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**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.**

**FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.**

**ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND  
LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,**

*Held at the City of Montreal, August 1847.*

TUESDAY, August 17, 3 o'clock, P.M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, City of Montreal, pursuant to the 19th Legislative Provision, adopted at its first Session; the following were present:—

R. H. Hamilton, *M. W. Grand Sire.*  
E. L. Montizambert, *R. W. D. Grand Sire.*  
J. Cushing, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*  
J. Holland, *W. G. Chaplain.*  
John Dyde, *W. G. Marshall.*  
Robt. Cooke, *W. G. Guardian.*  
H. H. Whitney, *Member of the Prudential Committee.*

The Grand Secretary having called the roll, and reported that a constitutional quorum was present, the Deputy Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The Deputy Grand Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified; and then, by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Rep. Matthews moved, seconded by Rep. Holland, that the Grand Lodge adjourn for half an hour.

The Chair declared the motion to be out of order.

Rep. Dunkin appealed from the decision of the Chair; upon the question being put, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was decided in the affirmative.

The Grand Secretary presented the Credentials of the Representatives elect, which were read and referred to a Special Committee.

The Chair named Reps. Whitney, of Montreal, Wright, of Picton, and Maclaren, of Quebec, as the Committee.

Rep. Whitney from the Committee on Credentials made the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America:*

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the Certificates of the following Representatives as correct:—

**GRAND LODGE JURISDICTIONS.**

DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

\* D. G. Sire E. L. Montizambert; P. G.'s, \* A. Joseph; G. Hall; W. Hunt; W. Bennett; \* J. Maclaren; P. Sheppard; \* S. Wright; C. Gethings, and J. R. Healey.

DISTRICT OF MONTREAL.

\* P. G.'s A. Wilson; \* W. Sache; \* J. Gibson; \* A. H. David; J. Holmes; \* J. C. Chase; W. A. Liddell; W. Ewan; \* Geo. Matthews, and \* J. Smith.

DISTRICT OF KINGSTON.

P. G.'s E. W. Holton; A. Judd; \* J. Wright; J. A. Glassford; D. Christie; W. H. Wallace; Geo. Sherwood; \* John Rhynas; \* J. D. Pringle, and Geo. B. Lyon.

DISTRICT OF TORONTO.

P. G.'s W. A. Harvey; \* S. B. Campbell; E. F. Whittemore; \* S. B. Fairbanks; G. B. Hall; R. Kneeshaw; C. Perry; C. Forrest; W. S. Conger, and G. P. Dickson.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF CANADA.

\* P. C. P. S. B. Campbell; \* P. C. P. C. Dunkin; \* P. C. P. J. Irvine; \* P. H. P. J. M. Gilbert; P. H. P. J. A. Sewell, and \* P. H. P. J. Dyde.

\* Took his seat.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of last Session was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Pringle, it was resolved:

That the M. W. G. Sire be authorised to enter on the Minute Book his approval of the Minutes of last Session, if upon examination of the same, he shall find them correct.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following standing Committees:

*On the State of the Order.*—Reps. Whitney, of Montreal; Joseph, of Quebec, and Pringle, of Cornwall.

*On Correspondence.*—Reps. Campbell, of Toronto; Dunkin and Wilson, of Montreal.

*On Finance.*—Reps. Irvine and Gilbert, of Montreal, and Maclaren, of Quebec.

*On Petitions and Appeals.*—Reps. Wright, of Quebec; David, of Montreal, and Chase, of Stanstead.

*On Returns.*—Reps. Sache and Cook, of Montreal, and Rhynas, of Brockville.

The Grand Sire presented the following, being his Annual Report.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

**BRETHREN,**—I have much pleasure in meeting, in Annual Session, the Representatives from the various Lodges and Encampments, comprising the Grand Lodge of British North America, convened in accordance with the Legislative Provisions adopted at its first Session in January last.

It is usual for the Grand Sire upon such occasions to make communication of the proceedings which he has adopted in relation to the matters committed to his charge during the recess, to review the present condition of the Order, and at the same time to submit for consideration such matters as may be deemed conducive to its future welfare.

It affords me pleasure to be able to congratulate you on the general prosperity of the Order, which is receiving a steady and healthy increase as will, appear by the documents which will be presented to you.

By the 10th Legislative Provision of this Grand Lodge, adopted at its last Session, it was made the duty of the Grand Sire to appoint District Deputy Grand Sires for the respective Districts; and, in conformity therewith, I issued commissions appointing P. G., Peter Sheppard, for the Quebec District; P. G., E. Murney, for the Kingston District; P. G., S. B. Campbell, for the Toronto District; whose previous valuable services eminently entitled them to that honorable distinction. The reports of these several officers will be laid before you, showing the manner in which they have performed the various duties devolving upon them under the Legislative Provisions and otherwise, and which I have no doubt will sustain the high reputation which they have already acquired as efficient officers and zealous members of the Order.

I also deemed it advisable that the Grand Lodge should continue to be represented in the District of St. Francis, and, consequently, issued a new commission to D. D. Grand Sire Chase, continuing him in that office—a Brother who deservedly enjoys the marked approbation of the Order in that vicinity, for his indefatigable zeal in promoting its best interests, in any capacity in which his services were needed or could be made useful.

The several subordinate Lodges in the respective Districts not having, in any District, severally petitioned for the erection of a District Grand Lodge in accordance with the 2nd of the Legislative Provisions, elections have taken place, in each District, of Representatives to this R. W. Body, in conformity with the 16th and 17th of the said Legislative

Provisions, particulars of which will be laid before you.

In compliance with the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of the Legislative Provisions already referred to, I issued a Charter for the constituting of a Grand Encampment of Canada, which was duly established in this city, on the 22nd of July last, under the most favorable auspices.

I stated, in my address in January last, that I had issued the necessary documents authorizing two esteemed Brothers of the Patriarchal Branch, C. P. Conger, and H. P. Taylor, to open an Encampment at Belleville, which duty you will perceive by their Report, which will be laid before you, they satisfactorily performed; and Moira Encampment, No. 8, was constituted in that place, on the 25th February last, under the most encouraging circumstances. The occasion chosen for constituting this Encampment was most opportunely fixed upon the day set apart for celebrating the opening of a new and elegant Hall, built for the use of the Order, in which the worthy Patriarchs, to whom the duty of opening and constituting the Encampment had been confided, participated, and H. P. Taylor delivered an eloquent and suitable address upon the occasion; and the whole proceedings reflect much credit upon all parties concerned. While upon this subject, I may add that celebrations of an equally gratifying nature have taken place at Quebec, Stanstead, and Cobourg, which cannot fail to have been attended with advantage to the Order in developing its principles.

At the last session of your R. W. Body, the petition from certain members of Oriental Lodge, No. 7, for an Encampment to be established at Rock Island, Stanstead, was acceded to, and in pursuance therewith, the requisite documents were furnished to D. D. G. Sire J. C. Chase, by whose report it will be perceived, that he opened and constituted Tomfobi Encampment, No. 7, at that place, on the 30th March last; and if we may judge from the steady and healthy progress which the other branch of the Order has made in that vicinity, we may confidently rely upon similar success attending the Patriarchal branch.

Applications having been made in due form, through D. D. G. Sire S. B. Campbell, for Dispen-sations, to authorize the establishing of two new Lodges in the Toronto District confided to his charge, they were transmitted to him accordingly, and you will observe by the report of that intelligent and indefatigable officer, that he opened and constituted Home Lodge, No. 21, at Toronto, on the 18th March last; Phœnix Lodge, No. 22, at Oshawa, on the 29th of the same month, under the most favorable prospects.

It is with much gratification that I am able to intimate to you that an anxious desire to participate in the benefits of our Order, seems to exist in the Lower Provinces under this jurisdiction. This feeling has been expressed in Nova Scotia, by communications to the public prints, but not, as yet, in a shape sufficiently tangible to enable us to take action thereon. A letter, addressed to P. G. Dunkin, from the city of St. Johns, New Brunswick, requesting information as to the proper mode of establishing a Lodge of our Order in that place, was handed to me in the beginning of July by that worthy and esteemed Brother. I have caused a reply to be transmitted thereto, pointing out the steps necessary for the end in view, and promising every facility in aid thereof. To this letter no answer has yet been received; but I have little doubt that, when the period of our next Annual Session arrives, we shall be able to hail as Brethren the members of not a few Lodges in New Brunswick and the other Lower Provinces.

The disunited state of the Odd Fellow Brotherhood throughout the world, has been a matter of serious regret to all true Odd Fellows, and has, during the course of last year, engaged the attention of several zealous and efficient Lodges in this Province. The abrupt termination of the negotiations for a union entered into at Wigan, in the year 1842, between the Manchester Unity and the Grand Lodge of the United States, has been regarded with much concern by many members of the former Body itself; and you will, no doubt, be pleased to learn that steps have been taken by some of the Officers of that Fraternity to tender the olive branch of reconciliation to our Brethren of the United States. That this proposal, if carried out, would have been received by the Grand Lodge of the United States with the same friendship and conciliatory courtesy which we have ever experienced from that distinguished Body during our mutual intercourse, there is every reason to believe; and, should we succeed in arranging amicable terms of communion with any of the Associations of Odd Fellows in Great Britain, I have as little doubt that these terms will be cordially acceded to by our Brethren in the United States.

The charge of endeavouring to establish friendly relations in Great Britain having been entrusted—indirectly, it is true—by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, to “the newly established Canadian Sovereignty in Odd Fellowship,” I took advantage of the sojourn in that country, during the last winter, of a member of our Order, distinguished for the indefatigable zeal and ability with which he has, upon many occasions, promoted its best interests

—Brother H. E. Montgomerie, to entrust to him the duty of enquiring into the prospects of a reunion. The able and satisfactory Report of that much esteemed Brother, with the accompanying documents, will acquaint you with the particulars of his proceedings under that Commission.

Along with that Report, I was much pleased to receive copies of the Blank Diplomas, and other Forms in use by the Manchester Unity, together with several of the publications of that Body, which had been transmitted, through the hands of the Brother referred to for presentation to this Grand Lodge. I trust that you will be enabled to carry out the intercourse, thus begun, to a prosperous issue, with the aid and concurrence of our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and I now commend the subject to your most earnest consideration, deeply impressed with the importance of using every endeavour towards the great end of a firm and lasting union of the whole Fraternity of Odd Fellows.

The duty of drafting a complete digest of such laws and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the government of the Order, having been assigned to the Prudential Committee, by the 21st article of the Legislative Provisions, I am relieved from the necessity of entering into any elaborate recommendations upon that head; I, however, deem the present a fitting occasion, when you are about deliberating upon the Constitutions to be granted to the District Grand and Subordinate Lodges, to offer for your consideration, some suggestions which have been dictated to me by experience in my official capacity.

I believe that a feeling very generally prevails, that the establishment of District Grand Lodges would be attended with great advantages to the Order, and that its early accomplishment is highly desirable; it has, no doubt, been retarded in consequence of the 2nd Article of the Legislative Provisions, requiring all the Subordinate Lodges situate within the District, to acquiesce in the erection of a Grand Lodge, before a Charter could be issued; which could not fail, sooner or later, to create dissatisfaction, the smallest minority being thus vested with the power of controlling the wishes of the majority. I recommend this matter to your deliberate consideration, that such legislation may be had, as will meet the wishes generally expressed in the respective Districts.

I invite your particular attention to the present constitution of Degree Lodges, as well as to the mode of conferring Degrees with the view of insuring more uniformity in practice than at present prevails, and a more regular attendance of members, much and very general dissatisfaction having been expressed at the thin attendance

as well as the great difficulty of obtaining the services of qualified Brothers to serve in the respective offices. The objects desired, I think, might be attained by rendering service in Degree Lodges a qualification for the higher offices in the Order, and I submit whether the present system might not be improved by establishing in each subordinate Lodge, situate, where no Degree Lodge exists, an additional Office of Degree Master, also conferring on that Officer eligibility for higher offices for services rendered in that capacity.

While upon the subject of according to Brothers, for services rendered, qualifications for the higher offices, which do not now exist, I deem it to be my duty to bring under your consideration the position of several members of the Order distinguished for their services in the higher offices, and for the zeal which they have manifested but who are debarred by the present law from receiving the Secretary's Degree, in consequence of not having served in that office, and are thus laboring under a disability to attain the higher offices in the Order. In several instances the Brethren alluded to could not, under any circumstances, devote the time required for the due performance of the duties appertaining to the office of Secretary—in some cases, in consequence of their professional avocations and in others owing to their public engagements—but have rendered good service by the zealous discharge of their official duties and enjoy largely the confidence of their respective Lodges. It is submitted whether some special enactment might not be passed to afford relief to the members so circumstanced, making it requisite that the application should be made by their respective Lodges, who, it is to be presumed, are the best judges whether their services entitle them to receive it, and thereby retaining that salutary principle that services *alone* should confer rank.

