

**ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**GRAND DIVISION**  
OF THE  
**SONS OF TEMPERANCE**  
OF CANADA EAST.

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**WEST SHEFFORD.**

*Wednesday, 20th January, 1864.*

The Grand Division S. of T., of C.E., met this day at West Shefford, in Annual Session.

**OFFICERS PRESENT** :—G.W.P., Rev. A. Duff; G.S., John S. Hall; G.T., John Moore; G. Chap., T. Fessenden; G. Con., Jos. Bacon; G. Sent., H. A. Lawrence; P.G.W.P., G. M. Rose.

The G.W.P. named Rep. Martin to fill the office of G.W.A.

Grand Division opened in due form, after prayer by G. Chap.

The G.W.P. named Reps. J. M. Hall, Barrett, and Stevenson, as Committee on credentials.

The credentials of the following, were then examined and reported correct, viz. :

**HOWARD, No. 1.**—J. W. Manning, W.P.; J. C. Becket, J. S. Hall, J. T. Dutton, D. Tees, J. M. Hall, J. Montgomery, W. Bates, G. Martin, W. B. Allan, P. H. Burton, G. Smith, B. S. Barrett, W. Brown, Rev. A. Duff, T. Hutchings and L. S. Bowden, P.W.P's.

**GOUGH, No. 3.**—George Bissett, W.P.; W. Brodie, Thos. Brodie, R. Brodie, Wm. Hall, J. Seers, Jun., Peter Johnston, D. Lawson, Thos. Smith, J. R. Healey, J. Seers, Sen., A. F. Hughes, James Hay, J. P. McEwan, Thos. Davidson, N. Davis, and Jas. Geggie, P. W. P's.

**VICTORIA, No. 10.**—Joseph Stanniforth, George Hume, John Jackson, P.W.P's.

**LANCASTER, No. 11.**—John See, W.P.; John M. Snider, Beniah McBain, John B. Snider, and Donald Morrison, P.W.P's.

**ST. MICHAEL'S UNION, No. 14.**—James Johnston, W.P.; D. C.

Boyce, Wm. McIntosh, Wm. White, J. Breadner, Jas. Buchanan, A. McIntosh, A. Conner, Andrew Wilson, and Robert Lumsden, P.W.P's.

ST. LAWRENCE, No. 16.—John Connolly, W.P.; James Reed, Jos. Bacon, G. R. Johnston, G. M. Rose, R. White, J. Moore, A. Smeaton, J. Patterson, Langton and W. McCart, P.W.P's.

RICHMOND, No. 38.—George Dunton, W.P.; N. Wells, J. Beede, B. Cairnie, Rev. D. C. Frink, and W. Mathewson, P.W.P's.

GRANBY, No. 44.—Robt. Nicol, W.P.; G. E. McIndoe, James Kay, Rev. E. S. Ingalls, Charles T. Miner, Henry Cole, Henderson Miner, R. F. Hayes, and Henry Rose, P.W.P's.

SHEFFORD, No. 47.—Enoch Frost, W.P.; J. B. Lay, W. A. Taylor, Arad Taylor, D. L. Allen, H. C. Jenner, J. P. Noyes, George W. Lawrence, and David Clark, P.W.P's.

EASTERN STAR, No. 49.—Alexander Pridham, W.P.; William McCormick, Thomas Robinson, William McWatters, Thomas Fessenden, John Wilson, Daniel Lander, Daniel Kneen, and Charles Tippling, P.W.P's.

APAMSVILLE, No. 50.—George W. Knight, James Chalmers, Alson Knight, F. B. Sanborn, P. H. Martin, E. A. Fordice, R. Goddard, and J. F. Thompson, P.W.P's.

HUNGERFORD, No. 54.—Charles Best, W.P.; Richard Alcombrack, John N. Mills, Peter Bedard, John Hungerford, P.W.P's.

WASHINGTONIAN, No. 57.—N. P. Emmerson, W.P.

COWANSVILLE, No. 58.—James Jones, W.P.; William Stevenson, John Pharoah, Rev. J. A. Farrar, J. Littledale, John Dent, P.W.P's.

EAST FARNHAM, No. 59.—A. Watson, W.P.; A. P. Hulburt, C. H. Mansfield, H. Allen, R. W. Sanborn, O. Kathan, J. McRae, E. A. Woodbury, and Y. T. Cameron, P.W.P's.

KNOWLTON, No. 60.—Edward Ralston, W.P.; L. M. Knowlton, Israel England, George Robb, Jun., Norman Tibbetts, Rev. D. Sutherland, and William Moses, P.W.P's.

POINT ST. CHARLES, No. 61.—Charles Clark, W.P.; William Robinson, P.W.P.

FARNHAM CENTER, No. 62.—H. P. Newell, P.W.P.

WEST SHEFFORD, No. 64.—I. Lawrence, W.P.; R. W. Richardson, L. H. Lawrence, H. A. Lawrence, G. Stolliker, Z. S. Lawrence, and W. S. Allen, P.W.P's.

MECHANICS', No. 65.—John B. Truax, W.P.; J. J. Higgins, Richard E. Hardesty, and George B. Hoy, P.W.P's.

SHEFFORD MOUNTAIN, No. 68.—Joseph Gibbons, W.P.; Samuel N. Blackwood and Craig, P.W.P's.

