20
" " Stationery, Postage, and Express charges.....	44 05
" " G. Secretary for Warrants.....	25 00
" " Engrossing Resolution to Sir Wm. Verner.....	6 00
" " Sexton of Church at London.....	2 00
" " Siddons & Dawson for printing.....	4 00
" " Bro. Samuel Howden, overpaid Del. dues.....	18 00
" " Joseph Doupe, on Directory.....	150 00
" Balance on hand.....	742 13
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We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the year 1871, and find that the same are correct in every particular.

N. CLARK WALLACE.
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JOHN HOEY.

Finance Committee.

St. Catharines, 20th February, 1872.

THE SCOTT MURDER.

The Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Association of Western Canada, at their Session in the month of February last, submitted the following questions for the opinion of the undersigned, J. H. Cameron; D'Arcy Boulton, of Barrie; Herbert S. Macdonald; and D'Alton McCarthy; namely:—

First.—What Empire, Dominion, Province, or Tribunal had or has the right or power to cause the arrest and prosecution of the alleged murderers of Thomas Scott, in the Territory now known as the Province of Manitoba?

Secondly.—Had the Government of Ontario any authority to arrest or try the alleged murderers, or otherwise render substantial justice in the premises, at the time they offered their reward of \$5,000 for their arrest and conviction?

“In considering the questions which have been submitted to us, we have deemed it necessary for their clear understanding, that we should set out and examine the various provisions of the Statute Law, both Imperial and Provincial, that bear upon them, the state of that Law at the time of the murder, and the powers of any officers who were appointed under it, to carry it into execution either at that time, or at the time when the Government of Ontario offered their reward.

“Thomas Scott was murdered at Fort Garry, in the now Province of Manitoba, in the month of March, 1870. The Act known as the British North American Act, 1867, by which the Dominion of Canada was brought into existence, had then been nearly three years in operation, and steps had been taken to bring the Hudson's Bay Territory within its provisions, and out of them had arisen the circumstances through which the death of Scott was brought about.

“The criminal jurisdiction in the Hudson's Bay Company's Territory, or Rupert's Land, was, at this time, in a very peculiar position. Under several Imperial Statutes, to which we shall presently refer more at large, various officers and Courts had had powers and authorities conferred upon them enabling them to deal with criminal offences committed within the Territory, either within the Territory itself, or within the Provinces of Lower or Upper Canada, or British Columbia, and those powers and authorities had continued in force until the British North America Act, 1867, was passed—but with the passing of that Act all initiatory proceedings from those Provinces were terminated, and the process of arrest or preliminary imprisonment could emanate from the Territory alone, although the trial of offenders for felonies, the punishment of which was either death or transportation, was still continued in the Courts of the other Provinces before mentioned, if the offenders were sent to those Courts, until Manitoba became a Province itself, and its Courts were authorized to deal with them under the Act passed by the Par-

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liament of the Dominion of Canada, in the 34th year of Her Majesty's reign (1871), ch. 14.

"Until the year 1803, no Imperial legislation had taken place by which any criminal jurisdiction in this Territory had been conferred upon either of the Provinces of Lower or Upper Canada, but in that year by the Act 43 George III., ch. 138, the Imperial Parliament declared that such legislation had become necessary, and by that Statute it was enacted as follows:—

1. That from and after the passing of that Act all offences committed within in any of the Indian Territories or parts of America not within the limits of Upper and Lower Canada, or any civil government of the United States of America, shall be, and be deemed to be offences of the same nature, and shall be tried in the same manner and subject to the same punishment as if the same had been committed within the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada.

2. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of Lower Canada, by Commission under his hand and seal, may authorize and empower any person or persons, wherever resident or being at the time, to act as Civil Magistrates and Justices of the Peace for any of the Indian Territories or parts of America not within the limits of either of the said Provinces or any civil government of the United States, as well as within the limits of either of the said Provinces, either upon information given within the said Provinces, or out of them, in any part of the Indian territories or parts of America as aforesaid, for the purpose only of hearing crimes and offences, and committing any person or persons guilty of any crime or offence to safe custody, in order to his being conveyed to Lower Canada to be dealt with according to law, and any person is authorized to apprehend such criminal and take him before the Commissioners, or take and convey him with all convenient speed to Lower Canada, for the purpose of being dealt with according to law.

"3. Offenders shall be tried in Lower Canada, unless the Governor, &c., of Lower Canada by any instrument under the great seal of Lower Canada, under certain circumstances, declares that the trial shall be in Upper Canada.

"This Act continued without amendment until 1821, when the Imperial Statute 1 & 2 George IV., ch. 66, was passed. By the 11th and 12th sections of which it was further provided:—

"11. That His Majesty may from time to time, by Commission under the great seal, authorize and empower any persons appointed Justices of the Peace under the Act, to sit and hold Courts of Record for the trial of criminal offences and misdemeanours, and also of civil cases, and it shall be lawful for His Majesty to order, direct, and authorize the appointment of proper officers to act in aid of such Courts and Justices within the jurisdiction assigned to such Courts and Justices in any such Commission.

