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QUARTERLY SESSION.

DIVISION ROOM, TEMPERANCE HALL, }
Truro, January 31, 1871. }

The Grand Division opened in due form at 2.30 o'clock, p. m., the G. W. P. presiding.

Roll of Officers called:

Present: Dr. C. C. Hamilton, G. W. P. ; P. Monaghan, G. Scribe ; Alex. Dunbar, G. C.

Absent: Wm. Williams, G. W. A. ; H. A. Taylor, G. Treas. ; Rev. I. J. Skianer, G. Chap. ; J. M. Chase, G. Sent ; Rev. L. Gaetz, P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled by P.G.W.P. Longley, G.W.A. ; P. G. W. A. Heenan, G. Treas. ; Wm. Cummings, G. Chap. ; Michl. Heenan, G. Sent. ; A. M. Gidney, P. G. W. P.

On motion of Bro. A. M. Gidney, *it was agreed* that Lady Visitors and members of Subordinate Divisions be admitted to sittings of this Session on being obligated and vouched for.

The following Report from Committee on Credentials was read and adopted:—

Halifax, N. S., January 21, 1871.

The Standing Committee on Credentials of Representatives to G. D. beg to report the following list correct:

- 6 UNION—W. P., Calvin Raymond.
- 8 MICMAC—P. W. P., Charles Allen.
- 9 MAYFLOWER—P. W. P., Edwin Clay, M. D.
- 12 AVON—W. P., Wm. T. Kent.
- 16 ORIENTAL—P. W. P., Montgomery Harper.
- 17 NEW GLASGOW—W. P., Wm. Smith.
- 26 HOWARD—W. P., Robt. Dugert.

- 32 CHESTER—W. P., Wm. Webber.
- 41 TRURO—W. P., Samuel Waddell; P. W. P's., J. B. McCully Rich'd Craig.
- 61 STAR IN THE EAST—W. P., Matthew Bradley; P. W. P's., S. Peters, "Sydney," T. C. Hill, C. W. Hill, W. Buchanan, C. H. Harrington, Duncan McLennan, Samuel Peters "Creek" J. E. Burchell, J. Dobson, W. H. Morley, S. W. McKeen, L. E. Jost, Alex. Mattheson, Donald Mattheson.
- 82 IRON AGE—P. W. P's., R. N. B. McLellan, Ezra Layton, Suther Spencer, W. E. McRobert, M. D., E. T. McRobert, M. D., Benj. McLellan, D. A. Davison, W. D. Corbett, James Gourley, Allen Spencer, S. C. Murray, Rev. J. E. Balcom.
- 92 KELLOGG—W. P., James Rae.
- 96 ATHENÆUM—P. W. P's., Thomas Clark, John H. Osman.
- 109 WELLINGTON—W. P., Wm. H. McDonald.
- 112 WOLFFVILLE—P. W. P's., Rev. J. M. Cramp, J. Rounsfall, J. F. L. Parsons, A. Rounsfall, A. J. Stevens, A. Caldwell, J. W. Longley, C. Fritze, E. W. Chesley, Geo. V. Rand.
- 115 PHENIX—W. P., Isaac Durling; P. W. P's., Jas. Curl, R. S. Owen, P. G. Frazer, Chas. Chase, Rev. Stephen March, R. West, B. W. C. Manning, J. Grinton, A. C. Randall, W. J. Gates, Thos. K. Cragg, Alexander McDonald, John McKinnon, S. R. Manning, Angus McDonald, John Slocumb, E. J. Manning, James Heckman, George H. Burkett, H. B. Mitchell.
- 124 VESPER—W. P., Amos W. Blois.
- 145 TYRO—P. W. P's., Thos. Webber, Wellington Morrell.
- 159 SOUTH—W. P., John W. Kenny; P. W. P., Peter Kenney.
- 161 WESTERN STAR—W. P., N. J. Thurber; P. W. P's., Robt. Harris, Walter H. Prime, Edward Spring, N. Spring.
- 169 HOME—W. P., G. S. Sulis.
- 182 AMHERST—P. W. P's., J. H. Black, H. C. Black, Chas. Christy, Rupert Black, A. S. Blenkhorn, Geo. Christy, M. Freeman, M. D. Pride, D. R. McElmon, J. Black.
- 185 PRINCE ALBERT—W. P., Sylvanus D. Munro.
- 196 CANNING—W. P., James Hennigar; P. W. P's., David Lowden, Rev. David Freeman.
- 212 ST. ANDREWS—W. P., Daniel Murphy.
- 214 PEREAUX—W. P., M. L. Newcomb.
- 220 YOUTH'S REFUGE—W. P., Jas. R. Knoudell; P. W. P's., Alex. Cumming, John A. Kirk, Thomas McKeen, Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Jas. Fraser, Alex. Hattie, Rev. H. Eagles, Matthew Archibald, Robert McKeen, Samuel McKeen, S. Fraser, Alex. Archibald.
- 221 MARINE—W. P., Augustus, O'Brien.
- 223 MORNING LIGHT—W. P., G. W. Pattrignan; P. W. P., Jas. Quillian.
- 226 NOBLE—W. P., N. S. Drew; P. W. P., Jacob Moyer.
- 236 MARATHON—W. P., Zac. H. Hubly.
- 242 PLEASANT VALLEY—W. P., Simeon Downing.
- 247 CRYSTAL—W. P., Andrew Johnson.
- 267 LADY OF THE LAKE—W. P., Hugh McDonald; P. W. P., John Sears.
- 282 BARRATT—W. P., Kentworth A. Littlewood.
- 299 GRANVILLE—P. W. P., Robt. Sutherland.
- 301 LAKE ECHO—W. P., Wm. Crook.
- 305 FRASER—W. P., David McDonald.
- 310 BEACON—W. P., Alfred Richardson.
- 313 YOUNG BRANCH—W. P., Nemiah W. Swim; P. W. P's., David F. Harding, Wm. K. McPherson, Chas. H. A. Decker, Jacob B. Ringor.
- 316 GOOD WILL—W. P., Jacob W. Cox; P. W. P's., Alex. Knowlton, John H. Coffin, J. E. Woodworth, George Cox.