The following Representatives being reported in waiting, were introduced by the G. Con., and duly initiated:—

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—J. W. Manning, W.P., and George Smith, P.W.P.

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ST. LAWRENCE, No. 16.—John Connolly, W.P.

GRANBY, No. 44.—R. Nicol and R. T. Hayes.

SHEFFORD, No. 47.—J. P. Noyes, David Clark, and G. W. Lawrence, P.W.P's.

ADAMSVILLE DIVISION, No. 50.—G. W. Knight, W.P.; Rufus Goddard, James Chalmers, and P. A. Martin, P.W.P's

WASHINGTONIAN DIVISION, No. 57.—N. P. Emerson, W.P.

COWANSVILLE DIVISION, No. 58.—Rev. J. A. Farrar, P.W.P.

EAST FARNHAM DIVISION, No. 59.—Alex. Watson, W.P. ; A.P. Hulburt, John McRae, and E. A. Woodbury, P.W.P's.

WEST SHEFFORD DIVISION, No. 64.—Isaac Lawrence, W.P.; R. W. Richardson, Z. S. Lawrence, and G. E. Stolliker, P.W.P's.

SHEFFORD MOUNTAIN DIVISION, No. 68.—Joseph Gibbons, W.P.; Samuel N. Blackwood, and Craig, P.W.P.s.\*

Moved by L. H. Lawrence, and seconded.

*Resolved.*—That the following be the hours of meeting and adjournment of the Grand Division during the present Session, viz.:—First day, adjourn at noon, meet again at 2 P.M.; adjourn at 4 P.M., meet again at 6 P.M.; Second day, meet at 10 A.M., and then meet and adjourn as on first day, and so on until the close.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at two o'clock.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment. All the Officers present.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain, and Grand Division opened in due form.

G. W. P. read his Report as follows:—

To the Grand Division S. of T. of C. E.

WEST SHEFFORD, 20TH Jany. 1864.

Worthy Brothers,—

Welcome, thrice welcome to the heart of the Eastern Townships! Here we meet in one of the loveliest, most fertile spots in this rich tract of country. True, your eye cannot feast upon all the beauties of the scenery around, because of its mantle of snow, but you have tested the mettle of our Temperance steeds as you were driven along from the Railway Station, and have inhaled the refreshing, lung-bracing air of our winter country roads, the merry tinkle of the sleigh bells only feebly indicating the hearty leap of joyous brotherhood with which we greet you.

We now meet in our Annual Gathering to review the past and learn its lessons, to anticipate the future and prepare for its duties, to relieve some of the obligations of office, and to pour fresh oil into our official lamps. I am about to resign into your hands the dignity you so kindly conferred upon me, and to crave your forbearance on account of my official shortcomings. I trust our deliberations may be guided by wisdom and prudence, and our plans for future action be crowned with abundant success.

Since we met in Quebec, in July last, our Order has attained its majority. On the 29th September, 1842, the Order of Sons of Temperance was instituted at Teetotaler's Hall, New York, by the organization of New York Division

This includes the whole, Initiated during the Session,

No. 1. Since then, "through the years of its minority it has had its times of brightness and of sadness, of remarkable increase in mainly development and progress, as well as of declension in zeal, and retrograde movement, yet notwithstanding, our beloved Order has thus been subject to all the vicissitudes incident to human organizations, it now stands forth as the chief exponent and advocate of Temperance on our continent, as a beacon light to the unwary, a saviour and friend to the poor inebriate, a stay and support to the reformed, an uncompromising foe to the rum traffic." On the 29th Sep. last a large and spirited reunion was held, in the City of New York, to celebrate the auspicious day of our majority, as an Order, which I was extremely sorry I could not possibly attend.

Also, since our last session, I have received an account of the Annual Meeting of the Grand Division of Canada West, which presents, on the whole, a pleasing state of things in connexion with our Order in that section of the province. Forty-one new Divisions have been organized, and twenty-one dormant ones resuscitated, over against which only eleven had been dissolved, showing a clear increase of fifty-one Divisions. The Most Worthy Scribe reports that "from nearly every jurisdiction we hear of new Divisions being organized, and old ones renewing their youth, and resuming active duty in the ranks. Particularly is this the case in the provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edwards Island, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, in the States on the Pacific Coast, in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, the district of Columbia and Massachusetts, while with very few exceptions, all other jurisdictions have shown increased activity since the opening of the present year;" moreover, "very many Grand Divisions have their Army Divisions in connection with the regiments from their several States. Experience has demonstrated that these organizations have proved very valuable in every case, but the more so with quiet inactivity of the encampment where idleness presents her most alluring temptations." Drink may well be called the Soldier's curse. To sum up all, I find there are forty-four Grand Divisions holding charters from the National Division exclusive of those in Great Britain. As several Grand Divisions had resolved to secede, only twenty-eight are reported in the M. W. Scribe's returns, but these have in their jurisdictions, one thousand four hundred and nine, (1409) Subordinate Divisions in full operation. In these the number of members are, Sons 55,788, Lady Visitors 58,592; making a total of 114,380. Of the numerical strength of our Order in the old countries, I have no means of giving any report. The Grand Division of Louisiana, and those of the other rebellious States, voted to secede from the National Division, and appointed a meeting to be held in Montgomery, Alabama, to form a new N. D. for this, so called Southern confederacy. But in this they signally failed. No meeting was held, and not one of these Grand Divisions has maintained its organizations for more than a year. "Secesh" has been the death of the Order, as it is and must be the death of every thing that is lovely and pure and true. Measures are, however, being now taken to resuscitate the cause in those States rescued from the accursed influence of the rebellion. May peace be speedily restored, and with it our Order resume its beneficent sway over the entire continent.

