PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

OF THE

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

HELD AT NEW WESTMINSTER, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
FEBRUARY 11TH AND 12TH, 1878.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

I. O. O. F.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.,
Monday, 11th February, 1878.

The Grand Lodge convened this day at 11 o'clock, at Odd Fellows' Hall. Present:

Richard Roberts	M.W. Grand Master.
W. J. Jeffree	R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
J. D. Robinson	R.W. Grand Secretary.
H. Waller	W. Grand Marshal.
M. J. Goode	W. Grand Conductor.
A. Phillips	W. Grand Herald.
B. W. Shiles, (pro tem.)	W. Grand Chaplain.

Grand Secretary reporting a quorum present, the Grand Chaplain offered up prayer and the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for business.

The G. M. appointed the following Committee on credentials:

H. Elliott, of No. 3.
A. Phillips, of No. 1.
J. Morey, of No. 3.

Credentials of members read and submitted to the Committee on credentials, who reported on the same as follows:

NEW WESTMINSTER, 11th February, 1878.

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

Your Committee on credentials respectfully report that we have examined the credentials of members and report as follows, that:

C. Gowen,
J. D. Robinson,
J. York,
R. Roberts,
T. R. Mitchell,
S. T. Styles,

J. S. Drummond,
A. Phillips,
C. Hayward.
J. Sehl,
J. Weiler,
W. H. Huxtable.

Of No. 1.

H. Waller,
M. Humber,
W. J. Jeffree,
J. P. Goodhue,
L. Wilton,

R. W. Fawcett,
J. Sears,
J. H. Meldram,
G. H. Maynard,

Of No, 2.

L. F. Bonson,
B. W. Shiles,

H Elliott,
C. N. Trew,

Of No. 3.

M. J. Goode,
C. Todd,

W. C. Loye,
J. Wriglesworth,

Of No. 4.

E. Quesnell,
S. D. Levi.

Alex. Galloway,
Geo. Norris.

Of No. 5.

Are duly accredited representatives. That:

C. Hegele,
E. C. Holden,
J. Davies,
G W. Anderson,
J. Gosnell,

H. Gribble,
T. J. Partridge,
J. M. Read,
F. Carne.

Of No. 1.

J. P. Davies,
L. Vigelius.

W. Harrison,
A. B. Gray.

Of No. 2.

W. J. Armstrong,
J. T. Scott,
Alex. Ewen.

B. W. Shiles,
H. V. Edmonds.

Of No. 3.

Thos. Shotbolt,
W. D. McKillican.

H. Smith,
J. Batchelor.

Of No. 4.

Are entitled to seats.

D. Dale,
E. Fawcett, } .....of No. 1.

G. H. Maynard
J. Sears, } .....of No. 2.

Geo. Turner,
W. McColl,
C. N. Trew,
D. Withrow,
J. Morey,
W. R. Lewis, ... of No. 3.

A. B. Gray,
J. Batchelor, ... of No. 4.

Are entitled to the G. L. degree.

Fraternally submitted,

H. ELLIOTT,
A. PHILLIPS,
J. MOREY.

Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Marshal was instructed to retire and introduce the Past Grands in attendance, and the G. L. degree was conferred on the following:

L. F. Bonson,
C. N. Trew,
J. Morey,
D. Withrow,
W. McColl. ..... of No. 3.

The M. W. G. M. then appointed the following to fill vacancies in Committees:

W. C. Loye, Representative of No. 4,
L. F. Bonsen, " 3,
A. Eewn, P. G. 3, — COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

J. S. Drummond, P. G. M. Representative of No. 1,
J. P. Davies, " " 2,
S. T. Styles, " " 1, — COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

C. N. Trew, Representative of No. 3.
W. McColl, P. G. " 3, — COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Grand Master then read his report as follow:

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

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with our laws we have assembled here on our Fourth Annual Communication. Another year has gone, another cycle in the events of time has passed, another period in our history has arrived, and we have met to review the events of that period, and to take counsel for the future.

Let Wisdom guide our deliberations; let Love and Charity control our actions; let Peace and Goodwill reign amongst us, and while we congratulate one another, and grasp each other's hand in warm brotherly greetings, it

behoves us to render thanks to our Heavenly Father for his past mercies towards us, and to invoke His blessing and guidance in the future.

I now submit for your consideration my official acts during the year.

April 16—I caused Dispensation to be issued to all the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, to celebrate the fifty-eighth Anniversary of the establishment of our Order in America.

June 4—Granted dispensation to New Westminster Lodge No. 3 to hold a picnic in the name of the Order, and appear in regalia at the same.

August 6—Granted Dispensation to all Lodges in Victoria to appear in Regalia at the public funeral of the lamented and much esteemed Sir James Douglas.

July 2—I installed the officers of Victoria Lodge No. 1.
5— " " Dominion Lodge " 4.
11— " " Columbia " " 2.

Granted Dispensation to Dominion Lodge No. 4 to have an excursion in the name of the Order, September 6th.

I may here state that it afforded me much pleasure in acceding to the wishes of these Lodges as these reunions have a tendency to draw closer the bonds of Friendship and Love among the Brotherhood and their families, and to bring the Order more prominently before the notice of the public.

Jan. 2, 1878—Installed officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
7, " " " Victoria " 1.

Owing to sudden indisposition I was prevented from installing officers of Dominion Lodge No. 4; but our R. W. G. Secretary, being always on hand, kindly performed that pleasing duty for me.

Oct. 24, 1877—I received a communication from D.D.G.M. E. Quennell, District No. 3, asking for information concerning the re-admission of an expelled member. I gave him the information as follows, and referred to law on the subject.

NANAIMO, October 24, 1877.

TO THE G. M., I. O. O. F.,

Dear Sir and Brother,—I wish you would be kind enough to inform me if a brother expelled from the order, and applying again for admission is elected, if he has to pass through all the same forms and pay the same fees for initiation and degrees as any other candidate; for, according to our laws, I understand he has, but some of the Victoria brethren think different. By doing so you will oblige yours in F., L. and T.

