Proceedings

—OF THE—

Twenty-second Annual Session

—OF THE—

Grand Lodge

....of British Columbia,

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—HELD AT—

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Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

NANAIMO, B. C.,
10th June, 1896.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 3 o'clock P. M. this day.

Present :—

W. E. Holmes	Grand Master.
P. J. Foulds	Deputy Grand Master.
W. H. Morton	Grand Warden.
Fred'k Davey	" Secretary.
H. B. Gilmour	" Treasurer.
R. Roberts, P. G. M	" Representative.
J. E. Phillips, P. G. M	" "
T. F. Neelands	" Chaplain.
A. Henderson	" Marshal.
A. H. Ferguson	" Guardian.
H. Mitchell	" Conductor.
E. C. Davison	" Herald.

All present having been examined and reported duly qualified, and a quorum being in attendance the Grand Chaplain offered prayer and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Grand Secretary presented the Credentials of the Representatives elect together with the Certificates of those entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, which were referred to the following Committee :

T. C. Gray, P. G. M., No. 10 ; T. A. Muir, No. 3 ; and J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the credentials of the representatives to this Session and find the following duly accredited :

Lodge.	Representatives.	Alternates.
Victoria, No. 1.	A. McKeown.	A. G. Day.
	W. H. Huxtable.	A. Graham.
Columbia, No. 2.	P. W. Dempster.	R. W. Fawcett.
	H. A. Porter.	J. Pottinger
	F. Taylor.	J. Pope.
New Westminster, No. 3.	T. A. Muir.	J. B. Ballantyne.
	G. H. Grant.	W. E. Townsend.
Dominion, No. 4.	T. Bamford.	
	R. Drake.	W. Walker.
Black Diamond, No. 5.	J. Crossan.	D. G. Dailey.
	G. E. Norris.	G. Ramsay.
Harmony, No. 6.	D. J. Matheson.	M. Macdonald.
	A. Robertson.	T. F. Haggart.
Excelsior, No. 7.	R. J. Marshall.	A. H. Gillanders.
Vancouver, No. 8.	H. H. Davis.	A. R. Miller.
	W. E. Johnstone.	A. W. Scoullar.
Tatnai, No. 9.	E. C. Davison.	R. E. Smith.
Western Star, No. 10.	W. Hogg.	A. McAllister.
	G. Moscrop.	A. Parker.
	J. B. Jopson.	D. M. O'Dwyer.
Union, No. 11.	R. Cessford.	C. Whyte.
Selkirk, No. 12.	J. McGinnes.	J. Palmer.
Royal City, No. 13.	D. Welsh.	C. S. Keith.
Acme, No. 14.	S. W. Edwards.	J. Macmillan.
Cloverdale, No. 15.	R. D. McKenzie.	T. R. Patterson.
Kootenay, No. 16.	M. J. McGrath.	E. C. Arthur, M.D.
Duncan, No. 17.	J. Cathcart.	A. C. Aitken.

Lodge.	Representatives.	Alternates.
Vernon Valley, No. 18.	S. C. Smith.	W. C. Pound.
Mount Pleasant, No. 19.	G. A. Miller.	V. Hicks.
Centennial, No. 20.	J. Neen.	A. Wilson.
	F. S. Whiteside.	E. G. Pannell.
Delta, No. 21.	J. F. Stainton.	T. Hume.
Gold Range, No. 22.	J. Z. Choate.	W. Nelson.
Ashcroft, No. 23.	W. Fearn.	J. C. Smith.
Island, No. 24.	I. McLaren.	S. Churchill.
Revelstoke, No. 25.	W. J. Lee.	R. S. Wilson.
Pacific, No. 26.	G. L. Center.	J. Johnston.
	A. McKenzie.	T. Grey.
	J. Stark.	H. H. Davis.
	G. W. Rowland.	A. McAllister.
	W. Davis.	T. M. Jones
Amity, No. 27.	W. H. Gardiner.	J. Chambers.
	R. May.	R. Jardine.
	J. Johnson.	
Cheam, No. 28.	D. Galbraith.	G. R. Joynt.
Perseverance, No. 29.	C. H. Rummings.	L. Jones.
Friendship, No. 30.	Wm. McGirr.	
Banner, No. 31.	D. D. Griffiths.	H. Jones.
Mission City, No. 32.	F. T. Underhill.	A. York.
Peerless, No. 33.	T. E. Waller.	J. H. Meldram.
	W. J. Hanna.	W. Dempster.
	W. R. Mackintosh.	
Rocky Mountain, No. 34.	C. A. Warren.	F. P. Armstrong.
Cedar, No. 35.	H. T. Bates.	

Also, that the following Past Grands are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:

Victoria Lodge, No. 1,	A. J. Frith, E. Hooson.
Columbia, No. 2,	W. Dempster, H. A. Porter.
New Westminster, No. 3,	J. B. Ballantyne.
Dominion, No. 4,	J. Jenkins.
Black Diamond, No. 5,	R. Kirkwood, G. E. Norris.
Harmony, No. 6,	D. J. Matheson, L. A. Murphy.
Excelsior, No. 7,	G. Marshall, J. Aird.
Vancouver, No. 8,	W. Abercombie, J. A. Mackay.
Tatnai, No. 9,	W. M. Bird.
Western Star, No. 10,	Geo. Moscrop, D. M. O'Dwyer.
Union, No. 11	C. Whyte, J. Whyte.
Selkirk, No. 12,	J. Palmer, J. McGinnes.
Royal City, No. 13,	M. Phillips, H. Gilley.
Acme, No. 14,	D. Henry, A. Sherret.
Cloverdale, No. 15	T. R. Patterson, R. D. McKenzie.

KOOTENAY, No. 16,	M. J. McGrath.
DUNCAN, No. 17,	W. G. Manley, J. Cathcart.
VERNON VALLEY, No. 18,	S. C. Smith, W. C. Pound.
MOUNT PLEASANT, No. 19,	V. Hicks, S. Astell.
CENTENNIAL, No. 20,	J. Neen, G. McKinnell.
DELTA, No. 21,	T. Hume, F. McCullough.
GOLD RANGE, No. 22,	J. Webb, J. M. Bunt.
ASHCROFT, No. 23,	W. D. Fearn, J. C. Smith.
ISLAND, No. 24,	A. E. Green, S. Churchill.
PACIFIC, No. 26,	J. Stark, Geo. W. Rowland.
AMITY, No. 27,	J. A. Johnson, J. Chambers.
CHEAM, No. 28,	H. E. Leslie, G. R. Joynt.
PERSEVERANCE, No. 29,	J. P. McKay, L. Jones.
FRIENDSHIP, No. 30,	W. McGirr.
BANNER, No. 31,	D. D. Griffiths, H. W. Jones.
MISSION CITY, No. 32,	F. T. Underhill, M. D.
PEERLESS, No. 33,	W. J. Hanna, W R. Mackintosh.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN, No. 34,	F. P. Armstrong, C. A. Warren.
CEDAR, No. 35,	H. T. Bates.

THOS. C. GRAY,
J. EDWARD PHILLIPS,
T. A. MUIR.
} *Committee on Credentials.*

The Grand Marshal introduced the following Past Grands on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred :

J. B. Ballantyne, No. 3 ; G. E. Norris, No. 5 ; L. G. Murphy, R. Bailey, and E. G. Matheson, No. 6 ; R. J. Marshall, No. 7 ; H. H. Davis, No. 8 ; G. Moscrop, No. 10 ; J. McGinnis, No. 12 ; R. D. Mackenzie, No. 15 ; M. J. McGrath, No. 16 ; S. C. Smith, No. 18 ; G. McKinnell, and A. Wilson, No. 20 ; W. D. Fearn, No. 23 ; W. J. Lee, No. 25 ; J. Stark, and G. W. Rowland, No. 26; J. A. Johnson, No. 27 ; D. Galbraith, No. 28 ; H. W. Jones, and D. D. Griffiths, No. 31 ; W. R. Mackintosh, and W. J. Hanna, No. 33 ; C. A. Warren, No. 34 ; and H. T. Bates, No. 35.

The Grand Master made the necessary appointments to fill the Standing Committees, which, when completed, consisted as follows :—

FINANCE.—H. Waller, P. G. M.; S. W. Edwards, W. Hogg, D. Galbraith, H. H. Davis.

APPEALS.—R. Rivers, J. McGinnes, C. H. Rummings, A. McKenzie, J. Stark.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—T. E. Waller, T. Bamford, W Nelson, G. L. Center, J. Johnson.

PETITIONS.—J. F. Stainton, G A. Miller, A. C. Aitkin, F. S. Whiteside, H. H. Davis.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—G. W. Rowland, A. Robertson, A. Wilson, J. Jopson, R. J. Marshall.

LEGISLATION.—J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4; J. Pottinger, W. E. Johnson, J. Pope, I. McLaren.

JUDICIARY.—D. Welsh, T. F. Neelands, J. B. Ballantyne, R. W. Fawcett, W. R. Mackintosh.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—J. Crossan, P. G. M.; W. E. Townsend, H. T. Bates, W. J. Hanna, D. J. Matheson.

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary, A. Henderson, R. May, A. Graham, C. A. Warren.

The Grand Master read his report for the past year.

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

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.—I have the honor and pleasure to extend to you my fraternal greetings, and to present my report at this our twenty-second annual session, and the thirty-second year of the introduction of our Order into British Columbia.

Although the membership has not increased, still considering the severe depression we have recently passed through, we have done as well as could reasonably be expected. During my term of office two Subordinate Lodges and four Rebekah Lodges have been instituted.

I have endeavored to visit as many lodges in the jurisdiction as possible, and have succeeded in visiting all either separately or jointly, except about six, which I found almost impossible to reach. This visiting has been a source of sincere gratification, and I assure the Brethren, I never knew what an amount of fraternal feeling there was in the jurisdiction until holding this office. I would liked to have visited every Lodge but I could not afford the time, and I hope those whom I have failed to meet will excuse me.

I now beg to submit a report of my official acts during the past year.

INSTITUTIONS.

Granted a dispensation to institute a Subordinate Lodge at Rossland, to be known as Rossland Lodge, No. 36, which was instituted by Bro. E. C. Arthur, M. D., D. D. G. M., District No. 11, on 11th May, 1896. Bro. Arthur speaks hopefully of the prospects of the Lodge.

Granted dispensation to institute a Subordinate Lodge at Carson, in Okanagan District, the petition was forwarded by Bro. Jacques, D. D. G. M., District No. 13. Bro. Jacques reports that he instituted Carson Lodge, No. 37, on the 16th May, 1896.

A Petition for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge to be located at Vancouver with the cards of five Petitioners, and Charter Fee was received on the 14th May, 1896. I have received communications from Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, and Pacific Lodge, No. 26, asking that a dispensation be not issued in this case, but that the matter be deferred until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. In deference to these Lodges, and in view of the nearness of the Session, I decided to comply with the request and refer the matter to you for consideration; but I have since received a communication from Bro. A. Parker, D. D. G. M., District No. 6, stating that the petitioners wished to withdraw the petition and to have their cards and amount paid for charter fee returned, under the circumstances of the case I decided this course was the best to be adopted and the request has been complied with.

Instituted Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 8, at Kamloops on 8th Oct. 1895, assisted by Bro. Bloomer, P. G., and several others, a petition for the same duly signed having been received. A Charter was ordered to be granted the Lodge by the Grand Lodge last Session but I have not been satisfied with reports I have received respecting this Lodge since its institution and have therefore withheld the charter. It now appears from a communication received by the Grand Secretary from Bro. Bird P. G. who was elected Secretary of the Lodge, that the application for the Charter was not properly considered, that the members do not anticipate that the Lodge will be a success and they therefore wish to withdraw the Petition and return the supplies sent them.

Accompanied by Sisters Mrs. Dempster, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Carne, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Hooson and several other sisters of "Colfax" Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, of Victoria, also by Bro. J.H. Meldram, P.G.M. instituted "Laurel" Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, on 7th November, 1895, at Wellington. After the institution they initiated over 70 new members with the team work in a most creditable manner.

Visited Ladners to institute "Fidelity" Rebekah Lodge, No. 10, and on arrival I found Sisters Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Murchie, Mrs. May, Miss Murchie and two other sisters of New Westminster who

kindly came and assisted me to institute the above Lodge on 12th February, 1896. I also thank Bro. and Sister Stainton for the kindness shown me on this occasion.

Assisted by Sister Gourlay, D. D. G. M., Miss Kilpatrick, and Bro. Morton, Grand Warden, of Nanaimo, instituted "Esther" Rebekah Lodge, No. 11, at Union on 16th April, 1896.

INSTALLATIONS.

Installed the officers of the following Lodges:

Columbia Lodge,	No. 2		July 3rd, 1895.
Peerless	"	No. 33	" 5th, "
Victoria	"	No. 1	" 8th, "
Acme	"	No. 14	" 8th, "
Dominion	"	No. 4	" 11th, "
Duncan	"	No. 17 assisted by several Victoria brothers and several from Nanaimo and Wellington,	July 13th, 1895.
Dominion Lodge,	No. 4		Jan. 2th, 1896.
Victoria	"	No. 1	" 6th, "
Columbia	"	No. 2	" 8th, "
Peerless	"	No. 33	" 10th, "
Acme	"	No. 14	" 13th, "
Duncan	"	No. 17 accompanied by J. E. Phillips, Grand Representative; and W. H. Morton, Grand Warden	Jan. 18th, 1896.

OFFICIAL VISITS.—SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Gold Range Lodge,	No. 22,	North Bend,	Oct. 5th, 1895.	
Ashcroft	"	No. 23,	Ashcroft	" 7th, "
Tatnai	"	No. 9,	Kamloops,	" 8th, "
Revelstoke	"	No. 25,	Revelstoke,	" 9th, "
Selkirk	"	No. 12,	Donald,	" 10th, "
Acme	"	No. 14,	Victoria,	Nov. 11th, "
Columbia	"	No. 2,	"	Jan. 8th, 1896.
Victoria	"	No. 1,	"	" 6th, "
Dominion	"	No. 4,	"	" 2nd, "
Peerless	"	No. 33,	"	" 10th, "
Duncan	"	No. 17,	Duncan,	" 18th, "
Delta	"	No. 21,	Ladners,	Feb. 12th, "
Vancouver	"	No. 8,	All at a joint meeting, Vancouver, February 13th, 1896.	
Western Star	"	No. 10,		
Mount Pleasant	"	No. 19,		
Pacific	"	No. 26,		
New Westmin'er	"	No. 3,	At a joint meeting, New Westminster, February 14th, 1896.	
Royal City	"	No. 13,		
Amity	"	No. 27,		

Went to Mission City accompanied by Bro. Gilmour, Grand Treasurer, and Bro. McKenzie, P. G., but on account of the trains being delayed could not stay for Lodge meeting, February 15th, 1896.

Harmony Lodge,	No. 6,	At a joint meeting, Wellington, April 13th, 1896.	
Banner "	No. 31,		
Perseverance "	No. 29,	Northfield,	Apr. 14th, 1896.
Union "	No. 11,	Union,	" 15th, "
Blk Diamond "	No. 5,	Joint meeting, Nanaimo, April 17th, 1896.	
Centennial "	No. 20,		
Friendship "	No. 30,		
Cedar "	No. 35,	Cedar District,	Apr. 18th, 1896

REBEKAH LODGES.

Laurel Lodge,	No. 9,	Wellington,	Apr. 13th, 1896.
Miriam "	No 3,	Nanaimo,	" 17th, "

I beg to append a statement of the expenses incurred by me and the miles travelled in the performance of the duties of my office, as directed by a Resolution of the last Session of the Grand Lodge.

ACTUAL TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

1895.			
July	Installing Duncan Lodge	$6 00	
Oct. 5.	Return ticket to Vancouver	5 00	
"	State-room, on steamer	2 00	
"	Two meals	1 00	
"	Vancouver to Donald and return	45 80	
"	Hotel expenses	5 25	
	Four meals on train	3 00	
	Two meals on steamer, returning	1 00	
"	Sleeping berth on train	3 00	
			$72 05
Nov. 7.	Instituting Rebekah Lodge at Wellington.		
	Return fare, E. & N. Ry	$3 25	
	Buggy hire, on I. O. O. F. business	2 50	
	Hotel expenses	2 00	
			7 75
1896.			
Jan. 18.	Installing Duncan Lodge	$5 00	
Feb. 12.	Fare to Ladner's and return	5 00	
"	State-room	2 00	
"	Three meals on boat	1 50	
"	Car fare and river steamer	2 00	
"	Mission City and return	4 50	
"	Two meals on boat returning	1 00	
			21 00

Apl 13.	Fare to Wellington	$3 60	
15.	Union and return	5 00	
15-17.	Meals on "Joan"	4 00	
16.	Expenses at Union, entertaining ladies who accompanied me	4 50	
19.	Fare to Victoria	3 40	
			20 50
	Total		$121 30

NUMBER OF MILES TRAVELLED.

PLACES.	MILES.	TIME OCCUPIED.
Victoria to Donald	742	9 days.
Donald to Victoria	742	
Duncan to Victoria	48	1 "
Victoria to Duncan	48	
Victoria to Wellington	84	3 "
Wellington to Nanaimo	6	
Nanaimo to Wellington	6	
Wellington to Victoria	84	
Victoria to Duncan	48	1 "
Duncan to Victoria	48	
Victoria to Ladners	70	5 "
Ladners to Westminster	12	
Westminster to Vancouver	14	
Vancouver to Westminster	14	
Westminster to Mission	34	
Mission to Westminster	34	
Westminster to Vancouver	14	
Vancouver to Victoria	84	
Victoria to Wellington	84	3 "
Wellington to Nanaimo	6	
Nanaimo to Northfield	4	
Northfield to Nanaimo	4	
Nanaimo to Union	65	
Union to Nanaimo	65	4 "
Nanaimo to Cedar	7	
Cedar to Nanaimo	7	
Nanaimo to Victoria	78	
	2452	26 "

Number of miles travelled - 2452.
Number of days actual travelling 26.

APPOINTMENTS.

Appointed Bro. A. York, P. G., Mission City Lodge, No. 32, D.D.G. M., District No. 19, in place of Bro. R. S. Cunningham resigned.

Appointed Bro. H. T. Thrift, P. G., Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, D. D. G. M., District No. 10, in place of Bro. J. McCallum, moved out of the jurisdiction.

PERMISSIONS

Refused permission to Mechanics Lodge, No. 8, Warrington, Florida, to solicit aid in this jurisdiction to build a new hall.

Granted permission to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to solicit financial assistance from Lodges of this jurisdiction to enable it to rebuild its hall destroyed by fire on 4th December, 1894.

Granted permission to Geneva Lodge, No. 65, Geneva, Neb., to solicit aid in this jurisdiction to wipe off liabilities on its hall.

Granted permission to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to solicit assistance from Lodges of this Jurisdiction and also to appeal to other Jurisdictions to endeavor to retain the property in which it has so much Lodge funds invested

Received a petition from Colombo Lodge, No 1, Naples, Italy, for permission to solicit aid from the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction on behalf of the widows and orphans of the Italian Soldiers who recently fell in the war between Italy and Abyssinia Although this may be a very worthy object for individual charity I do not think it is one to which our Lodges can contribute from their funds, which must be confined to the legitimate objects of the Order. This Lodge is under the immediate Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but there was nothing to show that the appeal had received the sanction of that Grand Body. The members of the Lodge are, I have no doubt, liberal and philanthropic gentlemen and conceive that any worthy object should receive the assistance of Odd Fellows Lodges. It was with reluctance therefore that I was compelled to refuse their request

Granted permission to Mount Baker Lodge, No. 9, Port Townsend to reinstate Bro. L. Lossman a resident of this Jurisdiction, such permission being necessary by the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges Grand Lodge of Washington.

APPEALS.

BRO. GEO. SMITH
vs.
VERNON VALLEY LODGE, NO. 18

This case was reported on by my predecessor, Bro. T. C. Gray at the last Session of the Grand Lodge, to the effect that the brother who claimed sick benefits was not entitled to them, and this decision was endorsed by the Grand Lodge. Bro. H. Rose, Deputy G. M., G. L. Manitoba wrote me on 20th July, 1895, forwarding letter from Bro. Smith stating that he had been sick but could not obtain benefits from

his Lodge. On reference to Vernon Valley Lodge, I found that this sickness was subsequent to that on which Bro. Gray gave his decision, and that at the time of being taken sick, Bro. Smith was not in good standing. I therefore declined to take any action in the matter.

BRO. H. PROCTOR
vs.
FRIENDSHIP LODGE, NO. 30.

In this case Bro. Proctor a member of Friendship Lodge, but residing in Ontario, claims sick benefits which are refused by the Lodge, on the ground, that prior to the date of Bro. Proctor being taken sick, a withdrawal card had been granted him by the Lodge. Bro. Proctor avers that he did not apply for a withdrawal but for a visiting card.

To this the Lodge answers, that application was made by a brother who represented, that he did so, at Bro. Proctor's request and that the same was granted in good faith From my investigation of the case, I am led to the conclusion, that Bro. Proctor must be held liable for the actions of his agent, and being satisfied of the *bona fides* of the Lodge, I declined to interfere.

BRO. F. MILLS
vs.
MISSION CITY LODGE, NO. 32.

Bro. Mills, for some reason, tendered his written resignation as a member of Mission City Lodge on 4th January, 1896, which was laid over by the Lodge for two weeks. Bro. Mills was not in good standing on the 4th of January, but prior to the 18th, he paid up his arrears. On the 13th January, Bro. Mills wrote to the Lodge withdrawing his resignation. On the 18th January, the Lodge unanimously accepted the resignation, Bro. Mills being present, and subsequently at the same meeting, his communication withdrawing the resignation, was read and ordered to be received and filed. From this action, Bro. Mills appeals on the grounds that at the time the resignation was offered he was not in good standing, and further, that the letter withdrawing the resignation, should have been read and dealt with prior to considering the resignation itself.

Bro. Mills by placing himself in good standing, disposes of his first contention, and with respect to the second, it appears the members present on the 18th January, were fully aware that Bro. Mills wished to withdraw his resignation, yet they unanimously accepted it. The conclusion is obvious. Bro. Mills' action appears to have been hasty and ill considered, and he has only himself to blame for the consequences. I cannot see that the Lodge acted illegally in accepting the resignation, and I therefore refused to interfere.

ASHCROFT LODGE, No 23,
vs.
D. D. G. M. MUNRO.

This was an appeal to me from the decision of my District Deputy, who ruled that members who were permitted to go into the ante-room during recess, should also be allowed to return during the recess, and not be compelled to remain until the Lodge resumes work, and then work their way into the Lodge. In this case the inner door was opened, and the Secretary, amongst others, went into the ante-room to procure a book he required, whilst there the I. G. locked the door and would not allow any one to re-enter until the Lodge resumed work. I sustained the decision of my deputy for the reason, that when a recess is declared, all work is suspended and all the officers vacate their positions, if therefore the door is allowed to be opened the I. G should not resume his station and secure the door, until the Lodge is again called to order.

To a further question from the same Lodge. I decided that the matter of directing the inner door to be kept locked during recess, was a subject that should be controlled by the Noble Grand.

DECISIONS

(1) A Brother elected to Membership in a Lodge by deposit of card, should be considered a member from the date the withdrawal card is deposited with the Lodge, although the Brother did not sign the constitution on that date.

(2) A District Deputy Grand Master may hold the office of Permanent Secretary of his Lodge

(3) A Brother should not be deprived of benefits through a clerical error made in his account by the Lodge Secretary two years ago, and which had never been brought to his notice.