The Committee would again remind R. Scribes that the labours of the Committee would be much lessened if they would simply return each quarter the Representatives elected during the Quarter; a full list only being necessary for the Annual Returns in October.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

JOHN E. BUTLER,
ROBERT G. SMITH.

The Grand Conductor introduced the following named Representatives who were duly initiated: Rupert Fulton, A. Johnston, J. J. G. Rutherford, Jas. Frame, Jas. J. Brinton of No. 247; John Fraser, No. 17; Allan Graham, No. 244; Malcolm McKenzie, Daniel McLeod, Wm. M. Christie, No. 303; S. J. Waddell, No. 41.*

The G. W. P. appointed Committees for the Session as follows:

On State of the Order—P. G. W. P's., Longley, McRobert, Marshall, and Creelman; Bros. C. E. DeWolfe, and Wm. Cummings.

On Communications—P. G. W. P. McRobert, P. G. W. A. Heenan, Bros. A. M. Gidney, Robert Putnam, A. Judson Walker.

On Enrollment—J. B. McCully, Thos. Clarke.

Grand Scribe read Communications from Mayflower Division No. 9, Phoenix No. 115, and Beacon No. 310; cancelling Credentials of Representatives; Communications ordered on file, and names of Representatives to be erased from Roll of G. D.

Also communication from Wm. K. Anguin, P. W. P, late Day-Spring Division, to grant him a Clearance Card.

On motion the Card was granted.

The Grand Scribe presented Communication from a number of Subordinate Divisions on the subject of increase of Per Capita Tax, viz: Milton, No. 4, Howard, 26, Royal, 37, Star, 49, Phoenix, 115, Pittacus, 132, Tyro, 145, Western Star, 161, Greenfield, 180, Rosignol, 200, Ray of Light, 208, Bethesda, 209, Marathon, 236, McMurray, 274, Carleton, 280, Montrose, 281, Gladstone, 303, Sea-view, 320.

On motion the Communications were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of P. G. W. P's McRobert, Longley and Marshall, P. G. W. A. Heenan, Bro. C. E. DeWolfe.

The following Report was read and ordered on file:

* This list includes all who were initiated during the Session,—the last named being obligated.—G. S.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Brethren of the Grand Division.

WORTHY BROTHERS,—The committee appointed in October last to secure a continuance of the publication of the "Abstainer" newspaper for this current year, finding the Grand Division have opportunity of taking further action before disbursing any money, respectfully request that such consideration be given to the matter as altered circumstances seem to render necessary.

The paper has been reduced in price to those who will pay promptly for it; but it is not lower now than others are willing to publish for; and there has been drawn from the funds of the Grand Division, since October last, a sum which was voted for the "Abstainer" in 1869, to be drawn if necessary, or in emergency. Your Committee believing that the vote of 1869 was not thought of when the appropriation was made in October last, respectfully ask for instructions; not wishing to incur censure for unwisely withholding or giving what has been entrusted to them of the funds of the Grand Division.

The fact of Brother Monaghan's continuance in the office of Publisher, seems to render unnecessary any further services of your Committee; as the Grand Treasurer can make payment of any sum the Grand Division may please to vote; and they respectfully suggest that they may be allowed to retire.

Yours in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

WM. M. BROWN, Chairman.

WM. WILLIAMS.

R. H. WETMORE.

M. A. SHAFFER.

WM. MURRAY.

Halifax, Jan. 30, 1871.

Bro. Wm. Cummings, on behalf of Truro Division, No. 41, invited the Grand Division to attend a Public Temperance Meeting to be held this evening.

Invitation accepted, and, on vote, the Grand Division decided to appear in Regalia.

The G. W. P. presented the following report, which, on motion, was referred to Committee on State of the Order :

To the Grand Division of Nova Scotia.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,

I shall, in presenting this my first report, be brief.

I would be wanting in gratitude to the members of this Grand Division, were I not to acknowledge the honor conferred in calling upon me to preside over their deliberations, and, as the head of the order in Nova Scotia, to conduct the affairs of an institution established more than a quarter of a century, its object and aim being of the most noble and philanthropic nature, and intimately associated with the best interests of our race.

Let us then with kindly feelings unite our endeavours to advance its interests—promote the harmony, and preserve unsullied our reputation as Sons, and, I may add, Daughters of Temperance.

I shall rely on my brother officers, and the good sense and manly efforts of the members of this branch of our Order, at this and subsequent sessions, for aid and support in conducting the business which may be brought forward for our consideration.

It could scarcely be expected that I should be prepared, at this first session, with much information relative to the cause of Temperance in general, or the state of our Order in particular, nor that I would be able to offer many suggestions of importance, the changes in our constitution and usages being generally made at the annual session.

Almost everything connected with the practical working of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia, is so intimately connected with the office of our most efficient Grand Scribe, that it would only be a repetition for me to dilate upon their details. I shall therefore rely upon his full and correct report for the information connected with the state of our Order for the past quarter.

I have had but little, I may say scarcely any time to visit Subordinate Divisions in my own or any other county; nor have I heard from many of the County Deputies on the state of the Order under their jurisdiction.

From information received I fear our Order is somewhat stationary. It is certainly not advancing as a whole in numbers and influence in proportion to the work performed, or which seems necessary to be accomplished in ridding our Province from the baneful effects of the Rum Traffic. I still however believe that the cause of Temperance is steadily progressing amongst us.

There are three established Temperance organizations in Nova Scotia—the Sons of Temperance, British Templars, and Independent Order of Templars, besides Temperance Societies, all working for the one object.

In addition to those agencies above mentioned we have the pulpit (with exceptions) the platform, and the Press, *The Abstinence*; these all combined should work powerful influence on the masses.

Why then as Temperance men do we not succeed in spreading our principles far and wide over this fair Province?

I will not attempt to answer this question, but may be permitted to observe, that I do not think that Temperance men as a body work with unanimity of purpose, persistency of effort, and willing to sacrifice time and money to accomplish our great work. We make pledges and fair promises, but are we firm in our resolves? We pledge ourselves to duty, but are we prompt in our actions? We talk about the necessity of spreading our principles, but do we perform that duty? Our opportunities are numerous; let us fail not then to embrace them, to prevent our fellow man from being engulfed in this awful vortex of rum and degradation.