Such is a brief outline of the state of our Order outside our own jurisdiction, how is it within our own borders? I have only received twelve reports for quarter ending 30th Sep. and none for that ending 31st December. Six reports for quarter ending 30th June, came too late for my Semi-Annual report. These last were from Howard, No. 1; Victoria, 10; Richmond, 38; Havelock, 39; Gore Progressive, 45; and Shefford Mountain, 68. The former from Howard, No. 1; Gough, 3; St. Lawrence, 16; Lacolle, 17; Havelock, 39; Balacra, 30; Richmond, 38; Bedford, 55; Washingtonian, 57; Cowansville, 58; West Shefford, 64; Shefford Mountain, 68. You will, by this enumeration, see that the returns are still very irregular. May I not repeat my expostulation in Semi-Annual report. Surely such things ought not so to be. As to the state of Order as indicated by these reports, the summary is as follows:—On queries Nos. 1 and 6 respecting regularity of meeting, observance of constitutions, fraternal feel-

ing, and active operation, all save one, answer yes, with some slight qualifications. On No. 7 respecting organizations of youth. Two answer "yes." Howard No. 1, having a section of Cadets, and Washingtonian 57 a Band of Hope. Ten answer "No." having no organization of youth under their care. On No. 8 respecting "Lady Visitors," Eleven answer "yes," with some qualifications, and as to the latter part of the query, "Good when care is taken." No. 9, only one Division, Washingtonian suggests a new field. No. 10 some few members subscribe to a Temperance Periodical. On No. 11, "Holding public meetings," "securing good lecturers," "Interesting the Lady Visitors," "admitting ladies to membership," "efforts among the young," are among the recommendations for the good of the Order. On 12, seven report intemperance on the increase. One that it does not prevail. There is one Division referred to above, whose report is so peculiar, as to require special notice. To all the queries, save one, the deputy answers "No." To No 12, does intemperance abound, he replies "Yes." This is ominous, and in his reply to the second part of No. 5, he tells me in one word, "Disputes" are the disturbing cause preventing fraternity and harmony in the Division. I suggest that some steps be taken to remedy, if possible, this sad state of things and bring back this Division, "Lacolle 17," to harmonious and fraternal working order. I trust our brethren there will suffer the word of exhortation and rally around our banner of Red, White and Blue, in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

Since our Semi-Annual Meeting I have only been able to visit personally the following Divisions, Howard, No. 1; Eastern Star, 49; St. Henry Union, 53; Shefford, 47; Adamsville, 50; Cowansville, 58; East Farnham, 59; Knowlton, 60; to two others notices were sent but by some mistake no meetings convened, my reception in the Division Rooms was most cordial and very pleasant to me. During one of those visits, I am happy to report, that as requested by the Grand Division, in Quebec, (see rep. p. 12) Repe. Stevenson, Mansfield, and your G.W.P., were successful in removing the differences existing in the Adamsville Division about the appointment of a D.G.W.P., and secured the unanimous recommendation of a brother to that office. I accordingly instructed the G.S. to send to that brother his commission. During that same visit I addressed several public meetings on the subject of temperance, and had the honor of presiding, as your G.W.P., at a large pic-nic where nine Divisions were present. The member of Parliament for the County in which we met, Brome, was present, and spoke in exposition of his "Temperance Bill," and pledged himself to do his utmost to have it passed into law during the Session of 1864. For this he expects us to agitate and petition; and I trust our organization, and all the others embarked in the same cause, will not fail him in this respect. And may God speed the right!

Since writing the above, I have received, almost too late for notice, the D.G.W.P.'s report of three Divisions. Of Lancaster, No. 11, no date; Hungerford, 54, for quarter ending September 30th, and of Harmony, 34, for four quarters, ending March, June, September, and December. The deputy of the last Division gives, as a reason, why representatives did not attend the G.D. "the Initiation Fee to be imposed upon Reps." He also informs me, that the majority of our Order was celebrated by a Sermon preached in the morning by the W.P., and a public meeting in the evening, which was quite a success, and recommends writing to the Rev. C. Rollet, of Rawdon, C.E., about the organization of a new Division in that place.

It is with great pleasure, that I report the organization of a new Division at Covey Hill, and the issue of a Charter for a new Division at Hemmingford, as also of the resuscitation of the Washingtonian Division, No. 54, and the St. Charles Division, No. 61. These are signs of good. May they be increased a thousand fold! You must have observed that only two Divisions have any organization of youth under their care. This ought not so to be. I am happy to be able to report, that the section of Cadets under my care at Sherbrooke, is in excellent working-order. Is my urgent recommendation in

July last, to remain a dead letter? Will no subordinate Division take it up? Can this Grand Division do nothing effectually to secure so desirable an object? Might not the National Division be memorialized to give forth the trumpet blast,—“Organize the Youth!”