(4) A Brother who had been expelled from the Order, but whose expulsion had been set aside on appeal by the Grand Lodge and a new trial ordered, should pay all dues and other charges that had been levied on other members of his Lodge during the period he was under suspension, the Lodge having dropped all proceedings against him

(5) A receipt given by a Secretary, in error, showing a Brother's dues paid three months beyond the date to which the amount paid would entitle him, does not absolve the Brother from his indebtedness for the three months in question.

(6) Rebekah Lodges cannot pay stated benefits fixed by their By-laws. This construction of the Code of Laws governing Rebekah Lodges became operative from 20th September, 1894, the date of its adoption by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

(7) The action of the Grand Lodge, Session 1895, *re* Odd Fellows' Insurance Associations, does not affect members at present insured in these Associations, but simply prohibits such Associations from doing fresh business in this Jurisdiction.

(8) The only dispensations which D. D. G. M.'s are authorized to issue are: (1st.), to confer the three Degrees of the Order at one meeting, or in less time than otherwise permitted by law, and, (2nd.), to empower Lodges to elect a Scarlet Degree member to the office of N. G. or V. G. when all other qualified members decline to serve.

(9) That sick benefits are rights personal to a member, his family, or dependent relatives, and are not payable to the legal representatives of a member's estate. The sick benefits due to a member who is an inmate of the Provincial Asylum for the Insane, should not be paid to the Local Government, but to the member's wife, for the maintenance of herself and family

(10) Members cannot be kept out of the Lodge-room during the reading of the minutes, or of a communication, nor whilst a brother is speaking.

(11) A lady legally divorced from her husband, possessing all the other qualifications prescribed by law, is eligible for membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

(12) The constitution of Rebekah Lodges, (Sec. 4, Art. 4) provides that all officers may hold their offices for six months or one year, the by-laws of each Lodge should provide which of these periods apply to that particular Lodge. If the by-laws provide for six months, and the Lodge wishes to retain the officers services for a longer period, they must be re-elected and installed at the end of six months

(13) Charges should be preferred against a member who misrepresented his age at the time of initiation into the order. If, however, the fact of his being under 21 years of age was known to the members of the Lodge at the time of his admission, such a knowledge would preclude the Lodge from subsequently proceeding against the brother and punishing him.

(14) The record of the attendance of officers at Roll Call, should not be altered on account of the presence of officers who come after the Roll has been called One of the principal objects of calling the Roll is to secure the punctual attendance of officers at the opening of the Lodge, and this would be defeated if the Roll is afterwards altered

(15) The fee to be paid by members on reinstatement in a Rebekah Lodge should be provided for in the By-laws of the Lodge, but if the By-laws are silent on this point, the amount should not be less than twelve months dues

(16) *Question.* "Can elective officers be chosen as Trustees, if other members of the Lodge refuse to act"?

Answer. The holding of two offices except Recording and Permanent Secretary by any member of the Lodge is objectionable in principle. As a rule, Trustees give bonds to the N. G., V. G. and J. P. G., it follows therefore, that neither of these officers can hold the office of Trustee. Further, the Treasurer gives Bond to the Trustees, therefore the Treasurer cannot hold that office, and it appears to me, that as the duties of Secretary and those of Trustee are liable to conflict, it is not desirable that this officer should hold both offices. I am therefore compelled to answer the question in the negative.

(17) A Lodge cannot legally change its location, except by permission of the Grand Master, or change its name without permission from the Grand Lodge.

(18) Where charges are preferred against a member who has been convicted of a crime, and who is suffering the penalty in prison, in pursuance of resolution No. 155, Page 14580, Proceedings Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1895, the trial must be conducted in conformity with the Code of Procedure laid down in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

To Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No 2, to have an excursion to Blaine, Wash., on 4th July. 1895.

To Island Lodge, No 24, to hold a strawberry festival on 29th June, 1895.

To New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to hold an entertainment 13th August, 1895.

To Lodges in Victoria to hold a joint excursion to Tacoma on 17th August, 1895.

To Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, to have an excursion on August 15th, 1895.

To the Lodges of the city of New Westminster, to have an excursion in the name of the Order.

To Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a social entertainment on 1st September, 1895.

To Peerless Lodge, No. 33, to have a social dance on 27th September, 1895.

To Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold a basket social on 11th October, 1895.

To Cedar Lodge, No. 35, to hold a concert and ball on 20th October, 1895.

To Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a social on 29th October, 1895.

To Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, to hold a ball on 31st October, 1895.

To Acme Lodge, No. 14, to hold a social and dance on 11th November, 1895.

To Mission City Lodge, No. 32, to hold a ball and supper on 12th December, 1895.

To Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, to hold a ball on the 9th or 10th January, 1896.

To Cheam Lodge, No. 28, to hold a ball on 6th December, 1895.

To Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a social and dance on 1st January, 1896.

To Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34, to elect a Scarlet Degree mem- to the office of N. G., in the event of all qualified brothers declining to serve.

To Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, to hold a dance on 31st December, 1895.

To Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to hold a ball on 7th January, 1896.

Confirmed the action of D. D. G. M. District No. 3, in granting a dispensation to Cedar Lodge, No. 35, to install its officers in public, providing the ceremony was conducted by himself or an elective officer of the Grand Lodge, and the prescribed form used.

To Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, to hold a ball on the 14th February, 1896.

To Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold a ball on 2nd March, 1896.

To Harmony, Perseverance and Banner Lodges, to appear in public in Regalia on the 24th April, 1896.

To Bethel Rebekah Lodge, No. 7, to hold a social dance on the 13th April, 1896.

To Amity Lodge, No. 27, to hold an entertainment on 4th May, 1896.

To Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to hold an excursion on 24th May, 1896.

To Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a ball on the 28th April, 1896.

To Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, to hold a social on or about the 15th May, 1896.

To Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, to hold an excursion on the 25th May, 1896.

PROCLAMATIONS.

Issued the usual Proclamations for the observance of the Anniversary of our Order on the 26th April last, also for Memorial Day on the 9th of June.

Issued a circular letter on the 16th November last, (copy attached) notifying the Subordinate Lodges, of the amendment made at the last Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, adding another qualification for membership, whereby saloon-keepers, bartenders and professional gamblers are not eligible for admission into our Order.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge having sustained the action of this Grand Lodge, at its last Session, in declining to grant certificates to any Odd Fellows' Insurance Association to do business in the Jurisdiction, and further, in affirming that the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of B. C. need not take out such certificate, I issued a Proclamation, at the request of the last named Association, copy of which is appended hereto, calling the attention of the Subordinate Lodges to this legislation, and warning any who may disregard it, of the penalties provided by law for such conduct. I may state, that my attention has been called to the fact, that parties have been violating this law and I have written calling on them to desist from such illegal acts.

I attach hereto, copy of a Proclamation received from the Grand Sire, respecting the printing of any forms or ceremonies that constitute a source of revenue of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The reports of my District Deputies, as far as received, are submitted herewith. They all speak cheeringly of the prospects of the Order in their respective districts.

I agree with the actions reported by my Deputies, with the exception of that of the Deputy for District No. 2, Rebekah Lodges, in granting a Dispensation to ballot for and initiate a candidate on the same evening, such power being conferred on the Grand Master alone.

I have noticed, not only this year, but also in preceding ones, cases where Deputies report, that, when they have been unable to perform the duties of their office, they have deputized other brothers to act for them. This appears to me an error, they cannot transfer powers which are delegated to them. If they are unable to be present and install the officers of a Lodge, and the Lodge will not postpone it until they are able to attend, the duty may be performed in their absence by any Past Grand.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Enquiries have been made during the year, as to the procedure to be followed in consolidating two or more Lodges. I have replied that in the event of such a contingency arising, I would direct what course should be pursued with reference to the name to be borne by the consolidated Lodge, the custody of the records of the absorbed Lodges, and the Charters, etc., if these matters were not mutually agreed on by the interested parties. The law is silent on this subject, but I think this Grand Lodge should legislate on this point.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge is defective in many respects, and the Constitution for Rebekah Lodges needs revising to conform to the recent legislation by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. I would therefore recommend that a special committee of three be appointed to suggest what legislation is needed in these particulars and report at our next session.

I have been requested by several ladies, members of Rebekah Lodges, to point out to this Grand Lodge that the organization of a Rebekah Assembly would be beneficial to that branch in this Jurisdiction. The proper course to approach the Grand Lodge on this subject is by a petition from the Rebekah Lodges, but I am not aware that any steps in that direction are being taken. However, perhaps it would be as well, if my above suggestion is entertained, to empower the committee to submit a draft of a Constitution to govern a Rebekah Assembly in case one should be applied for.

I would further recommend that our representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to continue to support the proposed amendment to the Constitution, lowering the age at which persons may be admitted into the Order to 18 years.

BRETHREN:—I must again thank you—one and all—for the great honor you have conferred upon me in placing me in this position, and also to the members at large, for the many kindnesses which it has been my good fortune to receive at their hands wherever I have visited. I also wish to thank our Grand Secretary, Bro. Fred Davey, for the valuable assistance with which he has favored me during the past year ; I am sure at times I hardly know what I would have done without his counsel ; we have truly a good officer in our Grand Secretary. I also wish to thank my District Deputies for the able manner in which they have performed their duties.

In conclusion, I hope we may have a profitable and harmonious session, so that when our labors have been completed, we shall have the satisfaction of knowing we have done our duty to the noble Order we represent. Again I thank all the Brothers and Lodges in the Juris-

diction for the many courtesies and valuable assistance I have received during my term of office.

I am, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM E. HOLMES,

GRAND MASTER.

Victoria, B.C , 16 Nov., 1895.

To all Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F.

GREETING:—The enclosed circular letter from the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, dated 30th September, 1895, certifying the action of that Grand Body at its annual session, held at Atlantic City, N.J., on the 16th to 21st September last, in amending Article XVI of its Constitution by adding the following section, viz :

"SECTION 5—No saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order," is forwarded for your information and guidance, and inasmuch as this law is now in force, you are to govern yourselves accordingly.

WM. E. HOLMES,

GRAND MASTER.

Attest :

FRED'K DAVEY,

GRAND SECRETARY.

Victoria, B.C., 16 Nov., 1895.

To all Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F.

GREETING:—The Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction, at its annual session, held at Victoria, 14 June, 1895, having resolved that licenses shall not be granted in future to any Odd Fellows' Insurance Association to do business in this Jurisdiction, and further, having decided that it is not necessary for "The Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia" to take out such license, and these decisions having been confirmed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its annual session, held at Atlantic City, N.J., 16th to 21st Sept., 1895, on the appeal of Bro. T. C. Gray, P.G.M.

Now, therefore, I, W. E. Holmes, Grand Master, do hereby notify you that "The Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia," is the only Odd Fellows' Insurance Association entitled to do business as such in this province, and that any member of the I.O.O.F. who shall, in any capacity, directly or indirectly, solicit or attempt to solicit from any other member of this Order, in this Jurisdiction, any life or accident insurance for any association or company using the name of the Order or claiming to be an Odd Fellows' Insurance Company, excepting

"The Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia," before mentioned, shall be liable, on trial and conviction, to be suspended or expelled from the Order (vide Proceedings Sov. Grand Lodge, 1892, p.p. 13077-13191.)

WM. E. HOLMES,
GRAND MASTER.

Attest :
FREDK. DAVEY,
GRAND SECRETARY.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

PROCLAMATION.

To whom it may concern :

WHEREAS many reports have been received at this office, stating that Subordinate Bodies and individual members of the Order are printing and offering for sale, various of the supplies published in the "List of Supplies" furnished by the S.G.L. and appearing on the last leaf of the Revised Journal, and

WHEREAS, All such printing and offering for sale of any of such supplies is in violation of the law of the S. G. L. as found on page 6278 of the R. J. of 1874; which reads as follows:

"All Grand and Subordinate Bodies and individual members thereof of this Order are hereby directed to refrain from printing, publishing and issuing *any* article *entered* upon the list of *supplies* that form a part of the source of revenue of this Grand Lodge."

Also the sharp reiteration of the law to be found on pp. 6657 and 6704 of the Journal of 1875, which reads as follows:

"Grand and Subordinate Bodies and individuals, who shall print and circulate *any forms* or ceremonies of this Grand Lodge that constitute a source of revenue to its treasury, will be deemed guilty of an offence against the laws of this Grand Lodge"; they standing as the General Law of the S. G. L.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed that all such illegal printing and sale of each and every of the supplies published in said "*List of Supplies*" at once cease; and all Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, Grand Assemblies of the Rebekah Branch, and Departments of the Patriarchs Militant, and their respective Grand Officers are directed to notify their Subordinates, and to see that all such illegal printing and sale ceases immediately, under penalty of the law as above declared.

Done at the City of Rochester, State of New York, this 24th day of December, 1895.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.* J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*

SUPPLIES FURNISHED BY THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Books; Subordinate Encampment Institution and Installation Books; Subordinate Encampment Installation Book; Subordinate Encampment Charge Book; Charter for Subordinate Encampment, Subordinate Lodge and Rebekah Lodge; Subordinate Encampment Chart and Subordinate Lodge Chart; Subordinate Lodge Institution and Installation Book; Subordinate Lodge Ritual; Degree Lodge Installation Book; Rebekah Lodge Ritual; Rebekah Lodge Institution and Installation Book; Rebekah Lodge Installation Floor Work; Floor Work for Subordinate Lodge, Rebekah Lodge and Encampment; Subordinate Lodge Odes; Subordinate Lodge Odes, with Music; Rebekah Lodge Odes; Rebekah Lodge Odes with Music; Laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges; Encampment Ode Book, with Music; Anniversary Odes; Funeral Hymns; Prayers for Opening and Closing Lodges; Book of Odes, with Music, for Subordinate Lodges and Rebekah Lodges; Visiting and Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates; Visiting and Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates for Rebekah Lodges; Card for a Wife or Widow; Rebekah Certificate; Diploma or Certificate of Membership; Certificate for a member of a Defunct Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge; Book of Forms; Bound Journals, 16 volumes (1821-1894) ; Digest; Anniversary Ceremony; Memorial Ceremony, etc.; Funeral Ceremony ; Burial Ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah ; Question Book; Petitions for Membership, Lodge, Encampment and Rebekah Lodge; Veteran Jewel; Rebekah Veteran Jewel; Honorable Veteran Jewel ; Insurance Certificate, Sovereign Grand Lodge; Insurance Certificate, Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That the Report be received and handed to a Committee to distribute it to the various Committees.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Distribution:—J. Crossan, P. G. M., R. Roberts, P. G. M., R. W. Fawcett.

The Grand Secretary read his report which was on motion received and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

In submitting my report of the transactions of this Office and of the work of the Order in this Jurisdiction during the past year, I am sorry to state that for the first time during twelve years there has been a slight decrease in the number of members. There is no doubt that this falling off is owing to the financial depression which has affected this Province in common with other portions of this Continent for some time past. I sincerely hope that the worst has been past, that business and trade will revive and that the Order during next year will more than recover what it has lost.

During the past year two Subordidate Lodges and four Rebekah Lodges have been instituted, but it is to be regretted that the applicants for a Charter for a Rebekah Lodge at Kamloops did not properly consider the matter or were very lukewarm on the subject, for, without, it would appear, making scarcely an effort to work the Lodge, they have returned the Dispensation granted them and the goods supplied, so that the Lodge may now be regarded as defunct.

The instructions of last Session have been complied with as follows:—

Bonds for the fidelity of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer in the sum of $2000 each were obtained from the London Guarantee and Accident Co.

The Grand Lodge has been incorporated under the Provincial Benevolent Societies Act, 1891. The requisite Declaration to obtain incorporation signed by the Elective Officers of the Grand Lodge is attached hereto. It would appear from the provisions of this Act, that Subordinate Lodges must now obtain permission from the Grand Lodge at its Annual Session in order to secure incorporation.

An "Odd Fellows Home" account has been opened in the books of the Grand Lodge and the sum collected in Victoria at the Anniversary Celebration 1894 amounting to $96 has been credited to the same. This money is deposited in the Dominion Government Savings Bank and has been augmented by $1.96 interest to 30th June, 1895. I would suggest that a small assessment, say 5 cents per member, be included in the Per Capita Tax for the coming year and repeated in succeeding years, to assist this fund. Such a trifle would not distress our Lodges and would in time accumulate a fund which would be of use for the purpose in view. There is no doubt that before long an Odd Fellows Home will become a necessity, and even at the present time one could be utilized if it were in existence.

A statement of the Grand Lodge's case in the appeal of Bro. T. C. Gray, P. G. M. to the Sovereign Grand Lodge was prepared and submitted. The appeal was dismissed and the action of the Grand Lodge

in refusing to grant permission to outside Insurance Associations to do business in this Jurisdiction, and in deciding that the Odd Fellow's Insurance Association of B. C. need not take out Certificates in order to do business, was sustained.

All documents procurable in the Petition of David Green vs. Dominion Lodge, No. 4, were forwarded to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the refusal of this Grand Lodge last Session to re-open this case, was also affirmed.

No report has been received from the Special Committee appointed last Session respecting the desirability of establishing an Odd Fellows Hospital and Convalescent Home, nor has there been a meeting of the Committee as far as I am aware.

I beg to submit a tabulated statement of the work of the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction last year, compiled from their Reports, also a Financial Statement of the Grand Lodge for that period.

The following summary of the work of last year is compiled from the reports of the Lodges to 31st December, 1895:—

		Increase.	Decrease.
No. of Lodges 31st. December, 1895.	35	2	..
" " Instituted since.....	2		..
" of Rebekah Lodges 31st Dec. 1895	8	4	..
" " " Instituted since	3		..
" of Rebekah Lodges surrendered Dispensation.....	1	...	..
" of Members in good standing..	2988	....	27
" " Initiated during the year....	216	....	769
" of Members admitted by card..	23	....	81
" " " as Ancient Odd Fellows.	2	....	..
" of Members reinstated.....	9	2	..
" " withdrawn	27	....	53
" " expelled	1	....	4
" " suspended	1	1	..
" " deceased...	26	12	..
" " resigned	1	....	..
" " ceased membership by N. P. D.....	219	84	..
" rejected	13	....	33
" of Degrees conferred.....	685	...	2084
" of Past Grands.....	382	56	..
Total revenue of Subordinate Lodges	$50,191 98	....	3606 81
No. of Brothers relieved.....	313	28	..

		Increase.	Decrease.
No. of widowed families relieved....	4	....	2
" of weeks sick benefits paid.....	2053	447	..
Amount paid for relief of Brothers..	17,042 46	$3787 99	..
" " widowed families.....	394 30	109 30	..
Amount paid for relief of Orphans..	117 65	57 65	.
" " burying the dead.	2255 50	1162 50	..
" " special relief.....	825 55	281 55	..
Total amount paid for relief.....	20,635 46	5398 99	..
" " current expenses	17,919 01	....	4158 35
" amount of assets.....	193,663 13	6046 88	..
Average amount of benefits paid for each sick member.....	54 45	7 95	..
Average amount expended for relief per member.....	6 90	1 85	..
Average duration of sickness per member.....	4 dys 19½ hrs	1 dy 2 hrs	..
Average duration of sickness per sick member	6 wks 3 dys 22 hrs	6 dys 10 "	..
Average cost per member for current expenses.....	$6 00	....	$1 32
Total cost per member for all Lodge expenditures.....	12 90	0 53	..
Average amount of assets per member.....	64 81	2 53	..
Total amount expended for Relief since institution of Grand Lodge in 1874.....	158,433 93	....	..

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash Received and Paid to Grand Treasurer.

FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	Tax Term ended 30th June, 1895.	Tax Term ended 31st Dec., 1895.	Supplies.	Charter Fees.	TOTAL.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1...	$75 00	$57 60	.....	.....	$132 60
Columbia " " 2...	80 00	65 60	$3 87	.....	149 47
N.Westminster" " 3...	66 50	49 60	6 25	.....	122 35
Dominion " " 4...	59 00	43 20	.....	.....	102 20
Black Diamond" " 5...	71 00	54 00	.....	.....	125 00
Harmony " " 6...	75 00	57 20	.....	.....	132 20
Excelsior " " 7...	22 50	17 20	1 00	.....	40 70
Vancouver " " 8...	62 50	49 60	1 50	.....	113 60
Tatnai " " 9...	34 00	33 50	1 50	.....	69 00
Western Star " " 10...	82 00	66 80	7 05	.....	155 85
Union " " 11...	34 00	26 00	.....	.....	60 00
Selkirk " " 12...	37 00	36 00	3 50	.....	76 50
Royal City " " 13...	40 50	32 00	2 25	.....	74 75
Acme " " 14...	42 80	38 80	3 60	.....	85 20
Cloverdale " " 15...	22 50	15 65	1 50	.....	39 65
Kootenay " " 16...	21 00	16 80	.....	.....	37 80
Duncan " " 17...	23 00	18 00	.....	.....	41 00
Vernon Valley " " 18...	21 50	20 00	1 00	.....	42 50
Mt. Pleasant " " 19...	23 00	17 20	4 50	.....	44 70
Centennial " " 20...	58 00	43 20	3 00	.....	104 20
Delta " " 21...	22 50	23 50	60	.....	46 60
Gold Range " " 22...	20 50	16 40	25	.....	37 15
Ashcroft " " 23...	18 00	18 00	.....	.....	36 00
Island " " 24...	17 50	14 00	3 00	.....	34 50
Revelstoke " " 25...	14 50	14 50	3 00	.....	32 00
Pacific " " 26...	129 50	102 00	10 85	.....	242 35
Amity " " 27...	95 50	70 80	8 00	.....	174 30
Cheam " " 28...	27 00	21 20	32 55	.....	80 75
Perseverance " " 29...	19 00	13 60	.....	.....	32 60
Friendship " " 30...	29 50	24 00	32 25	.....	85 75
Banner " " 31...	41 50	35 20	5 75	.....	82 45
Mission City " " 32...	20 50	16 00	.....	.....	36 50
Peerless " " 33...	80 50	66 80	5 50	.....	152 80
Rocky Mount'n" " 34...	12 00	17 00	1 50	.....	30 50
Cedar " " 35...	21 50	17 60	3 95	.....	43 05
Rossland " " 36...	.....	.....	30 00	$30 00	60 00
Carson " " 37...	.....	.....	30 00	30 00	60 00
Colfax Rebekah " 1...	.....	.....	2 90	.....	2 90
Mizpah " " 2...	.....	.....	4 15	.....	4 15
Miriam " " 3...	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 50
Ruth " " 4...	.....	.....	1 75	.....	1 75
Beulah " " 5...	.....	.....	2 20	.....	2 20
Alpine " " 6...	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Bethel " " 7...	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Laurel " " 9...	.....	.....	9 00	10 00	19 00
Fidelity " " 10...	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Esther " " 11...	.....	.....	20 25	10 00	30 25
Sundry Persons.....	.....	.....	3 20	.....	3 20
	$1520 30	$1228 55	$258 67	$90 00	$3097 52

Orders Drawn on Grand Treasurer.