Much inconvenience has been felt, in newly constituted Lodges, from the difficulty experienced in finding duly qualified members to fill the chairs of the officers, during their absence from the place of meeting, it having frequently occurred that the two highest officers have been obliged to be absent at the same time, and the chairs have been occupied by their supporters. The circumstance is presented to your notice under a conviction that an enactment might be passed to remedy the inconvenience confining its operation to newly constituted Lodges for a limited period.

I make no doubt that the subject of Contributions and Benefits will engage your serious attention with the view of deciding whether it would not be desirable to pass a law, requiring Lodges to propor-

tion the one to the other, upon a well constituted scale, it being a matter involving the most important considerations upon the future well-being of the Order.

The present undefined and unsatisfactory state of the law, in all its bearings, with respect to the mode of preferring charges against members who have committed offences at variance with the principles of the Order, will, I trust, form a portion of your deliberations; in such case I would respectfully recommend the following as the most important points which, in my humble judgment, should engage your attention:

That the Brother preferring the charge, be required to give such a specification thereof, that the accused may be prepared to meet it, and the Lodge be able, *in limine*, to judge whether it be of a frivolous nature, or otherwise not cognizable by a Lodge, and thereby save the accused Brother the mortification of being cited to appear before a Committee, to answer charges of an untenable and frivolous nature.

To adopt regulations as to the mode to be observed by Committees, in investigating charges, and the trial of Brethren thereon.

To define the cases, and under what circumstances, appeals shall be permitted to be taken from the decision of Committees to Lodges, and from Lodges to the higher Tribunals of the Order; as well as to regulate the method to be observed in conducting and hearing appeals, so that a uniform system may be followed throughout this jurisdiction.

The present system has been found to create vexatious delays and consequent disunion, to prevent which by every possible means, as being incompatible with our principles, should be our constant study.

The Grand Secretary will lay before you an account of the fiscal transactions of this Lodge, as well as the several Reports, Communications, and other Documents received during the recess.

The important duties devolving upon the D. D. G. Sires, renders it highly necessary that their authority should be held in respect, and nothing could be more conducive to that desirable object than to have their powers clearly defined; I therefore recommend that matter also to your consideration.

The appointment of a Grand Committee, composed of Officers of the Grand Lodge, to aid in the details of the Executive Business of the Order, during the recess, has been attended with the most beneficial results, in many instances, in the United States, and I therefore deem the subject worthy of your consideration, feeling confident that the introduction of a similar system here would be attended with like advantages.

Having noticed such subjects as I deemed it necessary to bring prominently under your consideration, I will, in conclusion, submit for your

deliberation whether it would not be advisable to make provision for the holding of a Special Session early in the ensuing year, to make permanent enactments for the future government of the Order; at which period a large attendance of Representatives may be relied upon—the wishes of the Brotherhood will be better known, with respect to many matters which are not by any means at present well understood; and we shall be aided in our legislation by the valuable forthcoming Digest of the Laws of the Order, which, it is understood, will be presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its next Session.

R. H. HAMILTON,  
GRAND SIRE.

On motion of Rep. Whitney, seconded by Rep. Joseph, it was resolved:

That the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire be received, and that 100 copies be printed for the use of the Grand Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Campbell, it was resolved:

That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it stand adjourned to meet at half-past 2 o'clock, p.m., tomorrow, and that its after meetings be held daily at the hours of half-past 2 and 7 o'clock, p.m., respectively.

On motion of Rep. Whitney, seconded by Rep. Chase, it was resolved:

That agreeably to the 23rd Legislative Provision of this R. W. Grand Lodge, the Election of Grand Officers shall be held to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, and take precedence of all other business.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

J. CUSHING,  
Grand Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 18,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. D. Grand Sire, R. W. Grand Secretary, W. G. Marshall, W. G. Guardian;

Also present—Reps. Chase, Wilson, Wright (Quebec), Maclaren, Irvine, Smith, Matthews, Gilbert, David, Rhynas, Ewan, Fairbanks, Whitney, Wright (Picton), Liddell, Pringle, Dunkin, Sache, Gibson, and Joseph; also, P. G. L. H. Holton, Member of the Prudential Committee.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Moved by Rep. Whitney, seconded by Rep. Matthews, to resolve:

That P. G. M. H. Seymour, having been an Officer in this Grand Lodge in January last, be now allowed to take his seat.

On a division, the motion was lost.

Moved by D. Grand Sire Montizambert, seconded by Rep. Whitney:

That inasmuch as it appears that the Twentieth Legislative Provision of the 23rd of January last, was adopted without adverting to the circumstance, that some of the Officers of the late Grand Lodge

of Canada were not Officers of this Grand Lodge; such Officers of the said late Grand Lodge as have not become Officers of this Grand Lodge, shall, nevertheless, be held to have been, and to be, members of this Grand Lodge.

The question being put, was resolved in the affirmative.

The Yeas and Nays being called for, appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Campbell, Cooke, Cushing, David, Dyde, Fairbanks, Gilbert, Joseph, Matthews, Montizambert, Pringle, Rhynas, Sache, Smith, Whitney, Wright (Quebec), Wright (Picton).—17.

Nays.—Reps. Chase, Dunkin, Ewan, Gibson, Holton, Irvine, Liddell, Maclaren, Wilson.—9.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America:*

The duty of compiling a Statement of the affairs of the Order for the information of this R. W. Grand Lodge, having been enjoined upon me at the last Session, I have endeavoured, from the imperfect details in my possession, to comply with the requirement, and beg herewith to present documents, A and B, as exhibiting the condition and progress of the Order during the past year.

I have to regret that the information contained in these documents is necessarily confined to the Subordinate Lodges, the Reports in my hands being wholly inadequate for the purpose of enabling me to lay before you any satisfactory Statement of the affairs of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order. It is to be hoped that this deficiency may yet be supplied by the M. W. Grand Patriarch of the District Grand Encampment.

I have further to regret that a number, of the Lodges have failed to transmit to me their Annual Reports, though urgently requested to do so, while others have sent them in without apparently any form to guide them. I would, respectfully, call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the importance of devising some means, by which a system of prompt and accurate returns may be secured, so as to enable the Grand Secretary to make his Annual Report, complete in all matters of interest relating to the Order within the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

In submitting the present Report, I would avail myself of the occasion, to acknowledge the valuable assistance which I have received from the Deputy Grand Sires of the several Districts, whose faithful discharge of the varied and responsible duties which devolve upon them, entitle them to rank high in the estimation of the Brethren, and to whose zeal in the Order may be attributed much of its efficiency and prosperity.

In obedience to the law, defining the duties of the Grand Secretary, I beg, respectfully, to submit herewith a statement of the receipts of my Office for the past year; also, a statement of disbursements, accompanied by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted.

J. CUSHING,  
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—The account of the fiscal transactions of the Grand Lodge, as submitted by the Grand Secretary, being also included in the General Statement, to be sent to Subordinates, is here omitted.

# DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

(Doc. A.)

ANNUAL REPORT of the Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America, I. O. O. F., for the year ending June, 1847.

| LODGES.               | Where held.          | District.      | Day of Meeting. | Initiations. | Admitted by Card. | Withdrawn by Card. | Suspensions. | Reinstatements. | Expulsions. | Fast Grands. | Contributing Members. | Names of P. G. Masters. | Revenue. |       | No. of Brothers Relieved. | No. of Brothers Buried. | No. of Brothers. | Amount paid for Relief of Widowed Families. | Amount paid for Orphanages. | Amount paid for Burying the Dead. |       | Total Amount of Relief. |       |       |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
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| Queen's,.....         | Montreal,.....       | Montreal,..... | Wednesday,..... | 19           | 2                 | 23                 | 1            | .....           | .....       | 2            | 15                    | 241                     | .....    | 459   | 17                        | 9                       | 18               | 2   | 1                           | 1                                 | 1     | 1                       | 1     | 1     |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
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| Victoria,.....        | Belleville,.....     | Kingston,..... | .....           | .....        | .....             | .....              | .....        | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Oriental,.....        | Stanslead,.....      | Montreal,..... | Wednesday,..... | 26           | 2                 | 1                  | 5            | 6               | 2           | 7            | 192                   | .....                   | .....    | 177   | 11                        | 3                       | 10               | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Canada,.....          | Montreal,.....       | Montreal,..... | Friday,.....    | 22           | 6                 | .....              | .....        | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Brock,.....           | Brockville,.....     | Kingston,..... | Tuesday,.....   | 19           | 5                 | 5                  | .....        | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Catarqui,.....        | Kingston,.....       | Kingston,..... | Tuesday,.....   | 39           | 3                 | 4                  | 1            | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Prince Edward,.....   | Pictou,.....         | Kingston,..... | Wednesday,..... | 63           | 10                | 4                  | 1            | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Ontario,.....         | Cobourg,.....        | Toronto,.....  | Saturday,.....  | 25           | 4                 | 2                  | 10           | 2               | 1           | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Otonabee,.....        | Peterboro,.....      | Toronto,.....  | Monday,.....    | 81           | 7                 | 6                  | 2            | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Hope,.....            | Port Hope,.....      | Toronto,.....  | Monday,.....    | 23           | 1                 | 3                  | .....        | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Tecumseh,.....        | Toronto,.....        | Toronto,.....  | Friday,.....    | 26           | 4                 | 8                  | 20           | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Union,.....           | St. Catharines,..... | Toronto,.....  | Monday,.....    | 74           | 3                 | 2                  | 2            | 1               | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Burlington,.....      | Hamilton,.....       | Toronto,.....  | Thursday,.....  | 28           | 3                 | 2                  | .....        | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| St. Francis,.....     | Cornwall,.....       | Kingston,..... | Wednesday,..... | 31           | 5                 | .....              | .....        | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Mercantile,.....      | Quebec,.....         | Quebec,.....   | .....           | .....        | .....             | .....              | .....        | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Ottawa,.....          | Quebec,.....         | Kingston,..... | .....           | .....        | .....             | .....              | .....        | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Home,.....            | Hytown,.....         | Kingston,..... | .....           | .....        | .....             | .....              | .....        | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Phoenix,.....         | Toronto,.....        | Toronto,.....  | Monday,.....    | 15           | 2                 | 3                  | 1            | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Phoenix,.....         | Oshawa,.....         | Toronto,.....  | Monday,.....    | 20           | 2                 | .....              | .....        | .....           | .....       | .....        | .....                 | .....                   | .....    | ..... | .....                     | .....                   | .....            | .....                                       | .....                       | .....                             | ..... | .....                   | ..... | ..... |       |     |   |   |     |    |   |
| Phoenix,.....         | .....                | .....          | .....           | 583          | 65                | 3284               | 26           | 1               | 3           | 10           | 113                   | 2233                    | .....    | 3086  | 9                         | 4                       | 130              | 7   | 8                           | 362                               | 9     | 5                       | 60    | 15    | 0     | 103 | 1 | 1 | 541 | 15 | 6 |

**Doc. B.**

*Abstract from the Annual Report of the Subordinate Lodges, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America, I. O. O. F., for the Year ending June, 1847.*

|   |          |           |
|---|----------|-----------|
| Initiations, ... ..                         | 583      |           |
| Rejections, ... ..                          | 65       |           |
| Admitted by card, ... ..                    | 32       |           |
| Withdrawn by card, ... ..                   | 84       |           |
| Suspensions, ... ..                         | 26       |           |
| Re-instatements, ... ..                     | 1        |           |
| Expulsions, ... ..                          | 3        |           |
| Deaths, ... ..                              | 10       |           |
| Past Grands, ... ..                         | 113      |           |
| Past Grand Masters, ... ..                  | 3        |           |
| Contributing Members, ... ..                | 2233     |           |
| Revenue, ... ..                             |          | £3086 9 4 |
| Number of Brothers relieved, ...            | 130      |           |
| Number of widowed families relieved,        | 7        |           |
| Number of Brothers buried, ...              | 7        |           |
| Number of Brothers' wives buried,           | 8        |           |
| Amount paid for relief of Brothers,         | 362 9 5  |           |
| Amount paid for relief of widowed families, | 60 15 0  |           |
| Amount paid for education of orphans,       | 15 10 0  |           |
| Amount paid for burying the dead,           | 103 1 1  |           |
| Total Amount of Relief, _____               | 541 15 6 |           |

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Campbell, it was ordered :

That 100 copies of the Grand Secretary's Report be printed for the use of Representatives.

The time having arrived for taking up the Special Order of the day.

On motion of Rep. Fairbanks, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination of Candidates for the office of Grand Sire ; when the following was made :

By Rep. Joseph ; D. G. Sire Montizambert.

The nomination being closed, and there being only one Candidate, the Grand Sire proclaimed that D. G. Sire Montizambert was unanimously elected Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination of Candidates for the Office of D. G. Sire ; when the following were made :

By Rep. Pringle, Rep. Dunkin,  
By Rep. Joseph, Rep. Matthews,  
By Rep. Cooke, Rep. Whitney.