On “the membership of the Ladies’”—the Grand Scribe will, no doubt, report on the answers given to certain queries propounded on the subject by the N.D. To my own mind it seems quite immaterial, whether we call them “Members” or “Visitors,” though, I must confess, if I have a preference, it is to the latter as the more respectful term. One thing is certain, from the statistics given above, that as the constitution now stands, it presents *no barrier* to the Ladies’ joining our ranks—our Lady Visitors considerably outnumbering our male members. I would still retain a Lady Visitors’ Password and recommend addition to the Official Staff of a Lady Conductor and inside Sentinel.

The G. Scribe and G. Treasurer will lay before you their respective reports in due form.

But, Brethren, the evil against which we are contending, does not seem to diminish at any considerable ratio. A coroner’s inquest was held lately, in the town where I reside, on the body of a woman who suddenly died in her own house. The verdict of the jury was, that drink had done it; but the medical gentleman, summoned as witness, declared that it was not the quantity but the quality of the liquor that did it. Three of the jurymen wished this fact stated in the verdict, but the majority decided against it. The dealer who sold it is well known. There are said to be 400,000 persons engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors on this continent. The capital invested, is estimated at from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000; \$100,000,000 worth of what the good God annually gives as food for man and beast is, by these distillers, worse than destroyed. In Montreal, with 100,000 inhabitants, there is a licensed liquor seller for every 300 persons over 14 years’ of age. The unlicensed places number about 150, and these do a profitable business. On this Continent, the granary of the world, none need be poor; yet, in Canada and the United States, there are 250,000 who subsist on beggary and crime, or drag out a miserable existence in Alms-houses and Penitentiaries; 175,000 of these wretched persons were brought to this, by the use of intoxicating drink. These facts and figures are taken from a discourse by the Rev. Mr. Bonar, of Montreal—one paragraph of which, permit me to quote entire. “It may be an unwelcome truth, but it must be stated, all the guilt of the liquor traffic and of the drunkenness in this city, rests upon the shoulders of the occasional and moderate drinkers among us. They form the key, or cornerstone of this Moloch’s temple. If that was removed, the whole superstructure would soon topple over. Professedly Christian and Temperance men sign their names to petitions for licenses to taverns, and are therefore directly responsible for the young men there ruined. Moderate and occasional drinkers, give respectability to these ruinous social customs, and encourage drunkards in the dreary path to ruin. He that is not with us, is against us. The man who does not openly stand up for Jesus is against Him, and he who does not stand squarely on the Total Abstinence principle and practice is opposed to it: his influence is on the side of Intemperance. Love for our fellow men calls upon every Christian and philanthropist to occupy no doubtful position upon this, the greatest moral question of our age and country.” It is refreshing to hear such truth—notes sounding from our pulpits, and from many of these they do sound. Would they were emitted with equal plainness and power from all! Would that all our fellow Christians and some professedly temperance men, heard, marked, learned, and inwardly digested and outwardly practised these wholesome truths, we should soon have many new Divisions, and all in flourishing condition! The principle of Total Abstinence must not be lost sight of, but pressed upon our fellow countrymen. They must be invited—entreated to come out from a temporizing state of society, and unite with us to put down the moderate use of intoxicating drink.

But we cannot satisfy ourselves with this one line of action. We have tw

strings to one bow. Although we are not directly bound together for political action, I am sure not a member of this Grand Division, nor of any of our subordinate Divisions, but is heart and soul in favour of a Prohibitory Law. On our banner is inscribed "Prohibition." We cannot—must not—dare not be content without it. You will be addressed, I believe, during this Session, by an Agent of "the United Canadian Alliance." This Association will, I trust, receive the cordial support of every true Son of Temperance. As an instalment of what we want—a step, and a considerable one in the right direction, we hail the intended introduction of his Temperance Bill in the next Session of our Provincial Parliament, by C. Dunkin, Esq., M.P.P. for Brome, —a bill which I know he is willing to improve, so far as practicable, at the suggestion of the friends of Temperance. I have corresponded with him on the subject, and am satisfied that he is anxious to make his measure all that the present state of the House, and of the constituencies will permit it to be.

You see your work then, Brethren, that it is a great one. Much time and wealth, and many lives were lost in the beginning of the Civil War in the United States, because too low an estimate was taken of the greatness of the work to be done. I fear it is apt to be so with us in our mighty undertaking. Much has been done, for which we ought to be thankful to our Father in Heaven, who hath blessed our work—yet much more—very much more remains to be done. The city of Alcohol has been besieged; the out-works have been taken; some batteries have been silenced, though now and then, a ruined Sumpter: opens fire upon us still, but the citadel remains in its might. The manufacture, importation, sale, and moderate use of Intoxicating drinks, is too valuable an engine in support of the kingdom to be surrendered by the enemy of God and of man, without a desperate death-struggle. We cannot afford to quarrel among ourselves. Whatever means, in accordance with truth and righteousness, our coadjutors in this great work may employ, we must be prepared to bid them "*God speed*"; and mingling our various regiments and brigades in one grand united army, push the battle on to the gate. It is not yet time to throw up our caps into the air and shout victory. We cannot yet put off our armour, but must rather buckle it tighter on. I believe the real "tug of this war," is not yet come, though it may be near, perhaps not that. We may have to see a thinning of our ranks, as in Gideon's host; but no matter, if those that remain be good men and true, we shall yet march boldly on to victory, with the shout:—"The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Yes, my Brethren, we are in this warfar', "On the Lord's side. It is a cause God *has* blessed, and it *shall* be blessed. Like Jericho of old, the drink traffic and the drinking customs may stand proudly, defiant in our way, but we shall blow the trumpets, unpolished, rough-looking Rams-horns though they be. We shall persist in blowing them the whole six days, but on the seventh we shall blow them seven times loud and long—for it is a holy work. It is a work in which we must especially employ the holy weapons of religion, and under the blessing of God, *Jericho shall fall!*"

Yours in L. P. and F.,

ARCH. DUFF, G.W.P.

