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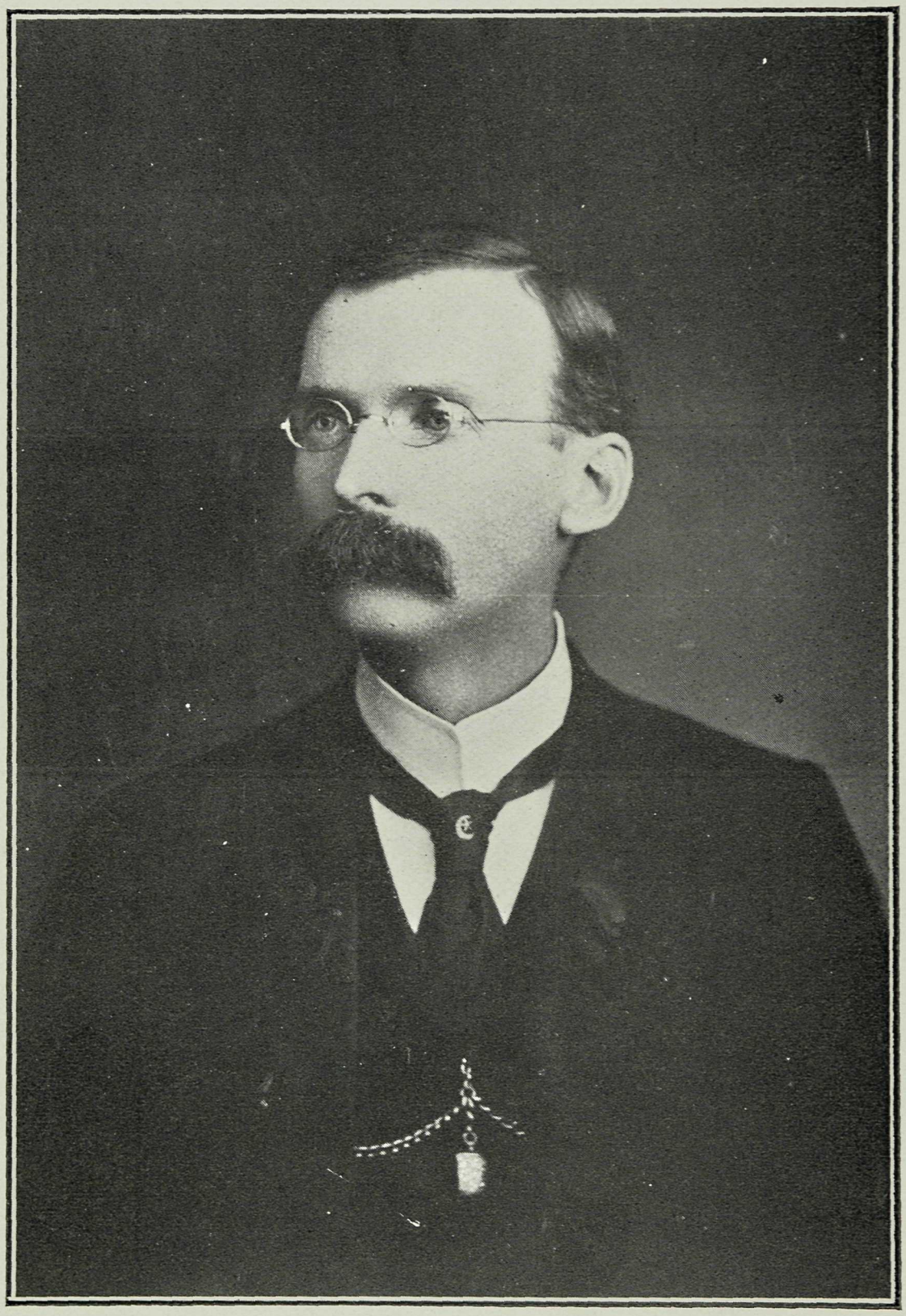

T. F. NEELANDS,
GRAND MASTER, 1904-5.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of British Columbia

THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

LADYSMITH, B. C.,
14th June, 1905.

The Grand Lodge convened at 10 o'clock a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present:

T. F. NEELANDS ..... *Grand Master*
D. E. MACKENZIE ..... *Deputy Grand Master*
F. E. SIMPSON ..... *Grand Warden*
FRED DAVEY ..... *Grand Secretary*
T. EMBLETON ..... *Grand Treasurer*
A. HENDERSON, P.G.M. ..... *Grand Representative*
H. B. GILMOUR, P.G.M. ..... *Grand Representative*
A. L. CLEMENT ..... *Grand Chaplain*
H. FOOKS ..... *Grand Herald*

The Grand Master appointed the following officers *pro tem*: T. C. Hubbard, No. 1, Grand Marshal; W. H. Thorpe, No. 20, Grand Conductor; J Palmer, No 12, Grand Guardian

All present were examined and found qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives elect and the certificates of the Past Grands entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, which were, on motion, referred to a Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Master appointed the following to form the Committee on Credentials Grand Secretary, T. Embleton, Grand Treasurer, and J. A. McKay, No. 8.

The Grand Master appointed T. A. Muir, P.G.R. No. 3, as Custodian of the Secret Work.

The Grand Master announced that the Mayor of the city and a deputation of Sisters from "Laurel" Rebekah Lodge No. 9, wished to present addresses of welcome to the Grand Lodge, and that he had arranged for them to be received at 11 o'clock a.m. to-day.

It was Resolved, That immediately the Grand Lodge Degree is conferred on the Past Grands in waiting, the Grand Lodge take an intermission to receive the Mayor and deputation of Sisters of Rebekah.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the complimentary badges presented by the local Entertainment Committee be recognized as proper regalia at this Session.

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 elected for the ensuing year and find the following dully accredited:—

Lodge.	*Representatives.*	*Alternates.*
Victoria, No. 1	T. M. Brayshaw	J. York.
	T. C. Hubbard	R. Livingstone.
	W. H. E. Dinsmore	E. Schaper.
Columbia, No. 2	P. W. Dempster	R. W. Fawcett.
	J. Wilby	S. Reid.
Royal City, No. 3	M. J. Phillips	D. Walker.
	C. S. Keith	W. S. Smith.

Lodge.	*Representatives.*	*Alternates.*
Dominion, No. 4	T. W. C. Hawkins	T. Booz.
	R. C. Douglas	J. Bell.
	J. A. Dresser	E. G. Miller.
Black Diamond, No. 5	J. Carroll	D. G. Dailey.
	A. Forrester	J. C. Stewart
Harmony, No. 6	H. Carroll	I. E. Lowe.
Excelsior, No. 7	H. J. Barber	R. J. Marshall.
Vancouver, No. 8	J. A. McKay	W. Parslow.
	S. Hallander	J. S. Doherty.
	A. Russell	N. H. Brown.
Tatnai, No. 9	C. I. Chapman	F. E. Armstrong.
	G. Strevens	J. R. McNabb.
Western Star, No. 10	W. Law	E. P. Dennis.
	C. Porter	D. O'Dwyer.
	A. Cleland	H. J. Foote.
	F. P. Bishop	E. V. Balstone.
	J. W. Armstrong	H. W. Harris.
Union, No. 11	F. A. Anley	R. McKnight.
Selkirk, No. 12	Thos. Bain	J. Palmer.
	E. E. Adair	A. Stone.
Kootenay, No. 16	Geo. Motion	F. J. Squire.
	R. McLean	F. H. Smith.
Duncan, No. 17	J. McL. Campbell	E. Castley.
Vernon Valley, No. 18	W. A. Cryderman	A. W. McCullough.
Mt. Pleasant, No. 19	W. R. Owens	T. W. Mackay.
Centennial, No. 20	W. H. Thorpe	J. Fielding.
	Wm. Newton	J. Neen.
Delta, No. 21	N. A. McDiarmid	F. J. McKenzie.
Gold Range, No. 22	E. Restall	H. Turner.
Ashcroft, No. 23	J. C. Smith	M. Dumond.
Island, No. 24	H. McDonald	H. Trotter.
Pacific, No. 26	W. M. Ramsay	A. McKelvie.
	R. Cosgrove	W. A. Johnston.
	W. H. Walsh	W. C. Revel.
	F. Cockburn	H. Montgomery.
Amity, No. 27	A. Adams (Sr.)	J. A. Johnson.
	D. McPherson	D. Adams.
Cheam, No. 28	H. Fooks	J. J. McRae.
Perseverance, No. 29	Thos. Doherty	E. Rowland.
Banner, No. 31	J. J. Manuell	J. McMurtrie.
Rocky Mountain, No. 34	C. A. Warren	M. Dainard.
Rossland, No. 36	P. R. McDonald	C. Miller.
	H. J. Raymer, P.G.M	M. A. Henderson.
	T. Embleton	J. E. Cummings.

Lodge.	*Representatives.*	*Alternates*
Boundary Valley, No. 38....	G. B. Taylor	F. B. Holmes.
Silver City, No. 39.....	J. H. Thompson	A. L. Craig.
Slocan, No. 40.....	D. Arnot	A. M. Rogers.
Trout Lake, No. 41.....	G. W. Carothers	N. Abrahamson.
Key City, No. 42.....	M. D. Billings	J. P. Fink.
Enterprise, No. 43.....	E. Harkness	F. E. Dockrill.
	J. S. Brandon	G. F. Weir.
Wildley, No. 44.....	R. A. Smith	F. J. Smyth.
Gateway, No. 45.....	T. R. Powers	F. E. Cooper.
Snowshoe, No. 46	Geo. R. Mead	W. Morrison.
Mt. Fernie, No. 47.....	T. Beck	O. N. Ross.
Coronation, No. 48.....	C. J. Becker	G. Moberley.
Camborne, No. 49	C. Bullard	G. R. Northey.

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

Victoria, No. 1..... J. D. Matheson, W. H. E. Dinsmore.
Columbia, No. 2..... M. Gutman, A. Calderwood.
Royal City, No. 3..... J R. Benson, S. H. Thompson.
Dominion, No. 4..... H. Samson, T. W. C. Hawkins.
Black Diamond, No. 5.. W. C. Jarvis.
Harmony, No. 6..... H.Carroll, J. Gillespie:
Excelsior, No. 7..... L. W. Cross.
Vancouver, No. 8..... J. S. Doherty, F. C. Butterfield.
Tatnai, No. 9..... G. Strevens, P. A. Gibson, C. I. Chapman.
Western Star, No. 10..... J. D. Campbell, E. V. Balstone.
Union, No. 11..... A. Gray, R. McKnight.
Selkirk, No. 12..... E. E. Adair, H. Gough.
Kootenay, No. 16..... Geo. Motion, R. McLean.
Duncan, No. 17..... E. Castley, W. Hooper.
Vernon Valley, No. 18... W. A. Cryderman, A. W. McCullough.
Mt. Pleasant, No. 19.... T. H. Mackay, W. R. Owens.
Centennial, No. 20..... W. Alsopp, W. J. Ferguson.
Delta, No. 21..... F. J. McKenzie, N. A. McDiarmid.
Gold Range, No. 22.... E. Restall, A. Phemister.
Ashcroft, No. 23..... J. C. Smith, W. D. Fearn.
Island, No. 24..... H. McDonald, H. Trotter.
Pacific, No. 26..... W. C. Revel, R. Cosgrove.
Amity, No. 27..... G. B. Thompson, D. Adams.
Perseverance, No. 29... D. Plaskett, T. Doherty, S. K. Mottishaw, D. Davidson.
Banner, No. 31..... J. E. Smith, J. J. Manuell, R. Williamson, J. F. Currie, W. Sanderson.

Rocky Mountain, No. 34. E. M. Pearce.
Rossland, No. 36..... P. R. McDonald, C. Miller.
Boundary Valley, No. 38. E. F. Smith, G. R. Nadeu.
Silver City, No. 39..... J. E. Lovering, A. L. Craig.
J. H. Thompson.
Slocan, No. 40..... C. E. Snyder.
Trout Lake, No. 41..... F. Mummery, A. W. Edge, G. W. Carothers.
Key City, No. 42..... M. D. Billings.
Enterprise, No. 43..... H. Douglas, W. Northgraves, E. Harkness.
Wildey, No. 44..... R. A. Smith.
Gateway, No. 45..... T. R. Powers.
Snowshoe, No. 46..... G. R. Mead, W. Morrison.
Mt. Fernie, No. 47..... T. W. Bell, Tho. Beck.
Coronation, No. 48..... G. Moberley, C. J. Becker.
Camborne, No. 49..... C. Bullard.

We are informed that Bro. D. Haddon, P.G., is here as the Representative of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, that his certificate was duly prepared by the officers of the Lodge, but has miscarried and has not been received by the Grand Secretary. Before leaving home the Deputy Grand Master was informed to this effect by telephone by the officers of the Lodge.

Under these circumstances we would recommend that Bro. Haddon be admitted and that he recognized as the Representative of his Lodge.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the Past Grands in waiting and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on the following: J. A. Dresser, No. 4; H. Carroll ,No. 6; G. Strevens, No. 9; C. Porter, No. 10; R. McKnight, No. 11; E. E. Adair, No. 15; G. F. Motion, R. McLean, No. 16; W. A. Cryderman, No. 18; W. R. Owens, No. 19; W. Newton, No. 20; N. A. McDermid, No. 21; E. Restall No. 22; H. McDonald, No. 24; R. Cosgrove, No. 26; T. Doherty, D. Davison, No. 29; J. J. Manuell, J. E. Smith, J. F. Currie, No. 31; P. R. McDonald, No. 36; G. W. Carothers, No. 41; M. D. Billings, No. 42; W. Northgraves, No. 43; R. A. Smith, No. 44; T. R. Powers, No. 45; G. R. Mead, No. 46; C. J. Becker, No. 48.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Grand Master announced that he proposed to appoint the following Special Committees for this Session: Correspondence, Statistics *re* Dues and Benefits, Odd Fellows' Home, Rebekah Lodges and Resolutions.

The Grand Lodge took an intermission.

His Worship the Mayor of the City of Ladysmith, J. W. Coburn, Esq., and a deputation from "Laurel" Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, were admitted and introduced to the Grand Lodge by Bro. H. T. Fulton, D.D.G.M., and were welcomed by the Grand Master, who invited the Mayor to a seat on the platform. The Mayor read an address of welcome to the city, which was suitably acknowledged by the Grand Master*

Sister Mrs. Matheson, on behalf of the deputation from "Laurel" Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, read an address of welcome, which was responded to by the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

The Mayor and deputation having retired, the Grand Lodge resumed business.

Resolved, That the Minutes of last Annual Session as printed be adopted.

The Grand Master made the necessary appointments to fill the several committees, which were, on motion, confirmed.

The Committees when completed were as follows:—

Finance.—J. Bell, No. 4; W. M. Ramsay, No. 26; P. W. Dempster, No. 2; T. M. Brayshaw, No. 1; D. Arnot, No. 40.

Appeals.—A. Henderson, P.G.M., No. 2; C. A. Warren, No. 34; G. Strevens, No. 9; R. McLean, No. 16; J. J. Manuell, No. 31.

Laws of Subordinates.—Grand Secretary, J. York, No. 1; H. J. Barber, No. 7; J. Palmer, No. 12; T. Booz, No. 4.

Petitions.—W. H. Thorpe, No. 20; H. Carroll, No. 6; F. E. Armstrong, No. 9; E. Restall, No. 22; T. R. Powers, No. 45.

State of the Order.—J. Carroll, No. 5; G. B. Taylor, No. 38; W. Law, No. 10; C. J. Becker, No. 48; F. Cockburn, No. 26.

Legislation.—T. C. Hubbard, No. 1; J. A. McKay, No. 8; W. H. Walsh, No. 26; R. W. Fawcett, No. 2; J. S. Brandon, No. 43.

Judiciary.—J. W. Armstrong, No. 10; F. A. Anley, No. 11; H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36; C. S. Keith. No. 3; G. R. Northey, No. 49.

Mileage and Per Diem.—A. M. Russell, No. 8; J. C. Smith, No. 23; M. D. Billings, No. 42; J. A. Johnson, No. 27; P. R. McDonald, No. 36.

Printing.—Grand Secretary, J. McL. Campbell, No. 17; R. Cosgrove, No. 26; G. W. Carothers, No. 41; J. A. Dresser, No. 4.

Correspondence.—E. P. Dennis, No. 10; N. A. McDiarmid, No. 21; H. McDonald, No. 24; R. A. Smith, No. 44; D. G. Dailey, No. 5.

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*The addresses of welcome of the Mayor and "Laurel" Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, form Appendices to these Proceedings.

Statistics *re* Dues and Benefits.—Grand Secretary, G. R. Mead, No. 46; W. A. Cryderman, No. 18; D. Haddon, No. 15; F. P. Bishop, No. 10.

Odd Fellows' Home.—H. B. Gilmour, P.G.M., No. 10; W. Newton, No. 20; J. H. Thompson, No. 39; T. Beck, No. 47; M. J. Phillips, No. 3.

Rebekah Lodges.—S. Hallander, No. 8; A. Adams, No. 27; T. Doherty, No. 29; T. Embleton, No. 36; G. Motion, No. 16.

Resolutions.—H. Fooks, No. 28; C. Porter, No. 10; E. E. Adair, No. 12; W. R. Owens, No. 19; E. Harkness, No. 43.

The reports of the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives were presented in printed form and were, on motion, ordered to be received and handed to a Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Master appointed the following to form the Committee on Distribution: H. B. Gilmour, P.G.M. No. 10; H. J. Raymer, P.G.M. No. 36; P. W. Dempster, No. 2.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

Vancouver, B. C., May 25th, 1905.

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN—In submitting my report for the past year, I feel that while there is a certain amount of cause for regret, that our growth has not been greater, there is also cause for thankfulness that the work has been carried on so harmoniously and in a measure so satisfactorily throughout the jurisdiction.

The Order can be said to be in a healthy condition in British Columbia, almost every well organized community having a Lodge of our Order, and is now recognized as one of the institutions, that our country could not afford to dispense with.

In visiting the various Lodges, I have been impressed with the apparent desire of the members to live up to the obligations and to carry on the work of the Order. This is gratifying, showing as it does, that our mottos are not mere empty words, and that our members are as ready to-day to practise fraternity, as four score years ago.

In small communities where more than one lodge exists, I have advised amalgamation; in two instances, the suggestion has been acted on, and I have no doubt but that the result will be beneficial to the Lodges concerned.

The financial condition of the Lodges shows a creditable increase in assets over the previous year. There is also an increase in the working expenses. In most of the Lodges, the running expenses are too high, and great care should be taken to keep them down to the lowest possible figure.