Representative Whitney declined.

The nomination being closed, the Grand Lodge, on motion, proceeded to the election.

The Chair named Reps. Campbell and Chase as tellers.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were respectively called, announced the following result, that Rep. Dunkin had received 19 votes, and Rep. Matthews, 4. Whereupon the Grand Sire proclaimed, that Rep. Dunkin was duly elected D. G. Sire for the ensuing term.

Pending the election for D. G. Sire, Past Grand Seymour entered and took his seat.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination of Candidates for the Office of Grand Secretary ; when the following were made :

By D. D. G. S. Campbell, P. G. J. Cushing,  
By P. G. Ewan, P. G. W. Hilton.

The nominations being closed, on motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election.

The tellers having received the ballots, reported that P. G. Hilton had received 13 votes, and P. G. Cushing 11. Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. Hilton was duly elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to nominations for the Office of Grand Treasurer ; when the following were made :

By Rep. Wilson, Rep. Dyde.  
By Rep. Cooke, Rep. Whitney.  
Representative Whitney declined.

There being only one Candidate in nomination, the Grand Sire announced that Rep. Dyde was duly elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Order of business was suspended to allow Rep. Irvine to report upon the accounts of the Grand Lodge. Rep. Irvine presented the following statement :—

**YEARLY RECAPITULATION.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1845.

**RECEIPTS.**

|                                   |          |            |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Borrowed Money to pay for Charter | £ 7 10 0 |            |
| Three Charters -                  | 22 10 0  |            |
| Visiting and Clearance Cards -    | 4 6 3    |            |
| Subordinate Dues -                | 182 9 1  |            |
|                                   |          | £ 216 15 4 |

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

|  |          |            |
|--|----------|------------|
| Paid for Charter of Grand Lodge -                        | £ 7 10 0 |            |
| Duties on Charge Books, &c -                             | 2 13 6   |            |
| Rev'd. A Case's expenses to open Grand Lodge of Canada - | 29 17 6  |            |
| Postages -   | 4 1 10   |            |
| Mills, keeper of Hall -                                  | 1 10 0   |            |
| Print'g & Advertising -                                  | 10 12 2  |            |
| Furniture -  | 1 15 10  |            |
| Blank Books and Stationery -                             | 11 18 0  |            |
|  |          | 69 18 10   |
| Balance on hand -  |          | £ 146 16 6 |

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1846.

**RECEIPTS.**

|   |           |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Balance from last year -                            | £146 16 6 |            |
| Subordinate Dues -                                  | 383 2 2   |            |
| Visiting & Clearance Cards -                        | 23 10 2   |            |
| On Account of Deputation expenses -                 | 7 12 0    |            |
| Rent of Hall -                                      | 161 1 4   |            |
| Thirteen Charters -                                 | 97 10 0   |            |
| Borrowed Money from Subordinate L's, No. 1, 2 & 5 - | 200 0 0   |            |
|   |           | £1019 12 2 |

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

|                         |          |  |
|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Stationery -            | £ 0 14 9 |  |
| Fitting up Hall -       | 462 7 4  |  |
| Loss on Celebration -   | 22 17 7  |  |
| Rent of Hall -          | 310 15 7 |  |
| Mills, keeper of Hall - | 35 10 0  |  |

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|---|---------|-----------|
| Engraving, Printing,<br>&c - - -        | 37 2 7  |           |
| Postages - - -                          | 11 17 9 |           |
| Charge Books, Visit-<br>ing Cards, &c - | 7 13 10 |           |
| Grand Secretary -                       | 39 18 4 |           |
| Deputation to (C.W.)<br>expenses, &c -  | 76 0 0  |           |
|   |         | 1004 17 9 |

Balance on hand - - £ 14 14 5

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1847.

## RECEIPTS.

|  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Balance from last<br>year - - -        | £ 14 14 5 |           |
| Subordinate Dues -                     | 436 10 8  |           |
| Rents from Subordi-<br>nates and Hall- | 309 4 8   |           |
| On Account of Deputa-<br>tion expenses | 60 16 0   |           |
| Two Charters - -                       | 15 0 0    |           |
| Visiting & Clearance<br>Cards - - -    | 3 15 3    |           |
|  |           | £ 840 1 0 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|   |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
| Mills, keeper of Hall -                               | £ 60 0 0 |          |
| G. L., U.S., on acc't<br>Books, Cards, of<br>&c - - - | 49 14 3  |          |
| Representative Tax -                                  | 10 0 0   |          |
| Do. Expenses -  | 20 0 0   |          |
| Springle, Architect -                                 | 1 5 0    |          |
| P. G. Hardie (gift f'm<br>G.L.) - - -                 | 15 0 0   |          |
| Odd Fellows' Record                                   | 7 0 0    |          |
| Printing, &c - - -                                    | 2 18 9   |          |
| Insurance against Fire                                | 1 5 0    |          |
| Firewood, &c - - -                                    | 22 19 5  |          |
| Fitting up Hall - -                                   | 129 7 3  |          |
| Gas - - - - -   | 49 8 10  |          |
| Rent of Hall - - -                                    | 342 12 6 |          |
| Interest on borrowed<br>money - - -                   | 12 0 0   |          |
| Grand Secretary -                                     | 60 0 0   |          |
|   |          | 783 11 0 |

Balance on hand - - £ 56 10 0

## RECAPITULATION.

|                                     |            |            |
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| RECEIPTS.                           |            |            |
| Borrowed Money - - -                | £ 207 10 0 |            |
| Visiting Cards, &c - -              | 31 11 8    |            |
| On account of Deputation expenses - | 68 8 0     |            |
| Charters - - - - -                  | 135 0 0    |            |
| Subordinate Dues - - -              | 1002 1 11  |            |
| Rents - - - - -                     | 470 6 0    |            |
|                                     |            | £1914 17 7 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                    |          |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Charter - - - - -                  | £ 7 10 0 |  |
| Visiting Cards, Charge Books, &c - | 60 1 7   |  |
| Mills, keeper of Hall - - -        | 97 0 0   |  |
| Furniture and Fitting Hall - - -   | 593 10 5 |  |
| Rents - - - - -                    | 653 8 1  |  |
| Expenses of Deputation to (C.W.)   | 76 0 0   |  |
| Rev'd. A. Case's expenses -        | 29 17 6  |  |

|                                    |          |            |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Postages - - - - -                 | 15 19 7  |            |
| Printing and Advertising - - -     | 13 10 11 |            |
| Blank Books and Stationery - - -   | 12 12 9  |            |
| Loss on Celebration - - - - -      | 22 17 7  |            |
| Engraving and Printing - - - -     | 37 2 7   |            |
| Grand Secretary - - - - -          | 99 18 4  |            |
| Representative Tax - - - - -       | 10 0 0   |            |
| Do. Expenses - - - - -             | 20 0 0   |            |
| Springle, Architect - - - - -      | 1 5 0    |            |
| P. G. Hardie (gift of G. L.) - - - | 15 0 0   |            |
| Odd Fellows' Record - - - - -      | 7 0 0    |            |
| Insurance against Fire - - - - -   | 1 5 0    |            |
| Firewood, &c - - - - -             | 22 19 5  |            |
| Gas - - - - -                      | 49 8 10  |            |
| Interest - - - - -                 | 12 0 0   |            |
| Balance on hand - - - - -          | 56 10 0  |            |
|                                    |          | £1914 17 7 |

|                                    |          |           |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Folio.                             | BALANCE. | Dr.       |
| 3 To Prince Albert Lodge, No. 3 -  | £ 2 4 10 |           |
| 4 Albion Lodge, No. 4 - - -        | 4 12 3   |           |
| 8 Cash - - - - -                   | 56 10 0  |           |
| 10 Furniture - - - - -             | 685 6 10 |           |
| 11 Visiting Cards, &c - - -        | 27 14 1  |           |
| 13 Victoria Lodge, No. 6 - - -     | 5 9 5    |           |
| 14 Oriental Lodge, No. 7 - - -     | 3 15 1   |           |
| 15 Canada Lodge, No. 8 - - -       | 11 16 9  |           |
| 16 Brock Lodge, No. 9 - - -        | 9 17 0   |           |
| 18 Prince Edward Lodge, No. 11 -   | 0 16 5   |           |
| 19 Ontario Lodge, No. 12 - - -     | 0 15 6   |           |
| 20 Otonabee Lodge, No. 13 - - -    | 2 10 6   |           |
| 21 Hope Lodge, No. 14 - - -        | 0 9 0    |           |
| 22 Tecumseh Lodge, No. 15 - - -    | 4 16 0   |           |
| 25 St. Francis Lodge, No. 18 - - - | 1 13 3   |           |
| 26 Mercantile Lodge, No. 19 - - -  | 0 9 0    |           |
| 27 Ottawa Lodge, No. 20 - - -      | 0 15 0   |           |
| 28 Hochelaga Encampment No. 1 -    | 12 17 10 |           |
| 29 Royal Mount do. No. 3 - - -     | 7 19 6   |           |
| 30 Victoria Degree Lodge, No. 1 -  | 7 3 0    |           |
|                                    |          | £847 11 3 |

|                                     |           |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Folio.                              | BALANCE.  | Cr.       |
| 1 By Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1 - | £ 31 11 7 |           |
| 2 Queen's Lodge, No. 2 - - -        | 64 14 5   |           |
| 5 Commercial Lodge, No. 5 - - -     | 67 3 1    |           |
| 12 Grand Lodge - - - - -            | 494 17 1  |           |
| 17 Catarqui Lodge, No. 19 - - -     | 0 1 6     |           |
| 31 W. Rodden - - - - -              | 47 6 2    |           |
| 35 Grand Lodge, U.S. - - - - -      | 37 10 0   |           |
| D. McDonald - - - - -               | 1 14 10   |           |
| J. M. Gilbert - - - - -             | 1 16 8    |           |
| Gas Company - - - - -               | 14 17 4   |           |
| R. & C. Chalmers - - - - -          | 0 16 9    |           |
| R. Weir - - - - -                   | 2 6 6     |           |
| R. Clay - - - - -                   | 4 16 3    |           |
| G. F. Prowse - - - - -              | 8 13 3    |           |
| R. Weir & Co - - - - -              | 16 2 9    |           |
| George Garth - - - - -              | 34 0 8    |           |
| J. C. Becket - - - - -              | 3 16 0    |           |
| J. C. Peirce & Co - - - - -         | 0 12 1    |           |
| Benjamin Brothers - - - - -         | 4 6 10    |           |
| C. Bryson - - - - -                 | 6 17 6    |           |
| J. E. Chamberlain - - - - -         | 3 10 0    |           |
|                                     |           | £847 11 3 |

JOHN IRVINE, Accountant,  
Representative from Grand Encampment.

On motion of Rep. Fairbanks, seconded by Rep. Wilson, it was resolved :

That the report be received and referred to a Committee of Five for examination.

The Chair named Reps. Fairbanks, Wright (Quebec), Dyde, Irvine, and Wilson.

On motion, the Rules of Order were further suspended to allow the General Prudential Committee to report.

D. G. Sire Montizambert from the General Prudential Committee presented the following report :  
*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The General Prudential Committee, appointed at the last Session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, for the purpose of preparing a draft of a complete digest of all such Laws and Regulations, as in their opinion might require to be enacted by this R. W. Grand Lodge, for the government of the Order in British North America, beg leave to report—

That they have given due consideration to the subject referred to them, and have come to the conclusion, that there need only be enacted for the present, a Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for this R. W. Grand Lodge, of which a draft is herewith submitted.

Your Committee flatter themselves that these will be found on examination to provide sufficiently for the composition and regulation of this R. W. Grand Lodge as well as for the gradual extension, and complete and uniform organisation and government of the Order, throughout the British North American Provinces.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT,  
Chairman.

H. H. WHITNEY,  
JOHN DYDE.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Wright (Picton), it was resolved :

That the report be received, and that it be the first order of business this evening.

On motion of Rep. Campbell, seconded by Rep. Chase, it was ordered :

That the Grand Sire's report be referred to a Committee of three, to allot the different subjects to appropriate Committees.

The Chair named Reps. Campbell, Chase and Dunkin as the Committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

J. CUSHING,  
Grand Secretary.

7 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. D. G. Sire, R. W. G. Secretary, W. G. Chaplain, W. G. Guardian ;

Also present—Reps. Whitney, David, Chase, Seymour, Gibson, Ewan, Rhynas, Wright (Picton), Joseph, Smith, Dunkin, Pringle, Wilson, Campbell, and Maclaren.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the order of business was suspended for the purpose of receiving the report of the Spe-

cial Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

We, Your Committee, to whom has been referred the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire, beg leave to report that we have carefully perused the same, and find that the portions thereof which recommend action on the part of this Body, are the following :—

1st.—The 12th, 13th and 14th paragraphs, on the subject of the relations of the several Branches of the Order of Odd Fellows.