I fear we as Temperance men rely too much upon the justness of our cause, and become apathetic and indifferent to its final triumphs; forgetting that the Rumsellers, their aiders and abettors are untiring in their efforts, and unscrupulous in carrying on their work of moral and spiritual degradation and ruin. Let us therefore be active, faithful to our efforts, honest in our purposes, in spreading our principles throughout the land, and ridding society of this monster evil, the curse of our race.

I am not aware of any new Divisions being established during the past Quarter.

Some Divisions suspended for a time have revived, and are in working order again.

Two very important changes were made at the last Annual Session of this Grand Division, viz., the admission of females to full membership, and an increase of the capita tax. What will be the ultimate results of these measures it would be premature now to discuss at length. No less than sixteen Divisions have admitted females to full membership, which is proving the fact that the principle of *union* is prevailing amongst us, even uniting the more gentle with the sterner sex in the noble work in which we are engaged. As females are more generally brought to feel the blighting and withering effects of intemperance, especially should they be so unfortunate as to be united with a drunken partner in life, so should they esteem it a privilege to be co-workers with us in this great cause for the redemption of our race; and I believe they will do it with a right good will.

I think the action of the Grand Division in this matter will be attended with good results.

As was anticipated by the members of the Grand Division at its annual meeting, the increase of the per capita tax has caused dissatisfaction in some Divi-

sions, while others have refused to comply, and threatened to surrender their charters if the tax was demanded. Some Divisions have paid the increased rate, and made no complaints.

I have received from Deputies several communications on the subject, and after consulting with the Grand Scribe, concluded it was best not to enforce a strict obedience in this matter. We are too weak to loose any of our Divisions, and as prevention is considered better than a cure, I thought this course the best one under the circumstances.

I would suggest that the Grand Division relieve by resolution, all Subordinate Divisions from the increased tax for the past quarter. I trust the G. Division will give this subject their best consideration.

This course seems the more advisable as the Agency Committee, as far as I can learn have not yet been able to secure the services of a suitable Lecturer and Agent, and consequently no funds from this source have been required.

I am much gratified to know that *The Abstainer*, the organ of this Grand Division, so efficiently and ably conducted by brother Monaghan, is likely to be continued. What a pity it could not have a larger circulation; without a temperance paper well conducted and supported, our cause cannot prosper, our hopes of prohibition not realized, and our work but half done.

Rally around this necessary agent of our cause, subscribe for the paper, (and pay for it in advance) and then may we expect to influence Legislation, secure better laws, and create a more healthy tone of public morality to have them executed.

As the two orders of Templars in Nova Scotia have adopted *The Abstainer* as their organ of communication, I hope that in a pecuniary point of view the paper will be placed on a permanent foundation, and that it will continue to grapple more effectually than ever with the monster vice of Intemperance.

As regards the state of the Order in the several counties and districts, I have but little to report.

In Kings County the cause is advancing, although there are fewer Temperance organizations than formerly. The Divisions are more active; ministers of the Gospel are waking up to the sense of their obligations in reference to the spread of Temperance principles. Monthly Sunday evening services have been established in Canning in the interests of a Division of Cadets (established under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick). At the Ministerial Convention held monthly, one of the subjects for discussion was Temperance.

Brother Huestis continues his active labors in the cause. He is a host within himself.

While the drinking custom seems to be greater in the villages it is lessening in the rural districts. As the Rumsellers made no application for licenses, none was granted; yet they continue to sell at Kentville, Canning, Wolfville, and other places. Why should this be so in a community of comparatively temperance men?

Deputy Marshall of Pictou County reports but little change in the Divisions under his charge. "New Glasgow is in a flourishing condition—financially, socially, morally and religiously." It is a pity that more Divisions could not be reported as favorably. "The liquor business is still doing its work, especially on the respectable portion of the community." Rumsellers continue to be prosecuted for violations of the law, with good effect, and upon the whole thinks "that a healthy Temperance tone is to be found generally in the County."

Deputy Parsons, of Halifax, says in his report "That the cause has not lost ground during this term." A number of organizations have been at work, and in a great many ways have spread the principles of Temperance. The city Divisions have entered upon their winter's campaign with prospects of good success. A course of monthly meetings have been established. The churches have their Temperance Societies, all of which are spreading the principles of Temperance. On the whole Brother Parsons speaks encouragingly of matters in the capital.

Brother Longley, of Annapolis reports favorably of Caledonia, Nelson, and Olive Branch Divisions, but fears that the cause is not progressing in the County. He remarks "we want public Temperance Meetings all over the land for discussing the present aspect of Temperance affairs." In this I quite agree with the brother; we must do more work outside the Division Room if we wish to succeed.

Brother McDonald of St. Mary's District, reports favorably of "Wellington and Youth's Refuge." "No legal Kumseller is allowed to hoist his banner in this district." That should be the case everywhere.

Brother Drew, of Petite Reviere, in reporting on the state of the Order, says "That the cause of Temperance is very low in this quarter;" "There is, however, very little rum drinking publicly."

I have had the perusal of many of the reports from Divisional Deputies addressed to the Grand Scribe, together with one or two others addressed to myself, but as they relate chiefly to financial matters connected with their respective Divisions, the necessary information will be furnished by the G. S. in his report.

I beg therefore to submit these remarks for the consideration of the Grand Division, hoping that our present meeting will be in harmony, for the good of the Order, and the advancement of our cause, relying at all times for the Divine blessing to rest upon our institution and our Order forever.

I am yours, in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

Jan. 31, 1871.

C. C. HAMILTON, G.W.P.

The Grand Scribe read the following Report :

To the Grand Division S. of T. of Nova Scotia.

WORTHY BROTHERS.—The Grand Scribe regrets that he has but very scant material out of which to frame a report for presentation to this quarterly meeting of the Grand Division.

Since the annual meeting but few reports have been received, some of which are cheering while others are of a desponding nature. A few Divisions have rallied, and others will soon resume operations;—*per contra* : Columbia No. 24, of Weymouth, and Day-Spring No. 217, of Dartmouth, have surrendered their charters. Four Lodges of Templars occupy the ground of the former. Three or four Divisions have found it necessary to suspend work until the spring owing to want of suitable places in which to hold their meetings.

