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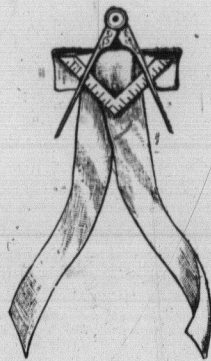
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The M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and
Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island.

An Emergent Communication of the Most
Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and
Accepted Masons of the Province of Prince Ed-
ward Island, was convened in Free Masons Hall,
Masonic Temple, in the City of Charlottetown,
on Wednesday, the 13th day of Oct., A. L. 5897,
A. D. 1897, for the purpose of participating in the
celebration of the centennial of St. John's Lodge,
No. 1.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

Bro. Leonard Morris	M. W., Grand Master
" John L. Thompson	as R. W., Dep. Grand Master
" John D. Bell	as R. W., Sen. Grand Warden
" W. T. Huggan	as R. W., Jun. Grand Warden
" Alex. Strang	as R. W., Grand Treasurer
" John Ross	as R. W., Grand Secretary
" Alex. McKenzie	as W., Grand Chaplain
" Jas. R. Davison	as W., Grand Marshal
" T. Z. Taylor	as W., Sen. Grand Deacon
" N. Maclaren	as W., Jun. Grand Deacon
" W. P. Doull	as Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form
at the hour of 2.30 o'clock, p. m., in one of the
ante rooms of Free Masons Hall. The M., W.
Grand Master announced that the object of the
Emergent Meeting was for the purpose of taking
part in the service attending the celebration of
the Centennial of St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

A procession of the Grand Officers was formed by the Grand Marshal and escorted to St. John's Lodge and were most cordially received with the usual honors, welcomed by Worshipful Bro. Adam Murray, in a few well chosen remarks and presented with the Charter. To which M. W., Leonard Morris, Grand Master, made the following reply: -

W. M., Wardens and Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 1: -

I thank you on behalf of Grand Lodge for your address of welcome. We are glad to meet with you to-day and join in the celebration of your Centennial. This day marks an epoch in your history. Every member of your Lodge should feel proud of its honorable record of a hundred years, and mark this century's milestone with his autograph. For this purpose I have requested your Secretary, with your permission, Worshipful Master, to allow every member of St. John's Lodge to sign his name in your Record Minute Book, and every Visiting Brother to follow with his signature in the same book, instead of your ordinary Visitors' Record, that our children's children, when celebrating the second centennial of St. John's Lodge, may have this mark of their forefathers as a memento of the past. Brethren, St. John's Lodge has attained to full and complete age, and whatever the opinion of the craft may be, as to Masonry's correct title, you are now certainly justified in styling your Lodge ancient and honorable.

For one hundred years this Charter which you have presented to me has hung upon your walls, as your authority to do good square honest work. How many faces have been turned towards it? How many eyes have looked upon it? Through the long years many a brother has been taught in St. John's Lodge to look upward while the mysteries of our science have been unveiled before his wondering eyes. The brethren whose names are

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written in it, have long since gone to their reward. On the foundation they laid you have builded. The rough ashlar brought from the quarries by your apprentices have been hewn, polished and placed in position by faithful craftsmen. How well they performed their labor eternity itself must reveal. This is a red letter day in the history of the craft on Prince Edward Island. This is not only the centennial of St. John's Lodge, it is also the centennial of the regular establishment of masonry in this Province.

A number of Masons belonging to a military regiment stationed in this city held masonic meetings under authority from a lodge at Halifax, dated 29th May, 1781. One of the Grand Lodges in England was requested to issue a Charter to this Military Lodge, but for some reason it was never granted, and not until 1797, when St. John's Lodge obtained this venerable document, which now, Worshipful Master, I return to you, was Masonry a lawfully organized body in this colony.

Worshipful Sir, I return to you the original Charter of St. John's Lodge, safely keep it, and sacredly guard it as the most precious Relic of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island, and I would, as Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, request you to add these words to your installation service when installing your successor:

"And now, Worshipful Sir, I entrust to your keeping the original Charter of St. John's Lodge. This sacred relic which I received from my predecessor I now place in your hands, and I charge you to preserve it with religious care, and when your mastership terminates, deliver it to your successor with this charge with which you now receive it."

This addition to your Installation Service will be another mark on your century milestone.

The request made by some of your members at the last communication of Grand Lodge, to

which unanimous assent was given, that your Lodge might wear a distinctive colored apron as another mark on the Ebenezer of your journey. These marks of your Centennial time cannot efface, if your Lodge observes them.

The century of your history began while Napoleon was on his way to Egypt, hoping to conquer it, but Horatio Nelson blasted that hope at the Battle of the Nile. Trafalgar and Waterloo followed. Wars, mutiny and many other shadows have thrown themselves across the face of our national history during the last hundred years. Our race has been subjected to many ordeals and tests, many changes have been wrought, many orders and societies have been organized, flourished, outlived their usefulness, and perished. Institutions hoary with time, have gone out of existence. Our own fraternity has received many a shock, yet your Lodge has maintained its organization unbroken, and to-day forms a part of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, a Fraternity which has the largest membership of any semi-religious institution in the world.

We have just reason to be proud of our name as Freemasons. The world owes much to masonry. She has ever been the star that points to equality, justice and liberty, and notwithstanding the antipathy in some quarters to the fraternity, she has always been in the front rank in the steady march of human progress. Great strides have been made during the century in every branch of industry. Art, commerce, exploration and invention have been the activities of the age.

Law, order and moral reform have been the results of educational, religious and fraternal communities, and Masonry has added its quota to these interests.

Our own country in the last hundred years has undergone a great change. From a few scattered, separated provinces, have grown a Broad Domin-

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ion stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with an iron bond from sea to sea. A great change has also come over our form of government. We now appoint our local governors. The Governor General is the only appointee of the crown, the representative of Her Majesty in Canada, and to-day, while we are assembled in this City of Charlottetown, our Governor General, the Earl of Aberdeen, is holding a reception at Summerside. He, and his much loved wife, the Countess of Aberdeen, were with you here yesterday. Many of us have not had the pleasure of seeing them, but I can safely say, there is no body of citizens anywhere in Canada who bear more loyal sentiment than the Freemasons of Prince Edward Island.

I cannot close these remarks without reminding you that in this your centennial year, Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, has celebrated her Sexagenary Jubilee. Her life, so pure, brilliant and perfect, the counterpart of the most valuable of earth's jewels, the true diamond, has shone brightly over the empire, and when we consider Her Majesty as the daughter of a Freemason, as the mother of Freemasons, (two of her sons being rulers in the craft), and as the patroness and benefactress of our fraternity, we can truly say from the bottom of our hearts, "God bless our noble Queen."

In the neighboring republic Masonry has assumed large proportions during the last century. Time does not permit me to make many further remarks, but while referring to our sister English speaking nation, there arises before our vision of the past many great men and women of the century, and in the forefront of the group, two persons stand boldly out, two names long to be remembered, the supreme American Man and the supreme English Woman, Abraham Lincoln and Queen Victoria. One stands for Liberty, the other for Peace, Freedom with good government, Peace with honor.

Brethren, the hundred years have gone. Rough and rugged has been the pathway, but the dear old century is passing away with a peaceful smile. Our lives too are passing. We will, perhaps sooner than we think, find our feet upon the brink. Let us in the future imitate the best that have gone before us, striving to rise still higher in the scale of moral excellence. Our Chief Corner Stone is Brotherly Love, and upon this rock let us firmly plant our feet.

And meet our brother kindly
On the broad masonic plan,
If he proves himself to us and ours
A mason and a man,
We'll meet him on the level
And part upon the square,
And then, perhaps, he'll vouch for us
When we meet him over there.