2nd.—The 16th paragraph, on the subject of the establishment of local Grand Lodges, subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

3rd.—The 17th paragraph, on that of the Machinery for the conferring of Degrees.

4th.—The 18th paragraph, on the effect of the existing Rules of the Order, relative to the Past Secretary's Degree.

5th.—The 19th paragraph, relative to the inconvenience in some cases of the present rules of qualification for the chairs at Lodge meetings.

6th.—The 20th paragraph, on the subject of the proportion which should subsist between dues and benefits in all Lodges and Encampments.

7th.—The 21st paragraph, on that of the Rules of the Order in regard to charges against Brothers of the Order.

8th.—The 22nd paragraph, on the Fiscal Affairs of this Grand Lodge.

9th.—The 23rd paragraph, on the Office of D. G. Sire.

10th.—The 24th paragraph, recommending the appointment of the Officers of this Grand Lodge as a Grand Executive Committee, to aid the Grand Sire during the recesses of this Grand Lodge.

11th.—The 25th and last paragraph, suggesting a Special Session of this Grand Lodge early in the ensuing year.

Your Committee recommend that the portions of the Report referring to the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th, of these subjects, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and the 8th, with the financial reports therein adverted to, to the Finance Committee.

The portions relative to the 2d, 10th and 11th subjects, Your Committee think will come so unavoidably under the consideration of this Body, while discussing the report of the Prudential Committee, that they recommend their being taken up by the Grand Lodge in connexion with it.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

S. B. CAMPBELL,  
JOSEPH C. CHASE,  
CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN.

On motion of Rep. Whitney, seconded by Rep. David :

The Report was received, and the recommendations adopted.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Campbell, it was resolved :

That it be an instruction to the Committee of the whole, on the report of the General Prudential Committee, to consider, in connexion with the said report, the recommendations of the M. W. Grand Sire's Report already ordered for consideration therewith.

According to order, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the General Prudential Committee.

D. D. G. Sire Campbell of Toronto, in the Chair. The Committee, having spent some time in consideration of the subject, rose. The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion, leave was granted and that it be the first order of business at the next meeting.

While in Committee, Reps. Gilbert, Wright (Quebec), and Holton entered.

The Report of Brother H. E. Montgomerie, in relation to certain proceedings under a Commission issued by the M. W. Grand Sire, and the documents accompanying said report, were presented and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Secretary presented the appeal of D. D. Grand Sire Chase from the decision of Oriental Lodge, No. 7, upon the application of a Brother of said Lodge for benefits—which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Secretary presented a Petition from Ottawa Lodge, No. 20, praying to be detached from the District Grand Lodge Jurisdiction of Kingston, and joined to that of Montreal—which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Secretary presented the several reports and documents relating to the formation of Moira Encampment, No. 8, Tomifobi Encampment, No. 7, Home Lodge, No. 21, and Phoenix Lodge, No. 22—which were referred to the Committee on Returns.

The Grand Secretary presented several communications received at his office during the recess—which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Grand Secretary presented the Quarterly and Annual Reports received from the Lodges under this Jurisdiction—which were referred to the Committee on Returns.

Moved by Rep. Joseph, seconded by Rep. Pringle, and resolved in the negative:

That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it stands adjourned to Thursday, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

J. CUSHING,  
Grand Secretary.

THURSDAY, August 19,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. D. G. Sire, R. W. G. Secretary, W. G. Marshall, W. G. Guardian;

Also present—Reps. Chase, Wright (Quebec), Pringle, Wright (Picton), Sache, Rhynas, Dunkin, Maclaren, Fairbanks, Irvine, Gilbert, Whitney, and Campbell.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

According to order, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the General Prudential Committee, D. D. G. Sire Campbell in the Chair.

After some hours' deliberation, the Committee rose.

The Grand Sire having resumed the Chair, D. D. G. Sire Campbell, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which, on motion, was granted.

While in Committee the W. G. Chaplain and Reps. Joseph, Matthews and Wilson entered.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

J. CUSHING,  
Grand Secretary.

7 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. W. G. Sire, R. W. D. G. Sire, R. W. G. Secretary, W. G. Chaplain, W. G. Marshall; Also present—Reps. Wright (Quebec), Chase, Sache, Campbell, Dunkin, Whitney, Wilson, Ewan, Gilbert, and Gibson.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Rep. S. Wright from the Special Committee on the accounts of the Grand Lodge, made the following report:—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America:*

We, Your Committee, appointed to examine the accounts of this Grand Lodge, with a view of furnishing a printed statement of its affairs to the several Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction, do report, that having examined the statements herewith submitted, we would respectfully recommend to this Lodge, that the accounts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, be printed, and copies furnished to the several Subordinate Lodges, which, in a condensed form, will convey every information necessary to be given to the several Subordinate Lodges, of the receipts and disbursements of this Grand Lodge.

We beg further to recommend that an account current with each of the Subordinate Lodges be furnished forthwith, in order that this Lodge may avail itself of any balances due from Subordinate Lodges, and as affording a satisfactory acknowledgment, to the several Subordinate Lodges, of all monies paid by them to this Grand Lodge, and that hereafter an account current be annually furnished by this Grand Lodge, to the several Encampments, and Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

We would further recommend that in order to make a complete and satisfactory statement of the affairs of this Grand Lodge, a Committee be appointed to ascertain the present value of the property belonging to this Grand Lodge, the sum of £685 6s. 10d., set down in No. 5 as the value of the furniture, being a sum far beyond the value of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. FAIRBANKS,  
JOHN DYDE,  
JNO. IRVINE,  
S. WRIGHT,  
ANDREW WILSON.

On motion of Rep. Whitney, seconded by D. G. Sire Montizambert:

The Report was received and adopted.

Rep. Whitney from the Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received:—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was submitted that portion of the Grand Sire's Report, having reference to benefits, beg to recommend that the subject be referred to the Provincial Grand Lodges, and that a scale of benefits be decided on by each Provincial Grand Lodge, as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted.

A. JOSEPH,  
H. H. WHITNEY,  
J. D. PRINGLE.

Rep. Whitney from the same Committee, made the following report, which was received and ordered to lie on the table :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was submitted that portion of the Grand Sire's Report, having reference to the Past Secretary's Degree, beg to report, that they do not recommend any departure from the Rule of the Order respecting P. G.'s who have not served in the office of Secretary, as it is in the power of a P. G., desirous of having the Past Secretary's Degree, to serve the usual term as Secretary of his own Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

A. JOSEPH,  
H. H. WHITNEY,  
J. D. PRINGLE.

Rep. Whitney from the same Committee, made the following report, which was received and concurred in :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's Report, touching the inconvenience occasioned by the absence of officers in newly constituted Subordinate Lodges, beg to report, that they do not recommend any departure from the rules laid down in the Constitution upon that subject.

Respectfully submitted.

A. JOSEPH,  
H. H. WHITNEY,  
J. D. PRINGLE.

Rep. Whitney from the same Committee, made the following report, which was received and adopted :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's Report, having reference to Degree Lodges, beg leave to recommend, that the Charter of Victoria Degree Lodge, No. 1 be recalled, the same to be delivered up at the close of the present Degree term, together with all books and other property, to this Grand Lodge, (or to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal, if then instituted), but to be in full force till the period stated above.

That each Subordinate Lodge under this Jurisdiction, shall in the months of December and June in each year, nominate and elect, at the same time and in the same mode as its other elective officers, one of its Past Grands, in good stand-

ing, to serve in the office of Degree Master for the six months commencing with the first meeting of the Lodge in January and July ; and

That it shall be the duty of the Degree Master so elected to confer, or cause to be conferred by a competent officer, in each month, the five Degrees of our Order on all Brothers duly certified as qualified to receive the same.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. WHITNEY,  
A. JOSEPH,  
J. D. PRINGLE.

Rep. Campbell from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was received and concurred in :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on Correspondence, report that they have examined the letters and communications referred to them, and find that the letters from Mercantile Lodge, No. 19, and Albion Lodge, No. 4, Quebec, transmitting resolutions on the subject of the statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Grand Lodge, and that the letters from Ottawa Lodge, No. 20, Bytown, dated July 13 and 27, and replied to by the Grand Secretary, require no action on the part of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee recommend that the following be referred to the Finance Committee, viz :

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, containing an account for sundry articles used in the Lodge Room, amounting to £7 10s.

From Canada Lodge, No. 8, requesting a reduction of rent.

From Commercial Lodge, No. 5, giving notice that at the expiration of three months from the 7th instant, the loan of £75 with interest was required to be paid.

From Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, containing a notice to the same effect.

From Queen's Lodge intimating, that through some mistake in the making out of Quarterly Reports, this Grand Lodge had been overpaid £7 16s., and requesting the same to be returned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. CAMPBELL,  
Chairman.  
ANDREW WILSON,  
CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Campbell, it was ordered :

That 50 copies of the report of the Special Committee on the accounts of the Grand Lodge, be printed for the use of the members.

The Grand Sire named Reps. Dyde, Whitney, and Ewan as the Committee to value the furniture belonging to the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the General Prudential Committee. D. D. G. S. Campbell in the Chair.

After some time spent in deliberation, the Committee rose.

The Grand Sire having resumed the Chair, the Chairman of the Committee reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion of D. G. S. Montizambert, seconded by Rep. Sache, it was resolved :

That leave be granted and that it be the first order of business to-morrow evening.

Rep. Whitney from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was received and adopted :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was submitted that portion of the Grand Sire's Report, having reference to the disunited state of the Order throughout the world, report that they have carefully examined the correspondence had with Brother H. E. Montgomerie during the past winter in Great Britain, together with his report hereunto attached, which gives a full account of the feeling and desire in that country, to open again the negotiations which unhappily terminated at Wigan, in 1842. Your Committee find much difficulty in making any satisfactory report on this important subject—as there is much feeling existing in the Order, in the United States, against further negotiations. In the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, presented at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a hope was expressed "that through the instrumentality of the newly established Canadian Sovereignty in Odd Fellowship, the Order may yet find favor and support among the great people to whom we have heretofore commended it."

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that negotiations be opened as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. WHITNEY,  
A. JOSEPH.

The Grand Secretary presented the following, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :—

The report of D. D. G. Sire Sheppard on the State of the Encampments and Lodges under his jurisdiction.

A communication from Oriental Lodge, No. 7, submitting certain amendments to the Bye-Laws of said Lodge, for approval.

On motion of Rep. Chase, seconded by D. G. Sire Montizambert, it was ordered that the Grand Lodge proceed to instruction in the work to-morrow afternoon.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

J. CUSHING,  
Grand Secretary.

FRIDAY, Aug. 20,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. D. G. Sire, R. W. Grand Secretary, W. G. Chaplain, W. G. Marshall ;

Also present—Reps. Fairbanks, Pringle, Wright (Quebec), David, Campbell, Wright (Picton), Chase, Dunkin, Sache, Matthews, Wilson, Irvine, and Whitney.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to instruction in the Work pursuant to the order setting apart a portion of this afternoon for that object.—Rep. Dunkin officiating.

After some time passed in instruction, the Grand Lodge proceeded to business.

Rep. Whitney, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was received and concurred in :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the amendments of the Bye-Laws of Oriental Lodge, No. 7, beg leave to report that they find nothing therein objectionable, and recommend that they be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. WHITNEY,  
J. D. PRINGLE.

Rep. Sache, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on Returns, having examined the Reports of Subordinate Lodges referred to them, beg to submit the following result :

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, of September and December, 1846, March and June, 1847, annual report of 30th June, correct.

Queen's Lodge, No. 2, December, 1846, March and June, 1847, annual report of 30th June, correct.

Prince Albert Lodge, No. 3, September and December, 1846, March, 1847, no annual report, quarterly reports, correct.

Albion Lodge, No. 4, December 1846, March and June, 1847, and annual report of 30th June,—in the December report, number of contributing members not stated ; in the annual return, revenue not stated and otherwise incomplete.

Commercial Lodge, No. 5, March and June, 1847, correct, no annual report made.

Victoria Lodge, No. 6, March and June, 1847, no annual report made, quarterly reports, correct.

Oriental Lodge, No. 7, December, 1846, March and June, 1847, and annual report, correct.

Canada Lodge, No. 8, December, 1846, March and June, and annual report, correct.

Brock Lodge, No. 9, December, 1846, March and June, 1847, and annual report, correct.

Catarqui Lodge, No. 10, December, 1846, March and June, and annual report, correct.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 11, reports for same dates, correct.

Ontario Lodge, No. 12, for same dates, correct.

Otanabee Lodge, No. 13, for same dates, correct.

Hope Lodge, No. 14, quarterly reports of December, March and June, correct—annual report, revenue not stated, not signed by the proper officers and otherwise incorrect.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 15, quarterly and annual, correct.

Union Lodge, No. 16, March and June, 1847, and annual reports, correct.