ODD FELLOWS' HOME.

Pending the report of the Committee appointed at the last session, on the Odd Fellows' Home Fund, I will merely recommend that the Grand Lodge give the question the serious consideration that it deserves, having in view the fact that only by regular and systematic contributions, can the object in view be attained.

NECROLOGY.

During the year two valued members of this Grand Lodge have passed away. Past Grand Master W. E. Johnstone in August of last year, and Past Grand Master J. H. Meldram in February of this year. Both have rendered the Order good service and their places will be hard to fill.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has also suffered loss through the death of Bro. J. Frank Grant, Grand Secretary.

I endeavored to convey the sympathy of this Jurisdiction to the family of the late Bro. Grant, and received the following reply:—

Baltimore, Md., U.S.A., May 9, 1905.

"*T. F. Neelands, Esq., Vancouver, B.C., Can.*

"Dear Brother Neelands:—

"Please accept my sincere thanks, and the thanks of the other "members of Bro. Grant's family, for your kind expression of sym- "pathy in yours of 1st inst. The death of our dear Bro. Grant has "brought a great sorrow to the members of our family, and to those "of us who have been with him so long here in the office, and I assure "you that we not only appreciate the sympathy manifested in your "letter, but also the very kind words which you say concerning him. "I shall thank you to express our appreciation of this sympathy to "the officers and members of your Grand Lodge as much as you pos- "sibly can.

"With sincere personal regards, I am,

"Yours fraternally,

(Signed) "E. J. CURRY.

REBEKAH BRANCH.

This branch of our Order shows a marked increase during the past year. With proper support from the members of the Subordinate Lodges, the increase would be still greater.

MERGEMENT OF LODGES.

On April 29th I granted the necessary permission to Selkirk Lodge No. 12, and Revelstoke Lodge No. 25, to become merged. On May 22nd, I was advised by Bro. J. McLeod, D.D.G.M. District No. 9, that Revelstoke Lodge No. 25, had surrendered its Charter and become merged in Selkirk Lodge No. 12, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

I have also had some communications in reference to the merging of the Lodges at Ladysmith, but so far, the matter has not been consummated.

NEW LODGES.

On July 23rd I issued a commmission to Bro. Thomas Embleton, Grand Treasurer, to institute a Rebekah Lodge at Nelson, and on August the 31st, Queen City Lodge No. 16, was instituted. And on March the 15th I commissioned Bro. A. E. Morgan, D.D.G.M. District No. 13, to institute a Subordinate Lodge at Enderby. This, Eureka Lodge No. 50, was instituted on May 9th. In both instances the instituting officers reported that the prospects for the Lodges were good. I would therefore recommend that charters be granted these Lodges.

PROCLAMATIONS.

At the usual time I issued the Anniversary and Memorial Day Proclamations.

DECISIONS.

1. *Question*—Should officers elect, retiring or entering for installation, be clothed in regalia?

Answer—Yes. See White Digest, Section 1064.

2. *Question*—Is a visiting brother from another Jurisdiction entitled to the S. A. P. W.?

Answer—No. See Sections 225, 243, and 246, Busbee's Digest.

3. *Statement*—A brother applied for admission to another Lodge, and was accepted. He then applied for a withdrawal card from his own lodge, which was granted. Before he could deposit the card and sign the Constitution, he was taken sick. Is he entitled to benefits? If so, which Lodge is liable?

Answer—The brother is not entitled to benefits from either Lodge. Sections 101 and 102, Busbee's Digest.

4. *Statement*—A brother while on the sick list was advised by his physician to go to California. Is he entitled to benefits during the time he was in California and while travelling to and from, without a doctor's certificate for the time he was away, the local doctor having given a certificate covering the entire sickness?

Answer—Yes. Section 79 Busbee's Digest.

5. *Statement*—Is a lady whose husband is not an Odd Fellow and who is neither the daughter or sister of an Odd Fellow, eligible to receive the Rebekah Degree?

Answer—No.

6. *Statement*—A brother received an injury, remaining at home for six days; he then took charge of the work, remaining in charge until the work was finished. Afterwards he made claim for benefits from the date of the injury, during the time he was in charge of the work, and for some four weeks afterwards. Is he entitled to benefits after returning to work?

Answer—No.

7. *Statement*—A brother over six months in arrears was taken sick. After becoming sick the brother paid up the arrears. Is he entitled to benefits, the secretary having failed to notify him when he became in arrears?

Answer—The brother is not entitled to benefits.

8. *Statement*—Acting under legislation said to have been passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session, *re* joining by withdrawal card. A brother applied for admission to a Lodge, and was accepted. The Lodge to which he had made application applied to his Lodge for a withdrawal card, tendering the cost of the card. His Lodge refused to grant the card, unless the fee provided for in its By-laws was paid.

Held that the Lodge was within its rights in refusing to grant the card, it having no official knowledge of any change in the law.

9. *Question*—Can a brother refuse to vote, for conscientious reasons?

Answer—All members present must vote unless excused by the Lodge. Section 1896, Busbee's Digest.

10. *Question*—Should nominations be open for one or two meetings to fill a vacancy during the term?

Answer—Nominations should be open for two meetings.

11. *Question*—Is it legal to ballot for candidates at a special meeting?

Answer—No.

12. *Question*—Should the R. S. of the V. G. occupy the chair of the V. G. during balloting? Not being a P. V. G.?

Answer—Any member in good standing is eligible to fill the chair of the V. G. temporarily, except when in conferring degrees, when it should be filled by a V. G., P. V. G., or P. N. G.

13. *Question*—Can a lodge enforce a By-law making it imperative for its members to make a settlement of dues quarterly, said By-law having been approved by the Grand Lodge?

Answer—Yes. See Sections 415, 419, and 423, of Busbee's Digest.

In connection with decision No. 8, there is no intention or desire to come in conflict with any legislation that may have been enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. There is, however, a question of considerable importance involved, the question of whether a Lodge subordinate to a Grand Lodge, has the right to interpret the law for itself. In other words, whether such Lodges have the right to act on legislation, said to have been passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, before said legislation has officially been brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge, having jurisdiction over said Lodges. There are two, and only two channels through which the Grand Lodge can properly receive information as to legislation enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, either by circular letter from that body, or by report from the Grand Representatives at the session of the Grand Lodge.

No report has as yet been made by our Grand Representatives, and no official circular has been received in reference to any legislation passed at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It is therefore obvious, that this Grand Lodge, (and of necessity all subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction), has no official knowledge of any change in the law in reference to joining by withdrawal card. If there is to be uniformity in the various Lodges in the Jurisdiction, it is manifest, that the Lodges must take their instructions and interpretation of the law of the Order, from the Grand Lodge.

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June 16.—To Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, to hold an excursion.

June 16.—Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold an entertainment.

June 25.—Camborne Lodge, No. 49, to elect a Scarlet Degree Member to the office of Noble Grand, all qualified members declining.

June 25.—Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a public installation.

June 27.—Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, and Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, to hold a public installation.

July 7.—Duncan Lodge, No. 17, and to Ivy Rebekah Lodge, No. 14, to hold a public installation.

July 12.—Slocan Lodge, No. 40, and Floral Rebekah Lodge, No. 15, to hold a public installation.

July 12.—Island Lodge, No. 24, to remove its charter to Vancouver, for installation purposes.

August 18.—Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, to hold an entertainment.

September 20.—Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, to hold a dance.

October 19—Slocan Lodge No. 40, to hold a ball.

October 20.—Mount Fernie Lodge, No. 47, to hold a ball.

October 24.—Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold a ball.

November 23.—Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold an "at home."

November 29.—Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, to hold a ball.

November 29.—Cheam Lodge, No. 28, to hold a ball.

November 29.—Queen City Rebekah Lodge, No. 16, to hold dances on the 5th December and 5th January.

December 13.—Duncan Lodge, No. 17, to hold a dance.

December 16.—Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to attend a funeral in regalia.

December 17—Camborne Lodge, No. 49, to elect a Scarlet Degree Member to the office of Noble Grand, all qualified members having declined the office.

December 23.—Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to remove its charter to Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19 hall, for installation purposes.

December 23—Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a dance.

December 26.—Vancouver Lodge No. 8, to remove its charter to the hall of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, for installation purposes.

December 29.—Rossland Lodge, No. 36, and to Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, to hold a public installation.

December 29.—Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 19, to remove its charter to its new hall.

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January 5.—Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, to hold a ball.

January 7.—Island Lodge, No. 24, to remove its charter to the hall of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, for installation purposes.

January 10.—Pacific Lodge, No. 26, to remove its charter to the hall of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, for installation purposes.

January 17.—Queen City Rebekah Lodge, No. 16, to hold dances on the 6th of February, March and April, for the purpose of raising funds to purchase regalia, etc.

January 17.—Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and Dominion Lodge, No. 4, to hold a masquerade ball.

January 23.—Silver City Lodge, No. 39, to hold a ball.

January 26.—Kootenay Lodge No. 16, to hold a ball.

February 9.—Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, to hold a dance.

February 17.—Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, to hold a ball.

March 29.—Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, to hold an entertainment.

April 3.—Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a social and dance.

April 5.—Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, and Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, to appear in regalia at a funeral.

April 10.—Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, to hold an "At Home" in connection with the Anniversary of the Order.

May 18.—Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, to hold an "At Home" on the 24th inst.

May 23.—Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, to hold a benefit concert, on the 20th proximo.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Saturday, Sept. 17th.—Visited North Bend. Owing to there being only four members of Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, in North Bend at the time, no meeting was held. Lodge is in good condition financially, but through non-resident members, has difficulty in holding meetings.

Monday, Sept. 19th.—Tatnai Lodge, No. 9. A good Lodge; finances and membership in good shape. A degree was conferred on a brother in excellent style.

Tuesday, Sept. 20th.—Attended a joint session of Selkirk Lodge No. 12, and Revelstoke, No. 25. Both Lodges in fair condition; advised amalgamation; most of the brothers present in favor. Spent a pleasant evening.

Wednesday, Sept. 21st.—Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34. Lack of available material prevents the Lodge from increasing its membership. Financially the Lodge stands well.

Thursday, Sept. 22nd.—Camborne Lodge, No. 49. This Lodge is small in membership and owing to closing down of the mines in the neighborhood, is not likely to grow very fast.

Friday, Sept. 23rd.—Trout Lake Lodge No. 41. A degree was put on in excellent shape. The Lodge is prosperous.

Monday, Sept. 26th.—Kootenay Lodge, No. 16. The Initiatory Degree was conferred on a candidate in good form. The Degree Staff introduced some unique features that added greatly to the work. After the adjournment of the Lodge, the members of Queen City Rebekah Lodge, No. 16, were admitted and a social evening was spent.

Tuesday, Sept. 27th.—Enterprise Lodge, No. 43. The brethren exemplified the Initiatory Degree in a commendable way. Portions of the work were of a high order.

Wednesday, Sept. 28th.—Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38.—This Lodge appears to stand well in the community and certainly has a good class of members. Great credit is due D.D.G.M. Bro. Holmes for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Order.

Thursday, Sept. 29th.—Gateway Lodge, No. 45.—The Initiatory Degree was conferred in a creditable manner. There was a good attendance, and a good meeting.

Friday, September 30th.—Snowshoe Lodge, No. 46. A fair attendance. The Second Degree was conferred in a very realistic manner. Like many Lodges in mining camps, this Lodge suffers through the inability of its members to attend regularly.

Monday, Oct. 3rd.—Rossland Lodge, No. 36. A good attendance. After the Degree Staff had put on a degree in their usual efficient manner, the members of Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, were admitted and a pleasant evening was spent. Both Lodges doing well.

Wednesday, Oct. 5th.—Wildey Lodge, No. 44. Owing to their hall being occupied for that evening, an afternoon meeting was held, at which there was a fair attendance. The brothers appeared to be optimistic as to to the future of the Lodge.

Thursday, Oct. 6th.—Mt. Fernie Lodge, No. 47. The Lodge had just taken possession of its new hall. There was a good attendance and the prospects for the future of the Lodge are brighter than for some time past.

Friday, Oct. 7th.—Key City Lodge, No. 42. A good meeting. Better results are anticipated in the near future. A very pleasant after-meeting was held.

Monday, Oct. 10th.—Visited Slocan City, but owing to there not being a sufficient number of members in the city, a meeting could not be arranged for.

Monday, Oct. 10th.—Visited Sandon, but, as I was afterwards informed, my notice of intended visit had not been received by the Lodge. A meeting was not held.

Wednesday, Oct. 12th.—Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18. A good meeting; prospects for future of Lodge good. Financial affairs in good condition.

Thursday, Oct. 13.—Visited Coronation Lodge, composed of good material and doing well.

Saturday, Oct. 15th.—Ashcroft, No. 23. Lodge work greatly hampered by lack of resident members. Financially the Lodge is in good shape.

Wednesday, Dec. 6th.—Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15. A Degree team from Nos. 3 and 27 conferred the Second Degree on a brother in splendid style. The Noble Grand then called on me to dedicate their new hall, which I did, ably assisted by Deputy Grand Master D. E. Mackenzie, D. Welsh, P.G.M., W. H. Gardiner, P.G., W. E. Fales, P.G., A. H. Ferguson, P.G., E. L. Webber, P.G., W. S. Smith, P.G., A. Adams, P.G., A. J. Martin, P.G., and T. A. Muir, P.G.P. and P.G.R., all of New Westminster. Cloverdale Lodge has, since its institution, had three halls dedicated, having been burned out twice. It is to be hoped that many years will pass before it will again be necessary to have a dedication.

Tuesday, Jan. 10th.—Attended a joint session of Vancouver, No. 8; Western Star, No. 10; Mount Pleasant, No. 19; Island, No. 24; and Pacific, No. 26. The meeting was held in Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, new hall. The Order in this district is in a healthy condition.

Monday, Feb. 6th.—Accompanied by fifty brethren from the Vancouver Lodges, I visited Royal City, No. 3, and Amity, No. 27. Both Lodges are doing well.

Monday, Feb. 20th.—Met the members of Victoria, No. 1; Columbia, No. 2; and Dominion, No. 4, in joint session. Good feeling seems to prevail, and the Lodges are doing good work.

Tuesday, Feb. 21st.—Duncan Lodge, No. 17. Lodge financially in good condition. A good meeting was held.

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd.—Attended a joint session of Harmony, No. 6; Perseverance, No. 29; and Banner, No. 31. Discussed amalgamation of the three Lodges with the brethren, who appeared to meet the suggestion with favor.

Thursday, Feb. 23rd.—Met the members of Black Diamond, No. 5; Centennial, No. 20; and Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Lodges appear to be doing good work.

Wednesday, March 22nd.—Accompanied by Deputy Grand Master D. E. Mackenzie, G. R. Gordon, P.G.R., and about sixty members of the Order from New Westminster, I visited Delta Lodge, No. 21. A mixed Degree team from Nos. 3 and 27 conferred the Initiatory Degree in good style on a candidate. The Lodge is comfortably housed, and should increase in membership in the near future.

Thursday, April 20th.—Union Lodge, No. 11. This Lodge has had many obstacles to contend with in the past, and it is to be hoped that the way will be smoother in the future. Financially the Lodge is in fair condition.

Monday, April 24th.—Excelsior Lodge, No. 7. The prospects for an increase in membership in the near future appear to be good. The members appear to work together well. Its financial position is fairly good.

May 3rd.—Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2. Attendance large. Seven candidates were initiated; the work was splendidly put on. A good Lodge.

May 13th.—Cheam Lodge, No. 28. Members deserve great credit for the regularity with which meetings are held. Lodge in fair condition.

May 23rd.—Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5. A fair attendance. The prospects for the Lodge are much better than for some time past.

In conclusion I desire to convey to the Grand Secretary and other Grand Officers and to the District Deputy Grand Masters, my sincere thanks for assistance rendered to me during the year.

I also desire to thank the various Lodges that I visited, for the kind consideration shown me.

Wishing the Order every prosperity, and thanking the brethren for the honor conferred, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

T. F. NEELANDS,
Grand Master.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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

I have much pleasure in presenting you with my Twenty-First Report, covering the work of the Order in this Jurisdiction during the year 1904.

There was no increase in the number of lodges during the year, but on the 9th of May, 1905, "Eureka" Lodge No. 50 was instituted at Enderby, B. C., by Special D. G. M. Bro. A. E. Morgan, with six charter members, and nine members were initiated on the night of institution.

"Queen City" Rebekah Lodge No. 16 was instituted by Bro. T. Embleton, Grand Treasurer, at Nelson, B. C., on August 31st, 1904, with six charter members, and on the night of institution 38 members were initiated.

The good seed of Odd Fellowship seems to have found congenial soil in the prosperous and fertile valley of the Okanagan, for in addition to the Lodge instituted at Enderby, inquiries have been received as to the steps necessary to be taken to open Lodges at Kelowna and Summerland, and it is highly probable that Lodges will be shortly established at these places.

"Revelstoke" Lodge No. 25 surrendered its charter and merged with "Selkirk" Lodge No. 12 on May 9th, 1905; it is believed that this was a wise step and that it will tend to conserve the best interests of Odd Fellowship in that locality.

Abstracts of the Reports rendered by the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges are appended, and the following tabulated statement of these Reports shows a comparison between the work performed last year and that of the year 1903.

STATISTICAL.

Statement Showing Result of the Year's Work Compared with the Year 1903.

		Increase.	Decrease.
No. of Lodges 31 Dec., 1904	42	.....	.....
" " instituted since	1	.....	.....
" " lost by mergement	1	.....	.....
" Members on 31 Dec., 1904	3584	57	.....
" " initiated during the year	257	37	.....
" " admitted by card	30	.....	12
" " reinstated	20	9	.....
" " withdrawn	29	.....	3
" " deceased	28	.....	8
" " resigned	1	.....	.....
" " suspended	1	1	.....
" Ceased membership by N.P.D.	204	11	.....
" Rejected	6	.....	9
" Degrees conferred	788	90	.....
" Past Grands	750	48	.....
Receipts from Dues	$ 40,241.03	$ 605.87	.....
" Admission and Degrees	$ 7,095.50	$ 768.50	.....
" Rents and invested funds	$ 12,421.79	$ 1,294.06	.....
" All other sources	$ 2,111.92	$ 144.49	.....
Total receipts	$ 61,870.24	$ 2,812.92	.....
No. of Brothers relieved	325	.....	35
" Widowed families relieved	9	.....	1
" Brothers buried	25	.....	8
" Weeks sick benefit paid	2856	127	.....
Amt. paid for the relief of brothers	$ 16,364.85	.....	$ 2,375.20
" " " widowed families	$ 136.55	.....	$ 371.35
" " " orphans	$ 310.00	$ 310.00	.....
" " education of orphans	$ 96.00	$ 24.00	.....
" " burying the dead	$ 2,295.00	.....	$ 132.90
" " special relief	$ 662.00	$ 243.90	.....
" " " current expenses	$ 23,013.25	$ 1,035.92	.....
Total amt. paid for relief	$ 19,864.40	.....	$ 2,301.55
" " of assets of Lodges	$263,239.84	$ 10,611.64	.....
Average amount of benefits paid to each sick member	$ 50.35	.....	$ 1.71
Average amount expended for relief per member	$ 5.54	.....	$ 0.74
Average duration of sickness per sick member	*8 w. 5½d.	1 w. 1½d.	.....
Average duration of sickness per sick member	5d. 14h.	4 h.	.....
Average cost per member for current expenses	$ 6.42	$ 0.19	.....
Average cost per member for all lodge expenditures	$ 11.96	.....	$ 0.56
Average amt. of assets per member	$ 73.45	$ 1.82	.....