It requires a most strenuous effort on the part of this Grand Division to infuse vitality into subordinate branches in order that earnestness and activity may prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and the cause of Temperance take a fresh start. Personal effort on the part of leading brethren in each locality, and the visits of a Lecturer are the agencies immediately required for renewed zeal and energy. Brethren—will you perform your part, individually? If you will, half the work will be accomplished. As to the employment of an agent, much—all in fact—depends upon the Subordinate Divisions, who will have to exhibit a *financial spirit* in the work, whether it be in the shape of an Agency Tax paid into the funds of this body, or voluntary contributions.

From all parts of the Province comes the cry—"Send us an Agent; one is needed very much; get the Agency Committee to work." But how can the Committee comply with these demands or requests, if the funds are not forthcoming? A competent lecturer cannot be had without a *fair remuneration* for his services; and it would not be wise in the Committee to employ such until they first see their way clear in reference to guaranteeing his salary. At the present time the Grand Treasurer has in his hands the sum of \$88 to the credit of Agency fund; in my hands there is the additional sum of \$82.06, which amount, excepting \$5.12, is the proportion of the additional tax on members and visi-

tors, for agency purposes, from Divisions who have paid their tax for quarter ending December 31, 1870. Add to these sums the amount subscribed at the July quarterly meeting last year, \$163.50, which will be forthcoming (less what has been paid in) so soon as an Agent is put in the field, we will have \$333.50 with which to commence work. Yet the availability of the portion derived from the additional tax will depend upon the action of this body, and whether the Subordinates will cheerfully second their efforts.

That there is some dissatisfaction in reference to the action of the Grand Division at the last Annual Session in increasing the tax on Members to *ten* cents, and requiring *two* cents on each Lady Visitor, is apparent. I have not received very many communications on the subject, but as far as I can glean from contents of those to hand, and from other sources, the result is as follows:

Two Divisions threaten to surrender their Charters rather than pay the additional tax.

Nine are opposed to the increase and report that they *will not pay it*.

Six or seven while they would willingly pay it are too poor to do so—most of them being crippled in funds is their efforts to build Halls, &c.

Two refused to pay the additional tax for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1870, but will pay it in future.

There is some dissatisfaction in a few others, but I have not been officially notified of the fact.

Some who reported to the G. W. P. in October last that they were opposed to the increase have paid the additional four cents for past quarter.

Answers *against* the increasing of the tax have been received from Milton No. 4, and Carleton No. 280 since the Annual Session.

A number of Communications from Subordinate Divisions giving expression to their views on the matter will be laid on the table for your consideration. What is to be done, or what can be done, to accomplish what this body aims at, and to preserve unanimity in the Order on this vitally important question? is a subject which will require grave deliberation.

Various propositions no doubt will arise with a view of solving the present difficulty—if such it may be considered. Five or six may be mentioned:

First,—Should the additional four cents on members and two cents on Lady Visitors be exacted in the future?

Second,—Should the Bye-Laws of this body be amended with the view of discontinuing the tax on Lady Visitors, or imposing the original tax of six cents on members only? (The Rule provides for this being done at Annual Sessions only.)

Third,—Can a compromise be effected by Divisions meeting this body half-way, and pay *8 cents* per quarter on *all members* and *two cents* on all lady visitors? Would the Agency be benefitted by such a concession on the part of the Grand Division, and acceptance of the terms by the Subordinates?

Fourth,—As some Divisions have paid the increased rate for past term, and others have refused, and a few feel too poor to do so, what should be done as a matter of equity—as it would be unfair that some should have paid while others will not pay?

Fifth,—The universal usage being that all new or amended Bye-laws, or resolutions, go into effect immediately on their passing, unless some time is specified; and as *one-third* of the quarterly term ending December 31, 1870, had expired when the G. D. decided to impose the additional tax, would it be advisable to provide that the increased rate of tax be considered as going into operation on the first day January, 1871, and that such Divisions as have paid the additional four cents on members and two cents on Visitors, be credited with the sums over-paid by them on account of the tax to be paid by them on 31st March next?

It will be observed that the Bye-Law relating to tax cannot be amended without three months' notice being given.

In my financial statement is set forth the total amount received from each Division for past term, and what proportion of said amounts is to be credited to the Agency fund. It will be noticed, *first*—that some Divisions have paid the increased rates on both members and visitors; *second*—that others paid additional tax on members only; *third*—that some have paid at the rate of six cents only, and on members alone,—some of the latter because they are opposed to it, some because they are not able, and a few have no doubt overlooked the matter. Several of the Divisions have not returned the number of Lady Visitors on their books, but probably some of these now admit females to membership.

The new Division chartered in Queen's County last year, has not yet been organized, but it is expected that duty will be attended to in the Spring.

In view of a number of Divisions admitting women to membership, I obtained from the M. W. Scribe twenty copies of Revised Ritual, suitable for such Divisions, at a cost of \$80.00.

I have been officially informed that the following named Divisions have decided to admit women to membership: Concord 3, Roseway 25, Royal 37, Rising Sun 52, Wallace 75, Iron Age 82, Kellogg 92, Wellington-109, Phoenix 115, Vesper 124, Cobequid 155, Canning 196, St. Andrew's 212, Pereaux 214, Morning Light 222, Crystal 247, Granite 255, Lake Echo 301, Goodwill 316. (19) Others have the matter under consideration. Sixteen of these have been supplied with the Revised Ritual.

As barely *one-third* of the Divisions have sent in their Returns for quarter ending December 31, 1870, I cannot give the usual statistics at this meeting. Should a sufficient number be to hand before the Journal is issued from the press, I will append a statistical summary to this report.

In addition to Columbia and Day-Spring, the following named Divisions may be considered as dead: *Avondale* 13, Newport Landing; *Excelsior* 141, Maccan; *White Rose* 142, West Brook; *Scotia* 240, Tatamagouche; *Marlock* 294, Windsor; *Fellowship* 312, Mahone Bay.

The action of this Grand Division on the subject of a National Division for B. N. A., was communicated to the Sister Provincial Grand Divisions, and receipt of communications duly acknowledged. I have not yet been informed as to action had by such G. D's as have held meetings since.

The receipts of this office to 26th inst., amounted to \$337.12½, of which sum \$87.18 have been credited to Agency fund.