St. John's Lodge was then called from labor, when a procession was formed by Grand Marshall and conducted to the Opera House, when a most interesting literary and musical programme was presented. At its close the procession was re-formed and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges returned to their respective rooms.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

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The Twenty-Third Grand Annual Commu-
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Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted
Masons of Prince Edward Island, convened in
the town of Summerside, in Freemasons Hall, on
Friday, the 24th day of June, A. L. 5898, A. D.
1898, at the hour of 11 o'clock, a. m.

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OFFICERS PRESENT

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Secretary.

Leonard Morris	M. W., Grand Master
John A. Messervey	R. W., Deputy Grand Master
Wm. R. Ellis	R. W., Sen. Grand Warden
R. MacMillan	R. W., Jun. Grand Warden
Adam Murray	R. W., Grand Treasurer
Neil Mackelvie	R. W., Grand Secretary
Rev. E. M. Dill, B. D.	as W., Grand Chaplain
D. Preston MacNutt	W., Grand Lecturer
D. Small	as W., Sen. Grand Deacon
R. E. Sobey	as W., Jun. Grand Deacon
Simon W. Crabbe	W., Grand Marshal
J. L. Palmer	W., Grand Sword Bearer
J. R. Davison	W., Grand Pursuivant
D. C. Ramsay	W., Grand Sen. Steward
Horace McEwen	W., Grand Jun. Steward
John Hobbs	Grand Tyler

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was opened in ample form, by M. W., Leonard Morris, Grand Master. Pending the opening ceremonies, prayer was offered by Rev. E. M. Dill, B. D., Grand Chaplain pro tem.

After prayer the Grand Lodge was declared open and ready for business.

The M. W. Grand Master ordered the secretary to read the regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the term of business.

The minutes of special meeting of Grand Lodge, held in the city of Charlottetown, Oct. 13th, 1897, were read and on motion confirmed.

On motion it was

Resolved—That the reading of the minutes of last Annual Communication be dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed to the officers and members of Grand Lodge. Passed.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Hon. John Yeo	P. G. Master
Simon W. Crabbe	P. G. Master
Donald Darrach, M. D.	P. G. Master
Roderick MacNeill, M. D.	P. G. Master
Neil MacKelvie	P. G. Master
Wm. Stewart	P. Deputy Grand Master
K. J. Martin	P. Deputy Grand Master
Daniel Ross	P. Deputy Grand Master
John Muirhead	P. Sen. Grand Warden
John A. Meservey	P. Sen. Grand Warden
Wm. R. Ellis	P. Sen. Grand Warden
Robt. E. Sobey	P. Jun. Grand Warden
A. J. McLaine	P. Jun. Grand Warden
G. A. Aitken	P. Jun. Grand Warden
J. R. Davison	P. Jun. Grand Warden
R. MacMillan	P. Jun. Grand Warden
Andrew Bowness	P. Jun. Grand Warden

The following Representatives of the several Foreign Jurisdictions, near the Grand Lodge were in attendance, viz:—

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W., Alexander Strang,
R. W., Andrew Bowness,
W., David Montgomery,
R. W., A. John McLaine,
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W., Geo. A. Aitken,
R. W., Kenneth J. Martin,
R. W., William R. Ellis,
W., J. L. Palmer,

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Mississippi.
New Hampshire.
New Zealand.
New Jersey.
Nebraska.
Nova Scotia.
Oregon.
Quebec.
South Carolina.
Texas.
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West Virginia.
Virginia.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following standing committees:—

ON CREDENTIALS

Andrew Bowness, Thomas Z. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Rev. E. M. Dill, B. D., D. Preston MacNutt, Robert S. MacKelvie.

ON ACCOUNTS

Wm. K. Rogers, Geo. A. Aitken, Thos. Z. Taylor.

ON JURISPRUDENCE

S. W. Crabbe, D. Darrach, Hy. Harper.

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Adam Murray, D. Darrach, John A. Messervey

ON DISPENSATIONS

David Small, Wm. R. Ellis, Daniel Ross.

The Committee on Credentials reported from time to time the following Representatives and members in attendance:—

St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

Adam Murray	P. M.	D. R. MacLennan	P. M.
David Small	P. M.	John J. Davies	P. M.
Simon W. Crabbe	P. M.	Charles Webster	W. M.
John A. Messervey	P. M.	Horace McEwen	S. W.

Victoria Lodge, No. 2.

R. MacMillan	P. M.	C. H. Dingwell	P. M.
J. R. Davison	P. M.	Thos. Z. Taylor	W. M.
D. McLean	P. M.	Robert S. MacKelvie	S. W.
Robert S. MacKelvie		Proxy for J. W.	

King Hiram Lodge, No. 3.

Leonard Morris	P. M.	M. McLeod	P. M.
R. E. Sobey	W.M. & P. M.	John S. Ramsay	P. M.
W. K. McKay	P. M.	W. A. Brennan	S. W.
J. Shepherd Allen		J. W.	

St. George's Lodge, No. 4.

George A. Aitken P. M.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 5.

Wm. K. Ellis	P. M.	Arch'd Montgomery	P. M.
John Yeo	P. M.	Rev. Hy. Harper	P. M.
D. C. Ramsay	P. M.	J. Maynard, Jr.	P. M.
H. A. Macdonald		W. M.	

Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 6.

Thomas Frizzel	P. M.	Kenneth J. Martin	P. M.
John Grady	P. M.	J. C. Wright	P. M.
Rev. E. M. Dill	P. M.	Richard Hunt	P. M.
W. K. Rogers	P. M.	David Montgomery	P. M.
A. Wilson MacKay		S. W.	

Zetland Lodge, No. 7.

J. L. Palmer W. M.

Orient Lodge, No. 11

A. J. MacLaine Proxy for W. M. Sen. and Jun. Warden

True Brothers Lodge, No. 8.

John Lang	P. M.	Alex. Strang	P. M.
Kenneth Holmes	P. M.	John Muirhead	P. M.
H. W. Dougherty		P. M.	

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Mount Zion Lodge, No. 12.

Donald Darrach, M. D.	- P. M.	Wm. Woodside	- - - - P. M.
Andrew Bowness	- - - P. M.	R. Douglas	- - - - P. M.
Hy. A. Leslie	- - - P. M.	A. Ferguson	- - - - M. W.
D. Preston MacNutt	- - - P. M.	Thos. MacNutt	- - - - S. W.

Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 13.

Edward Parkman	- - - - S. W.
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Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14.

Roderick MacNeill	- P. G. M.	Arthur McEwen	- - - P. M.
James S. MacKay	- - - P. M.	Robt. B. McLeod	- - - P. M.
Daniel Ross	- - - P. M.	George Houston	- - - W. M.
Norman Nicholson	- - - P. M.	F. M. Morris	- - - S. W.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master delivered
the following address:—

Grand Master's Address

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:—

I welcome you to the 23rd annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

A year ago you saw fit to elect me your Grand Master. I may say that my feelings at that time were mingled,—proud that so many of my brethren held me high enough in their estimation to cast a ballot for me, and fear of my inability to fill the very responsible position of Grand Master of Masons of Prince Edward Island.

The year has passed away and I have found only pleasant duty, and no cause for undue anxiety. For the most part Peace and Harmony prevails throughout our Jurisdiction, and we are in pleasant relations with the Sister Grand Bodies of the World. The nation of which we form a part is in a very prosperous and peaceful condition. A bountiful harvest to our Province in 1897, fairly good prices for the products of the Island, prospects of another bountiful season, with freedom from

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any public calamity gives us cause for gratefulness to the Giver of all good.

We regret that our Anglo-Saxon Brethren of the United States are in the throes of war with Spain, one of the few nations who place any ban upon masonry. We trust that the conflict will soon end and humanity be blest by the result.

NECROLOGY

While we rejoice in meeting together in this our annual gathering, we find our hearts touched with sorrow when we remember those who have gone from our ranks into the great Unknown. While none of the members from our own Grand Lodge have been called, some from our Subordinate Lodges have exchanged worlds. Bro. Jarvis, of King Hiram; Bros. Beairsto and Montgomery of Mount Lebanon; Bro. Pickering of Mount Zion, have gone to their eternal rest.