Date.	No. of Order.	In Whose Favor.	Description.	Amount.
1895.				
June 21	1	Grand Treasurer	Mileage & Per Diem,'95	$1076 40
" 21	2	W. H. Huxtable	Janitor, etc	35 00
" 21	3	T. C. Gray, P. G. M.	Postage, etc	19 00
" 21	4	D. Welsh, G. Treasurer.	"	2 25
" 21	5	Taylor Mill Co	Altar and case	15 25
" 21	6	J. Sears	Painting "	5 00
" 21	7	Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.	Refund cost of supplies	28 72
" 21	8	Ruth Rebekah L., No. 4.	" " "	9 90
July 12	9	W. E. Holmes, G. M.	Travelling allowance	15 00
Aug. 27	10	F. Davey, G. Secretary	Sov. G. L. for supplies.	45 77
Sept. 13	11	T. R. Cusack	Ptg Proceedings, 1895	198 45
" 13	12	F. Davey, G. Secretary	Salary, 3 mos.	150 00
" 13	13	" "	Postage, duty, exp., etc.	22 10
" 24	14	" "	Sov. G. L. for supplies.	17 19
Oct. 3	15	Colonist Ptg. & Pub. Co.	Printing letter-heads	3 50
" 3	16	W. E. Holmes, G. M.	Travelling allowance	75 00
" 4	17	R. S. Day	Pre'um, Bonds G.S., G.T.	50 00
Nov. 26	18	F. Davey, G. Secretary	Sov. G. L. for supplies.	58 00
Dec 12	19	" "	Salary, 3 mos.	150 00
" 12	20	" "	Postage, duty, frei't, etc	5 90
1896.				
Jan. 14	21	W. E. Holmes. G. M	Balance, trav. allow'ce.	10 00
" 14	22	Odd Fellows Union	Rent, G.S. office, 12 mos	100 00
" 28	23	Weiler Bros	Hire of tables & chairs.	8 00
Feb 8	24	T. R. Cusack	Printing forms	4 00
Mar. 24	25	F. Davey, G. Sec	Sov. G. L. for supplies.	21 75
" 24	26	" "	Salary, 3 mos.	150 00
" 24	27	" "	Postage, duty, frei't, etc	14 60
" 24	28	" "	Exp. Incorporat'n G.L.	23 00
Apr. 15	29	Colonist Ptg and Pub Co	Envelopes	4 00
" 24	30	Sov. Grand Lodge	Representative Tax	150 00
May 12	31	T. N. Hibben	Stationery	6 00
" 12	32	T. R. Cusack	Letter-heads for G. M.	4 00
" 12	33	F. Davey, G. Sec	Sov. G. L for supplies	38 78
" 28	34	" "	" "	16 50
" 30	35	W. E. Holmes, G. M	Postage, stationery, etc	15 95
" 30	36	Colonist Ptg and Pub Co	Officers' Roll Bks, etc.	29 50
June 1	37	F. Davey, G. Sec	Salary, 3 mos.	150 00
" 1	38	" "	Postage, frei't, duty, etc	17 00
				$2745 51

SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer per last report	$1,113 28
Cash received and paid to Grand Treasurer	3097 52
	$4,210 80
Less Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer	2,745 51
Leaving balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	$1,465 29

STOCK ACCOUNT.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance from last year	$138 92	
Goods bought during the year	236 14	
Gain during the year	45 49	
Goods sold during the year		246 17
Goods on hand		174 38
	$420 55	$420 55

BALANCE SHEET.

Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., June, 1896.

Folio of Led'r	Account.	Dr.	Cr.
44	Furniture and Regalia	$496 65	
48	Excelsior Lodge, No. 7	35	
52	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3		5 00
56	Dominion Lodge, No. 4	4 50	
67	Tatnai Lodge, No. 9		7 70
85	Union Lodge, No. 11		45
87	Selkirk Lodge, No. 12		7 20
102	Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15		05
108	Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18		4 40
114	Delta Lodge, No. 21		4 60
127	Stock	174 38	
132	Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23		3 60
136	Island Lodge, No. 24	1 00	
143	Sovereign Grand Lodge	16 50	
151	Grand Treasurer	1465 29	
162	Profit and Loss		2142 82
164	Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25		2 90
166	Vancouver Lodge, No. 8		40
184	Peerless Lodge, No. 33		40
188	Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34		3 40
194	Odd Fellows Home		97 96
196	Dominion Government Savings Bank	97 96	
200	Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9	9 70	
202	Fidelity " No. 10	15 75	
204	Rossland Lodge, No. 36	1 15	
208	Carson Lodge, No. 37		2 35
		$2283 23	$2283 23

Applications are being constantly received for copies of the Grand Lodge Constitution, but I am unable to comply owing to the fact that there are no spare copies in stock. As the Constitution is in need of revision in many respects I would suggest that a Committee be appointed to perform this work and report next Session.

It has been customary of late years to get 500 copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge printed and they have been distributed as follows: 4 copies to each Subordinate and one to each Rebekah Lodge, 1 copy each to the N. G. and V. G. of each Subordinate Lodge and one copy to each Past Grand in the Jurisdiction besides a number given to the Grand Representatives to exchange with the Representatives of other Jurisdictions. Owing to the increase in the number of Lodges and Past Grands 500 copies are not now sufficient and instructions are asked as to the number to be printed and the method of distribution. It is feared that a number of copies sent to Lodges for Past Grands never reach those brothers on account of their not attending the Lodge.

Notification has been received from the Grand Master of North Dakota that Northern Light Lodge, Fargo, has been suspended from the the Order for non-compliance with the commands of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to refund monies collected from other Jurisdictions for the relief of sufferers from the fire in that city and misappropriated.

I am pleased to state that no appeals have been received during the year, a fact which speaks well for the harmony and peace of the brotherhood in the Jurisdiction.

Only one member of this Grand Lodge as far as I am aware has been removed by death during the year, viz: Bro. H. Elliott, P. G. of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3. I would recommend that a memorial page containing his name be inserted in the printed Proceedings of this Session.

I cannot refrain from referring here to the dreadful disaster that so recently occured in the City of Victoria on the occasion of the celebration of her Majesty's Birthday, when by the falling of a portion of Point Ellice Bridge a tram car crowded with merry pleasure seekers was suddenly precipitated into Victoria Arm and 55 human beings perished. As might be expected in such a calamity, some Odd Fellows were included in the number. I deeply regret to state that the following brothers lost their lives in that awful catastrophe: Bro. F. T. James, V. G. and N. G. elect of Victoria Lodge, No. 1; Bro. S. R. Holmes of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, and Bro. Fred Adams, (with his Mother) Acme Lodge, No. 14. Bro. E. Hooson P. G. of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, mourns the loss of his wife and child, Bro. E. C. Sheppard, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, is bereaved of his wife and two children, Bro. G. W. Biggar of Acme

Lodge, No. 14, lost two children and is himself severely injured, and Bro. J. Jackson of the same Lodge sustained the loss of a daughter and is himself still suffering from the accident

Several Odd Fellows had miraculous escapes, amongst them our esteemed Grand Representative, Bro J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., who is still suffering from the accident. I am sure you will all join in congratulating him on his escape, and that you will accord your fullest and deepest sympathy with the bereaved and sorrowing relatives of the deceased.

Fraternally submitted,
FRED'K DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, who are also members of the said Lodge, by direction and with the full consent of the said Grand Lodge, declare that it is our desire and the desire of the members of the said Grand Lodge that the said Grand Lodge be incorporated as a Society under the provisions of the "Benevolent Societies' Act, 1891"

1. The corporate name of the Society shall be "The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

2. The purposes for which the Society is formed are:—

(*a*) To establish and supervise branches for making provision by means of contributions, subscriptions, donations or otherwise, against sickness, distress or death of their members, and for relieving the widows or orphan children of deceased members:

(*b*) For establishing and maintaining homes and asylums for members of the Society and its branches, and for the orphans of deceased members:

(*c*) For raising sufficient money from its branches to meet the necessary expenses of the Society.

3. The present managing officers of the Society, who are to be the first officers thereof, are William Edward Holmes, Grand Master; Peter J. Foulds, Deputy Grand Master; William Henry Morton, Grand Warden; Frederick Davey, Grand Secretary, and H. B. Gilmour, Grand Treasurer, and their successors shall be elected by ballot on the first day of the session of the said Grand Lodge held annually on the second Wednesday in June in each and every year.

As witness our hands this 16th day of January, 1896.

WILLIAM E. HOLMES, *Grand Master.*
PETER J. FOULDS, *Deputy Grand Master.*
W. H. MORTON, *Grand Warden.*
FRED'K. DAVEY, *Grand Secretary.*
H. B. GILMOUR, *Grand Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing declaration appears to me to be in conformity with the "Benevolent Societies' Act, 1891."

"Quod Attestor."
S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.

Filed (in duplicate) the 10th day of February, 1896.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.

The Grand Treasurer read his report which was on motion received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

H. B. GILMOUR, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I. O. O. F.

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H. B. GILMOUR,
Grand Treasurer.

Report read from the Grand Representatives which was on motion received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of the session ; further, that the portion relating to the proposed Legislation respecting Sick Benefits be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

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

Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge beg to submit the following report, which they trust will meet with your approval.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled in its 71st Annual Commuication on September 16th, 1895, at Atlantic City, N. J.

From the Grand Sire's report we select the following extracts and decisions bearing on the Subordinate and Rebekah branches of the Order, leaving out the Canton Millitant decisions, as they do not interest this Grand Lodge.

GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

Officers and Representatives,—Another twelve months has closed its record and I find us again convened in Annual Communication. The Reaper has gathered his usual harvest from our ranks, and in doing so, has stricken down some of our brightest ornaments. Of them, in proper place, due mention will be made. To us who survive their call is a voice of warning. Let us strive to write our names on the Tablet of the Good, the Merciful and True.

We have reason for thankfulness that so great prosperty has crowned our labors in the midst of financial depression and great stagnation of business. The Order has steadily advanced with somewhat retarded steps in numbers, but not in wealth and influence.

We have reached that period in our history when no adverse criticism, no unfriendly assaults, or bigoted anathemas can have any effect, and when we can afford to pass by in silence naught disturbed or harmed by their utterances looking forward with hope to the day-dawn of their higher enlightment.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Every branch of the Order is flourishing, exhibiting an increase in the number of its subordinates as follows:

Subordinates increase	297
Subordinate Encampment	53
Rebekah Lodge increase	335

GRAND SIRE'S DECISIONS AS APPROVED.
SUBORDINATE LODGES, ETC.

60. Decision.—The floor work is not obligatory, but recommended. Wherein it may differ from the rinal, it must be disregarded.

62. Decision.—Sec. 1120 of the Digest is not repealed by Sec. 131 of the P. M. Code, and at installation of Lodge Officers the P. M. uniforms cannot be worn.

63. Grand Lodges cannot delegate to Rebekah Assemblies power to charter Rebekah Lodges.

64. Attentive and pecuniary benefits must be distinguished. One depends upon "good standing," the other does not.

65. A By-Law of a Lodge depriving a member of benefits after reaching the age of 65, is illegal and void.

66. A member guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow in a Rebekah Lodge may be tried in that Lodge, or in his Subordinate Lodge. If tried in his Lodge, Rebekahs may appear before the committee of trial and give testimony.

67. Question.—After the time for correcting and approving the minutes of a Lodge has gone by, and a mistake or error is discovered, can it be corrected ?

Answer.—Yes.

68. By parliamentary law no motion can be reconsidered but once. If the motion is made and indefinitely postponed, and the rules of the Lodge provide that indefinite postponement cannot be reconsidered, that ends the power of the body to reconsider.

69. Question.—Has a committee examining a visiting Brother the right to examine him in the address to the Chairs ?

Answer.—Yes, in everything up to the highest degree of the Subordinate Lodge to which he has attained.

70. Decision.—In the absence of local law, three years does not bar the right to prosecute a member for an offence.

71. Decision.—A visiting card need not be returned to the Lodge issuing it, when it is deposited with another Lodge, upon which to make membership. If elected a certificate of election from that Lodge entitles a Brother to a Withdrawal Card, if the member is free from all charges on the books of his Lodge.—Sec. 672.

72. Decision.—A Brother out of the Order by Withdrawal Card for one year, nine months and twenty-six days, working to get up a Lodge, and becoming a charter member, is not entitled to the Honorary Veteran Jewel after fifty years of service covering the above period.

73. Decision.—No Past Grand or member can legally vote in any other than his own Lodge.

74. Decision.—The general law does not permit a Lodge to remit dues. They must be paid.

75. Question.—Can a Grand Lodge pay out of its funds, or assess the Subordinates to raise a fund to support aged members of defunct Lodges ?

Answer.—No. (Decision 33, Journal, 1894.)

76. Question.—If acting as Trustee for such members of defunct Lodges and receiving and disbursing for their benefit as they shall direct, can a quasi visiting card, stating their relation to the Order and giving them the right of visitation, be legally issued by the Grand officers, under the authority of the Grand Lodge ?

Answer.—No.

77. Decision.—The offices of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, being in many respects incompatable with that of Grand Representative, an election to and installation in either vacates the office of Grand Representative.

78. Decision.—There can be no average of benefits paid, making the total paid the first year amount to $104, without a violation of the "Minimum Benefit Law."

The precise question, in the form of an amendment, was proposed in 1892, and voted down, which, by implication, gives that law a construction and removes the ambiguity in the words, "one full year's benefits."

79. Decision.—A brother holding an unexpired visiting card, and having the A. T. P. W., has a right to visit Lodges in his own Jurisdiction, though he has not the term password.

80. Question.—If at the session of the Grand Lodge, upon the returns from Subordinates then made, the Grand Lodge is entitled to but one representative, and elects him, and before the session of the S. G. L., the membership actually increases, so that if the Grand Lodge were to convene it could elect a second representative, but there being no session until after that of the S. G. L., has the Grand Master power to appoint a representative ?

Answer.—He has not under Section 1, Article 9, of the Constitution of this Grand Body. Representatives must be elected by the Grand Lodge in every case except in filling vacancies. To make a vacancy, the place vacated must have been occupied. The case stated in the question is not therefore a vacancy. It is a new official right, conferred by the law upon the Grand Lodge, and can only be filled as provided in the Constitution. This question was so decided in 1888.

82. Decision.—The act of this Grand Body in "attaching" the Territory of Alaska to the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington, is not in conflict with the decision of 1873, nor with Section 7, Article 1, of the Constitution. That Section gives the immediate jurisdiction over all subordinates in outlying territory to the S. G. L. But, it having supreme control, may attach portions of such outlying territory to adjacent Jurisdictions, in its discretion.

83. Decision.—In canvassing the votes for Grand Officers cast by the Past Grands, if in some Lodges P. G.'s are allowed to vote who are disqualified, and such illegal votes charged to the successful candidate and deducted from his vote, would change the result, the entire vote of such Lodges should be thrown out, and the result declared on the remainder.

84 Decision.—The "Special" Committee, so-called, but in correct parliamentary phrase, "select." (See Cushing, Sections 259 and 263,) appointed on Grand Secretary's office in 1892, (Journal, p. 13,071,) was continued and authorized to purchase an office upon its report, in 1893, by the adoption of the resolution appended to the report (Journal, p. 13,548) That resolution continued the committee for another year. But for that resolution, being a select and not a standing committee, it had been dissolved (Cushing, Sections 262 and 293). The committee in 1894 (Journal, p. 14,014) reported, and after some discussion it was laid on the table, and no further action taken or instructions given. The committee was thereby dissolved and no further action can be taken by it on the premises.

85. Decision.—Grand Officers and Grand Representatives are not authorized to introduce members of their own Grand Jurisdiction—only members of other Jurisdictions. The only authority for such introduction is given by Article XIV. of the By-Laws of the S. G. L. Some of the decisions on that subject are loosely worded and misleading.

86. Decision.—The right of a widow to after-death benefits does not depend upon color or any other embarrassment under which she may labor at the time of her husband's death. If she was his lawful wife at the time of his death, and he died in good standing, she is entitled to the funeral benefits. (See Section 106, Digest.)

87. Decision.—A Subordinate Lodge, by general law, has no authority to receive applications for membership, refer, elect, initiate and confer the three degrees the same night for the purpose of qualifying them to form a Lodge.

2nd. The Grand Officers as such, cannot, after institution initiate, candidates nor confer the degrees.

88. Decision.—A. D. D. G. S. may be appointed, though not a P. C. P., except "where Grand Encampments may be established." He cannot install the officers of a Subordinate Encampment unless he be a P. C. P., but he can appoint some one that is qualified to do so.

89. Decision.—In the absence of any local prohibition a Lodge may elect any one qualified member in its jurisdiction as its Representative to the Grand Lodge.

90. Decision.—It is not legal for a Lodge to pass a By-Law making a part of its membership beneficial after three months' membership, and another part not beneficial until after six months' membership. The six months' clause is null and void. (Section 128, Digest.)

91. Question.—Can members in the ante-room be compelled to vote, unless excused, it being a part of the Lodge room ?

Answer.—They cannot, nor can they vote from the ante-room. To be entitled to take part in the business of the Lodge they must come into the lodge room proper. The ante-room is a part of the lodge room only for certain purposes.

92. Decision.—Holding a live Withdrawal Card, i.e., one that has not expired, gives the holder a quasi-membership, and if the card is deposited within the year with a petition for full membership, and such membership is made upon it, the continuity of his yearly membership is not destroyed so as to deprive him of the Honorable Veteran Jewel.

93. Where the By-Laws of the Lodge provide that the penalty for a specific offense shall be either suspension or expulsion, and the Constitution provides that the Lodge shall fix the penalty by vote, unless it be a single penalty, and that it shall require a two-thirds vote for expulsion, the Lodge must vote; and if two-thirds be not cast against the brother, the penalty to be inflicted must be suspension, no vote for that purpose being required.

94. The general law of the Order requires only night nurses or watchers to be furnished as "attentive benefits," not day nurses.

95. Public installations may be held in other than the regular lodge room (Section 1026, Digest), and may be joint installations, the lodges being legally convened.

96. If a candidate is black-balled by a Lodge, that had no legal right to receive and act upon the application, the candidate being ignorant of the fact, he need not wait six months before applying for membership in a proper Lodge, and such Lodge has a right to receive and act upon his application, the former action being illegal and null and void.

97. Suspension for cause terminates "good standing," and not being restored until after the expiration of one year, breaks the continuity of years so that the member, though restored, is not entitled to the twenty-five years Veteran Jewel, if the twenty-five years embrace the year of suspension.

98. Where permission is given by the proper authorities for the admission of a non-resident candidate to membership in a Lodge out of the jurisdiction in which he resides, and the fees for admission are less than are charged by the Lodge nearest his residence, he must pay the

amount charged by the Lodge at his residence, and the Lodge receiving him must pay the difference to the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction where he resides.

DECISIONS ON REBEKAH LAWS.

1. Question.—In the institution of a Rebekah Lodge in which there is no Past N. Grand, can any one except the N. G. deliver the P. N. G. charge?

Answer.—The chair of the P. N. G. is not an office, nor is the P. N. G. an officer. Under the beautified work it is very incongruous, and would mar the effect of the ceremony for the N. G. to change robes and situation. The law of 1890, by Section 34, is repealed, and as no official instructions are connected with the charge, as in the case of the first officers of a new Lodge, previous service in office is not required as a qualification, and any qualified member may deliver it. (Decided to three jurisdictions.)

2. Question.—Which is the law by which we are to be governed, the decision of Grand Sire Busbee, p. 12,785, Journal of 1892; approved p. 13,064, or the law as reported by the Legislative Committee, same Journal, p. 13,035, which report was adopted, p. 13,058. They seem to be in direct conflict?

Answer.—The decision of the Grand Sire was the law when it was made. The Legislative Committee reported a change in the law, which was adopted, and is the law of the Order now, though the decision of the Grand Sire was approved after its adoption.

3. Question.—Under Sections 2 and 18 of the Rebekah Code, can a Rebekah Lodge pay stated benefits, fixed by its By-Laws?

Answer.—It cannot. All payments must be paid by the Lodges at each meeting, as a majority of the members present shall by vote determine. (Decided to six different Jurisdictions.)

4. Question.—Is a widow—an unmarried woman—entitled to be admitted into a Rebekah Lodge under the new Code, unless her husband was an Odd Fellow in good standing at the time of his death?

Answer.—Yes. (Decided to four different Jurisdictions.)

5. Question.—The By-Laws of the Rebekah Lodges adopted for their government in this Grand Jurisdiction are in many particulars in conflict with the new Code. Is that Code operative in this Jurisdiction until after the Grand Lodge meets and takes action upon it?

Answer. It is from the time of its adoption. (Decided to three different Jurisdictions.)

6. Question.—Can a suspended Rebekah, after marrying a non-Odd Fellow, be reinstated in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—Under the first clause of Section 6 she can. (Decided to four different Jurisdictions.)

7. Question.—Under the Rebekah Code, Section 12, is a member who has served in an elective, but never in an appointive office, eligible to an elective office ?

Answer.—According to the wording of that section, it would seem to exclude all, after the first term, from eligibility to any elective office who had not previously filled an appointive office. That, however, can hardly have been the intention of the section, since service in an elective office is a better qualification for promotion than in an appointive. It being of higher rank, as the greater always includes the less, I decide that such a member is eligible. (Decided to two Jurisdictions)

8. Question.—Under Section 13 of the Rebekah Code, is an officer serving a majority of the nights of a term, but not to the end of the term, entitled to the honors of the term?

Answer.—By that section she is.

9. Question.—Does Section 34 of the Rebekah Code repeal Section 1,235 in regard to returns of Rebekah Lodges?

Answer.—It does not. That is not a "Rebekah law for the government of Rebekah Lodges," but for the government of Grand Lodges.

10. Question.—Can a Grand Lodge confer on Rebekah Assemblies power to institute and Charter Rebekah Lodges?

Answer.—They have no such power. They are clothed by Section 2 with a special power, the time and place for exercising which is left to their judgment. Such a power cannot be delegated. (Decided to five different Jurisdictions.)

11. Question.—Does a D. D. Grand Sire require to be a member of a Rebekah Lodge in order to receive the Rebekah A. P. W., or to have any other qualifications than those specified in the 8th division of Art. XV. of the By-Laws of the S. G. L.?

Answer.—Yes.

12. Question.—Who are members of Rebekah Assemblies when convened for organization?

Answer.—Such as the Grand Lodge shall provide for.

13. Question.—Shall the Grand Officers, in instituting Rebekah Lodges before the Grand Lodge meets, conform the Rebekah Lodge Constitution to the new Code, it being now in direct conflict with it, and instruct them according to the provisions of the Code, or the Constitution as it is?

Answer.—According to the new Code.

14. Question.—Can the wife of a husband, both of whom once belonged to a Rebekah Lodge, but took withdrawal cards, now out of date, join a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—Yes.

15. Question.—Under the new Rebekah Code, can the Grand Secretary furnish supplies direct to Rebekah Assemblies?

Answer.—The Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Lodge cannot. Section 26, by the strongest application, affirms the general law.

16. Question.—Can the T. P. W. be given openly in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—It cannot.

17. Question.—Is an initiatory member eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—He is.

18. Decision.—Good moral character and belief in a Supreme Being, though not specified as conditions of membership in sub-divisions 1 and 2, of Section 6 of the Code, are pre-requisite to membership, as much as under sub-division 3.

These conditions are "ancient landmarks," and are not repealed by Section 34.

19. Decision.—The regalia prescribed for Rebekahs cannot be dispensed with in Rebekah Assemblies and a pin badge substituted in its place.

20. Question.—Under Section 6, sub-division 1, of the Rebekah Code, is a woman that is of mixed blood (Indian or Negro), who is the wife of an Odd Fellow in good standing, eligible to membership?

Answer.—No.

21. Decision.—A Sister may furnish marches to be used in Rebekah Lodges if not issued in the name of the Order, and do not supplant any required by the S. G. L to be used.