STATISTICAL.—(Continued.)

		Increase.	Decrease.
Total amt. expended for relief since the institution of the Grand Lodge in 1874	$356,844.54	.....	.....
REBEKAH LODGES.			
No. of Lodges 31 December, 1904	9	1	.....
" Members—brothers	294	70	.....
" " sisters	334	60	.....
No. of members initiated during year			
Brothers	107	66	.....
Sisters	64	11	.....
No. members admitted by card during year—Brothers	4	1	.....
Sisters	4	2	.....
No. members reinstated during year—			
Brothers	1	.....	7
Sisters	2	.....	8
No. members withdrawn during year			
Brothers	8	.....	.....
Sisters	.....	.....	.....
No. ceased membership by N.P.D.—			
Brothers	32	14	.....
Sisters	9	.....	26
No. members deceased—Brothers	2	1	.....
Sisters	1	.....	1
Receipts during the year—			
For dues	$ 967.75	$ 90.25	.....
For admissions	$ 300.00	$ 157.50	.....
Rents and invested funds	$ 7.15	.....	$ 29.80
From all other sources	$ 166.22	.....	$ 52.91
Payments during the year—			
Relief of members	$ 72.00	.....	$38.00
Relief of widowed families	$ 10.00	.....	.....
Special relief	$ 99.50	.....	$ 0.75
Total relief	$ 181.50	.....	$78.75
Current expenses	$ 953.75	$ 241.46	.....
Total invested funds	$ 2,086.22	$ 629.75	.....

*w., weeks; d., days; h,, hours

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash Received and Paid to Grand Treasurer.

From Whom Received.		Tax term ended 30th June 1904	Tax term ended 31st Decr 1904	Supplies	Home Fund	Fines Chart'r Fees, etc.	Total.
Victoria	Lodge No. 1	$ 103 00	$ 99 00	$ 12 20	.....	.....	$ 214 20
Columbia	" 2	69 50	72 50	10 80	.....	.....	152 80
Royal City	" 3	61 50	60 50	12 75	.....	.....	134 75
Dominion	" 4	74 00	75 00	8 30	.....	.....	157 30
Black Diamond	" 5	71 50	68 50	11 40	.....	.....	150 90
Harmony	" 6	51 00	49 50	2 80	.....	.....	103 30
Excelsior	" 7	22 75	21 50	1 75	.....	.....	46 00
Vancouver	" 8	80 00	78 00	43 50	.....	.....	201 50
Tatnai	" 9	55 50	56 50	22 00	.....	.....	134 00
Western Star	" 10	133 50	127 50	16 70	.....	.....	277 70
Union	" 11	29 50	27 00	5 00	.....	.....	61 50
Selkirk	" 12	36 50	39 50	5 90	.....	.....	81 90
Cloverdale	" 15	16 50	17 00	2 50	.....	.....	36 00
Kootenay	" 16	57 50	59 00	6 25	.....	2 00	124 75
Duncan	" 17	28 50	28 00	7 00	$21 00	2 00	86 50
Vernon Valley	" 18	22 50	23 00	5 50	.....	.....	51 00
Mt. Pleasant	" 19	29 50	30 50	3 00	.....	.....	63 00
Centennial	" 20	68 00	68 00	17 00	.....	.....	153 00
Delta	" 21	20 00	19 50	6 50	.....	.....	46 00
Gold Range	" 22	16 50	16 50	.....	.....	4 00	37 00
Ashcroft	" 23	12 00	13 00	80	.....	.....	25 80
Island	" 24	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Revelstoke	" 25	29 50	29 50	1 90	.....	.....	60 90
Pacific	" 26	112 00	110 50	15 00	2 00	.....	239 50
Amity	" 27	71 00	72 50	23 75	.....	.....	167 25
Cheam	" 28	15 50	15 50	4 75	.....	.....	35 75
Perseverance	" 29	26 50	25 50	7 05	.....	6 00	65 05
Banner	" 31	34 50	34 00	7 50	.....	.....	76 00
Rocky Mountain	" 34	31 00	29 00	4 00	.....	.....	64 00
Rossland	" 36	83 50	86 50	13 25	.....	.....	183 25
Boundary Valley	" 38	35 50	38 00	11 50	.....	.....	85 00
Silver City	" 39	26 00	19 50	15 50	.....	2 00	63 00
Slocan	" 40	16 00	16 50	3 85	.....	.....	36 35
Trout Lake	" 41	27 50	27 50	4 33	.....	2 00	61 33
Key City	" 42	30 00	33 00	4 00	.....	2 00	69 00
Enterprise	" 43	54 50	55 50	9 00	.....	.....	119 00
Wildey	" 44	13 00	15 50	5 00	.....	.....	33 50
Gateway	" 45	34 50	32 50	8 00	.....	.....	75 00
Snowshoe	" 46	30 50	30 50	25 50	.....	.....	86 50
Mt. Fernie	" 47	25 50	26 50	14 60	.....	.....	66 60
Coronation	" 48	18 00	18 50	8 00	.....	.....	44 50
Camborne	" 49	11 50	11 50	.....	.....	.....	23 00

From Whom Received.	Tax term ended 30th June 1904	Tax term ended 31st Decr. 1904	Supplies	Home Fund	Fines, Chart'r Fees, etc.	Total.
Eureka " 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	30 00
Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 1	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	1 40
Mizpah " 2	.....	.....	7 90	.....	.....	7 90
Miriam " 2	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	15 00
Beulah " 5	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	65
Deborah " 13	.....	.....	21 00	35 35	.....	56 35
Ivy " 14	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Floral " 15	.....	.....	8 60	.....	.....	8 60
Queen City " 16	.....	.....	21 60	.....	10 00	31 60
Sundry persons	.....	.....	3 25	.....	.....	3 25
Bro. H. B. Gilmour, P.G.M..	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	20 00
Bank of B. N. A., interest Grand Treasurer's Acct...	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 48	25 48
Canadian Bank of Commerce int. Bro. Simpson's Acct..	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 77	24 77
	$1800 25	$1792 00	$ 468 53	$78 35	110 25	$4249 38

ORDERS DRAWN ON GRAND TREASURER.

Date.		No. of Order.	In Whose Favor.	Description.	Amount.
1904.					
May	31	1	F. Davey, Grand Secy...	Supplies from Sov. G. Lodge..	$ 22 15
June	9	2	Grand Treasurer	Mileage & per diem, Sess. '04..	3452 00
"	9	3	W. H. Huxtable	Caretaker Grand Secy's office	20 00
"	9	4	T. Embleton	Janitor Session 1904.....	10 00
"	9	5	E. C. Arthur, P.G.M....	Travelling expenses	32 00
"	9	6	F. Davey, Grand Secy...	Exchange, telegrams hire of tables, etc	18 25
"	20	7	J. Pottinger	Grand Lodge card I. O. O. F..	10 00
"	30	8	R. S. Day	Premium Grand Secy's bond..	5 00
July	16	9	F. Davey, Grand Secy...	Supplies Sov. Grand Lodge...	77 50
"	16	10	do. do ...	Dep. O. F. Home acct. in bnk	76 00
"	21	11	E. C. Arthur, P.G.M.....	Postage & Sundries	5 00
"	30	12	R. S. Day	Premium Grand Treas. bond..	5 00
Sept.	2	13	F. Davey, Grand Secy...	Supplies Sov. Grand Lodge...	24 00
"	6	14	Victoria Ptg. & Pub. Co.	Printing Proceedings 1904....	147 95
"	12	15	T. F. Neelands, G.M. ...	On acct. of expenses	200 00
"	12	16	F. Davey, Grand Secy...	Salary 3 mos.	150 00
"	12	17	do. do. ...	Postage, freight, etc., etc.....	64 75
"	12	18	Colonist Ptg. & Pub. Co.	Blank books	24 00
Oct.	1	19	Mortimore & Blackeby...	Collar for Grand Master.....	15 00
Nov.	2	20	F. Davey, Grand Secy...	Supplies Sov. Grand Lodge ..	66 00
"	2	21	Victoria Ptg. & Pub. Co.	Letter heads for D. D. G. M.'s	5 50

Dec.	10	22	F. Davey, Grand Secy...	Salary 3 mos.	150 00
"	10	23	do. do. ...	Postage, freight, etc	22 45
"	19	24	do. do. ...	Supplies Sov. Grand Lodge....	20 00
1905.					
Jan.	14	25	do. do. ...	do do do	40 00
"	28	26	Mortimore & Blackeby..	Case for G. Master's collar..	1 50
Feb.	28	27	T. F. Neelands, G.M....	Balance of allowance	100 00
Mar.	4	28	F. Davey, Grand Secy...	Supplies Sov. Grand Lodge....	91 00
"	21	29	do. do. ...	Salary 3 mos.....	150 00
"	21	30	do. do ...	Postage, freight, etc..	41 90
"	21	31	Odd Fellows' Union	Rent G. Secy's office 12 mos..	100 00
"	21	32	Sovereign Grand Lodge..	Representative tax	150 00
May	3	33	Colonist Ptg. & Pub. Co.	Blank books	27 00
"	13	34	F. Davey, Grand Secy...	Dep. in bank—Home fund....	23 00
"	16	35	T. R. Cusack	Printing forms, etc.	34 50
"	17	36	F. Davey, Grand Secy...	Salary, 3 mos.	150 00
"	17	37	do. do. ...	Supplies from Sov. Lodge....	24 00
"	17	38	do. do. ...	Postage and sundries	12 55
"	17	39	T. F. Neelands, G.M.....	Postage, etc.	10 00
					$5578 00

SUMMARY.

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands last report	$3234 71
Cash received and paid to Grand Treasurer	4249 38
	$7484 09
Less orders drawn on Grand Treasurer	5578 00
Balance in hand of Grand Treasurer	$1906 09

STOCK ACCOUNT.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance from last year's account	$ 175 40	
Goods bought during the year	410 10	
Freight ,etc. on supplies from Sov. Grand Lodge..	43 20	
Profit during the year	46 60	
Goods sold during the year		$ 462 00
Value of stock on hand		213 30
	$ 675 30	$ 675 30

ODD FELLOWS' HOME ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		
Amount on hand as per last report		$3590 97
Subscription as per statement	78 35	
Transfer of fines paid by lodges	20 70	
Interest Imperial Bank of Canada to 31 May, 1904	5 70	
Interest Imperial Bank of Canada to 30. Nov., 1904	7 30	
Interest Dom. Govt. Savings Bank to 30 June, 1904	88 90	
		200 95
		$3791 92
Deposited in Do. Govt. Savings Bank	$3243 12	
Deposited in Imperial Bank of Canada	548 80	
		3791 92

AGED ODD FELLOWS' FUND.

Amount on hand per last report		$ 437 44
Interest Dom. Govt. Savings Bank to 30 June, 1904		13 08
		$ 450 52
Deposited in Dom. Govt. Savings Bank	$ 450 03	
In Grand Treasurer's hands	$ 49	
		450 52

BALANCE SHEET.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.
MAY, 1905.

	Account.	Dr.	Cr.
44...	Furniture and Regalia	$ 546 65	
69...	Tatnai Lodge No. 9		$ 25
77...	Columbia Lodge, No. 2		40
113...	Centennial Lodge, No. 20		12 00
117...	Gold Range Lodge, No. 22		1 10
131...	Stock	213 30	
146...	Sovereign Grand Lodge	36 25	
157...	Grand Treasurer	1906 09	
163...	Profit and Loss		2708 19
165...	Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25		45
167...	Vancouver Lodge, No. 8		1 05
173...	Cheam Lodge, No. 28		80
177...	Perseverance Lodge, No. 29		46
181...	Banner Lodge, No. 31	20	
189...	Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34		10
197...	Dominion Govt. Savings Bank (Home Acct.)	3243 12	
199...	Harmony Lodge, No. 6		25
205...	Rossland Lodge, No. 36		45
219...	Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38		85
233...	Slocan Lodge, No. 40		85
235...	Aged Odd Fellows' Fund		450 52
240...	Excelsior Lodge, No. 7	2 25	
243...	Trout Lake Lodge, No. 41	40	
244...	Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13		10
246...	Dom. Govt. Savings Bank (Aged O. F. Fund)	450 03	
249...	Key City Lodge, No. 42		1 00
256...	Gateway Lodge, No. 45		1 50
258...	Snowshoe Lodge, No. 46		90
270...	Mt. Fernie Lodge, No. 47		50
279...	Odd Fellows' Home Account		3791 92
288...	Kootenay Lodge, No. 16		75
290...	Pacific Lodge, No. 26		40
294...	Camborne Lodge, No. 49		2 15
296...	Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18	1 00	
298...	Imperial Bank of Canada (Home Acct.)	548 80	
302...	Delta Lodge, No. 21	2 00	
306...	Eureka Lodge, No. 50	26 85	
		$6976 94	$6976 94

The foregoing statement contains many features that are both satisfactory and encouraging. The number of members on the 31st December, 1904, was 3,584, being an increase of 57. The financial results indicate the lodges to be in a healthy condition; the receipts show an increase under all heads, the aggregate being $2,812.92 more than the preceding year. There is a decrease in the amount of relief paid of $2,301.55 as compared with 1903, and the number of brothers relieved were less, although the number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid and the average duration of sickness were in excess of the preceding year. The amount paid for current expenses is also higher by $1,035.92 than in 1903. It is very gratifying to note that the gross value of the assets of the Subordinate Lodges has increased $10,611.64 during the year, and now attains the sum of $263,239.84, an average of $73.45 per member, the latter being an increase of $1.82 since December 31st, 1903.

The Reports of the Rebekah Lodges are highly creditable and shows that branch of the Order to be in a prosperous condition, there being an increase in membership of 130 during the year, with satisfactory additions in the items of receipts and invested funds.

I regret very much to have to report the death of two well-known and respected Past Grand Masters of our Jurisdiction since we last met, Brothers J. H. Meldram, No. 2, and W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, Both were highly esteemed in this Grand Lodge, and also as private citizens. They were indefatigable workers in the cause of Odd Fellowship and will be greatly missed in their respective Lodges. It is recommended that a Memorial Page with the names of these two brothers and other Past Grands who have died during the past year, be inserted in the Printed Proceedings of the Session.

The Grand Lodge meets this year for the first time in the young and enterprising city of Ladysmith. The history of the Lodges here has been of such a character as would have proved discouraging to brothers of a less courageous type. All three Lodges have, from the force of circumstances been forced to migrate from the place where they were originally instituted.

"Harmony" Lodge No. 6 was instituted at Wellington on March 16th, 1883, and "Banner" Lodge No. 31 was instituted at the same place on August 1, 1894. Both these Lodges removed to Ladysmith in 1901 on account of the closing of the coal mines at Wellington. "Perseverance" Lodge No. 29 was instituted at Northfield on June 18th, 1894, and for similar reasons found it necessary to surrender its charter in March, 1897, but was resuscitated and removed to Extension in 1901, and subsequently moved to Ladysmith. It is to be hoped that the industries of this neighborhood will prove of a lasting and permanent character, so that the future stability of the Lodges here may be assured.

Odd Fellowship throughout all its bounds is advancing with rapid strides. In the year 1903 81,500 members were added to its ranks, and it is confidently expected that the gain in 1904 was even larger. In 1903 this Jurisdiction only contributed an increase of 19, and last year 57, a very small exhibit for a young and vigorous Province with its many advantages, from which much better results might have been expected. What this Jurisdiction appears to need is more enthusiasm, a firmer belief in the high mission of our great Order, and a fuller

appreciation of the noble work in which it is engaged; in fact, a general revival that shall awaken a livelier interest and a more determined and sustained effort to advance the great cause of Odd Fellowship. I trust that such a spirit will be engendered by this meeting and that when we next meet we shall be able to point with pride to commensurate results.

Yours fraternally,

Fred. Davey

Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

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

I beg to submit a statement of the moneys received and disbursed by me as Grand Treasurer during the past year:

1904. DR.

June 9, To balance received from late Grand Treasurer....	$3,260 48
July 9, To cash received from Rossland Lodge No. 36.....	87 50
July 9, To cash received from Enterprise Lodge No. 43	54 50
July 14, To cash received from Grand Secretary.....	185 40
Aug. 16, To cash received from Grand Secretary.....	1,178 50
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Jan. 4, To cash received from Rossland Lodge No. 36.....	86 50
Jan. 4, To cash received from Enterprise Lodge No. 43.....	55 50
May 5, To cash received from Grand Secretary.....	2,263 55
May 19, To cash received from Grand Secretary.....	286 68
Interest Bank of British North America.....	25 48
	$7,484 09

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June 9 to May 17, By paid orders Nos. 1 to 39 inclusive....	5,578 00
Balance on hand	$1,906 09

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS EMBLETON,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Your Representatives on whom you imposed the duty as well as the great honor of representing our Jurisdiction in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, consider it a great privilege and pleasure to submit for your consideration the following Report:—

The eightieth annual communication of the Supreme or Sovereign Head of the Independent Order of Oddfellows was held in San Francisco, Cal., at the Native Sons' Hall, September 19th to 24th, 1904.

The Representatives and Officers were welcomed to the City and State at the Lyceum Theatre, by the Mayor of San Francisco, the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Scribe and the President of the Rebekah Assembly of California.

