PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

HELD AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
FEBRUARY 8TH, 9TH AND 12TH, 1875.

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ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
8th February, 1875.

The Grand Lodge met this day at 11 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment, the M. W. Grand Master, J. S. Drummond, presiding.

The Grand Marshall by direction examined all present and declared them duly qualified, whereupon the G. Chaplain offered up prayer.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, by direction of the chair, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for business.

The chair then appointed P. G. J. H. Meldram, Grand Guardian, and P. G. W. J. Armstrong, Deputy Grand Master, pro tem.

The credentials of Past Grands were referred to Committee on credentials, who reported as follows:

VICTORIA, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1875.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on credentials would beg leave to report that we have examined the certificates of the following P. G.'s and find them correct and entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.

J. S. DRUMMOND,
J. WEILER,
A. PHILLIPS,
C. HEGELE,
C. GOWEN,
E. C. HOLDEN,
T. R. MITCHELL,
C. HAYWARD,
J. D. ROBINSON,
R. ROBERTS.
J. YORK,
W. H. HUXTABLE,

J. SEHL, S. T. STYLES,
J. DAVIES, G. W. ANDERSON.

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

J. P. DAVIES, R. W. FAWCETT,
L. VIGELIUS, W. HARRISON,
JAS. FELL, W. J. JEFFREE,
E. B. MARVIN, J. H. MELDRAM.

NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 3.

W. J. ARMSTRONG.

DOMINION LODGE, No. 4.

THOS. HARRIS, THOS. SHOTBOLT.

We have also examined the certificates of the following P. G.'s and find them entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree:

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.

H. GRIBBLE, T. J. PARTRIDGE.

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

M. HUMBER, H. WALLER.

DOMINION LODGE, No. 4.

M. J. GOODE, J. WRIGLESWORTH.

RICHARD ROBERTS,
JOHN H. MELDRAM,
Committee.

The following Past Grands being in attendance were then introduced and received the G. L. degree:

H. GRIBBLE, T. J. PARTRIDGE } of No. 1.
M. HUMBER, H. WALLER, } of No. 2.
M. J. GOODE, J. WRIGLESWORTH, } of No. 4.

Minutes of last session read and on motion adopted.

The M. W. G. M. then appointed the following to fill vacancies in committees, viz:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

T. J. PARTRIDGE, of No. 1. J. WRIGLESWORTH, of No. 4.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

M. J. GOODE, of No. 4.

The following report from the Grand Master was then read:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge
of British Columbia.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 8th, 1875.

Representatives & Bros.,

To-day we have met to transact the business of the first annual session of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the advancement and propagation of the true principles of our beloved order in this jurisdiction. With this fraternal meeting terminates the first official year of our Grand Lodge, and as we are merging upon the second and new communication, we have assembled to take counsel from the past, and so improve ourselves whereby we may be better able to legislate for the future in the interests of our cherished cause.

My Brethern, we should not forget to return thanks to the supreme Grand Master of the Universe, for his many blessings bestowed upon us, and for the continued prosperity of our order in this jurisdiction in the past year.

The Lodges have increased in membership, equal to the reasonable expectations of our most sanguine members, and the good works of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction are now being manifested on every hand, opportunities, I am sorry to say, in the last year are given many of your respective Lodges to carry out the great principles for which we are gathered together.

I beg your attention to a synopsis of my actions during the year, through which by your kindness, I have been permitted to hold the high, honorable and first gift, in the keeping of the members of this grand Lodge, viz.: The first Grand Master of the jurisdiction of British Columbia, and further to report such official acts as have been performed by virtue of my office, and as it seemed to me for the interests of the order.

From all parts of our jurisdiction there comes to me good news of peace and harmony prevailing in all our Districts, offerings also continually being made through the combined efforts of this Institution, which call down the blessings of the relieved widow and orphan upon those bright spirits and first promoters of this the noblest institution when literally carried out that prevails in our land to-day, for the amelioration of our fellow man, and protection of those he leaves behind him.

With heartfelt sorrow I regret having to record the demise of one of our eldest and dearest friends to the order, P. G. A. H. Guild, one of the original promoters of the principles of our order being established in a society for the relief of distressed Brothers in the early days, and with safety say the first actual settlement in members of this Colony, 1858, and the commissioned Institutor of the first Lodge established in regular form in British Columbia, since he has just been called to the other side to render an account of his Stewardship while here; and as we must be convinced he has but fulfilled the law of humanity, and no doubt in a better position to carry on to advantage a good work so well begun.

VISITATIONS.

I sincerely regret that my anticipations were foiled on account of current events from visiting Districts No. 2 and 3.

Just at the time I had made arrangements with some of the other Grand Officers to accompany me in the first week in January, circumstances prevented, and this being the first communication by resolution, my early term of service was cut off with 9 months, or otherwise I should have been pleased to have made the round trip to both Districts, but I have been in constant communication with the Brotherhood, and am proud to make record here

that they are in a flourishing condition so far as Nanaimo Lodge, in District No. 3, is concerned, I had exemplified the work to them a few months prior to my taking office, therefore did not necessarily require my presence, and more particularly knowing they had a pioneer in the service able to guide them, viz, Bro. Levi.

