PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

I. O. O. F.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

VICTORIA, B. C., 14th February, 1881.

The Seventh Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of British Columbia opened this morning, at 11 o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' Hall: Present—

J. Wriglesworth	M. W. Grand Master.
B. W. Shiles	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
H. Waller	R. W. Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson	R. W. Grand Secretary.
J. Davies	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
W. D. McKillican	W. Grand Marshall.
J. Sears	W. Grand Guardian.
E. Fletcher	W. Grand Herald.
W. J. Jeffree, (*pro tem.*)	W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present, whereupon the Grand Chaplain offered up prayer, and the Grand Lodge was declared duly open for business.

The Credentials of Representatives from Subordinate Lodges were read and referred to the following Committee on Credentials appointed by the Grand Master, viz:—J. Weiler, of No. 1; C. Todd, of No. 4; H. Elliott, of No. 3; who reported as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., 14th February, 1881.

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

DEAR SIRS AND BROS:—Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of members and find that—

J. D. Robinson, M. Hart,
J. Weiler, J. York,
C. Gowen, D. Dale,
J. Sehl, J. S. Drummond,
Thos. J. Partridge, G. W. Anderson,
R. Roberts, Of No. 1.

W. J. Jeffree, M. Humber,
H. Waller, J. Sears,
W. J. Pendray, W. F. Archibald,
J. Partridge, J. P. Goodhue,
Of No. 2.

H. Elliott. B. W. Shiles,
C. N. Trew, A. Ewen,
Of No. 3.

W. D. McKillican, J. Wriglesworth,
C. Todd, Wm. Leigh,
E. Fletcher, Of No. 4.

E. Quesnell, M. Bate,
J. W. Brunten, Jas. Wilcox,
Of No. 5.

Are duly accredited representatives. That—

A. Phillips, S. T. Styles,
C. Higle, J. M. Reid,
E. C. Holden, W. Irvine,
J. Davies, J. Gosnell,
P. J. Hall, F. Carne,
W. H. Huxtable, E Fawcett,
C. Hayward, G. Williams,
Of No. 1.

J. Fell, W. Harrison,
L. Vigelius, G. H. Maynard,
J. H. Meldram, M. Young,
R. W. Fawcett, F. Norris,
Of No. 2.

W. J. Armstrong, J. Morey,
J. T. Scott, J. A. Calbick,
Geo. Turner, W. R. Lewis,
J. W. Howison, W. McColl,
R. Thomas, J. E. Insley,
D. Withrow, W. Litster,
L. F. Bonson, Of No. 3.

T. Shotbolt, W. Walker,
M. J. Goode, P. A. Babington,
H. Smith, E. Harrison, Jr.,
A. J. Gray, Of No. 4.

G. Norris, A. Galloway,
J. McNeil, Of No. 5.

Are entitled to Seats. And—

M. Hart, W. Irvine, ... Of No. 1.

J. Partridge, W. J. Pendray, F. Norris, ... Of No. 2.

Wm. Leigh, E. Harrison, Jr ..... Of No. 4.

M. Bate ..... Of No. 5.

Are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN WEILER,
C. TODD,
H. ELLIOTT.

Moved by Rep. Drummond of No. 1, "That the Report be received and adopted." Seconded by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, and carried.

The Grand Marshall was instructed to retire and introduce Past Grands in attendance, and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on

M. Hart ..... Of No. 1.

J. Partridge, W. J. Pendray, ... Of No. 2.

Wm. Leigh ..... Of No. 4.

The minutes of Special Session of the Grand Lodge held on 6th May, 1880, were then read.

Moved by Rep. Gowen of No. 1, seconded by Rep. McKillican of No. 4, "That they be adopted." Carried.

The Grand Master appointed the following Representatives to fill vacancies, viz:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rep. Elliott, of No. 3.
Rep. York, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

Rep. Dale, of No. 1.
Rep. Hart, of No. 1.
Rep. Leigh, of No. 4.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Rep. Todd, of No. 4.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Rep. Drummond, of No. 1.

The Report of the Grand Master was then read, as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., 14th February, 1881.

BROTHERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,—In the good providence of Almighty God whose blessings it ever becomes us to invoke, we are again permitted to meet in annual convocation to recite the history of the past, to legislate and counsel for the present, and thus, as far as possible, provide for a prosperous future.

This meeting should remind us that another year is past and gone, and that we are all nearer to that bourne whence no traveller returns; with another year's experience in the work of our Order.

I hope we are all in a better position to know its wants in this Jurisdiction, and that we meet here to-day firmly impressed with our duties as representatives of so noble and great an Institution.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session, I am glad to say, saw the necessity of repealing the Dormant Law. It appeared to give a great amount of unnecessary work to Secretaries of Subordinates without the corresponding results which it was intended to produce when passed, and we are now again working under the old principles.

The Order in this Jurisdiction not having progressed as much as many of its most ardent supporters would desire, a scheme will be laid before you for the inauguration of an Endowment Fund which will undoubtedly give an impetus to the Order in this Jurisdiction, and be a great benefit to widows and families of our deceased Brothers. I cordially recommend the same for your adoption.

.I would also bring to your notice the unsatisfactory manner in which the Annual Password is forwarded to this jurisdiction, and would ask you to take some steps with regard to its future transmission, and ask that it be sent direct to the Grand Secretary.

The Petition you ordered to be sent to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, with regard to the remission of the Annual Tax, at our last regular communication was forwarded, but I am sorry to say it was not granted. Also the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session changed the work of the Order considerably and this jurisdiction not having a Grand Representative present leaves us in a peculiar position with regard to it. We have tried several ways to procure the work for distribution here but have failed so far. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to make some provision for procuring the same.