"12. Provided always that such Courts shall be constituted as to the number of Justices to preside therein, and also such places within the said Territories of the said Company, or any Indian Territories, or other parts of North America as aforesaid, and the times and manner of holding the same, as His Majesty shall from time to time order and direct, but shall not try any offender upon any charge or indictment for any felony made the subject of capital punishment or transportation,—and in any such case, such offender shall be committed to safe custody by such Court or Justice, who shall cause such offender to be sent in such custody, for trial in the Court of the Province of Upper Canada.

"By the Imperial Statute 22 & 23 Vict., ch. 26, 1859, the powers conferred upon the Courts of Upper and Lower Canada by the foregoing Statutes were extended to the Courts of British Columbia; and when Courts of Record were established in the Territory, under the 1 & 2 George IV., ch. 56, offenders might be committed to trial to such Courts, instead of the Courts of Ca-

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nada or British Columbia. No other Imperial Act was passed having any reference to this territory, until the British North America Act, 1867, and the last Act was the Rupert's Land Act, 1868, which vested the Territory in Her Majesty, and provided for its transference to the Dominion of Canada, declaring 'that until otherwise enacted by the Parliament of Canada, all the powers, authorities and jurisdiction of the several Courts of Justice then established in Rupert's Land, and of the several officers thereof, and of all Magistrates and Justices then acting within the said limits, should continue in full force and effect therein.'

The British North America Act, 1867, by the 12th section declared the powers of the Governor General of Canada 'as far as the same continued in existence and capable of being exercised after the Union, *in relation to the Government of Canada*;' and by the 65th section, the powers of the Lieutenant Governors of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec (formerly Upper and Lower Canada), 'as far as the same were capable of being exercised after the Union *in relation to the Government of Ontario and Quebec respectively*;' and by those words clearly limited and defined their powers, so that they had no longer any *extra territorial jurisdiction*, nor could any of them any longer *issue any Commission to any Magistrates or Justices* under either the Imperial Acts of Geo. III. or Geo. IV., hereinbefore set forth.

'We have thus traced the criminal law in the Hudson Bay Territory, as declared by Acts of the Imperial Parliament, down to and at the period when the murder of Scott was committed. The officers entrusted with its administration were at that time *wholly within that Territory*; no officers existing either in Ontario, Quebec or British Columbia had been Commissioners under either of the Imperial Acts, and there being no persons who were then capable of taking informations in those Provinces of any offence committed in the Territory, unless it could be sworn that the offender was actually within or supposed to be concealed within the Dominion, and none of the alleged murderers had been within the Dominion up to 14th April, 1871, when Manitoba itself became a part of the Dominion.

'The Rupert's Land Act, 1868, as already shewn, contained all the jurisdiction of Magistrates and Courts within the Territory, until provision was otherwise made by the Parliament of Canada, and as that provision was not made until the Statute of Canada 34 Vict., ch. 14, 1871, was passed; *and no officers authorized to act in the arrest of persons committing offences within the Territory existed anywhere*, except in Rupert's Land itself there was no power or authority to put the law in motion to arrest the persons concerned in Scott's death, outside of Rupert's Land, after the British North America Act, 1867, was passed, although in our opinion there was concurrent jurisdiction in the Courts of Ontario, Quebec, and British Columbia to try offences committed in Rupert's Land and punishable with death or transportation, and therefore to try these offenders if they had been sent by the Rupert Land authorities to any of those Courts, until the Act of Canada, 34 Vic., ch. 14 was passed, when all such jurisdiction both as to offences committed in the Province of Manitoba as well as when it was a Territory as since it became a Province was vested in the Courts of the Province itself, as by the second section of the Act it was enacted as follows:—'The Court known as the General Court now and heretofore existing in the Province of Manitoba, and any Court to be hereafter constituted by the Legislature of the said Province, and having the powers now exercised by the General Court, shall have power to hear, try, and determine in due course of law, all treasons, felonies, and indictable offences, committed in any part of the said Province, or in the Territory, which has now become the said Province.'

'The result, therefore, in our opinion, from the state of the law and facts as above set forth, upon the questions submitted to us is as follows:—

"*First.* From the time of Scott's murder up to the present time, there has been no power or authority in the Dominion, or the Provinces of Ontario or Quebec, or elsewhere, except in Rupert's Land and the Province of Manitoba to put the law in motion or cause the arrest of the murderers, none of them having been within any of the other Provinces of the Dominion since the murder, except in the Province of Manitoba and the Territory which is now that Province.

"*Secondly.* Any of the murderers might have been arrested by the proper officers in Rupert's Land, on information laid under the authority of the Governing powers there, and either have been tried there or sent by the authorities there for trial in the proper criminal Courts of Ontario, Quebec, or British Columbia, which had concurrent jurisdiction for such trials until the Act 34 Vict., ch 14, was passed on the 14th April, 1871.

"*Thirdly.* At the time the Government of Ontario offered the reward of \$5,000 for the murderers, there was no power or authority existing in Ontario to cause their arrest out of Ontario, or their trial within Ontario, or otherwise render substantial justice in the premises in Ontario, as by the terms of the Act of the Parliament of Canada, passed 14th April, 1871, all jurisdiction over every description of felony, including murder, committed in Manitoba as a Territory or a Province was vested in the Courts of the Province of Manitoba alone.

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"1st May, 1872."