### Grand Scribe's Report:—

18th January, 1864.

To the Grand Division of Canada East.

BROTHERS:—I herewith submit to you a Report of the state of the Order in this jurisdiction as at 30th September last, the remissness of Divisions in sending in their Returns, rendering it impossible for me to do so, as at the quarter ending 31st December.

Number of Divisions supposed in operation, . . . . .	39
Number of do. that have made Returns, . . . . .	26
Number Admitted, . . . . .	84.

Number Reinstated,	19
Number Withdrawn,	22
Number Suspended,	48
Number Expelled for violation of Act 2,	19
do do for Nonpayment of Dues,	28
Number of Members Died,	4
Number Violated Pledge,	32
Whole number of Members,	954
Whole number of Lady Visitors,	776
Number of Public Meetings held,	20
Number of Tracts distributed,	40
Receipts,	\$265 38
Paid for Benefits,	25.47½
Expenses exclusive of Benefits,	201.88
Cash on hand,	209.03
Per capita Tax to G. D.,	48.10

It will be perceived from the above that 39 Divisions are supposed to be still in operation, and that out of these only 26 have made Returns for the quarter ending 30th September, leaving 13 Divisions supposed working delinquent in the matter of Returns. Surely this should not be. If Deputies and Divisions would only attend to their duties in this matter, I should, instead of a partial statistical statement for the quarter ending September, have been enabled to lay before the G. D. full statistics for the quarter ending December. There is nothing to prevent the Returns being in the hands of the G. S. at the latest before the expiring of the second week of the new quarter. I shall say no more on this matter at present, trusting that it will be remedied in the future.

I have much pleasure in stating that since we last met one new Division has been organized—Covey Hill Division, No. 70, located on the Township of Havelock, County of Huntingdon.

A Charter has also been issued for another Division to be located in Hemmingford, in same County, but I have not yet received intimation of its organization.

Two Divisions have likewise been revived during the same period, viz: Washingtonian Division, No. 57, and St. Charles Division, No. 61, Point St. Charles.

I received from the M.W.S. a series of questions on the subject of the admission of Ladies to farther privileges in the order. Copies of these I sent to all the Divisions but have as yet received answers from 17 only. The following is the result:—

Question 1st. Are you in favor of admitting females to full membership on same terms as males?

Answer. Yes, 8, representing 349 members.  
No, 9, representing 277 members.

Question 2d. Are you in favor of the admission of females to membership with certain restrictions as to holding office?

Answer. Yes, 7, representing 230 members.  
No, 10, representing 396 members.

Question 3d. Are you in favor of the admission of females as members, who may desire to become such without disturbing the principle of admitting or retaining as visitors females who prefer to assume or retain that relation.

Answer. Yes, 11, representing 416 members.  
No, 6, representing 209 members.

Question 4th. Are you in favor of giving to Divisions the right to elect Lady Visitors to any of the Offices now held only by members?

Answer. Yes, 11, representing 417 members.  
No, 6, representing 209 members.

I herewith lay before the Grand Division a copy of a Bill introduced into

the House of Assembly by Mr. Dunkin, member for Brome. It seems to me to be a measure which ought to receive our warmest support, and although it may fall short of what Temperance Reformers may desire, it is about as much as can under present circumstances be expected from the Legislature, and I believe if passed would be the means of effecting great good in the Community. I should, therefore, suggest the propriety of adopting measures for circulating Petitions for signature in favor of said Bill.

The importance of organizations for the Temperance training of the youth of our country cannot be overrated. It demands the sympathy and support of every true Son of Temperance. Sorry, however, am I to say that very little is doing for that purpose by the Order in this jurisdiction. There are but two organizations for youths under the auspices of the Order in this jurisdiction so far as I am aware. One section of Cadets which is in a prosperous condition, located in Sherbrooke, under the care of our excellent G.W.P., and another in Montreal under the auspices of Howard Division, which is not progressing so well as I would wish, owing I think to the want of the sympathy and support of the members of the Division, very few of whom attend the meetings of the Section. I hope that means may be adopted during the present Session for extending organizations for the Temperance training among the youths under the auspices of our Divisions.

I feel much satisfaction in being enabled to report an improvement in our finances, since my last Report. At that time this Grand Division was indebted to the extent of \$120. During the past 6 months I have been enabled to pay off the whole of that debt, leaving, however, about \$72 of the current expenses unpaid, viz: Grand Scribe's allowance for 6 months, \$50; Bros. Becket balance of account for printing, \$22. Our expenses for the next 6 months will be smaller than heretofore, as we have a good stock of articles on hand, I therefore trust that your G.S. will, at next Session, be able to report the Grand Division free from debt.