I have received a communication from the Most Worthy Scribe, informing me that the Propagation Committee of the National Division have appropriated to the G. D. of Nova Scotia, for Agency purposes, the sum of \$81.30 (U.S. currency), and that that amount has been placed to credit of this body. I have not yet sent a receipt for the amount—awaiting your instructions in the matter. This sum is the amount charged against this Grand Division on the N. D. Propagation Fund, 1869.

At this meeting we are deprived of the presence of our much esteemed Grand Treasurer, H. A. Taylor, who has been seriously ill for several weeks past. It will be pleasing to you to learn that he has been improving, though slowly during the past few days.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.,
PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The financial statement of the Grand Scribe was read and ordered on file.

The following Report was read and adopted :

The Standing Auditing Committee report, that they have examined the Books and Accounts of the Grand Scribe, all of which they find to be correct. In consequence of the serious illness of the Grand Treasurer, they have not been able to examine his books and accounts for the past quarter. They have examined the following accounts, which they recommend for payment.

Wm. McNab.....	\$42.00
Nova Scotia Printing Company.....	3.00

R. H. WETMORE,
JOHN L. WHYDAL,
R. J. WILSON.

Halifax, January 30, 1871.

On motion the Grand Division went into

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On general state of the Order, P. G. W. P. Creelman in the Chair. The Committee was addressed by a number of Representatives, and after sitting nearly an hour, the Committee adjourned and the

GRAND DIVISION RESUMED BUSINESS,

The G. W. P. in the Chair.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock.

P. MONAGHAN, G. S.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1871.

Grand Division resumed business at 9.30, A. M., the G. W. P. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called ;

Present: G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. Con.

Absent: G. W. A., G. Treas., G. Chap., G. Sent., P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled by P. G. W. P. McRobert, as G. W. A. ; P. G. W. A. Heenan, G. Treas. ; Wm. Cummings, G. Chap. ; P. A. McGregor, G. Sent. ; Hon. S. Creelman, P. G. W. P.

Minutes of yesterday afternoon's sitting were read and approved.

Pending reception of Reports from Committees, the Grand Division was addressed on subject of condition of the Order, &c., by Bros. Hon. Samuel Creelman, of 244, A. M. Gidney, of 44, Wm. Cummings, of 41, R. S. McCurdy, of 17, J. B. McCully, of 41, J. M. Teas, of 247, and others.

Bro. C. E. DeWolfe presented the following Report :

Report of Special Committee to whom the Communications of some Subordinate Divisions relative to the imposition of increased per capita tax was referred.

1st.—Your Committee to whom has been referred the Communications of some of the Subordinate Divisions relative to the increased per capita tax,

beg leave to report that in consequence of no motion to repeal the Bye-Law imposing the tax having been given at the last Annual Session, as required by the Constitution, the subject cannot be constitutionally dealt with by the Grand Division at a quarterly Session.

2nd.—While the Executive Officers of the Grand Division but performed their duty in exacting the increased rate of tax for the term ending December 31, 1870, your Committee would nevertheless suggest, and recommend, that, in consequence of doubts existing in some Divisions as to whether the increased tax was constitutionally collectable for the whole of the past quarter when Divisions were only notified of the change in the middle of the term, and said imposition being made when nearly half of the term had expired, the increased per capita tax should go into operation on the first day of January, 1871; and that those Divisions which have paid the increased rate be credited on the term ending March 31, 1871, with the amount paid over and above six cents per member on that quarter.

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,
 C. EDGAR DEWOLFE, *Chairman*.
 DAVID MARSHALL,
 JOHN HEENAN,
 W. E. McROBERT,
 SAM'L. CREELMAN,
 A. LONGLEY.

Truro, Feb. 1, 1871.

Adopted unanimously.

Bro. A. M. Gidney moved that 500 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Session be printed Passed

On motion of Bro. A. M. Gidney, seconded by the Grand Scribe, a vote of thanks was passed to Truro Division No. 41, for the use of their room during the present Session.

P. G. W. P. Longley presented the following Report from Committee on State of the Order, which after conversation on several of the clauses, was adopted :

The Committee upon the State of the Order beg leave to report: that having examined the various papers put into their hands, they are led to fear that the Order is not in a very healthy or satisfactory condition.

The addition of four cents to the capita tax on each member of Subordinate Divisions, and two cents upon lady visitors imposed at the Annual Session of the Grand Division in October last, seems to have led to a good deal of dissatisfaction throughout the jurisdiction, and in a few instances there has been a positive refusal to pay the additional tax thus imposed.

Your Committee are well aware that taxation in almost any form is generally unpopular, and that it is seldom resorted to without creating dissatisfaction; but if the object to be attained be of sufficient importance to justify the imposition, then adherence to the principle must be regarded as sound policy.

Having raised the point, your Committee deem it necessary to enquire into the circumstances which led to the imposition in question.

The subject of the "Agency" had been for years the most difficult one that the G. D. had to deal with. With a view of extending the Order and overthrowing the liquor traffic, the permanent employment of an efficient lecturer had become more than ever desirable.

By dint of great efforts on the part of the "Agency Committee," lecturers had been employed at brief intervals during previous years; but there had been neither permanency nor efficiency under the system. The Agents employed were warm-hearted and earnest advocates of the cause, but the means to keep them constantly at work were not attainable under the system, a system which supplied but little money, and that little being drawn mainly from the pockets of a few, some of whom were little able to give anything.

But for a long period previous to the last Annual Session of G. D. no agent had been employed, and the few who had been contributing to the "Agency fund" had grown weary, or were no longer able to bear the burden alone—hence the increase of the per capita tax.

It was not without apprehension that this tax was imposed, but the prevailing feeling in the G. D. was this: that objectionable and hazardous as the tax might seem to be, it was the best course that could be adopted under the circumstances; and that if the Order would not bear the strain its entire disorganization might almost as well ensue.

The retention and increase of the membership of the Order are objects of high moment, but the attainment of these alone, will not effect the end in view. We need to work more outside of the Division Room. This can be done, in part, by activity on the part of Divisions in their own localities; but if the living stirring voice of the lecturer is to be heard throughout the land, and the benefit of his directing, organizing influence enjoyed, then, as an Order, we must be willing to tax ourselves to the extent, at least, of the present imposition. Your Committee are, therefore, of the opinion that upon this issue now depends much of the future stability and usefulness of the Order.