E. QUENNELL,
D. D. G. M. of No. 5.

VICTORIA, November 25, 1877.

MR. E. QUENNELL,

Dear Sir and Brother,—Yours of 24th ult. to hand, asking for information about re-admission of an expelled member; I beg to answer as follows:

1. A lodge has no power to re-admit an expelled member without permission from the G. L. (See Digest, 1874, page 357, Art. 1686 A.)

2. The amount to be charged for re-admission rests with the lodge in the absence of any legislation of Grand Lodge on the subject.

3. If re-admitted, he then assumes his former status in the order that he enjoyed at the time that he was expelled, without going through any forms.

R. ROBERTS,
R. W. G. M.

I would submit to your consideration the advisability of conferring the necessary power on the Grand Master to enable him to grant permission if applied to during recess in such matters, as it would be very inconvenient to be compelled to wait perhaps eight or ten months, as the case might be, for the Grand Lodge to meet.

From the D.D.G.M.'s I have received very encouraging reports. That peace and harmony prevails among the Brotherhood, and that in view of the financial and industrial depression that has overshadowed our Province, our Order has not only held its own, but is steadily gaining strength, numerically and financially.

Bro. Chas. Hayward, D. D. G. M., of District No. 1, reports the following question having been submitted to him for his decision:

"Whether it is the duty of a N. G., to call the brethren together to attend the funeral of a brother who was not entitled to benefits, and whether brothers not attending should be fined.

Answer:—"That the propriety of extending funeral honors to brothers in arrears, is a matter for regulation by the local laws. *(See Digest* 669.*)* And as your By-Laws, Art. 24, very clearly defines it to be the duty of the N. G., on the death of a brother to summon every member to attend the funeral, and that absentees are to be fined, I am of opinion that your Lodge should be called out to attend the funeral of a brother not entitled to pecuniary benefits."

Two appeal cases have been sent in and placed in the hands of the Appeal Committee, who, I feel confident, will give the different questions involved their most earnest consideration, before submitting them to this G. L.

The G. L., U. S., at its last session, having adopted a parade regalia for subordinates, and having left the choice of head dress, whether hat or cap, to the various jurisdiction, I would suggest the advisability of some action being taken by this G. L.

And the time having nearly arrived when, according to our laws, I shall restore back to you the charge with which you honored me at the last meeting of this G. L., I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the honor confered and confidence in me, also, to my deputies, for their valuable aid in the duties of their offices.

Also, to our R. W. G. Sec., for his uniform kindness and valuable assistance and advice on all and any occasion required.

And again thanking you for your kindness and indulgence, I remain

Yours Fraternally,

R. ROBERTS,

Grand Master.

Moved by J. S. Drummond, P. G. M., Rep. of No. 1, That the report be received, and a committee of three be appointed to distribute to the different standing committees, subjects in Grand Master's report, seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.—J. S. Drummond, P. G. M., Rep. of No. 1; H. Elliott, Rep. of No. 3; H. V. Edmonds, P. G., of No. 3.

Report from Grand Secretary read, and on motion referred to Committee on Finance.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,

VICTORIA, B. C., 11th FEBRUARY, 1878.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—The following report of the transactions of this office for the past year, I beg to submit:

The whole number of Lodges are	5
Number of members in good standing	500
Initiated during the year	45
Admitted by Card	7
Withdrawn	5
Reinstated	8
Suspended	2
Expelled	2
Rejected	7
Ceased membership for non-payment of dues	38
Resigned	none
Deceased	5
Number of Past Grands	61
Amount of annual receipts of Lodges	$10,774 53
Amount of current expenses of Lodges	$ 2,806 28
Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid	273

Balance Sheet Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., 11th February, 1878.

Folio.	Account.	Dr.	Cr.
9	Stock Account	$143 04	
22	Grand Treasurer	114 01	
41	Profit and Loss		406 55
43	Furniture and Regalia	149 50	
		$406 55	$406 55

Amount of Cash received during the year.

For Supplies:		
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	$ 10 50	
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	3 00	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	12 50	
		26 00
For Tax Term ending 30th June, 1877:		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	117 65	
Columbia Lodge, No 2	86 45	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	36 40	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	51 35	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	33 00	
		324 85
For Tax Term ending 31st Dec. 1877:		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	45 00	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	32 75	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	16 25	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	17 00	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	14 70	
		125 70
Whole amount of Cash received and paid over to R. W. Grand Treasurer		$ 476 55

Amount of Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer.

1877.		
Feb. 14	Order No. 1, favor New Westminster members for mileage.	$ 60 00
March 6	" 2, favor P. J. Hall, services as Janitor	10 00
"	" 3, favor C. E. Redfern, account passed last session	16 50
"	" 4, favor J. Sehl, do do do	19 50
April 13	" 5, favor G. S., on account bill A. Rose for printing Journal	60 00
July 11	" 6, favor A. Rose, bal. printing Journal	10 00
July 23	" 7, favor G. S., remittances and exchange for supplies	91 80
Sept. 11	" 8, favor G.S., express ch'ges and duty on supplies	25 27
Sept. 3	" 9, favor G. S., rent of P. O. box and postage, three years, to 30th June	25 00
Oct. 22	" 10, favor G. S., on account of salary	50 00
"	" 11, favor A. Rose, printing forms, etc	33 50
1878.		
Jan. 31	" 12, favor G. S., rent P. O. box to 31st March, and postage	5 00
"	" 13, favor G. S., on account of salary	50 00
"	" 14, favor G.S., remittances G.L., U.S., and ex'ge	78 57
		$535 14

SUMMARY.

Cash balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at last report	$172 60
Total amount of Cash received	476 55
	649 15
Less orders drawn	535 14
Leaving a balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer of	$114 01

STOCK ACCOUNT.