The following is the Financial Statement.

*The Grand Scribe in account with Grand Division S. of T. of C. E.*

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Cash received for per Capita Tax, from 1st July to	
16 January, 1864,	\$136 49
" for Books, &c., same period,	19 02
" Balance of last statement,	1 46
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Cash paid expenses to Quebec, semi-annual Session,	\$4 00
" paid postages to 16 January, 1864,	17 20
" paid Grand Treasurer	135 77
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JOHN S. HALL, *Grand Scribe.*

Montreal 16 January, 1864.

Grand Treasurer's Report:—

*The Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Division S. of T. of C.E.*

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Cash from Grand Scribe,	\$135 77
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Cash paid M.W.S. for Rituals,	\$5 00
" J. C. Becket's expenses to Halifax,	20 00
" J. C. Becket on account Printing,	40 77
" J. S. Hall's expenses to Halifax,	20 00
" J. S. Hall, G.S., half year's allowance to 1st	
July, 1863,	50 00
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JOHN MOORE, *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion, Reports referred to G. and W. and Finance Committees.

G. W. P. named rep. Allen to fill the vacancy in Finance Committee.

In pursuance of notice given at last Annual Session, it was moved by G. W. A., J. B. Lay and seconded, that the following addition to the By-Laws of the Grand Division be adopted: "That the initiation fee of the Grand Division be one dollar, and the regular annual dues be one dollar for each representative." Moved in amendment by rep. Martin and seconded, that the words "and the regular annual dues be one dollar for each representative," be struck out.

Both original motion and amendment lost,

Moved by rep. Martin and seconded, that speakers be limited to seven minutes.

In amendment, moved by rep. Stevenson and seconded, that five minutes be substituted for seven. Amendment carried.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at six o'clock.

6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment. All the Officers present,

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. Grand Division opened in due form.

Nomination of officers proceeded with as follows:

G. W. P., Reps. J. B. Lay, Rev. A. Duff, James Kay and George Martin. G. W. A., Reps. George Martin, L. H. Lawrence, A. P. Hulburt, Wm. Stevenson, P. Johnston, S. N. Blackwood and John Moore. G. S., Rep. John S. Hall. G. T., Reps. John Moore and G. E. McIndoe. G. Chap., Reps. J. W. Manning and J. Littledale. G. Con., Reps. J. F. Thompson, J. Bacon and B. S. Barrett. G. Sen., Reps. Wm. Bates, C. H. Mansfield, Jas. Chalmers and J. Littledale.

G. W. P. named Reps. J. M. Hell, G. M. Rose and Wm. Stevenson, scrutineers. The Grand Division then proceeded to ballot for the different Officers. The following is the result:—

G. W. P., J. B. Lay; G. W. A., A. P. Hulburt; G. S., John S. Hall; G. T., G. E. McIndoe; G. Chap., J. W. Manning; G. Con., B. S. Barrett; G. Sen., Wm. Bates.

The installation of Officers was then proceeded with. The G. W. P. elect, J. B. Lay, was obligated in due form and conducted to his seat. The other Officers elect, were installed in the following order, viz:—

G. W. A., A. P. Hulburt; G. S., John S. Hall; G. T., G. E. McIndoe; G. Chap., J. W. Manning; G. Con., B. S. Barrett; G. Sen., Wm. Bates.

On motion, Grand Division adjourned to meet to-morrow, 21st, at nine o'clock a. m.

21st Jany., 1864. 9 o'clock.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment. All Officers present.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. Grand Division opened in due form.

Report of Good and Welfare Committee read.

Moved by rep. P. Johnston and seconded, that the report be adopted. Moved in amendment by G. Chap., and seconded, that the Report be taken up and discussed, section by section. Amendment carried.

The Report was then read and discussed section by section, after which, it was on motion adopted as a whole, as amended. The following is the Report as adopted.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Canada East.

BROTHERS:—The Good and Welfare Committee to whom the reports of the G. W. P. and G. S. were referred, beg leave to report:—

That they cordially acknowledge the hearty welcome given the members of this Grand Division, by the true and whole souled teetotalers of the Eastern Townships, residing at West Shefford. Although we cannot at this wintry season of the year feast our eyes on this the greenest spot of Lower Canada, we are persuaded that under the snow lies real beauty, as under the garments of our entertainers, beat kind throbbing hearts towards our great Temperance reform.

We now meet in our Annual Session, as our good G. W. P. says "to review the past and learn its lessons," and in doing so may each and all of us learn wisdom from the "past," and with a bright eye towards the future, push steadily onward until our mission is accomplished, and our Order embrace in its vast folds, the great brotherhood of man.

Since our Meeting in Quebec in July last, our Order has reached its majority; and it is most pleasing to observe that the recommendation of the National Division, as to the proper celebration of this great and important epoch in its history was celebrated in a most becoming manner, not only by the Divisions under our jurisdiction, but wherever the Order has taken root and its great blessings have been experienced.

We are very gratified to learn of the continued success of our cause. The report of the Most Worthy Patriarch presented at the National Division held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, last summer, gives us a very cheering account of the progress of the Order all over the world; and with regard to the Report of the G. W. P. of Canada West, the same remarks may be made to apply. The unnatural war now raging in the United States, where brother is pitted against brother, and father against son, has done a great deal to destroy the usefulness of our Order, but let us hope that it will soon come to an end.