Burlington Lodge, No. 17, December, 1846, March and June, 1847, and annual report, correct.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 18, March and June, 1847, and annual report, correct.

Mercantile Lodge, No. 19, December, 1846, March and June, 1847, correct, annual incorrect, revenue not stated.

Ottawa Lodge, No. 20, quarterly of December, 1846, and March, 1847, correct, no annual report, the quarterly report of 1846, contains the name of

an individual amongst rejected candidates, who was not balloted for.

Home Lodge, No. 21, all correct.  
Phœnix Lodge, No. 22, also correct.  
Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM SACHE,  
ROBERT COOKE,  
JOHN RHYNAS.

On motion of Rep. Fairbanks, seconded by Rep. Campbell :

The report was received and the several reports noted as imperfect, ordered to be returned to the Lodges for correction.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Wilson, it was resolved :

That the account books, with the financial reports laid before this Grand Lodge at this Session, be referred to the Committee appointed for the valuing of the furniture and effects of the Grand Lodge, and to the Finance Committee, jointly, for their report on the general Financial condition of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. S. Wright from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was received and adopted :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the Petition of Burlington Lodge, No. 17, praying that a Charter forthwith issue for the establishment of a District Grand Lodge for the Home District within the said Jurisdiction, would beg to make the following report.

That inasmuch as this Grand Lodge have at present under consideration, the contemplated establishment of Provincial Grand Lodges throughout this Jurisdiction, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

That, inasmuch as the prayer of the Petition is contemplated by the Bye-Laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge now under consideration, no action in the premises is required.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. WRIGHT,  
JOSEPH C. CHASE,  
A. H. DAVID.

Rep. S. Wright, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was received and adopted :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the Petition of Ottawa Lodge, No. 20, praying to be detached from the District Grand Lodge Jurisdiction of Kingston, and attached to that of Montreal, would beg to report, that the action of this Grand Lodge upon the report of the Prudential Committee having anticipated the prayer of the Petition, they would beg to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

That, inasmuch as the prayer of the Petition is now under consideration, no further action is required.

S. WRIGHT,  
JOSEPH C. CHASE,  
A. H. DAVID.

Rep. Sache, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America :*

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the documents relating to the institution of Tomifobi Encampment, No. 7, Moira Encampment, No. 8, Home Lodge, No. 21, and Phœnix Lodge, No. 22, beg to report that they have examined the same, find them correct, and recommend that the Dispensations be confirmed, and Charters granted.

WILLIAM SACHE,  
Chairman.

ROBT. COOKE.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.  
J. CUSHING,  
Grand Secretary.

7 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. D. Grand Sire, R. W. Grand Secretary, W. Grand Chaplain ;  
Also present—Reps. Dunkin, Pringle, Campbell, Irvine, Wright (Picton), Sache, Fairbanks, Chase, Whitney, David, and Gibson.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

According to order, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the General Prudential Committee :—D. D. Grand Sire Campbell in the Chair.

After several hours deliberation, the Committee rose.

The Grand Sire having resumed the Chair, D. D. Grand Sire Campbell from the Committee of the Whole, reported that they had concluded their labours, and that he was instructed to report favorably upon the Constitution, Bye-Laws, and Rules of Order proposed by the General Prudential Committee and amended in Committee of the Whole, in which form they recommend to the Grand Lodge to adopt the same.

On motion of Rep. Whitney, seconded by Rep. Fairbanks :

The report was received.

Moved by Rep. Whitney, seconded by Rep. Dunkin :

That the report be amended by striking out the words "St. Francis," from the description of the Province of Quebec, and adding the same to that of the Province of Montreal.

The Yeas and Nays being required, appeared as follows :

Yeas—Reps. Whitney, Dunkin, Campbell, and Cushing—4.

Nays—Reps. Montizambert, Pringle, Fairbanks, and Wright (Picton).—4.

Rep. Chase was excused from voting.

The Chair voted in the affirmative, and the motion was carried.

On motion of D. G. Sire Montizambert, seconded by Rep. Campbell, it was resolved :

That the report be further amended by striking out the word "three", wherever it occurs in articles 4 and 5 of the By-Laws, and substituting therefor the word *two*.

Moved by Rep. Whitney, seconded by D. G. Sire Montizambert :

That the report of the Committee of the Whole, as amended, be adopted.

Moved by Rep. Pringle, seconded by Rep. Fairbanks :

That the consideration of the question, for the adoption of the report, be deferred until the sitting to-morrow afternoon.

On a division, the motion was lost.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the report as amended.

The Yeas and Nays being called for, appeared as follows :

Yeas—Reps. Whitney, Montizambert, Campbell, Dunkin, and Cushing—5.

Nays—Reps. Chase, Fairbanks, and Pringle—3.

So the motion was carried, and the following adopted, as the Constitution, Bye-Laws, and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of British North America :

### CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS there has long existed in various forms, and in different countries, an Institution now known by the name of Odd Fellowship, being a voluntary association of men of mature years and good character, for the laudable purposes of encouraging each other in the practice of the social virtues, and providing to a certain extent in the season of health and prosperity against the possible loss of these precarious advantages : and whereas the said Institution is not only well adapted for the above purposes but is also eminently calculated to promote the improvement and happiness of the human race by inculcating and enforcing the great lesson of universal brotherhood, by affording opportunities for men of different countries, classes, creeds, and parties to meet together on a footing of perfect equality, and unite with each other in the active discharge of kind offices towards their Brethren and fellow creatures, and by mitigating the horrors of war, and enhancing the blessings of peace between the different nations of the world ; and whereas there has been organised in the Province of Canada, a Branch of the said Institution known as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British North America, and the situation and circumstances of these Provinces and their inhabitants are such as to make it highly desirable that an Institution of this kind should be established and perpetuated amongst them ; therefore, the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British North America, being the Sovereign and Supreme Tribunal of the said Order do adopt the following Articles as their Constitution :

Done at Odd Fellows' Hall, in the City of Montreal, in the Province of Canada, on this twentieth day of August, in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Art. 1.—This Grand Lodge is constituted by the Union of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Canada, and the Grand Encampment of the Province of Canada, and the erection of the same into a distinct and independent sovereignty, to be known by the name, style, and title of "The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British North America". It has power to conduct and control the business of the Order, and all matters and things relating thereto throughout British North America, administering the same according to the principles and purity of Odd Fellowship, without the interference of any other country. All Provincial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of the Order in British North America assemble under its warrant, and derive their authority from it. With it is placed the power to enact such

laws and regulations as shall be for the good of the Order in general. It is the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the Provincial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are to be referred, and its decision thereon shall be final and conclusive : and it may receive any respectful appeal of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, from the decisions of any Prov. G. Lodge or Grand Encampment, provided always that the Lodge or Encampment so appealing, have submitted in the meantime to the decision of such Prov. G. Lodge or Encampment, and have given due intimation to the same of their intention so to appeal.

Art. 2.—The Members of this Grand Lodge shall be the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, and Grand Guardian, and the Representatives from Provincial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments acting under legal unreclaimed warrants granted by this Grand Lodge :—each of which may send ten and no more.

Art. 3.—The elective Officers shall be the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected biennially, on the second day of the Session in each alternate year, and shall be installed on the last day of such Session, after the order of business shall have been gone through. But if any of the Officers elect should fail to present himself for installation at the time above provided, his office shall become vacant, unless sufficient cause be shown for such non-attendance,—and the members present shall proceed to fill it by a new election from among themselves—the successful candidate at which shall be forthwith installed accordingly. Where sufficient cause shall have been shown as aforesaid, such installation may take place, at such time and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may then specially direct. As soon as all the Elective Officers have been installed, the Most Worthy Grand Sire shall appoint the Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, Right Worthy Grand Marshal, and Right Worthy Grand Guardian, who shall be forthwith installed for the same period as the Elective Officers. Any vacancy which may occur in any of the above offices shall be filled up for the remainder of the Term in the manner of the former selection and as soon after its occurrence as possible. The several Grand Officers shall attend each meeting of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as are enjoined by the Laws and Regulations of the Order, or may be required by the Presiding Officer.

Art. 4.—The Grand Sire shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, preserve order and enforce the laws thereof. He shall have the casting vote whenever the Grand Lodge shall be equally divided ; but shall not vote on any other occasion. During the recess of this Grand Lodge, he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order, and make report to the next stated meeting of his acts and doings in relation thereto. He shall not hold any elective office in any Provincial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment while acting as Grand Sire.

Art. 5.—The Deputy Grand Sire shall open and close the meetings of the Grand Lodge, support the Grand Sire by his advice and assistance, and preside in his absence ; and in the absence of the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Lodge shall elect a Grand Sire, *pro tempore*.

Art. 6.—The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of this Grand Lodge in a book provided for that purpose,—summon the members to attend at special meetings—write all necessary letters and communications, and carry on the correspondence of the Grand Lodge under its direction, or that of the Grand Sire—he shall read petitions, reports, and communications, keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand or Subordinate

Lodges and Encampments under its immediate jurisdiction, and perform such other duties as the Grand Lodge may from time to time require.

All communications transmitted or received by him shall be laid before the Grand Lodge for its decision—and he shall receive for his services such sum of money as the Grand Lodge may from time to time determine.

Art. 7.—The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Sire, attested by the Grand Secretary, and the Seal of the Grand Lodge; he shall lay before the Grand Lodge, at its stated meeting in August, a full and correct statement of his accounts.

Art. 8.—The Grand Guardian shall prove every brother before he admits him, and allow no one to depart without the password.

Art. 9.—Past Grand Sires of this Grand Lodge shall be admitted to seats therein, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, provided they be not Representatives, in which case they shall vote as such only.

Art. 10.—Representatives from Provincial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, must be Past Grands in good standing, who have received the R. P. Degree; they must have been elected by the Provincial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment they represent, and be furnished with a certificate as follows, viz:—

To the Right Worth Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British North America.

F. L. & T.

This certifies that Brother (or Patriarch) \_\_\_\_\_  
P. G. residing at \_\_\_\_\_ has been duly elected Representative from the Provincial Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British North America for two years from the date hereof.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Provincial Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) of \_\_\_\_\_  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ G. M.

\_\_\_\_\_ G. S.

[Seal.] (for, as the case may be) \_\_\_\_\_ G. P.

\_\_\_\_\_ G. S.

Each Representative shall be entitled to one vote on all questions before the Grand Lodge. No Representative shall represent more than one Provincial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment at the same time.

Art. 11.—This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Tuesday in August, and on its own adjournments; and *specially* on the call of the Grand Sire.—The Grand Sire shall cause two months notice to be given to the different Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which any special meeting may be called. In no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting except notice shall have been given as above stated. The hour of meeting shall be three P.M., and the place such as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

Art. 12.—The revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be as follows:—1st. Fees for Provincial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment Charter, £12 10s. 2nd. Fees for charter for subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under its immediate jurisdiction, £7 10s. 3rd. Dues from subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under its immediate jurisdiction, at the rate of ten per cent. on their receipts, contributions to Widows' and Orphans' Fund excepted. 4th. Dues from Provincial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, at the rate of twenty per cent. on their receipts. 5th. Fees for blank charters, to be issued by Provincial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to their respective Subordinate Lodges

and Encampments, each, £1 5s.

Art. 13.—In case of death, resignation, disqualification, or refusal to serve of the Grand Sire, the duties of the office shall be performed by the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, until the next stated meeting of the Grand Lodge, when an election shall be had for Grand Sire. And in case of the death, resignation, disqualification, or refusal to serve of any elective or appointed Officer, the Grand Sire shall appoint some qualified brother to perform the duties until the next stated meeting, when an election or appointment, as the case may require, shall be had.

Art. 14.—Each member of this Grand Lodge may nominate a candidate for the office of Grand Sire, and also a candidate for the office of Deputy Grand Sire.—Every candidate thus nominated must be a Past Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Past Deputy Grand Sire, or a Past Grand Patriarch, or a Past Grand Master of the R. P. Degree, and be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge. A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary to elect a Grand Sire or Deputy Grand Sire.

Art. 15.—Nine Representatives shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business. All questions shall be decided by the votes of the majority of the members present.

Art. 16.—The present members of this Grand Lodge, by whatever title they may sit, those who, at present, have not as well as those who have taken their seats shall continue to be members of this Grand Lodge, and as such shall be entitled to one vote each on all matters coming before it, until the commencement of the Annual Session which will be in the year 1849, at which time their successors to be elected as above provided, shall take their seats. Provided always, that the Provincial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampment may, in the meantime, elect to fill any vacancies in their representation, and that the Representatives who may be so elected shall be admitted thereupon to seats in this Grand Lodge for the remainder of the current term ending as aforesaid.

Art. 17.—All others officers of this Grand Lodge must be Past Grands, in good standing, and having the Provincial Grand Lodge and Royal Purple Degrees.