Our Sister Grand Lodges report the following deaths:--

ARKANSAS—Bro. James M. Harky, M. W. Past Grand Master, died Sept. 28th, 1897.

LOUISIANA—M. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. John Quincy Adams Fellows, died Nov. 28th, 1897.

VIRGINIA—M. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. W. B. Caliaferro, died Feb. 28th, 1898.

IDAHO—R. W. Bro. Charles C. Stevenson, died Feb. 28th, 1898.

MICHIGAN—M. W. Bro. Daniel Striker, Past Grand Master, died April 12th, 1898.

NORTH DAKOTA—M. W. Past Grand Master, W. H. Best, died May 3rd, 1898.

CALIFORNIA—Bro. N. G. Curtis, M. W. Past Grand Maser, died July 12th, 1897.

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CANADA—M. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. Daniel Spry, died August 13th, 1897.

ILLINOIS—Bro. Jerome R. Gorin, M. W. Past Grand Master, died Sept. 1st, 1897.

INDIANA—M. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. Andrew J. Hay, died July 6th, 1897.

MISSOURI—M. W. Bro. George R. Hunt, P. G. M. died Oct. 3rd, 1897.

These were prominent Masons. They lived well and their works follow them. They have gone to the reward of the faithful.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

Our relations with the Sister Grand Lodges are fraternal and pleasant. Although we are the smallest Grand Body in the world we receive many kindly notices from the larger jurisdictions. The action of the Grand Master of Peru, Christian Dam, issuing a decree to remove the Holy Book of the Sacred Scriptures from the altars of Masonry in that country, which decree was sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Peru last September, has caused no little disturbance. Many of the Grand Lodges have by their Grand Masters issued proclamation denouncing the act and forbidding intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Peru. The influence has been so strong that the Grand Master has resigned. We have not been represented in that country, nor is their Grand Lodge represented here.

Our Brethern in Cuba have had troublous times. I trust that when peace is restored to that fair land we may hear from our representative in Havana, Bro. Govin.

An invitation has been extended by the Grand Lodge of Virginia to this Grand Lodge to be present in the person of the Grand Master or an alternate at the Centennial Anniversary of M. W. Bro. George Washington's death, at Mount Vernon

on Dec. 14th, 1899. The invitation has been acknowledged.

A communication has been received from the Grand Orient of Belgium addressed to this Grand Lodge, asking for an exchange of representatives. The letter will be laid before you, and I would suggest referred to a special committee.

I have issued commissions to the following Brethren to represent this Grand Lodge:—

W. Bro., Jackson Grey, near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.

W. Bro., Jacob Marks, near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Victoria, N. S. W.

W. Bro., Alex. R. Feithan, near the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

W. Bro., Chas. F. Middaugh near the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

W. Bro., W. T. Maclean, near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The following representatives have been appointed to this Grand Lodge from other Grand Bodies:—

W. Bro., J. L. Palmer, from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

W. Bro., John Ross, from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

W. Bro., John J. Davies, representing the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

W. Bro., Sidney Grey, from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

OUR OWN JURISDICTIONS.

Immediately after being installed Grand Master, June 24th, 1897, and taking the chair in the Grand East, a revised Constitution and Bye-laws was presented to Grand Lodge. It was read clause by clause and with a few amendments was approved. A motion was made to finally adopt it. I declined putting the motion. My reason for do-

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ing so were these:—I had been conducted to the Grand East and placed in the position of Executive head before the business of the communication had been half gone through with. This was contrary to all precedent in this Grand Lodge and contrary to the general practice in Masonic Lodges throughout the world. It placed me in the awkward position of deciding upon questions of serious importance without the opportunity of becoming in any degree acquainted with them, and as one of the universal principles of Masonic law as laid down in the ancient constitution is that no motion for a new law or regulation or for the alteration or repeal of an old one shall be made until it shall be handed in writing to the Grand Master. After having been perused by him and found not to contain anything contrary to the ancient landmarks of the Order, the motion may be publicly proposed and the opinion of the Grand Lodge obtained. If approved and confirmed at the next communication of Grand Lodge it becomes law, if every Brother, even the entered Apprentice had opportunity of perusing it.

This principle would have been violated had that motion been put and carried. Article 10 of our constitution provides the way and manner in which our constitution may be altered or amended, and contains the principle before agreed to, which is one of the corner stones of our constituent organization. This clause some have sought to remove. A motion was offered having that for its object. I declined to put that motion also, as that motion had been made the day previous, but failed to find a seconder. On the second day it was seconded, but the mover was absent, and many others who were present when the motion was first made were not present, and parties had to be sent for to represent a quorum. This matter caused me considerable anxiety for some time, but I am now satisfied that I have done right, as no one has suffered for the want of constitution, and hasty

legislation leads to confusion and is always a source of perplexity.

We have caused to be printed and distributed to all subordinate Lodges copies of the proposed alterations and amendments for the perusal of the Brethren. These will be presented to you during this communication for your adoption, or rejection, and whatever you do finally adopt will be your constitution and bye-laws. The constitution should not be tampered with too often, as it must always be referred to the lodges. Bye-laws may be altered or amended without reference to Lodges. A good committee on jurisprudence should be able to take care of all proposed changes in bye-laws, and this continually proposing amendments to bye-laws and referring the same to Lodges might be stopped. The Grand Lodge seems to have been confused for some time in not understanding the difference between constitution and bye-laws, and much valuable time wasted in discussing matters of law that ought to have been done in committee.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

A special meeting of Grand Lodge was held in Masonic Temple, Charlottetown, on October 13th, 1897, for the purpose of participating in the centennial celebration of St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

VISITATIONS.

On the 14th September we visited St. John's Lodge, No. 1. There was a fair attendance. I examined the secretary's minute book and found it a model. This Lodge, the mother of Prince Edward Island Masonry, has given herself to the whole Province. Still she retains vigorous life, and though she has given so much she still retains the proud position of being No. 1 in many ways.

On the 3rd of February I visited Alexandria Lodge, No. 5, at Port Hill, and was received in a kind and hospitable manner. The meeting was well attended considering that the thermometer

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On the 7th Feb'y I visited Victoria Lodge No. 2 at Charlottetown in company with Deputy Grand Master Messervey, J. G. W. Macmillan and Bro. John Collings, acting as S. G. W. Their books and accounts are well kept. The secretary's report at the close of each year is a summary of the work of the Lodge, and is a history in itself. They held during the year nineteen meetings, average attendance over eighteen. We were kindly received by the Brethren of Victoria Lodge, and there is manifest with them the spirit of masonry.

On the 10th of March I visited Zetland Lodge at Alberton. The Grand Secretary and Senior Grand Warden accompanied me. We were hospitably entertained and very kindly received by the Lodge. The second degree was conferred on a Brother in a creditable manner. This Lodge shows signs of marked improvements. They own their hall, which is nicely furnished. They are out of debt and are loyally observing the tenets of our Order.

On the 27th April, P. G. M. Darrach, the Grand Secretary and I visited Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 6, at Summerside. Bro. Darrach examined the books. They held ten regular and six special meetings during the year. The average attendance twelve. Financially this Lodge is in a good condition. The books are well kept by a competent secretary. Considerable business has been done during the year and the Lodge is growing in numbers. The officers are young men anxious for the growth of the Lodge. We trust that Mount Lebanon may flourish and grow as the forests of Lebanon of old.

In company with the Grand Secretary we visited Mount Zion Lodge at Kensington on the night of their regular meeting in May. As usual Mount Zion is pursuing the even tenor of her way, always keeping well within the constitution, doing her work faithfully and is as the name indicates one of the highest Mounts and holiest places.