We regret to perceive that the G. W. P. has been again compelled to refer to the manner in which the Deputies perform their duties. It cannot be expected that the G. W. P. is in a position to visit all the Subordinate Divisions in Lower Canada, and we think the least the brothers on whom he confers the honor of representing him, might do, is to keep him thoroughly posted up as to the state of the Divisions in the various localities under their charge. We sincerely hope the present G. W. P. will not have to complain at our Semi-Annual Session of the same inattention.

We are rejoiced to learn, that the G. W. P. along with Bros. Stevenson and Mansfield have succeeded in removing the difference existing in A dams-ville Division, to which the particular attention of this Grand Division was directed at its Semi-Annual Meeting, and also that, during the visit of the G. W. P. to that Section of the country he had an opportunity granted him of presiding at, and addressing various Temperance gatherings.

We deplore the fact that there is no improvement to report on the subject of Juvenile organizations. Surely, we as temperance men cannot be asleep as to the importance of this great movement. Who are to take our places when the Great Patriarch above is pleased to call us away from this field of triumphs and disappointments, is a question which every one of us should be in a position to answer. Let us in the name of suffering humanity devise some means before we close this Session to organize the youth of the country, so that they at least may be free from the damning influence of the liquor traffic.

Your Committee is pleased to observe that a new organization, known by the name of the United Canadian Alliance for the total suppression of the Liquor Traffic, has been established, and promises to be of great use in furthering our glorious principles. We hope it will work in harmony with all the existing temperance organizations, and become a tower of strength in our midst.

The sentiments expressed in the latter part of the G. W. P.'s report we heartily recommend to the serious consideration of all present, and those into whose hands his report may come, let us remember the foe we contend against is no mean enemy, but is able almost to defy every effort we can put forth to destroy it, but if we be vigilant we may live to see the day when the traffic in intoxicating drinks will be as the past—and Temperance principles—the principles of the masses.

We are sorry to perceive that the Grand Scribe is compelled to complain as to the manner the quarterly returns are sent him. According to the present mode, he is not in a position to give us correct returns. This state of things should not be permitted to continue a single day; if this Grand Division has any power in the premises. Your Committee cannot see how the Deputies are so remiss in their duties, when their commissions so very plainly point out to them that they are not to install the officers of a Division until the returns are made and the *per capita* tax appropriated. The returns from every Division ought to be at the very latest in the hands of the G. S. the first month in the new quarter.

It is pleasing to observe, that the Grand Scribe has to report the organization of a new Division and the issuing of a charter for another, since our last meeting. He also reports the revival of two of our old number. Your Committee are of opinion that a good deal of good for the Order might be done by interchange of visits between Divisions, which might lead to the revival of many of the Divisions now in a drooping state. By all means let this be tried.

In accordance with instructions from the National body the G. S. addressed Circulars to Subordinate Divisions, requesting answers to certain questions, as to the admission of females to full membership, nearly all the Divisions have replied. It is therefore to be hoped the present occasion will be used for the disposal, as far as Canada East is concerned, of this matter.

Your committee cannot close this report without calling the particular attention of this Grand Division to the G. Scribe's allusion to Mr. Dunkin's Temperance Bill; we heartily approve of his recommendation, that we petition in favor of it becoming law. The Temperance men of Canada owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Dunkin member of the Legislative Assembly for the County of Brome, for the trouble he has been at in preparing this measure, and the determination he displayed in pushing it forward during the last Session of Parliament, although we might say unaided by petitions. Our impression is that if the bill is lost the responsibility will not rest with Mr. Dunkin, but

with us if we neglect the privilege we have of making our wishes heard and respected in the Legislative Hall, by means of petitioning. This bill may not go so far as many of us desire, but as the Legislature is at present constituted, we must be prepared to take what we can get in the shape of legislation for the suppression of the drinking usages of society.

We are glad to observe that the Finances of the Grand Division is in a better position than they were at the date of your Grand Scribe's last report. It must be plain to all, that as long as Subordinate Divisions neglect to send in promptly the per Capita Tax, the just dues of the Grand Division, so long must its usefulness be crippled.

We would recommend that as the act of Incorporation expires this year, that means be adopted to extend the same for another ten years, or that it may be made permanent if possible; it would be advisable to appoint a committee to see after this matter.

In conclusion your committee before closing this report on the good and welfare of the Order, would call the attention of the members to the manner in which the G. W. P. and G. S. have performed their duties, both these officers deserve our warmest thanks. May they long live to enjoy our gratitude.

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them to do so.

Amendment lost, main motion carried. Grand Division adjourned to meet at two o'clock p m.

21st Jany. 1864. 2 o'clock p. m.

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For Annual Session,—Quebec and Montreal—Montreal selected.

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Annual Meeting to be held on the 4th Wednesday in January, 1865.

Moved by Rep. Bacon, and seconded by P.G.W.P. G. M. Rose,

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**That this Grand Division believes the proceedings of all Subordinate Divisions hitherto have been conducted with a view to promote the best interests of the Order, but that, as dancing has been, in some instances, a source of contention**

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G. MACLEAN ROSE, Chairman.