		Dr.	Cr.
Stock on hand at last report		$ 22 00	$
PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR:			
2 Book Forms @ $1 00	$ 2 00		
8 Charge Books @ $2 60	20 80		
4 Rebekah Books @ 2 60	10 40		
200 Lodge Odes	13 57		
25 Dismissal Certificates @ 21 cts	5 25		
50 Diplomas @ 65 cts	32 50		
10 White's Digest, 1874, @ $3 12½	31 25		
5 Officers' Roll Books @ $2 50	12 50		
1 Lodge Receipt Book	6 00		
		134 27	
Profit on sales made during the year		10 27	
SOLD DURING THE YEAR:			
2 White's Digest, 1874	7 00		
2 Officers' Roll Books	6 00		
6 Withdrawal Cards	1 50		
25 Lodge Odes	2 50		
1 Lodge Receipt Book	6 50		
			23 50
STOCK STILL ON HAND:			
2 Book Forms @ $1 00	2 00		
8 Charge Books @ $2 60	20 80		
8 Degree Books	4 00		
4 Rebekah Books @ $2 60	10 40		
175 Lodge Odes @ 7 cts	12 25		
50 Diplomas @ 65 cts	32 50		
8 White's Digest, 1874, @ $3 12½	25 00		
3 Officers' Roll Books @ $2 50	7 50		
84 Visiting Cards @ 21 cts	17 64		
20 Withdrawal Cards @ 21 cts	4 20		
25 Dismissal Certificates @ 21 cts	5 25		
Orders for P. W	1 50		
Being the balance to Dr. of said account as per balance sheet			143 04
		$ 166 54	$ 166 54

Names of Subordinate Lodges, with the number of Representatives each is entitled to at the present session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1	12 Representatives.
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	9 "
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	4 "
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	4 "
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	4 "

At the last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, I was instructed to forward a petition to the G. L., U. S., for a refund of tax paid, and also to ask that we be exempt from the payment of tax until this Grand Lodge had 10 subordinates. This petition was forwarded and read in the G. L., U. S., and referred to the Committee on Finance, but I am sorry to have to report that no further action was taken in the matter. I have no doubt, however, it will be brought up at the next annual session in September.

I was also instructed to write to the executors of the late Grand Secretary Johnston, of San Francisco, for the name of the Brother, and specific charges against him, which had been referred to in a letter placed before the Committee on Appeals in another case. This, I have to report, I carried out, but without being able ever to get a reply to my letter.

During the year I am glad to report I was able to obtain a good stock of supplies, sufficient to last for a considerable time, and have paid for the same out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, but I would call your attention to the fact that there is no office for the Grand Secretary, and consequently the documents and all supplies are now placed wherever I can get room to put them; this state of things should be altered by this Grand Body making provision at the present session, for each year it is getting worse; papers accumulate, and when any supplies, etc., are required, it is a difficult matter to lay hands on what is wanted.

I received during the year papers regarding appeal of Samuel Sea *v.* Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and Caleb Colmer *v.* Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5; these documents I handed to the Committee on Appeals, who will no doubt report upon the same—in the former case I have just received a communication from the appellant asking to have action by this Grand Lodge laid over, owing to his absence, and for reasons set forth therein, which I lay befare you.

I also received notice of an appeal from Bros. Adam Jackson and Wm. Litster, of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, but have received no documents regarding the case.

I received amendments to By-Laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, which I handed to the Chairman of Committee on Laws of Subordinates, they have not returned any amendments approved to me, and I presume are keeping the same for the approval of the Grand Lodge.

From the returns of the Subordinate Lodges, I find there is a small gain in membership of eight during the past year, this I can say is more than I expected, owing to the very great depression in almost all trades in the Province during the past year, had this not been the case, some new lodges would have come into existence, there being several good fields for starting lodges, but the great depression kept many back, as they really felt undecided whether to remain or leave the country; this state of matter is, I trust, over, and the present year seems to be a commencement of more prosperous times.

As usual I have had a large amount of correspondence to attend to during the year, but there is nothing to bring before you for action, except what I have already reported.

Annexed you will find abstracts of reports of Subordinate Lodges, to be appended to the proceeding of the session when printed.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES D. ROBINSON,

Grand Secretary.

Communication from Bro. Samuel Sea, of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, referred to in Grand Secretary's report, read as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., JAN. 25TH, 1878.

J. D. ROBINSON, ESQ.,

R. W. G. SECRETARY TO R. W. G. L., OF B. C., I. O. O. F.,

SIR AND BROTHER: As I believe that my appeal from the action of Columbia Lodge. No. 2, I. O. O. F., will come before the Grand Lodge at its next session, I have taken the liberty of addressing you respecting it.

I applied for a copy of the reply of Columbia Lodge to my appeal, but was very unjustly refused.

Now, as I shall be unable, through other engagements, to be present at the Grand Lodge Session, and am not aware of the nature of the replies of Columbia Lodge, but from what I hear believe that a wrong impression may be drawn from the nature of that reply. I have therefore, in justice to myself, to ask that a copy of said reply be furnished to me by the Grand Lodge, in order that no injustice may be done.

I have also to ask that no decision be arrived at by the Grand Lodge until I have examined the reply of Columbia Lodge, and if necessary, entered my reply thereto.

I herewith enclose the medical certificate of my attending physician, in support of the justness of my appeal.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

SAMUEL SEA.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, That the matter of Samuel Sea *v.* Columbia Lodge, No. 2. be laid over until next session. Seconded by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2, and carried.

Report from Grand Treasurer read and referred to Committee on Finance.

VICTORIA, B. C., February 11th, 1878.

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

I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:

I herewith submit the following report of receipts and expenditure on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge, for the year ending February 11th, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

1877.			
Feb. 12	Balance on hand as per report.....	$ 172 60	
1878.			
Feb. 11	Cash received from G. S., during the year.....	476 55	
			$ 649 15

EXPENDITURE.

1877.			
Feb. 15,	By order No. 1, Rep. tax, New Westminster	$ 60 00	
March 6,	" 2, P. J. Hall, services	10 00	
" 6,	" 3, Redfern, pen, etc.,	16 50	
" 8,	" 4, J. Sehl, picture frames	19 50	
April 17,	" 5, G. Sec., on account printing	60 00	
July 12,	" 6, Rose, balance account printing	10 00	
" 23,	" 7, Remittance G. S , U. S	91 80	
Sept. 3,	" 8, G. S., duty and charges on supplies	25 27	
" 11,	" 9, G. S., postage, etc	25 00	
Oct. 22,	" 10, G. S., on account salary	50 00	
" 22,	" 11, Rose, printing	33 50	
1878.			
Jan. 31,	" 12, G. S., postage, etc	5 00	
" 31,	" 13, G. S., balance salary	50 00	
" 31,	" 14, G. L., U. S	78 57	
			$ 535 14
	Balance in hands of G. T		$ 114 01

Fraternally yours,
J. WRIGLESWORTH,
Grand Treasurer.