On the second of July, 1874, I visited Dominion Lodge, No. 4, for the purpose of installing their officers elect accompanied with my Grand officers, on examination we found the elect worthy and well qualified to the honorable positions the Brotherhood had chosen them to fill, they were duly introduced according to our ritual and installed into their respective chairs in ample form. This is one of the youngest but well conducted Lodges we have, there seems to be no lack of energy on the part of their officers to perfect themselves in the secret work, unity of purpose prevailing.

On July 6th, 1873, accompanied with the elective Grand officers, I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 1, for the purpose of Installation, the officers elect, found them well up in their several parts and perfectly competent of conducting the affairs of those who had chosen them to so preside, and it would have been useless for us to attempt to instruct the Mother Lodge, the officers were, according to usage, introduced and installed in ample form.

Visited Columbia Lodge, No. 2, on July 8th, 1874, accompanied by the Grand officers of this body, was most cordially received, and at once proceeded with the business for which we came, viz., the Installation of officers; the officers having been duly examined were favorably reported upon and introduced according to custom, and duly installed into their respective chairs in ample form.

This is the second Lodge in the jurisdiction in members and wealth, and Victoria No. 1, will have to look well to her laurals, for before long if they continue as they have been lately, she will ask to exchange members with her. Progress! let that be your word, but do so with care.

On January 4th, 1874, I again repeated my visitation to Victoria Lodge No. 1, for similar purposes as on July 6th. Installed the officers, finding them correct in ample form, peace and harmony being the choice motto of this Lodge, they apparently enjoy it.

On January 6th, 1875, revisited Columbia Lodge officially with Grand officers for like purpose as we did on July 8th, 1874, found the officers correct, and duly installed them in ample form.

Also Visited Dominion Lodge, January 7th, 1875, for similar purposes as I did on the 2nd of July, 1874, found the officers well up in the work, and installed them in ample form.

NEW LODGES.

I have not had intimated to me any intention by Bros. of the order, of starting any new Lodges, except a weak voice from Kamloops. There are a few brothers up there who I believe are desirous of forming, but the distance is so great as also the expense, therefore we will have to wait until some one whose business calls that way, can be instructed by this Grand Lodge to so form the same.

APPOINTMENTS OF D. D. G. M.

I commissioned Richard Roberts, P. G. of No. 1, my District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, April 29th, 1874.

I also commissioned Henry Elliott, P. G. of No. 3, District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2, April 29th, 1874.

Also commissioned S. D. Levi, P. G. of No. 5, District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3, on July 1874.

DISPENSATIONS.

I issued a dispensation to Victoria, No. 1, Columbia, No. 2, and Dominion, No. 4, to appear in regalia at the funerals of Bros. Thos. Hodges and G. R. Hudson, on Nov. 14th, 1874.

DECISIONS.

During my term, I have decided many minor points of law, and questions asked for information, laws having been framed already to cover the matter, I will not here enumerate the cases, not considering them of sufficient importance for further legislation.

Acts of R. Roberts, D. D. G. M., No. 1 District, reports to me that on April 29th, 1874, he granted Dispensation to Columbia Lodge, No. 2, to confer Degrees in less time than allowed by law.

Also to Dominion Lodge, No. 5, on July 2nd, 1874, for like purpose.

1st question—Propounded by Dominion Lodge, No. 4. Can a N. G. instruct the Recording Secretary to use the Lodge Seal without vote of the Lodge? Answer—No.

2nd question—What power has a N. G. in Lodge more than another member before or after closing the Lodge? Answer—No more power than any other member.

3rd question—1st. When is a N. G. empowered to refuse the term P. W. to a brother in arrears? 2nd. When is a N. G. empowered to refuse admittance into the Lodge room to a brother in arrears? Answer—a subject of local control that the Lodge may enact that a brother not paying up his dues at the end of term, not entitled to P. W. and admittance, or that he may be admitted without the password, until he be suspended for none-payment of dues.

Acts of D. D. G. M. Henry Elliott, District No. 2, reports to me that he granted Dispensation for Degrees to be conferred in less time than allowed by law in July, 1874.

On the 19th of Jan., 1875, I installed the officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, into their respective chairs, having after due examination found them worthy to the honorable positions they had been elected.

Acts of D. D. G. M. S. D. Levi, of District No. 3. I have to report that after rigid examination of the officers elect of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, the youngest Lodge in this jurisdiction, that they would compare favorably with those of older Lodges and of years standing in this Provice, and finding them so to be, proceeded in January and duly installed to their respective chairs said officers.

This Lodge is out of debt, has something handsome to our credit for our age, and blest with new accessions beyond our expectations, that you have nothing to fear, G. M. Drummond, you planted the seed in good soil and our Institution is a perfect success.

With regard to the decisions of District Deputy R. Roberts, of District No. 1, on first Question as propounded by Dominion Lodge, No. 4. I do not endorse as answered.