The addresses were acknowledged and responded to on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the Grand Sire, Bro. J. B. Goodwin, of Georgia. At the conclusion of these exercises, under escort of the California Patriarchs Militant, the Grand Lodge marched to the Native Sons' Hall, where the first session was duly opened at 10:30 a.m. Upon the call of the roll the following officers were present::—

John B. Goodwin ..... *Grand Sire*
J. Frank Grant ..... *Grand Secretary*
M. Richards Muckle ..... *Grand Treasurer*
M. A. Raney ..... *General Commanding*
Elvin J. Curry .....*Assistant Grand Secretary.*
John B. Cockrum .....*Grand Marshal*
Edwin L. Pilsbury ..... *Grand Guardian*
Louis F. Hart ..... *Grand Messenger*

and Grand Representatives from fifty-three Grand Lodges and forty Grand Encampments, also the following Past Grand Sires:—

Milton J. Durham ..... *Kentucky*
John C. Underwood ..... *Kentucky*
John W. Stebbins ..... *New York*
Fred Carleton ..... *Texas*
Alfred S. Pinkerton ..... *Massachusetts*
A. C. Cable ..... *Ohio*

The Deputy Grand Sire, Robert E. Wright, of Pennsylvania, being absent, the Grand Sire appointed Grand Representative George Hawkes, of Pennsylvania, as Deputy Grand Sire *pro tempore.*

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Venable, of Kentucky, being

absent the Grand Sire appointed Rev. P. A. Simpkin, Grand Secretary of Utah, Grand Chaplain *pro tempore.*

After credentials were examined there were found to be Representatives present from fifty-four Grand Lodges and forty-four Grand Encampments.

The following reports of officers and extracts from the proceedings of the session will best give you information concerning the work and advancement of our Order throughout the world.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Officers and Representatives:

We assemble in the eightieth annual session of this Body in the great and famous State of California and in its chief city and metropolis of the Pacific Coast, San Francisco, and for the fourth time in its history the Sovereign Grand Lodge meets west of the Rocky Mountains. In 1869 the session was held here in San Francisco, and in 1888 in Los Angeles, and in 1892 in Portland, Oregon. All the other seventy-seven sessions have been held east of the Rockies.

The Order which in America had its commencement on the Atlantic Coast has developed and accompanied civilization as it extended to the Middle West; then to what was once the Great American Desert, but now a most fertile and productive land; then across the Rockies and Sierra Nevadas to the golden shores of the Pacific; and as we gather here for the present session we find it strong and accomplishing great and good work in California and receiving as it deserves the respect and admiration of all good people, whether members of its organization or not. After those from the eastern jurisdictions have travelled across the continent to reach the meeting place in 1904 they find themselves in the atmosphere and surroundings and under the influence of Odd Fellowship and a welcome, cordial and fraternal, extended by thousands of brothers and sisters bound to each other and to us, in the never dying bonds of fraternity; and find also a civilization as high and perfect as any in the world and a people as refined, educated and patriotic as any. Great is the privilege therefore to us all to gather here under such favorable conditions, and gratifying that the present session is held at a time when our beloved Order is having great prosperity and harmony. In 1869 when the Grand Lodge of the United States met here the Subordinate Lodge membership was only 268,608, whereas at the end of 1903 it was 1,151,421, besides 284,681 sisters of the Rebekah Degree, making a total of 1,436,102 members. The total revenue in 1868 amounted to $2,347,073.86. And now it is 12,887,714.22 for 1903. Then the total relief expenditure in 1868 was $760,429.54 and now for 1903 it is $4,326,509.19. The year 1902 was the most prosperous in the history of the Order up to that time and surpassed all previous records of work, but it remained for 1903 to exceed it and take its place as the red letter year in our history as an Order.

The condition of the Order, including all parts of the world, at the close of 1903, is shown by returns as follows:

Subordinate lodge membership, December 31, 1903....	1,151,421
Encampment membership, December 31, 1903	167,849
Rebekah Lodge membership, December 31, 1903	447,694
Brothers	163,013
Sisters	284,681
Patriarchs Militant membership, December 31, 1903.....	18,832
Total membership of the Order, including subordinate lodge members and sisters only of Rebekah lodges....	1,436,102

Encampment members and brothers of Rebekah lodges are not included, as they are subordinate lodge members.

REVENUE OR RECEIPTS IN 1903.

Subordinate lodges	$11,455,697 76
Encampments	754,080 61
Rebekah lodges	677,935 85
Total revenue	$12,887,714 22

RELIEF EXPENDED IN 1903.

Relief by lodges	$3,970,954 44
Relief by encampments	284,896 72
Relief by Rebekah lodges	70,658 03
Total relief	$4,326,509 19
Total relief as shown by records since 1830 to 1902, inclusive	$100,795,034 51
Invested funds of subordinate lodges	32,372,304 33
Invested funds of subordinate encampments.....	1,668,966 58
Invested funds of Rebekah lodges	628,848 69
Total invested funds	$34,670,119 60

FINANCES OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Cash on hand August 1, 1903	$95,237 99
Received from August 1, 1903, to July 30, 1904.....	98,795 17
Total	$194,033 16
Warrants drawn from August 1, 1903, to July 30, 1904..	127,582 21
Balance on hand July 31, 1904	$66,450 95

The financial exhibit is a most gratifying one, and the sub-committee on finance estimated that after paying the expenses of the present session there would be a sufficient balance to authorize the investment of $51,332.64 in safe interest paying securities and co-operating with the committee such investment was made by the Grand Treasurer, as will more fully appear on his report. Splendid as is this result and condition, it should not suggest any unnecessary appropriations, for good financial administration is indispensable to the safety and success of any institution, organization or order.

THE FRATERNAL PRESS.

The fraternal press is a great aid in the cause and in the dissemination of the principles of the Order, and especially is it helpful to the Grand Sire and membership generally in keeping them advised as to

the condition of the work and progress in the different jurisdictions. It has frequently happened during the two years of my official service that information which I desired and needed has been afforded by consulting the fraternal press and it is almost indispensable in the matter of keeping in touch with the Order everywhere. Besides the exchange of news which it gives, it is instructive and educational in fraternal and benevolent work and deserves to be encouraged.

CONCLUSION.

Two years ago your generous confidence called me to the honorable and responsible service which closes at the present session. Appreciating the honor, responsibility and importance of the work upon which I was then entering, business arrangements had been made to conform to it and business interests subordinated, whenever necessary, to the interest and work for the Order. As far as possible and able, whatever service I could render has been given to our great and good cause and to the promotion of its interests, and while the work has been arduous and constant, it has been accompanied with the hearty good will, respect, fraternal regard and encouragement of the membership generally. It has been my effort and pleasure, as was also my duty, to keep in close and constant touch and sympathy with the Order everywhere, and to know the condition in every jurisdiction, and this has added largely to the correspondence of the office, but has given me much satisfaction and inspiration. Besides, as calls and opportunity came, I have gone into various jurisdictions to personally meet the membership, loyal and enthusiastic brothers and sisters, whose greetings and devotion to the principles of the Order have greatly strengthened and encouraged me in the official service. These years and these associations constitute a bright chapter in my life work and experience, and the recollection of them will be fondly cherished. The membership generally have been found active and devoted to the principles and work of the Order, and this has been the chief factor in accomplishing the gratifying results and progress made, and in bringing about the present splendid condition. The record of prosperity during the last two years must be gratifying to us all, for it represents not only building up in membership, but also splendid financial administration in all branches and increased ability for discharging benevolent obligations; large and extensive fraternal influence which is drawing people closer together in sympathy; liberal and growing relief expenditures for all purposes and along all lines provided by our system, and all these with that harmony which is so essential to the accomplishment of the best results. An examination of the condition and results elsewhere shown in this report and more fully set out in the report of the Grand Secretary will give the relief expenditure along the various lines, to-wit: For sick and funeral benefits, for the aid of widows and orphans, and for the erection and maintenance of Homes for widows and orphans and aged Odd Fellows. Reference, however, should be made to the further fact that during the years 1902 and 1903 there was added a net increase in subordinate lodge membership of 151,000 brothers and 60,000 sisters in the Rebekah branch, making an aggregate net increase for that very short period in the history of the Order of 211,000 members.

It is known that much and general good work is being done the present year, 1904, and it is almost assured that the close of the year will find the Order with more than one million and a half members if

we do not already have that many by the reports of the subordinates for the first semi-annual term ending June 30th, last. With grateful hearts and thanksgiving should we contemplate the development and growth of a system and an organization which make the world better and mankind happier for its existence and influence. In our Order is found the most potential contribution to fraternal and benevolent organization and it should be regarded as a high privilege to be enrolled in its membership and under its bright banners, and to be coworkers in its great mission to humanity.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. GOODWIN,
Grand Sire.

ABSTRACT OF DECISIONS OF THE GRAND SIRE AS APPROVED BY THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE AT ITS SESSION IN SAN FRANCISCO, 1904.

1. A subordinate lodge cannot change from weekly to monthly meetings where the Grand Lodge law is silent on the subject.

2. Subordinates, under the immediate jurisdiction of the S. G. L., in paying tax on receipts, are not required to pay tax on funds received by assessments for funeral benefits and expenses.

3. Decision No. 34, 1903, giving the qualifications of a nominee for Vice Grand, does not interfere with Section 997 of White's Digest, which makes the Chaplain also a qualifying office for Vice Grand.

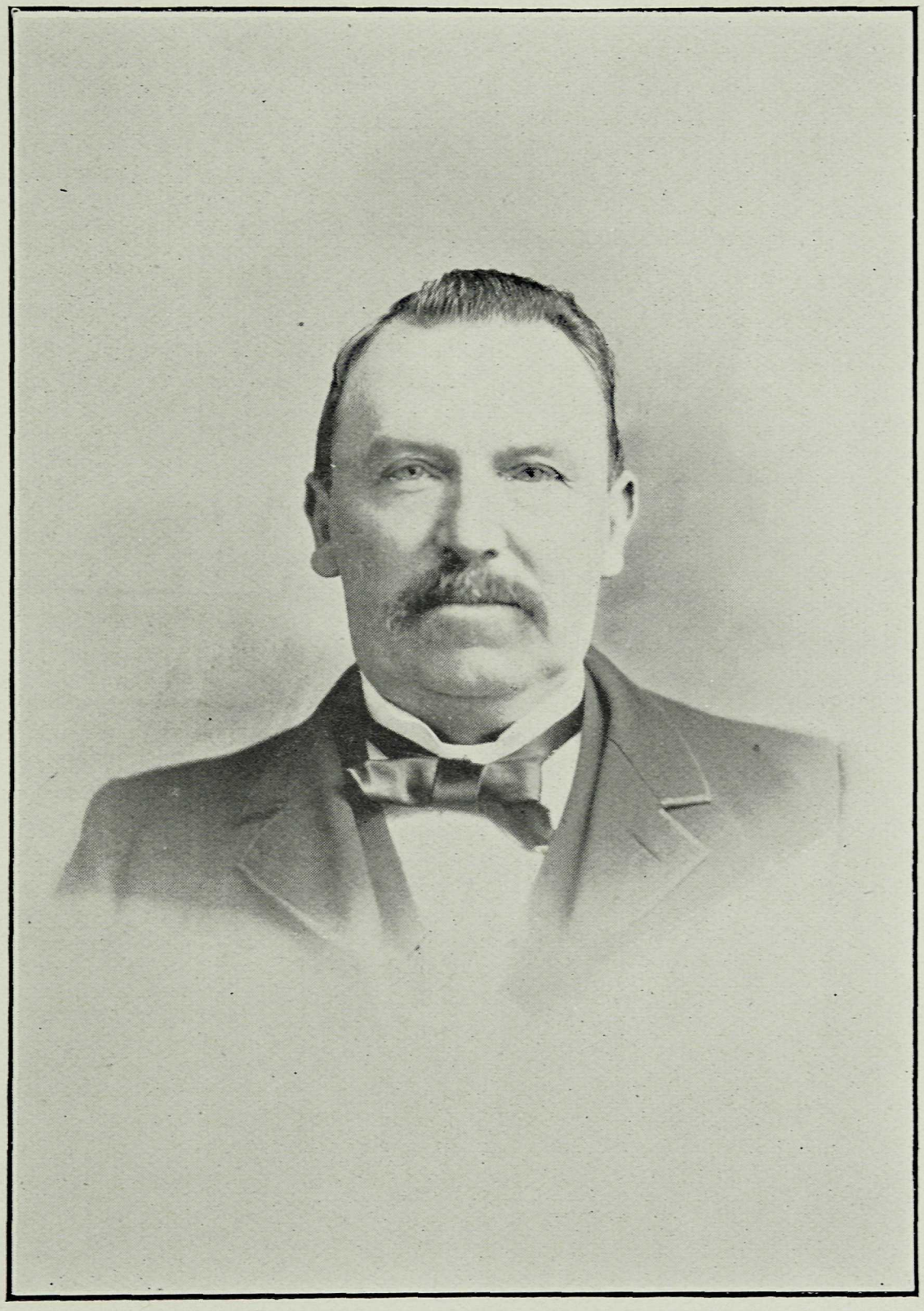
4. The Code of Procedure for Trials in the Book of Forms is to be followed by subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. If a Grand Lodge has no code for trials its subordinates should use the above code only as far as it is in harmony with the general laws of their Grand Lodge.

5. A brother appeared in person and by counsel before a trial committee; immediately after his testimony he removed to another jurisdiction. The trial committee found him guilty as charged and the lodge fixed the penalty at reprimand. Held, first, that the lodge can require the brother to appear in open lodge to receive the reprimand; and, second, if he fails to appear after summons the lodge may proceed in accordance with law to try him for contempt.

6. In laying a corner stone the Grand Body or subordinate owning the property shall direct and have charge of the ceremony, the law of precedence not applying to such cases.

7. A brother so far in arrears for dues as not to be entitled to vote can not prosecute an appeal from a decision of the D. D. G. M. in regard to matters that do not affect him personally.

8. In the matter of trials, the local law governs when not in conflict with the law of the S. G. L. If the local law provides that only those in good standing and who have been present during the entire trial shall vote on the charges, it must be followed. A brother



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would not be debarred from voting on the charges by absence from any meeting after charges had been preferred if nothing had been done during such absence in reference to the trial. The disciplining of a member of the Order for gaming is not restricted to such as may be professional gamblers. If the local law so provides, a conviction, in a court of competent jurisdiction, upon the plea of guilty of any offense against the penal laws would authorize trials in our Order and such action as the local law may provide. The term "Professional Gambler" in the S. G. L. Constitution relates to eligibility to membership, but does not prevent trial of those in membership charged with an offense against public law, regardless of when membership may have been obtained.

9. While the law of 1902 provides that members sixty years or more of age who have been contributing members for twenty-five consecutive years or more, cannot be dropped for the non-payment of dues, they are only to be carried as non-beneficial members and per capita tax is not to be paid upon them.

10. It is competent for a Grand Lodge to enact legislation providing that no elective officer of a subordinate or Rebekah Lodge shall serve as a trustee of funds, providing that such legislation does not render any such trustee ineligible to an elective office. It may provide that an election to office vacates the trusteeship and that no elective officer shall be eligible to election or appointment as such trustee.

11. Ten lodges located in West Virginia and holding charters from the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1865, petitioned the S. G. L. (then the Grand Lodge of the United States) for a charter for the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. The ten lodges are still working under the charters received from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, never having received charters from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. Held that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia has the same jurisdiction and powers over these lodges as over those it has chartered itself, and would have the same interest in their assets should they become defunct.

12. A subordinate lodge cannot change from four meetings per month to one where its Grand Lodge Constitution is silent on the subject.

13. The law of 1902 relative to not dropping members who had become 60 years of age for the non-payment of dues, etc., became effective without any action by the several Grand Lodges.

14. If a brother is more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues when taken sick, he is non-beneficial, and a payment made thereafter would not make him beneficial.

15. A written resignation of a brother in good standing severs his connection entirely with the lodge and he is not subject, in any respect, to its jurisdiction. If a member went into the saloon business since January 1, 1896, prior to resignation, charges should have been preferred against him, but if he only engaged in the business after resigning, the lodge has no jurisdiction over him. If he subsequently retired from the business and applied for membership in a lodge as an ancient Odd Fellow, he could be received or rejected, as

the lodge might determine, and the lodge, in passing on his application, might well consider the circumstances of his resignation and his conduct in engaging in the saloon business.

16. The penalty to be inflicted upon an Odd Fellow who is a saloon-keeper or bartender contrary to the laws of the Order, and who at the time of conviction continues in such business, is expulsion; but if the offending member has, prior to his conviction, in good faith, discontinued such business, then the penalty is such as may be determined by the trial lodge. It is the duty of the lodge to prefer charges against the offender, and if the local law does not regulate or provide by whom charges are to be preferred, the duty would especially devolve upon the Noble Grand, or, in his absence or inability, upon the Vice Grand. In the absence of local regulation any member of the lodge would be authorized to prefer charges.

17. The funeral ceremony adopted in 1903 by the S. G. L. must be used exclusively.

18. A Noble Grand whose term expires January 1 may be elected Secretary for the ensuing term. By such election he would be relieved from giving the Past Grand's charge. He could give it voluntarily when not in conflict with his immediate duties as Secretary, but could not claim the right to do so, and could not be required to do so.

19. If charges, in accordance with the laws of the Order, have been preferred or are pending against a brother, or are preferred at the same meeting at which his resignation is tendered, he cannot resign until the charges shall have been legally disposed of.

20. A brother teaches school in the winter, but since 1900 he has continuously owned a small summer hotel. During the months of June, July and August it has been his custom to open and conduct the hotel and in connection therewith to open and conduct a bar where intoxicating liquors are sold as a beverage to be drunk upon the premises. Held, he is a saloon-keeper if he is the proprietor or manager of the bar and he is a bartender if he attends to the bar himself. If he should in good faith lease or rent out the bar privileges to another and should retain no interest or control in it, he would not be a saloonkeeper.

21. If a brother is taken off the sick list when he and the lodge, in good faith, believed he was cured, and nearly four months elapse before a recurrence of his sickness, he should, for the last reported sickness, be paid benefits as for a new sickness.