With funds at command to employ an efficient lecturer for a single year, results would probably be reached which would animate and encourage all our hearts, and make all of us feel, that the benefits thus arising were much more than commensurate with the sacrifices made.

Your Committee have felt that, inasmuch as this was really the most important subject engaging the attention of the G. D. at this Session, they might be pardoned for giving to it their chief consideration. But there are other subjects which demand from your Committee a passing notice.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Session for the purpose of securing the continuance of "*The Abstainer*" have reported the continuance of the paper for another year, at least, upon Brother Monaghan's own responsibility.

At the Annual Session in 1869, the sum of \$100 was voted from the funds of the G. D. towards the support of the paper, if found to be necessary. That sum the Committee report has been drawn by Bro. Monaghan since the Annual Session in November last. The price of the paper has been reduced from \$3 to \$1.50 per annum, for advance payments, and your Committee cannot but feel that the paper, at the reduced price, is a very cheap one, and worthy of universal support. The fact of its having become the recognized organ of *three* influential temperance organizations, namely—the S. of T., B. G. T. and I. O. of G. T's. is, of itself, a matter of gratification and encouragement, and leads to the hope that it may be handsomely sustained.

The Grand Division is giving from its funds, annually, the sum of \$240 towards the maintenance of the paper, and it is hoped that the two other Temperance organizations, whose medium of official communication it has become, will find themselves in a position to appropriate some considerable amount in a similar way.

At the meeting of the W. G. Lodge, B. G. T. in July last, a committee was appointed for the purpose of effecting an arrangement with Bro. Monaghan, under which some definite portion of the paper be allotted to that Order, for a given sum; but, as yet no agreement has been entered into of the character indicated. It is scarcely to be doubted, however, that, beside the patronage of that Order in the way of increasing the subscription list, and the publication of

official communications, the Order will also appropriate from its funds some definite sum towards the maintenance of the paper. The Independent Order will probably adopt a like course.

With all the assistance that Bro. Monaghan may obtain, he will probably find it a difficult task to protect himself from loss, in the end.

The negligence of the Divisional Deputies to report to the County Deputies has become a standing cause of complaint, and the result is, that in many cases the C. D's. make no report for want of material to do it with. Under these circumstances it is impossible to ascertain correctly the condition of the Order within the jurisdiction.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the ground for these complaints may be speedily and permanently removed.

In regard to the cause of Temperance, generally, your Committee have not time to say much, but they are led to fear that the cause is not making much progress. It seems to us, that all the Temperance organizations in the Province are somewhat apathetic, and that the popular sentiment in favour of prohibiting the traffic is scarcely as strong as it was years ago.

We have a stringent licence law now, conferring great power upon the people in the way of putting down the traffic, and it is the bounden duty of the people to enforce it. If this were done we should actually have "prohibition," so far as the public sale is concerned, throughout the greater portion of the Province. Until we can show that we can work the present law, we should not, perhaps, say much about applying for more.

The existing licence law is doubtless susceptible of improvement; but with what grace can we ask for additional enactments while making such languid efforts for the enforcement of what we have?

May the time speedily arrive, when it will be regarded as one of the highest crimes against society for a man to engage in the traffic in intoxicating drink; and soon, too, may the laws of our country "prohibit" such a demoralizing trade. Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

A. LONOLEY,
SAM'L. CREELMAN,
C. E. DEWOLFE,
WM. CUMMINGS,
DAVID MARSHALL,
W. E. McROBERT.

Truro Feb. 1, 1871.

P. G. W. P. McRobert moved the following resolution, which was seconded by J. B. McCully, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That in accordance with the recommendation in report of the Special Committee on Communications from Divisions in relation to per Capita Tax, the Grand Scribe be instructed to charge Divisions with the tax of 10 cents on members and 2 cts. on Lady Visitors, from the 1st of January of the present year; and that the amount paid by Divisions beyond 6 cents per capita on quarter ending December 31, 1870, be placed to credit of said Divisions on quarter ending March 31, 1871.

The Minutes of this sitting were read and approved.

The Grand Division closed at 0.30 p. m.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe.

Halifax, February 4, 1871.

THE GRAND SCRIBE *in account with* THE GRAND DIVISION.

1870.

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November 1.	To Tax from Divisions quarter ending March 31, 1870:	
	Royal, \$1.44; Gold Hunter, 1.56.....	.00
"	To Tax from Divisions, quarter ending June 30th, 1870: Royal \$1.74; Lake, 2.16; Victoria Mines, on acct., 0.80; Canning, on acct., 0.74; Pereaux, 1.74; Champion, 1.80; Noble, 2.22; Rockport, 2.34; H. A. Taylor, 0.60; Sailor's Guide, bal., 1.54; Gold Hunter, 1.44; La Have, 1.44; Goodwill, 2.46.....	21.02
"	To Tax from Divisions, quarter ending Sept 30, 1870: Concord, 1 68; Union, 2.16; Miemac, 2.70; Chester, 3.60; Royal, 1.80; Star, 2.70; Rising Sun, 1 44; Star in the East, 5.70; Lake, 2.16; Victoria Mines, 1.50; Wellington, 2.82; Phoenix, 3.18; Cobequid, 3.00; South, 2.16; Western Star, 1.26; Home, 1.56; Amherst, 3.90; Canning, 1.80; Pereaux, 1.86; Youth's Refuge, 1.80; Morning Light, 2.70; Champion, 1.38; Noble, 2 10; Marathon, 1.44; Rockport, 2.04; Pleasant Valley, 1.44; H. A. Taylor, 0.60; Sailor's Guide, 2.54; Granite, 1 74; Rockland, 1 38; Milford Haven, 0.60; McMurray, 2.64; La Have, 1.44; Montrose, 2.04; Granville, 1.44; Goodwill, 2 46; Westville, 1.26.....	77.95
January, 26,	To Tax from Divisions, quarter ending Dec. 31, 1870:	