I have not been able to visit any others of the chartered Lodges, as my family and business obligations prevented me.

On January 24th I granted permission to True Bros. Lodge to change their location from Tryon to Crapaud, as it was shown to me that the interests of Masonry generally and True Bros. Lodge in particular, would be advanced by such removal.

DISPENSATIONS.

On February 28th I granted a dispensation to seven brethren to hold a Lodge at Cape Traverse, to be named Mount Moriah.

On the 24th March in company with the Grand Secretary and D. D. G. M. Sobey, I visited the Brethren and was present at their first meeting. The dispensation and their records will be laid before you for a special committee to report thereon as to whether you will continue the dispensation.

On December 29th I granted a dispensation to Prince Edward Lodge to confer F. C. & M. M. degrees on John Wellington Mackay in less than the regular time. I do not think this is a good thing to do. In this case I know masonry was not injured, but we should not cross out well established rules.

On June 12th I granted a dispensation to Victoria Lodge No. 2, to discuss a new code of by-laws at an emergent meeting. A new code of by-laws for Victoria Lodge has been received and will be referred to a committee.

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Our finances are in better shape than for
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considerably augmented. We have now nearly
\$300 in that fund controlled by a board of trustees.
The Lodges have responded fairly well to the
request of Grand Lodge made last year. Three
or four Lodges have not contributed anything up
to the present, but this fund is sure to grow, and
whatever the views of some may be in regard to it,
great benefits may be derived from it in the
future.

MEMBERSHIP.

Our membership has not materially increased
this year, and yet we are holding our own. Consider-
ing the facts that many of our young men are
moving from time to time to the western parts of
the continent, that there are other societies vigor-
ously canvassing for members, some of them by
paid agencies, we are surprised that we hold our
own. We do not canvass. It is contrary to the spirit
of Masonry. We are supposed to be attractive
enough to draw good men to us. In view of that
fact, brethren, are we careful enough in our ballots?
Brethren the ballot box is the safeguard of our
fraternity. If you want to ruin masonry, be careless
in your ballots. I think it is an important matter
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that degrees have been conferred upon Entered
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the Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction to which
he belongs, that the Lodge is in good standing and
that the fees have been paid, otherwise the fees for

the degrees should be paid to the Lodge conferring them before they are given. I notice also that persons who are so unfortunate as to be physically disqualified have received the degrees of Masonry in this Jurisdiction in violation of Sec. 22 of by-laws of subordinate Lodges. Brethren, surely the obligations of an installed Master should not be so soon forgotten, nor should Worshipful Masters be so ignorant of the well established rules, practices and ancient landmarks of Masonry as to allow such innovations. Our institution is for men morally and physically upright, and only as we live by that rule can we prosper.

We have been requested by the Methodist people of Margate to lay the foundation stone of a church at that place on the 27th inst. Arrangements have been made for a special communication of Grand Lodge to be held at the Masonic Hall, Kensington, on Monday, the 27th inst., for that purpose. I hope this may be approved by you.

And now brethren you have a review of the past year. I hope that what I have said and done meets with your approval. I am sorry that I was not able to visit all the Lodges, but I am glad to know that they are all doing fairly good work.

I thank you for the great honor you conferred on me by electing me to this high office, and if I can lay down my gavel, feeling that I have wounded no heart nor given pain to any one, and have been privileged in any way to help some brother over a rough and difficult place, I shall be grateful.

And now may the Great Architect of the universe, our Ever Present Helper, guide us in all our deliberations and may the cement of brotherly love be so spread among us that we shall all seek each other's good and our conclusions conduce to the best interests of the craft.

Fraternally submitted,

LEONARD MORRIS

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Resolved—That the Grand Master's address be referred to the committee on Grand Master's address. Carried.

Grand Secretary's Report and Returns.

*To the M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge
A. F. & A. M. of Prince Edward Island:*

Brethren:—

In the discharge of the duty devolving upon me as Grand Secretary, I beg to submit the following report:—

Immediately after the closing of the Grand Lodge I caused, with the kind assistance of the Grand Master, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be printed and in compliance with a resolution made and passed at our last Grand Communication five hundred copies were issued and forwarded to all the Grand Lodges in communication with this Grand Lodge, and to all the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, and to all representative Grand Lodge officers, Masonic relief boards, magazines, papers, etc.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, commissions and printed instructions were forwarded the following Brethren, viz:—

R. W. Bro. John Dalzell Bell, P. Master Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 13, Montague, for King's County.

R. W. Bro. Silas Frederick Hodgson, P. Master Victoria Lodge, No. 2, Charlottetown, for Queens County.

R. W. Bro. Robert Edwin Sobey, P. Master King Hiram Lodge, No. 3, Summerside, for Prince County.

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Grand Lodge Representatives.

COMMISSIONS RECEIVED.

W. Bro. John Ross, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Charlottetown, as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of South Dakota, dated September 20th, 1897.

W. Bro. J. J. Davies, P. Master, St. John's Lodge, Charlottetown, representative of the Grand Lodge of the state of Delaware.

W. Bro. J. L. Palmer, W. Master Zetland Lodge, Alberton, as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.

W. Bro. Sydney Grey, P. Master Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Charlottetown, as representative of M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Commissions Issued.

W. Bro. Jackson Grey, Richmond, Virginia, as our representative near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia. Dated September 13th, 1897.

R. W. Bro. Jacob Marks, P. G. Treasurer, Melbourne, Australia, as our representative near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Australia. Dated October 15th, 1897.

W. Bro. Wm. T. Maclean, Sydney, State of Ohio, as our representative near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio. Dated February 18th, 1898.

W. Bro. Charles F. Middaugh, Rico, Colorado, as our representative near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado. Dated January 12th, 1898.

W. Bro. Alexander R. Pithian, Trenton, as our representative near the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Dated June 14th, '98.

Lodges Under Dispensation.

In March, 1898, the M. W. Grand Master, Leonard Morris, accompanied by R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, Robert E. Sobey, and Grand Secretary, assembled the brethren in the Lodge Room at Cape Traverse. Dispensation was read and the Lodge Constituted as Mount Moriah, U. D.

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Dispensations Granted.

December 7th, 1897, to Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14, Stanley Bridge, to confer the Fellow Craft and M. Masonry degree on a brother in a shorter time than that allowed by Constitution.

May 4th, 1898, to Victoria Lodge, No. 2, Charlottetown, to discuss a code of bye-laws other than at a regular communication.

I annex statement of cash received from and work done during the year by the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted.

W. H. Mackenzie

Grand Secretary.



GRAND SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Dues.	Diplomas.	Enrollment.	Affiliation.	Dispensation.	Back Dues.	Benevolent Fund.	Total.
1	St. John's	Charlottetown	\$37 60	\$ 3 00			\$ 2 00		\$ 7 60	\$42 60
2	Victoria	Charlottetown	30 40	3 00	\$ 2 00	\$1 00	2 00			47 00
3	King Hiram	Summerside	11 60							11 60
4	St. George's	Georgetown	12 40						3 10	15 50
5	Alexandria	Port Hill	14 00							14 00
6	Mt. Lebanon	Summerside	21 20		1 00					22 20
7	Zetland	Alberton	14 80							14 80
8	True Brothers	Crapaud								
11	Orient	Souris	13 60	1 00						14 60
12	Mt. Zion	Kensington	14 00						3 50	17 50
13	St. Andrew's	Montague	17 20	3 00	1 00				4 30	25 50
14	Prince Edward	Stanley Bridge	13 20	3 00	6 00		3 00		3 30	28 50
U. D.	Mt. Moriah	Cape Traverse					20 00			20 00
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Paid Grand Treasurer \$ 252 00
 Benevolent Fund 21 80
 On Hand 10 40
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True Brothers Lodge, No. 8,
 Mount Moriah U. D.
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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1898.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	M. Masons 1897.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliation.	Reinstated.	Demitted.	Suspended for N. P. D.	Died.	Rejected.	M. Masons 1898.
1	St. John's	99	2	3	3	1	1	3	4	2		94
2	Victoria	74		3	4	1		2		1		76
3	King Hiram	28				2						29
4	St. George's	29			4			1		1		31
5	Alexandria	36						1				35
6	Mr. Lebanon	54	1	2						1		53
7	Zetland	37		1								37
8	True Brothers	23						5				18
11	Orient.	33										34
12	Mt. Zion	35										35
13	St. Andrew's	40	1	3	3				3			43
14	Prince Edward	33	6	3	3	7						33
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NEIL MacKELVIE, Grand Secretary.