I have received reports from my Deputies in Districts Nos. 1 and 3. District Deputy McColl, of No. 2 District has not yet reported, but from the Representatives present I find that some little business has been transacted by him.

From Bro. Anderson, of No. 1 District, whose report is handed in, I find he has had several questions forwarded to him for decision, and after carefully examining the same I am of opinion they are answered correctly. I therefore endorse them.

From District Deputy Bro. Brunten, of No. 3 District, only one question has been referred to him; the answer I endorse. His report contains several recommendations for his District and accompanies my report. I would also draw your attention to the letter addressed to Bro. Anderson, of No. 1 District, from a member of Dominion Lodge, without the sanction of that Lodge, as being irregular.

My official acts during the year I submit as follows, viz:

March 8th, Granted a dispensation to the three Lodges in this city to appear in public in regalia on the 11th inst. at the dedication of their new Hall on Douglas Street, and to hold a ball the same day in the name of the Order under the usual restrictions.

March 11th, By request and accompanied by the Right Worthy Grand Officers, I had the pleasure of conducting the dedicatory ceremony of the splendid Hall erected by the three Lodges in this city, which was largely attended by the Brotherhood, and which is a great credit to our Institution. Also, by invitation the Grand Officers attended the Ball given on the evening of the same day, which was also carried out successfully.

March 29th, I issued the usual annual proclamation to all the Lodges in this jurisdiction to celebrate the 26th April following.

March 30th, Granted a dispensation to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to hold a ball in the name of the Order on the 2nd April, and to appear in regalia at the same.

April 20, I instructed the Grand Secretary to issue notices to the Representatives in this jurisdiction calling them together for a Special Session of the Grand Lodge, to be held at Victoria on the 6th of May, on account of the Grand Treasurer refusing to pay an order which I had drawn on him.

April 26th, Received a communication from Victoria Lodge, No. 1, requesting that the appeal of Bro Robt. Foster against the action of that Lodge be decided at the Special Session to be held on the 6th of May. I answered the communication stating that it was not in my power to grant the request. (See Constitution on Special Sessions.)

May 6th, A Special Session of this R. W. Grand Lodge was held according to call on the evening of the above date. For particulars see minutes of same.

July 8th, Attended by the R. W. Grand Officers I proceeded to install the officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, when an objection was raised to the N. G. elect being installed, which was, that he had not served a sufficient number of nights as V. G. to entitle him to the office. On examination I found that the Brother had been duly installed and served a term as V. G. of the Lodge, (the Roll-call being imperfect as to his attendance.) I decided that the Brother having been installed and remained in possession of the chair as V. G. for the term, the Lodge not having declared the seat vacant as required by its Constitution, his attendance could not be taken into consideration, he having served a term as V G , that having been duly elected he was entitled to be installed as Noble Grand. (See White's Digest, Sections 17, 1346 and 1390A. Also the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California 1864, pages 487, 521 and 536. Also Grand Lodge U. S. 1848, page 1290, also in 1854, page 2215. Again see Digest of the years 1852, 53, 54 and 55, page 581, which have never been repealed.)

July 9th, Accompanied by the R. W. G. W. I proceeded to New Westminster and installed the officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, the same evening. We were received with their usual courtesy, and after the Installation exemplified the work. This Lodge I found to be working harmoniously and in the interest of the Order.

July 12th, Installed the Officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

July 14th, Installed the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

January 5th, 1881, Installed the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

January 6th, 1881, Installed the Officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4. The V. G. elect not being present and not a sufficient reason given for his absence, the Lodge wished to elect another Brother to the office which election was held under my supervision.

January 10th, 1881, Installed the Officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

Although no new Lodges have been instituted during the past year, I think towns are springing up where Lodges could shortly be started with good chances of success.

Brothers, having reported all that I think is necessary the time will soon arrive when I shall be called upon to deliver up the trust which you have reposed in me during the past year; hoping that my official conduct will meet with your approval, and that wisdom and love for our Order may guide you in all your deliberations, I thank you for the kindness and courtesy extended to me, and remain,

Brothers and Representatives,
Yours fraternally.
J. WRIGLESWORTH,
Grand Master.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, "That a committee of three be appointed to distribute subjects in the Grand Master's Report to the separate committees." Seconded by Rep. Hart, of No. 1, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Rep. Gowen, of No. 1.
Rep. Drummond, of No. 1.
Rep. Ewen, of No. 3.

Report of Grand Secretary read.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
Victoria, B. C., 9th February, 1881.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—Another year in our history as a Grand Lodge having elapsed, I have to report the following transactions of this office during that period:

Whole number of Lodges are	5
Number of members in good standing	499
Initiated during the year	23
Admitted by Card	3
Reinstated	2
Withdrawn by Card	6
Suspended	0
Expelled	1
Rejected	3
Deceased	7
Ceased membership for non-payment of dues	24
Number of Past Grands	78
Amount of Annual Receipts	$9,228 48
Amount of current expenses of Lodges	4,302 24
Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid	367

Balance Sheet Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., 14th February, 1881.

Folio.	ACCOUNT.	Dr.	Cr.
2	Sovereign Grand Lodge	.....	$ 1 00
10	Stock Account	$242 00	
24	Grand Treasurer	115 23	
41	Profit and Loss	.....	573 48
43	Furniture and Regalia	217 25	
		$574 48	$574 48

Amount of Cash received during the year.

FOR SUPPLIES:		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	$ 2 50	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	5 00	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	14 00	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	1 00	
Sundry persons	6 50	
		$29 00
From Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, arrears of tax	.....	21 00
FOR TAX TERM ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1880:		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	86 50	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	61 00	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	36 00	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	38 50	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	31 00	
		253 00
FOR TAX TERM ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1880:		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	43 00	
Columbia Lodge, No 2	30 25	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	17 50	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	18 75	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	15 50	
		125 00
Whole amount of Cash received and paid over to R W. Grand Treasurer	.....	$428 50

Amount of Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer.