22. Decision.—A Grand Lodge cannot delegate the entire Rebekah Branch to the control of Rebekah Assemblies.

23. Sections 124 and 126, of the Digest, do not apply to Rebekah Assemblies. The only prescribed regalia for them is found in Section 27 of the new Code.

24. Decision.—The first clause of Section 6, "All persons who have had the Degree," does not embrace an expelled Odd Fellow, who once had the Degree, nor his wife, if she has been expelled, though she may have had the Degree.

25. Decision.—Under Section 30 of the Rebekah Code, the petition of an existing State Convention, for a Rebekah Assembly, stating that there were ten or more Rebekah Lodges, would be sufficient to authorize a Grand Lodge to charter a Rebekah Assembly.

26. Decision.—Under Section 26 no vote is necessary upon application for a withdrawal card. Should objection be made for cause, that would suspend the issuance until after investigation.

27. Decision.—Other than the officers of a Rebekah Assembly, may wear the badge prescribed in Section 25.

28. Decision.—The President of a Rebekah Assembly doubtless may appoint other than those officers named in Section 31, e. g., Supporters, but they would not rank as officers, only assistants.

29. Decision.—Rebekah Lodges may provide in their By-Laws the terms of reinstatement.

30. Decision.—There is nothing prohibiting additional robes to those prescribed in the Ritual, but others cannot be substituted in place of those prescribed.

31. Decision.—Both under the new Code and the old law, the place of meeting of Rebekah Lodges is left with State Grand Bodies. The new Code makes no change in that respect.

32. Decision.—Rebekah Lodges are now charged with the duty of rendering "attentive benefits," the same as Subordinate Lodges.

33. Question.—A member of a Rebekah Lodge has taken a withdrawal card that has expired. Her husband has also taken one from his Lodge that has expired. Can she regain membership in a Rebekah Lodge without her husband first joining the Subordinate Lodge, and if so, how?

Answer.—Yes. Under first sub-division of Section 6, by depositing her card with her application for membership.

Extracts from the Grand Secretary's Report.

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1893 AND 1894.

	Dec. 31st, 1893	Dec. 31st, 1894	Increase	Decrease
Grand Lodges	55	56	1	.....
Grand Encampments	50	50	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges	10,295	10,592	297	.....
Subordinate Encampm'ts	2,557	2,610	53	.....
Rebekah Lodges	3,292	3,627	335	.....
Lodge Initiations	72,807	63,845	.....	8,962
Encampment Initiations	13,272	9,407	.....	3,865
Lodge Members	780,160	790,795	10,635	.....
Encampment Members	136,102	134,330	.....	1,772
Rebekah Members	202,442	225,189	22,747	.....
Relief by Lodges	$2,980,378 89	$2,993,457 69	$13,078 80	.....
Relief by Encampments	289,418 92	284,540 33	.....	$ 4,878 59
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	43,172 58	45,313 94	2,141 36	.....
Total Relief	3,312,970 39	3,323,311 96	10,341 57	.....
Revenue of Lodges	7,547,515 49	7,474,338 06	.....	73,177 43
Revenue of Encampm'ts	650,566 77	615,932 07	.....	34,634 70
Revenue Rebekah Lodges	312,922 26	337,600 40	24,678 14	.....
Total Revenue	8,511,004 52	8,427,870 53	.....	83,133 99

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1894, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, GERMANY, DENMARK AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	2,012,848
Members Relieved	1,902,562
Widowed Families Relieved	216,178
Members Deceased	184,894
Total Relief	$ 67,828,690 47
Total Receipts	176,786,202 60

CONDITION OF THE ORDER, DECEMBER 31ST, 1894.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australia, Denmark and Switzerland)	4
Subordinate Grand Encampments	54
Subordinate Grand Lodges	66
Subordinate Encampments	2,633
Subordinate Lodges	10,940
Encampment Members	135,443
Lodge Members	815,947
Rebekah Lodges	3,631
Sisters, Members of Rebekah Lodges	123,104
Brothers, Members of Rebekah Lodges	102,305

The record for the year 1894 is not so pleasing as we could desire; but the cause of the situation has been so frequently explained heretofore that it seems useless to repeat that the depression in all branches of industry has been a potent factor in the decrease of admissions, and the additions to the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. There is, however, no reason to be discouraged. We cannot expect the sun to shine every day, and we may confidently expect that, within a short time, the Order will show a marked improvement, and progress as it did in days gone by; indeed, all the information received is to the effect that a great reaction has taked place in many parts of the country; the suspended are asking to be reinstated, and new men are clamoring for admittance to our Lodges.

EXTRACTS FROM THE GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned has the honor to communicate his annual report of the financial condition of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the fiscal year, ending July 31st, 1895:

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1894.		
Aug. 20.—To Cash Balance, as per last report	$ 33,251	25
Dec. 1.—To Cash, interest on Lehigh Valley R.R. bonds	337	50
1895.		
Jany. 9.—To Cash, interest on P. W. & B. R. R. bonds	300	00
June 6.—To Cash, interest on Lehigh Valley R.R. bonds	337	50
July 24.—To Cash, interest on P. W. & B. R. R. bonds	300	00
To Cash, for sundry sums of money received from Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, from Aug. 25, 1894, to July 31, 1895, as per receipts given	56,075	60
Aggregating	$90,601	85

ASSETS.

The available assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at this date are as follows:

Cash balance in treasury	$ 28,601	02
Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., 4½ per cent. bonds	15,000	00
P. W. & B. R. R. Co., 4 per cent. bonds	15,000	00
	$ 58,601	02

The total available assets as per my report on August 20, 1894, were $63,251.25, showing a loss in assets of $4,650.23.

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,

Philadelphia, July 31st, 1895. *Grand Treasurer.*

AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The following amendment to Article 16, of the Constitution of the S. G. L., was adopted:

Sec. 5.—No saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order.

Also the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved further,—That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall require their Subordinates to make annual reports in relation to the property owned by the Order, including the name, number and location of Lodge or Encampment; the size of lot, the height, size and material of building, date of erection, cost of property, present value, indebtedness, amount of insurance, net annual income, size of Lodge room, character of title, whether in fee, under lease or otherwise, and if owned jointly with others, what part owned by the Order, if owned by a corporation, the amount and market value of the stock owned by the Order, amount of money or securities not included in stock above given, also cemetery or cemetery lot, and shall report a tabulated statement thereof to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge;

Resolved further,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish Subordinate Grand Secretaries with a blank form to be a guide for uniformity in procuring said statistics.

Resolved,—When a member of the Order is convicted of a crime, and is sentenced and is serving a term in a State prison, charges shall be preferred against him in the Lodge of which he is a member, and upon the facts being established and the member fully identified, he must be expelled.

Other legislation was enacted with which it is unnecessary to encumber this report, as it will all appear in the Revised Journal, S.G.L., soon to be published.

Amendments and additions were made to the Rebekah Code of Laws, of more or less importance, useless to mention here, as, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the S. G. L., provision is made to furnish immediately each Rebekah Lodge with a printed copy of the Code as amended at this session. The following is the resolution, viz:

Resolved,—That the Code of Laws for the Rebekah Degree, as amended at this session, be immediately printed, and three copies thereof sent to each Representative, and a sufficient number to each Grand Lodge to furnish each Lodge in its Jurisdiction with one copy.

The following is the Report of the Committee on Appeals on the appeal of Past Grand Master, Thomas C. Gray against the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:—

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals have had under consideration the appeal of Past Grand Master Thomas C. Gray from the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and submit the following report thereon:

The case is this. In May, 1895, application was made by the Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada for a Certificate as provided by the sixth clause, page 13,083, Journal of Proceedings Sovereign Grand Lodge for 1892, said Association having complied with all the requirements for such application,and having had a Certificate for the year soon to expire. This application was not acted on by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, but was by them referred to the Grand Lodge for directions at the Session held in June, 1895.

At this Session of the Grand Lodge a petition was presented from the Board of Management of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia, showing its organization and work, and referring to its competitor, the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, and asking that no license be issued by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to "any insurance association or company to do business in this Jurisdiction" (B. C.), and further claiming for petitioner company exemption from requirement to take out Certificate under decisions Nos. 32 and 33 of Grand Sire of 1893, approved by Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The application for Certificate by the one association and the petition against granting it, by the other association, were referred to the Committee on Legislation, who reported in favor of granting the Certificate to the applicant, and holding that the petitioner was also required to have license. The reports and action thereon were as follows:

ODD FELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

Regarding the communication from the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada asking permission to do business within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of B. C. We would say that as the above Association has complied with the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Sessions 1892 and 1893, permission must be granted by this Grand Lodge to permit the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada to operate in this Province for one year, commencing July 1st, 1895, and ending June 30th, 1896.

B. C. ODD FELLOWS' INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

In reference to the petition of the Board or Management of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of B. C., we would say that it is absolutely

necessary for this Association to take out the necessary Insurance Certificate through the Sovereign Grand Lodge in order to do legitimate business in this Province. See page 13645, 13648 Journal of Proceedings, S. G. Lodge, 1893.

This report was received by the said Grand Lodge and considered seriatim, and the following proceedings were taken and resolutions adopted thereon :

It was moved, seconded and carried—That the report be received and considered seriatim.

By consent Section IV. was considered before Section III.

It was moved and seconded that the section be adopted as read.

Moved and seconded as an amendment :

"That the section be amended by striking out all the words after the words 'B. C.' in second line, and substituting the following :

"We recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that this Grand Lodge decline to grant licenses to any Odd Fellows' Insurance Association to do business in this Jurisdiction in future. Further, that in view of the decisions of the Grand Sire referred to in this petition, we do not consider it necessary for this Association to take out licenses."

The amendment was carried.

The Grand Master asked permission to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge against the action of the Grand Lodge and on motion the request was granted.

Section III. of the report of the Committee on Legislation was next considered, and the following amendment to the same was carried : Strike out all the words of the section after the words "B. C." in the third line, and substituting the following :

"Although we have every reason to believe that this Association is an excellent institution, yet we conceive it the duty of this Grand Lodge to protect our own home institution, and therefore recommend that the permission asked for to enable the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada to do business in this jurisdiction be refused."

The said Thomas C. Gray appeals from said decisions of the said Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, on the 13th June, 1895, upon the following grounds :

1. That it was the duty of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the said Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to issue a certificate to the said Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada in the form therein provided under said sixth clause, which is as follows :

"Upon filing with any Grand Secretary of any Grand Lodge the certificate and reports, hereinbefore provided for, together with the above mentioned certificate from the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of such Jurisdiction to issue to such company or association a certificate substantially in the form hereinbefore provided for, to be issued by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and containing the same reservation, namely, that neither the Sovereign Grand Lodge, nor Grand or Subordinate Lodges, are in any way responsible for the engagements or contracts of such company or association, nor shall the certificate be considered or assumed to be an indorsement or recommendation of such association nor of its solvency or responsibility.

"Such certificate shall entitle such company to transact its business in the territorial limits of such Grand Lodge; provided, however, that the Grand Lodge of any Jurisdiction may, by resolution, prohibit the granting of certificate of permission as herein provided for, to be issued by its Grand Master or Grand Secretary to all insurance associations. Any action heretofore had by any Grand Lodge prohibiting insurance associations from doing business within its Jurisdiction shall remain unaffected by these resolutions."

2. That the said Grand Lodge had no authority nor power to refuse to issue the said certificates.

3. The said Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia having ceased to operate through the officers of the said Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, had not complied with the requirements of the said Sovereign Grand Lodge, and were therefore not entitled to do business within the said Province of British Columbia or elsewhere.

4. It was the duty of the said Grand Lodge of British Columbia to have refused to license the said Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia to do business in the Province of British Columbia.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS C. GRAY,
Grand Master.

I hereby certify that the facts as stated in the foregoing appeal, as far as the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F., are concerned, are correct.

FRED'K DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

An answer to this appeal was filed by Fred Davey, Grand Secretary, claiming that the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia confined its operations to the Province of British Columbia, is local in its character and does not seek to do general insurance business, and claiming in behalf of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the power to do business without license or certificate and citing in support of that claim, Journal, Sovereign Grand Lodge of 1892, Section 2, clause 6, page 13081 ; Decisions 32 and 33 of Grand Sire 1893, pages 13258 and 13259, session 1893 ; also report of Judicary Committee, No. 185, pages 13660 and 13661, Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal, 1893.

It does not clearly appear whether the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada does a general business, or whether it is also a British Columbia institution, confining its operations to that Province only, but it is fairly inferable from the whole case that it does business outside of British Columbia and desires, also, to continue its work in that Province. It is equally as clearly inferable that the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia does business only in that Province. We have no concern with the competition between the two Associations which may have occasioned the action taken by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia above recited, but only to ascertain, if we can, the law bearing upon the question, and this appears to be settled for the present, at least, by the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1893, in adopting the report of the Judiciary Committee on pages 13660 and 13661 of Journal, which report is as follows :

"Whereas, a number of voluntary associations or small corporations have been organized in the various Jurisdictions for the purpose of aiding members thereof in sickness, or of providing for families of deceased members, such associations confining their operations to towns, cities or Jurisdictions in which they are located, and not seeking to do general insurance business.

"*Resolved*,—That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to report whether or not the resolutions relating to insurance companies and requiring reports to be filed in manner therein provided, adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, are applicable to such associations," introduced by Representative Pinkerton, have duly considered the same, and respectfully report that in the opinion of the committee the resolutions relating to insurance adopted at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1892 (Journal 13,077-13,084), were not intended to, and, in fact, do not apply to associations of the character named in the resolutions introduced by the Representatives from Massachusetts, and above recited. Decision No. 33 of the Grand Sire, submitted and approved at this session, is decisive of the question here presented. The committee, therefore, find that the resolutions referred to, adopted in 1892, are not applicable

to associations similar to those named, and essentially local in their character, and that such associations need not, by virtue of the resolutions of last session, make or file any report to, or in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. PINKERTON,
CHAS. E. WALDO,
J. S. HOAGLAND,
O. J. SEMMES,
E. D HOGE,
GEO. H. COWELL,
W. R. JOHNSON
R. E. WRIGHT,
J. D. FRIEDHEIM.

See Journal, 1893, page 13692, showing action adopting the above report.

By this action your Committee must be governed, and if the law, as solemnly declared in 1893, is not satisfactory, it can only be amended or repealed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge which enacted it, but while of force it must be respected and obeyed. Under this law no license or certificate is required for an Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of a Jurisdiction doing business only in such Jurisdiction. Under the general law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge with respect to such Insurance Associations, a Grand Lodge can refuse license or certificate to all companies or associations requiring the same as a pre-requisite to transacting business. Assuming as we feel authorized by the record to do, that the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia does business only in that province, we submit the following:

Resolved,—That the appeal of Past Grand Master Thomas C. Gray be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in both questions, made in said appeal, be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. GOODWIN,
J. O. HUMPHREY,
JAS. B. GUYTON,
LOUIS A. COOK,
O. J. SEMMES,
C. A. KELLER,
JOHN B. COCKRUM,
EDGAR WHITLOCK,
B. M. DILLEY.

The petition of David Green, formerly a member of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, of this Jurisdiction, was reported from Committee on Petitions, of which G. R. Bro. J. E. Phillips was a member, but abstained from taking a part in the decision of this case.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was again referred the Memoral of David Green, formerly a member of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, of Victoria, British Columbia, beg leave to offer the following report:

This Memorial was referred to the Committee on Petitions at the Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, held at Milwaukee in 1893, and complained of an injustice having been done by Dominion Lodge, No. 4, in expelling the said David Green from membership in said Lodge, but your Committee not having before them any evidence from the Lodge, showing cause for their action, the case was referred to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, asking that an investigation be made and particulars furnished this Grand Body, so that your Committee might act understandingly.

We now find that an exhaustive examination of the case has been duly made by a special committee of five, duly appointed by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, confirming the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, B. C., in expelling the said David Green from the Lodge, and your Committee, finding the action of the said Lodge legal and in regular form, believe that no injustice has been done to the said David Green, and now recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in sustaining the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, be approved, and the Memorial and Petition of the said David Green dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER ROGERS,
L. J. BYER,
BENJ. BINGHAM,
I. D. L. MANVILLE,
H. H. HEINEMAN,
H. C. WEAVER,
GEO. W. GODMAN,
THOS. C. WATSON,
GEO. A. GILPATRIC,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
N. E. WHITEHURST.

The following important amendment to the Constitution, of which notice of motion was given at the Session held at Chattanooga, 1894, was taken up and postponed until next Session in order to give the various Jurisdictions time to discuss the question and instruct their Representatives in the matter:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Humphrey, of Illinois, which reads as follows:

Resolved,—That the resolution of Rep. Conway, of Illinois, on the subject of minimum benefits, presented at last session, and laid over for one year, be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Beg leave to report as follows:

The resolution of Rep. Conway is found on page 14,020, Journal of Proceedings 1894, and reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, The payment of weekly benefits to sick and disabled members is a fundamental principle of our Order; and

"WHEREAS, The object for which weekly benefits are paid is the relief of distress incident to such sickness or disability; and

"WHEREAS, Under the present laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a minimum sum of $2.00 per week for the first year, and $1.00 per week thereafter, is made the foundation for the regulation of the benefit system in Subordinate Lodges; and

"WHEREAS, A much larger percentage of members is paid benefits for periods of three weeks, and less, than those who are paid benefits for periods in excess of that time, the exact figures in the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois for the six months ending March 31st, 1894, being: Number of Brothers paid three weeks' benefits, and under, during a continuous sickness, 2,341. Number of Brothers paid benefits for over three weeks' continuous sickness, 1,012; and

"WHEREAS, Subordinate Lodges, being governed by the enactment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge regulating minimum benefits, are largely influenced in the direction of paying a larger weekly benefit for the first few months' sickness, reducing the same thereafter (in many instances to the minimum); and

"WHEREAS, The effect of such a system is that the longer a member is unable to provide for himself and family, the less his weekly benefits become; in other words, the greater his necessity, the less his

relief; while on the other hand, the member who only is disabled for one, two, or three weeks, and consequently should not be in need of pecuniary relief, is made the recipient of the very benefits that should be held in the treasury for his less fortunate Brother, who may be laid up for many months, and even years; and

"WHEREAS, The question of dues and benefits (looking to a sound financial policy), for the protection of our Subordinate Lodge treasuries, is one that has caused much serious discussion and legislation by this Grand Body, as well as by the various Grand and Subordinate Lodges; and

"WHEREAS, A solution of the whole problem may be found in Subordinate Lodges paying a minimum weekly benefit for the first three or four weeks' continuous sickness (which may be considered largely in the light of accident insurance, rather than the relief of a Brother in distress), and thus accumulate in the Lodge treasury, sufficient funds to at all times properly care for Brothers during any long continued illness, the latter being one of the most sacred obligations imposed upon the Brotherhood. Therefore, for the purpose of suggesting legislation in the above direction, in both Grand and Subordinate Lodges, be it

"*Resolved*,—That Subordinate Lodges of the Order may not pay any benefits for the first week, and that a minimum benefit of $1.00 per week shall be paid, commencing with the second week's sickness, during a period of six weeks' continuous sickness, and a minimum benefit of $2.00 per week thereafter during the continuance of such sickness."

Your Committee having given careful consideration to the subject matter of this resolution are of the opinion that inasmuch as the proposed legislation involves a question of great importance and deserving of the most serious consideration, it should not be acted upon at the present session.

We therefore recommend that the Grand Representatives be requested to report to their respective Jurisdictions the subject matter of the preamble and resolution and seek their expression of opinion upon the same.

We also recommend that the said resolution be laid over, for consideration at the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The following Cipher Code and Key was adopted for the purpose of enabling Lodges and Relief Committees to communicate with one another by telegraph, in an economic manner :

TELEGRAPH CIPHER AND KEY.

House.—Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, and asking of us financial assistance.

Funds.—Shall we aid him, and draw on you to the extent of——?

Cash.—Is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your lodge in good standing.

River.—Has your Lodge a member in good standing by the name of——?

Boat.—He is an expelled member and has not been in good standing for——.

White.—We don't know any such party, and he does not belong to our Lodge.

Grip.—Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

Caution.—Look out for a fraud named——.

Secretary.—He has a fraudulent card.

Final.—A member of your Lodge died here.

Black.—He is a fraud, and if he has a card or other papers from this Lodge they are forgeries.

Red.—Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge died here.

Green.—Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

Yellow.—Is in our city and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge. Shall we give him attendance on your account?

Purple.—We think best to bury him there.

Lodge.—Forward remains to this place by——.

Regalia.—Assist him and we will honor draft to the extent of——.

Help.—Will your Lodge pay nurse hire, and how much per day?

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The question of prohibiting the admission of saloon-keepers, bartenders, or professional gamblers into the Order in future was adopted, after a spirited discussion, as has already been reported to you through the Grand Lodge officers.

The resignation of Bro. Isaac A. Sheppard as Grand Treasurer of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, through ill-health, after holding that office for eleven years, was accepted with reluctance. Bro. M. R. Muckle, of Pennsylvania, was elected to fill the vacancy.

It was decided to hold the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Dallas, Texas, September, 1896.

In conclusion, allow us to return our sincere thanks and acknowledgement for the honor conferred.

Fraternally yours,

R. ROBERTS,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS.

Representative F. S. Whiteside, No. 20, submitted the following question which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Legislation :

Supposing a Lodge loans funds at 10 per cent. interest, can they draw 7 per cent. of such interest to place in a Contingent Fund ?

The balance of interest, viz : 3 per cent., to remain in the General Fund, as that is the amount allowed by bank.

The following Report was read from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O F.

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that they have, during the past year, examined and approved of the following By-Laws and amendments thereto, of the Lodges in this Jurisdiction:

COMPLETE BY-LAWS.

Union Lodge, No. 11.—Revised.

Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34.

Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5.

AMENDMENTS.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2.—Hour of meeting.

Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.—Investment of funds; assessments; trustees; general relief board; contingent fund.

Western Star Lodge, No. 10.—Benefits.

Royal City Lodge, No. 13.—Investment of funds; payment of officers.

Acme Lodge, No. 14.—Sick benefits; appropriation of monies to respective funds; fines.

Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15.—Payment of benefits to absent members.

Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18.—Trustees; visiting committee; finance committee; nurse hire, etc.

Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 19.—Visiting sick members; benefits; nomination of officers.

Delta Lodge, No. 21.—Payment of benefits.

Pacific Lodge, No. 26.—Duties of Secretary and Treasurer; funeral benefits; investment of funds; widow's benefits.

Amity Lodge, No. 27.—Loaning funds; attendance at funerals; widow and orphans' fund.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 29.—Formation of funeral fund.

Friendship Lodge, No. 30.—Initiation and degree fees.

Mission City Lodge, No. 32.—Benefits.

Peerless Lodge, No. 33.—Benefits.

Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34.—Funeral fund; alteration of night of meeting.

We were unable to approve an amendment submitted by "Acme" Lodge, No. 14, to Sections 6 and 7 of Article V. of its By-Laws, as it would enable the Lodge to divert the Widows' and Orphans' Fund from the objects for which it was formed.

JOHN H. MELDRAM,
A. STEWART,
THOS. E. WALLER,
EDWIN DICKINSON, } *Committee.*

The Committee on Statistics, *re* Dues and Benefits, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Statistics, *re* Dues and Benefits, beg to submit herewith an Abstract of the Reports of Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction for the past ten years, showing the averages under the following heads, viz: "Sickness per member," "Cost per member for total relief," "Cost per member for working expenses," and "Total cost per member for all Lodge expenditures."