On motion it was

Resolved—that Grand Secretary's Report be referred to committee on accounts.

Grand Treasurer's Report.

As follows, which was on motion in the usual way referred to Committee on Accounts.

To the Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Prince Edward Island.—

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Amount on Hand, June 24th, 1897	- -	\$103 75
Received from Grand Secretary	- - -	252 00

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June 24. By paid out on proper vouchers as follows:—

Grand Tyler	- - - - -	5 00
Band Expense	- - - - -	5 00
Telegram to Lord Aberdeen	- - - - -	1 25

July 28. Masonic Relief Association - - - 5 17

Sept. 23. W. A. Brennan - - - - - 38 25

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June 24. W. A. Brennan - - - - - 15 60

“ Grand Secretary, Postage and Printing - 16 32

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Report received from Trustees of Benevolent Fund as follows. Which was also referred to Committee on Accounts.

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We your Committee appointed to take charge of all monies contributed and paid towards the fund, beg leave to report as follows:—

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Sept. 24, "	Zetland " " 7.	20 00
Oct. 5, "	Alexandria " " 5.	30 00
Dec. 9, "	St. Andrew's " " 13.	37 00
June 25, 1897.	St. George's " " 4.	25 00
Oct. 28, "	Bro. Hon. Benj. Rogers	50 00
June 1898.	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.	7 60
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Invested as follows:—

Bank of Nova Scotia	- - \$ 164 00
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Summerside Bank	- - - 104 27

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D. DARRACH, }
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NEIL MacKELVIE, }

A letter was read from Bro. J. Reynolds Davison, Sec'y, accompanied by a copy of revised by-laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 2, for approval of the Grand Lodge and was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

John D. Bell, D. D. G. M. for King's County submitted the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Prince Edward Island.

Brethren:—

As Dist. Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 3, acting under instructions I visited St. Andrew's Lodge on Monday, 6th inst., and will not say much about St. Andrew's as it is my home Lodge. Suffice to say it still maintains its dignity as a first class Lodge. This Lodge very much regrets that the Grand Lodge officers were not able to be present with them as intended during recess.

On the 17th inst. I visited St. George's Lodge when I met with a hearty welcome. The Brethren convened a special meeting for my visit to them. I examined their books and found them correctly kept by the efficient secretary, Bro. Aitken. I addressed the Brethren on the importance of practicing the tenets of our Order outside as well as inside the Lodge room. I found on the books, records, etc., thirty-one subscribing members. The meetings are held regularly with an average attendance of fourteen. The finances are all the brethren could wish for. May St. George's No. 4, be a flourishing branch in the Masonic ties of this Jurisdiction.

On the 21st inst., I visited Orient Lodge, No. 11, Souris. I found a few members of the Brethren in attendance. I received a most cordial and fraternal reception. When I returned the gavel to Bro. Stearns, W. M., and asked him to exemplify part of the work, I found the Officers of the Lodge to be well posted in the several duties. The books are carefully and neatly kept by the efficient and painstaking Secretary, C. C. Carleton, Junior. This Lodge has an active membership of 32. Average attendance 9. Number of

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meetings held during the year 5. This is owing to a number of the brethren in the Town not taking proper interest in Lodge Work, and if it were not for the zeal of country brethren, I would have very poor hopes for Orient. It would be to the advantage of Country Lodges were the Grand Lodge Officers to evince greater interest in visiting Country Lodges.

Fraternally Submitted,

JOHN D. BELL, D. D. G. M.

An appeal was brought from Prince Edward Lodge, on the matter of a Brother's dues.

APPEALS.

The undersigned hereby appeals from the decision of the W. Master of Prince Edward Lodge, in re the application for Dimit, and that only five months dues should be paid, when according to Sect. 19 of Bye-laws of said Lodge, six months dues should be collected and charged.

1st.—A motion was declared carried when a very few members voted.

2nd.—The decision is unaccurate and opposed to the Bye-laws of said Lodge.

3rd.—The Master is bound to maintain the Bye-laws of the Lodge.

4th.—The good of the Lodge requires a clear and explicit deliverance upon the matter of dues, and whether in this case the month of June should be included or not.

R. MACNEILL, P. M.,

Member of Prince Edward Lodge,
No. 14, A. F. & A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor until 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock, p. m. M. W. Grand Master Morris, in the chair.

Report from Committee on Grievances and Appeals as follows:—

We your Committee to whom was submitted the Appeal of Bro. R. MacNeill, P. M., from the decision of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14, and the ruling of the W. Master of said Lodge with reference to collecting certain dues from a demitting Brother, beg leave to sustain the Appeal; and are of the opinion that according to the Bye-laws of said Lodge, Sections 12, 13 and 19, that the month on which the Communication was held at which the Brother appealed for, his Dimit should be included.

Signed,

ADAM MURRAY,
DONALD DARRACH,
J. R. DAVISON,
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H. A. MACDONALD. } Com.

On motion of E. M. Dill, P. M., seconded by J. Muirhead, P. M.

Resolved—That the Appeal be dismissed, and the ruling of Worshipful Master of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14, be sustained. Carried.

The chairman of committee on Grand Master's address submitted the following report:—

Having duly examined address with which you have been pleased to favor us at the opening of the annual communication of Grand Lodge, your committee beg leave to report thereon as follows:

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We regret any necessity that may have arisen whereby your reference to peace and harmony throughout our Jurisdiction requires the suggestive modification "for the most part", and at the same time deplore with you the disturbed condition of National life among our kindred to our society. Our persuasion harmonizes with our hopes, that the cause of humanity will be vindicated, that oppression and cruelty will give place to righteousness and peace.

By the grave we drop the tear of sympathy and sorrow, whenever our minds be directed to our own Jurisdiction or to foreign brotherhoods. The teaching of the "evergreen" relieve the gloom and bid us enter with the blessed hope for loved ones gone before as well as for ourselves of a glorious immortality "the Lodge on high."

Referring to foreign Jurisdictions invokes our surprise and awakens our keenest displeasure. Masonry without the brightest light of the Holy Bible is surely nothing but a name. Our regret is that lack of representation in Peru. Our displeasure in consequence of this action of the Grand Lodge of that country cannot be more emphatically expressed than simply to place anew on record our steady adherence to the open Bible on the altar in open Lodge. Cuba has her war for righteousness. Our hope is for early success when we trust the usual cordial pleasant relations will be restored. Our commendation is given to the acknowledgement of the courteous invitation extended to this

Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and we indulge the hope, vain though it may be, that it be accepted, and the suggestion with reference to the communication from the Grand Lodge of Belgium meets with our approval, also the issuing of commissions to representatives near other Grand Lodges.

The question of Masonic custom and law demands most careful attention. The Grand Master refused to put a motion at the last session of Grand Lodge. His plea seems to be the broad principle of Masonic privilege, on which also his objection is based. The position of the Grand Master we deem to be well taken, for ample opportunity should be given in order to a thorough acquaintance of matter of such high importance as the development and establishment of Masonic law. No contravention of principle contained in the motion takes place, only delay is occasioned in reporting progress, a delay which gives abundant margin for examination and comparison, that the ancient land-marks be not contravened—a delay which we believe to be in accord with Masonic principle, charity and privilege. The subsequent action of the Grand Master in having printed and distributed copies of the proposed alteration and amendments of the constitution and bye-laws is hereby commended.