22. Statement: In 1895 a brother who has continuously remained in good standing purchased a grocery and saloon and continued to own and operate it until its sale in 1902, possession being given to the purchaser November 2, 1902. He transferred his state liquor license, but retained his federal license and stored some of his liquors in storage and left some in U. S. bond. October 8 he contracted for a building in the same city and received his deed November 2, 1902. It contained two tenants, each having a restaurant without a bar. He immediately began to remodel the building with a view of conducting a restaurant and saloon as soon as he could get possession from his tenants and complete the remodeling. He got possession February 1, 1903, and opened up the restaurant with a bar May 28, 1903, from

which he sold intoxicants to be used on the premises. His state tax or license was taken out in April, 1903. He had new fixtures and stocked in part by new purchase and in part by the liquors he had held in store and bond. When he sold his grocery and saloon it was his expressed intention to open a restaurant and saloon as soon as he could find and get ready a location to do so. Question: Did he quit the saloon business and re-engage in it, reference being made to decisions 88 and 104 in 1896, 23 in 1901 and 10 in 1903? Answer: Yes.

23. In regard to jurisdiction of lodges, Grand Bodies may fix the rule so as to compute distance by air line or by the nearest practical traveled route. In the absence of definite law the action of a Grand Body in any particular case would become a precedent.

24. Recites the law of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky requiring all applications for membership to be made to the nearest lodge unless such lodge gives consent to their presentation to a more remote lodge, Held, that under such a law a lodge cannot take in members living nearer another lodge without its consent.

25. It is not lawful for the officers of a lodge to wear jewels in lieu of regalia either in their work or when open in the third degree.

26. The subordinate lodge constitution provides that any lodge not having a qualified member who can attend the Grand Lodge may elect a Past Grand of another lodge as a proxy representative. Under this law a lodge elects a proxy representative, but subsequent to the election and prior to the session of its Grand Lodge one of its own members becomes a Past Grand. Can the lodge annul the election of the proxy representative and elect its own qualified Past Grand? Answer: No; unless the proxy representative resigns or a vacancy otherwise occurs, in which case the lodge can fill the vacancy in the manner provided by local law and its Past Grand would then be eligible.

27. It is a matter of local legislation as to what residence shall be required before application can be made for membership. The fact that the applicant holds a card from a lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of the S. G. L. makes no difference; the local law where application is made governs.

28. While in good standing and three months after admission a brother without means is accidentally killed. His relatives are unable to pay any portion of the funeral expenses. The funeral was conducted by the lodge, the officers of which made all arrangements, as the accident and funeral occurred between two meetings of the lodge. The Constitution provides that to be entitled to benefits the brother must have been a contributing member for six months. Can the lodge legally refuse to pay the funeral expenses? Answer: Grand Lodges have the power to authorize subordinates to provide that members shall not be beneficial for a reasonable time after admission; therefore, the lodge could legally refuse payment in the above case. Under the present law the propriety of having such a rule as to newly-admitted members is to be determined by the several Grand Bodies for their respective jurisdictions.

29. A lodge had charge of the funeral of a brother who had held membership in another grand jurisdiction. It expended $5 for a floral

tribute and $8 for carriages, the widow paying all regular expenses and receiving a funeral benefit of $30 from her late husband's lodge. Held, that the lodge in which the brother held membership was not legally or morally responsible for the $13 expended by the lodge in charge of the funeral, as the carriage hire under decision 68, 1898, is not authorized legally as a part of the funeral expenses, and the payment for flowers is not legally authorized except from the 5 per cent contingent fund.

30. The Constitution provides that a brother shall pass in open lodge a satisfactory examination in the last degree received before advancing to the next. The lodge opens in the first degree for examination in it prior to advancement to the second. Question: Is it necessary for the lodge to close in the first degree and reopen in the third to ask the question whether the members are satisfied with the examination, or can the question be asked and answered while open in the first degree? Answer: It is necessary to close in the first and open in the third to ask the question and get the answer.

31. It is not proper in a Degree Staff for any member of the Order to occupy the chair of Noble Grand, except the Noble Grand, a Past Grand, or, in the absence of the Noble Grand, the Vice Grand, and it is not proper for any member to occupy the chair of Vice Grand except the Vice Grand, a Past Grand or a Past Vice Grand.

32. In the definition of intoxicating liquors reference should be had to the ordinary meaning of the English language, but we should also give proper force and respect to the judgment of state courts of last resort.

33. The provision that all degrees must be conferred without any ballot other than the original one for the initiatory is legal if permitted by local law.

34. The provision requiring an absent member to notify another lodge where he may be of his sickness is a reasonable regulation; and if a member does not comply with it, if a lodge is accessible to notice, and if his physical and mental condition does not render him incapable of giving notice, then he would not be entitled to benefits. The fact that he was drawing benefits when he left his lodge does not relieve him from giving such notice near where he may be.

35. A lodge may, by proper by-law, legally assess the members for night watchers, though the Constitution authorizes only regular weekly contributions for an Educational Fund, Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows and Funeral Benefits.

36. Where the Constitution permits an applicant for initiation to apply to any one of several lodges in the community of his residence, should he select one of them not the nearest to his residence, such nearest lodge could not claim the fees from the one admitting him.

37. The general law on the subject requires that in order to visit on an Official Certificate, the certificate must show payment of dues in advance of the date of the visit.

38. A brother is granted a withdrawal card by the voting sign instead of by ball ballot. Before the card is deposited in another lodge the brother dies. His family claims the death benefit on the ground that the card had been illegally granted and therefore was

null and void, thus leaving his membership in the lodge. Held, that as the lodge and brother had treated the card as legally issued, the brother was estopped in his lifetime from claiming against it, and so were those claiming under him after his death. The lodge was not liable for the death benefit. A brother is granted a withdrawal card by the voting sign, and deposits it in another lodge. Held, that the card was a legal card and the brother was a member of the lodge in which it had been deposited.

In the absence of local legislation by a Grand Lodge no legal consolidation of lodge can be made by the Grand Master; and should he authorize a consolidation it does not become complete and effective until approved by his Grand Lodge.

39. In balloting for the initiatory and other degrees it is permissible to carry the ballot box to the chairs of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand and no other officers.

40. A Visiting Card or Official Certificate paid to a date later than when presented, and properly executed, is authority for communicating to the holder from another jurisdiction the A. T. P. W., if he passes a satisfactory examination. If from the same jurisdiction he is also entitled to the semi-annual password of the jurisdiction.

41. In a jurisdiction where the Grand Officers are elected in the subordinate lodges by a vote of the Past Grands the Grand Lodge has no right to enact legislation permitting a Past Grand away from his own lodge, upon presentation of proper credentials, to cast his vote in another lodge of the same jurisdiction. He can only vote in his own lodge and cannot vote by proxy.

42. Under Section 36 of the Rebekah Code any Grand Body having jurisdiction may provide for requiring only sisters in Rebekah lodges to watch with the sick and require them to watch only with sick sisters, leaving the watching for and by brothers to subordinate lodges. Such in effect are the provisions of the law of the jurisdiction of Ohio. Under them a Rebekah lodge may assess its sister members a fixed sum regularly or by by-law for the employment of nurses to watch with their sick sisters, or may detail sisters for watch service, but it cannot levy such assessment upon its brother members. Attentive benefits is one of the declared objects of Rebekah lodges; they are not authorized, however, to pay sick benefits or funeral benefits or expenses as such, but in proper cases this may be done as a charitable donation.

43. The resolution passed by the S. G. L. in 1903, abolishing the title "Grand" as a prefix to official title in Rebekah lodges is held to be ambiguous and void and of no effect.

44. Decision No. 83 of 1896 has not been of force since the S. G. L. legislation of 1897, permitting Grand Lodges to authorize and empower the Presidents of their Rebekah Assemblies to appoint and commission District Deputies for Rebekah lodges. A Grand Lodge may divest its Grand Master and invest the President of its Assembly with authority to appoint special deputies in the Rebekah lodges of its jurisdiction, who shall be clothed with power to see that the work is done correctly, install the officers, and report directly to the President of the Assembly.

45. A lady who is a P. N. G. may be appointed a special deputy to institute a Rebekah lodge.

46. The conductor of a Rebekah lodge has the right to hold that position in the team when ordered to vacate it by the Noble Grand and Captain of the team.

47. A daughter or sister of an Odd Fellow, though married to one who is not an Odd Fellow, is eligible to membership by initiation in a Rebekah lodge.

48. The honors of the Rebekah Branch of the Order are to be given both to officers of the Assembly and of the Grand Lodge when visiting officially. It is permissible to illustrate the honors of the Rebekah Degree in a Rebekah lodge immediately after a new member is introduced to the lodge, for instruction to the new member and for practice, so as to have a systematic practice, but not as an honor done the new member.

49. A District Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Patriarch visiting officially is entitled to be received with honors. Since honors have been provided for Rebekah lodges, the same principle applies to their District Deputies or Deputy Presidents, as the case may be. But a special deputy of the Grand Master is only entitled to the honors in jurisdictions where the law does not provide for District Deputy Grand Masters, and then only when visiting officially to install officers. A special deputy of the Grand Master or of the President of a Rebekah Assembly is not entitled to the honors, for the general law provides for District Deputy Grand Masters or Deputy presidents in all jurisdictions.

50. While Rebekah lodges do not pay stated benefits, the authority to do so having been frequently denied by the S. G. L., the funds of Rebekah lodges are nevertheless trust funds for the relief of distress and the kindred purposes mentioned in the Rebekah Code, and it would not be proper or lawful for Rebekah lodges to vote money from their general fund to purchase flowers for the sick or dead, or for refreshments when entertaining other lodges, or at installation. Section 18 of the new Rebekah Code is in substance the same as that of 1894 as to the purposes for which expenditure may be made. Section 18, Code 1894, refers to disbursements from the funds for any of the declared purposes of the degree, and the purposes are in substance the same as enumerated in the Code of 1900. Decision 54, 1897, held that Grand Lodges could authorize a Rebekah lodge to set aside 5 per cent of its receipts for dues for a contingent fund, thus clearly implying that the same rule as to lodge funds being trust funds applied to Rebekah lodges, and that the latter were entitled to have the same authority from Grand Lodges regarding the contingent fund, from which certain expenditures could be made which are not authorized from the general fund. Therefore, if the Grand Lodge so authorizes, this 5 per cent contingent fund can be provided, out of which such expenditures could lawfully be made.

51. A lady whose husband is dead is a widow, and being a widow, she is an unmarried woman and eligible to membership in a Rebekah lodge.

52. The Deputy Grand Master of a Rebekah lodge cannot at the same time be a Vice Grand of the Lodge.

53. By analogy the following decision of 1903 applies to Rebekah lodges: While the law does not require that the ballot box shall be passed to the Noble Grand and Vice Grand when balloting for candidates, it is permissible to do so if the lodge desires, but it cannot be passed to any other officers.

54. The honors of the Rebekah Degree are given to officers of the Assembly and Grand Lodge when visiting officially, and announcing as such, and this includes officers conducting installation.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

58. The rule is that the consent of the Grand Lodge is necessary before one of its subordinates can appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, except that an expelled subordinate which has surrendered its effects may appeal without consent, but members of a subordinate Grand Body may appeal to the S. G. L. without consent.

59. By the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1901, report 102, permission was given to the National Odd Fellows' Sanitarium of Florida to solicit aid, with the proper consent from Grand Bodies, without the limitation as to the amount, imposed in 1900. Report 60 of 1902 urged Grand Jurisdictions to respond liberally, therefore it is held that the sanitarium still has authority to apply to Grand Jurisdictions for contributions.

60. A brother engaged in the saloon business as a partner prior to January 1, 1896, and personally conducted and managed the business. Later he purchased the half interest of his co-partner and has ever since conducted the business in the same place. Held, that he had not given up the business and re-engaged in it, but was still in it as sole proprietor instead of as partner. He is not liable or amenable to the law regarding saloonkeepers.

61. A Grand Master has the authority to restore the charter to a subordinate which he had suspended for refusing to enforce the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and he mav restore it only to the loyal members who were not guilty of insubordination, subject to the review of his Grand Lodge.

62. A so-called beer garden is in a building divided into two parts by a partition. A brother waits upon customers seated at tables in one part, going to the other part to receive from the front of the bar only liquors which he carries back to the tables in the other room. He never serves liquors over the bar. Held that he is a bartender.

63. No organization can have the emblems or refer to the ritual or work of Odd Fellowship, and no organization claiming to be a part of Odd Fellowship can pay benefits or have legal existence without the sanction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. However, a purely social club or organization having no other object or purpose and composed of the Order only and using no emblems and no work of the Order, and not paying benefits and not claiming to be a part of Odd Fellowship, would not be a violation of the laws of the Order.

64. All legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge goes into effect the first day of January after its adoption, unless it is especially provided to go into effect immediately.

65. The action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1903 in granting permission to Washington Lodge No. 1 to solicit, in its own name, subscriptions in the several Grand Jurisdictions for the purpose of erecting a memorial building in the city of Baltimore, does not legally require the consent and request of the Grand Jurisdiction under which it works, and it is not in conflict with the general law as to soliciting relief. As the application, however, must be made with the consent of the Grand Bodies or their presiding officers, it is within their discretion to grant or refuse it, and it would be competent to obtain the views of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Maryland for consideration and such weight as it might be properly entitled to.

66. It would not be proper for the Sovereign Grand Lodge to receive a petition from a subordinate lodge without the sanction or indorsement from the Grand Lodge to which such subordinate lodge is subject. However, the action of the S. G. L. in 1903 in the matter of Washington Lodge No. 1 was independent of any petition from it, and was based upon a resolution introduced by the Grand Secretary, who had the right, under Article III. of the S. G. L. Constitution, to present it.

67. In effect the same as decision 65 above.

68. A canton of the Patriarchs Militant cannot legally give a sacred concert on Sunday in a theater or public building, using the name of the Order, charging an admission fee and using the proceeds for the benefit of the canton.

69. A General Relief Committee may be authorized under authority of a Grand Lodge and receive contributions from lodges and individuals and raise funds by other legitimate means, etc., but the formation of such committees may not be compulsory, and compulsory assessments against lodges comprising it are not authorized by general law. Such committees cannot force all the lodges in their cities to join them.

70. A provision in the Grand Lodge Constitution that no appeal shall be taken from the action of a subordinate lodge acquitting a brother of charges preferred against him would be illegal.

71. A lodge cannot initiate a man living nearer to another lodge in the same jurisdiction without the consent of the nearest lodge to his residence if so provided by its Grand Lodge.

72. We will have 1,000 members in our Encampments in Idaho on the 30th of June. We will be entitled to an additional representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Can the Grand Patriarch appoint as in the case of any other vacancy? Decision: Under the law as set forth in Section 548, White's Digest of 1895, the Grand Patriarch cannot in such cases appoint.

73. The Encampment membership prior to the present term had never been more than 700 and was not 1,000 when the Grand Encampment last met, but now there is more than 1,000 members. Question: Is there a vacancy under the law allowing an additional representative to the S. G. L. for the increased membership, and can an ap-

pointment be made by the Grand Patriarch of such additional Grand Representative? Answer: Under the law stated in Section 550 of the Digest there is no vacancy and no appointment can be made. If, therefore, you have such additional representative at the next session of the S. G. L., election by the Grand Encampment would be necessary.

74. If there is no local law of the jurisdiction to the contrary, a by-law of a subordinate lodge properly approved providing for the payment of $5.00 per week for the first ten weeks' sickness and $2.00 per week thereafter would be legal.

75. Two lodges wish to consolidate under the name and number of one of them. The lodge whose charter would be retained voted forty-five for consolidation and six against it; the one whose charter would be given up voted unanimously for it, except one vote. The law of the Grand Jurisdiction is as follows: Any two or more neighboring lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge may, by permission of the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master in vacation, consolidate their membership into one lodge; provided, That the provision for such consolidation shall be presented at a regular meeting of each of the lodges interested, and shall not be acted upon until a subsequent regular meeting, of which all resident members shall have due notice. And provided further, That so long as five members of any subordinate lodge desire to retain its charter and work thereunder, said charter cannot be taken from them by vote of said lodge in favor of consolidating with another lodge. The lodges, when consolidated, shall take the name and number of that one of the consolidating lodges which shall be determined by a majority vote of all members present at the meeting at which the consolidation is perfected. Question: Can the consolidation take place with so large a majority vote and only one vote against it in the lodge whose charter would be surrendered? Answer: Under the law as set forth in section 1445 of White's Digest the consolidation cannot be accomplished so long as so many as five members of either lodge vote against it.

76. A subordinate lodge expels a member; on appeal to the Grand Master the judgment is reversed; the Grand Lodge reverses the action of the Grand Master, thus upholding the subordinate lodge. By petition his case goes to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and that body orders his reinstatement. The Grand Lodge then asks the Sovereign Grand Lodge for a rehearing, which is granted. What is the brother's standing in his subordinate during the year intervening after the rehearing is granted and before it is heard by the S. G. L.? Is he in good standing or is he an expelled member? Decision: He is in good standing. The action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge directing his reinstatement is still of force and only a rehearing has been granted. Prima facie the judgment rendered is correct and is to be so treated until or unless reversed on the rehearing. As to the power of the S. G. L., see decision 86 of 1903.

77. Persons who are not members of the Order should not sign the petition for a charter, and if they do join in such petition their names should not be inserted in the charter. Five brothers of the Degree of Truth may petition. With a sufficient number of unexpired withdrawal cards, holders of dismissal certificates and expired cards may join in the petition.

78. The Past Grand Representative is entitled to purchase one copy of the new Digest at cost price, the law permitting the privilege of one copy for his personal use, and does not extend further.

79. The name of the Order cannot be used in connection with the formation of an Odd Fellows' Bowling League to be composed of teams selected from the various lodges, etc.

80. It is legal for Rebekah lodges to provide in their by-laws that moneys received from socials and entertainments be placed in the contingent fund if the Grand Lodge has expressly conferred the power on Rebekah lodges or has conferred the necessary general power on the Rebekah Assembly, and if in the latter case the Assembly has taken action authorizing the same, but not otherwise. The same rule applies to Rebekah lodges as to subordinate lodges.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

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

No such array of figures as those accompanying this report has ever been presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Never in any one year of its past history has the advance made in 1903 been equaled or approached. One year ago we were happily surprised to learn that an increase in subordinate lodge membership of 65,500 had been made in 1902, the greatest increase shown up to that time, but that great augmentation of our membership is dwarfed, almost into insignificance, by the growth made in 1903. The reports for December 31, 1903, show an increase of more than 81,500, and the figures almost challenge our belief. While the lodge members have been thus abnormally active and energetic, the other branches of the Order have each reaped a commensurate harvest; membership has increased in all, financial conditions, healthy for many years past, have been substantially strengthened, and the sums paid for benefits, education, etc., are larger than ever. Surely we may congratulate ourselves upon this most creditable exhibition of vigor and strength, and at the same time look with greater confidence than ever to the future. Letters from all parts of the world speak of continued activity and increasing success, and by many we are assured that even the unprecedented increase made in 1903 will be exceeded in 1904.