Art. 18.—By-laws, in conformity with this constitution, may be made, and, when made, shall not be altered or amended unless at a stated meeting, and with the assent of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 19.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, or sooner if it be deemed advisable to call a special meeting for that purpose.

## BY-LAWS.

### ARTICLE A.

For the purposes of the Order, British North America shall be, and is hereby divided into eight Provinces, viz:—

1st.—The Province of Toronto, comprising the Newcastle, Colborne, Home, Simcoe, Gore, Wellington, Niagara, Talbot, Brock, London, Kent, Western and Huron Districts.

2nd.—The Province of Kingston, comprising the Johnstown, Bathurst, Midland, Prince Edward and Victoria Districts.

3rd.—The Province of Montreal, comprising the Districts of Montreal and St. Francis, and also the Eastern, Ottawa and Dalhousie Districts.

4th.—The Province of Quebec, comprising the Districts of Quebec, Three Rivers and Gaspé.

5th.—The Province of Fredericton, comprising the whole of New Brunswick.

6th.—The Province of Halifax, comprising the whole of Nova Scotia.

7th.—The Province of Charlottetown, comprising the whole of Prince Edward's Island.

8th.—The Province of Newfoundland, comprising the whole of the Island of that name.

Art. 2.—The Patriarchal Branch of the Order in the four Provinces of Toronto, Kingston, Montreal, and Quebec, shall for the present remain under the jurisdiction of the District Grand Encampment of Canada; the said District Grand Encampment to be known and hailed henceforth by the name, style and title of the Grand Encampment of Canada. In like manner as regards the other Provinces of the Order, any temporary union of two or more Provinces may take place, for the purpose of facilitating the organisation of a Grand Encampment therein.

Art. 3.—Upon the petition of five Brothers, in good standing, of the Order, praying for a charter to open a Subordinate Lodge in a Province where a Grand Lodge has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. Every Subordinate Lodge receiving a warrant from the Grand Lodge of British North America, shall be opened by the G. Sire, or by a Past Grand of the Order, regularly deputed for that purpose, who shall deliver to such Lodge, the warrant and charge books, and shall, at the opening thereof, give all necessary instruction. Such Lodge shall be visited at least once a year, by the Grand Sire, or some Past Grand deputed by him for the purpose, or by a Provincial Deputy Grand Sire.

Art. 4.—Upon the petition of seven R. P. D. members of the Order, in good standing, praying for a warrant to open an Encampment in any Province for which a Grand Encampment has not been established, this Grand Lodge may grant the same. Every Encampment receiving a warrant from the Grand Lodge of British North America, shall be opened by the Grand Sire, or by a duly qualified Patriarch, regularly deputed by him for that purpose, who shall deliver to such Encampment, the warrant and charge books, and shall, at the opening thereof, give all necessary instructions: such Encampment shall be visited at least once a year, by the Grand Sire, or some Patriarch deputed by him for that purpose, or by a Provincial Deputy Grand Sire.

Art. 5.—Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under warrants from this Grand Lodge, shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, regular quarterly reports of their receipts, and shall embody in said reports, the same information as is required from Provincial Grand Lodges, in Article 15 of these By-laws, together with the per centage due this Grand Lodge.

Art. 6.—Two or more Subordinate Lodges in any Province where a Grand Lodge has not been established, having seven Past Grands, in good standing, may petition the Grand Lodge of British North America, in writing, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge in such Province, which, if approved of by a majority of the votes given, shall be granted, and such Provincial Grand Lodge shall be opened by the Grand Sire, or by some qualified Brother whom he shall depute for that purpose.

Art. 7.—All applications for charters for Provincial Grand Lodges must be by a vote of the majority of the Lodges within the Province, as follows:—When two or more Lodges shall agree in opinion that a Provincial Grand Lodge will contribute to the general interest, notice thereof shall be given to all the Lodges in the Province, inviting them to meet in consultation, at some convenient time and place. Each Lodge shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands as representatives, to meet in convention and consider the propriety of applying for a Provincial Grand Charter, as well as to determine upon the place for the erection of the Provincial Grand Lodge (both of which questions shall be decided by a majority vote, which majority vote must represent, at least, two Lodges). Should any Lodge neglect or refuse to send a representative, or should the representative of any Lodge from accident or other cause, fail to attend, it shall not operate to

defeat the proceedings of such as may assemble, provided a sufficient number be present to comply with the preceding requirements. Each Subordinate Lodge shall furnish to its representative, a statement, under the Lodge seal of the number of Past Grands, in good standing, belonging to it. At the meeting of these representatives, the vote shall be by Lodges and the application shall be in the following form, to wit:—

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of British North America.

The petition of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. 1, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. 2, &c., of the Province of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, respectfully represents, that at present they work under warrants granted by your honorable body; that the Order has increased in \_\_\_\_\_, and at present they have \_\_\_\_\_ Past Grands, in good standing. They are of opinion, that it would be of advantage to the Order, if a Provincial Grand Lodge was established in the Province of \_\_\_\_\_. They therefore pray your honorable Lodge to grant a Charter for a Provincial Grand Lodge in the Province of \_\_\_\_\_, to be located at \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness our hands and seals, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_.

[Seal]

A. B. Representative of No. 1.

C. D. Representative of No. 2.

&c. &c. &c.

Art. 8.—All travelling and other expenses of the Grand Sire, or of the Past Grand or Patriarch deputed by him to open a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Subordinate Encampment, shall be paid by such Lodge or Encampment.

Art. 9.—Applications for Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Subordinate Encampments, must be accompanied by the fee for the same, which shall be returned if the Charter is not granted.

Art. 10.—No more than one Grand Lodge shall be chartered in any Province.

Art. 11.—Every Provincial Grand Lodge shall consist of such Past Grands, in good standing, as shall from time to time be duly returned as Representatives thereto, by the several Lodges within its jurisdiction; and shall be governed, until further or other provision shall be duly made in that behalf, by the Constitution, Rules of Order and other General Resolutions of the late Grand Lodge of Canada, with the exception always of the 10th Article of the said Constitution, and also of the other clauses or provisions which may be inconsistent with any law or vote of this Grand Lodge.

Art. 12.—No Provincial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have power to repeal, alter or suspend any provision of its Constitution, as laid down, or hereafter to be laid down by this Grand Lodge: or to repeal or alter any of its Rules of Order as so laid down; or to suspend the operation of any such Bules of Order, except in so far as such power may be expressly granted by such Rules of Order, or by vote of this Grand Lodge; or to contravene in any wise any law or vote of this Grand Lodge, or any law or established usage of the Order, as the same may be held by this Grand Lodge, or during its recess authoritatively declared on its behalf by the M. W. Grand Sire.

Art. 13.—Every Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment to be hereafter chartered shall meet for its first Session on such day as may be named by its Charter, or as soon thereafter as may be; and shall proceed at such Session, as its first order of business, to the election of its Officers; and it shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Sire, or of the Provincial Deputy Grand Sire of the Province, as the case may be, in person, or by a qualified Deputy to be duly authorised by him in writing to that end, to preside at such Ses-

sion till after the said election, to examine into and decide upon the qualifications of the Past Grands, or Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests, claiming to vote, or to be elected or appointed to office, and forthwith after their election or appointment, as the case may be, to install and instruct the several Officers elected or appointed, in due form.

*Art. 14.*—Each Provincial Grand Lodge shall have a Grand Seal, an impression whereof in lead shall be sent to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and be deposited among its archives.

*Art. 15.*—Annual Returns shall be made by each Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, in which shall be contained full information of the number of members in good standing,—names of Local Grand Officers,—number of initiations, rejections,—suspensions and cause,—expulsions and cause,—admissions by card,—withdrawals by card,—deaths,—amount expended for relief of brothers,—amount expended for relief of widows and orphans,—amount expended for education of orphans,—whole amount of receipts; and any other particulars required by the forms of returns, which shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said Returns shall be made to the Grand Secretary, at least one month previous to the Annual Meeting of this Body, and shall be accompanied by the dues thereon in current money of Canada.

*Art. 16.*—No Provincial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, which shall be in arrears more than one year for dues to this Grand Lodge, shall be allowed to vote by its Representatives.

*Art. 17.*—During the Recess of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Secretary, shall be authorized to grant Dispensations to open Provincial Grand Lodges, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, which shall be submitted to this Grand Lodge for approval and confirmation at its next Annual Meeting.

*Art. 18.*—It shall be the duty of the Grand Sire to ascertain and procure from the proper Officer of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of America, in the month of October in each and every year, the A. T. P. W. to be used within the Jurisdiction of that R. W. Grand Lodge during the year to commence on the 1st day of January following, and forthwith on the receipt thereof to communicate the same, for the purpose of its being used throughout the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge during the same period, to the Grand Master of each Provincial Grand Lodge, the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, the Noble Grand of each Subordinate Lodge, and the Chief Patriarch of each Subordinate Encampment, working under the immediate Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and such Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Patriarch, shall forthwith communicate the same to the Noble Grand of each and every Subordinate Lodge, and the Chief Patriarch of each and every Subordinate Encampment, within their respective jurisdictions.

*Art. 19.*—No person shall hold membership in more than one Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment at the same time; nor shall any Lodge or Encampment confer degrees upon any member of another Lodge or Encampment, without the consent of the Lodge or Encampment to which the member belongs, given under its seal.

*Art. 20.*—When a Grand Lodge shall have been duly chartered in any Province, all the Lodges in said Province working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of British North America shall thereafter be declared subordinate to and under the jurisdiction of such Provincial Grand Lodge; and no Lodge, situated in one Province, can be made subordinate to the Grand Lodge of another Province.

*Art. 21.*—No Brother can be admitted to visit or deposit his card in a Lodge out of the Province where

he resides, unless he present a card or certificate under the signature of the Officers and Seal of the Lodge of which he is a member, and endorsed with his name in his own proper hand writing, and prove himself in the A. T. P. W. and in the degree in which the Lodge is open. Provided, nevertheless, that a Brother may always visit if introduced by an Officer of this Grand Lodge or of the Provincial Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit.

*Art. 22.*—At each Annual Session, the Grand Sire shall appoint in each Province in which there is not a Grand Lodge an Officer to be styled "Provincial Deputy Grand Sire" whose duty it shall be to act as the Special Agent of this Grand Lodge in relation to the matters herein specified, viz:

To act for the Grand Sire, and by his direction to perform whatever may have been ordered by this Grand Lodge to be done in the particular Province for which the P. D. G. S. may be appointed.

To act as the Representative of this Grand Lodge, and perform all such matters relating to the Order in his Province as the Grand Sire shall direct.

To obey all special instructions of the Grand Sire, in relation to any thing which that Officer is required to do for the good of the Order.

To have a general supervision over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in his Province, which work under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

To make semi-annual reports of his acts and doings to the Grand Sire.

To qualify a Brother for the appointment of Provincial Deputy Grand Sire, he must be a regular contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and must have attained the rank of P. G., and have received the R. P. D. The appointments of Provincial Deputy Grand Sires shall continue until the next Annual Session; but they may be revoked for cause during the recess by the Grand Sire.

*Art. 23.*—The Representatives of each Provincial Grand Lodge, and of the Grand Encampment, shall be examined by the D. G. Sire as to their qualifications for the office, previous to taking their seats in the Grand Lodge. On taking their seats, they shall be furnished by the Grand Secretary with copies of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge.

*Art. 24.*—Each Provincial Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment shall furnish its Representatives with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of their office.

*Art. 25.*—Each Provincial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many printed copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction for its own use, and an equal number for distribution amongst its subordinates. The Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be furnished annually with a printed copy of the proceedings. The Grand Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect as early a date as possible after the close of the Annual Sessions of this Grand Lodge.

*Art. 26.*—All dues and monies for this Grand Lodge shall be paid to the Grand Secretary, and by him be immediately paid over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for the same.

*Art. 27.*—All Provincial Grand Lodges and the Grand Encampment shall enforce upon their subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by this Grand Lodge, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdiction. They shall neither adopt nor use, nor suffer to be adopted nor used, in their respective jurisdictions, any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation or regalia, than those prescribed by this Grand Lodge.

**Art. 28.**—All Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction may at all times open and close their regular meetings with prayer.

**Art. 29.**—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit:—

Aprons and collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, *i. e.* first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of which trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of N. G., scarlet sashes; of the V. G., blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash. The aprons of the elective and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, and aprons either white, trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet trimmed with white. The aprons and collars or sashes of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver, lace or fringe, and those having attained to the R. P. Degree may have trimming of yellow metal. The Grand Officers and Past Grands of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands, as above defined.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves, and of those Patriarchs who have attained to the R. P. Degree, purple collars trimmed with yellow lace or fringe.

**Art. 30.**—Past officers of every description, and members in possession of the Encampment Degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees which they may have taken, if they think proper to appear in such regalia.