Report from Committee on Distribution read as follows:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of B. C.:

Your Committee on Distribution of Grand Master's report, would most respectfully submit, that so much of the report as relates to decisions of G. M. and Deputies of this jurisdiction, be referred to Committee on State of the Order.

Further, so much of the report as refers to granting extra power to the Grand Master, as also regarding head dress, be referred to Committee on Legislation.

The appeal cases spoken of in the report, apparently have already been submitted to Committee on Appeals by the Grand Secretary, who no doubt will in due time report on same, we find further distribution unnecessary, and recommend the adoption of all other matters contained therein.

J. S DRUMMOND,
H. V. EDMONDS,
H. ELLIOTT.

Which was on motion adopted and handed to the different Standing Committees as recommended.

Report of Special Committee appointed last session on Relief Association read:

Victoria, Feb. 6th, 1878.

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

Dear Sirs and Brothers. Your committee, appointed at the last session of this R W. G. L., on that part of the M. W. G. M's. report recommending the formation of a Relief Association in this jurisdiction, have collected as much information as they could on the subject, and are of opinion that it would not be advisable to commence a Mutual Life, or Widow and Orphan Relief Association, at the present time in this jurisdiction.

R. ROBERTS.
W. J. JEFFREE,
J. WRIGLESWORTH,
Special Committee.

Moved by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, that the report be received, suggestion adopted, and committee discharged; seconded by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, and carried.

Report from Special Committee on Fines, Fees, etc., read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of B. C.:

Your special committee, appointed to examine into subordinate constitution in regard to fines, fees, dues and benefits, beg to make report on the subject, that so situated as the Grand Lodge is this session, two of the special committee, viz.: P. G., J. Davies and P. G., J. Wriglesworth, being unfortunately absent, we have not as a whole come to any conclusion, but under the circumstances, this being a very important matter, we consider it would be better to continue the committee. We therefore ask for further time.

J. S. DRUMMOND.
W. J. JEFFREE.

Moved by Rep. Loye, of No. 4, that further time be granted. Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

Report of Committee on Appeals, in the case of C. Colmer *v.* Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, read.

Bro. Caleb Colmer *v.* Black Diamond Lodge.

We, the undersigned, Committee on Appeals, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined into the case of Bro C. Colmer's appeal from the decision of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., and recommend that the appeal of Bro. C. Colmer be sustained, on the following grounds:

1. That the name of the brother preferring the charge must be attached to it, and a copy thereof furnished to the accused; see Article 7, section 3, Constitution of Subordinates, which in this case appears not to have been complied with.

2. That the accused must be tried by a full committee of five; in this case the report is signed by only four members.

3. That the ballot on penalty was taken irregularly, it must be left with the members to write on their ballots what penalty prescribed by law they think adequate to the offence; see proceedings of Grand Lodge of B. C., 1877, in the case of appeal, Bro. P. G. Harris *vs.* Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

4. That suspensions must be fixed for a definite period; see Article 7, Section 6, of Constitution of Subordinates.

5. That the lodge was in error in passing sentence on the brother on mere circulating reports which were not supported by any evidence, as the trial committee in their report admit that there is no evidence before them proving the accused guilty of the charge of adultry. Your committee therefore take the most charitable view of the case and give the accused the benefit of the doubt, and therefore recommend that the appeal of Bro. C. Colmer be sustained, and the decision of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., be set aside.

CHAS. GOWEN
J. SEHL.
W. D. McKILLICAN.
JOHN H. MELDRAM,
JOHN M. READ,
Com. on Appeals.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, that the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Jeffree of No. 2, and carried.

The following communications from Bros. Jackson and Litster, of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, and which were

referred to in Grand Secretary's report, were then read as follows:

To the R. W. G. Secretary,
Grand Lodge of B. C.. I. O. O. F.

Dear Sir and Brother.—Accompanying this you will find a notice of appeal against the action of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., in withholding sick benefits from Bro. P.G. Armstrong, with appended question.

The appeal was filed by us in accordance with Section 11, Article 7, of our Constitution, with the Secretary of our lodge on the 26th day of April last; was subsequently forwarded by Bro. Sec., under seal of the lodge to the D. D. G. M.. who returned it to the Secretary, and was brought up for discussion by Bro. P. G. Scott on May 17th, and although we protested against such action as being illegal, the lodge, by vote, instructed the secretary to return the appeal to us to do what we liked with, which was done, unaccompanied by any information on the appeal or question, or any instruction how to proceed in the matter.

Fraternally yours, in F. L. and T.,

ADAM JACKSON,
WM. LITSTER.

New Westminster, May 18th, 1877.

To the N. G., V. G., Officers and Brethren,
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F.:

We, the subscribers, hereby give notice of appeal against the action of this Lodge in the matter of withholding Past Grand W. J. Armstrong's benefits during his sickness in Victoria, to the decision of the Worthy Grand Lodge of British Columbia, on the following grounds:

1st. That the brother was reported sick in the usual form; had drawn benefits on that report, and was not reported well to this Lodge previous to his departure for Victoria.

2d. That the brother was declared by the Permanent Secretary to be in good standing in every way at the time he was taken sick.

3rd. That the Lodge, through the N. G., distinctly admitted its knowledge of the brother's sickness and inability to attend to his business during the time for which benefits are claimed.

And further, we respectfully request an answer to the following question:

If a brother be in receipt of a certain pecuniary income during a time of sickness, although he be incapable of attending to the business which commands said income, is he therefore disqualified from receiving sick benefits as allowed by the By-Laws of this Lodge?