In reviewing these figures we are pleased to note a reduction under all these heads, with the exception of "Working expenses," when compared with our Report of last year. The averages under the latter head

last year $6.00, however, is the lowest for the past ten years, but is still larger, in our opinion, than it should be, as it represents one-half of the amount received for dues, being expended for other purposes than relief. We are in doubt whether the returns from the Lodges under this head are absolutely correct, as it has been discovered, on enquiry, that sums paid for the erection and enlargement of halls and other Lodge property, have been included, whereas these expenditures should be regarded as Investments of Lodge Funds, and not classified as "Working Expenses." We would impress on Lodges the necessity of exercising care in compiling these reports, as from the data furnished by them the legislation of the future on vital questions affecting the Order should be based.

We do not feel justified, at present, in recommending any action by this Grand Lodge on the question of Dues and Benefits, but we think that when such action becomes imperative it should be in the direction of curtailing these expenses of management. In order to effect this economy it might be advisable to require all Lodges to keep a separate and distinct account of management expenses, and to restrict the amount to be appropriated for this purpose which, in the opinion of your Committee, should be limited to 50 per cent. of the sum received for dues alone.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K DAVEY,
WM. McCOLL,
H. WALLER,
} *Committee.*

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF

FOR TEN YEARS

Year	No. of Members	No. Sick.	No. of Weeks Benefits Paid.	Deaths	AMOUNT PAID FOR					
					Sick Benefits	Funeral Expenses	Widowed Families	Relief and Education of Orphans	Special Relief	Total Relief
1886	700	106	662	6	$5774 75	$ 542 00	$ 228 00	$	$	$ 6544 75
1887	802	114	658	22	5446 75	1635 00	610 00			7711 75
1888	890	116	786	10	5912 75	780 00	160 00	95 00		6947 75
1889	1017	128	893	12	7455 50	875 00	170 00	7 15		8542 65
1890	1202	132	959	6	8057 50	612 50	151 60			8821 60
1891	1430	171	1100	13	9525 70	881 50	120 00	50 00		10567 20
1892	1954	205	1164	13	9675 90	1106 00	300 00			11403 70
1893	2154	247	1279	13	10450 60	1116 00	397 00	145 00	774 00	12882 60
1894	3015	285	1606	14	13254 47	1093 00	285 00	60 00	544 00	15236 47
1895	2988	313	2053	26	17042 46	2255 50	394 30	170 65	825 55	20635 46

SUBORDINATE LODGES

ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

	AVERAGE				RECEIPTS			
Current or Working Expenses.	Sickness per Member	Cost per Member for Total Relief	Cost M'b'r Current or Work'g exp.	Cost M'b'r for all L'ge Expendit-ures.	Dues	Initiation and Degrees	Rent and other Investments	Total
$5652 86	6½ dys	$ 9 35	$ 8 07	$ 17 42	$	$	$	$13621 00
7674 54	5⅜ "	9 61	9 57	19 18				17616 06
6291 06	6 "	7 80	7 07	14 87				18087 16
6377 46	6 "	8 40	6 27	14 67				18868 58
8367 74	5½ "	7 34	6 96	14 30				24721 79
12107 37	5⅓ "	7 39	8 47	15 86				29591 26
18660 41	4 1-6'	5 84	9 55	15 39				41142 93
16111 97	4 1-6'	5 98	7 48	13 46				42480 02
22077 36	3⅔ "	5 05	7 32	12 37	27492 65	14909 50	10275 53	53798 79
17919 01	4⅔ "	6 90	6 00	12 90	31992 51	5085 50	7089 44	50191 98

Average sickness per member..... 5 1-5 days.
" cost per member for total relief ..... $ 7.37.
" " " " current expenses..... 7.67.
" " " " all Lodge expenditures..... 15.04.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 8 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8 o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

The usual preliminaries being performed, the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The following Past Grands were admitted, and received the Grand Lodge Degree :

S. Price, No. 5 ; M. J. McGrath, No. 16 ; J. Neen, No. 20 ; W. J. Lee, No. 25 ; W. McGirr; No. 30.

Report read from the Committee on Distribution, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Distribution of the Grand Master's Report, beg to recommend its allotment to the several Committees, as follows :

To the Committee on Judiciary.—Pages 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 10 and 20, also those portions of the reports of the D. D. Grand Master's referring to their official acts.

To the Committee on Legislation.—Pages 21 and 22.

To the Committee on State of the Order.—Pages 1, 4, 5, 6 and 23, also the reports of the D. D. G. Master's referring to the State of the Order in their several districts.

To the Committee on Petitions.—Pages 2 and 3.

To the Committee on Finance.—Part of page 6 and statement of expenses incurred.

JAMES CROSSAN,
R. W. FAWCETT,
R. ROBERTS,
Committee on Distribution.

Report read from same Committee, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Distribution beg to recommend that the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the following Committees:

To the Committee on Petitions.—That portion of page 1 relating to the Institution of new Lodges.

To the Committee on Finance.—That portion of page 2 referring to the Odd Fellows' Home Fund, and all portions respecting the Finances of the Grand Lodge on pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

To the Committee on State of the Order.—The tabulated statement respecting the work of the Order during the past year, pages 3 and 4. The reference to the Point Ellice Bridge Disaster, page 12, and the Abstract of Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge Reports.

To the Committee on Legislation.—The subject of revision and reprinting of Grand Lodge Constitution; the number of copies of Annual Proceedings to be printed and their distribution, on page 11.

To the Committee on Printing.—The insertion of a Memorial page in the Proceedings of this Session, referred to on pages 11 and 12.

R W. FAWCETT,
R. ROBERTS,
JAMES CROSSAN,
Committee on Distribution.

The hour appointed for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master appointed H. Waller, P. G. M., and E. Quennell, P. G. M., as tellers.

FOR GRAND MASTER.

W. H. Morton, No. 5, was nominated by W. E. Johnstone, No. 8.

H. B. Gilmour, No. 10, was nominated by S. W. Edwards, No. 14.

P. J. Foulds, No. 3, was nominated by J. Crossan, P. G. M., No. 5.

The ballot was spread, and the following result announced :

Number of votes cast, 85. Necessary to elect, 43.

W. H. Morton, received 29 votes ; H. B. Gilmour, 35 ; P. J. Foulds, 21.

Their being no choice, a fresh ballot was spread, Bro. Foulds' name being omitted, with the following result :

Number of votes cast, 85. Necessary to elect, 43.

W. H. Morton received 37 votes ; H. B. Gilmour received 48.

H. B. Gilmour was accordingly declared elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

W. H. Morton, No. 5, was nominated by H. Waller, P. G. M. Their being no other nominee, Bro. Morton was declared duly elected by acclamation.

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

A. Henderson, No. 2, was nominated by T. F. Neelands, No. 8. There being no other nominee, Bro. Henderson was declared duly elected by acclamation.

FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

F. Davey, No. 1, was nominated by T. C. Gray, P. G. M., No. 10. There being no other nominee Bro. Davey was declared duly elected by acclamation.

FOR GRAND TREASURER.

H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2, was nominated by J. Crossan, P. G. M., No. 5, and there being no other nominee, was declared duly elected by acclamation.

FOR GRAND REPESENTATIVE.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, was nominated by D. G. Dailey, No. 5.

T. F. Neelands, No. 8, was nominated by G. W. Rowlands, No. 26.

D. Welsh, No. 13, was nominated by G. W. Marshall, No. 7.

The ballot was spread and the result announced as follows:

Number of votes cast, 85. Necessary to elect, 43.

J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 3, received 21 votes; T. F. Neelands, No. 8, 32 votes; D. Welsh, No. 13, 32 votes.

There being no choice a fresh ballot was spread, Bro. Phillips' name being dropped out, and the following result announced.

Number of votes cast, 85. Necessary to elect, 43.

T. F. Neelands, received 35 votes; D. Welsh, 50.

Bro. D. Welsh was declared duly elected Grand Representative for two years.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 10 o'clock a m., to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and after the usual preliminaries, was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and adopted.

Report read from the Committee on Petitions, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Petitions beg leave to report that we have examined the Petitions for the undermentioned Lodges, and finding that the law has been complied with, recommend that Charters be granted in each case:

Rossland Lodge, No. 36.—Rossland, B. C.
Carson Lodge, No. 37.—Carson, B. C.
Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9.—Wellington, B. C.
Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 10.—Ladners, B. C.
Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 11.—Union, B. C.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. STAINTON,
F. S. WHITESIDE,
H. H. DAVIS,
A. C. AITKEN,
G. A. MILLER,
Committee on Petitions.

Report read from the Committee on Legislation, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred a portion of the Report of the Grand Representatives, respectfully submit the following:

We have considered the proposed Legislation in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, relating to benefits, and are of the opinion that such a change as proposed would be a hardship to Lodges in this Jurisdiction, where the minimum benefits paid is practically $5 per week, and would therefore recommend that our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to oppose any such legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
W. E. JOHNSTONE,
JAMES POTTINGER,
IRA McLAREN,
JAMES POPE,

Report read from the same Committee, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O F.

Your Committee on Legislation respectfully report:

That we have considered the question submitted by Representative Whiteside, of No. 20, and recommend that the same be answered in the negative.

The interest on investments is a part of the funds of the Lodge, and cannot be used for any but legitimate purposes of the Order.

A Contingent Fund can only be created by By-Laws, as provided in Article IV., Section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
W. E. JOHNSTONE,
IRA McLAREN,
JAMES POPE,
JAMES POTTINGER,
Committee on Legislation.

The following notices of motion to amend the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Legislation:

We hereby give notice that to-morrow we will move that the following addition to Section 1, Article IV., Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, passed in 1894, be struck out, viz.: Provided that for a period of four weeks from the date of the institution of a Subordinate Lodge the fees for initiation and degrees may be as follows: For initiation, $5.00; for first and second degree, $2.00 each, and for third degree, $1.00.

W. E. JOHNSTONE,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS.

We hereby give notice that we will move to-morrow to amend the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges as follows:

That Article II. be amended by adding Section 6. Every applicant for membership must furnish a certificate of good health from a qualified medical practitioner before being balloted for.

A. MACKENZIE, No. 26.
JAS. STARK, No. 26.

We beg leave to give notice that to-morrow we will move to add the following to Article IV., Section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinates:

Provided that any Subordinate Lodge of this Jurisdiction, whose net receipts from other sources than Dues, Initiations, Degrees and Fines,

are equal to forty per cent. of twelve months' dues, may, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present at the second regular meeting in January, exempt from payment of dues for the first quarter of the current year all members whose dues are paid up to December 31st, of the preceding year.

R. W. FAWCETT, No. 2.
JAMES POPE, No. 2.

Report read from the Committee on State of the Order, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to report that they have examined those parts of the report of the Grand Master submitted to them, and, while it is a matter of regret that our Grand Master has to report a slight decrease in membership, it would, in our opinion, be quite unreasonable to expect an increase over last year.

For two reasons : 1st, That the increase last year was unprecedented, owing to the fact of such a large number uniting with us from the Canadian Order ; 2nd, The acute depression which has spread over this jurisdiction during the past year, but which bids fair to disappear in the near future.

We therefore have much pleasure in recommending their adoption.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR WILSON,
J. B. JOPSON,
A. ROBERTSON,
R. J MARSHALL,
GEO. W. ROWLAND,
} *Committee on State of the Order*

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O F.

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that they have examined the amendments submitted to the By-Laws of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, Article XV., respecting Fees for Initiation and Deposit of Card, and Section 1, Article XX., requiring doctor's certificate to accompany claim for Sick Benefits and declaration off the funds of the Lodge, also defining the hours sick members are to be out during summer and winter. Section 2, Article XXIV., attendance at funerals. Striking out Section 3, Article XXIV., and addition to Section 1, Article XVIII., "Membership."

Royal City Lodge, No. 13.—Amendment to Article VI., duties of Treasurer ; and recommend that the same be approved.

THOS. E. WALLER,
W. NELSON,
THOS. BAMFORD,
J. A. JOHNSON,

Representative Stainton, No. 20, gave the following notice of motion, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

I beg to give notice that to-morrow I will move that Section 1, Article IV., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended to reduce the minimum amount to be paid for Initiation and Degree Fees to Fifteen Dollars.

Representative Gardiner, No. 27, moved the amendment to Section 3, Article II., of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, providing for the election of Grand Representatives at the first meeting in May, instead of the second meeting in January, notice of which was given last Session (page 1283), which was seconded by H. B. Gilmour, Grand Treasurer, and carried unanimously.

Representative Miller, No. 19, moved to amend Section 5, Article IV., of the Grand Lodge Constitution, respecting duties of Grand Treasurer, in the manner indicated by the notice given last Session (page 1300), but the motion was declared lost on being submitted to the vote.

Moved by W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, seconded by J. Pottinger, No. 2, and adopted.

That the following be a standing resolution of this Grand Lodge :

The Grand Master before granting a dispensation for the institution of a Subordinate Lodge shall consult the Lodge or Lodges, if any, in the immediate district, in which the proposed Lodge will be located, and if a reason-

able objection is made he shall not grant a dispensation, but shall refer such application to the next Session of the Grand Lodge.

W. E. JOHNSTONE,
JAMES POTTINGER,

The Committee on Legislation presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred a portion of the Grand Secretary's report on page 11, beg to recommend as follows: That the suggestion as to the appointment of a Committee to revise the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges be adopted.

With respect to the printed Proceedings, that the number to be printed be left in the hands of the Printing Committee, and that they be distributed as follows:

Four to each Subordinate Lodge; one to each Rebekah Lodge; one each to the N. G. and V. G. of each Subordinate Lodge; twenty-four to the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; one each to the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge; and fifty per cent. to all other Past Grands in good standing.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
IRA McLAREN,
JAMES POTTINGER,
W. E. JOHNSTONE,
JAMES POPE.

Representative Fearn, on behalf of "Ashcroft" Lodge, No. 23, submitted the following questions, which were referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

1st. Is it proper or legal for a Brother, appointed on an Investigation Committee, to bring in a favorable report on the candidate, and then black-ball him at same meeting?

2nd. Is it legal to throw open the ante-room when Noble Grand declares a recess in the Lodge; and are Brothers permitted to go from lodge room into the ante-room during recess, and return before Lodge is called to

order by N. G., without working their way in, in the usual form ?

3rd. Is it necessary for a Subordinate Lodge, which, having got through business and Lodge closed, wish to invite friends to a social entertainment, consisting of songs, recitations, etc., to make application for dispensation to do so to the Grand Master ?

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be required to furnish Bonds of a Guarantee Company for the sum of $1,000 each.

Bills were presented by the Grand Master for typewriting five copies of his report, $8.50, and from the Grand Treasurer, for Commission on Drafts, Postage, etc., $3.25, which were referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 8.30 o'clock this evening, an amendment to strike out 8.30 this evening and insert "2 o'clock this afternoon," being defeated.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

After the customary preliminaries the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the D. D. Grand Masters', submitted to them, and we find that a larger percentage of those officers have reported this year than ever before in the history of this Grand Lodge, the only districts failing to report being District No. 8, also District No. 4, Rebekah Lodges.

We recommend the adoption of these Reports.

We would impress upon the attention of the Grand Lodge the necessity of the Grand Master visiting all Subordinate Lodges, especially those in the outlying districts, as we feel that his presence among the members in his official capacity would be a source of strength and encouragement, and would also give the Grand Master better opportunities for investigating and regulating any differences that may arise, as well as enforcing the laws and usages of our Order.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR WILSON,
J. B. JOPSON,
A. ROBERTSON,
R. J. MARSHALL,
GEO. W. ROWLAND,
Committee on State of the Order

Report read from same Committee, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred page 12 of the Grand Secretary's report, with reference to the disaster at Point Ellice Bridge, in the City of Victoria, beg leave to submit the following resolution for adoption:

WHEREAS, On the 26th day of May, 1896, a dire calamity befell the City of Victoria, by the fall of a portion of Point Ellice Bridge, whereby Bro. F. T. James, N. G. elect of "Victoria" Lodge, No 1, Bro. S. R. Holmes, of "Dominion" Lodge, No. 4, and Bro. Fred Adams, of "Acme" Lodge, No. 14, met untimely deaths, and for which this Grand Lodge deeply mourns;

Therefore be it *Resolved*,—That the sincere sympathy of this Grand Lodge be extended to the bereaved relatives of our deceased Brethren in this their dark hour of affliction, nor would we forget to extend that sympathy to our beloved Brothers who have sustained the loss of their dear ones in this dreadful calamity;

And be it further *Resolved*,—That a Memorial Page be set apart to the memory of those deceased Brothers, in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge;

And be it further *Resolved*,—That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the relatives of our deceased Brothers, as well as to those of our Brothers who mourn at this time, with the seal of this Grand Lodge attached.

ARTHUR WILSON,
J. B. JOPSON,
GEO. W. ROWLAND,
R. J. MARSHALL,
A. ROBERTSON,
} *Committee on State of the Order.*

Report read from the same Committee, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report, on pages 3 and 4, containing tabulated statement of the condition of the Order in this Jurisdiction, beg leave to recommend its adoption.

ARTHUR WILSON,
J. B. JOPSON,
GEO. W. ROWLAND,
R. J. MARSHALL,
A. ROBERTSON,
} *Committee on State of the Order.*

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the "British Columbia Odd Fellow" be recognized as the official organ of this Grand Lodge.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a card, containing the names of the officers of the Grand Lodge, be inserted in the "British Columbia Odd Fellow" for twelve months.

Report read from Committee on Legislation, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred page 21 of the Grand Master's Report, beg to recommend as follows:

1st. With regard to the consolidation of Lodges: If two or more Lodges should decide to amalgamate, and fail to agree on these matters, the Consolidated Lodge shall bear the name, number, and retain the charter of the oldest Lodge, and all funds and paraphernalia of the

youngest Lodge shall become the property of the Consolidated Lodge, and the charter and rituals of the defunct Lodge shall be returned to Grand Lodge.

2nd. That the recommendation of the Grand Master "that a Special Committee of three be appointed" for the purpose of revising the Constitution for Rebekah Lodges, and making it conform to recent legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be adopted.

3rd. That the matter of drafting "a Constitution to govern a Rebekah Assembly, in case one should be applied for," be also referred to the above committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
W. E. JOHNSTONE,
IRA McLAREN,
JAMES POPE,
JAMES POTTINGER,
Committee on Legislation.

It was moved and seconded that the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge be held at Kamloops.

Moved and seconded as an amendment that the word "Kamloops" be struck out and the word "Wellington" be inserted.

Moved and seconded, as an amendment to the amendment, that the motion lay on the table, and the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to report the cost of meeting at Kamloops, based on the rates allowed by the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. Carried.

Report read from the majority of the Committee on Legislation, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O F.

We, a majority of your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's report recommending that the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to support the proposed amendment to the Constitution, lowering the age at which persons may be admitted to 18 years, report as follows :

We believe this amendment to be in the best interests of the Order, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
W. E. JOHNSTONE,
JAMES POPE,
I. McLAREN.

Report read from minority of the Committee on Legislation, which was rejected :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

As one of your Committee on Legislation, I beg to submit the following minority report regarding the matter of lowering the age at which persons may be admitted into the Order to 18 years. (Page 22 of Grand Master's report) :

This Order is for *men*, not for *boys*, and a person who is an infant in the eyes of the law, without any legal status, and can neither sue or be sued—is, in fact, morally and legally irresponsible—is not properly qualified to become a member of this distinguished and noble Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES POTTINGER.

The Grand Treasurer gave the following notice of motion :

I hereby give notice that I will move to-morrow to amend the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge to reduce the mileage to be paid Officers and Representatives to five cents per mile one way.

H. B. GILMOUR.

Report read from the Committee on Judiciary :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Judiciary have carefully examined the portions of the Grand Master's Report referred to them, and beg to report as follows:

We recommend that the decisions of the Grand Master, and those of his Deputies, be approved.

We also recommend that the action of the Grand Master in issuing commissions and granting dispensations be approved.

We further recommend that candidates initiated or admitted by card be required to sign the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lodge of which they become members.

Regarding questions submitted by Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23:

1st. We are of the opinion that, although it may be legal for the Investigating Committee to black-ball a candidate, upon whom they had reported favorably, we consider it exceedingly inconsistent.

2nd Question. We consider this question properly answered in the Grand Master's Report.

3rd Question, We consider, in reference to this question, that it is necessary for any Lodge to procure a dispensation from the Grand Master before engaging in any entertainment in the name of the Order.

In endorsing the report of the Grand Master, we cannot pass without notice the good judgment and freedom from bias, shown in all the decisions.

D. WELSH,
R. W. FAWCETT,
W. R. MACKINTOSH,
T. F. NEELANDS,
} *Committee on Judiciary*

The question being the adoption of the Report, it was moved and seconded that the answer to Question 1, from Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, be amended to read: The ballot being secret and privileged, the action of the Brothers in exercising it cannot be criticised or questioned—which was carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the report as amended be adopted.

Representative Gardiner, No. 27, and Representative Stark, No. 26, were excused from attendance after to-day.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the chairman of the Committee on Finance be paid Mileage and Per Diem for attendance at this Session.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That an exemplification of the Secret Work be given to-morrow evening at 8.30 o'clock in the Third Degree, and that the installation of Grand Lodge Officers take place also in the Third Degree.

The Grand Secretary gave notice that he would move to-morrow : "That when this Grand Lodge adjourn this day, this Annual Session shall stand adjourned *sine-die*.

Moved, seconded and carried that this Grand Lodge adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

THIRD DAY.

The Grand Lodge met at 10 o'clock a. m.

A quorum was reported present.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C , I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to whom was referred the matter of estimating the amount required to pay the mileage of Officers and Representatives if the next Session of the Grand Lodge is held at Kamloops based at ten cents per mile one way, beg to report that we have performed the duty assigned us, and find that the cost will be approximately $1,708.

JAS. CROSSAN,
W. E. TOWNSEND,
H L. BATES,
D. J. MATHESON
W. J. HANNA,
} *Committee.*

The question of the place of meeting of the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, as contained in the motions submitted yesterday, was considered. The amendment, naming Wellington as the place of meeting, was defeated. The original motion, nominating Kamloops as the place of meeting, was carried.

The Grand Treasurer moved the resolution of which notice was given yesterday, to amend the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge to reduce the mileage to be paid Officers and Representatives to five cents per mile one way, which was carried.

Moved by H. Waller, P.G.M., No. 2, and seconded by Representative Hogg, No. 20, that the suggestion contained in the report of the Grand Secretary, that five cents per member be included in the Per Capita Tax for the coming year, to be applied to the Odd Fellows' Home Fund, be adopted.

Moved, as an amendment, and seconded, that the resolution be laid on the table for one year, which was carried.

Moved by Representative Welsh, No. 13, and seconded by Representative W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, and carried :

WHEREAS, The present manner of the election of Grand Lodge Officers is unsatisfactory in that all those eligible to vote are not able to do so ; we move that it be an instruction to the Special Committee on revision of the Grand Lodge Constitution to formulate and submit a plan for conducting the election of Grand Lodge Officers in the Subordinate Lodges on the same date as that of Grand Representatives, the returns of election to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and submitted to duly appointed

scrutineers, who shall report to the Session of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Legislation presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the notice given by Representative W. E. Johnstone and J. E. Phillips, Grand Representative, to amend Section 1, Article IV., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, by striking out that portion permitting newly instituted Lodges to charge a reduced fee for initiation and degrees for four weeks after date of its institution, beg to report that we have duly considered the same and recommend its adoption.