His suggestion too as to wisdom of refraining from tampering with the constitution too frequently is approved, and the hope is entertained that our power of apprehension may be sufficient to enable us to distinguish things that differ. Constitution and bye-laws, that confusion of thought may not arise, that action may be secured and that Masonic work may be done with all the comeliness of Masonic harmony. Your committee observes with pleasure the reference to the special communication of the Grand Lodge, the purpose being the payment of Masonic courtesy and brotherly love

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to St. John's, No. 1, on the occasion of the celebration of their centenary.

Our Grand Master and Brethren associated with him have not been idle during the past Masonic year. The record of visitation speaks for itself and doubtless the Lodges visited by them have been much cheered and stimulated in Masonic labor.

The change of location granted True Brothers Lodge, No. 8, conserves the interest of Masonry, promotes the welfare of the order in that Subordinate jurisdiction.

We are pleased to note the diligence of D. Deputy Grand Master, J. D. Bell, in his report of his visitations and work done in the Eastern section of this Jurisdiction.

The several dispensations granted meet with our approval, and the several suggestions connected therewith our commendation.

The concluding sections of the address on which we now report give rise to gratitude and induce to a deepening of thought in connection with Masonic principle and life. The condition of our finances is in itself an inspiration. It is a sign of wealth and strength, as well as of that charity that is kind, a sign that can never appear in relief too bold on the form of our Masonic life. With the remarks on membership we fully and heartily concur. Too much care cannot be exercised in regard to this important matter, not only as regards the necessity of following closely the lines of Masonic law as to the methods and working, but also as regards the important element of character, moral and physical, on the part of all those who are, and of those who seek to be, sharers in the mysteries of Masonic light, and privileges of Masonic light. We would recommend that this receive the careful attention of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee approves of the action of the Grand Master in making arrangements for a spec-

ial meeting of Grand Lodge at Masonic Hall, Kensington, on the 27th inst., with a view to accede to a request of the Methodist people of Margate in laying the corner stone of their new church at that place.

Our thanks are due and hereby given to our esteemed Grand Master for his efficient services in the Grand East, and for his untiring zeal in the welfare of the Craft, as well as for his timely, lucid and inspiring address.

Signed,

E. M. DILL,
D. P. MACNUTT, } Com.
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The foregoing report was on motion received and after some discussion was approved of, after having been read clause by clause.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

In accordance with the order of the day and, on motion, Grand Lodge proceeded with the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following named brethren as scrutineers:—

M. W., Bro. John Yeo, M. W., Bro. R. MacNeill, R. W., Bro. G. A. Aitken.

Upon the several ballotings the scrutineers reported the following brethren, as having received the majority of the votes cast, and they were thereupon declared duly elected.

Bro. L. Morris,	M. W., G. Master, re-elected.
“ J. A. Messervey,	R. W., D. G. Master, “
“ R. Macmillan,	R. W., Sen. G. Warden,
“ Rev. Hy. Harper,	R. W., Jun. G. “
“ Adam Murray,	R. W., G. Treasurer, re-elected.
“ Neil MacKelvie,	R. W., G. Secretary, “

The Grand Master appointed the following:—

Bro. Rev. E. M. Dill, B.D.,	Grand Chaplain.
“ S. W. Crabbe,	“ Marshall.
“ D. Preston MacNutt,	“ Lecturer.
“ G. A. Aitken,	Sen. Grand Deacon.
“ W. H. Dougherty, M.D.	Jun. “ “
“ J. L. Palmer,	Grand Sword Bearer.
“ Donald McLean,	“ Standard Bearer.
“ C. H. Stearns,	“ Pursuivant.
“ John Hobbs,	“ Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to meet again at 7 o'clock, p. m.



AFTERNOON SESSION.

The M. W. Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7 o'clock. Grand Master presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master re-appointed M. W. Bro. D. Darrach, M. D., Trustee of the Charity and Benevolent Fund for the ensuing three years.

The Committee to whom was referred for examination the Code of Bye-laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, reported as follows:—

We to whom was referred Copy of Bye-laws passed by Victoria Lodge, May 6th, 1898, beg to report that we have carefully examined said Bye-Laws and find that they contain nothing inconsistent with Constitution, Bye-laws or Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and recommend their approval.

Fraternally Submitted,

S. W. CRABBE,
D. DARRACH,
HY. HARPER.

Report adopted.

The Chairman on Dispensations reported as follows:—

We, your Committee on Dispensations, beg to report that we have made a careful examination of the Minutes and Records of Mount Moriah Lodge, Cape Traverse, under Dispensation, and find the same satisfactory, and recommend that said Lodge continue working under Dispensation.

Signed,

D. SMALL, }
W. R. ELLIS, } Com.
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Report adopted.

On motion of Bro. R. MacNeill, P. G. M., seconded by Bro. D. P. MacNutt.

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Whereas—There are only five Lodges, viz:—St. George's, Victoria, Mt. Zion, St. Andrew's and Prince Edward which have contributed as required by last years resolution to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund,

Therefore Resolved—That hereafter every Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall be required to forward with the Grand Lodge returns something, not less than the widow's mite, and as much more as their benevolence will permit, which sum the Grand Secretary will add to the fund and report his doings to the Grand Lodge.

The Chairman of Committee on Accounts, submitted the following Report:—

That after careful examination of the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, we find the books well and carefully kept. All Receipts and Vouchers were found in proper order. A difference of Ten Dollars and Forty Cents between Treasurer's and Secretary's Books, accounted for by monies received since books of Grand Treasurer were closed, this amount being still in the hands of Grand Secretary.

W. K. ROGERS,
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The Chairman of Committee on revision of Constitution and Bye-laws pertaining to Grand and Subordinate Lodges submitted a draft of same which was on motion of Grand Lodge read clause by clause, and with some slight alterations unanimously adopted. In the matter of Sect. 39, relating to trials, the following amendment was made by Bro. D. Maclean, seconded by Bro. C. H. Dingwell.

Resolved—That in all cases of trial, all charges be submitted to a committee of five members of said Lodge to be appointed by the Master who shall be authorized to take such evidence as they may deem expedient in such cases, the same to be submitted to the Lodge for their approval or rejection.

On motion of John Yeo, P. G. M., seconded by A. Montgomery.

Resolved—That the amendment offered by D. McLean, P. M., be reconsidered being unnecessary, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman of Committee on Letter of Condolence to Bro. P. M. Jas Muirhead, reported as follows:—

We your committee appointed to draw up a letter of condolence to our venerable Bro. Hon. J. Muirhead P. M. of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 6.

Having learned with profound sorrow of the departure since opening, of the wife of our esteemed Brother Hon. Jas. Muirhead.

Therefore Resolved—That this Grand Body express their sympathy and condolence in view of the sad bereavement that has visited our beloved Brother. Commending him and his to the care and keeping of the Great Architect of the Universe, the God of all consolation and comfort.

And be it further

Resolved—That this resolution be forwarded to our bereaved brother, under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

Signed,

E. M. DILL,
D. DARRACH.

W. Bro. D. Preston MacNutt gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he would move the following Amendments to the constitution:—

That all after the word shall in Sect.4. Art. 4 be erased, and the following words substituted.
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that they have a majority of votes cast, and the Brother thereby having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected by the presiding Grand Officer." I further give notice that I will move that the following clause be added to Art. 4, namely: All nominations shall be in writing. I further give notice that I will move that a sufficient number of copies of our Constitution be printed, and with it a Text Book similar to that used by the Grand Lodge of Canada, Ont.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the installation of Grand Officers then in order, and asked M.W. Bro. D. Darrach, M. D., P.G.M., to assume the chair, which he did, requesting R.W. Bro. R. E. Sobey to act as Director of Ceremonies. When M. W. Bro. Leonard Morris, Grand Master elect, was presented at the Holy Altar, and after an earnest appeal to the Great Source of Light, by the Grand Chaplain, was invested with his official obligation, conducted to the Grand East, invested, saluted, proclaimed and installed Grand Master of Masons of Prince Edward Island in Ample Form, according to the ancient usages of the Craft and this Grand Lodge.