Yours faithfully, in F. L. and T.,

ADAM JACKSON,
WM. LITSTER.

New Westminster, Aprll 23d, 1877.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, that a Special Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the matter and report; seconded by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2, and carried.

Committee appointed—W. J. Jeffree, Rep. of No. 2; A. Phillips, Rep. of No. 1; J. S. Drummond, P. G. M., Rep. of No. 1.

Report read from Committee on Legislation, as follows:

To the R W., Grand Lodge, B. C.:

Your Committee on Legislation having taken into consideration the subject submitted to them, viz.: the granting power to the Grand Master to admit an

expelled member to his lodge during recess. See White's Digest, page 357, clause 1686c. We cordially recommend that the power be granted.

And further, the matter referring to head dress, your Committee are of opinion that the proposition and adoption of the same is premature.

J. S. DRUMMOND,
H. WALLER,
B. W. SHILES,
WM. McCOLL,
C. N. TREW.

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, that the same be received and adopted; seconded by Rep. Trew, of No. 3, and carried.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates, viz.:

NEW WESTMINSTER, FEB. 11TH, 1878.

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 Amendments to the By-Laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, full particulars of which we beg to submit as follows:

And all of which your Committee approve.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
J. P. GOODHUE,
H. WALLER,
C. TODD,
F. CARNE,
Committee.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, that the report lay on the table until after recess; seconded by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2, and carried.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then took a recess until three o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session at three o'clock, p. m., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, that the report of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates be now taken up, and the amendments to By-Laws be considered seriatem. Seconded by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2, and carried.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF PERMANENT SECRETARY.

Line 10—Strike out the words "thirteen weeks in arrears," and insert in lieu thereof the words "indebted to the lodge in the sum of Three Dollars, or over."

Add the following words to the end of the Article:

"He shall attend the audit of the books of the Lodge, and furnish the Finance Committee with all necessary information; he shall prepare a Balance Sheet of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Lodge for each half year ending on the last regular meeting in June and December, together with a statement of the total value of the Lodge funds, and the number and ages of the members, a duplicate of which, signed by the Finance Committee, shall be posted in the ante-room of the Lodge."

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

In paragraph 1, line 10, before the word "some" to insert the words "the Dominion Government Savings Bank, or".

ARTICLE X.

DUTIES OF TRUSTEES.

Line 5—Strike out the word "lowest" and insert in lieu thereof the words "third highest."

Strike out all the words occurring between the word "and" in the 12th line and the word "to" in the 17th line, and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "invest the same at interest in Provincial or Municipal debentures only."

ARTICLE XI.

DUTIES OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

Line 4—Strike out the words "to him".

Line 7—Insert after the word "health" the words "except in case of contagious diseases."

Line 7—Strike out all the words in 1st paragraph after the word "health".

ARTICLE XV.

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

Line 2—Strike out the words "accompany their application with the requisite" and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "pay the following".

Line 3—Strike out all the words after "viz." and insert the following:

"For Initiation."

"21 and under 25 years of age.....$20 00
"25 " 35 " " 25 00
"35 " 45 " " $2 additional for every additional year.
"45 and upwards, $5 additional for every additional year.
"For admission by deposit of card, as an Ancient Odd Fellow, or for non-affiliate, if under 35 years of age..... 10 00

"When 35 years of age and over, the increase in the scale of initiation fees to be added in accordance with age."

ARTICLE XVI.

Line 1—Strike out the words "into the general fund" and insert in lieu thereof the words "as dues the sum of".

Amendment approved October 18, 1870—Line 2—After the word "Lodge", to insert the following words: "who was at the time of his death in good standing; and if funeral expenses have been incurred".

Line 3—After the word "wife" to insert the words "or widow." Line 5—Strike out the word "General" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Sick and Funeral".

ARTICLE XVIII.—(New Article.)

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

The funds of this Lodge shall be divided as follows:—1st, Sick and Funeral Fund. 2nd. Management Fund. 3rd, Widow and Orphans' Fund.

Five per cent. of the gross receipts of the Lodge (with the exception of Funeral Assessments, and the interest arising from the invested capital of the Widow and Orphans' Fund), together with all fines, and the interest on its own invested capital, shall be appropriated to form a Widow and Orphans' Fund; this Fund shall be governed by the By-Laws specially enacted therefor.

Ninety-five per cent. of all initiation and degree fees, forty-five per cent. of the dues paid by members, the assessments levied for funerals, and the interest from its own invested capital, shall be paid to the Sick and Funeral Fund; and from it shall be paid the benefits to members while sick, and the funeral expenses of deceased members and deceased members' widows; and no part of this fund shall be appropriated to any other purpose whatsoever.

To the Management Fund shall be paid fifty per cent. of members' dues and all other receipts of the Lodge except those already specified to be paid to the other funds; and from it shall be paid the necessary expenses of Management and such other objects of the Society not otherwise provided for by the Sick and Funeral and Widow and Orphans' Funds.

A separate and distinct account shall be kept of the receipts and disbursements of each Fund.

PRESENT ARTICLE XVIII. TO BE CALLED ARTICLE XIX.

Lines 10 11 and 12—Strike out the words "fee required therefor in accordance with Article XV. of these By-Laws, ' and insert in lieu thereof the words "sum of Ten dollars."

Lines 14 and 15—Strike out the words "eight weeks," and insert in lieu thereof the words "three months."

Line 16—Strike out the word "returned," and insert in lieu thereof the word "forfeited."

Line 18—Insert after the word "course" the following words, "Every candidate shall, previous to joining this Lodge by initiation or affiliation, furnish the Lodge with a certificate of health signed by a medical man who is a member of the Order."

Line 23—After the word "same," insert the words "or any addition or amendment thereto which may hereafter be made."

Present Article XIX. to be called Article XX.

PRESENT ARTICLE XX. TO BE CALLED ARTICLE XXI.

Sec. 3—Line 1—After the word "neglect," insert the words "to pay."

Line 2—Strike out the words "thirteen weeks," and insert in lieu thereof the words "two weeks after they become due."

Sec. 4, Line 3—After the words "N. G." to insert the following words: "to his relatives or representatives."