	10 cents on members.	2 cents on L. Visitors	Total amt. Tax.	Total amt. Paid.	Credited to Agency.
Union,.....	2 40	0 56	2 96	2 96	1 52
Chebucto,.....	7 70	0 42	8 12	8 12	3 50
Miemac,.....	3 40	0 94	4 34	4 34	2 30
Mayflower.....	4 60	0 50	5 10	5 10	2 34
Avon,.....	4 40	0 64	5 04	2 64	
Oriental,.....	8 90	1 00	9 90	9 90	4 56
Roseway,.....	3 90	.....	3 90	2 34	
Howard,.....	7 60	.....	7 60	7 60	3 04
Cape Breton,.....	2 60	0 32	2 92	2 92	0 84
Archangel,.....	6 40	0 40	6 80	6 80	2 96
Star,.....	5 30	.....	5 30	3 18	
Rising Sun,.....	2 40	.....	2 40	2 40	0 96
Mainmast,.....	3 30	1 00	4 30	4 30	2 32
Star in the East,.....	9 50	0 78	10 28	10 28	4 58
Lake,.....	8 50	0 76	4 26	4 26	2 16
Albion Mines,.....	3 60	0 22	3 82	2 16	
Kellogg,.....	4 10	0 50	4 60	4 60	2 14
Nelson,.....	2 10	0 28	2 38	2 38	1 12
Athenæum,.....	6 80	1 12	7 92	7 92	3 84
Phoenix,.....	5 20	.....	5 20	3 12	
Rechab,.....	4 10	0 50	4 60	2 46	
Vesper,.....	4 20	0 40	4 60	4 60	2 08
Pittacus,.....	5 70	1 16	6 86	3 42	
South,.....	2 70	0 20	2 90	1 62	
North Sydney,.....	9 30	1 46	10 76	10 76	5 18
Home,.....	2 90	0 22	3 12	3 12	1 38
Green Tree,.....	3 80	0 64	4 44	4 44	2 16
Amherst,.....	5 10	2 20	7 30	3 06	
Prince Albert,.....	1 70	0 52	2 22	2 22	1 20
St. Andrew's,.....	4 90	.....	4 90	4 90	1 96
Youth's Refuge,.....	3 40	0 68	4 08	4 08	2 04
Marine,.....	3 80	0 64	4 44	4 44	2 16
Morning Light,.....	3 60	0 72	4 32	4 32	2 16
Noble,.....	3 10	0 56	3 66	3 50	1 64
Tusket,.....	3 50	0 48	3 98	3 98	1 88

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT SESSION.

<p>John Heenan, P. G. W. A. P. Monaghan, G. Scribe. Michael Heenan.</p>	<p>Thos. Clarke. No. 96.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">No. 7.</p>	<p>No. 155.</p>
<p>Colin McKenzie, No. 16.</p>	<p>A. B. Fletcher. No. 214.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">No. 17.</p>	<p>C. C. Hamilton, M.D., G. W. P. No. 221.</p>
<p>David Marshall, P. G. W. P. R. S. McCurdy, P. A. McGregor, John Fraser.</p>	<p>Thos. Hunter. No. 237.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">No. 41.</p>	<p>John Mosher, No. 244.</p>
<p>A. Judson Walker, D. G. W. P. Wm. Cummings, J. B. McCully, Richard Craig, Samuel Waddell, L. J. Walker.</p>	<p>Hon. S. Creelman, P. G. W. P. Allen Graham. No. 247.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">No. 44.</p>	<p>Robert Putnam, D. G. W. P. James Frame, J. M. Teas, A. Johnston, J. J. G. Rutherford, Robert Fulton, Jas. J. Brenton.</p>
<p>A. Longley, P. G. W. P. A. M. Gidney.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">No. 303.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">No. 82.</p>	<p>Malcom McKenzie, Danl. McLeod, Wm. M. Christie.</p>
<p>W. E. McRobert, M.D., P. G. W. P.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">No. 309.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">No. 92.</p>	<p>Ephraim Brymer.</p>
<p>Alex. Dunbar, G. Con.</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">No. 95.</p>	
<p>C. E. DeWolf, Co. D. G. W. P.</p>	

APPENDIX.

A

THE GRAND DIVISION having ordered that the increased rate of *per capita* tax from Subordinate Divisions—*ten cents* on each member, and *two cents* on each lady visitor—should go into operation on and after the first day of January, 1871, and that the amounts paid by Divisions over the sum of *six cents* on members for the quarter ending December 31, 1870, should be placed to their credit on account of tax for the term ending March 31, 1871, the following list of Divisions, with the amount to be deducted from their tax for current term, is published for their information. (See *G. S. Financial Statement, tax for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1870.*)

Union.....	\$1.52	Prince Albert	\$1.20
Chebucto	3.50	St. Andrew's.....	1.96
Micmac.....	2.30	Youth's Refuge.....	2.04
Mayflower.....	2.34	Marine.....	2.16
Oriental.....	4.56	Morning Light	2.16
Howard.....	3.04	Noble	1.64
Cape Breton	0.84	Tusket	1.88
Archangel	2.96	Richmond.....	1.84
Rising Sun.....	0.96	Pleasant Valley	1.54
Mainmast.....	2.32	Springside	2.58
Star in the East	4.58	Crystal.....	0.64
Lake	2.16	H. A. Taylor.....	0.88
Kellogg.....	2.14	Sailor's Guide.....	1.44
Nelson	1.12	Granite Rock.....	2.50
Athenæum	3.84	Lady of the Lake.....	1.52
Vesper.....	2.08	Fraser.....	2.62
North Sydney.....	5.18	Orior.....	2.20
Home	1.38	Beacon.....	2.28
Green Tree.....	2.16		

P. MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe.

QUARTERLY RETURNS to Grand Division of N. S., for term ending Dec. 31st, 1870.