JAMES POTTINGER,
JAMES POPE,
IRA McLAREN,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
W. E. JOHNSTONE,

Report read from the same Committee which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the following notice of motion by Representatives A. Mackenzie and Jas Stark, No. 26, viz:

"That the following new Section be added to Article II. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges ; Section 6:—Every applicant for membership must furnish a certificate of good health from a qualified medical practitioner before being ballotted for," beg to recommend that the same be adopted.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
W. E. JOHNSTONE,
JAMES POPE,
I. McLAREN.
JAMES POTTINGER.

A communication was read from "Miriam" Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, inviting the members of the Grand Lodge in good standing in Rebekah Lodges, to attend an exemplification of the Rebekah Floor Work in the hall of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, which was, on motion, accepted.

Report read from the majority of the Committee on Legislation, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the motion of Representatives Fawcett and Pope, No. 2, providing for a remission of dues under certain conditions, beg to submit the following majority report:

That we have carefully considered the motion and recommend that it be not adopted, being contrary to law.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. E. PHILLIPS.
W. E. JOHNSTONE.
IRA McLAREN.

Report read from the Committee on Legislation, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the notice given by Representative Stainton, No. 21, to amend Section 1, Article IV., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, by reducing the minimum amount to be paid for initiation and degree fees to $15, beg to report that having duly considered the same we recommend that it be not adopted.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
IRA McLAREN,
JAMES POTTINGER,
W. E. JOHNSTONE,
JAMES POPE.

The Grand Secretary presented and read copy of the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association for the past year, which was, on motion, ordered to be received, and printed in the Proceedings of this Session.

VICTORIA, B. C., 10th June, 1896.

To the Members of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of B. C.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—In compliance with the Rules of the Association, I beg to submit for your approval a Report of its Proceedings for the past year:

MEMBERSHIP.

No. of Members as per last report		188
" Policies issued		17
" Members Reinstated		5
		210
No. of Members who have died	2	
" " Policies dropped for non-payment of Assess'ts.	27	
		29
No. of Policies in force at date		181

FINANCIAL REPORT.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance per last report	$ 541 25
Assessments	1793 57
Interest	12 09
	$2346 91

Payments.

Insurance on death of Bro. J. E. Barber	$1000 00	
" " Bro. H. Elliott, P. G.	1000 00	
		$2000 00
Balance		$ 346 91

MANAGEMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance from last report	$ 252 85
Dues	385 01
Entrance Fees	42 50
	$ 680 36

Payments.

Salary Secretary-Treasurer	$ 100 00	
Agent's Commission	127 74	
Medical Referee's Fees	9 00	
Printing Notices, etc.	37 00	
Postage and sundries.	12 35	
Premium on Secretary's Bond	25 00	
		$ 311 09
Balance		$ 369 27

SUMMARY.

Balance, Endowment Fund	$ 346 91	
" Management "	369 27	
		$ 716 18
Deposit in Dominion Government Savings Bank	$ 322 76	
" Bank of British Columbia " "	393 08	
Cash in hands of Secretary-Treasurer	34	
		$ 716 18

Fraternally submitted,

FRED'K DAVEY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

A. G. DAY,
GEO. GLOVER. } *Auditors.*

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 1.30 p. m.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 1.30 p.m., and was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

Report read from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to report that we have examined the certificates presented by the Officers and Representatives in attendance at this Session of the Grand Lodge, and find them entitled to the amounts stated against their respective names:

NAMES.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travelled	Mileage.	Total.
Officers.							
W. E. Holmes, G. M....	1	Victoria.....	3	$ 6 00	73	$ 7 30	$ 13 30
P. J. Foulds, D.G.M.....	3	New Westm'r	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
W. H. Morton, G.W. ...	5	Nanaimo	3	6 00	...	.....	6 00
F. Davey, G.S.....	1	Victoria.	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
H. B. Gilmour, G.T.....	10	Vancouver...	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
R. Roberts, G.R.....	1	Victoria.	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
J. E. Phillips, G.R.....	4	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
T. F. Neelands, G. Chap.	8	Vancouver...	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
A. Henderson, G. Mar...	2	Victoria.	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
A. H. Ferguson, G.G....	3	New Westm'r	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
H. Mitchell, G. Con.....	6	Wellington ..	3	6 00	6	60	6 60
E. C. Davison, G. H.....	9	Kamloops....	3	6 00	287	28 70	34 70
Representatives.							
A. Graham.....	1	Victoria.	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
W. H. Huxtable.....	1	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
J. Pope.....	2	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
R. W. Fawcett.....	2	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
J. Pottinger.....	2	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
J. B. Ballantyne.....	3	New Westm'r	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
W. E. Townsend.....	3	do	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
T. Bamford.....	4	Victoria.	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
J. Crossan, P.G.M.....	5	Nanaimo	3	6 00	...	.....	6 00
G. E. Norris.....	5	do	3	6 00	...	.....	6 00
D. J. Matheson.....	6	Wellington ..	3	6 00	6	60	6 60
A. Robertson.....	6	do	3	6 00	6	60	6 60
R. J. Marshall.....	7	Chilliwack...	3	6 00	101	10 10	16 10
H. H. Davis	8	Vancouver...	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
W. E. Johnstone.....	8	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
W. Hogg.....	10	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
G. Moscrop.....	10	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
J. B. Jopson.....	10	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
J. McGinnes...	12	Donald.....	3	6 00	494	49 40	55 40
D. Welsh.....	13	New Westm'r	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
S. W. Edwards.....	14	Victoria	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
R. D. McKenzie	15	Cloverdale....	3	6 00	64	6 40	12 40
M. J. McGrath.....	16	Nelson.....	3	6 00	603	60 30	66 30
A. C. Aitkin.....	17	Duncan.....	3	6 00	33	3 30	9 30
S. C. Smith.....	18	Vernon	3	6 00	417	41 70	47 70

NAMES.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travelled	Mileage.	Total.
G. A. Miller	19	Mt. Pleasant.	3	$ 6 00	36	3 60	$ 9 60
A. Wilson	20	Nanaimo	3	6 00	...	.....	6 00
F. S. Whiteside	20	do	3	6 00	...	.....	6 00
J. F Stainton	21	Ladners	3	6 00	60	6 00	12 00
W. Nelson	22	North Bend	3	6 00	165	16 50	22 50
W. D. Fearn	23	Ashcroft	3	6 00	240	24 00	30 00
I. McLaren	24	Eburne	3	6 00	46	4 60	10 60
W. J. Lee	25	Revelstoke	3	6 00	415	41 50	47 50
G. L. Center	26	Vancouver	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
A. McKenzie	26	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
J. Stark	26	do	2	4 00	36	3 60	7 60
G. W. Rowland	26	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
W. Davis	26	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
W. H. Gardiner	27	New Westm'r	2	4 00	48	4 80	8 60
R. May	27	do	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
J. Johnson	27	do	3	6 00	48	4 80	10 80
D. Galbraith	28	Agassiz	3	6 00	100	10 00	16 00
C. H. Rummings	29	Northfield	3	6 00	...	.....	6 00
W. McGirr	30	Nanaimo	3	6 00	...	.....	6 00
D. D. Griffiths	31	Wellington	3	6 00	6	60	6 60
T. E. Waller	33	Victoria	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
W. J. Hanna	33	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
W. R. Mackintosh	33	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
C. A. Warren	34	Golden	3	6 00	511	51 10	57 10
H. L. Bates	35	Cedar District	3	6 00	...	.....	6 00
H. Waller	2	Victoria	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
Total				$374 00		$558 00	$932 00

JAMES CROSSAN.
W. E. TOWNSEND.
W. J. HANNA.
H L. BATES.
D. J. MATHESON.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the executive officers of this Grand Lodge be instructed to make the best arrangements possible, with all transportation companies, for the conveyance of Representatives to and from Kamloops next Session, and communicate the result to all the Lodges one month prior to the election of Representatives.

Moved, seconded, and carried :

That instructions be given to the Committee on Revision of the Grand Lodge Constitution, to alter the number of representatives to which each Lodge is entitled, to one for every seventy-five members, instead of one to fifty, as at present, as it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the present representation is excessive for the amount of work to be performed.

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge have cards printed containing the Telegraph Cipher Code, adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session 1895, and that they be supplied to each Lodge and General Relief Committee in this Jurisdiction.

Report read from the Committee on Finance, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that we have examined the books, vouchers etc., of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct and well kept. The following is an estimate of the Revenue and Expenditure for the coming year:

REVENUE.

Cash Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands	$1465 29
Per Capita Tax, 3047 at 90 cents per member, 45 cents on 30 June, and 45 cents on 31 December	2742 30
	$4207 59

EXPENDITURE.

Grand Secretary's Salary	$ 600 00
Grand Master's expenses	100 00
Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative Tax	150 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office	100 00
Printing	200 00
Premium on Bonds	25 00
Postage, Grand Secretary	30 00
Postage, Grand Master	15 00
Caretaker of Grand Secretary's office	20 00
Card in B. C. Odd Fellow	10 00
Extra expenses of Grand Master, past term	21 30
Typewriting Grand Master's address	8 50

Postage and expenses, Grand Treasuer.....	3 25	
Janitor and light, present Session.....	12 00	
Mileage and Per Diem, this Session	932 00	
		2227 05
Balance.....		$1980 54

H. WALLER,
S. W. EDWARDS,
WM. HOGG,
D. GALBRAITH.

Resolved,—That members attending Sessions of this Grand Lodge be permitted to wear a ribbon or badge in lieu of Regalia in conformity with a Resolution adopted at the last Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to support any legislation to allow Subordinate Lodges to use badges instead of Regalia. An amendment to substitute the word "oppose" for the word "support" being defeated.

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 7 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at 7.30 p.m., and was declared open for business.

The Calling of the Roll was on motion dispensed with.

Lewis Jones, P.G., No. 29, was admitted and received the Grand Lodge Degree.

Report read from the Committee on Printing which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a portion of the Grand Secretary's Report, referring to the death of Members of this Grand Lodge during the past year, beg to recommend that a memorial page be inserted in the Proceedings of this Session as suggested, and that the Representatives of the Lodge to which these Members belonged, be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with the following particulars respecting them. Date of initiation, or joining Lodge, and date of death.

FRED'K DAYEY,
A. GRAHAM,
C. A. WARREN,
A. HENDERSON, } *Committee*

Moved and seconded,—That the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to oppose any legislation that is liable to lead to unnecessary expense in connection with the Patriarch Militant Degree.

Moved and seconded as an amendment,—That the motion lay on the table. Carried.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Third Degree.

The Third Degree members in waiting having been admitted, the Grand Master appointed J. E. Phillips, P.G. M., and J. Crossan, P. G. M., to present the Officers elect for Installation.

H. B. Gilmour, No. 10, was presented, duly obligated and installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed the following Officers in their respective chairs:

W. H. Morton,	No. 5, as.....	Deputy Grand Master
A. Henderson,	" 2, as.....	Grand Warden.
F. Davey,	" 1, as.....	Grand Secretary.
H. Waller, P.G.M.,	" 2, as.....	Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master appointed the following to fill the Subordinate Offices, who, with the exception of the Grand Guardian, were duly installed:

S. W. Edwards,	No. 14, as.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. E. Johnstone,	" 8, as.....	Grand Marshal.
W. H. Gardiner,	" 27, as.....	Grand Guardian.
A. Wilson,	" 20, as.....	Grand Conductor.
D. D. Griffiths,	" 31, as.....	Grand Herald.

The Grand Master appointed the following as his District Deputies for the ensuing year:

W. J. Hanna, No. 33, for Disrict No. 1, comprising 1, 2, 4, 14 and 33.

T. A. Muir, No. 3, for District No. 2, comprising 3, 13 and 27.

G. E. Norris, No 5, for District No. 3, comprising 5, 20, 30 and 35.

H. W. Jones, No. 31, for District No. 4, comprising 6, 29 and 31.

A. H. Gillanders, No 7, for District No. 5, comprising 7.

A. McKenzie, No. 26, for District No. 6, comprising 8, 10, 19 and 26.

W. M. Bird, No. 9, for District No. 7, comprising 9.

Chas. Whyte, No. 11, for District No. 8, comprising 11.

J. Palmer, No. 12, for District No 9, comprising 12.

R. D. McKenzie, No. 15, for District No. 10, comprising 15.

W. Hodson, No. 16, for District No. 11, comprising 16.

A. C. Aitkin, No. 17, for District No. 12, comprising 17.

S. C. Smith No. 18, for District No. 13, comprising 18.

J. F. Stainton, No. 21, for District No. 14, comprising 21.

J. Z Choate, No. 22, for District No 15, comprising 22.

J. W. Burr, No. 23, for District No. 16, comprising 23.

I. McLaren, No. 24, for District No. 17, comprising 24.

D. Galbraith, No. 28, for District No 18, comprising 28.

F. T. Underhill, No. 32, for District No. 19, comprising 32.

W. J. Lee, No. 25, for District No. 20, comprising 25.

C. A. Warren, No. 34, for District No. 21, comprising 34.

J. Kirkup, No. 36, for District No. 22, comprising 36.

O. B. Nelson, No. 37, for District No. 23, comprising 37.

District Deputies, Rebekah Lodges:

Sister Mrs. Glover, No. 1, for District No. 1, comprising Lodge No 1.

Sister Mrs. McDonald, No. 2, for District No. 2, comprising Lodges Nos. 2 and 7.

Sister J. Fulton, No. 3, for District No. 3, comprising Lodge No. 3.

Sister Mrs. Cruikshanks, No. 4, for District No. 4, comprising Lodge No. 4.

Sister Mrs. Pearce, No. 5, for District No. 5, comprising Lodges Nos. 5, 6, and 10.

Sister Mrs. Muir, No. 9, for District No. 6, comprising Lodge No. 9.

Sister Mrs. Stevens, No. 11, for District No. 7, comprising Lodge No. 11.

Also the following to form the Standing Committees for the ensuing year :

FINANCE.—J. Bamford, No. 4; S. W. Edwards, No. 14; W. R Mackintosh, No. 33; G. H. Grant, No. 3; F. S. Whiteside, No. 20.

APPEALS.—T. F. Neelands, No. 8; W. Hogg, No. 10; W. H. Huxtable, No. 1; W. H. Gardiner, No. 27; A. Parker, No. 10.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—J. E. Phillips, No. 4; R. W. Fawcett, No. 2; G. Glover, No. 4; A. Graham, No. 1; T. E. Waller, No. 33.

PETITIONS.—E. A. Miller, No. 19; R. J. Marshall, No. 7; J. F. Stainton, No. 21; I. McLaren, No. 24; R. D. McKenzie, No. 15.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—E. C. Davison, No. 9; J. Stark, No. 26; S. C. Smith, No. 18; D. Matheson, No. 6; W. Davies, No. 10.

LEGISLATION.—J. Crossan, No. 5; W. Nelson, No. 22; P. W. Dempster, No. 2; J. Pope, No. 2; J. McGinnes, No. 12.

JUDICIARY.—G. L. Center, No. 26; H. Mitchell, No. 6; R. Rivers, No. 6; H. H. Davis, No. 8; J. F. Stainton, No. 21.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—A. McKenzie, No. 26; J. B. Ballantyne, No. 3; H. L. Bates, No. 35; W. McGirr, No. 30; A. A. Farwell, No. 28;

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary; A. Henderson, No. 2 ; J. Pottinger, No. 2; W. R. Mackintosh, No. 33; A. C. Aitkin, No. 17.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.—H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; F. Davey, No. 1; S. W. Edwards, No. 14.

STATISTICS.—Grand Secretary; W. E. Johnstone, No. 8; G. Norris, No. 5.

The ceremony of Installation being complete Bro. H. Waller, P.G.M., exemplified the Secret Work of the Initiatory and Three Degrees of the Order.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge is due and are hereby tendered to Bro. H. Waller, P.G.M., for the able manner in which he has exemplified the Secret Work.

The Third Degree members having retired, the Grand Lodge was closed in the Third and re-opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Resolved,—That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Lodges in this city for the use of their Halls and for the many courtesies shown during this Session.

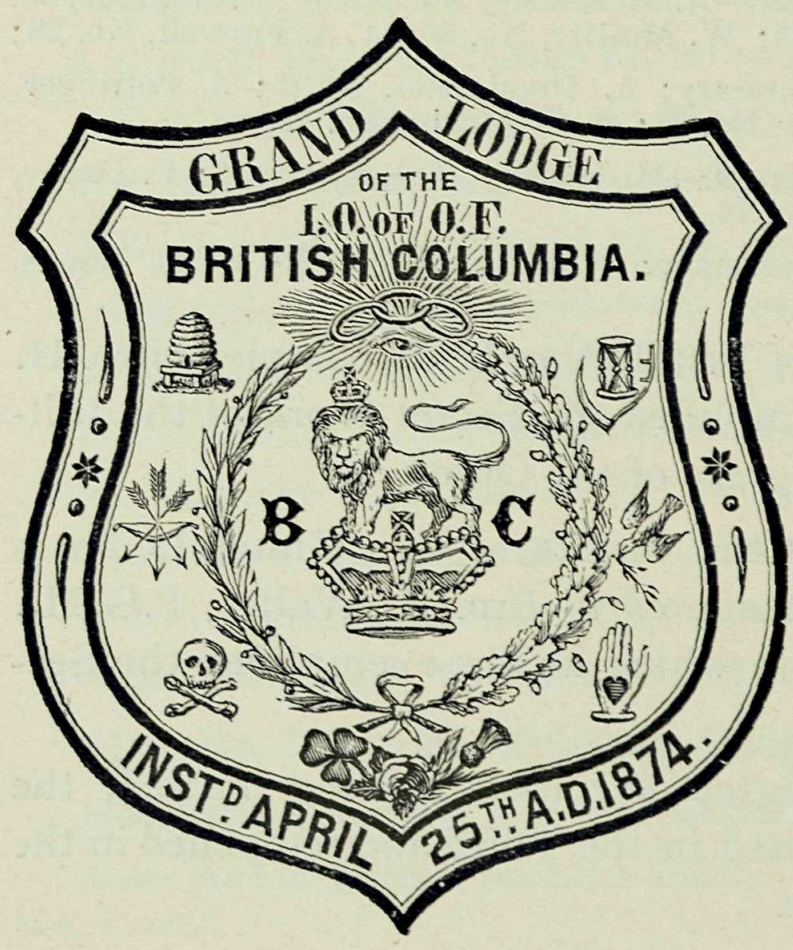
Moved, seconded and carried,—That the thanks ofthis Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to Jas. Crossan, P.G.M., for his kindness in escorting several members down into the mines yesterday.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That when this Grand Lodge adjourn this evening it be *sine die*.

The minutes of to-day's Session were read and adopted.

No further business offering the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

FRED'K DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.



Appendix.

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., May 24th, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F., Victoria:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to present to you the following report of my official acts during the past year:—

July 8th, 1895, installed the officers of Amity Lodge, No. 27.

July 11th, 1895, installed the officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 13.

July 12th, 1895, installed the officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.

January 2nd, 1896, installed the officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.

January 3rd, 1896, installed the officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 13.

January 13th, 1896, installed the officers of Amity Lodge, No. 27.

I am pleased to report that I have not been called on to decide any questions which shows that peace and harmony have reigned supreme among the membership under my jurisdiction.

I regret to note the falling off from our past records of progress in the additions to our membership, which is mainly caused by the continued depression in business throughout the district. However, the outlook for the future is most encouraging and I trust that the reports for the present year will show a decided improvement in that direction.

To say that your official visit was a source of great pleasure to all the brothers present at the meeting, is but a very mild way in which to put it, and I am convinced more than ever that the occasional presence of the principal officer of our jurisdiction in any locality results in great benefit that can scarcely be overestimated. It has a tendency to draw out the brethren, gives them opportunity for conference and counsel, and awakens new enthusiasm among them.

Permit me to say a word in memory of those whose once familiar faces will be seen no more. During the year just coming to an end, three of our well-beloved brothers have been called to that Grand Lodge above. In the death of Bro. Hy. Elliott, P. G. and Bro. D. S. Milligan, New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, has suffered the irreparable loss of two of its oldest and most respected members; the latter being one of its Charter Members and the first Treasurer of the Lodge. It has also pleased Him who rules with loving hand, to remove from among the members of Amity Lodge, No. 27, their much esteemed and beloved brother, John Wintermute, who will no more mingle in their councils or labor with them in their glorious work. The Order has sustained

the loss of true and consistent brothers, their families kind, loving, indulgent husbands and fathers, and the community at large highly respected citizens. "The warm heart that throbbed for others woes," is silent in the grave, but the memory of the kind words spoken, of the generous acts performed, of the honest life that has been lived—this can never die.

In conclusion permit me to tender my warmest thanks to all those brothers that have so kindly given their assistance in the performance of my duties; most earnestly do I thank Past Grands T. A. Muir, D. Welsh, A. H. Ferguson, D. Barclay and J. A. Johnson, as by their able assistance the installation ceremonies were performed without the aid of the ritual.

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me,

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

W. H. GARDINER,

D. D. G. M. District No. 2.

NANAIMO, B. C., May 25th, 1896

To W. E. Holmes, Grand Master, I. O. O. F. of B. C., Victoria, B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Enumerated below you will find a list of my official acts as D. D. G. M. for District No. 3, commencing July 1st, 1895.

On Wednesday, July 3rd, 1895, assisted by Past Grands of the local lodges, I installed the Officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

On Saturday, July 6th, 1895, the Officers of Cedar Lodge, No. 35.

On Monday, July 8th, 1895, the Officers of Centennial Lodge, No. 20.

On account of some trouble with the N. G. elect, and also the Finance Committee's report not being in order, the installation of Friendship Lodge, No. 30, was delayed until the 16th August, at this meeting the N. G. elect resigned. All Past Grands refusing to act, I directed them to nominate a Scarlet Degree member, one who had held some elective office preferred and elect him the same evening. This was done and the installation then proceeded with, the books and reports being in good order.

On Friday, January 3rd, 1896, installed the Officers of Friendship Lodge, No. 30.

On Monday, January 6th, 1896, installed the Officers of Centennial Lodge, No. 20.

On Wednesday, January 8th, 1896, installed the Officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

On Saturday, January 11th, 1896, installed the Officers of Cedar Lodge, No. 35.

No important questions were asked me during the year just past, and I am happy to state, that all lodges in District No. 3, are in a very satisfactory condition

Yours fraternally,
F. S. WHITESIDE,
D. D. G. M. District No. 3.

WELLINGTON, B. C.,
ALEXANDRIA MINE, June 4th, 1896.

To W. E. Holmes, Esq., G. M., I. O. O. F., Victoria.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to report my official acts as your D. D. G. M. for District No. 4. At the commencement of each term assisted by Past Grands from Harmony Lodge, No. 6; Perseverance, Lodge, No. 29; Banner Lodge, No. 31, I installed into their respective chairs the Officers of those Lodges.

No questions were asked, and I am glad to state that those Lodges are progressing favorably.

Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM ANDERSON,
D. D. G. M.

CHILLIWACK, B. C., May 20th, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F., of B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As your Deputy for District, No. 5, I take pleasure in submitting a report of my official acts during my term of office, viz.:

On July 16th, 1895, and January, 21st, 1896, installed the Officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7; and, owing to the inability of your D. D. Sister McCutcheon, to attend, I installed the Officers of Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, at the beginning of each term, at all of which I was ably assisted by Past Grands of the Lodge.

Applications for dispensations were made as follows :—

Nov. 13th, 1895, to solicit aid from other lodges to rebuild hall. Dispensation granted by Grand Master but not used.

Dec. 17th, 1895, to hold public installation and ball in name of the Order on New Year's eve. Dispensation granted by Grand Master.