In pursuance of notice given at last session of the Grand Division, Rep. Johnston moved, seconded by Rep. Fessenden, the adoption of the following addition to the by-laws of the Grand Division:—

*Resolved*,—Dancing is strictly prohibited at all meetings of Subordinate Divisions, and also at all public meetings under the auspices of any of the said Subordinate Divisions.

Moved in amendment by P. G. W. P., G. M. Rose and seconded,

*Resolved*,—That whereas the National Division has never attempted to interfere with the amusements connected with Grand Divisions, neither ought the G. D. with Subordinate Divisions. We therefore consider that Subordinate Divisions are quite competent to choose their own amusements, and allow them to do so.

Amendment lost, main motion carried. Grand Division adjourned to meet at two o'clock p m.

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forward petitions to Subordinate Divisions for signature, praying the Legislature to pass the said Bill, and that such petitions be sent to the member for the County or Town for presentation. Carried.

Report of Finance Committee.

West Shefford, 21st of January, 1864.

To G.W.P. Officers and Members of Canada East.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the Financial Statements and Accounts of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, beg to report that we have examined the same and find them correct.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

CLARK H. MANSFIELD.  
W. BATES.

On Motion adopted.

Moved by P. G. W. P., G. M. Rose and seconded.

*Resolved*:—That a Committee of five be appointed to arrange with some member of Parliament to have our Act of Incorporation extend for ten years, or made a permanent Act if possible, provided the cost does not exceed \$20. Carried.

G.W.P. named as said Committee P.G.W.P., G. M. Rose, Reps. J. Moore, P. Johnston, J. Bacon, and G. S., J. S. Hall.

Received communication from Rep. J. Hungerford, signifying his ill inability to attend the meeting of the Grand Division, owing to his health. On motion received and filed.

On motion Grand Scribe's Salary for next year was fixed at \$100.

On motion per Capita Tax, fixed at 5c.

The G. W. P. nominated the following Committees.

Good and Welfare Committee; Reps. Martin, Barret, and Stevenson. Finance Committee; J. M. Hall, Kay, and D. L. Allen. Appeals; Reps. Blackwood, McIndoe, L. H. Lawrence, G. M. Rose, C. H. Mansfield. Publishing, Constitutions, By-Laws, etc.; Reps. Fessenden, G. Smith, W. Bates.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall and seconded.

*Resolved*:—That this Grand Division urge upon each Subordinate Division the necessity of making Divisional visits to the other Subordinate Divisions in their neighborhood, and that the Grand Officers be requested to visit as many of the Divisions as they can conveniently. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Martin and seconded.

*Resolved*:—That this Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, C.E., having heard with great pleasure of the success attendant upon the means used by the United Canadian Alliance for the total suppression of the Liquor Traffic, do most heartily recommend to the Subordinate Divisions to aid and assist by all means in their power the efforts now being made by that Alliance for the effectual working of the prohibition sentiment throughout the Province. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Bacon and seconded by P.G.W.P., Duff.

*Resolved*:—That with a view to the furtherance of the great cause we are engaged in, it is expedient that a fund be established from the subscription of individual members for the purpose of engaging and supporting a Lecturer under the agency of the G. D., therefore, *Resolved*, that the members of Subordinate Divisions be solicited to subscribe to a fund to be called the Agency Fund of the G. D. of Canada East, for the above object, the funds so collected to be under the control of the G. D., and solely for Lecturing purposes. Carried.

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Moved by P.G.W.P., Duff, and seconded by Rep. Littledale.

*Resolved* :—Whereas it is expedient to bring forth and engage the young in the Temperance enterprise, and whereas there are reported to be 15,819 boys under 14 connected with the Order in other jurisdictions this G. D. recommends strongly to Sub. Divisions in this jurisdiction to organize Sections of Cadets under their auspices. And moreover the G. D. humbly suggests to the N. D. that they take such means as in their judgment may seem best to render obligatory in Sub. Divisions to organize the young in their different localities Carried.

Moved by Grand Chaplain and seconded.

*Resolved* :—That the question of remitting the amount due by Farnham Centre Division No. 62, be left in the discretion of the G. W. P. with the understanding that this G. D. is favorable to the remission of the said dues.

Moved in amendment by Rep. Stevenson and seconded.

*Resolved* :—That the debt of Farnham Centre to the Grand Division be declared canceled up to the 31st of December, 1864. Amendment Carr.ed.

Moved by P.G.W.P. G. M. Rose and seconded by Rep. J. M. Hall.

*Resolved* ;—That the thanks of this Grand Division, is due and is hereby tendered to the members of Shefford Division, and the friends, ladies and gentlemen in the vicinity of Shefford for the cordial reception given to the members of this Grand Division. Carried.

The following were elected Representatives from this Grand Division to the National Division. J. C. Becket, J. S. Hall, Alex. Smeaton, T. S. Haynes, Henry Rose, G. M. Rose, Rev. A. Duff, P.G. W.P., Wm. H. Vanvliet, W. B. Vanvliet, P.G.W.A., and J. B. Lay, G.W.P., and A. P. Hulburt, G W.A.

On motion 300 copies of proceedings ordered to be printed and distributed.

Minutes read and approved.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at Adamsville on the 1st Wednesday in July, 1864.



JOHN S. HALL,

Grand Scribe.