Another effect of the wonderful advance made by the Order in 1903 is shown by an increase of three in the number of Grand Representatives in the session of 1904. The Grand Encampments of Alabama and Maryland, and the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, each send an additional representative this year, making a total of 195 accredited Grand Representatives.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FROM 1830 to DECEMBER 31st, 1903.

INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, DENMARK, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	2,792,909
Members relieved	2,820,127
Widowed Families relieved	268,469
Members deceased	278,390
Total Relief	$100,795,034 51
Total Revenue	265,597,061 14

CONDITION OF THE ORDER, DECEMBER 31st, 1903.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Quasi-Independent Grand Lodges (Australasia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland	6
Grand Lodges	67
Grand Encampments	55
Subordinate Lodges	13,872
Subordinate Encampments	3,006
Rebekah Lodges	6,430
Lodge Members	1,151,421
Encampment Members	167,849
Rebekah Lodge Members	447,587
Total number of persons belonging to the Order	1,436,102
Total Relief paid in 1903	$4,326,509 19
Total Receipts of Subordinate Bodies for 1903	12,887,714 22
Total Expenses of Grand and Subordinate Bodies for 1903	6,156,693 29
Invested Funds of Grand and Subordinate Bodies December 31st, 1903	36,999,323 30

NEW LEGISLATION.

All amendments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution were indefinitely postponed.

That it shall be legal for State Grand Bodies to adopt a law authorizing the institution of lodges upon the petition of five third degree members in good standing, or upon the application of twenty persons eligible to membership in the Order. That all law in conflict with this law is hereby repealed.

That a member of the Order entitled to a withdrawal card, changing his residence from the vicinity of his own lodge to the vicinity of another, and desiring to unite with a lodge at his new place of residence, upon so stating in his application for membership, and being elected by ball ballot, as provided by local law, shall be entitled upon notice being sent to his old lodge by the new lodge, to receive a withdrawal card at the actual cost of the card to the lodge, and to admission to his new lodge without being required to pay a card or

admission fee; but where a physician's certificate is required he must pay the expense of the same.

Grand Lodges may regulate the subject of lodge jurisdiction as to the reception of members and designate distance limits by air line or nearest traveled route.

They may permit lodges to provide by law that members admitted shall not be beneficial until a reasonable time thereafter.

They may fix the fees for admission.

Those in arrears so far as not to be entitled to benefits, or to vote, cannot prosecute an appeal in a matter which does not affect him personally.

Those who are sixty years of age, and who have been contributing members for 25 consecutive years, may not be suspended for non-payment of dues, but shall be carried as non-beneficial members, on whom per capita tax is not to be paid.

If the local law does not forbid, a member may hold the offices of Vice Grand and Trustee, at the same time.

A written resignation severs connection with the Order if the brother is in good standing at the date thereof.

A brother who resigns membership and engages in the saloon business may be received in membership again if he retires from the business.

A lodge cannot lawfully initiate a man who lives nearer another lodge without first obtaining its consent.

A member tried and expelled by his lodge, but who is afterwards ordered reinstated by the Grand Lodge, is in good standing during the period of his suspension.

A suspended member over 50 years of age may be reinstated if the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction has not legislated to the contrary.

Charges cannot be preferred against a brother after his resignation has been accepted.

Officers' Reports to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are to be sent to Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes and Secretaries of Rebekah Assemblies at least ten days prior to meeting of Sovereign Grand Lodge.

A new form of Rebekah Charter was adopted.

A new "Digest" known as "Busbee's Digest" has been issued and is sold to Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes for $3.00 from Sovereign Grand Lodge Office.

A new "Ceremony for Dedicating Homes of the Order" was adopted.

A new "Anniversary Ceremony for Rebekah Lodges" was adopted.

A Grand Lodge may introduce a uniform system of Book-Keeping and compel lodges to use it.

JEWELS.

The jewel for a Grand Herald of a Grand Lodge shall be a trumpet of white metal two and a half inches in length.

Jewel for Rebekah Veterans to be sold to Rebekah Assemblies.

Jewel for Past President of a Rebekah Assembly to be designed.

Honorable Veteran Jewel to be made and sold in two qualities, the cheaper one at $20.00.

That hereafter the ground work of the shields for the doors of the carriages used at parades be, in the case of Canadian Jurisdictions, the Union Jack.

The following Brothers have been duly elected and installed officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

Robert E. Wright..... Allentown, Penn..... Grand Sire
E. S. Conway..... Oak Park, Ill..... Dep. Grand Sire
J. Frank Grant..... Baltimore, Md..... Grand Secretary
M. Richards Muckle..... Philadelphia, Penn..... Grand Treasurer

The Sovereign Grand Louge will meet in Philadelphia in 1905.

The parade in San Francisco was participated in by 15,000 Odd Fellows with five floats. The "Rebekah at the Well" received the prize.

The fraternal press of our Order consists of 35 monthly, 2 semi-monthly and 3 weekly fraternal papers.

The Deputy Grand Sire, Robert E. Wright, who, by reason of illness was absent from the session, was installed Grand Sire at his home in Allentown, Penn., by Past Grand Sire Cl. T. Campbell of Ontario.

Your representatives had the honor to serve on the following committees: Mileage and Per Diem, A. Henderson; Petitions, H. B. Gilmour; Patriarchal Branch of the Order, J. R. Webster.

NECROLOGY.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of Brother J. Frank Grant, the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which occurred at Baltimore on the 12th of April, 1905, in his 61st year. Brother Grant was a Kentuckian and represented that Jurisdiction when he was elected Grand Secretary. He carried out the duties of that important office in a most satisfactory manner, and from our personal acquaintance with him, found him to be a most affable gentleman and conscientious Odd Fellow.

Another veteran Odd Fellow who, during the year passed to his reward, was Past Grand Sire James P. Sanders of New York, who was one of the oldest members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, having attended its sessions for 50 consecutive years. He attained the ripe old age of 85 years.

During the last year 32 Past Grand Representatives and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge passed to the Great Beyond, their combined ages aggregating about 2,300 years. What a span and how great must the amount of work for Odd Fellowship have been during all this time, work which shall bear fruit in the future for thousands of years.

In concluding this, our report, we feel that we have profited by the honor you conferred on us in electing us as your representatives and thus enabling us to mingle with distinguished brothers from every Province in our Dominion and every State in the Union, and have been the honored guests of a great City and State, as well as participating in legislation of an almost universal character. It is at such gatherings that one's conception of the vast Brotherhood to which we belong becomes indeed enlightened and we hope that the knowledge and experience we have gained, the increased love and pride in our great Order that we now feel may prove beneficial to the Brethren in our own Jurisdiction, so that Odd Fellowship shall continue to be in the future what it is today, the greatest fraternal organization in the world. Fraternally submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth.

A. HENDERSON,
H. B. GILMOUR,
Grand Representatives.

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

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

Your Committee on Distribution beg to recommend that the subject matter of the Grand Master's report be referred to the following committees:

State of the Order.—First portion of page 1; Official Visits, pages 6, 7 and 8.

Judiciary.—Page 2, *re* Mergement of Lodges and New Lodges; pages 3, 4, 5, and 6, *re* Proclamations, Decisions and Dispensations.

Odd Fellows' Home.—Page 1, *re* Odd Fellows' Home.

Rebekah Lodges.—Page 2, *re* "Rebekah Branch."

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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

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

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

State of the Order.—Pages 9, 10 and 11; first and last paragraphs pages 17 and 18.

Finance.—Pages, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Odd Fellows' Home.—Part of page 15 *re* Odd Fellows' Home Account.

Rebekah Lodges.—Second paragraph, page 17.

Printing.—Third parapragh, page 17, *re* Memorial Page.

Also, that the Report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Finance.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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

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

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the books and vouchers and reports of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct and in perfect condition.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That no new business be received at this Session after three o'clock p.m. to-morrow, except by unanimous consent.

Report read from the Committee on Laws of Subordinate Lodges, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that we have examined and approved the following By-laws and amendments submitted by the Lodges of this Jurisdiction:

Tatnai Lodge, No. 9.—Art. XXIV.—Reducing the fee for Withdrawal Card to twenty-five cents.

Cheam Lodge, No. 28.—Art. XVI.—Adding clause setting aside five per cent. of dues to form a Contingent Fund.

Dominion Lodge, No. 4.—Art XXIV.—Providing that Lodge Funds shall not be loaned to private individuals, except on the recommendation of the Trustees.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.—Art XXII.—Providing that a member out of standing shall not be entitled to benefits for thirty days after payment of arrears.

Amity Lodge, No. 27.—Declined to approve amendment charging $5 for admission of member holding an unexpired Withdrawal Card, being in conflict with the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session, 1904.

Union Lodge, No. 11.—Art. XIX.—Reducing sick benefits to $1.50 per week after twelve months' continuous sickness.

Queen City Rebekah Lodge, No. 16.—Approved new Code of By-laws.

Slocan Lodge, No. 40.—Art. XV.—Amending scale of fees for admission of members.

Western Star, No. 10.—Approved a number of amendments to By-laws. Declined to approve provision to exempt Treasurer from payment of dues, being contrary to Section 409 Busbee's Digest; recommended that the clause be amended by providing that this officer should receive as salary for his services a sum equal to the amount of his dues during his term of office.

Recommended also that provision be made for admission fees of candidates over 50 years of age, the scale submitted not going beyond that age.

Pacific Lodge, No. 26.—Art. XI.—Amendment providing for the appointment of a nurse for sick members.

Mt. Fernie Lodge, No. 47.—Art. I., Sec. 1.—Amendment changing night of meeting from Thursday to Friday.

Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.—Declined to approve an amendment to Sec. 1, Art. XXXI., providing for the appointment of members of the Lodge to serve on a Relief Board, the establishment of such Boards or General Relief Committees in this Jurisdiction not having been authorized by legislation of this Grand Lodge as required by Section 184, Busbee's Digest.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee on Odd Fellows' Home presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Special Committee appointed at last Session of this Grand Lodge, in accordance with a resolution offered by A. Henderson, P.G.M., at page 2385 of the Proceedings, to prepare a resolution to be submitted at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge which shall state the purpose or purposes for which the Odd Fellows' Home Fund may be devoted, beg to report, that in the opinion of the committee there is no need of such a formal resolution. This Grand Lodge has from time to time assessed the Subordinate Lodges a specific sum and has appealed to the membership of the Jurisdiction for contributions not only ostensibly but avowedly for the purpose of building and maintaining a Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows. No other object has ever been mentioned nor would it be legal for the Grand Lodge to assess the Subordinates for any other purpose. (See Sections 825 and 826 Busbee's Digest.) The money having been collected for this purpose, cannot be devoted to any other object.

In compliance with the before-quoted resolution we would offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the money now on hand and appearing on the books of the Grand Lodge as "The Odd Fellows' Home Fund" and any further sums that may be added to such fund from time to time, shall be used only for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows and Widows of Deceased Members of the Order, and a Home for the care, protection and education of Orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The Special 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 Special Committee on Statistics *re* Dues and Benefits beg to submit, in tabulated form, an abstract of the Reports of the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction bearing on this important subject for the past ten years, from which it will be seen that the amount paid for sick benefits last year is less than that paid for the preceding year, but the current expenses were much higher.

This may be accounted for by the fact that some Lodges have reduced their sick benefits, but the saving thus effected has been more than set off by the extra expenditure on account of management expenses. In this connection your Committee are strongly of the opinion that if it is necessary for sound financial reasons to effect economies, that it would be more in accordance with the spirit and teachings of our Order if it were practised in the matter of current expenses rather than in that of sick benefits.

Your Committe are pleased to note the steady lowering of the averages on account of all Lodge expenditures as shown in the attached abstract, when grouped in periods of ten years, viz., from $15.04 in 1895, to $12.75 in 1904.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Abstract of Reports of Subordinate Lodges for Ten Years Ended 31st December, 1904.

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.	Current or Working Expenses.	Average. Sickness per Member. Days.	Cost per Memb. for Total Relief.	Cost Memb. Cur. or Working Exp.	Cost Memb. for all Lodge Exp'ditures	Receipts. Dues.	Admissions and Degrees	Rent and other Investments.	Total
1895	2988	313	2053	26	17,042 46	2,255 50	394 30	170 65	825 55	20,635 46	17,919 01	4⅔	6 90	6 00	12 90	31,992 51	5,085 50	7,089 44	50,191 98
1896	2829	363	2601	26	20,742 47	1,914 49	712 45	184 50	1,342 72	24,896 63	15,544 20	6 5-12	8 80	5 50	14 30	30,955 77	4,610 00	9,151 00	49,255 88
1897	2801	337	2356	20	17,450 90	1,842 35	282 25	149 50	781 40	20,506 40	14,903 95	5 5-6	7 32	5 32	12 64	29,640 45	5,703 51	8,550 12	46,787 37
1898	2847	354	2608	26	20,727 35	1,602 00	442 50	.....	2,144 75	24,916 60	15.406 39	6 5-12	8 75	5 41	14 16	31,100 13	6,840 51	10,247 11	53,208 98
1899	3060	345	3226	25	21,499 45	1,942 40	72 50	111 65	1,101 85	24,727 85	15,199 25	7⅜	8 08	4 97	13 05	33,466 40	8,480 00	9,485 06	54,846 88
1900	3216	326	3135	19	19,219 36	1,428 15	427 00	.....	310 30	21,384 81	19,387 58	6 14	6 65	6 03	12 68	34,364 70	8,663 25	10,844 53	57,407 46
1901	3366	338	2606	37	16,700 75	2,261 85	514 00	234 00	802 32	20,512 92	20,586 84	5 10	6 10	6 11	12 21	37,091 97	8,549 75	11,404 96	62,672 51
1902	3512	336	2537	29	15,833 55	2,304 50	429 20	393 80	563 00	19,524 05	19,368 40	5-1	5 56	5 51	11 07	37,517 25	8,098 00	10,709 82	61,302 99
1903	3527	360	2729	33	18,740 05	2,427 90	507 90	72 00	418 10	22,165 95	21,977 33	5-10	6 28	6 23	12 52	39,635 16	6,327 00	11,127 73	59,057 32
1904	3584	325	2856	25	16,364 85	2,295 00	136 55	406 00	662 00	19,864 40	23,013 25	5-14	5 54	6 42	11 96	40,241 03	7,095 50	12,421 79	61,870 24

Average sickness per member during last ten years.....5 days 21 hours
Average cost per member for total relief last ten years.....$ 7 00
" " " " current expenses last ten years..... 5 75
" " " " all Lodge expenditures last ten years..... .. .. 12 75

Abstract of the Reports for the Past Ten Years.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904
Average sickness per member during preceding 10 years.....	5 1-5 days	5 1-10 dys	5 1-6 dys.	5¼ days	5 d. 8½ h.	5 d. 11 h.	5 d. 10 h.	5 d. 13 h.	5d. 16 h.	5 d. 21 h.
Average cost per member for total relief preceding 10 years.....	$7 37	$7 31	$7 08	$7 17	$7 14	$7 07	$6 95	$6 92	$6 95	$7 00
Average cost per member for current expen's preceding 10 years.....	7 67	7 41	6 99	6 83	6 70	6 61	6 37	5 96	5 84	5 75
Average cost per member for all Lodge exp. preceding 10 years.....	15 04	14 73	14 07	14 00	13 84	13 68	13 32	12 88	12 79	12 75

The Special Committee on Liability of "Perseverance" Lodge, No. 29, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Special Committee appointed last Session to consider the question of the liability of Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, on account of a member of the original Lodge who became insane and was in receipt of sick benefits at the time the Lodge surrendered its charter, beg to state that we have given the matter our most careful consideration and to report as follows:

We find that the original Lodge surrendered its charter in March, 1897, through the closing of the mines at Northfield, where it was located and the consequent depopulation of that district. At that time there was on the funds of the Lodge a member named Kesaski who had become insane and was an inmate of the Provincial Asylum. The Lodge was financially weak and there is no doubt but that the prospect of having this brother on their hands for a lengthy period (for he was medically pronounced to be hopelessly insane) had great weight with the members in determining the question of the surrender of the charter.

We are assured that before the surrender of the charter, all the effects of the Lodge were disposed of and all the money on hand was paid over to the representatives of this insane brother.

About four years after the surrender of the charter the coal mines at Extension near Ladysmith were opened and it occurred to some of the former members of Perseverance Lodge that there was a good opening there for the establishment of a Lodge of our Order. Notices were inserted in the local newspapers and sent to each of the former members of Perseverance Lodge as far as practicable, inviting them to attend a meeting to be held to consider the propriety of applying to the Grand Lodge for the restoration of the charter of the old Lodge.

At the meeting thus convened this proposition was adopted and a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge Session of 1901 signed by fourteen former members praying for the restoration of the charter and for permission to locate the Lodge at Extension.

The requirements of Sec. 6, Art XI. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge governing this question having been complied with, the prayer of the petition was granted, the charter restored, and the Lodge was subsequently resuscitated at Extension, but has since removed to Ladysmith.

From this review of the history of the case, your Committee have arrived at the conclusion that the present Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, is not responsible nor liable for any claim for benefits that may be preferred by or on behalf of any former member of the old Lodge bearing that name and number.

Your Committee have come to this decision for the following reasons: 1st—We are of the opinion that the surrender of the charter by the original Lodge was *bona fide* and not with the intention of avoiding the payment of any liability and subsequently applying for

the restoration of the charter. This is evident from the fact that a period of four years elapsed between the surrender of the charter and the petition for its restoration, and then only on account of the new conditions presented by the opening of the mines at Extension. 2nd.—That the members of the old Lodge did all that could be expected of them to discharge their obligations to Bro. Kesaski by handing all their available assets to his representatives before surrendering the charter. 3rd.—That in the applying for the restoration of the charter all the requirements of the Constitution were observed and a fair opportunity given to all who were members in good standing at the time the Lodge became extinct to unite in the application. No application appears to have been made on behalf of Kezaski on this occasion and it is doubtful if there had been, if the Grand Lodge would have considered it advisable to grant the petition in such a case. 4th. —That we are advised that no claim for benefits has been made by Kezaski, or by any one on his behalf, since the resuscitation of the Lodge and as more than seven years has elapsed since he received benefits it would appear that any such claim preferred now would be barred by the Statute of Limitations in a Civil Court.

We are therefore of opinion that the decisions of Grand Master E. C. Arthur on this matter as found on page 2316 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Session 1904, should be approved.