February 11, 1880—	Order No.	1,	Favor of	J. A. Cridge, for services,	$ 6 50
"	"	2,	"	A. Rutherford, "	3 50
"	"	3,	"	B. W. Shiles, mileage	20 00
April 2, 1880,	"	4,	"	A. & W. Wilson, gas fixtures for G. Secy's office	9 25
May 14, 1880,	"	5,	"	Trustees Victoria Lodge, furniture, etc	17 00
"	"	6,	"	Hibben & Co., stationery.	6 25
"	"	7,	"	McMillan & Son, printing	78 00
"	"	8,	"	H. Elliott, mileage	20 00
July 16, 1880,	"	9,	"	G. Sec'y	1 50
"	"	10,	"	" ac. salary and rent	125 00

December, 1880,	Order No.	11,	Favor of	G. Sec'y ac. salary and rent	100 00
"	"	12,	"	" draft to Sovereign G. Lodge and Exchange	26 50
December 28, 1880,	"	13,	"	McMillan & Son, printing blank forms	20 25
January 24, 1881,	"	14,	"	G. Sec'y, duty and express charges on books	11 85
January 31,	"	15,	"	G. Sec'y, balance of salary and rent	25 00
"	"	16,	"	G. Sec'y, rent of P.O. Box and postage	11 00
					$481 60

SUMMARY.

Cash balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at last report	168 33
Total amount of Cash received	428 50
	$596 83
Less Orders drawn	481 60
Leaving a balance in hands of Grand Treasurer of	$115 23

STOCK ACCOUNT.

		DR.	CR.
Stock on hand at last report		$211 69	
PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR:			
12 new Initiatory Charge Books, @ $1 25	$15 00		
12 " Degree Books, @ $1 00	12 00		
Express charges, duty and exchange on draft.	12 35		
		39 35	
Profit on sales made during the year.		1 71	
SOLD DURING THE YEAR:			
1 Book Forms	$ 1 25		
29 Visiting Cards	7 25		
9 Withdrawal Cards	2 25		
		.....	$ 10 75
STOCK STILL ON HAND:			
12 new Initiatory Charge Books, 12 " Degree Books	$39 35		
2 Books of Forms, (old)	2 00		
79 " " (new), @ 85c	67 15		
6 Books Odes, with music. @ 65c	3 90		
400 Initiation Petitions	4 00		
2 Order Books on Treasurer, @ $5 00	10 00		
6 Initiatory Charge Books, (old) @ $2 60	15 60		
8 Degree Books, (old), @ $2 60	20 80		
4 Rebekah Books, @ $2 60	10 40		
125 Lodge Odes, @ 7c	8 75		
50 Diplomas, @ 65c	32 50		
4 White's Digest, 1874, @ $3 12½	12 50		
3 Officers Roll Books, @ $2 50	7 50		
5 Withdrawal Cards, @ 21c	1 05		
25 Dismissal Certificates, @ 21c	5 25		
Orders for P. W	1 25		
Being balance to Dr. of said account as per Balance Sheet		.....	242 00
		$252 75	$252 75

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	8	"
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	4	"
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	5	"
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 4	4	"

My last Report of Membership shewed 509. The returns from Subordinates to 31st December last, give 499, thus maksng a loss of 10 members during the year.

The law regarding Dormant Members, I am glad to say, has been repealed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the old law re-enacted of Brothers in arrears to be declared in their several Lodges as ceased membership for non-payment of dues

According to instructions received at last Session, I wrote to the District Deputy of No. 3, regarding returns and arrears from Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5. which was attended to by that Brother, and I am happy to say that this year the returns from all the Lodges have been received in good time and in good shape.

During recess, I received documents concerning an appeal against the action of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, in expelling Robt. Foster, and immediately handed the same to the Committee on Appeals.

In accordance with resolution, I prepared, on 19th July, a new Petition to Sovereign Grand Lodge asking for remission of tax, until we have 10 Subordinate Lodges, which the Grand Master signed, and I forwarded, with I am sorry to say, no satisfactory result, as the Petition was not granted, and we now stand as owing the Sovereign Grand Lodge $225, including the present year 1881.

During the year I received Amendments to the By-Laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and New Westminster Lodge, No 3, which I handed to the Chairman of Committee on Laws of Subordinates. The two former have been returned approved, the latter is still in the hands of the Committee, having only been received a few days ago.

In the latter end of November I received a circular from the Grand Sire regarding the change in the work, which necessitated sending for new books; this I did, and have now in stock 12 new Initiatory Charge Books and 12 new Degree Books. These will be sent to the Subordinate Lodges as soon as we are in a position to instruct them in the new work itself, but up to the present time we are not in possession of it although strong efforts have been made to get the same. On the 27th November I wrote to Bro. Swan of Olympia. Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, to learn if they had the work. He immediately replied giving me the address of their Grand Representative (W. W. Evans, Seattle), and on 15th December (after consultation with the Grand Master and Grand Warden when it was agreed that I was to go across to Washington Territory and get the work; on my return the Grand Master would visit Nanaimo, and the Grand Warden New Westminster to instruct); I wrote to him with a view of carrying out this arrangement I received a reply to the effect that he considered it illegal for him to impart the work to anyone outside the jurisdiction of his own Grand Lodge without a special commission from the Grand Sire. I wrote again to Grand Representative Evans on the 22nd December, pointing out to him that I considered he was in error, that I believed he could instruct at request of our Grand Lodge without special commission. To this letter I have received no reply, and I believe the Grand Master also wrote about the same date and his letter has had the same fate. This is rather unfortunate, for had our requests been complied with, all our Subordinates would have been in posses-

sion of the new work and the books on the night of installation of new officers for the term commencing last month.