Mar. 31st, 1896, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the institution of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, by an excursion to Harrison Hot Springs. Dispensation granted by Grand Master.

We have enjoyed perfect harmony throughout the year, no questions being submitted, and while we have not increased numerically, our Lodge continues in a satisfactory condition, and we anticipate an increase of membership with the return of business prosperity, which has been depressed here as elsewhere.

We regret very much that you have not been able to visit us officially during your term as Grand Master, as we look upon such visits not only as a pleasurable thing, but as a means whereby interest is awakened, and love kindled for our great and Noble Order.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Fraternally yours,
R. J. MARSHALL,
D. D. District, No. 5.

VANCOUVER, B. C., 26th May, 1896.

W. E Holmes, Esq., Grand Master of B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have much pleasure in furnishing you with a report of my official acts during my term of office.

July 5th, 1895, I visited and installed the officers of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19.

July 11th, 1895, I visited and installed the officers of Western Star Lodge, No. 10.

July 12th, 1895, I visited and installed the officers of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.

July 15th, 1895, I visited and installed the officers of Pacific Lodge, No. 26.

September 23rd, Bro. Smart, Alberta Lodge, No. 1, Calgary, applied to me for a Certificate to visit Pacific Lodge, No. 26, he not having a visiting card or the annual travelling pass-word; he claimed it was often done by the D. D. G. M's in his district. I did not think I was justified in granting it so refused accordingly.

Owing to sickness I was unable to attend and install the officers of the several Lodges for the present term. I therefore appointed Bro. P. G. McKenzie of Pacific Lodge, No. 26, and Bro. P. G. Jopson who attended and installed the officers in due course.

January 11th, 1896, granted Dispensation to Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, to wear regalia at the funeral of Bro. A. Dickson, they not having the proper funeral badge.

January 21st, 1896, Received a communication from Pacific Lodge, No. 26, as follows:—

I am instructed to inform you that at the last regular meeting of this Lodge the following resolution was passed. "Moved by Bros. McKenzie and Stewart that the D. D. G. M. be communicated with in order to ascertain his opinion regarding the sickness of Bro. G. R. Simpson part of which occured under six months from the date of his initiation. '

The brother was paid one week's benefits from September 26th, to October 3rd, 1894 the period after the six months limit and the question we desire answered is:—Is Bro. Simpson entitled to benefits prior to the six months limit under the decision of the Grand Lodge on the appeal of Bro. W. A. Johnston ?

Your kind attention will oblige.

Yours in F. L. & T.
H. J. RICKARD,
Recording Secre'ary.

To which I sent the following reply:—

VANCOUVER, B. C., January 26th, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of Pacific Lodge, No. 26.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—Your letter only reached me on the 21st inst., although I see it is dated the 15th, so I hope you will not blame me in not answering it before.

The question you desire me to answer, viz: "Is Bro. Simpson entitled to benefits prior to the six months limit under the decision of the Grand Lodge on the appeal of Bro. W. A. Johnston;" in the first place you should have given me the date of his initiation and whether he was a member of old Loyal Pacific Lodge and also sent me a copy of your By-laws; however, I will endeavor to give you my opinion as I understand the question to the best of my ability. In the first place, I presume Bro. Simpson was initiated some time in March by the six months limit being up in September, if this is correct, you had at that time a clause in your By-laws making a discrimination between new members joining and members of Loyal Pacific Lodge, which had been sanctioned by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates and was therefore law as far as your Lodge was concerned, and was afterwards so decided by the Grand Lodge in session at Victoria in June last, at the same time the Grand Lodge said that this was a discrimination and contrary to the principles of Odd Fellowship and recommended that the three months

clause should be struck out. Your Representatives informed the Grand Lodge that there was already a notice of motion before the Lodge to strike out the same, and as the matter became a dead issue after six months, the affair was allowed to drop. So it just amounts to this, when Bro. Simpson joined the Lodge this clause was in force, and when he signed the By-laws, he agreed and promised obedience to the same, which said new members joining the Lodge were not entitled to benefits until they had been a member six months; but members of Loyal Pacific Lodge were entitled to benefits after three months membership, so unless Bro Simpson was a member of Loyal Pacific Lodge, he certainly was not entitled to benefits until he had been a member six months and I so decide.

The decision of the Grand Sire at the last Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on this point in which he says, Lodges cannot pass a By-law making a part of its members beneficial after three months membership and another part not beneficial until after six months membership, and where the Lodge had paid benefits under the three months clause the six months clause becomes null and void. Now as the Sovereign Grand Lodge gives all state Grand Bodies power to say when benefits shall commence, our Grand Body had already decided on this point as I have shown above I cannot see how this decision of the Grand Sire has any bearing on your question as it was given months after Bro. Simpson joined the Lodge, so I hold that the Grand Sires decision can only be enforced in any case that might come after.

Hoping this will be satisfactory,

I remain,

Yours in F. L. & T.,

A. PARKER,

D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

May 12th, 1896, Received application of several Brethren to form a Lodge in Vancouver to be known as Burrard Lodge, No. 37, which I forwarded to you the next day.

May 22nd, 1896, Received your answer to the above application refusing same which I communicated to the Brethren concerned.

May 23rd, wrote you asking for a return of the Cards and deposit, as instructed by the applicants as they did not wish to go any further in the matter.

Nothing further of importance happened in this district during my term of office.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

A. PARKER,

D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., May 24th, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., G. M., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit the following as a report of my official Acts as your Deputy for District No. 7.

Have duly Installed the officers of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, at the commencement of each term with the exception of the V. G. for the term beginning January 1st, 1896, who was at my request installed by Bro. E. T. W. Pearse, P. G. as I was absent from town the night he presented himself for installation.

No questions have been submitted to me to decide, and our Lodge is working very harmoniously, although our members do not increase we maintain a very sound financial standing, our hall bringing us in a good return for the money invested in it.

Respectfully submitted by
Yours fraternally,
T. L. BLOOMER,
D. D. G. M. District No. 7.

DONALD, May 28th, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., G. M., G. L., of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to furnish you with my acts as your Deputy for District No. 9, for the past year.

On July 1st, 1895, Installed Officers Selkirk Lodge, No 12.

On July 5th, 1895, installed Officers Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34.

January 3rd, 1896, installed Officers Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34.

January 6th, 1896, installed Officers Selkirk Lodge, No. 12.

Yours in F. L. & T.,
ROBERT URQUHART,
D. D. G. M. District No. 9.

HAZELMERE, B. C., May 23, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., G. M., G. L., of B. C., I.O.O.F., Victoria.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is with feelings of fraternal pride, as well as gratitude that I now submit for your approval a report of my official actions, since receiving the appointment of D. D. G. M. for District No. 10.

As you are aware P. G. Bro. Jos. W. McCallum occupied the honorable and responsible position for the first few months of the term with

credit to himself and acceptance to the Brethren in the District over which he had charge, Bro. McCallum, assisted by myself and P.G. Bro. J. C. Murphy, installed the officers of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, in regular form early in July, 1895.

In September of last year Bro. McCallum removed to Alberta, and when leaving requested me to act for him, in December you officially confirmed my appointment to the position for the unexpired term, since which date I have enjoyed the distinction of representing yourself in this portion of the Jurisdiction.

As Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, constitutes the District you will readily observe that my duties are not onerous, they have been most pleasant and profitable to me personally. Cloverdale Lodge while not having a large accession in members, has held her own during the past year, we have experienced but little sickness, and no deaths, taking altogether we have experienced a very successful year. We have like other Lodges lost a few members through non-payment of dues, just a weeding out as it were of the unappreciative ones. There were a number of delinquents at the commencement of the term, but the Lodge took counsel together on the matter, with the result that a correspondence was opened with many of the suspended brothers and an offer made to accept them back into good standing in the Lodge if within a certain time they would signify their willingness to come, and if they could not pay the whole amount as required by the Constitution and By-laws in a lump sum, the Lodge would accept the same in installments (it being found that many of the brethren had dropped out through their inability to pay their dues during the hard times.) I am happy to inform you that this action struck a sympathetic chord in the breasts of a number, and the Lodge gained in that, the financial condition of our standing was improved and we have still on our roll some most excellent and worthy Brethren, who otherwise might have been lost to the Order. Another cause for gratitude is the fact that through the goodness of our Father, the Lodge is now clear of debt, our fine new hall (a credit to the Order anywhere) is now completely our own.

In entering upon my official duties, one of the first was the installation of the officers into their respective chairs on Saturday evening, January 11th. In this duty I was most ably assisted by Bros. P. G. J. C. Murphy and P. G. Thos Patterson, when the Lodge had a very pleasant time during and after the ceremony. In other respects I have had very slight calls upon my valuable services as your representative. The Brethren are all thorough Odd Fellows, stones of the first water, grounded and settled on the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. hence we have but very few of those disquieting questions arising that are so troublesome in some Lodges.

As we could not obtain the services of a suitable preacher to address the Lodge upon the occasion of the seventy-seventh anniversary of the institution of our beloved Order, we held the meeting on Sunday, May 3rd, when Rev'd Bro. J. H. Best, of Westminster, addressed the Brethren, their friends, relatives and neighbors, in our own hall. The address of Bro. Best was really a most enjoyable and profitable affair, and very much appreciated by the people present; in fact it was a revelation to many of the uninitiated.

The Lodge is, I consider, making very fair progress, and, on the whole, it is to be complimented on its showing for the year.

One thing we feel we have missed, and this is the first time since our institution, we have not been favored with the presence of our worthy Grand Master, when reading accounts of his visits to various places and that he was actually passing our doors without calling we felt it was worth something to be located on the C.P.R., the island or the river; possibly since he has had two representatives here we ought to be thankful for that favor, etc.

Trusting the foregoing resume of what has been going on here will be acceptable to you, and that you may have a most profitable meeting of the Grand Lodge at Nanaimo next month, that your deliberations may be conducive to the up-building and advancement of the principles and teachings of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction, and finally thanking you for the honor done me,

Believe me to remain, dear Sir and Brother,
Sincerely yours in F. L. & T.,

HENRY T. THRIFT,
D. D. G. M., District No. 10.

NELSON, B. C., May 20, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My report, as D.D.G.M., for this year is short. There have been no decisions rendered. On the 11th May, 1896, I instituted Rossland Lodge, No. 36, as per my report sent Grand Secretary. Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, having been the only Lodge in this part of the Kootenay country, there have been no Lodges, excepting our own, to visit. Sitting regularly in our own Lodge, I cannot say that I have visited it officially, unless at the installation of officers in January last.

Yours Fraternally,

E. C. ARTHUR,
D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

DUNCANS, B. C., May 23rd, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to submit my report for the term, as your Deputy for District, No. 12 :

I am glad to be able to report to you that this Lodge is doing well, and the officers are thoroughly competent and well versed in the secret work.

INSTALLATIONS.

On July 13th, 1895, and January 18th, 1896, I assisted you and other Grand Officers to install the Officers of this Lodge.

DECISIONS.

Only one question of law has been submitted to me during my term of office.

Copy of their letter and my decision is hereto annexed :

September 21st, 1895.

A. C. Aitkin, D. D. G. M., Duncan Lodge, No. 17 :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been instructed by this Lodge to ask your opinion *re* W. E. Blythe, whose receipt for dues shows him to be entitled to benefits, but by a mistake in ledger he was not entitled to benefits.

I decided that the Brother could not be deprived of his benefits through any mistake of Lodge Officers. Trusting this will meet with your approval.

Yours fraternally,

A. C. AITKEN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

VERNON, B. C., May 27th, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 13:

On July 9th, 1895, and January 7th, 1896, I had the pleasure of installing the Officers of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, for their respective terms.

On October 1st, 1895, I granted a dispensation to confer the Second and Third Degrees at one Session on Bro. A. Carswell.

On March 17th, 1896, I granted a dispensation to confer the Second and Third Degrees at one Session on Bro. Geo. Cartwright.

On May 16th, assisted by Bro. S. C. Smith, P. G., of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, I instituted Carson Lodge, No. 37, at Carson, Kettle River, B. C., and installed its officers.

I am pleased to report that Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, is in a prosperous condition financially, and our membership has also increased. The attendance is not so large as formerly, owing to so many members being absent from the city.

I would recommend the appointment of a D. D. G. M. for Carson Lodge, as it is 125 miles from Vernon, and there is every prospect of new Lodges being started in that District shortly. I would recommend that Bro. O. B. Nelson be appointed to fill the office.

I am Sir, yours fraternally,

FRED B. JACQUES,
D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

LADNERS, B. C., May 23rd, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in supplying you with a report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 14.

July 6th, 1895,—Installed the Officers of Delta Lodge, No. 21.

Jan. 6th, 1896,—Installed the Officers of same Lodge. There being no questions of importance submitted for my decision, the work was not hard to perform. Our Lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

Fraternally yours,

J. F. STAINTON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

NORTH BEND, May 21st, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER —I beg to submit for your approval my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 15, for the past year:

August 7th, 1895, and January 4th, 1896,—Installed the Officers of Gold Range Lodge, No 22.

I am pleased to state that Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, during the past year of depression, is still holding about its regular membership, and as you will see by the reports, that it is in a fairly prosperous condition financially.

Yours fraternally,

J. Z. CHOATE,
D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

ASHCROFT, B. C., May 24th, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to present you the following report as your D. D. for the past year:

On July 13th, 1895,—Installed the Officers of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

On January 4th, 1896,—Installed the Officers of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

On March 4th, a question was submitted for my decision: "If Brothers could retire to the ante-room during recess?" I decided that Brothers could retire to the ante-room.

It affords me much pleasure to state that Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, although not increasing rapidly, are all working harmoniously together for the good of the Order.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

GILBERT MUNROE,
D. D. G. M. District No. 16.

EBURNE, B. C., May 22, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to submit the following report:

July 2nd, 1895,—I installed the Officers of Island Lodge, No. 24, with the assistance of P. G., G. W. Shay.

January 7th, 1896,—I installed the Officers of Island Lodge, No. 24, with the assistance of P. G., G. W. Shay, and P. G., Samuel Churchill.

I have not been called on to decide any question; there was one question raised, which was submitted directly to you for your decision, viz: the case of Bro. A. E. Green.

I am pleased to report that Island Lodge, No. 24, is steadily improving, and is in a fairly prosperous condition.

It is a matter of regret that you did not pay us an official visit, as it was looked forward to by Lodge.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

IRA McLAREN,
D. D. G. M. District No. 17.

AGASSIZ, May 23rd, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in submitting the following report as D. D. of Cheam Lodge, No. 28:

On July 6th, 1895, I installed the officers into their respective offices.

On Aug. 3rd our N. G. resigned, and on September 14th I installed Bro. G. Joynt as N. G., and Bro. West as V. G.

On January 11th, 1896, I installed the Officers for this term into the respective offices.

On March 14th our Treasurer resigned, on account of moving out of the District, and on March 21st his successor was installed.

On April 4th our N. G. resigned, and on April 18th Bro. Lennon was installed into the N. G. chair.

I am pleased to state that our Lodge is working in harmony, the present officers taking a lively interest in the proceedings. The attendance is satisfactory, considering the great distance many of the members live from the Lodge room.

We have added only one new member to our roll, the available material having been pretty well absorbed.

All of which I respectfully submit.

Yours fraternally,

A. A. FARWELL,
D.D.G.M. District No. 18.

MISSION CITY, May 19th, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in furnishing you with a report of my official acts during the term of my office as D. D. for District No. 19.

On January 21st, 1896, I installed the officers of Mission City Lodge, No. 32, in due form.

It affords me much pleasure to report that notwithstanding the hard times and general depression of trade, conditions which most seriously affect a rapid growth, our Lodge has steadily been pushing ahead; the increase in membership has not been many, but by the attendance at Lodge meetings and the general interest manifested by the members on all matters connected with our Order, tend to show that

we are alive in the promulgation of the "Brotherhood" of man. I thank you for the able decision rendered by you in the case of Brother Mills, while I regret the occurrence, yet I believe it was the best action that could be taken for the welfare of our Lodge.

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me,

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ARCHIBALD YORK,
D. D. G. M. District No. 19.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 24th, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In tendering you my report for the year ending June 30th, 1 have much pleasure in stating that Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, is progressing numerically and financially. The membership is increasing slowly; a few members have dropped out, and we are initiating others in their place. I regret very much that our Brethren in Victoria take so little interest in the Rebekah work. I would cordially invite our young members to join in the good work, and assist us to make Colfax Lodge one of the strongest Lodges in the Jurisdiction, as Victoria has about six hundred members on the I. O. O. F. roll, we ought to be the Banner Lodge of the Province.

On July 9th, I had the pleasure of installing the Officers for the term ending December 31st, 1895, and on January 14th, I installed the Officers for the term ending June 30th, 1896. No dispensations granted.

Fraternally submitted in F. L. and T.,

FRANCES A. WALKER,
D.D.G.M. Colfax Lodge, No. 1.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 22nd, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to forward you the accompanying report of my official acts as your District Deputy for District No. 2, for the year ending June 30th, 1896.

On July 2nd, 1895,—Assisted by P. N. G. Sister Colson, P. G. Bro. A. Miller, Bro. D. Menzies and Bro. H. H. Davis, I installed the Officers of Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, into their respective offices in regular form.

On July 9th, 1895, Assisted by P. N. G. Sister Colson, P. G. Bros. A. Miller, Geo. Miller and H. H. Davis, I installed the Officers of Bethel Rebekah Lodge, No. 7, into their respective offices in regular form.

Dispensations granted twice during the year, one each term, to receive applications from candidates, ballot for and initiate same evening.

On January 7th, 1896—Assisted by P. N. G. Sister Colson, Sister Armstrong, and P. G's Bros. Miller, McKenzie and H. H. Davis, I installed the Officers of Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, into their respective chairs in regular form.

On January 14th, 1896,—Assisted by Sister McDonald and Sister Fisher and P. N. G. Sister Armstrong and P. G. Bro. Davis, I installed the Officers of Bethel Rebekah Lodge, No. 7, in regular form.

It gives me great satisfaction to render you an account of my official acts as your Deputy, the work has been both pleasing and satisfactory to me, and the progress of the Order here is most gratifying to all concerned.

Bethel Rebekah Lodge, No. 7, although not making as rapid progress as I could wish to see, yet, has done well, and has the foundation for a flourishing and prosperous Lodge, which will before long be a power for good in our town.

Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, has done very well, in fact, taking into consideration its weak and almost helpless state the first few years of its existence has done extra well, for during the last fourteen months we have initiated 126 candidates.

During the last year we have had only one withdrawal and no deaths, so that you can see that we are in good working order and out of debt. During the year we paid for a $300 set of Paraphernalia by our own exertions, as we have not made an appeal to any Subordinate Lodge for financial help, also have paid full rent for our hall, so that we feel that we truly belong to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

I. V. FLETT,

D. D. G. M., I. O. O. F.

NANAIMO, B. C., May 22nd, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It gives me great pleasure in submitting to you the following report of my official acts, during my term of office as D. D. G. M.:

July 2nd, 1895,—Installed the Officers of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo.

November 14th, 1895,—Installed the appointed Officers of Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, Wellington, the elective Officers being installed by yourself at institution.

January 14th, 1896,—Installed the Officers of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo.

January 16th, 1896,—Installed the Secretary of Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, Wellington.

April 16th, 1896,—Accompanied you to Union to institute Esther Rebekah Lodge

I am pleased to report that both Lodges in this District are progressing both financially and numerically. Miriam Rebekah Lodge has just ordered a $356 outfit for the floor work, and I am in hopes it will be here in time for this Session of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. GOURLAY,
D. D. G. M. District No. 3.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., May 28, 1896.

W. E. Holmes, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—According to your request, I herewith submit for your approval a report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 5, comprising Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, and Alpine Rebekah Lodge, No. 6.

July 9th, 1895—Assisted by a staff of P. G's, I installed the officers of Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5.

July 24th, 1895,—Being unable to attend I deputized P. G. Bro. D. Welsh, to install the Officers of Alpine Rebekah Lodge, No. 6.

January 14th, 1896,—Assisted by Sister Murchie, of Alpine Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, and P. G's of Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, installed the Officers of Beulah Lodge.

February 26th, 1896,—Installed the Officers of Alpine Rebekah Lodge, No. 6.

On February 12th, accompanied by several Sisters from New Westminster, went to Ladners, and assisted in instituting Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 10.

No questions were submitted to me for decision. This branch of the Order is still progressing in this District, and the labors of the two Lodges have resulted in an increase of ninteen members in Alpine Lodge, ten of whom withdrew to form a Lodge at Ladners; five were also admitted to Beulah Lodge, twenty-four in all for the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MRS. TURNBULL,
D. D. G. M. District No. 5.

In Memoriam.

HENRY ELLIOTT, P. G.

INITIATED IN "NEW WESTMINSTER" LODGE, No. 3, I.O.O.F., 22ND MARCH, 1871.

DIED 7TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

FRANCIS T. JAMES.

V. G. AND N. G. ELECT "VICTORIA" LODGE, No. 1, I.O.O.F. INITIATED "VICTORIA" LODGE, No. 1, I. O. O. F., 24TH JANUARY, 1896.

DIED 26TH MAY, 1896.

S. R. HOLMES.

INITIATED IN "DOMINION" LODGE, No. 4, I.O.O.F., 12TH MARCH, 1896.

DIED 26 MAY, 1896.

FREDERICK ADAMS.

CHARTER MEMBER OF "ACME" LODGE, No. 14, I.O.O.F., 13TH NOVEMBER, 1891.

DIED 26TH MAY, 1896.

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NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as Ancient Odd Fellow	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	Victoria	Monday	..	..	..	..	..	..
Columbia " " 2	do	Wednesd'y	..	..	..	..	..	..
N.Westminster" " 3	New Westm'r	Friday	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dominion " " 4	Victoria	Thursday	1	..	..	1	..	..
Black Diamond" " 5	Nanaimo	Wednesd'y	5	..	..	..	1	..
Harmony " " 6	Wellington	Monday	2	1	..	1	..	..
Excelsior " " 7	Chilliwack	Tuesday	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vancouver " " 8	Vancouver	Friday	1	..	..	1	..	..
Tatnai " " 9	Kamloops	Monday	1	1	..	..	2	..
Western Star " " 10	Vancouver	Thursday	4	1	..	..	2	..
Union " " 11	Union	Friday	5	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk " " 12	Donald	Thursday	7	..	..	..	4	..
Royal City " " 13	New Westm'r	Thursday	1	..	..	..	..	..
Acme " " 14	Victoria	Monday	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cloverdale " " 15	Cloverdale	Saturday	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kootenay " " 16	Nelson	Monday	1	..	..	..	..	1
Duncan " " 17	Duncan	Saturday	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vernon Valley " " 18	Vernon	Tuesday	3	1	..	..	2	..
Mt. Pleasant " " 19	Mt. Pleasant	Friday	2	..	..	..	..	..
Centennial " " 20	Nanaimo	Monday	9	..	..	1	..	..
Delta " " 21	Ladners	Monday	..	..	..	..	2	..
Gold Range " " 22	North Bend	Saturday	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ashcroft " " 23	Ashcroft	Saturday	2	..	..	..	..	..
Island " " 24	Eburne	Tuesday	6	..	1	..	..	..
Revelstoke " " 25	Revelstoke	Thursday	5	..	..	..	1	..
Pacific " " 26	Vancouver	Monday	7	1	..	..	..	..
Amity " " 27	New Westm'r	Monday	3	..	..	..	..	..
Cheam " " 28	Agassiz	Saturday	10	..	..	..	..	..
Perseverance " " 29	Northfield	Tuesday	2	..	..	..	..	..
Friendship " " 30	Nanaimo	Friday	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banner " " 31	Wellington	Wednesd'y	1	..	..	..	..	..
Mission City " " 32	Mission City	Saturday	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peerless " " 33	Victoria	Friday	1	1	..	..	1	..
Rocky Mount'n" " 34	Golden	Monday	17	6	1	..	..	..
Cedar " " 35	Cedar District	Saturday	42	1	..	..	..	..
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SUBORDINATE LODGES.