In arriving at this decision your Committee have been unable to find any similar case to guide them as a precedent in the records of the Order. The surrender of the charter and disbandment of the members of a Lodge appears to cancel all liabilities of the Lodge to its individual members for benefits, and we are unable to find anything that would lead us to the conclusion that the restoration of the charter entails any liability on account of the old lodge on the resuscitated Lodge, if such a thing was possible it would naturally prevent any such resuscitation.

Your Committee are laymen and not versed in Civil Law, but it appears to us that the Courts of Law would not interfere in such a case as the present one unless it could be shown clearly that in the surrender and restoration of the charter there was a studied and deliberate intention to defraud, and of such an intention on the part of either of the old or the new Lodge your Committee are of the opinion that they must be regarded as completely innocent.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The Grand Secretary gave the following notice, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

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

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move the following amendment to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges:

Art. VI.—Add new Section 12:—

This Lodge may join with other Lodges located in the same city in organizing a General Relief Committee for the purpose of visiting and relieving sick sojourning brothers belonging to other Lodges and paying such benefits as may be authorized by the sick member's Lodge, and may contribute towards the necessary and legitimate expenses of such committees

Such committees may raise funds to enable it to carry out its work, by any legitimate means, provided that a Dispensation for the same be first obtained from the Grand Master.

All such committees must furnish the Grand Secretary annually with reports of their proceedings, viz., number of brothers relieved, amount paid for relief, amount paid for management expenses, total amount of receipts.

FRED DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary gave the following notice, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

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

I beg to give notice that to-morrow I will move that the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended by inserting the following as Section 2 of Art. XI, and numbering present Section 2 as Section 3:

A member of the Order entitled to a withdrawal card, changing his residence from the vicinity of his own Lodge to the vicinity of another, and desiring to unite with a Lodge at his new place of residence, upon so stating in his application for membership, and being elected by ball ballot, as provided by local law, shall be entitled upon notice being sent to his old Lodge by the new Lodge to receive a withdrawal card at the actual cost of the card to the lodge, and to admission to his new Lodge without being required to pay a card or admission fee; but where a physician's certificate is required he must pay the expense of the same.

FRED DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary gave the following notice, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

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

I beg to give notice that to-morrow I will move the following amendments to the By-laws of this Grand Lodge:

By-law No. 8.—Add to paragraph 1, the following: "and that there are not five members of the Lodge who are opposed to the consolidation."

Add additional paragraph to Rule No. 8:—

The consolidated Lodge shall bear the name and number of the surviving Lodge.

Add new By-law No. 12:—

Two or more Lodges located in the same city may organize a General Relief Committee for the purpose of visiting and relieving sick sojourning brothers belonging to other Lodges and paying such sick benefits as may be authorized by the sick member's Lodge; and may contribute towards the necessary and legitimate expenses of such committee.

The Grand Master may grant a Dispensation permitting such committee to raise funds by such legitimate means as he may approve.

Such committees must furnish the Grand Secretary annually with a report of their proceedings, viz., number of brothers relieved, amount paid for relief, amount paid for management expenses, total amount of receipts. .

FRED DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary gave the following notice, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

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

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move the following amendment to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges:—

Art. II.—Add new Section 7:—

After a brother has become sixty years of age, and has been a contributing member for twenty-five consecutive years, his name shall not be dropped from the roll by virtue of his being more than one year in arrears for non-payment of dues, but he shall be retained as a non-beneficial member and as such shall be entitled to the pass-word and fellowship of Lodges. Such non-beneficial member shall have all the privileges of active members, except benefits, they cannot be required to pay dues, and Subordinate Lodges shall not be compelled to pay per capita tax on them. Such non-beneficial members may be reinstated in the manner provided for the reinstatement of dropped members by the Constitution and By-laws of the Lodge.

FRED DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

An invitation was extended on behalf of the local Lodges to visit the mines at Extension at two o'clock p.m. to-day, returning at four o'clock p.m. It was on motion Resolved, That the invitation be accepted with the thanks of this Grand Lodge.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That this Grand Lodge adjourns at one o'clock p.m. and re-assemble at four o'clock p.m. to-day.

Permission was asked on behalf of "Laurel" Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, to occupy the hall at 7:30 p.m. to-day, for the purpose of exemplifying the Rebekah Degree, closing in sufficient time to enable the Grand Lodge to meet at 9 o'clock, which was, on motion, granted.

Resolved, That the addresses of welcome presented to-day by the Mayor and Sisters of Rebekah be printed in the Proceedings of this Session.

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

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

Your Committee on Petitions beg to report that we have examined the petition for a Subordinate Lodge to be instituted at Enderby, B.C., and find that the law has been duly complied with. We would therefore recommend that a charter be issued under the name of "Eureka" Lodge, No. 50, with the following charter members: W. A. Mack, J. B. Gaylord, R. E. Wheeler, W. L. Allan and Andrew Paul.

We would also recommend that a charter be granted the petitioners for a Rebekah Lodge at Nelson, B.C., to be known as "Queen City" Lodge, No. 16, the law having been complied with, with the following charter members:

Sisters Mrs. J. B. Ward, L. M. Bulger, Frances Bacon.

Brothers E. C. Traves, W. H. Smith and Geo. W. Hale.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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 the notice given by the Grand Secretary to amend Art. VI. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges by the addition of a new Section 12 providing for the organization of General Relief Committees by Lodges of this Jurisdiction, beg leave to report that we recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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 the notice given by the Grand Secretary to amend Art. XI. by inserting new Section 2 *re* change of membership by withdrawal card in conformity with recent legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and re-numbering present Section 2 as Section 3, beg to report that we recommened the adoption of the same.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on "Odd Fellows' Home" presented the following report:

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

We, your Committee on Odd Fellows' Home Fund, to whom has been referred that portion of the Grand Master's Report, on page 1, and the Grand Secretary's Report as found on page 16, beg leave to report as follows:

That the Grand Lodge assess the members of the Subordinate Lodges during next year the sum of 10 cents per capita, to be placed to the credit of Odd Fellows' Home Fund.

We further recommend that the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be a committee of three with power to invest the Odd Fellows' Home Fund on gilt-edge first mortgage security, and report such investment to the Grand Lodge.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the report be amended by substituting the words "First Mortgage on Real Estate" in place of the words "Gilt edge first mortgage security."

The report as amended was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at one o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 4 o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

All present were examined, reported duly qualified and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

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

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

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred the notice given by Grand Secretary to amend By-law No. 8 of this Grand Lodge respecting the mergement of two Subordinate Lodges, also by adding new By-law No. 12, authorizing the organization of General Relief Committees by Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction, beg to report that we recommend the adoption of the proposed amendments.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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

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

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred the notice given by the Grand Secretary to amend Art. II. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges by the addition of new Section 7, *re* the retention of members over sixty years of age as non-beneficial members, in accordance with the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, beg to report that we recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The Grand Warden, by order of the Grand Lodge, conferred the Grand Lodge Degree in the ante-room on the following Past Grands: E. Castley, T. Pitt, J. Murchie and J. McL. Campbell, No. 17.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report:

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

Your Committee on Judiciary beg to report that we are heartily in accord with the action of the Grand Master in granting permission for Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, and Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, to become merged, as we feel that such mergement will be beneficial to the welfare of the Order.

We also approve of Dispensations being granted for the institution of Queen City Rebekah Lodge, No. 16, and Eureka Lodge, No. 50.

We also approve of all the decisions of the Grand Master on questions of law, but with reference to Decisions Nos. 8 and 12, your committee are of the opinion that these Decisions should be as follows:—

No. 8.—The laws enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge are paramount and where they conflict with the Constitution or By-laws of Grand or Subordinate Lodges the latter must give way and must be amended to conform therewith. (See Secs. 1680, 1681, 1828, Busbee's Digest.)

Any new law enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge comes into effect on the 1st January next succeeding the date of its passage, unless otherwise specially provided for therein. (Sec. 1674-2727, Busbee's Digest.)

The official means of communicating the legislation effected by the Sovereign Grand Lodge is by the publication of the Journal of its Proceedings, with which each Subordinate Lodge is furnished a copy. (S. G. L. Proceedings, 1890, pp. 12797, 13050, 13070.)

If, therefore, the Lodge in question was in receipt of the printed Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session, 1904, and if the conditions prescribed in the resolution adopted at page 761 of these

Proceedings had been strictly conformed with, and the application for the withdrawal card was made on or after 1st January, 1905, then the card should have been granted on receipt of the cost of the same, notwithstanding that the By-laws of the Lodge required the payment of a larger fee.

We can find no authority requiring the Sovereign Grand Lodge to communicate any new legislation to State Grand Bodies by means of a circular letter; it is certainly the duty of Grand Representatives to report any such enactments to their respective Grand Lodges, but obedience to the new law by Grand and Subordinate Lodges cannot be made dependent on the receipt of such information from either of these two sources.

We are of opinion that the answer given to Question 12 should be: During the temporary absence of the Vice Grand (but while he remains in the Lodge or ante-room) his chair should be filled by the R. S. V. G. (See Sec. 1446, Busbee's Digest), but if the Vice Grand be absent from the Lodge and ante-room, then the Noble Grand must appoint a Past Grand or a Past Vice Grand. (Vide Sec. 1875, Busbee's Digest.)

With reference to Proclamations and Dispensations, we find that all the actions of the Grand Master in connection therewith were in accord with well established law.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

It was moved and seconded, That the report be received and adopted.

Moved and seconded as an amendment, That the report be received and laid on the table until to-morrow morning.

The amendment on being submitted to the vote, was declared to be carried.

The Committe on Rebekah Lodges submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee beg to report that we are pleased to see such an increase in the Rebekah Branch of the Order throughout the Province for the past year.

We would recommend that the Grand Master, in visiting the various Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, notify the Rebekah Lodges in ample time of his intended visit, so that they may be in a position to welcome the Grand Master in a body.

We would further recommend that all the Representatives to this Grand Lodge who have not received the Rebekah Degree, take advantage of the opportunity of joining Laurel Rebekah Lodge in this city before returning to their own Lodges.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Representative Brandon, No. 43, gave the following notice of motion: I beg to give notice that to-morrow I will move that By-law No. 1 of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia be amended by adding after the word "elective" the words "and appointed."

On motion this notice was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The Committee on State of the Order submitted the following report, which was adopted.

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

We, your Committee on State of the Order, beg leave to report that we have examined the portions of the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's reports referred to us carefully, and we are pleased to note that the Grand Master reports the Order in a healthy condition. This is very gratifying indeed, as the Grand Master makes this report after visiting every Lodge in the Jurisdiction, and we are satisfied he arrived at this conclusion after due consideration.

We congratulate the Grand Master on having consummated the mergement of Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, with Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, and we feel sure that it will prove beneficial, as the Grand Master anticipates.

We commend the Grand Master for having visited every district during his term of office, helping and encouraging each Lodge and we feel satisfied that good results will follow. We may state that the Grand Master visited Coronation Lodge, No. 48, though through a typographical error it was omitted from his report.

We regret to note by the Grand Secretary's report the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, being only 53 less than the number initiated. Surely some means could be devised to remedy this matter.

We would also call attention to another matter that seems to require careful consideration, and that is the considerable amount required for current expenses, it being $6.42 per member. We would ask the incoming Grand Master during his official visits to bring this matter forcefully before the Lodges for their serious consideration.

We were struck in looking over the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports at the very meagre and vague information contained in the majority of them. In one instance only is there reference made to the installation of officers. We are of the opinion that the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports should give more in detail the work of the Order in their respective districts and contain suggestions, if possible, for the future.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master appoint a Special Committee to enquire into the cause of the excessive

current expenditure incurred by the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction, and that the respective Lodges be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with a statement in detail of their expenditure under this head, if required, for the use of the Committee.

Resolved—

That whereas the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its Session held in San Francisco, 1904, passed the following legislation. To wit:

A member entitled to a withdrawal card, changing his place of residence to the vicinity of another Lodge, upon stating in his application his desire for membership therein, and upon his election by ball ballot, shall be entitled, upon notice to his old Lodge from the new one, to a withdrawal card, at cost of same to the Lodge and to admission to the new Lodge without charge, except, that where a physician's certificate is required he must pay the expense of the same.

Be It Therefore Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and are hereby instructed, to use their best efforts to have said legislation repealed, said legislation being referred to on pages 757, 761, 845, Journal Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1904.

Representative J. M. Campbell, No. 17, submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

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

Is it contrary to the rules of the Grand Lodge for a number of brothers of the Order to establish an I. O. O. F. Club, such brothers being situated nine or ten miles from any regularly instituted Lodge? And in the event of such Club being established is it contrary to the rules of the Grand Lodge for a Lodge to take its charter to such Club and initiate a candidate or confer degrees?

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 8.30 this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 9 o'clock p.m., the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

All present were examined and reported duly qualified and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Grand Warden, by order of the Grand Lodge, conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on the following Past Grands in the ante-room: W. A. E. Lowe, No. 6; W. Sanderson, J. McMurtrie, No. 31; D. Plaskett, No. 29; E. Mulholland, No. 5; J. D. Pearson, No. 20.

The Grand Master submitted and read the following Supplementary Report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Distribution:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

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

On May 31st I granted a dispensation to Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, to attend a funeral in regalia.

On June 2nd I gave permission to Banner Lodge No. 31, to surrender its charter and to become merged with Harmony Lodge, No. 6.

Decision No. 14.—*Question*—Is a brother qualified for the office of Vice Grand who having been appointed Warden, serves only three nights of the term?

Answer.—The brother is not qualified, unless he has been excused by the Lodge, in accordance with section 1465 of Busbee's Digest.

Attached find the reports of the District Deputies, as far as they have been received by me.

Fraternally Submitted.

T. F. NEELANDS,
Grand Master.

The hour fixed by the Constitution for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master appointed Bros. A. Henderson, P.G.M. No. 2; and H. B. Gilmour, P.G.M. No. 10, to act as tellers.

The following nominations were offered:

For Grand Master—D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3, by J. A. McKay, No. 8.

For Deputy Grand Master—F. E. Simpson, No. 42, by W. Law, No. 10.

For Grand Warden—T. Embleton, No. 36, by W. E. Thorpe, No. 20.

For Grand Secretary—F. Davey, No. 1, by J. Palmer, No. 12.

For Grand Treasurer—J. Bell, No. 4, by T. M. Bray-

shaw, No. 1; W. Law, No. 10, by J. Palmer, No. 12; A. L. Clement, No. 45, by T. R. Powers, No. 45; H. T. Fulton, No. 6, by W. E. Thorpe, No. 20; G. F. Weir, No. 43, by J. S. Brandon, No. 43.

For Grand Representative—F. Davey, No. 1, by D. G. Dailey, No. 5.

There being but one nominee for the office of Grand Master, the vote of the Grand Lodge was, on motion, cast by the Grand Secretary for D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3, and he was declared duly elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

There being only one nominee for each of the offices of Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden and Grand Secretary, the vote of the Grand Lodge was cast for the respective candidates as follows by the Grand Secretary in favor of F. E. Simpson, No. 42, as Deputy Grand Master, and for T. Embleton, No. 36, as Grand Warden, and by the Grand Treasurer in favor of F. Davey, No. 1, as Grand Secretary, and these brothers were declared duly elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year.

For the office of Grand Treasurer the ballot was spread and the following result announced:

No. of votes cast, 103; necessary to choice, 52.

J. Bell No. 4, received 21 votes. W. Law, No. 10, received 32 votes. A. L. Clement, No. 45, received 8 votes. H. T. Fulton. No. 6, received 35 votes, and G. T. Weir, No. 43, received 7 votes.

There being no choice, a fresh ballot was spread, confined to the three brothers having the largest number of votes, the names of Bro. Clement and Weir being dropped, and the following result announced.

Number of votes cast, 103; necessary to choice, 52.

H. T. Fulton, No. 6, received 41 votes. W. Law, No. 10, received 41 votes. J. Bell, No. 4, received 21 votes.

There still being no choice, a fresh ballot was spread, the name of Bro. Bell being omitted, and the following result announced:

Number of votes cast, 103; necessary to choice, 52.

H. T. Fulton received 54 votes; W. Law, No. 10, received 49 votes.

H. T. Fulton, No. 10, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

There being but one nominee for the office of Grand Representative, the Grand Treasurer, by order, cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for F. Davey, No. 1, who was declared elected as Grand Representative for two years.

Resolved, That the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers take place to-morrow evening in the Third Degree.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

15th June, 1905.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 9 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

All present were examined, found qualified and the Grand Lodge was duly opened for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

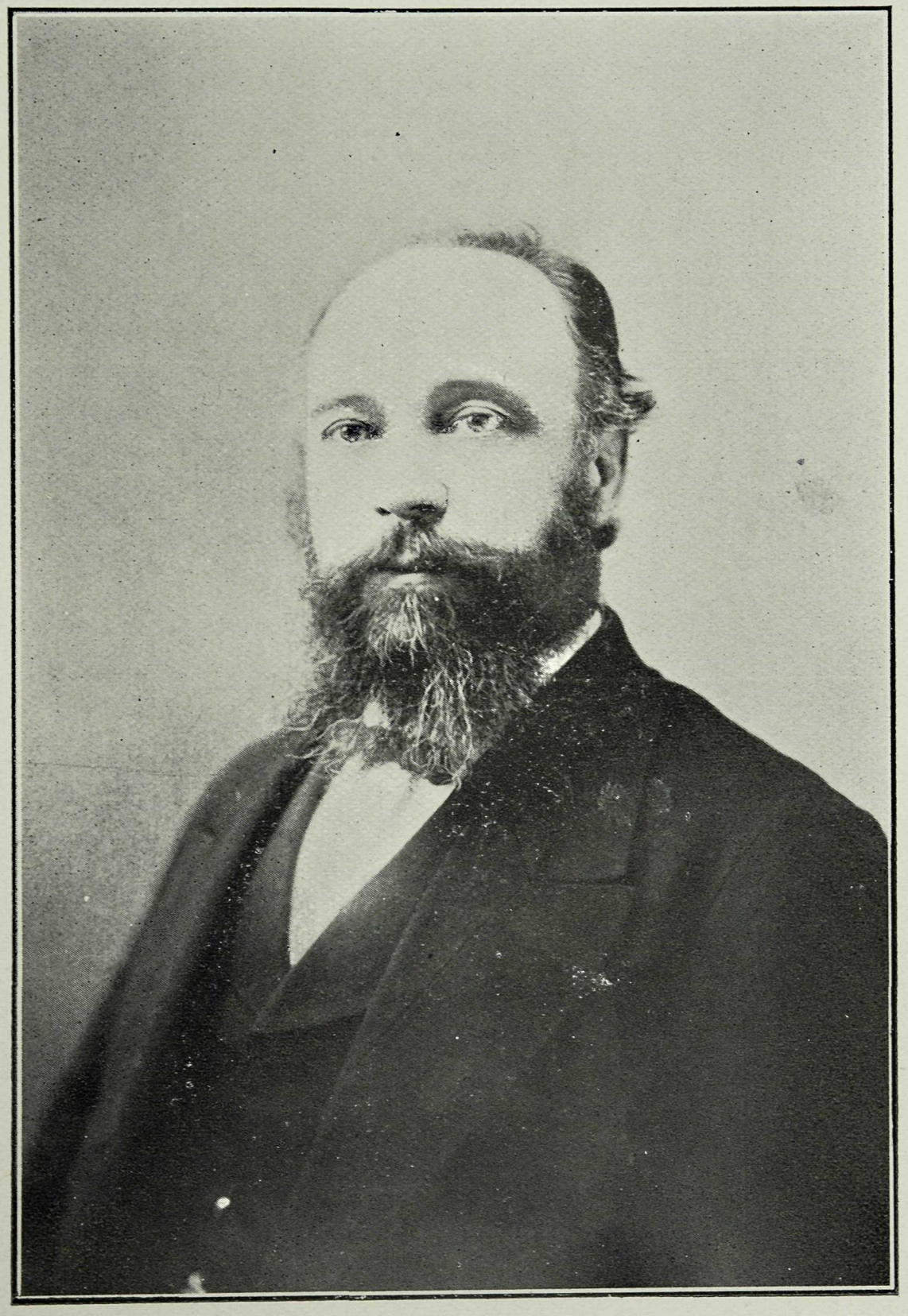
The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Judiciary laid over from yesterday was taken from the table, read and, on motion, adopted.