During the year, as usual, I have received a considerable number of letters, but none of the correspondence requires any mention with the exception of what I have already given you.

In conclusion, Representatives and Brothers, I have only to add that the continued depression in business still tends to retard the growth of the Order in British Columbia, but I believe that a change for the better is fast approaching. From what I have learned this winter, I think there is every probability of a new Lodge being started in Yale or that neighborhood this year. There are many members of our noble Order at present in that part of our Province, drawn thither by the railway works now in progress, and I understand these Brothers have formed an association for mutual aid, and are likely to apply for a charter for a Lodge in a short time. I trust this spark will light and be the beginning of a new era in Odd Fellowship in British Columbia.

Annexed, I beg to hand you the usual Abstracts of Reports of Subordinates, for appending to our Sessions' proceedings when printed.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES D. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.

It was moved that the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee appointed to distribute the Grand Master's Report. Carried.

The following Report was read from the Grand Treasurer, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

VICTORIA, B. C., 12th February, 1881.

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

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,—In accordance with the duties of my office, I herewith submit my report for the year ending 12th February, 1881.

Orders Nos. 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 were paid by the Grand Secretary and handed to me as cash. Your attention is called to the duties of the Grand Treasurer and Finance Committee, as certain requirements have heretofore been ignored which might with benefit be enforced according to the Constitution.

Yours fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Treasurer.

1880. RECEIPTS.

February	To Cash and Order from Grand Treasurer Waller	$168 33
March 9,	" " Chas. Gowen	21 00
August 13,	" and Vouchers from Grand Secretary	150 00
Dec'r 9,	" " " " "	100 00
1881.		
Feb'y 12	To Cash and Vouchers from Grand Secretary	157 50
		$596 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

February 1880 to February 12th, 1881—Orders Nos. 1 to 16 inclusive, herewith enclosed with list	$481 60
Balance on hand	$115 23

Yours fraternally.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Treasurer.

Victoria, 12th February, 1881.

VOUCHERS.

No. 1	6	50
" 2	3	50
" 3	20	00
" 4	9	25
" 5	17	00
" 6	6	25
" 7	78	00
" 8	20	00
" 9	1	50
" 10	125	00
" 11	100	00
" 12	26	50
" 13	20	25
" 14	11	85
" 15	25	00
" 16	11	00
	$481	60

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session at 3 P. M., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

Report from Committee on Appeals read as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., 14th February, 1881.

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

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report that they have taken up the appeal of Bro. Robert Partridge, on behalf of Bro. Robt. Foster, against the action of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, upon charges preferred against the said Robt. Foster of being in a state of intoxication and of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and after due and careful consideration of the action of the Lodge, as well as the different grounds upon which an appeal was taken from the action of the Lodge, and have unanimously agreed that the action of Victoria Lodge in the premises be sustained.

The first ground of appeal, namely, that the decision of the Lodge was contrary to the weight of evidence cannot be sustained, the evidence being nearly all to the contrary.

The second ground of appeal, namely, that no judgment of the Lodge was taken as to the sufficiency of the exceptions, neither were the exceptions determined according to their merits, or in any way, neither was the report of the Committee sustained or rejected prior to the penalty being affixed, is in our opinion the only ground worth considering by the Grand Lodge.

With respect to this second ground of appeal your Committee are of opinion that the action of Victoria Lodge in reading the report of the Trial Committee, together with the evidence taken, and the exceptions to the report of the Committee sent in by the appellant, and voting to accept the report of Trial Committee as it stood, was actually and virtually fulfilling the action required by the Constitution of Subordinates. Sec. 4, Article VII. being equal to an expressed conviction before passing sentence.

The third ground of appeal being only an abridged repetition of the second requires no further consideration.

Your Committee, therefore, beg leave to recommend that the appeal of Bro. Robt. Foster against the action of Victoria Lodge be not sustained.

Fraternally submitted,
CHAS. GOWEN,
JAS. P. GOODHUE,
W. F. ARCHIBALD,
C. TODD,
JOHN WEILER.

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep Leigh, of No. 4, and carried.

Report from Committee on Library read as follows, which was referred to Finance Committee:

VICTORIA, B. C., 14th February, 1881.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.:

Your resolution of last session, that the Standing Committee of this Grand Lodge should form a Library Committee, beg leave to make the following report:—

The Committee met and decided to write a letter to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, to enquire whether they would be willing to place the books in their possession at the disposal of the Committee, for the purpose of re-organizing the Library, to which the Lodge replied, "That they were quite willing to "hand over the books asked for providing they are satisfied that the Grand "Lodge, or the other Lodges of the city are prepared to fit up the room for "their reception and will contribute to the maintenance of the Library when "formed."

As your Committee were not placed in funds for this purpose, they deemed it advisable to refer the matter to the Grand Lodge for such action as they may see fit The Committee consider the offer of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, a very fair one, there being some 1400 volumes in their possession.

J. WRIGLESWORTH,
HY. WALLER,
J. D. ROBINSON,
JOSHUA DAVIES.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., 14th February, 1881.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F:

We, the undersigned Committee on Laws of Subordinates, beg to submit the following Report:—

1. Your Committee recommend that the amendment to the By-Laws as suggested by Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and Columbia Lodge, No. 2, be adopted.
2. That as to the subject of the communication from New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, your Committee are of opinion and would recommend that the said Lodge adopt the same scale as was approved and adopted by this Grand Lodge at its session of 1880. Vide page 162, Report of Special Committee on Benefits.