No. of Division.	Name of Division.	LOCATION.	No. Admitted.	Withdrawn.	Violated Pledge.	Retained.	Violated Pledge 2nd time.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Whole No. Members on R. S. books.	Lady Visitors Admitted.	Do. Withdrawn, Sc. Died, &c.	Whole No. Lady Visitors.	Pub. Temperance Meetings held.	Receipts of Quarter.	Expenses exclusive of Benefits.	Tax to G. D., 10 cts. on members.	Tax to G. D., 2 cts. on L. Visitors.	Amount of Tax Paid.	Cash on hand incl. Investments.
1	Acadia	Yarmouth	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	33	1	240	13	2	16 09	25 93	3 30	0 42	3 72	5 57
2	Central	Yarmouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	13	240	13	0	29 33	23 91	5 80	0 26	3 48	1200 00
3	Milton	Yarmouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	5	28	0	9 42	14 50	2 40	0 56	2 96	0
4	Concord	Barrington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	4	0	21	0	40 61	55 94	7 70	0 42	8 12	0
5	Union	Digby	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	3	11	47	0	13 87	0	3 40	0 94	4 34	33 37
6	Chebuco	Halifax	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	46	3	11	25	0	33 00	0	4 60	0 50	5 10	121 50
7	Miamec	Halifax	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	34	1	0	27	0	17 00	20 00	4 40	0 64	2 64	153 88
8	Mayflower	Halifax	0	0	1	3	3	1	1	48	1	38	32	0	17 00	20 00	4 40	0 64	2 64	153 88
9	Avon	Windsor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	3	0	26	4	18 75	20 00	5 00	0 52	5 52	200 00
10	Avondale	Newport Landing	7	7	2	2	0	7	5	89	8	1	50	0	86 26	81 05	8 90	1 00	9 00	0
11	New Caledonia	Granville	5	1	8	5	0	5	5	121	15	8	160	0	53 35	47 50	11 00	3 20	14 20	201 42
12	Oriental	Pictou	10	2	6	0	0	12	0	39	0	0	0	0	12 00	0	3 90	0	2 34	0
13	New Glasgow	New Glasgow	3	2	0	0	0	9	0	20	0	0	0	0	30 99	52 81	7 60	0	7 00	18 20
14	Hebron	Hebron, Yarmouth Co.	10	4	5	2	0	14	0	76	0	0	0	0	22 75	5 16	2 60	0 32	2 92	1254 22
15	Columbia	Weymouth	10	4	5	2	0	14	0	20	0	22	16	0	22 75	5 16	2 60	0 32	2 92	602 35
16	Roseway	Shelburne	3	2	0	0	0	9	0	70	1	1	101	0	8 18	0 65	5 90	2 02	0	0
17	Howard	Halifax	1	1	0	2	0	4	0	64	1	21	20	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
18	Cape Breton	North Sydney	1	1	0	2	0	4	0	20	0	0	0	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
19	Chester	Chester	1	1	0	2	0	4	0	64	1	21	20	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
20	Pugwash	Pugwash	2	0	10	0	8	10	0	20	0	0	0	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
21	Royal	Hillsburgh, Digby Co.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
22	Archangel	Sydney Mines	2	0	10	0	8	10	0	67	0	0	0	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
23	Truro	Truro	4	3	1	1	0	4	0	67	0	0	0	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
24	Olive Branch	Bridgetown	4	0	1	1	0	4	0	67	0	0	0	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
25	Sun	Lockport	10	0	1	0	0	4	0	67	0	0	0	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
26	Rising Sun	Middle Musquodobit	1	0	25	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
27	Mainmast	River John, Pictou Co.	4	0	47	0	0	8	0	47	0	0	0	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
28	Star in the East	Sydney	7	5	2	0	2	2	0	95	0	0	0	0	05 25	24 21	6 40	0 40	6 80	1245 40
29	Innateport	Hantsport	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	41	3	0	38	0	9 67	3 53	3 50	0 76	4 26	7 75
30	Agricola	Billtown, Cornwallis	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	41	3	0	38	0	9 67	3 53	3 50	0 76	4 26	7 75
31	Wallace	Upper Stewiacke	3	0	10	1	0	10	1	53	1	0	41	0	7 72	8 09	2 30	0 88	3 16	11 19
32	Albion Mines	Wallace	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	53	2	0	41	0	7 72	8 09	2 30	0 88	3 16	11 19
33	Iron Age	Londonderry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	155	0	4 12	4 15	5 00	3 10	3 00	200 00

2633 Gold Hunter.....	14	1	1	.....	38	1	21	11 00	2 00	3 80	0 42	3 80	20 00										
2634 Milford Haven.....	3	.....	.....	.....	30	2	32	4 00	3 50	3 80	0 64	3 80	0 89½								
2635 Sparkling Water.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	50	3 10	3 80½	2 60	1 00	2 60	0 89½						
267 Lady of the Lake.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
270 Preservation.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
271 Homeville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
274 McMurray.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
275 La Have.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
279 Raleigh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
280 Carleton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
281 Montrose.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
282 Barratt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
283 Langley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
285 Great Eastern.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
288 Morning Dawn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
287 Social.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
288 Fowier.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
289 Crandal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
290 Melrose.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
291 Hillside.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
292 Evening Tide.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
293 Fisherman's Home.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
294 Martock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
296 Brule.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
298 Star of Promise.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
299 Granville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
301 Lake Echo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
302 International.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
303 Gladstone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
304 Crystal Rock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
305 Fraser.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
308 Orford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
309 Still-in-Time.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
310 Beacon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
311 Dominion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
312 Yellowship.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
313 Young Branch.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
314 Livingston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
315 L'Anse-au-Loup.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
316 Good-Will.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
317 Lower West Pond.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
318 Hubbard.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
319 Westville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
320 Sea-View.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	298	70	119	62	35	420	13	3620	123	1081	2867	18	1424	08½	1182	66	529	90	58	56	302	36	1077	61½

GRAND SCRIBE'S OFFICIAL NOTICE.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb'y 4, 1871.

A QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE GRAND DIVISION of Nova Scotia will be held in Billtown, Cornwallis, on TUESDAY, 25th April at 2 o'clock, P.M.

Quarterly Returns to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe *direct*, by 18th April.

The Grand Scribe's Financial Statement will close on the 19th April.

Divisional Deputies are requested to report on state of the Order in their respective localities, to the County Deputies, before the 8th day of April. County Deputies will please forward their Reports to the Grand Scribe by the 15th April.

The *per capita* tax of *ten cents* each on members, and *two cents* each on lady visitors, is to be paid for the quarter ending March 31, 1871. Such Divisions as have *paid* the increased rate of tax for the term ending December 31, 1870, will be credited with the amount paid over six cents on members, on the quarter ending March 31st, 1871.

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PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.