**Art. 31.**—All expenses of this Grand Lodge shall be paid by an order on the Grand Treasurer, signed by the Grand Secretary, the same being authorised by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

**Art. 32.**—The installation of Officers in Subordinate Lodges shall be conducted only in manner and form as provided by the Installation Books.

**Art. 33.**—At the appointed hour, the Grand Sire shall take the chair, and organise the meeting by directing the Grand Secretary to call the names of the officers of this Grand Lodge. After which the Secretary shall make report of the number of Representatives present. When, if a quorum be present, the Grand Sire may call on the Grand Chaplain to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer. The Deputy Grand Sire shall then examine the Representatives present, and report to the Grand Sire, and if correct, the Grand Sire shall direct the members to clothe themselves with their regalia and take their seats. After which the Deputy Grand Sire, at the request of the Grand Sire, shall proclaim the Lodge duly opened. The business of the session shall then be taken up as provided in the Rules of Order; and when the business is concluded, the Grand Chaplain may offer a prayer, and the Deputy Grand Sire shall proclaim the Grand Lodge duly closed.

**Art. 34.**—Provincial Grand Lodges and the Grand Encampments shall provide laws to protect their brethren in adjoining or distant Provinces, by prohibiting the subordinates under their respective jurisdictions from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, while Lodges or Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighbourhood.

**Art. 35.**—Any alteration or amendment to these By-laws must be proposed in writing at a regular Annual Session, and may be considered and acted upon at the same Session, but not on the day it is offered.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The presiding officer having taken the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be a general silence.

2. The business shall be taken up in the following order:—The Grand Lodge shall be opened as directed by the Constitution and Ly-Laws.

3. The Grand Secretary will report on certificates of Representatives, which shall be referred to a committee.

4. The minutes of the last annual and intervening meetings shall be read and passed upon.

5. The Grand Sire shall then appoint the following committees, each to consist of three members, *viz.*:—Committee on the State of the Order; Committee on Petitions; Committee on Finance; Committee on Returns and Reports of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments; Committee of Correspondence.

6. The Grand Sire shall also appoint a committee, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to take in charge, and prepare for the action of the Grand Lodge, all business appertaining to Provincial Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, which shall not be represented by the personal attendance of delegates.

7. Report of Grand Sire as to his acts and doings during the recess of this Grand Lodge. Of which report, the Grand Sire shall be authorized to have fifty copies printed, provided the work can be done in time to place the copies in the hands of members, at the proper time for laying that annual document before this body, but not otherwise.

8. Annual reports of the Grand Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer, in which the latter officer shall submit a statement of all the receipts and expenditures, on account of his office, during the year, designating in detail the sources from whence the monies are received, and the objects for which they are expended; both of which reports may be printed, either together or separately, as may be most convenient, in the same manner as is above provided for the annual report of the Grand Sire—it not being intended, however, that the presentation of either of these reports shall be delayed, in order to have them printed.

9. Petitions presented, read and referred.

10. Other communications presented and read.

11. The above order of business may be dispensed with at the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

12. During the sitting of the Grand Lodge, each Representative or visitor, on entering or leaving the Lodge-room, shall address the presiding officer with the sign of the R. P. Degree.

13. No motion shall be subject to debate until it shall have been seconded and stated by the chair—it shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

14. When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless it be to adjourn, to refer, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to amend; and these motions shall take precedence in the order of the above enumeration. The first four shall be decided without debate.

15. Any member of this Grand Lodge may move the previous question to any question before the chair in the following words, *viz.*: “that this question be now put”, which, if resolved in the negative, shall prevent the Grand Sire or other presiding officer from putting the main question at that Session. If, however, the previous question be resolved in the affirmative, no words can be added to, or taken from, the main question by amendment; nor shall any further debate, or motion for adjournment, be allowed until the main question has been put to the vote and decided.

16. When the reading of any paper or other matter is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by vote of the Grand Lodge, without debate.

17. Before putting a question, the presiding officer shall ask, "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" if no member rise to speak, and a majority of the Grand Lodge are ready for the question, he shall rise and put it. While the presiding officer is putting a question, or addressing the Grand Lodge, none shall walk out of, or across the room, nor entertain private discourse.

18. The presiding officer, or any member doubting the decision of a question, may call for a division of the Grand Lodge.

19. No member shall be permitted to speak or vote, unless clothed in regalia, according to his rank and station, and occupying his place at the seat designated for his Province.

20. In the election of officers, the Grand Sire shall put the question of the nomination of Grand Sire, and the election shall proceed before the nomination of Deputy Grand Sire, and so with the other officers. During the progress of a ballot for an officer, no motion can be entertained, or debate or explanation permitted.

21. Every officer and member shall be designated by his proper title or office, according to his standing in the Order.

22. Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer; and while speaking he shall confine himself to the question in debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language, as well as all reflections upon the Grand Lodge, or any of its members.

23. Should two members rise to speak at the same time, the chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor. And no member shall interrupt or disturb another while speaking, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

24. If a member while speaking, shall be called to order, he shall, at the request of the chair, take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

25. The decisions of the chair on points of order, may be appealed from by any member, and in such cases the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?"

26. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

27. When any petition, memorial or communication is presented, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the chair. And after it has been read, a brief notice of its purport shall be entered upon the journal.

28. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

29. Any member may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit.

30. When one-fifth of the members rise in favor of taking a question by Yeas and Nays, they shall be ordered and recorded.

31. All committees shall be appointed by the chair, unless otherwise ordered.

32. Any member who voted with the majority may call for the re-consideration of a vote, at the same Session in which it was passed. And, if sustained by a majority of all the votes, the re-consideration shall be carried.

33. No matter shall be considered at any morning sitting of this Grand Lodge until all Reports of Committees have been gone through with; and the Grand Sire shall call for the Reports of Committees in the order of their appointment.

Moved by Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Campbell, to resolve:

That it shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Sire, as soon as may be after the close of the present Session of this Grand Lodge, to cause to issue a Charter for the erection, in due form, upon, from and after a date to be specified therein, not later than the 31st of December next, of a Provincial Grand Lodge in and for each of the Provinces of Toronto, Kingston, Montreal and Quebec, to be known and hailed as the Right Worthy Provincial Grand Lodge of Toronto, Kingston, Montreal or Quebec, as the case may be.

On a division, the motion was lost.

On motion of Rep. Whitney, seconded by Rep. Campbell, it was resolved:

That the installation of officers take place to-morrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

J. CUSHING,  
Grand Secretary.

SATURDAY, August 21, 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. D. Grand Sire, R. W. Grand Secretary, W. G. Marshall, W. G. Guardian;

Also present—Reps. Campbell, Dunkin, Chase, Wright (Quebec), Wright (Picton), Wilson, Fairbanks, and Smith.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Fairbanks, it was resolved:

That the Grand Sire be authorised to approve and sanction the Minutes of the present Session.

D. G. Sire Montizambert, from the Committee on Seal, presented the following report:—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America:*

Your Committee to whom has been referred the subject of a Permanent Seal for this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report the accompanying diagram, and to recommend its adoption.

The whole humbly submitted.

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT,  
C. DUNKIN.

On motion of Rep. Campbell, seconded by Rep. Chase:

The report was received and adopted.

Rep. S. Wright, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was received and adopted:—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the Protest of Past Grand J. C. Chase, of Oriental Lodge, No. 7, beg to report, that we have examined the proceedings of said Lodge, of 31st March, 14th and 21st April last, with reference to an application of Brother S. G. Reed for benefits, and find them in accordance with the Laws and Usage of the Order, and are of opinion, that Brother S. G. Reed was not entitled to any benefits, inasmuch as he had not complied with

the Regulation of Article VII. Sec. 2, as well as not having provided a proper certificate of the date of his illness, in accordance with Article VII. Sec. 6 of the Bye-Laws of said Lodge.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

That the decision of Oriental Lodge, upon the application of Brother S. G. Reed for benefits, on the evening of the 12th May last, be reversed.

Your Committee would further recommend, that this R. W. Grand Lodge do at an early period take into consideration the subject matter, of passing a Bye-Law defining the limits of Subordinate Lodges, relative to the disposing of their funds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. WRIGHT,  
A. H. DAVID.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Fairbanks, it was resolved :

That the regular meetings of the Grand Encampment of Canada be held, semi-annually, on the third Wednesday in the month of February, and on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in the month of August respectively ; and that the August Session be held to be the Annual Session thereof.

Reps. Pringle, Ewan, and Whitney entered.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Campbell, it was resolved :

That any Dispensation which may be granted during the coming recess, for the opening of a Provincial Grand Lodge for the District of Montreal, shall be granted subject to such conditions in reference to the lease of Odd Fellows' Hall, in this city, and the fixtures and furniture therein, belonging to this Grand Lodge, and the liabilities of this Grand Lodge connected therewith, as may previously be agreed upon in writing between the officers of this Grand Lodge issuing such Dispensation, and a Committee to be named for that purpose by the convention applying for the same.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Chase, it was resolved :

That, in the meantime, the rentals to be charged for the use of the Lodge Room in Odd Fellows' Hall, be fixed at such amount only, as, with any other rental obtainable for the Hall below, may suffice to cover the rental payable to the proprietors of the building, and a further annual return of ten per cent on the value of the fixtures and furniture ; and that further charges be made for fuel and gas, to cover the amounts of expense incurred on those accounts.

The Grand Secretary presented an account from P. G. Irvine for services as Accountant, which on motion was referred to the Grand Treasurer for payment.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Fairbanks, it was resolved :

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to P. G. and P. C. P. Irvine for the very satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duty assigned to him, of making up the books now in the possession of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Cushing, seconded by Rep. Whitney, it was resolved :

That the M. W. Grand Sire, be and he is hereby,

authorised to issue his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for a sum not exceeding fifty pounds, to defray the contingencies of the Grand Secretary's Office, until the next Annual Session, to be disbursed in such manner as the M. W. Grand Sire in his discretion may deem necessary.

Reps. Matthews and Gilbert entered.

Moved by Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Wilson, to resolve :

That the following Rules of qualification for office be observed in Provincial Grand Lodges and in the Grand Encampment of Canada, and no others :—

1. No Brother can be elected or appointed to office in a Provincial Grand Lodge, or in the Grand Encampment, unless he be at the time a member of the same, in good standing.

2. Every Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master must further have attained the R. P. Degree, and must be a member, in good standing, of some Encampment within this Jurisdiction.

3. Every Grand Patriarch, Grand High Priest, and Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment, must further be a Past Grand.

On motion of Rep. Whitney, seconded by Rep. Fairbanks :

The motion was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Wilson, it was resolved :

That for all books and copies of laws, and printed proceedings, requiring to be furnished by this Grand Lodge to Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, such charge be made as shall be sufficient to cover the cost incurred in furnishing the same.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Wilson, it was resolved :

That the proceedings of the present Session be transmitted in the form of an extra number of the Odd Fellows' Record ; and that 250 copies of such extra number be accordingly ordered by this Grand Lodge for distribution.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Pringle, it was resolved :

That all Quarterly and Annual Reports, to be made by Subordinate Lodges to Provincial Grand Lodges, and all Semi-Annual and Annual Reports, to be made by Subordinate Encampments to the Grand Encampment of Canada, be made in such form as this Grand Lodge shall from time to time prescribe or authorise.

That during the coming recess, the M. W. Grand Sire be empowered to prescribe or authorise, in behalf of this Grand Lodge, such forms of report, as well to this Grand Lodge as to Provincial Grand Lodges and to the Grand Encampment of Canada.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Chase, it was resolved :

That the Degree Masters to be elected in Subordinate Lodges be Past Grands having the three Past Official Degrees ; and that the said Degrees be conferred hereafter by such Degree Masters under such Regulations as the M. W. Grand Sire may issue.

Moved by Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Campbell :

That whereas P. G. Dyde, the present Degree Master of Victoria Degree Lodge, No. 1, has not received the Past Secretary's Degree, and whereas his services to the Order have been such as to merit the distinction ; Therefore Resolved, that the M. W. Grand Sire be authorised to confer upon him the said Degree.

The motion, on being put, was carried.

Moved by Rep. Fairbanks, seconded by Rep. Chase :

That neither the Grand Encampment nor any Provincial Grand Lodge after the 1st January, 1848, shall exact more than 5 per cent. on the receipts of the Subordinates under their Jurisdiction, Widows' and Orphans' Fund excepted.

Moved in amendment by Rep. Cook, seconded by Rep. Pringle :

That the word five be struck out, and seven and a half substituted therefor.

Rep. Dunkin called for the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows :—" Shall the main question be now put ?" and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put and lost.

The Yeas and Nays being required, appeared as follows :—

Yeas—Reps. Pringle, Fairbanks, Montizambert, Chase, Wilson, Ewan and Cook—7.

Nays—Reps. Dunkin, Smith, Gilbert, Matthews, Wright (Quebec), Wright (Picton), Whitney, Campbell, Dyde and Cushing—10.