3. Your Committee also approved of the amendment suggesting that Brothers shall procure a certificate from a physician when required by the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

D. DALE,
M. HUMBER,
M. HART,
WM. LEIGH,
JOSEPH SEARS.

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

Report of Committee on Finance read.

VICTORIA, B. C., 14th February, 1881.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F:

Your Finance Committee having made thorough examination of all the books, papers and vouchers of your Treasurer and Grand Secretary, beg to report, that they have found them correct and the books well kept, but we would call the attention of the Grand Secretary to Section 4, of Article IV., of the Constitution of this Grand Body, viz: That all monies received by the Grand Secretary shall be paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

With respect to the report of your Special Committee on "Library" we recommend that the matter be left in the hands of the Subordinate Lodges of this city.

We recommend a per capita tax of 80 cents, 50 cts. on 30th June, and 30 cts. on 31st December, 1881.

ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

OF THE CURRENT YEAR:

REVENUE.

By balance on hand	$ 115 23	
80 cts. per capita tax, 499 members	399 20	
Sale of goods	80 00	
		$594 43

EXPENDITURE.

Salary of Grand Secretary	$ 150 00	
Office rent " "	60 00	
Stationery	15 00	
Printing	80 00	
Janitor	10 00	
Mileage	60 00	
Sovereign Grand Lodge dues	150 00	
		$525 00
Balance		69 43

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. JEFFREE,
GEO. W. ANDERSON,
H. ELLIOTT,
JOS. YORK.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, "That the report be received and adopted." Seconded by Rep. Hart, of No. 1, and carried.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 8 o'clock, P.M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session at 8 o'clock, P.M, and was called to order by the Grand Master.

The Grand Marshall was instructed to retire and introduce Past Grands in waiting, and the G. L. Degree was conferred on

Wm. Irvine, of No. 1,
E. Harrison, Jr., of No 4,
M. Bate, of No. 5.

The hour for nomination of Officers having arrived, the following Past Grands were nominated:

FOR M. W. GRAND MASTER:

B. W. Shiles, of No. 3,
Nominated by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2.

FOR R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

H. Waller, of No. 2,
Nominated by Rep. J. Weiler, of No. 1, P.G.M.

FOR R. W. GRAND WARDEN:

Geo. W. Anderson, of No. 1,
Nominated by Rep. Fletcher, of No. 4.

J. Davies, of No. 1,
Nominated by Rep. Roberts, of No. 1, P.G.M.

FOR R. W. GRAND SECRETARY:

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

The nomination was declined owing to the reduction in salary.

FOR M. W. GRAND TREASURER:

Wm. D. McKillican, of No. 4,
Nominated by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, P.G.M.

The Grand Master appointed Reps. Todd and Drummond, P.G.M., as Tellers.

ELECTION.

There being no opposition to the following they were declared elected by acclamation:

B. W. Shiles, - M. W. Grand Master.
H. Waller, - - R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

An objection was made to the nomination of Rep. G. W. Anderson as Grand Warden, on the grounds that he had not

served previously in an appointed office of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master decided that Rep. Anderson having served as District Deputy Grand Master this office qualified him for nomination.

A ballot was then held for Grand Warden with the following result. 33 votes cast:

G. W. Anderson,	-	19 votes.
J. Davies,	- - -	14 "

G. W. Anderson having received a majority of votes he was declared duly elected.

There being no opposition to the nomination of Rep. W. D. McKillican for the office of Grand Treasurer, he was declared elected by acclamation.

It was moved by Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, P.G.M., "That the salary of the Grand Secretary be $190." Seconded by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, and carried.

The nominations for Grand Secretary were as follows:—
J. D. Robinson, of No. 1,
Nominated by Rep. Drummond, P.G.M., of No. 1.
E. Fletcher, of No. 4,
Nominated by M. Humber, of No. 2.

A ballot was then held with the following result. 31 votes being cast:

J. D. Robinson,	- -	15 votes.
E. Fletcher,	- - -	16 "

E. Fletcher having received a majority of votes he was declared duly elected.

Report read from Distributing Committee, as follows:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F:

Your Committee to whom was referred the distribution of the Grand Master's Report, beg most respectfully to state, That so much of the said Report as refers to the Dormant Law we do not consider necessary to set apart to any committee, knowing it to be satisfactory with the view of this Grand Body. As much as all matter pertaining to the Endowment proposition to come up for action at this session, we refer the same to a special committee. So much of the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Reports as refer to the difficulty of receiving the new unwritten work, we beg to recommend the consideration of the same to Committee on State of Order. So much of the Grand Master's report as refers to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Tax upon this body, we would recommend the same to Commtttee on State of the Order. So much of the Grand Master's report as refers to the decisions of District Deputy Grand Masters, we would recommend should be referred to Committee on State of the Order. So much of the Grand Master's report pertaining to his official acts and decisions of Grand Master, we would recommend should be referred to Committee on Legislation.

So much of the Grand Master's report relative to the action of the Grand Treasurer at the installation of a Noble Grand of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, we would recommend an investigation through the committee to whom it is referred, viz: Committee on Legislation.

All other matters in the Grand Master's report pertaining to the welfare and good of the Order requiring comment, we would recommend should be referred to Committee on State of the Order.

J. S. DRUMMOND,
ALEX. EWEN,
CHAS. GOWEN.

Moved by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, "That it be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Hart, of No. 1, and carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

C. Gowen, P.G.M., of No 1,
Wm. Leigh, of No. 4,
J. York, of No. 1,
W. J. Pendray, of No. 2,
B. W. Shiles, of No. 3.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow night.

SECOND DAY.

VICTORIA, 15th February, 1881.