The Noble Grand can order seal to be used in the legitimate business of the Lodge when it may be necessary to use the seal. See digest 1745, page 373.

As to the 2nd question, I endorse.

As to the 3rd question,

1st—When is a N. G. empowered to refuse the term P. W. to a brother in arrears? My answer would be *at all times.*

2nd—When is a N. G. empowered to refuse admittance into Lodge room to a brother in arrears? My answer would be, it is purely a prerogative of the N. G. See digest 111, page 28.

I have to announce that on the first of December, 1874, a commission issued from the Grand Secretary's office of the G. L., U. S., appointing me District Deputy Grand Sire for the jurisdiction of British Columbia. Signed by the Grand Sire, M. J. DURHAM.

The constitution which was hastely adopted for our government at the first commencement viz., that of California, I would recommend the same be continued with such alterations as may be deemed necessary.

And as regards the present representation of this Grand Lodge, I deem it unadvisable to make any recommendations as in my opinion, the subject matter can for the present be more satisfactorily arranged by this Grand body.

From a fond desire for the advancement and future welfare of the order as well as in obediance to custom, it becomes my duty upon this occasion to throw out a few suggestions and recommendations as may occur to me relating especially to the interest of the Brotherhood in British Columbia.

The 56th Anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on the American Continent which takes place on the 26th of April, I would therefore recommend that this Grand body use their influence with their individual Lodges, to celebrate that day in a way becoming the occasion, by visiting our younger and most distant Lodges thereby giving an impetus to the good work in their District.

Under our peculiar circumstances which surround the order here in B. C., our remoteness from the G. L., U. S. will tend as a drawback for some little time to our receiving direct instructions from the G. L., U. S. of which we are now a part, we are comparatively young and weak, but coming events foreshadow to me that the time is short when we will number our ten Lodges, which will give us direct communication with the G. L., U. S. at an expense we can bear; subordinate Lodge funds cannot sustain a great draw upon them for defraying Grand Lodge expenses, and for printing expenses of subordinates themselves, prudence will curtail as much as possible all the sources of pecuniary depletion in Lodge Treasuries, so that the greater ends of our Institution will be faithfully carried out successfully in providing for the sick, the widow and the orphan.

Since I assumed the office I am soon to retire from, it may not be inappropriate in me to state that the greatest economy has been used with the funds of this Grand Lodge in procuring the necessaries for carrying on the work, and much labour has been performed by the G. Secretary this last year, which can be avoided by another session, the printing of necessary Blanks for returns &c., has been laid over, but I presume will be accomplished this coming year. I procured Blank Charters from California G. L., six in number, and also six from the G. L. Oregon, which engraving we transferred for our use, and will answer our purpose until such time as we can procure a plate of our own.

I am pleased to report to you that the movement just inaugurated for conferring degrees is one we have been long in want of, as it no doubt will have a great influence upon the membership in bringing together those who so frequently absented themselves from the degree Lodge, because their official position did not require them to remain and take part therein, has lain a great error, which I believe is now overcome, let all members of the Lodge who are sufficiently advanced remain to witness and assist in conferring the degrees, and they will soon learn that the beautiful teachings of the degrees will exert an influence upon the character and deportment of every one who so devotes himself.

In conclusion, Brothers of this Lodge, permit me as I am about to resign the official trust which during the first year of our organization your kindness and confidence have reposed in me to congratulate you on the prospects which are before you. This small cluster of five Lodges in a remote corner of the North Pacific is a bright star in the banner of Odd Fellowship, and in the fulness of its splendor, may it shine over the entire pathway of the world, giving assurances of an elevated and glorious philantrophy, and by its gentle influence control the elements of discord, still the storm, and soothe the spirit of passion, light its votaries into fraternal communion where the great principles of human brotherhood are recognized and man's better nature displayed, such is the institution to which we belong, where the fevered brow needs the cooling draught, where misery lies unrelieved, where poverty cries

for assistance, and in ministering to the many wants necessary for the comfort of the widow, and education of the orphan, also in burying the dead, if we but fulfill these, we belong to the grandest of all institutions among men, for the relief of distress in the trials, incident of human life. Let us labor on for the glorious consummation, and weary not in well doing.

Fraternally submitted,

J. S. DRUMMOND,

Grand Master.

On motion the following committee was appointed to distribute matters to the different standing committees:

J. FELL, of No. 2.
W. J. JEFFREE, of No. 2.
G. W. ANDERSON, of No. 1.

Report of Grand Secretary read as follows :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
VICTORIA, B. C., 8th February, 1875.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

In accordance with the requirement of constitution, I beg to report the following transactions of this office for the past year:

The whole number of Lodges are	5
Number of members in good standing	408
Initiated during the year	59
Admitted by Card	10
Withdrawn	5
Reinstated	3
Suspended	none
Expelled	1
Rejected	6
Ceased membership for nonpayment of dues	12
Resigned	none
Deceased	7
Number of Past Grands	37
Amount of Annual receipts of Lodges to 31st December, 1874	$7,959 25

Amount of Cash received is as follows:

For Supplies	$ 13 00
For Tax	328 95
Whole amount of Cash received,	$341 95

The separate items for which are as follows:

For term ending 30th June, 1874.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1	$107 25
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	81 90
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	25 00
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	19 25
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	11 05
	$244 45

To Cash received for term ending 31st December, 1874:

Victoria Lodge, No. 1 - - - -	$31 75
Columbia Lodge, No. 2 - - - -	30 50
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3 - - -	9 00
Dominion Lodge, No. 4 - - - -	13 25
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5 - - -	
	$84 50

To amount of orders on Grand Treasurer:

1874.	
May 5, No. 1, from J. Weiler - - -	$64 00
July 8, No. 2, " G. Sec'y - - -	9 00
July 31, No. 3, " T. N. Hibben & Co. -	42 00
Sep. 10, No. 4, " Committee on Seal - -	21 17
Nov. 30, No. 5, " G. Sec'y - - -	41 50
1875.	
Feb. 1, No. 6, " G. Sec'y - - -	30 00
Feb. 1, No. 7, " G. Sec'y - - -	72 00
	$279 67

RECAPTULATION.

Total amount of Cash received - - -	341 95
Total amount of orders issued - - -	279 67
Leaving a balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, of	$62 28

STOCK ACCOUNT,

PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR.

8 Degree Books, - - - - -	4 00
2 Receipt Books - - - - -	12 00
Orders for P. W. - - - - -	5 00
	$21 00
Sold during the year, 2 Receipt Books - -	13 00

SUPPLIES ON HAND.

8 Degree Books - - - - -	4 00
Orders for P. W. - - - - -	5 00
	$9 00

LIABILITIES OF GRAND LODGE.

J. S. Drummond, account, - - -	50 80
T. Rodgers Johnson, account for Seal - -	121 00
	$171 80

DUES OUTSTANDING.

Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, - - -	7 50

LODGES OVERPAID FOR DUES.

New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, - -	12 90

Names of Subordinate Lodges, with the number of Past Grands belonging to each, all Past Grands being

REPRESENTATIVES.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, - - - -	18
Columbia Lodge, No. 2, - - - -	9
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, - - -	6
Dominion Lodge, No. 4, - - - -	3
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, - - -	1

I have also to report having received during the year, two amendments to the By-laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, which I handed to the chairman of Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

I also hand in herewith, Abstract of reports from Subordinate Lodges, to be appended to proceedings of the annual communication, when printed.

Fraternally submitted,
JAMES D. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.

On motion referred to Committee on Finance.

Report of Grand Treasurer read as follows:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

I herein submit for your consideration the following Report of the amount of moneys received by me from Grand Secretary, also amount paid out as per accompanying Vouchers, being the first annual report of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the year ending Feb. 9th, 1875.

			Dr.
1874.			
May 5.	To Cash from	Grand Secretary - - - -	$100 00
" 15.	"	" - - - -	35 00
July 2.	"	" - - - -	19 25
" 6.	"	" - - - -	7 25
" 8.	"	" - - - -	71 90
" 15.	"	" - - - -	11 05
Nov. 21.	"	" - - - -	6 50
Dec. 14.	"	" - - - -	6 50
1875.			
Jan. 5.	"	" - - - -	31 75
" 6.	"	" - - - -	30 50
" 7.	"	" - - - -	13 25
" 22.	"	" - - - -	9 00
			$341 95

			Cr.
1874.			
May 5.	By order, No. 1,	favor J. Weiler, - - -	$64 00
July 8.	" 2	" Grand Secretary, - -	9 00
" 31.	" 3	" T. N. Hibben & Co.. - -	42 00
Sep. 10.	" 4	" Committee on Seal, - -	21 17
Nov. 30.	" 5	" Grand Secretary, - -	41 50

1875.							
Feb. 1.	"	6	"	"	"	- -	30 00
" 1.	"	7	"	"	"	- -	72 00
" 7.	"			Balance,		- -	62 28
							$341 95
Feb. 7.	To Balance,						$62 28

I remain,
Yours Fraternally,
E. B MARVIN, G. T.

On motion the same was referred to Committee on Finance.

At 12:30 P. M., the G. L. on motion took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The G. L. was called to order by the Grand Master at 3 o'clock P. M.

Report of Committee on Laws of Subordinates read reporting on amendments to By-laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, submitted during interim:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge
of British Columbia:

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates would respectfully submit the following report:

Since the last Session of this Grand Lodge, your committee have had submitted to them, for examination, the following ammendments to the By-laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1:

Amendment to Article XVIII, Sec. 1, we have approved.

Amendment to Article XXII, Sec. 1, we have approved by the insertion of the words, following "arrears" (after the end of each quarter) deeming the interlineation necessary in making clear the By-law.

On the amendment to Article XVI, "Funeral Assessment" your committee would refer the same for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, viewing the subject of the utmost importance to the order; this By-law has been a vexed question in the Subordinate Lodges, and a debate will likely ventilate the subject matter to a wise conclusion, your committee beg to present the following reasons against the Amendment:

1st. We deem it a detriment to Victoria Lodge in particular, as well as militating against the interests of all numerically smaller Lodges.