The following Grand Officers, elected and appointed, were installed into their respective offices:—

John A. Messervey,	Deputy Grand Master.
Ronald McMillan,	Senior Grand Warden.
Rev. Henry Harper,	Junior Grand Warden.
Adam Murray,	Grand Treasurer.
Neil MacKelvie,	Grand Secretary.
D. Preston MacNutt,	Grand Lecturer.
Rev. E. M. Dill, B. D.,	Grand Chaplain.
Geo. A. Aitken,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. H. Dougherty, M. D.,	Junior Grand Deacon.
S. W. Crabbe,	Grand Marshall.
L. J. Palmer,	Grand Sword Bearer.
Donald McLean,	Grand Standard Bearer.
C. H. Sterns,	Grand Pursuivant.
J. Hobbs,	Grand Tyler.

The M. W. Master appointed the following Committees:—

ON GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS.

Bro. Adam Murray,	-	-	-	P. G. M.
“ Donald Darrach,	-	-	-	P. G. M.
“ R. MacNeill,	-	-	-	P. G. M.
“ J. Z. Taylor,	-	-	-	P. M.
“ R. E. Sobey,	-	-	-	P. M.

BENEVOLENT FUND RUSTEES.

D. Darrach, Neil MacKelvie, K. J. Martin.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. Neil MacKelvie. Bro. D. Darrach, M. D.
Rev. E. M. Dill, B. D.

On motion it was

Resolved—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the officers and members of Mount Lebanon and King Hiram Lodges, for the use of Masonic Hall for this Communication.

On motion it was

Resolved—That thanks be tendered to G. A. Sharp, Esq., Supt. Prince Edward Island Railway, for the courtesies extended by him to the members of this Grand Lodge.

On motion it was

Resolved—That the Grand Secretary shall receive for his services for the ensuing Masonic year, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

On motion it was

Resolved—That the next Annual Grand Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, be held in the City of Charlottetown, on the 24th day of June, A. L. 5899, A. D. 1899.

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Resolved—That 500 copies of the Proceedings of this Communication be printed for usual distribution.

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Resolved—That Grand Tyler be allowed the sum of Five Dollars for his services for this Communication.

No further business appearing the Minutes were read and approved, and the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island, was closed in ample form with prayer.

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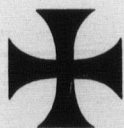
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In Memory of the following
Master Masons of this Jurisdiction
who died since our last Report

GEO. E. MILLNER,
Saint John's Lodge, No. 1. Charlottetown.

DAVID MAY,
Saint John's Lodge, No. 1. Charlottetown.

CHARLES F. STRONG,
Victoria Lodge, No. 2. Charlottetown.

HENRY F. JARVIS, M. D.,
King Hiram Lodge, No. 3. Summerside.

SAMUEL MACDONALD,
Saint George's Lodge, No. 4. Georgetown.

CHARLES B. SAUNDERS,
Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 6. Summerside.

PAST AND PRESENT

YEAR.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1875	John Yeo	Thomas A. MacLean	John Muirhead
1876	John Yeo	Thomas A. MacLean	William T. Hunt
1877	John Yeo	Jno. William Morrison	Thomas Brehaut (dead)
1878	John Yeo	A. Murray, Hon. F. G. M.	Neil MacKelvie
1879	John Yeo	Neil MacKelvie	William H. Aitken
1880	John Yeo	Neil MacKelvie	B. Wilson Higgs
1881	John Yeo	B. Wilson Higgs (dead)	Thomas H. Pope (dead)
1882	John Yeo	P. Albert Carvell, demitted	A. Newton Large
1883	John Yeo	A. Newton Large	David Schurman, demitted
1884	John Yeo	G. W. Wakeford	A. H. B. Macgowan, "
1885	John Yeo	Simon W. Crabbe	Andrew Bowness
1886	John Yeo	A. H. B. Macgowan, dem.	Ewen Stewart
1887	John Yeo	Neil MacKelvie	Roderic MacNeil
1888	John Yeo	Neil MacKelvie	G. W. Bentley
1889	Neil MacKelvie	Harry C. Brownell	John L. Thomson
1890	J. W. Morrison	John L. Thomson	Leonard Morris
1891	D. Darrach	Silas F. Hodgson	John Monroe
1892	S. W. Crabbe	R. MacNeil	William Stewart
1893	T. A. MacLean	William Stewart	Daniel Ross
1894	T. A. MacLean	Daniel Ross	John Clay
1895	R. McNeill	John Clay	John D. Bell
1896	J. L. Thomson	K. J. Martin	J. A. Messervey
1897	L. Morris	J. A. Messervey	Wm. R. Ellis
1898	L. Morris	J. A. Messervey	R. McMillan

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GRAND OFFICERS.

Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
John A. Matheson	James D. Mason	B. Wilson Higgs
G. A. Aitken	James D. Mason	B. Wilson Higgs
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William H. Aitken	David Small	B. Wilson Higgs
Simon W. Crabbe	David Small	G. W. Wakeford
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A. Newton Large	David Small	G. W. Wakeford
David Schurman, dm't'd.	W. H. Finlay	G. W. Wakeford
Donald Darrach	W. H. Finlay	B. Wilson Higgs
Alexander Bowness	W. H. Finlay	B. Wilson Higgs
Ewen Stewart	W. H. Finlay	B. Wilson Higgs
John T. Crockett	W. H. Finlay	B. Wilson Higgs
Robert E. Sobey	W. H. Finlay	B. Wilson Higgs
Harry Brownell	W. H. Finlay	B. Wilson Higgs
John T. Crockett	W. H. Finlay	B. Wilson Higgs
Silas F. Hodgson	Simon W. Crabbe	B. Wilson Higgs
C. C. Carleton, jr.	Simon W. Crabbe	B. Wilson Higgs
J. R. Davison	Adam Murray	B. Wilson Higgs
J. D. Bell	Adam Murray	B. Wilson Higgs
George B. Bell	Adam Murray	B. Wilson Higgs
J. A. Messervy	Adam Murray	Neil MacKelvie
A. J. MacLaine	Adam Murray	Neil MacKelvie
R. McMillan	Adam Murray	Neil MacKelvie
Rev. Henry Harper	Adam Murray	Neil MacKelvie