Line 11—After the word "expenses," to insert the words, "and paid to her relatives or representatives, if any."

Line 12—After the word "Lodge," to insert the following words, "If a deceased member or a deceased member's widow leave no relative or representative to take charge of the funeral, it shall be the duty of the N. G. to make arrangements for the interment of the deceased; but in no case shall the sum paid for such expenses exceed the sum provided for in these Rules."

Present Article XXI. to be called Article XXII.

PRESENT ARTICLE XXII. TO BE CALLED ARTICLE XXIII.

Sec. 1, Line 1—Strike out the words "is thirteen weeks in arrears," and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "has neglected to pay his dues for the space of two weeks after they become due."

SEC. 3.—Strike out the whole of this section, and the following to be substituted in lieu thereof: "In case a sick member shall require the services of a nurse, the N. G. shall appoint one; the expenses of the same shall be paid from the Management Fund, this fund to be recouped by a half-yearly assessment pro rata on the members."

PRESENT ARTICLE XXIII. TO BE CALLED ARTICLE XXIV.

Line 4—Strike out the word "stocks."

PRESENT ARTICLE XXIV. TO BE CALLED ARTICLE XXV.

SEC. 1. Lines 3, 4 and 5—Strike out the words "immediately make preparations for the funeral, and as soon as possible after the death of a brother is made known."

SEC. 4, Line 4—Strike out the words "regular meetings," and insert in lieu thereof the word "months."

NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, NO. 3, I.O.O.F.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1—For Wednesday, read Thursday.

ARTICLE X.

Erase first two lines, and read instead, "Three Trustees shall be elected by ballot at the last meeting in June. The brother receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for three years, then the next highest for two years, and the third highest for one year; and one Trustee shall afterwards be elected annually for a term of three years. All vacancies in the Board of Trustees shall be filled in regular manner for the unexpired term."

ARTICLE XI.

Strike out from "The N. G. shall" to end of paragraph, and read instead: "The N. G. shall appoint, when necessary, a competent nurse to attend to members when sick. Each member shall be assessed the sum of fifty cents when necessary, and the total amount of said assessment be carried to the credit of an account which shall be opened in the ledger under the head of 'Nurse account.' All monies paid to the nurse shall be charged to said account, and the Lodge shall levy a further assessment of not over fifty cents on each member when required."

ARTICLE XV.

All persons admitted as members of this Lodge shall accompany their application with the requisite fee, viz.:—

For Initiation, if under 45 years of age	$20 00
Do. if over 45, and not exceeding 50 years of age	30 00
And for each additional year over 50, the further sum of	5 00
For Deposit of Card, Initiate, $10, any higher degree	20 00
" A. O. F. " 10, "	20 00
For Non-Affiliate, if not over 50 years of age, Initiate, $20, any higher degree	25 00
And for each additional year over 50, the further sum of	5 00

ARTICLE XVI.

Erase from "Every" to "vote," and read, "Every member shall pay into the general fund three dollars ($3) per quarter in advance."

ARTICLE XVII.

Erase from "Five" on the 3rd line to end of sentence, and read:

$5 00 shall be charged for the 1st Degree.
5 00 " " 2nd "
7 50 " " 3rd "
7 50 " " 4th "
10 00 " " 5th or Scarlet Degree.

ARTICLE XVIII.

After the word "support" on the 3rd line, insert "and produce a certificate from some recognized medical practitioner that they are".

ARTICLE XX.

SEC. 1—After the word "livelihood" on the 3rd line, insert "or of following his usual occupation." After words "funds of the Lodge," on 4th line, insert:

$ 4 00 per week for an Initiate.
4 50 " for a member of the 1st Degree.
5 00 " " " 2nd "
5 50 " " " 3rd "
6 00 " " " 4th "
10 00 " " " 5th or Scarlet Degree.

and these continue "during such sickness, etc., etc."

SEC. 3—Erase from commencement down to "weeks," and read instead, "No member who may owe more than $3 for dues to the Lodge."

SEC. 4—On 1st and 2nd lines erase "entitled to benefits," and read instead, "in good standing."

ARTICLE XXII.

SEC. 1—Erase from commencement to "arrears," and insert, "No member who owes the Lodge more than $3 for dues."

SEC. 3 to be struck out, being provided for by Article XI. as amended.

Moved by Rep. Robinson, of No. 1, "That the report of committee on Laws of Subordinates be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Trew, of No. 3, and carried.

Report read from Committee on Finance, viz.:

New Westminster, B. C., February 11 1878.

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

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, which they find to be systematically kept in a business-like manner.

The disbursements of the Grand Treasurer are sustained by proper vouchers exhibited to your Committee. It therefore affords us pleasure in reporting them correct.

M. J. GOODE,
W. C. LOYE,
ALEX. EWEN,
H. ELLIOTT,
B. W. SHILES.

Moved by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Shiles, of No. 3, and carried.

Report read from same committee as follows:

New Westminster, 11th February, 1878.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of B. C.

Your Committee on Finance would recommend that on account of increased facilities required by Grand Secretary, that his salary be two hundred and fifty dollars for the year and to cover office rent, and that the tax on subordinates be at the rate of 65 cents on 30th June and 35 cents on 31st December.

M. J. GOODE,
W. C. LOYE,
B. W. SHILES,
H. ELLIOTT,
ALEX. EWEN.

Moved by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Trew, of No. 3, and carried.

Report from same committee read as follows:

New Westminster, B. C., 11th February, 1878.

To the M. W. G. M., Officers and Members of the
R. W. G. Lodge of British Columbia:

Sirs and Brothers,

Your Committee on Finance recommend that the representatives present at this session at New Westminster be paid twenty dollars each as mileage for their attendance at the Grand Lodge, viz.:

Rep. R. Roberts, M. W. Grand Master	$20 00
" W. J. Jeffree, R. W. Deputy Grand Master	20 00
" J. D. Robinson, G. Secretary	20 00
" H. Waller, Rep. No. 2	20 00
" M. J. Goode, Rep. No. 4	20 00

M. J. GOODE,
W. C. LOYE,
H. ELLIOTT,
ALEX. EWEN,
B. W. SHILES.

Moved by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

Report from same committee read as follows:

New Westminster, B. C., 11th February, 1878.