2nd. The only benefit to be derived as an immediate personal one to the members against the Lodge.

3rd. That the payment of Twelve dollars per annum with an insurance of ten dollars per week, is a return far in excess of anything of a like nature in proportion to the sum paid, and has been so stated by prominent actuaries.

4th. The liability of brothers being sick for weeks, perhaps attended by paid nurses, besides taking into consideration part of the Funeral Assessment, never being received and known for a certainty, that but for new or additional membership, that Lodges if called upon for payment of its liabilities calculated from reports of Life Insurance Companies on "expectation of Life," would not be able to keep good the assurances, unless by extra assessments.

5th. That the age of members naturally increasing, the likelihood of sickness is greater.

6th. That questions of this nature should be the same in all subordinates throughout this jurisdiction.

Your Committee would ask that this Grand Lodge recommend to all subordinates, that the By-laws regulating benefits, dues, assessments etc., shall be assimilated.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
THOS. SHOTBOLT,
CHAS. GOWEN,
M. J. GOODE,
THOS. R. MITCHELL.

The R. W. Grand Warden moved that the report be adopted, which was duly seconded.

Moved as an amendment by Rep. Mitchell, seconded by Rep. J. Davies, that the alterations be taken up serratim. The amendment was Carried,

First Amendment to Article XVIII, Sec. 1.

Passed as amended by the Lodge.

Second Amendment to Article XXII, Sec. 1.

Moved by Rep. J. P. Davies of No. 2, that this section be referred back to Victoria Lodge to approve of the interlineation of Committee. Seconded by Rep. Mitchell.

Moved as an amendment by Rep. Sehl of No. 1, that the interlineation be struck out, and Article XXII, Sec. 1, be passed as amended by Victoria Lodge. Seconded by Rep. Gribble, and Carried.

Amendment to Article XVI.

Moved by Rep. Waller of No. 2, that the By-law as amended by Victoria Lodge be approved. Seconded by Rep. Partridge of No. 1, and Carried.

Report of Committee on Finance read as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 8th, 1875.

TO THE G. M., OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

DEAR SIRS & BROTHERS:

Your Committee on Finance have examined the reports and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and have much pleasure in reporting them correct.

J. SEHL,
R. W. FAWCETT,
W. J. ARMSTRONG,
THOS. J. PARTRIDGE,
J. WRIGLESWORTH,

On motion of Rep. J. P. Davies of No. 2, Seconded by Rep. Huxtable, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Seal handed in the following report.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 1st, 1875.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Committeee appointed to design and order a suitable Seal for the use of this Grand Lodge, respectfully report, that they have completed their labours and have handed the Seal, die, and press to the R. W. Grand Secretary, together with bill for same.

J. P. DAVIES,
CHAS. GOWEN,
CHAS. HAYWARD.

On motion of Rep. Mitchell of No. 1, Seconded by R. W. Grand Warden, the report was adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Grand Master's report, handed in the following report which was on motion adopted.

VICTORIA, Feb. 8th, 1875.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Committee on Distribution beg leave to report that they have carefully gone through the report of the G. M., and refer the matter to the committee on the State of the Order and to the committee on Legislation.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES FELL,
THOS. R. MITCHELL,
W. J. JEFFREE,
GEO. W. ANDERSON.

The next business in order being nomination and election of Officers, the following nominations were made:

For G. M., J. P. DAVIES, of No. 2
" J. WEILER, of No. 1.
For D. G. M., C. GOWEN, of No. 1.
" R. ROBERTS, of No. 1.
For G. W., J. SEHL, of No. 1.
For G. Sec., J. D. ROBINSON, of No. 1.
For G. Treas., E. B. MARVIN, of No. 2.

The Grand Master then appointed Reps. Shotbolt of No. 4, and M. Humber of No. 2, as tellers, and the ballot being spread, the result was as follows:

For G. M., 27 votes cast.
For P. G., J. P. DAVIES, 13 votes.
" J. WEILER, 14 votes.

P. G. Weiler having received a majority of all votes cast, was then declared duly elected Grand Master.

For D. G. M., 27 votes cast.
For P. G., C. GOWEN, 16 votes.
" R. ROBERTS, 9 votes.
Blanks, 2 votes,

P. G. C. Gowen having received a majority of all votes cast, was then declared duly elected Deputy Grand Master.

FOR G. W.

There being only one nominee, the Grand Secretary was on motion instructed to cast his ballot in favor of P. G. J. Sehl, who was then declared duly elected Grand Warden.

FOR G. SECRETARY.

There being only one nominee, the Grand Treasurer was on motion instructed to cast his ballot in favor of P. G. J. D. Robinson, who was declared duly elected Grand Secretary.

FOR G. TREASURER.

There being only one nominee, the Grand Secretary was on motion instructed to cast his ballot in favor of P. G. E. B. Marvin, who was declared duly elected Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Secretary reported that there was an error in the date on the Seal, it should be the 25th April, instead of 26th as the date of institution. Rep. Harris of No. 4, moved that the Grand Sec'y be authorized to have the error rectified as soon as possible. Seconded by Rep. Partridge of No. 1, and carried.

