

# I. O. O. F., M. U.



## REPORT

OF THE

### HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE TORONTO DISTRICT

Held in the Odd-Fellows' Hall, Toronto, July 1, 1847.

PROV. G. M. BRIGGS, IN THE CHAIR.  
PROV. D. G. M. SMITH, IN THE VICE-CHAIR.

#### Deputies Present:

City of Toronto Lodge.....	THOS. SMITH, N. G.
Lake Erie do.....	JAMES RIDGEL, Sec.
Ontario do.....	JOHN HARRI, P. S.
Cookville do.....	J. PEACOCK, P. P. G. M.
Elmhurst do.....	G. C. HUTTON, P. G.
St. Catherine's do.....	JAS. TAYLOR, N. G.
St. George's do.....	JOHN MOORE, N. G.
Ancester do.....	R. M. LAMBELIN, N. G.
Lord Metcalfe's do.....	JOS. HOBBS, V. G.
London do.....	JAS. SHERRILL, Sec.

**NOTE.**—It is strongly recommended that in future all Deputies bring their certificates with them; sending them by post not only creates unnecessary expense, but is apt to cause disappointment, by their not arriving in time for the Committee.

The G. M. having declared the Committee legally constituted for the transaction of business, the minutes of the several Special Committees for granting Charters to the Lord Metcalfe, Niagara, Elgin, and London Lodges, were read and confirmed.

The following Resolution was then adopted:—

**Resolved**—That the fine imposed on Prov. G. M. Briggs on the 20th March last, be rescinded—the explanation given to this Committee being satisfactory.

The following Report was then read and adopted:—

**REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE OF THE TORONTO DISTRICT, FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 20th JUNE, 1847.**

Your Committee, in submitting this Report, feel great pleasure in being able to state, that they find the Accounts of the District, and Widows' and Orphans' Fund correct, as set forth in the Balance Sheet annexed.

They beg to call your attention to the manner in which several Lodges neglect to send in their Returns and Accounts, thereby materially increasing the labors of the C. S. as also the expensiture of the District, by creating unnecessary correspondence; and to prevent a recurrence of such neglect, they suggest the enforcement of the restrictive laws.

They would also beg to call your attention to the heavy duties and charges which had to be paid on a case of Goods lately received from the Board of Directors. The original cost of which was £73 16s. 9d., and the charges and duties thereon amounting to £18 7s. 2d.

On examining the correspondence, they find that these goods were ordered to be sent by way of Montreal, but instead of which they were sent via New York. They would therefore recommend that the Board be requested to refund the extra expense occasioned by their not shipping the goods in the manner in which they were ordered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN MOORE,  
J. CLELAND, } AUDITORS  
S. THOMPSON, }

A Report from the District Officers, containing the several questions received for the consideration of the Deputies in Committee assembled, was read, and the following Resolutions were, after mature deliberation, carried.

**1st. Resolved**—That the latter part of the first District Law be enforced against those Lodges who have not sent Deputies to this meeting; and that the 18th and 30th District Laws be enforced against those Lodges who have not sent in their Returns or paid their Accounts.

**2d. Resolved**—That Joseph Hodgson, V. G., be District Treasurer, in the place of Bro. Hart, resigned.

**3d. Resolved**—That this Committee accept the kind offer of Prov. C. S. Laird, of the Montreal District, to become Agent for this District, in receiving Goods from the Board of Directors; and that the C. S. do convey to him the wishes of this Committee in reference thereto.

The following proposition from the Liverpool District to the last A. M. C. having been read from the Montreal District Reports for March, by the Prov. C. S., viz:—

“That from the inconvenience experienced by members of the Unity visiting the United States of America, and the same from Members of that country not being able to visit the Lodges in this, that the next A. M. C. do take into consideration the propriety of appointing a Committee for the purpose of negotiating with the Authorities of the United States, to make the workings of the Order the same in both countries; thus rendering the benefit of one Institution of the same effect in England and America.”

**4th. Resolved**—That this District concur in the Resolution passed by the Liverpool District, regarding a Union of the Manchester Unity and the United States Unity of Odd Fellows; being placed in a position to testify to the great inconvenience spoken of by the Liverpool District, induces us cordially to concur in the Resolution passed by them, and earnestly to recommend it to the serious consideration of the G. M. and Board of Directors, as also to the next A. M. C., should the question not be settled before its next meeting.

**5th. Resolved**—That the Prov. C. S. be instructed to forward a copy of the above Resolution to the G. M. and Board of Directors, as also to the Prov. C. S. of the Liverpool District.

**6th. Resolved**—That the District Officers be instructed to ascertain the practicability and probable cost of obtaining an Act of Incorporation, together with any other information they can obtain on the subject, and that they lay a report of the same before the next Grand Annual Committee.

**7th. Resolved**—That the District Officers do appoint a fit and proper person to visit each Lodge in this District once every six months.

**8th. Resolved**—That a levy of 5d. per member be made for General expenses, and 2½d. per member for District expenses.

**9th. Resolved**—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the G. M. and Board of Directors are in duty bound to make good to this District the extra expense occasioned by their sending a case of goods by way of New York instead of Montreal, as instructed by the Prov. C. S.

DISTRICT OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

For Prov. G. M.—ALEX. SMITH, Prov. D. G. M.  
For Prov. D. G. M.—JAMES CLELAND, P. G.; Wm. MORRISON, F. G.  
For Pres. C. S.—JAMES PEARCE, P. F. G. M.; JOHN WORTHINGTON, Prov. C. S.

NOTICES.

(From the Ontario Lodge.)  
That a set of Minutes for this District, to be available to all the Lodges constituting the same,—the expense to be defrayed by a levy on its members.