On motion of Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Wilson, it was resolved :

That a Special Grand Representative be accredited by this Grand Lodge to the approaching Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at Baltimore.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to nominations for the Office of Grand Representative, when the following nomination was made :—

By Rep Dunkin, D. D. G. S. S. B. Campbell.

There being but one Candidate in nomination, the M. W. Grand Sire declared D. D. G. Sire Campbell unanimously elected to the Office of Grand Representative.

Moved by Rep. Fairbanks, seconded by Rep. Pringle :

That after the 1st January, 1848, no Provincial Grand Lodge shall exact more than 7½ per cent. of the receipts of Subordinate Lodges under its Jurisdiction, contributions to Widows' and Orphans' Fund excepted.

On a division, the motion was lost.

Moved by Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Pringle, and resolved in the affirmative :

That the terms of Official Service, in all Subordinate Lodges within British North America, shall, for the present, continue to be quarterly ; and shall commence from and include the first day of the months of January, April, July, and October, successively.

The hour fixed for the Installation of Grand Officers having arrived.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to that ceremony.

D. G. S. E. L. Montizambert being presented at the foot of the Chair by P. G. P. Matthews and G. P. Whitney, was solemnly qualified in the O. B. N. of his office, and formally conducted to the Chair, and proclaimed duly installed as M. W. Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British North America, after the ancient form.

P. C. P. C. Dunkin, the Deputy Grand Sire elect, was then presented and installed into the Chair of his Office by the M. W. Grand Sire.

The Grand Secretary elect having been called, and failing to appear as required by the Constitution, the Office of Grand Secretary was declared vacant,—whereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a Grand Secretary.

D. D. Grand Sire Campbell nominated Past Grand J. Cushing.

P. G. Cushing declined and nominated P. G. Wilson.

The following nominations were also made :

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| By Rep. Chase,    | P. G. Whitney, |
| By Rep. Whitney,  | P. G. Irvine,  |
| By Rep. Dyde,     | P. G. Chase,   |
| By Rep. Matthews, | P. G. Smith.   |

P. G.'s Whitney, Chase, and Smith declined.

Past Grand Irvine failed to appear, and Past Grand Wilson, being the only Candidate in nomination present, was declared duly elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing term.

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| P. G. Wilson, | Grand Secretary and |
| P. G. Dyde,   | Grand Treasurer,    |

were then each installed into their respective offices.

The Grand Sire appointed the following Grand Officers, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge, viz :—

P. H. P. Rev. R. J. C. Taylor, of Peterboro', W. Grand Chaplain.

P. G. H. H. Whitney, of Montreal. W. Grand Marshall

P. G. S. Wright, of Quebec. W. G. Guardian.

The Grand Sire appointed the following Provincial Deputy Grand Sires.

D. G. S. B. Campbell, of Toronto, for the Province of Toronto.

P. G. George Sherwood, of Brockville, for the Province of Kingston.

P. G. J. A. Sewell, of Quebec, for the Province of Quebec.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of business,—when,

On motion of G. Rep. Campbell, seconded by Rep. Pringle, it was resolved :

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Past Grand Sire Hamilton and the retiring Grand Officers, for their very efficient services during the past year.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die*.

J. CUSHING,  
Grand Secretary.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Brother John Thomas Matthews, Toronto, July 31. We will rectify the mistake.  
 Brother French, Lachine. Duplicate copies are forwarded.  
 Brother C. Haight, Adolphustown. Ditto.  
 Brother Rodgers, Quebec, Sept. 4, 1847, containing a remittance.

## THE ODD FELLOWS' RECORD.

MONTREAL, SEPTEMBER, 1847.

## TO AGENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS IN THE COUNTRY.

WE would feel obliged to our Subscribers in the country, if they would immediately pay the amount of their year's subscription into the hands of our Agents. We are sorry to say we have received very little money since our accounts were furnished some three months since. We hope every Brother who has not already paid the current or past year's subscription, will do so at once—otherwise we shall be left without the means of carrying on our publication.

Our Agents have always been very attentive to our interests. We trust their past zeal will continue, more particularly at this time.

Brother Mills is authorised to collect our town accounts, and we trust he will receive the trifling amount due us, promptly.

WE beg to direct attention to the very full Minutes of the Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America, which will be found in another part of this number. The attendance of Representatives from Quebec and Upper Canada was very good; and the proceedings throughout were characterized by the utmost harmony and good feeling, as well as by the most anxious desire to further the interests of our beloved Order. The choice of officers for the present term will, we are certain, afford general satisfaction; and we know that every reliance can be placed on their zeal and activity in the advancement of the principles of "Friendship, Love and Truth," not only in these Provinces, but throughout the world.

We will not attempt to particularize the various matters which have engaged the attention of the Grand Lodge at its late Session, as they are fully detailed in the Minutes above referred to. We would advert to the instructions given to the Officers to negotiate with our Brethren across the Atlantic, with a view to the establishment of reciprocal friendly relations, and express our hope that these negotiations may tend towards the confirmation of the great principle of "Universal Brotherhood."

On the evening of the 21st August, the day on which the Grand Lodge closed its Session, an entertainment was given at Tetu's Hotel, by the newly installed Grand Sire E. L. Montizambert, to the members of that R. W. Body. Being Saturday evening, the party broke up at an early hour, previous to which, full honor had been done to various toasts connected with the Order.

ODD FELLOWS' OFFERING FOR 1848.—This splendid Annual, so great a favorite with the fraternity, is progressing rapidly, and will be ready on the first of September. We have seen some of the Engravings, which are very fine; and from what we know of the quality of the articles, we predict for this issue a very large sale. We hope there is not an Odd Fellow in Canada but will resolve to have a copy of this elegant Annual. We shall have more to say of it shortly, and shall give our readers an inkling of the contents. It will be got up in most magnificent paper and binding.

(For the *Odd Fellows' Record*.)

## THOUGHTS ON CRIME, ITS CAUSES, PREVENTION, AND CURE.\*

BY A PHILANTHROPIST.

*Axiom 1.*—No man is so utterly bad, reckless and depraved, but that he presents some good points.

*Axiom 2.*—Crime is found to be hereditary in families.

*Axiom 3.*—The erring of the lower classes usually and with justice, appeal to the examples of the rich, in extenuation of their crimes and vices.

*Axiom 4.*—Evil associates are the most powerful corrupters of innocence; the conscience, like polished steel, preserving its lustre forever in a pure atmosphere, and tarnishing with rapidity in a dark atmosphere of vice.

*Axiom 5.*—Injudicious legislation contributes powerfully to the spread of crime.

*Axiom 6.*—Religion, education, industry, and good example, diminish crime.

## AXIOM IV CONSIDERED.

"*Noscitur a sociis*" has always existed among all nations of which we have any record, as a proverb of unchanging truth, yet in all the ordinary concerns of life it is too much unheeded; and more especially is this the case, with regard to youthful delinquents in this country, who, at any age, no matter how tender, when arrested, are thrown into the company of the most depraved villains, by whom all remaining sparks of virtue are carefully smothered. As all men are not totally depraved, so all are not totally virtuous, and our very vices are exaggerated virtues; thus profuse generosity becomes prodigality—just resentment pushed to an extreme, becomes anger, rage, malice, and revenge; economy when over-indulged becomes avarice; a proper love of gain, when it oversteps the mark, degenerates into cheating and theft, &c. Let us bear in mind that all our virtues, when too luxuriant, or too deficient, are vices, and that they may be easily trained or stunted by culture or example, and we shall then feel the full force of the responsibility of those lawgivers, who allow the present state of things to continue. A child receives its first lessons in evil in the first few months of its existence; the two first lessons that should be imposed on it, should be obedience to parental authority and reverence for truth. What can the parent expect from his child when he punishes it at one time for a fault which he laughs at at another; or shews his disregard for truth by making promises he never performs, or telling a child that physic is good, when the child detects the falsehood immediately. The next corrupter of childish innocence is the nurse, who tells falsehoods without end, to make the child obedi-

ent, bribes it or threatens it into secrecy regarding her own misdoings, instructs it frequently in mysteries, that should only be known in adult age, and encourages theft from the parents. The child is sent to school, lying, stealing, swearing, and fighting first assail his yet innocent mind, and as puberty advances, secret or sensual vices are presented as joyous attractions by older scholars. If a young woman, she leaves school with morals impaired and the seeds of bad health laid; should she be compelled to take to the needle for existence in the milliner's shop, she is compelled to listen to the low-toned conversation that prevails too often in such assemblies, for a black sheep is never wanting to spoil the flock, and she falls an easy prey to the seducer. Should Fortune have placed her in a higher sphere, indulgence in secret vice may blanch her cheek, whiten her lip, weaken her back, ruin her stomach; and when she marries, large doctor's bills and a weakly progeny, testify to her husband that he has wedded a bundle of disease. Is it a young man—he smokes, and drinks and riots—he is led to the gaming table, where honour, character, money, friends, all are lost, and he becomes a desperado, or a being barely tolerated in society. All this long catalogue of evils, and much more, is the result of the *influence of example*, on those who have the advantages both of good parents and of education. That the picture is not so overcharged, millions of sorrowing parents can testify.—What, then, can we expect from these unfortunate children of vice, who are born of parents steeped in the lowest depths of guilt and ignorance, or who, having no father or mother, live by their wits from an age so early, that the children of the rich have not yet left the nursery? They have no stable rule of conduct given them, they cannot distinguish between good and evil, they look upon their wealthier brethren as their common prey,—is it any wonder that they do wrong? When at the age of nine, ten, or more, they are arrested, is it consistent with the commonest principles of humanity, Christianity, or even worldly wisdom, to shut them up in the company of hardened offenders, and so corrupt the little seed of virtue still left? But it is not only on the youthful that evil example acts thus powerfully, but likewise on the adult: many a well-disposed man, punished for a first fault, who might by a little management, easily have been reclaimed, has been converted into a most irredeemable scoundrel, by the indiscriminate herding of offenders together; his mind has become rapidly deteriorated, he has a feeling of revenge against all mankind, and he becomes reckless, because he knows that all attempts to procure an honest living, after his confinement is over, will be frustrated by those scoundrels who have been his gao-companions, who (vice being always more jealous of deserters from its ranks than virtue) would be sure to expose his former career, in order to prevent his succeeding in his new undertaking.

Woe! Woe!! Woe!!! to the legislators who permit this state of things still to continue among us!—Amidst the thousands that are daily squandered to further the objects of the farmer and the merchant,—can

no small pittance be set aside to establish an asylum, where these poor victims of evil example may have an opportunity of learning, that the ways of God are ways of pleasantness? At the day of judgment, these poor neglected children will rise up as witnesses against you, ye sordid legislators.

## BIRTHS.

In this city, on the 7th July, the wife of P. G. S. C. Sewell, M. D., of a daughter.

In this city, on the 16th July, the wife of Brother T. Thain, of a son.

In this city, on the 22nd July, the wife of Brother J. H. Townsend, of a son.

At Quebec, on the 3rd ultimo, the wife of Brother J. H. Hardie, of a son.

In this city, on the 13th ultimo, the wife of Brother N. H. Baird, of twin daughters.

In this city, on the 17th ultimo, the wife of Brother Charles Alexander, of a daughter.

In this city, on the 21st ultimo, the wife of P. G. John Young, of a daughter.

In this city, on the 24th ult., the wife of Brother John Rose, of a son.

At Quebec, on the 26th ultimo, the wife of P. G. A. Joseph, of a daughter.

## MARRIED.

On Wednesday, the 21st July, at Ellingwood, Burlington, Vt., the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. R. Converse, Bro. D. R. Wood, of this city, to Miss Almira T. Catlin, youngest daughter of Guy Catlin, Esq.

In this city, on Tuesday, the 27th July, at Belaire Cottage, by the Rev. W. Taylor, Bro. N. S. Whitney to Hannah Jane, eldest daughter of John E. Mills, Esq., Mayor of Montreal.

## DEATHS.

In this city, on the 2nd ultimo, John, infant son of Bro. James Potts.

At No. 6 Portland Place, on the morning of the 2nd ultimo, Elizabeth Anne, only child of Brother John Molson, Jr., aged 15 months.

In this city, on the 3rd ultimo, of typhus fever, Brother Denis O'Brien, a native of Cork, Ireland. Brother O'Brien contracted the disease whilst performing his duties as an officer of the Emigrant Committee.

On the 6th ultimo, Henry Wilkes, infant son of Brother John Keller, hardware merchant, aged 9 months and 4 days.

On the 9th ultimo, Henrietta Adam, infant daughter of Brother W. A. Liddell.

In this city, on the 10th ultimo, Eliza, wife of Brother George Hose, of Queen's Lodge, No. 2.

In this city, on the 8th ultimo, Charles Lewis Joseph, infant son of Brother Charles C. Spénard, Esq., Notary Public, aged 12 months and 7 days.

On the 16th ultimo, Brother George Hose; a worthy and respected member of Queen's Lodge, No. 2.

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