The G. L. then took a recess until to-morrow at 7 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY.

VICTORIA, 9th February, 1875.

The G. L. met pursuant to adjournment, a quorum being present, at 8:15 P. M., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

On motion of Rep. Davies, of No. 2, the reading of previous day's minutes was laid over until next meeting, seconded by Rep. Goode of No. 4, and carried.

It was moved by Rep. Davies of No. 2, that this G. L. adjourn until to-morrow at 4 o'clock, seconded by Rep. Roberts of No. 1, but on being put to the vote was lost.

The committee on Finance reported as follows:

VICTORIA, 9th February, 1875.

TO THE M. W. G. M., OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

DEAR SIRS & BROS:

Your committee on Finance beg to recommend that an assessment be levied on the subordinates at the following rates, viz.: Sixty-five cents per capita, payable on tho 30th June, and twenty-five cents per capita, payable on the 31st December next.

J. SEHL,
W. J. ARMSTRONG,
R. W. FAWCETT,
THOS. J. PARTRIDGE,
J. WRIGLESWORTH,
Committee.

On motion of Rep. J. Davies of No. 1, the report was adopted.

Committee on Legislation to whom was referred, the decisions of the G. M. reported as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE
OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your committee on Legislation to whom was referred, the reports of the D. D. G. M.'s and the M. W. Grand Master's decisions in reference thereto beg to report,

That the 1st decision we approve.

2nd decision we do not endorse.

This committee think that the N. G. being the chief executive officer of the Lodge, has certain powers during recess, giving him a general control over all officers and members, and property of the Lodge, subject of course to the endorsement of the Lodge.

3rd, we approve.

The committee also endorse the opinion expressed by the D. D. G. M., although it goes into matter foreign to the question.

The Lodge undoubtedly has the right to step in and allow a brother in arrears to visit his Lodge even after the refusal of the N. G. to admit him.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. HAYWARD,
CHAS GOWEN,
J. SEHL.
} Committee on Legislation.

Moved by Rep. J. Davies of No. 1, that the report be taken up seriatum, seconded and carried.

Question No. 1.—Decision approved by committee, on motion of Rep. Davies of No. 1, adopted.

Question No. 2.—Decision of G. M. not approved by the committee. Moved by Rep. J. Davies of No. 1, that the re-

port of the Committee on the question be not endorsed and the decision of the G. M. sustained. Seconded by Rep. Goode of No. 4, and carried.

Question No. 3.—Decision approved by Committee. Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth of No. 4, that the report of the Committee on the question be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Partridge of No. 1, and carried.

Rep. Gowen of No. 1, presented the following resolution which was referred to Committee on State of the Order.

Resolved—That all the Past Grands in good standing in this jurisdiction be representatives of this R. W. Grand Lodge at its second annual session.

Moved by Rep. Meldram of No. 2, that the G. Sec. be required to procure from G. L., U. S., a correct copy of initiation ode. Seconded by Rep. Goode of No. 4, and carried.

Rep. Hayward of No. 1, moved that the committee on Legislation be required to frame an amendment to article IV of the constitution of subordinates so as to insure that the fees, dues and benefits of subordinates are based on sound financial principles, and to submit the same at the next annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge. Seconded and carried.

Rep. Armstrong of No. 3, moved that the R. W. Grand Sec. be instructed to call upon the G. Sec., G. L., U. S., for the amount of charter fee paid by Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, seconded by Rep. Goode of No. 4, and carried.

Moved by Rep. J. Davies of No 1, that the committee appointed to collect facts regarding Odd Fellowship in British Columbia, be discharged and that Grand Master Drummond be appointed chairman of a committee for the same purpose, with power to appoint others to act with him, and report to committee on State of the Order for approval, and forward to G. Sec. Ridgely, and also report to this G. L. at its next session. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Rep. Gowen of No. 1, That this G. L. recommend to subordinates in this Distrit (No. 1), that they celebrate the forthcoming anniversary of this order, which falls on the 26th April next, by an excursion to New Westminster and Nanaimo, when they receive the proper authority, seconded by Rep. Hayward of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Fawcett of No. 2, That a Committee of Three be appointed to attend to all matters of printing. Seconded by Rep. Partridge of No. 1, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

R. W. GRAND SECRETARY,
J. WRIGLESWORTH,
W. J. ARMSTRONG.

Special D. G. Sire Noltner of Oregon, returned his thanks through the G. M. for the address sent to him by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Moved by Rep. Armstrong of No. 3, that none of the business of this G. L. be given to the public papers until perused and sanctioned by a majority of the committee on Printing. Seconded by Rep. Partridge of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Hayward of No. 1, that we now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, seconded by Rep. Wriglesworth of No. 4, and carried. Adjourned accordingly.

10th February, 1875.

No quorum.

11th February, 1875.

No quorum.

12th February, 1875.