COLUMBIA, FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895.

Deceased.	Ceased Membership by N.P.D.	Error last Report	Total Number of Members	Rejected	Degrees Conferred	Number of P. G's.	Receipts. Dues	Adms's and Degrees	Rents and Invest'd Funds	All other sources.	Total
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..	32	..	123	1	2	30	734 50	18 00	185 00	.....	937 50
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..	5	..	66	..	4	11	383 25	35 00	309 00	31 00	758 25
..	6	..	164	..	15	20	926 00	116 75	.....	.....	1042 75
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Duncan " " 17	Duncan	Saturday	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vernon Valley " " 18	Vernon	Tuesday	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Pleasant " " 19	Mt. Pleasant	Friday	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Centennial " " 20	Nanaimo	Monday	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Delta " " 21	Ladners	Monday	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gold Range " " 22	North Bend	Saturday	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ashcroft " " 23	Ashcroft	Saturday	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Island " " 24	Eburne	Tuesday	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revelstoke " " 25	Revelstoke	Thursday	1	1	..	1	1	..	..
Pacific " " 26	Vancouver	Monday	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Amity " " 27	New Westm'r	Monday	2	..	1	..	..	1	1
Cheam " " 28	Agassiz	Saturday	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perseverance " " 29	Northfield	Tuesday	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Friendship " " 30	Nanaimo	Friday	3	..	..	..	1	..	..
Banner " " 31	Wellington	Wednesd'y	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
Mission City " " 32	Mission City	Saturday	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Peerless " " 33	Victoria	Friday	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rocky Mount'n" " 34	Golden	Monday	9	1	..	..	..	..	..
Cedar " " 35	Cedar District	Saturday	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
			76	10	5	4	12	1	1

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

COLUMBIA, FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 31ST DECR, 1895.

Deceased.	Ceased Membership by N.P.D.	Error last Report	Total Number of Members	Rejected	Degrees Conferred	Number of P. G's.	Receipts. Dues	Adms's and Degrees	Rents and Invest'd Funds	All other sources.	Total
2	8	..	144	..	9	36	$ 896 50	$ 76 00	$ 513 05	$ 382 80	$ 1868 35
..	..	..	164	..	9	36	794 85	95 50	408 65	1 00	1300 00
2	..	..	124	..	3	24	494 00	32 00	.....	68 00	594 00
..	12	..	108	..	6	28	651 75	68 00	.....	72 80	792 55
..	10	..	135	..	6	26	851 00	40 50	1206 00	.....	2097 50
..	10	..	143	..	9	19	809 50	75 00	665 65	42 50	1592 65
..	2	..	43	..	..	17	266 65	.....	.....	228 85	495 50
1	8	..	124	..	15	14	626 50	87 00	.....	383 00	1096 50
..	..	..	67	..	2	12	363 75	37 00	329 20	3 25	733 20
..	4	..	167	..	28	19	830 00	146 00	.....	27 25	1003 25
..	4	..	65	..	3	12	371 00	30 00	202 00	1 50	604 50
..	1	..	72	..	3	11	492 77	15 00	54 00	2 75	564 52
..	2	..	80	..	7	11	393 75	47 00	12 00	112 00	564 75
1	..	..	97	1	11	14	503 75	58 50	20 65	11 25	594 15
..	5	..	39	..	..	8	187 39	.....	.....	34 75	222 14
..	2	..	42	..	3	8	343 75	96 00	70 00	258 55	768 30
..	..	1	45	..	..	8	215 00	.....	92 50	.....	307 50
..	3	..	40	..	2	7	246 00	10 00	32 50	.....	288 50
..	3	..	43	..	3	8	268 00	20 00	190 00	4 50	482 50
..	12	..	108	..	17	11	509 00	120 00	13 50	.....	642 50
..	..	..	46	..	..	7	225 00	.....	55 50	.....	280 50
..	..	..	41	..	3	5	180 00	20 00	.....	1 00	201 00
..	1	..	36	..	..	5	188 75	10 00	.....	1 00	199 75
..	1	..	35	..	3	4	137 00	20 00	.....	28 70	185 70
..	2	..	29	..	9	2	177 44	45 00	24 50	.....	246 94
1	12	..	255	..	23	4	1445 50	193 00	.....	57 25	1695 75
1	14	..	177	..	7	4	1014 00	51 00	49 40	138 50	1252 90
..	2	..	53	..	3	3	192 00	25 00	.....	94 40	311 40
..	3	..	34	..	..	3	206 50	.....	.....	.....	206 50
1	..	..	60	..	4	3	313 00	48 50	.....	2 50	364 00
1	..	..	88	..	3	4	516 00	98 00	.....	26 25	640 25
..	..	..	40	..	..	3	168 40	.....	.....	15 50	183 90
1	..	..	166	..	17	4	806 75	118 00	.....	.....	924 75
..	..	..	34	..	27	1	179 75	275 00	35 00	1 00	490 75
..	..	..	44	..	..	1	258 75	25 00	.....	.....	283 75
11	121	1	2988	1	235	382	$16123 75	$1982 00	$3974 10	$2000 85	$24080 70

ABSTRACT OF THE

OF THE LODGES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	No. of Brothers Buried.	No. of Weeks Sick Benefits Paid.	Relief of Brothers.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	31	1	7	470	$ 3133 00
Columbia " " 2	25	..	..	153	1462 00
N.Westminster" " 3	7	..	2	82	518 00
Dominion " " 4	16	1	1	108	585 71
Black Diamond" " 5	7	1	2	77	1432 75
Harmony " " 6	22	..	1	154	1437 00
Excelsior " " 7	1	..	..	6	42 00
Vancouver " " 8	8	1	1	56	331 00
Tatnai " " 9	4	..	..	18	180 00
Western Star " " 10	10	..	..	36	324 00
Union " " 11	9	..	..	92	825 00
Selkirk " " 12	5	..	..	19	89 00
Royal City " " 13	11	..	1	25	167 50
Acme " " 14	16	..	1	144	1271 50
Cloverdale " " 15	3	..	..	5	16 00
Kootenay " " 16	2	..	1	4	36 00
Duncan " " 17	5	..	..	19	190 00
Vernon Valley " " 18	2	..	..	4	40 00
Mt. Pleasant " " 19	5	..	..	16	144 00
Centennial " " 20	8	..	..	41	297 50
Delta " " 21	6	..	..	35	318 00
Gold Range " " 22	3	..	..	12	91 50
Ashcroft " " 23	1	..	..	5	42 50
Island " " 24	2	..	..	16	112 00
Revelstoke " " 25	1	..	..	5	41 00
Pacific " " 26	30	..	3	99	850 00
Amity " " 27	24	..	1	115	958 00
Cheam " " 28	2	..	..	4	25 00
Perseverance " " 29	5	..	1	33	220 00
Friendship " " 30	5	..	1	21	140 00
Banner " " 31	6	..	2	26	215 00
Mission City " " 32	3	..	..	10	79 00
Peerless " " 33	28	..	1	143	1428 50
Rocky Mount'n" " 34	..	..	..	....	.....
Cedar " " 35	..	..	..	....	.....
	313	4	26	2053	$ 17042 46

ANNUAL RELIEF REPORTS.

COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECR, 1895.

Amount Paid For					Amount of Current Expenses.	Total Assets.
Relief of Widowed Families.	Relief of Orphans.	Burying the Dead	Special Relief.	Total Relief Paid		
$ 90 00	$.....	$ 560 00	$ 327 75	$ 4110 75	$ 1054 07	$41727 89
.....	.....	.....	8 00	1470 00	1062 00	35000 00
.....	71 65	185 00	33 00	807 65	557 45	10000 00
105 00	.....	75 00	55 00	820 71	383 21	10000 00
75 30	46 00	150 00	54 40	1758 45	1703 61	27000 00
.....	.....	75 00	.....	1512 00	1558 08	9650 12
.....	.....	.....	.....	42 00	100 00	2250 00
124 00	.....	75 00	.....	530 00	1236 10	6313 35
.....	.....	.....	.....	180 00	1079 00	4588 38
.....	.....	.....	20 50	344 50	315 10	4491 92
.....	.....	35 00	101 00	961 00	371 78	2316 71
.....	.....	35 00	.....	124 00	289 95	3059 85
.....	.....	110 00	20 00	297 50	429 10	2358 33
.....	.....	60 00	.....	1331 50	438 25	1343 24
.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	436 36	2249 70
.....	.....	75 00	20 00	131 00	479 31	1694 22
.....	.....	.....	.....	190 00	625 00	2000 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	202 50	800 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	144 00	693 10	1200 00
.....	.....	.....	42 40	339 90	325 45	3071 72
.....	.....	.....	.....	318 00	194 40	1100 46
.....	.....	.....	.....	91 50	119 00	1655 53
.....	.....	.....	.....	42 50	212 30	2187 12
.....	.....	.....	.....	112 00	252 89	938 20
.....	.....	.....	.....	41 00	141 30	1049 80
.....	.....	180 00	63 85	1093 85	864 80	4939 20
.....	.....	235 00	.....	1193 00	706 56	2905 04
.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	360 00	1956 00
.....	.....	110 00	.....	330 00	166 40	488 30
.....	.....	70 50	24 65	235 15	216 75	951 50
.....	.....	150 00	.....	365 00	312 00	1514 40
.....	.....	.....	.....	79 00	263 98	503 00
.....	.....	75 00	55 00	1558 50	355 15	1251 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 56	475 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 50	633 15
$ 394 30	$ 117 65	$2255 50	$ 825 55	$ 20635 46	$ 17919 01	$193663 13

LIST OF OFFICERS OF

Of the Grand Lodge of British

Name and Number of Lodge.	Location.	Noble Grand.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	Victoria	E. E. Leason
Columbia " " 2	do	R. L. Allen
N. Westminster " " 3	New Westm'r	Wilbur Smith
Dominion " " 4	Victoria	Wm. Merrifield
Black Diamond " " 5	Nanaimo	R Hirst
Harmony " " 6	Wellington	D. J. McInnes
Excelsior " " 7	Chilliwack	T. Pyvis
Vancouver " " 8	Vancouver	Chas. Nye
Tatnai " " 9	Kamloops	J. S. Smith
Western Star " " 10	Vancouver	Chas. H. Mouat
Union " " 11	Union	J. A. Pritchard
Selkirk " " 12	Donald	W. J. Lappan
Royal City " " 13	New Westm'r	W. Andrews
Acme " " 14	Victoria	James Jackson
Cloverdale " " 15	Cloverdale	W. H. Frampton
Kootenay " " 16	Nelson	P. B. C. Turner
Duncan " " 17	Duncan	R. J. Manley
Vernon Valley " " 18	Vernon	W. B. Fleming
Mt. Pleasant " " 19	Mt. Pleasant	R. H. Pool
Centennial " " 20	Nanaimo	J. A. Bittancourt
Delta " " 21	Ladners	H. Kinsman
Gold Range " " 22	North Bend	R. Wade
Ashcroft " " 23	Ashcroft	F. C. Tingley
Island " " 24	Eburne	D. E. McKay
Revelstoke " " 25	Revelstoke	F. Mesley
Pacific " " 26	Vancouver	S. A. Currie
Amity " " 27	New Westm'r	E. Walmsly
Cheam " " 28	Agassiz	B. Vance
Perseverance " " 29	Northfield	J. E. Norcross
Friendship " " 30	Nanaimo	N. McCuish
Banner " " 31	Wellington	R. H. Holmes
Mission City " " 32	Mission City	
Peerless " " 33	Victoria	J. W. Speed
Rocky Mount'n " " 34	Golden	M. Dainard
Cedar " " 35	Cedar District	H. N. McDonald
Rossland " " 36	Rossland	Jno. Kirkup
Carson " " 37	Carson City	E. Spraggett

SUBORDINATE LODGES I.O.O.F.,

COLUMBIA, FOR THE TERM COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1896.

Vice Grand.	Recording Secretary	Treasurer.	Permanent Sec'tary.
J. Rumble	Fred Davey, P.G...	J. Doughty, P. G...	Fred Davey, P.G...
A. Edwards....	R. W. Fawcett, P.G.	A. Henderson, P.G.	W Jackson.....
D. E. McKenzie	H. McKenzie.....	J. E. Phillips,P.G.M	T. A. Muir, P. G....
W. Falconer...	T. Bamford, P.G ...	P.A. Babington,P.G	T. Bamford, P. G...
E. Mulhallen..	W. H. Morton, P.G.	J. Crossan, P. G. M.	W. H. Morton, P.G.
M. Dunsmuir..	H. Woodhouse.....	T. F. Haggart.....	H. Woodhouse.....
A. F. Lindell ..	R. G. Marshall, P.G.	J. McCutcheon, P.G	J. Peers, P. G.....
Wm. Croy.....	H. H. Davis, P. G..	S. Hollander.....	W.E.Johnstone,P.G
C. W. White...	E. T. W. Pearse,P.G	R. E. Smith, P. G..	E. T. W. Pearse,P.G
E. P. Dennis...	J. L. McTaggart....	A. Parker, P. G.....	J. W. Weart.....
D.R. McDonald	A. Lindsay.... ...	R. Cessford	A. Lindsay.....
Thos. Johnston	J. Mathie, P. G.....	A W. Denman.....	J. Mathie, P. G.....
W. E. Fales....	W. H. Lewis.....	W.B.Townsend,P.G	D. Welsh, P. G.....
T. Tubman....	S. W. Edwards,P.G.	W. T. Hardaker....	J. McEachren.....
C. C. Cameron.	J. C. Murphy, P G..	J. I. Breen.....	R.D.Mackenzie, P.G.
S. P. Shaw	A. E. Salt.....	M. J. McGrath, P.G.	W. Hodson, P. G ...
J. H. Blyth....	J. Campbell.....	C. H. Dickie, P. G..	
T. E. Crowell..	John Bond.....	H. N. Knight.....	J. E. Matheson ....
R.HCarscadden	F. J. Hart.....	J. G. Johnstone....	G. A. McGuire.....
C. B. Mains ...	F. S. Whiteside,P.G.	W. H. Thorpe.....	F. S. Whiteside, P.G
L. P. Chaplin..	P. E. Ladner.....	W. B. Skinner	P. E. Ladner.....
C. Barry.....	H. Cancellor.	J. Z. Choate, P. G..	H. Cancellor.....
R. J. Nesbitt ..	I. Lehman.....	W. D. Fearn, P. G..	I. Lehman.....
John Smith...	Ira McLaren, P. G..	S. Churchill	Alex. Smith .....
J. A. Stone...	W. H. Sargant	J. I. Woodrow	W. H. Sargant .....
F. Cockburn...	H. J. Rickard	J. Ramsay.....	C. Milne.....
C. C. Fisher...	W. C. Cotham	G. Adams	D. McPherson.....
H. Fooks	H. L. Calvert	H. E. Leslie, P. G..	H. L. Calvert.....
H. Baxter.....	C. H. Rumming, P.G	W. McGimpsey	C. H. Rumming,P.G
J. B. Nicholson	W. McGirr.....	G. H. Taylor.....	Wm. McGirr.....
Robt. Hay.....	F. W. Hawes.....	C. D. Casad.....	
Chas. Porter...	H. Siddall.....	D. Lindsay.....	H. Siddall.....
D. McRae.....		J. S. McTavish.....	S. A. Parsons .....
B. Woobank...	J. G. Petherick....	J. Hunter.....	J. G Petherick.....
C. McDonald...	John Jackson, Jr...	J. Edgren.....	
D. D. McLaren.	P. B. Nelson.....	C. K. Simpson.....	P. B. Nelson.....

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS OF REBEKAH LODGES,

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

Name and No. of Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting	Members admitted during the year.		Total Number of Members.		Receipts	Payments		Assets.
			Brothers	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.		Relief of Mem'rs	Lodge Expenses.	
Colfax, No. 1	Victoria. . . .	2nd and 4th Tuesday. . . .	9	10	41	41	$237 10	$ 5 00	$166 75	$155 90
Mizpah " 2	Vancouver. . .	1st and 3rd Tuesday	59	40	83	65	323 75	5 00	321 65	552 20
Miriam, " 3	Nanaimo	Every alternate Tuesday	. . . . .	10	45	54	200 50	20 50	34 85	367 23
Ruth, " 4	Chilliwack. . .	" " Monday	1	5	19	19	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	12 00
Beulah, " 5	New Westm'r	2nd and 4th Tuesday. . . .	2	3	76	45	209 35	. . . . .	285 05	577 92
Alpine, " 6	do	2nd and 4th Wednesday.	1	6	10	27	61 15	. . . . .	59 25	9 00
Bethel, " 7	Mt. Pleasant.	2nd and 4th Tuesday. . . .	17	12	16	11	88 25	. . . . .	87 30	95
Fidelity, " 9	Ladners		. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Laurel, " 10	Wellington. .	2nd and 4th Thursday . .	38	40	38	40	79 00	. . . . .	6 70	72 30
			127	126	328	302	$1199 10	$30 50	$ 961 55	1747 50

LIST OF OFFICERS OF REBEKAH LODGES

GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I. O. O. F., FOR THE TERM COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1896.

Name & Number of Lodge.	Noble Grand.	Vice Grand.	Recording Secretary.	Treasurer.	Financial Secret'y
Colfax, No. 1	Mrs. E Dickinson	Miss Bachelor	Mrs. J. Grant	Mrs. Phillips	Mrs. Dempster
Mizpah, " 2	Sister Fisher	Sister Walsh	Sister Beer	Sister Martin	Sister Hanna
Miriam, " 3	Sister Kilpatrick	Sister Stiffins	Sister Bone	Sister Humphreys	Sister A Norris
Ruth, " 4	Miss Emily Bailey	Miss M. A. Campbell	Bro. J. Banks, P. G.	Miss Stella Kipp	Miss L. Knight
Beulah, " 5	Mrs. A. J. Holmes	Miss M. Williams	Mrs. S. J. Pearce	Mrs. W. A. Gilley	Miss Gairns
Alpine, " 6	Mrs. J. Wintermute	Mrs. Turnbull	Mrs. Bassett	Mrs. Raith	Miss M. Murchie
Bethel, " 7	Miss Mills	Mrs. Hutson	Miss Tusker	Bro. Johnson	Mrs. Miller
Fidelity, " 9	Mrs. Skinner	Mrs. Stainton	Bro. Ellis	Mrs. Sherman	Bro. Ellis
Laurel, " 10	Sister Morgan	Sister Carade	Sister Ross	Sister Fraser	Sister McDonald
Esther, " 11 (Union)	Sister R. Ennis	Sister L.S.McDonald	Sister L. Garrison	Sister J. Sargent	Sister L. Garrison

Standing Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

"In future all orders for supplies from Subordinate "Lodges of the Grand Lodge on the Grand Secretary, "must be accompanied by the requisite amount to pay "for the same, and the Grand Secretary is hereby forbid-"den to forward such supplies unless the terms of this "Resolution are complied with."—*Proceedings, 1893.*

"Lodges submitting By-Laws or amendments thereto "must furnish same in duplicate, so that one copy may "be kept on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and the "other returned to the Lodge when approved by the "Committee on Laws of Subordinates."—*Proceedings, 1894.*

"That in future, Grand Masters be required to fur-"nish this Grand Lodge with an itemized statement of "expenses incurred by them, and of the miles actually "travelled in performing the duties of their office."—*Proceedings, 1895.*"

"That the majority of the Committee on Finance "should reside in the same city as the Grand Secretary." —*Proceedings, 1895.*

"That the practice of paying Past Grand Masters "attending Sessions of the Grand Lodge, Mileage and "Per Diem be discontinued in future."—*Proceedings, 1895.*

"That licenses be not granted in future to Odd Fel-"lows' Insurance Associations to do business in this "Jurisdiction."—*Proceedings, 1895.*

"The Grand Master, before granting a Dispensation "for the Institution of a Subordinate Lodge, shall con-"sult the Lodge or Lodges, if any, in the immediate Dis-"trict in which the proposed Lodge will be located, and if

"a reasonable objection is made, he shall not grant a Dis-
"pensation, but shall refer such application to the next
"Session of the Grand Lodge."—*Proceedings*, *1896*.

"That members attending Sessions of this Grand
"Lodge be permitted to wear a ribbon or badge in lieu of
"Regalia, in conformity with a Resolution adopted at the
"last Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge."—*Proceed-
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Vote of Thankss 1417, 1418

PAST GRAND MASTERS

—OF THE—

GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I.O.O.F.

*J. S. Drummond	1874	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
John Weiler	1875	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
†J. P. Davies	1876	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
R. Roberts	1877	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
‡W. J. Jeffree	1878	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
§Charles Gowen	1879	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
J. Wriglesworth	1880	Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
B. W. Shiles	1881	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
Henry Waller	1882	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
Alexander Phillips	1883	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
W. D. McKillican	1884	Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
Wm. McColl	1885	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
Fred'k Carne	1886	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
Joshua Davies	1887	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
Joshua Davies (re-elected)	1888	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
J. H. Meldram	1889	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
E. Quennell	1890	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
J. E. Phillips	1891	Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
J. E. Phillips	1892	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
James Crossan	1893	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
T. C. Gray	1894	Western Star Lodge, No. 10.
W. E. Holmes	1895	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

* Died 6th February, 1884. † Died 20th September, 1879.
‡ Died 18th March, 1885. § Died 8th December, 1892.

ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

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D. WELSH, Grand Representative.....New Westminster
S. W. EDWARDS, Grand Chaplain.....Victoria
W. E. JOHNSTONE, Grand Marshal.....Vancouver
W. H. GARDINER, Grand Guardian.....New Westminster
A. WILSON, Grand Conductor.....Nanaimo
D. D. GRIFFITHS, Grand Herald .....Wellington

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will be held at Kamloops, commencing Wednesday, the 9th of June, 1897.

SUPPLIES.

The following rates will be charged for Supplies, all orders for which must be signed by the Secretary, bear the Seal of the Lodge, and be accompanied by the necessary amount to pay the same:

Subordinate Lodge Rituals	$ 3 00
Ritual for Rebekah Lodges *only*	3 00
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates	25
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards for Rebekah Lodges	25
Book of Forms	1 25
Book of Odes with music	1 00
White's Digest Edition 1895	3 50
Lodge Odes (Subordinate and Rebekah)	5
Odes with music Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges	15
Anniversary Odes	5
Funeral Hymns, with Responses	5
Funeral Ceremony	30
Anniversary Ceremony	30
Memorial and Decoration Ceremony	25
Burial Ceremony, Daughters of Rebekah	20
Certificate of Membership, on Plate paper	75
Rebekah Certificate, on Plate paper	30
Officers' Roll Book	1 25
Question Book	1 50
Order on Treasurer's Book, 250 orders	1 50
Initiation Petitions, form recommended by S. G. L.....Per 100	1 50
Subordinate Lodge Degree Chart.....each	3 00
Bound Proceedings, Grand Lodge of B. C., 1874 to 1885	2 00
Subordinate Lodge Floor Work	50
Rebekah Floor Work	50
Black Book	2 00
Code for government of Rebekah Lodges	25