The Grand Lodge met this evening at 8 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Grand Master. Present:

J. Wriglesworth ..... M. W. Grand Master.
B. W. Shiles ..... R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
H. Waller ..... R. W. Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson ..... R. W. Grand Secretary.
J. Davies ..... R. W. Grand Treasurer.
W. D. McKillican ..... W. Grand Marshall.
W. F. Archibald ..... W. Grand Conductor.
J. Sears ..... W. Grand Guardian.
E. Fletcher ..... W. Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Minutes of previous day's session were read and, on motion, approved.

Report from Committee on State of the Order was read:

VICTORIA, 15th February, 1881.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F:

Your Committee on State of the Order beg leave to report as follows, on the different subjects contained in the report of the Grand Master, which has been referred to them.

1. Respecting that portion of the report referring to the unsatisfactory

manner in which the Annual Pass-word is forwarded to this jurisdiction we respectfully submit that there is provision made for the proper transmission of the Annual Pass-word. (White's Digest, Sec. 1514.) The Annual Pass-word having been sent in due time to the District Deputy Grand Sire, should have been transmitted by that officer to the Grand Secretary.

2. Respecting the refusal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to remit the Annual Tax, we have to recommend that the amount of such tax be paid out of the first available funds of this Grand Lodge.

3 Respecting the difficulty experienced in obtaining the new secret work of the Order, we recommend that provision be made for sending to the State of Oregon or elsewhere to procure the same.

4. We endorse the action of the Grand Master respecting the Reports received by him from his several District Deputies confirming their decisions.

5. With respect to the letter from a member of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, to the District Deputy Grand Master under the seal of the Lodge, referred to in the Grand Master's Report, we are of opinion that the Secretary of the Lodge had no right to place the seal of the Lodge upon such private letter without instructions from the Lodge by resolution. (See Digest, Sec. 1745, By-Laws of Subordinates, Article IV.)

6. Respecting the action of the Grand Master in refusing to allow the matter of the appeal of Bro. Foster, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, to be taken up at the Special Session of this Grand Lodge, we are of opinion that the action of the Grand Master was correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WEILER,
C. TODD.
WM. D. McKILLICAN.

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, "That the report be taken up *seriatim*." Seconded by Rep. Roberts, of No. 1, and carried.

1st. Clause.

Moved by Grand Treasurer, "That until we have a Representative the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to transmit the pass-word to the Grand Secretary in future." Seconded by Rep. Roberts, of No. 1, and carried.

2nd Clause.

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, "That it be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Dale, of No. 1, and carried.

3rd Clause.

Moved by Rep. Dale, of No. 1, "That it be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Pendray, of No. 2, and carried.

4th Clause.

1st Decision of D.D.G.M. of No. 1 District—Approved.
2nd " " " " "
3rd " " " " "
4th " " " " "

5th Decision of D.D.G.M. of No. 1 District—Approved.
6th " " " " "
7th " " " " "
Decision of D.D.G.M. of No. 3 District—Approved.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1. "That the clause be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Dale, of No. 1, and carried.

5th Clause.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, "That the clause be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

6th Clause.

Moved by Rep. Dale, of No. 1, "That the clause be approved." Seconded by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Leigh, of No. 4, "That the report just read *seriatim* be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, and carried.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow night.

THIRD DAY.

VICTORIA, 16th February, 1881.

The Grand Lodge met this evening at 8 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Grand Master. Present:

J. Wriglesworth ..... M. W. Grand Master.
B. W. Shiles ..... R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
H. Waller ..... R. W. Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson ..... R. W. Grand Secretary.
J. Davies ..... R. W. Grand Treasurer.
W. D. McKillican ..... W. Grand Marshall.
W. F. Archibald ..... W. Grand Conductor.
J. Sears ..... W. Grand Guardian.
E. Fletcher ..... W. Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

Minutes of previous day's session read and, on motion, approved.

Report read from Committee on Finance, as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., 16th February, 1881.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that mileage is due to Bro. H. Elliott, of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, as per certificate, and to Bro. B. W. Shiles, of No. 3, by virtue of his office.

W. J. JEFFREE,
JOS. YORK,
GEO. W. ANDERSON.

Moved by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

Report of Special Committee read on the Endowment proposition, as follows:

VICTORIA, 16th February, 1881.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F:

Your Committee appointed to consider the report submitted by Lodges No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4, in relation to the desirability of establishing an Endowment Fund or Association for this Jurisdiction, have the honor to report as follows:

1. That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable to adopt the Endowment principle throughout this jurisdiction.

2. That the management of this Endowment Fund shall be left in the hands of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

3. That all members in good standing shall be entitled to participate in the benefits of the said proposed Endowment Fund.

4. That on the death of a Brother his Lodge shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary of the fact, who shall thereupon levy an assessment of one dollar on each of the before mentioned Subordinate Lodges, according to the membership of such Lodges, as shewn by the last Semi-Annual Report.

5 That the amount of the Endowment shall be determined and paid according to the number shown on the last Semi-Annual Report, without any deduction whatever.

6. That the amount of Endowment shall be paid by the Grand Lodge to the assigns or representatives of the deceased Brother, within thirty (30) days after death.

7. The funeral benefits now paid by the above named Subordinate Lodges shall be merged into and form part of the proposed Endowment Fund.

8. That the amount to be paid the assigns or representatives of any deceased member shall not be affected by any debts contracted during his life.

9. That Lodges shall pay their Endowment assessment within twenty days after the death of a member.

10. That any other Subordinate Lodge or Lodges in this Jurisdiction being desirous of joining the above named Lodges, and of availing themselves of the benefits of the said Endowment Fund, shall have the privilege of doing so upon making application in writing to the Grand Secretary, and forwarding to the Grand Secretary, within thirty days of such application, the sum of one dollar per head of each member of such Lodge or Lodges in good standing as aforesaid.