The G. L. met at 7:30 P. M. this day, a quorum being present, and was called to order by the M. W. G. M.

Minutes of previous business read, and on motion adopted.

Committee on State of the Order reported on portions of G. M., report which was referred to them as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge
of British Columbia:

Your committee on State of the Order would report that so much of the Grand Master's report as refers to the death of Past Grand Albert Henry Guild, be printed in the proceedings of this G. L., and a funeral notice in dark margin be put in the proper place in said proceedings, with the following inscription:

"To the memory of Albert Henry Guild, born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 2nd Feb., 1814. Died in Victoria, British Columbia, 6th Nov., 1873, aged 59 years. None knew him but to love, none knew him but to praise."

So much of the Report as refers to new Lodges, we recommend that immediate steps be taken by this Grand Lodge to establish the same, whether it comes from a weak voice or a strong one, for by doing so we spread the good work amongst our fellow men.

We approve of Dispensations granted by the G. M., mentioned in his report.

Respectfully submitted,
C. GOWEN,
S. T. STYLES,
THOS. SHOTBOLT,
CHAS. HAYWARD.
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

The committee on State of the Order to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Gowen, (page 28), regarding Representation, reported recommending its adoption, and on motion of Rep. Gribble of No. 1, seconded by Rep. Partridge of No. 1, it was adopted accordingly.

Representative J. P. Davies of No. 2, gave notice that at the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, he will move that the following session be held at New Westminster.

Rep. Davies of No. 2, offered the following resolution which was referred to committee on Finance:

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge pay the steamboat fare to and fro of all Past Grands in good standing, coming from New Westminster and Nanaimo in attendance at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

The majority of committee on Finance reported favorably on the above resolution, and on motion of Rep. Gowen of No. 1, seconded by Rep. Hayward of No. 1, the report was adopted.

Rep. Davies of No. 2, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to draft a code of laws for the guidance and working of this Grand Lodge and to report at the next session, seconded by Rep. Fawcett of No. 2, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Rep. SHOLTBOLT, of No. 4,
" GOWEN, of No. 1,
" FELL. of No. 2.

Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth of No. 4, that when this R. W. Grand Lodge adjourns to-night, that it stand adjourned sine die. Seconded by Rep. Robinson of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Gowen of No. 1, that the G. Sec'y be instructed to send a vote of thanks to Victoria and Columbia Lodges for the use of their Hall and Regalia during the present session. Seconded by Rep. Shotbolt of No. 4, and carried.

INSTALLATION.

P. G. John Weiler of No. 1, was presented and duly installed as M. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed the following officers elect:

P. G. CHARLES GOWEN of No. 1, R. W. Deputy Grand Master,
" JACOB SEHL of No. 1, R. W. Grand Warden,
" JAMES D. ROBINSON of No. 1, R. W. Grand Secretary,
" EDWARD B. MARVIN of No. 2, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master then appointed the following officers:

P. G. C. HAYWARD of No. 1, W. Grand Marshall,
" J. H. MELDRAM of No. 2, W. Grand Guardian,
" T. SHOTBOLT of No. 4, W. Grand Conductor,
" T. J. PARTRIDGE of No. 1, W. Grand Herald,
" R. W. FAWCETT of No. 2, W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master then appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

P. G. WRIGLESWORTH of No. 4, P. G. GRIBBLE of No. 1,
P. G. HUMBER of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

P. G. ARMSTRONG of No. 3, P. G. MITCHELL of No. 1,
" FAWCETT of No. 2, " GOODE of No. 4,
P. G. ANDERSON of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

P. G. DAVIES of No. 2, P. G. WALLER of No. 2,
P. G. STYLES of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

P. G. FELL of No. 2, P. G. HUXTABLE of No. 1,
" MITCHELL of No 1, " HARRIS of No. 4,
P. G. ARMSTRONG of No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

P. G. DAVIES of No. 1, P. G. PARTRIDGE of No. 1,
" ROBERTS of No. 1, " SHOTBOLT of No. 4,
P. G. VIGELIUS of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

P. G. JEFFREE of No. 2, P. G. HUMBER of No 2,
" MELDRAM of No. 2, " ROBERTS of No. 1,
P. G. WRIGLESWORTH of No. 4.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

P. G. HAYWARD of No. 1, P. G. SHOTBOLT of No. 4,
" HARRISON of No. 2, " ARMSTRONG of No. 3,
P. G. DAVIES of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

P. G. M. DRUMMOND of No. 1, P. G. WRIGLESWORTH of No. 4,
P. G. JEFFREE of No. 2, " GRIBBLE of No. 1,
P. G. DAVIES of No. 1.

The Grand Master then appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters:

For District No 1, comprising Lodges Nos. 1, 2 and 4.

P. G. W. J. JEFFREE of No. 2.

For District No. 2, comprising Lodge No. 3.

P. G. ALEX. EWEN of No. 3.

For District No. 3, comprising Lodge No. 5.