Note.—Deputies are requested to come instructed to vote on this question, at the next Grand Annual Committee.

(From the Etobicoke Lodge.)

That the 53d District Law be rescinded, and that the District Laws may be "rescinded, altered, or amended," at either the January or July Committee,—notice having been given in the previous Quarterly Report.

Any Lodge having received contributions from Visiting Brethren, from any of the Lodges in the Montreal District, are requested to transmit the same to Mr. A. W. LAIRD, Prov. C. S., Canada Gazette Office, Montreal.

Yours in F. L. & T.

WILLIAM BRIGGS, Prov. G. M.  
ALEX. SMITH, Prov. D. G. M.  
JOHN WORTHINGTON, Prov. C. S.

Toronto, July, 1847.

Toronto District I. O. O. F., M. U.

Dr. Balance Sheet from 20th March to 20th June, 1847. Cr.

1847.—June 30.		1847.—June 30.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Cash in hand as per last Report.....	4 3 11	By cash to Auditors, 31st March.....	0 8 9
" from Grand River Lodge.....	31 15 3d	" cashing Gore Bank Cheque from Gal.....	0 2 6
" " St. George's do.....	0 14 2	" cash for packing boxes.....	0 7 9
" " Cooksville do.....	0 15 7d	" to Canadian attending Special Committee	
" " Ancaster do.....	2 4 0d	for granting Charters.....	0 2 6
" " St. Catharines do.....	8 12 8	" to Prov. G. M. and Prov. D. G. M. attend-	
" " Welland Union do.....	0 15 0	ing Etobicoke Lodge, as per account.....	0 15 0
" " Good Intent do.....	1 6 0	" to Mr. Cleland, balance of account.....	4 12 6
" " Etobicoke do.....	0 11 9	" to City of Toronto Lodge.....	25 0 0
" " Ontario do.....	1 13 10	" to Prov. D. G. M. Smith, opening the Loyal	
" " Dundas do.....	3 4 14	London Lodge.....	5 10 0
" " Lord Metcalfe do.....	1 2 3d	for freight and charges on one Case of Goods	
" " Elgin do.....	0 12 6	from the G. M. and Board of Directors,	
" " Brant do.....	4 11 1	as per Mr. James Browne's account.....	5 17 6
To Interest on Money in Savings Bank.....	0 0 9	for Imp. and Prov. Duties on do.....	12 8 5
	62 3 14	for Custom House Entry on do.....	0 1 3
		for cartage and sundry expenses of do.....	0 5 0
		for District Account Books.....	0 9 5
		for Postage.....	1 15 0d
		for Telegraph Communications.....	0 3 6
		for Stationery.....	0 10 5
		in hands of Treasurer.....	3 19 7
			62 3 14

Dr. DEBTS DUE BY THE DISTRICT.		DEBTS DUE TO THE DISTRICT.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1847. To the Board of Directors.....	72 16 9	1847. By Brant Lodge.....	5 13 1
June 30. " J. Cleland, for printing.....	1 10 0	" " Cobourg do*.....	2 16 6d
" " John Worthington, C. S., six months' salary to June 30th.....	6 5 0	" " Lake Erie do.....	1 2 5d
" " Widows' and Orphan Fund.....	16 15 10d	" " Hamilton do*.....	4 1 0
" " City of Toronto Lodge, balance of Funeral Donation of Brother Kettle.....	9 17 6	" " Ontario do.....	2 9 11d
" " Balance due the District.....	1 7 3	" " Good Intent do.....	3 13 7d
	111 12 4d	" " Cooksville do*.....	2 12 6d
		" " Etobicoke do.....	14 4 4
		" " St. George's do.....	2 6 1
		" " Welland Union do*.....	5 4 7d
		" " Ancaster do.....	1 3 7d
		" " Commercial do*.....	4 0 7
		" " Lord Metcalfe do.....	5 12 4d
		" " Elgin do.....	4 13 0
		" " London do.....	10 12 6
		" " Niagara do*.....	8 0 3d
		" " Grand River do.....	29 19 4d
		" " Dundas do.....	5 18 7d
		" " St. Catharines do.....	6 19 2
		" " Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	3 19 7
			111 12 4d

\* These Lodges have not paid their Accounts. See the 18th District Law.  
\* These Lodges, together with the City of Toronto Lodge, have not sent in their RETURNS. See the 30th District Law.  
NOTE.—Since these accounts were made out, the following sums have been received:—NIAGARA LODGE, £4 7s. 11d.; ST. GEORGE'S, £2 10s. And the following Lodges have sent in their RETURNS:—COBURG, and WELLAND UNION.

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1847.—June 30.

To cash in hands of Treasurer.....

" a Present from Bro. Wm. Smith.....

" " Prov. D. G. M. Smith.....

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" " a sum presented to him in Toronto, for the same presented to him with in Hamilton, on the Niagara Lodge.....

" " Dundas Lodge Ann'y Collec. from do. balance due M. do. December 20th, 1846.....

" " from Ontario Lodge, balance District, December 20th.....

" " Ontario Lodge Ann'y Collec. do. Presents in do. District due City of Toronto Lodge, balance District, Dec'r 20th.....

" " City of Toronto Lodge Ann'y Collec. 1845.....

" " Do. 1846.....

" " Do. a Present from Bro. H. do. March Quarter Due.....

" " from Lake Erie Lodge.....

" " " Grand River do.....

" " " Ancaster do.....

" " " Good Intent do.....

" " " Etobicoke do.....

" " " Lord Metcalfe do.....

" " " St. Catharines do.....

" " " Brant do.....

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June 30. By Dundas Lodge.....

" " Brant do.....

" " Lake Erie Lodge.....

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" " Good Intent do.....

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