11. That this Endowment scheme shall come into force on 1st July, 1881.

And in conclusion your committee in respectfully submitting this report for the consideration of your Grand Lodge, and desiring its adoption with any amendments thereto that your Grand Lodge may deem judicious and expedient,

Have the honor to be, dear Sirs and Brothers, your obedient servants,

C. GOWEN,
WM. LEIGH,
B. W. SHILES,
W. J. PENDRAY,
JOS. YORK.

Moved by Rep. Todd, of No. 4, That the report be taken up *seriatim*. Seconded by Rep. Partridge, of No. 1, and carried.

1st	clause	read	and adopted.
2d	"	"	"
3d	"	"	"
4th	"	"	"
5th	"	"	"
6th	"	"	"
7th	"	"	"
8th	"	"	"
9th	"	"	"
10th	"	"	"
11th	"	"	"

Moved by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, "That the scheme be adopted as a whole." Seconded by Rep. Weiler, P.G.M. of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, of No. 3, "That copies of the scheme be forwarded as soon as practicable to all the Lodges." Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow night.

FOURTH DAY.

VICTORIA, 17th February, 1881.

The Grand Lodge met this evening at 8 o'clock pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Grand Master. Present :

J. Wriglesworth	M. W. Grand Master.
B. W. Shiles	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
H. Waller	R. W. Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson	R. W. Grand Secretary.
J. Davies	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
W. D. McKillican	W. Grand Marshall.
W. F. Archibald	W. Grand Conductor.
J. Sears	W. Grand Guardian.
E. Fletcher	W. Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

Minutes of previous day's session read, and on motion, approved.

Report read from Committee on Legislation, as follows:

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Report relating to the installation of the N. G. of Dominion Lodge, on 8th July, 1880, beg to report that in their opinion the matter had better be submitted to a committee of five to be appointed by this Grand Lodge, said committee to have power to call for books, papers, and persons, and to report at our next annual communication.

R. ROBERTS,
C. TODD,
W. J. JEFFREE,
J. S. DRUMMOND,
H. ELLIOTT.

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

J. Weiler, P. G. M.,
C. Gowen, P. G. M.,
R. Roberts, P. G. M.,
J. Sears,
T. J. Partridge.

The Grand Master, on behalf of himself and Bro. Harrison, appealed against the wording of the report in asking for books and papers to be examined, and maintained that the committee had no right to go beyond his report on his decision, and requested that this appeal might be sent to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, "That the request be granted." Seconded by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

A communication was read from Mr. Theodore Davie regarding Bro. Robert Foster who was expelled from Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

On motion the communication was received and filed.

A petition was read from Bro. James Jackson, as follows:

PETITION:

The undersigned, late a member of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, and now a member of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, having appealed against the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, in installing Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., as Noble Grand in July last, he not having served, as required by law, a majority of nights, and not being in proper standing to entitle him to the position. He forwarded to Dominion Lodge, No. 4, an appeal against its action, and I am informed the M. W. Grand Master has reported that on account of some informality of Dominion Lodge no action has been taken.

I beg most respectfully to ask that a thorough investigation into the matter be had as I understand by our laws that an individual member has the right of appeal. I therefore approach you in this matter with confidence, feeling assured that I shall receive full justice.

In F. L. and T.,

JAS. JACKSON.

Victoria, 16th February, 1881.

The undersigned ask that this petition be entertained, and that a thorough investigation be ordered :

Joseph Sears, ...	Rep.	Columbia Lodge, No 2.
R. Roberts, P.G.M., ...	"	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
John Partridge, ...	"	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
H. Elliott, ...	"	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
W. J. Jeffree, P.G.M ,....	"	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
James P. Goodhue,.	"	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
Joshua Davies, G.T., ...	"	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
Michael Hart, ...	"	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
W. F. Archibald, ...	"	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
Wm. J. Pendray, ...	"	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
Jos. York, ...	"	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
John Weiler, P.G.M.....	"	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
D. Dale, ...	"	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

Moved by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, "That whereas the appeal referred to through alleged informality of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, or its Secretary, has never been properly and duly placed before this Grand Lodge on that account, and in justice to the Brother, I now request that a Special Committee of five be appointed from this Grand Body to investigate into this matter, with full power to call for papers, witnesses, etc., pertaining to the case, for an examination into the books of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, if in the Committee's opinion it should be found necessary." Seconded by Rep. York, of No. 1, and carried.

The Grand Master thereupon referred the Petition to the same Special Committee appointed on the Report from the Committee on Legislation.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, P.G.M., of No. 1, "That the Grand Master be requested to communicate with the M. W. Grand Sire in regard to the powers of this Grand Lodge, whether, when the majority of Lodges in the jurisdiction vote for the Endowment scheme, they can make it compulsory upon the whole of the Lodges in said jurisdiction, or can they pass a resolution empowering any number of said Lodges to utilize said Endowment scheme for their individual or collective benefit." Seconded by Rep. Drummond, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

The following resolution was moved by Rep. Drummond, P.G.M., of No. 1, seconded by Rep. Gowen, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

Resolved, That situated as this Grand Lodge is, being the most distant of all Grand Bodies from the Sovereign Grand Lodge on the American Continent, and the said jurisdiction containing but five Subordinate Lodges, and in consideration that of late years our Province has been laboring under great depression, commercial and otherwise,

Therefore, we beg to renew our former application that your honorable body will be pleased to remit the charge against us for Representative Tax, as we are not in a position to bear the expenses of a Representative, besides taking into consideration the difficulty and great expense we may be put to in securing the new secret work without a Representative and without any law on the subject whereby we may receive the same, we having solicited and failed to receive instructions from the Representatives of the adjoining Territory, they believing they had not the power to communicate the same.