To the M. W. G. M., Officers and Members of
R. W. G. Lodge of British Columbia:

Sir and Brothers,

Your Committee on Finance recommend that the sum of ten dollars be paid to C. McMillan for his services as Janitor during the present session.

M. J. GOODE,
W. C. LOYE,
H. ELLIOTT,
ALEX. EWEN,
B. W. SHILES.

Moved by Rep. Trew, of No. 3, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order on portion of Grand Master's address submitted to them:

To the R. W. G. L., British Columbia:

Your Committee on State of the Order having duly considered the matter submitted to them, viz.:

Whether it is the duty of the N. G. to call the brethren to attend the funeral of a brother who was not entitled to benefits, and whether brothers not attending should be fined.

We find two propositions in the above question, which is easily decided, if any subordinate lodge wishes to avail itself of the same; sufficient legislation and power is given in the Journal of G. L. Proceedings of 1857, pages 2780 and 2818.

J. S. DRUMMOND,
J. P. DAVIES,
S. T. STYLES.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Loye, of No. 4, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, "That this Grand Lodge, at its rising to-morrow, stand adjourned *sine die*." Seconded by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, "That further time be granted the Committee on History of Oddfellowship." Seconded by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2, and carried.

J. P. Davies, P. G. M., offered the following resolution: "That the sum of $50 be donated from the funds of this Grand Lodge to the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster." Seconded by Rep. Goode, of No. 4.

Moved as an amendment by Rep. Drummond, of No. 1: "That the subject matter be referred to the Committee on Finance." Seconded by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2.

The amendment being put to the vote, was carried.

On motion, the G. L. took a recess until half-past 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The G. L. resumed its session at half-past eight o'clock, and was called to order by the Grand Master.

George Turner and W. R. Lewis, P. G.'s of No. 3, being reported in waiting, were, by direction, introduced by the Grand Marshal and duly instructed in the G. L. degree.

Report read from Special Committee on Appeal of brothers Jackson and Litster, as follows:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of B. C.:

Your Special Committee having taken all the available evidence at hand in regard to the above case, and the facts appearing as follows, viz.: The appellants applied for sick benefits for W. J. Armstrong, P. G.; the lodge, by their minutes, refused to pay, by a vote of 5 to 2. The appellants appealed from decision of lodge. Said appeal was sent to Grand Lodge through the D. D. G. M. The appeal in this case was not well taken; the appeal should

have been direct to D. D. G. M. for his decision on a question of law. The whole matter is informal, and the fault lays—1st, by the appellants; 2nd, by the Lodge; and, 3rd, by the Secretary of N. W. Lodge, No. 3. The appellants should have, in their written appeal, made a direct appeal to the D. D. G. M. The lodge should, if their appeal was irregular, so stated to the appellants and remedied same; if the lodge neglected so to do, the Secretary, in making out the documents, should have informed the lodge of the informality; and all communications laid before us were without the seal of the lodge, and consequently could not be recognized by this Grand Body.

We, therefore, beg to refer the whole matter back to the lodge for proper action,

W. J. JEFFREE,
J. S. DRUMMOND,
A. PHILLIPS.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

The hour having arrived for nominations for officers, the following Past Grands were nominated:

For M. W. G. M.

W. J. Jeffree, Rep. of No. 2, nominated by Rep. Loye, of No. 4,
C. Gowen, Rep. of No. 1, nominated by Rep. Drummond, P. G. M., of No. 1.

For R. W. D. G. M.

A. Phillips, Rep. of No. 1, nominated by Rep. Goode, of No. 4.

For R. W. G. W.

B. W. Shiles, Rep. of No. 3, nominated by Rep. Waller, of No. 2.

For R. W. G. Sec.

J. D. Robinson, Rep. of No. 1, nominated by Rep. Drummond, P. G. M., of No. 1.

For R. W. G. Treas.

J. Wriglesworth, Rep. of No. 4, nominated by Rep. Loye, of No. 4.

FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Moved by Rep. Robinson, of No. 1, "That we do not elect a Grand Representative from this Province at present." Seconded by Rep. Phillips, of No. 1, and carried.

The G. M. then appointed Rep. Trew, of No. 3, and H. V. Edmonds, P. G. of No. 3, as tellers.

ELECTION.

For Grand Master, 20 votes cast.

W. J. Jeffree received 14 votes.
C. Gowen " 5 "
Blanks..... 1

W. J. Jeffree having received a majority of all votes cast, was then declared duly elected.

There being no opposition in any of the other offices, it was, on motion, resolved that they be declared elected by acclamation. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, "That this Grand Lodge hold its next session at Nanaimo." Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3.

Moved as an amendment by Rep. Styles, of No. 1, "That Victoria be substituted for Nanaimo." Seconded by Rep. Goode, of No. 4.

On the amendment being put to the vote, it was declared carried.

The following invitation was here presented:

To the Representatives from Victoria to the R. W. G. L.:

Dear Sirs and Brothers,

The Representatives of New Westminster Lodge cordially invite the Victoria Representatives to visit our public buildings and other places of interest in our city; also the fish curing establishments, and to take a short steamboat excursion up the river when convenient to yourselves.

Moved by Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, "That the invitation be accepted, and to-morrow forenoon set apart." Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2, "That we now adjourn until to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock." Seconded by Rep. Robinson, of No. 1, and carried.

SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 8 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Master.

The Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, and on motion adopted.

Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, P. G. M., on behalf of the Victoria representatives, offered the following resolution of thanks to the New Westminster brethren:

RESOLERD,—That this R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia tender our thanks to the Representatives and Past Grands of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, for the many kindnesses extended to the distant members forming this G. L., and more particularly in the pleasant excursion by steamboat accepted by us; also a visit through all the public buildings, viz.: Hospital, Convent, Jail, Lunatic Asylum, Penitentiary, besides the numerous fishery establishments for curing, of astonishing capacity. The public buildings, we must admit, are an ornament to any city of a hundred thousand inhabitants.

Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

Report read from Committee on Finance as follows:

New Westminster, B. C., Feb. 12, 1878.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of B. C.:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report on the resolution of J. P. Davies, P. G. M., regarding donation to Royal Columbian Hospital of $50 from the funds of this Grand Lodge, would recommend that the same be not adopted, as the funds of this R. W. Grand Lodge will not admit of any donations. (See Article 8, Sec. 1, Constitution.)

M. J. GOODE,
W. C. LOYE,
ALEX. EWEN,
H. ELLIOTT,
B. W. SHILES.

Moved by Rep. Styles, of No. 1, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

The next business in order being installation of officers. W. J. Jeffree, G. M. elect was presented by J. S. Drummond, P. G. M., for obligation, and duly installed into office.

The M. W. G. M. then installed the following:

Alex. Phillips.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
B. W. Shiles..... " Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson..... " Grand Secretary.

The M. W. G. M. then appointed the following officers, which were, on motion, approved and duly installed into their respective offices:

H. Waller.....W. Grand Marshal.
M. J. Goode..... " Grand Guardian.
H. Elliott..... " Grand Conductor.
F. Carne..... " Grand Herald.
M. Humber..... " Chaplain.

The M. W. G. M. then appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

C. Hayward, of No. 1. J. M. Read, of No. 1.
W. D. McKillican, of No. 4. J. H. Meldram, of No. 2.
A. Ewen, of No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

R. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1. J. P. Goodhue, of No. 2.
J. York, of No. 1. C. Todd, of No. 4.
J. Sehl, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

J. Davies, of No. 1. H. Waller, of No. 2.
A. J. Gray, of No. 4. C. Gowen, of No. 1.
J. Sears, of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

J. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1. T. J. Partridge, of No. 1.
R. W. Fawcett, of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

J. S. Drummond, P.G.M., of No. 1.
W. McColl, of No. 3. C. N. Trew, of No. 3.
T. R. Mitchell, of No. 1. G. W. Anderson, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer,
H. V. Edmonds, of No. 3.

The M. W. G. M. then appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters:

S. T. Styles, P. G. of No. 1, for District No. 1.
H. V. Edmonds, P. G. of No. 3, for District No. 2.
E. Quesnell, P. G. of No. 5, for District No. 3.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, P. G. M., of No. 1, "That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed." Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, P. G. M., of No. 1, "That the thanks of this R. W. G. L. be extended to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, for the use of their Hall and Regalia during the present session." Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, "That the thanks of this R. W. G. L. be tendered to retiring Grand Officers." Seconded by Rep. Styles, of No. 1, and carried.

Minutes of the day were then read, and on motion, confirmed.

The G. Chaplain being called upon, offered up the closing prayer, and the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES D. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.

ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F., commencing 1st January, 1877, and ending 30th June, 1877.

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 stand'g	Revenue.
Victoria.....	1	Victoria, Vancouver Island.	Monday	8	...	1	2	....	....	....	.. .	4	....	181	2,053 26
Columbia.....	2	Do.	Wednesday .	3	....	2	2	....	1	....	....	10	....	133	1,395 80
New Westm'ster	3	New Westminster, B. C....	Thursday...	6	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	56	738 00
Dominion.....	4	Victoria, Vancouver Island.	Thursday...	6	....	1	....	...	....	...	1	...	....	80	654 50
Black Diamond.	5	Nanaimo, Vancouver Island	Saturday....	4	1	....	...	....	....	...	....	1	1	52	378 00
				27	2	4	5		1		1	16	2	502	5,219 56

ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F., commencing 1st July, 1877, and ending 31st December, 1877.

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 stand'g	Revenue.
Victoria.....	1	Victoria, Vancouver Island	Monday	3	1	1	....	....	2	1	....	3	1	180	2,328 22
Columbia.....	2	Do.	Wednesday .	2	....	2	....	...	1	....	....	5	...	131	1,351 25
New Westm'ster	3	New Westminster, B. C....	Thursday...	7	3	....	....	....	...	....	....	1	3	65	671 00
Dominion.....	4	Victoria, Vancouver Island.	Thursday...	1	....	...	....	....	1	....	1	11	....	68	566 50
Black Diamond.	5	Nanaimo, Vancouver Island	Saturday....	5	1	1	....	....	....	1	....	2	1	56	638 00
				18	5	4			4	2	1	22	5	500	5,554 97

LIST OF OFFICERS

Of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F., of British Columbia, for term commencing 1st January, 1878.

Lodge.	No.	Noble Grand.	Vice Grand.	Recording Secretary	Treasurer.	Permanent Secretary.
Victoria.....	1	T.J.Partridge, P. G.	Robt. Lettice...	Fred'k Davey.....	John Weiler, P. G..	Fred'k Davey.....
Columbia.....	2	Wm. F. Archibald..	Walter Shears...	R. W. Fawcett, P. G.	H. Waller, P. G....	G. H. Maynard, P.G..
New Westminster...	3	Wm. Litster.....	J. W. Howison..	A. J. Jackson.....	J. Morey, P. G....	J. W. Harvey.....
Dominion.....	4	E. Fletcher.....	Eli Harrison Jr.	W. Walker....	W. D. McKillican, P. G.	C. J. King.....
Black Diamond.....	5	G. Norris, P. G....	Jas. Wilcox.....	J. W. Brunton.....	Mark Bate.....	J. W. Brunton.....

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the year ending 31st December, 1877, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Number of	Lodges	5
"	Initiated	45
"	Admitted by Card and as Ancient O. F	7
"	Reinstated	8
"	Withdrawn by Card	5
"	Suspended or dropped	40
"	Expelled	2
"	Deceased	5
"	Members	500
"	Of Brothers relieved	53
"	Of widowed families relieved	1

Amount paid for relief of Brothers		$ 3,126 00
"	" Widowed families	25 00
"	Education of Orphans	
"	Burying the Dead	187 00
"	Special Relief	
	Total Relief	$ 3,338 00
Amount of annual receipts		$10,774 53
Amount of current expenses of Lodges		$2,806 28
Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid		273