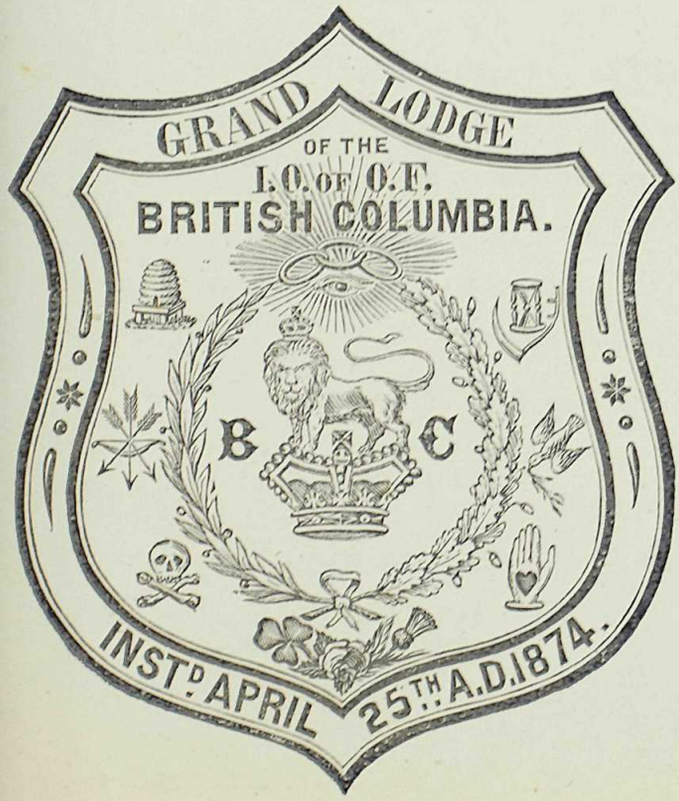
P. G. S. D. LEVI of No. 5.

On motion the appointments of the Grand Master were confirmed.

The minutes of proceedings were then read, and on motion adopted.

A few remarks then offered by the retiring Grand Master, and a short address from the Grand Master elect the Grand Chaplain then offered up prayer, after which the Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge closed sine die. Closed at 11 o'clock P. M.

JAMES D. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.



Appendix.

ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES,

Under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., Commencing 1st January, 1874, and ending 30th June, 1874.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.		Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned Membership.	Deceased.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Ceased Membership.	Rejected.	Members in good Standing.	Revenue.
Victoria	1	Victoria	Vancouver Island	Monday	2	....	1	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	165	1157 00
Columbia	2	Victoria	Vancouver Island	Wednesday	2	....	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	126	991 0[illegible]
New Westminster	3	New Westminster	British Columbia	Thursday	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	270 50
Dominion	4	Victoria	Vancouver Island	Thursday	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	45	676 50
Black Diamond	5	Nanaimo	Vancouver Island	Saturday	11	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	17	572 00
					23	7	2	3	....	3	....	....	....	3	387	3667 00

Commencing 1st July, 1874, and ending 31st December, 1874.

Victoria	1	Victoria	Vancouver Island	Monday	3	2	1	1	....	3	....	....	....	2	167	1350 75
Columbia	2	Victoria	Vancouver Island	Wednesday	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	1	122	1206 75
New Westminster	3	New Westminster	British Columbia	Thursday	4	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	36	453 00
Dominion	4	Victoria	Vancouver Island	Thursday	10	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	53	663 25
Black Diamond	5	Nanaimo	Vancouver Island	Saturday	13	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	30	618 50
					36	3	1	2	....	4	....	1	12	3	408	4292 25

LIST OF OFFICERS

Of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F. of British Columbia for term commencing 1st January, 1875.

LODGE.	Number.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	RECORDING SEC'Y.	TREASURER.	PER. SECRETARY.
Victoria	1	John M. Read	Joseph Gosnell	R. E. Green	John Weiler, P. G.	R. E. Green
Columbia	2	Alex. B. Gray	L. M. Hughes	W. Harrison, P. G.	W. J. Jeffree, P. G.	J. Meldram, P. G.
New Westminster	3	David Withrow	Jon'n Morey	L. F. Bonson	Wm. Fisher	.....
Dominion	4	W. D. McKillican	H. Smith	W. C. Loye	T. N. Hibben	J. Batchelor
Black Diamond	5	E. Quenell	J. Pawson	G. Norris	W. E. Webb	G. Norris

Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

For the year ending 31st December, 1874, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Number of Lodges,		5
" Initiated,		59
" Admitted by Card,		371
" Reinstated,		3
,' Withdrawn by Card,		5
" Suspended or dropped,		12
" Expelled,		1
" Deceased,		7
" Members,		408
" of Brothers relieved,		40
" of Widowed families relieved,		2
Amount paid for relief of Brothers,	$1533 50	
" paid for relief of Widowed families,	236 00	
" paid for Education of Orphans,		
" paid for Burying the Dead,	458 25	
Total Relief,	$2227 75	
Amount of Annual Receipts,	$7,959 25	

To the Memory of

ALBERT HENRY GUILD,

Born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 2nd Feb'y, 1814, Died in Victoria, British Columbia, 6th Nov., 1873, Aged 59 Years.