We would further suggest that we stand in a similar position to that of Utah when acted upon by that Grand Lodge, (see Proceedings of Journal S. G.L. 1880), and would request your favorable consideration at the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1881.

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, "That an appropriation of $50 be made to obtain the new secret work." Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Master having retired, on motion, J. Weiler, P.G.M., was called to the chair, and installed B. W. Shiles, Grand Master.

Grand Master Shiles then installed the following elective officers:

H. Waller..... R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
Geo. W. Anderson..... R. W. Grand Warden
E Fletcher ..... R. W. Grand Secretary.
W. D. McKillican..... R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master then announced the following appointments:

T. J. Partridge..... W. Grand Marshall.
C. Todd..... W. Grand Guardian.
J Sears..... W. Grand Conductor.
W. H. Huxtable ..... W. Grand Herald.
Alex. Ewen..... W. Grand Chaplain.

The following to be District Deputy Grand Masters:

For District No. 1, M. Humber.
" " " 2, Wm. Litster.
" " " 3, J. W. Brunten.

and the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

R. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1.
C. Todd, of No. 4.
W. J. Jeffree, P.G.M., of No. 2.
H. Elliott, of No. 3.
M. Bate, of No. 5.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

T. J. Partridge, of No. 1.
J. Sears, of No. 2.
A. Ewen, of No. 3.
Wm. Leigh, of No. 4.
J. Wilcox, of No. 5.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

J. S. Drummond, P.G.M., of No. 1.
J. York, of No, 1.
W. F. Archibald, of No. 2.
W. McKillican of No. 4.
E. Quesnell, of No. 5.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

J. D. Robinson, of No. 1.
C. N. Trew, of No. 3.
W. J. Jeffree, P.G.M., of No. 2.
W. J. Pendray, of No. 2.
D. Dale, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

C. Gowen, P.G.M., of No. 1.
W. J. Pendray, of No. 2.
J. Wriglesworth, P.G.M., of No. 4.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

J. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1.
J. P. Goodhue, of No. 2.
H. Elliott, of No. 3.
M. Hart, of No. 1.
M. Humber, of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Grand Secretary.
Grand Treasurer.
J. Partridge, of No. 2.

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

Moved by Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, "That a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring Grand Master for the able manner in which he has carried on the business of this Grand Lodge during his term of office." Seconded by Rep. Gowen, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

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

The Grand Chaplain being called upon offered up prayer, when the Grand Lodge was duly closed *sine die*.

E. FLETCHER,
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, 1880, and ending 30th June, 1880.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated to Active Membership.	Withdrawn by Card.	Deceased.	Suspended for Cause.	Expelled.	Suspended from Active to Dormant Mem'ship	Rejected.	Number of Members in good standing.	Revenue.
Victoria	1	Victoria	Monday	1	.	. .	1	2	. .	1	2	. .	173	$ 1799 81
Columbia	2	Victoria	Wednesday	1	1	2	. .	3	. .	. .	6	1	122	1024 50
New Westminster	3	New Westminster	Thursday	2	. .	. . . .	.	. .	.	. .	. .	1	72	411 00
Dominion	4	Victoria	Thursday	3	. .	. . .	1	. .	. .	. .	. . . .	. .	76	574 50
Black Diamond	5	Nanaimo	Wednesday	2	1	. . . .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. . . .	1	63	851 00
				9	2	2	2	5		1	8	3	506	$ 4660 81

ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., commencing 1st July, 1880, and ending 31st December, 1880.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned Membership.	Deceased.	Suspended for Cause.	Expelled.	Ceased Membership.	Rejected.	Number of Members in good standing.	Revenue.
Victoria	1	Victoria	Monday	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	172	$ 1463 64
Columbia	2	Victoria	Wednesday	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	121	1185 43
New Westminster	3	New Westminster	Thursday	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	9	..	70	895 00
Dominion	4	Victoria	Thursday	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	386 50
Black Diamond	5	Nanaimo	Wednesday	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	62	637 10
				14	1		4		2		1	16		499	$ 4567 67

LIST OF OFFICERS

Of Subordinates Lodges, I. O. O. F. of British Columbia, for the term commencing 1st January, 1881.

LODGE.	Number.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	RECORD'G SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	PERMANENT SECRETARY.
Victoria.....	1	Andrew Rome....	Theo. Davie	Fred'k Lavey.....	John Weiler, P.G.M..	
Columbia	2	J. E. McMillan...	S. Adler.....	R. W. Fawcett, P.G.	H. Waller, P.G... ...	J. P. Goodhue, P. G.
New Westminster ..	3	W. R. Lewis	J. L. Scott.....	W. B. Kyle	B. W. Shiles, P.G....	
Dominion	4	Jno. Credan.....	P. A. Babington, P.G.	E. Fletcher, P.G....	W. D. McKillican, P G	
Black Diamond...	5	J. Hemner	Wm. Wilks	Jas. Crosson	Jas. Price.....	

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the year ended 31st December, 1880, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Number of Lodges	5
" Initiated	23
" Admitted by Card and as Ancient Odd Fellow	3
" Re-instated	2
" Withdrawn by Card	6
" Suspended	0
" Expelled	1
" Deceased	7
" Ceased membership for non-payment of dues	24
" Members in good standing	499
" of Brothers relieved	56
" of Widowed families relieved	1

Amount paid for relief of Brothers	$ 3,236 00
" " " Widowed families	50 00
" " Education of Orphans	
" " Burying the Dead	580 00
" " Special Relief	
Total Relief	$ 3,866 00

Amount of Annual Receipts	$ 9,228 48
" Current Expenses of Lodges	4,301 24
Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid	367