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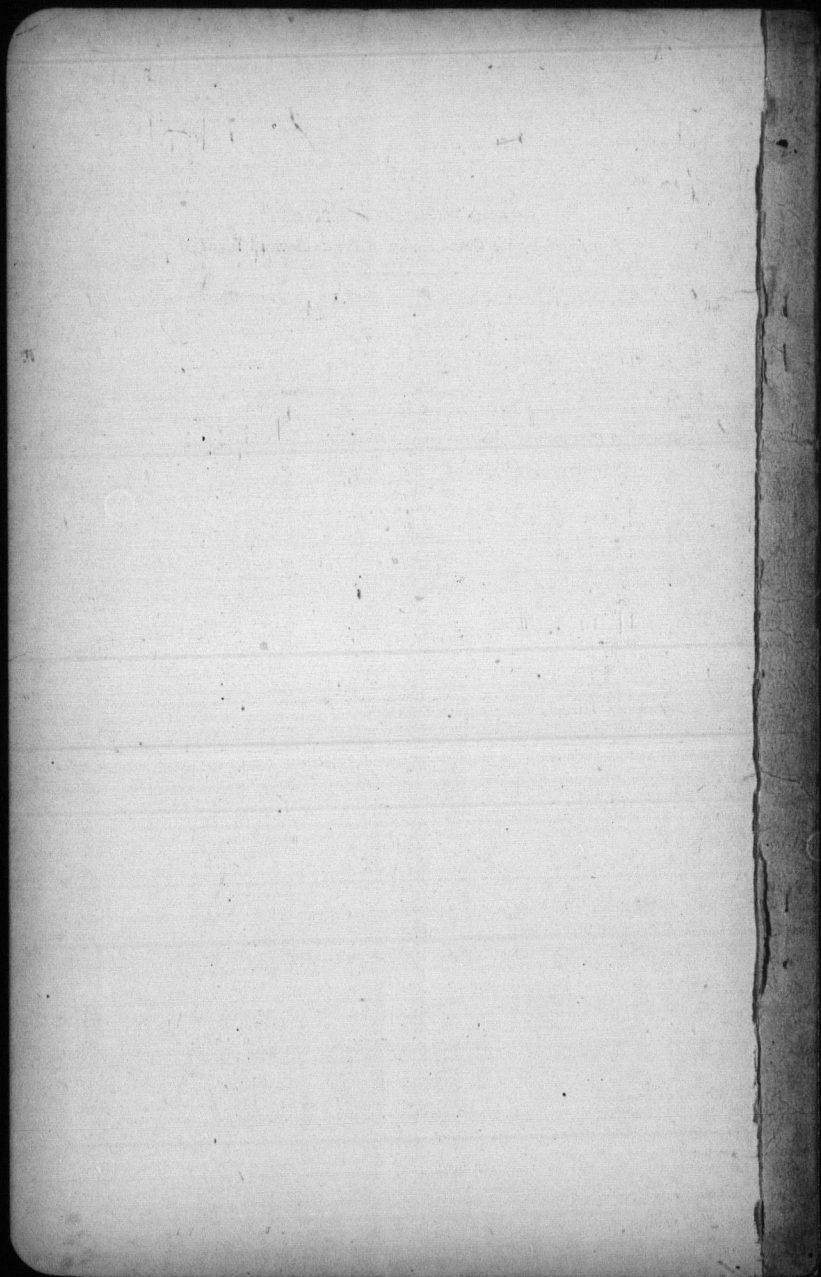
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GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RESIDENCE.	GRAND
Alabama,	M. W., D. Darrach, M. D.,	Kensington.	Alabama
Arizona,	W., H. Nelson,	Montague.	Arizona,
Arkansas,	R. W., David Small,	Charlottetown.	Arkansas
California,	M. W., S. W. Crabbe,	Charlottetown.	California
British Columbia,	R. W., D. Ross,	Stanley Bridge.	British C.
Canada,	M. W., John Yeo,	Port Hill.	Canada, C
Cuba,	W., Sir L. H. Davies,	Charlottetown.	Cuba,
Colorado,	W., Wm. T. Burrows,	Summerside.	Colorado,
Connecticut,	W., G. R. Montgomery,	Alberton.	Connectic
Delaware,	W., J. J. Davies,	Charlottetown.	Delaware,
Dist. Columbia,	R. W., J. A. Messervey,	Charlottetown.	Dist. Colu
Florida,	M. W., A. Murray,	Charlottetown.	Florida,
Georgia,	R. W., G. W. Bentley,	Kensington.	Georgia,
Idaho,	M. W., L. Morris,	Summerside.	Idaho,
Illinois,	R. W., W. H. Aitken,	Charlottetown.	Illinois,
Indiana,	W., Alex. Strang,	Cape Traverse.	Indiana,
Indian Territory,	W., J. E. Robertson, M. D.,	Montague.	Indian Ter
Iowa,	M. W., L. Morris,	Summerside.	Iowa,
Ireland,	R. W., J. D. Mason,	Charlottetown.	Ireland,
Kansas,	W., N. McLaren,	Montague.	Kansas,
Kentucky,	W., C. C. Carleton, Sen.	Souris.	Kentucky,
Louisiana,	R. W., W. T. Hunt,	St. Eleanors.	Louisiana,
Maine,	R. W., G. W. Wakeford,	Charlottetown.	Maine,
Michigan,	R. W., Andrew Bowness,	Kensington.	Michigan,
Manitoba,	M. W., Thos. A. MacLean,	Charlottetown.	Manitoba,
Minnesota,	R. W., John D. Bell,	Montague.	Minnesota,
Maryland,	W., Jas. W. Richards,	Bideford.	Maryland,
Missouri,	W., C. C. Carleton, Jun.	Souris.	Missouri,
Mississippi,	W., D. Montgomery,	Summerside.	Mississippi
Montana,	W., D. A. Stewart, M. D.,	Georgetown.	Montana,
Nevada,	W., W. H. Hopgood,	Kensington.	Nevada,
New Brunswick,	W., Sydney Grey,	Charlottetown.	Nebraska,
New Hampshire,	R. W., A. J. McLaine,	Souris.	New Bruns'
New Mexico,	W., A. McKenzie,	Charlottetown.	New Hamp
New South Wales,	W., John McLaine,	Souris.	New South
New Jersey,	M. W., John Yeo,	Port Hill.	New South
New Zealand,	W., Robt. B. McLeod,	French River.	New York,
New York,	R. W., Ino. J. G. Weldon,	Charlottetown.	New Zealan
Nebraska,	R. W., John Muirhead,	Tryon.	New Jersey,
North Carolina,	R. W., R. E. Sobey,	Summerside.	North Carol
North Dakota,	W., J. L. Dyer,	Alberton.	North Daco
Nova Scotia,	M. W., Roderick McNeil, M. D.,	Stanley Bridge.	Nova Scotia
Ohio,	W., Ewen Stewart,	Georgetown.	Ohio,
Oregon,	M. W., R. McNeil, M. D.,	Stanley Bridge.	Oregon,
Quebec,	M. W., Neil McKelvie,	Summerside.	Quebec,
Rhode Island,	W., Thos. Adams,	Port Hill.	Rhode Islan
Scotland,	W., John Ross,	Charlottetown.	Scotland,
South Dakota,	W., John Grady,	Summerside.	South Dacot
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Texas,	R. W., G. W. Wakeford,	Charlottetown.	Texas,
Utah,	R. W., S. F. Hodgson,	Charlottetown.	Utah,
Vermont,	R. W., K. J. Martin,	Summerside.	Vermont,
Victoria,	R. W., Wm. R. Ellis,	Port Hill.	Victoria,
West Virginia,	W., L. J. Palmer,	Alberton.	West Virgini
Virginia,	R. W., A. N. Large,	Charlottetown.	Virginia,
Wisconsin,	M. W., John L. Thomson,	Charlottetown.	Wisconsin,
Washington,			Washington,

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	Alabama,	W., George P. Harrison,	Opeleka.
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	Canada, Ont.,	W., Robert McKnight,	Hamilton.
	Cuba,	M. W., Antonio Govin,	Havanna.
wn.	Colorado,	R. W., F. S. Dunlop,	Delaware City.
z.	Connecticut,	W., Samuel H. Thompson,	Durango.
	Delaware,	W., Enoch Moore,	Wilmington.
wn.	Dist. Columbia	M. W., Mathew Trimble,	Washington.
wn.	Florida,	R. W., Daniel McKinnon,	Mariana.
wn.	Georgia,	W., F. J. Blalock,	Blockshire.
	Idaho,	R. W., John Kennedy,	Boise City.
vn.	Illinois,	R. W., A. T. Beecher,	Mt. Carrol.
rsc.	Indiana,	W., A. M. Sinks,	Connorsville.
	Indian Territory,	W., Thomas E. Oaks,	
	Iowa,	R. W., H. C. McNeill,	Sioux City.
	Ireland,	W., C. N. McNamara,	Dublin.
rn.	Kansas,	R. W., W. S. Gunter,	Scandia.
	Kentucky,	R. W., William Ryan,	Louisville.
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