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

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

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the notice of Representative Brandon, No. 43, to amend By-Law No. 1 of this Grand Lodge, to provide for the payment of Appointed Officers attending the Sessions of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that after giving the question careful consideration we do not consider its adoption would be expedient at this time, as it will involve an addition in the attendance at the Sessions of the Grand Lodge and a corresponding



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increase in the already too large expenditure for this purpose, which has to be borne by the Subordinate Lodges.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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

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

Your Committee on Distribution beg to recommend that the Supplementary Report submitted by the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

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

We beg leave to move the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we do not consider it is in the best interests of the Order that intoxicating refreshments be served in the vicinity of the Grand Lodge meeting, and we beg to earnestly request all committees appointed for this purpose in the future to kindly refrain from entertaining brothers in this manner.

HUGH B. GILMOUR,
H. J. RAYMER,
D. G. DAILEY,
JAS. BELL,
P. W. DEMPSTER,
T. M. BRAYSHAW,
J. A. MCKAY,
C. S. KEITH.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted:

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

We beg leave to move the following resolution:—

Resolved, That as soon as the Grand Master and Grand Secretary receive official notice of any change of the law in the Sovereign Grand Lodge that affects the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction they shall issue immediately a circular letter to each of the Subordinate Lodges, giving the particulars of the change in the law.

HUGH B. GILMOUR,
J. A. MCKAY.

Representatives Dempster and Fawcett, No. 2, submitted the following resolution, which, on being submitted to the vote, was declared defeated.

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

We hereby move that the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to endeavor to have the last addition to the Third Degree of the Subordinate Lodge Ritual modified.

A. Henderson, P.G.M., No. 2, moved, That the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge be held at Victoria, which was seconded. The following telegram was read from the Mayor of Victoria:—

Victoria, B.C., June 13, 1905.

Anton Henderson, Ladysmith, B.C.

Have much pleasure in inviting the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of British Columbia to hold their annual meeting in Victoria next year.

G. H. Barnard,
Mayor.

The motion was caried.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following Report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the question of Bro. J. M. Campbell, of Duncan Lodge, No. 17, *re* the formation of I. O. O. F. clubs, etc., beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the use of the letters I. O. O. F. as the name of a social or other club is directly contrary to the laws of the Order which prohibits the use of the letters or emblems of the Order for any such purposes, nor can a charter of a Subordinate Lodge be taken and used in any other place than that specified on the face of said charter, with the possible exception that a Grand Master may grant a Dispensation to use it in a place other than that specified on its face, and then only under extraordinary circumstances, of which the Grand Master must be the judge.

Signed by the Committee.

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred the Supplementary Report of the Grand Master as well as the reports of the several Deputies, beg leave to report as follows:

We approve of the action of the Grand Master in granting the dispensations asked for, and approve of decision No. 14.

In looking over the reports of the District Deputies your Committee are pleased to note the universally hopeful tone in them.

Your Committee is again compelled to mention the fact that District Deputy Grand Masters have no authority to grant dispensations except such as are provided by the Constitution. We find the District Deputy for District No. 16 granted one dispensation, and the Deputy for District No. 20 issued two out of order.

Your Committee most respectfully call the attention of the several District Deputies to the Constitution defining their duties.

Your Committee may be over zealous in the discharge of their duties, but we do most earnestly recommend that the Grand Master in the selection of his Deputies will try in all cases, as he no doubt will, to select the best material at his disposal for the position.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Resolved—That a Special Committee be appointed at this Session to arrange for the transportation of the Officers and Representatives to the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge.

It was moved and seconded—That this Grand Lodge purchase sufficient jewels for the D.D.G.M.'s of this Jurisdiction, to be returned at the end of each term by the holder.

Moved and seconded as an amendment—That the matter be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Moved and seconded as an amendment to the amendment —That the question be indefinitely postponed.

The amendment to the amendment was carried on being submitted to the vote.

Resolved—That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to one o'clock p.m.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at 1 p.m., pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge Officers and quorum of Representatives present.

All present were examined and reported qualified and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

Moved by Representative Wallace Law, No. 10, and seconded by H. B. Gilmour, P. G. M., and carried unanimously:—

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

Whereas, this Grand Lodge learns with deep regret that Bro. J. E. Phillips, P.G.M.,P.G.R., of New Westminster, continues in a critical state of health;

And whereas, as this Grand Lodge recognizes the splendid work he has done and the sacrifices he has made on behalf of Oddfellowship in this Province;

Be it Therefore Resolved, That this Grand Lodge expresses its deepest sympathy with P. G. M. Phillips and sincerely trusts that under Divine Providence he may be spared for many years. And that a letter be sent to P. G. M. Phillips signed by the officers of this Grand Body, and under seal of the Grand Lodge, conveying to P. G. M. Phillips these sentiments of the Grand Lodge and assuring him of our continued love and esteem.

WALLACE LAW,
HUGH B. GILMOUR.

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

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

Your Committee on Printing beg to report that tenders were invited for printing the Proceedings of this Session and advance copies of the Grand Officers' Reports, and that the contract has been awarded to Bro. T. R. Cusack.

We would recommend that the suggestion of the Grand Secretary that a Memorial Page be inserted in the Proceedings including the names of the late Past Grand Masters Meldram and Johnstone and the other members of the Grand Lodge who have died during the past year, also that semi-tone portraits of two of the Past Grand Masters, according to seniority, be inserted in the Proceedings.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to recommend the following:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to His Worship the Mayor of Ladysmith for his hearty address of welcome at the opening of this Session and for extending to us the freedom of the city.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the officers and members of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, and Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., for the courteous manner in which they have entertained this Grand Lodge while in session, also for the appropriate souvenirs presented the representatives.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge extend to Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, a hearty vote of thanks as a token of appreciation of the greeting extended by the sisters of Ladysmith to this Grand Lodge, also for the pleasing way in which they have entertained the members and their wives attending this Session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Wellington Coal Company for their kindness in conveying the members to Extension and showing them through the mines and other workings.

Resolved, That the transportation companies be accorded the thanks of this Grand Lodge for reduced fares to members and wives attending this Session and for other favors extended.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the Press for the ample and fair reports furnished of its proceedings, and also the hotels for reduced rates, and to the citizens generally for the many courtesies shown the representatives of this Grand Lodge, and and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the local press.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Master and Executive Officers for the efficient manner in which the business of this Grand Lodge has been conducted during the past year.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the Ladysmith Band for their kindness in rendering beautiful music in honor of the occasion of this Session being held here.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

An invitation was extended on behalf of the Sisters of Rebekah to attend a picnic to be held across the Bay at 2 p.m. to-day. It was, on motion, Resolved—That the invitation be accepted with thanks and that it be taken advantage of by any members desirous of doing so.

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

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

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

Your Committee are unable to find any good reason for allowing an extra amount to any of the Representatives attending this Session beyond that allowed by the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, as we are of the opinion that if an exception be made in behalf of one or two Representatives it could justly be claimed by many others on the same grounds. We therefore recommend that in justice to all, extras be not allowed in any case.

NAME.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Trav'ld.	Mileage.	Total.
OFFICERS.							
T. F. Neelands, G.M.....	8	Vancouver.....	2	$ 4 00	50	$ 5 00	$ 9 00
D. E. Mackenzie, D.G.M	3	New Westminster	2	4 00	62	6 20	10 20
F. E. Simpson, G.W.....	42	Cranbrook	2	4 00	751	75 10	79 10
F. Davey, G. Sec.....	1	Victoria.....	2	4 00	59	5 90	9 90
T. Embleton, G. T.....	36	Rossland	2	4 00	616	61 60	65 60
A. Henderson, G. Rep..	2	Victoria.....	2	4 00	59	5 90	9 90
H. B. Gilmour, G. Rep.	10	Vancouver	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
REPRESENTATIVES.							
T. M. Brayshaw.....	1	Victoria.....	2	4 00	59	5 90	9 90
T. C. Hubbard.....	1	Victoria.....	2	4 00	59	5 90	9 90
J. York.....	1	Victoria.....	2	4 00	59	5 90	9 90
P. W. Dempster.....	2	Victoria.....	2	4 00	59	5 90	9 90
R. W. Fawcett.....	2	Victoria.....	2	4 00	59	5 90	9 90
M J. Phillips.....	3	New Westminster	2	4 00	62	6 20	10 20
C S. Keith.....	3	New Westminster	2	4 00	62	6 20	10 20
J. Bell.....	4	Victoria.....	2	4 00	59	5 90	9 90
T. Booz.....	4	Victoria.....	2	4 00	59	5 90	9 90
J. A. Dresser.....	4	Victoria.....	2	4 00	59	5 90	9 90
J. Carroll.....	5	Nanaimo	2	4 00	14	1 40	5 40
D G. Dailey.....	5	Nanaimo	2	4 00	14	1 40	5 40
H. Carroll.....	6	Ladysmith.....	2	4 00	..	....	4 00
H. J. Barber	7	Chilliwack	2	4 00	116	11 60	15 60
J. A. McKay.....	8	Vancouver.....	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
S. Hallander	8	Vancouver.....	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
A. Russell.....	8	Vancouver.....	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
C I. Chapman.....	9	Kamloops	2	4 00	301	30 10	34 10
G. Strevens.....	9	Kamloops	2	4 00	301	30 10	34 10
W. Law.....	10	Vancouver.....	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
C. Porter.....	10	Vancouver.....	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
E. P. Dennis.....	10	Vancouver.....	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
F P. Bishop.....	10	Vancouver.....	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
J W. Armstrong.....	10	Vancouver.....	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
F A. Anley.....	11	Cumberland	2	4 00	94	9 40	13 40
E. E. Adair.....	12	Revelstoke.....	2	4 00	429	42 90	46 90
J. Palmer.....	12	Revelstoke.....	2	4 00	429	42 90	46 90
D. Hadden	15	Cloverdale	2	4 00	79	7 90	11 90
G. Motion.....	16	Nelson	2	4 00	613	61 30	65 30
R. McLean	16	Nelson	2	4 00	613	61 30	65 30
J. McL. Campbell.....	17	Duncan	2	4 00	19	1 90	5 90
W. A. Cryderman.....	18	Vernon.....	2	4 00	431	43 10	47 10
W. R. Owens.....	19	Mt. Pleasant.....	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
W. H. Thorpe.....	20	Nanaimo.....	2	4 00	14	1 40	5 40
W. Newton.....	20	Nanaimo.....	2	4 00	14	1 40	5 40

NAME.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Trav'ld.	Mileage.	Total.
N. A. McDiarmid	21	Ladner	2	4 00	75	7 50	11 50
E. Restall	22	North Bend	2	4 00	179	17 90	21 90
J. C. Smith	23	Ashcroft	2	4 00	254	25 40	29 40
H McDonald	24	Eburne	2	4 00	56	5 60	9 60
W. M. Ramsay	26	Vancouver	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
R Cosgrove	26	Vancouver	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
W. H. Walsh	26	Vancouver	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
F Cockburn	26	Vancouver	2	4 00	50	5 00	9 00
A. Adams	27	New Westminster	2	4 00	62	6 20	10 20
J. A. Johnson	27	New Westminster	2	4 00	62	6 20	10 20
H. Fooks	28	Agassiz	2	4 00	121	12 10	16 10
T. Doherty	29	Ladysmith	2	4 00	..	....	4 00
J. J. Manuell	31	Ladysmith	2	4 00	..	....	4 00
C. A. Warren	34	Golden	2	4 00	525	52 50	56 50
P. R. McDonald	36	Rossland	2	4 00	616	61 60	65 60
H. J. Raymer, P.G.M.	36	Rossland	2	4 00	616	61 60	65 60
G. B. Taylor	38	Greenwood	2	4 00	673	67 30	71 30
D. Arnot	40	Slocan	2	4 00	628	62 80	66 80
G. W. Carothers	41	Trout Lake	2	4 00	481	48 10	52 10
M. D. Billings	42	Cranbrook	2	4 00	751	75 10	79 10
E. Harkness	43	Trail	2	4 00	607	60 70	64 70
J. S. Brandon	43	Trail	2	4 00	607	60 70	64 70
R. A. Smith	44	Moyie	2	4 00	731	73 10	77 10
T. R. Powers	45	Grand Forks	2	4 00	649	64 90	68 90
Geo. R. Mead	46	Phoenix	2	4 00	675	67 50	71 50
T. Beck	47	Fernie	2	4 00	810	81 00	85 00
C. J. Becker	48	Armstrong	2	4 00	417	41 70	45 70
G. R. Northey	49	Camborne	2	4 00	476	47 60	51 60
			$	280 00	16445	$1644 50	$1924 50

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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

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

Your Committee on Finance beg to submit the following estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the coming year.

REVENUE.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	$1,906 09
Per capita on 3,584 members at $1.10	3,942 40
Total	$5,848 49

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.

Grand Secretary, salary	$ 720 00
Grand Master, expenses	300 00
Sovereign Grand Lodge, Representative tax	150 00
Rent Grand Secretary's office	100 00
Printing	225 00
Premium on bonds	25 00
Postage, Grand Secretary	30 00
Postage, Grand Master	15 00
Caretaker, Grand Secretary's Office	20 00
Grand Lodge Card Independent Odd Fellow	10 00
Janitor this Session	10 00
Mileage and Per Diem this Session	1,924 50
Odd Fellows' Home Fund Assessment on 3,584 members at 10 cents	358 40
	$3,887 90
Balance at end of year	$1,960 59

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

It was moved, seconded and carried by a standing vote—That this Grand Lodge expresses the pleasure it feels at having with us to-day two Past Grands—Bros. J. York, No. 1, and R. W. Fawcett, No. 2—who were present at the institution of this Grand Lodge over thirty-one years ago, and trusts that they may long be spared to attend its sessions.

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to eight o'clock p.m.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8:30 p.m., the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

All present were examined, reported qualified and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

Resolved—That the call of the Roll at this session be dispensed with.

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

The Third Degree members in waiting having been admitted, the Grand Master appointed H. B. Gilmour, P.G.M., and

A. Henderson, P.G.M., to present the Officers elect for installation.

D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3, was presented, duly obligated and installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed into their respective chairs the following elective officers:—

F. E. Simpson, No. 42, as Deputy Grand Master.

T. Embleton, No. 36, as Grand Warden.

F. Davey, No. 1, as Grand Secretary.

H. T. Fulton, No. 6, as Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master appointed the following to fill the subordinate offices of the Grand Lodge and they were duly installed into their respective chairs:—

F. A. Anley, No. 11, as Grand Chaplain.

J. Bell, No. 4, as Grand Marshal.

N. McDiarmid, No. 21, as Grand Conductor.

H. J. Barber, No. 7, as Grand Guardian.

F. E. Armstrong, No. 9, as Grand Herald.

Also the following as District Deputy Grand Masters:—

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

W. H. Cullin, No. 4, for District No. 1, comprising Lodges Nos. 1, 2 & 4.

C. S. Keith, No. 3, for District No. 2, comprising Lodges Nos. 3 & 27.

Fred S. Whiteside, No. 20, for District No. 3, comprising Lodges Nos. 5 & 20.

John McMurtrie, No. 6, for District No. 4, comprising Lodges Nos. 6 & 29.

R. J. Marshall, No. 7, for District No. 5, comprising Lodge No. 7.

J. A. McKay, No. 8, for District No. 6, comprising Lodges Nos. 8, 10, 19, 24 & 26.

Geo. Strevens, No. 9, for District No. 7, comprising Lodge No. 9.

Robt. McKnight, No. 11, for District No. 8, comprising Lodge No. 11.

E. E. Adair, No. 12, for District No. 9, comprising Lodge No. 12.

Arthur Johnson, No. 15, for District No. 10, comprising Lodge No. 15.

Geo. F. Motion, No. 16, for District No. 11, comprising Lodge No. 16.

W. Hooper, No. 17, for District No. 12, comprising Lodge No. 17.

S. C. Smith, No. 18, for District No. 13, comprising Lodges Nos. 18, 48 & 50.

F. J. Mackenzie, No. 21, for District No. 14, comprising Lodge No. 21.

Edward Restall, No. 22, for District No. 15, comprising Lodge No. 22.

I. Lehman, No. 23, for District No. 16, comprising Lodge No. 23.

Geo. Vance, No. 28, for District No. 17, comprising Lodge No. 28.

C. Pearce, No. 34, for District No. 18, comprising Lodge No. 34.

J. S. Brandon, No. 43, for District No. 19, comprising Lodges Nos. 36 & 43.

J. A. Dinsmore, No. 45, for District No. 20, comprising Lodges Nos. 38, 45 & 46.

G. W. Waite, No. 39, for District No. 21, comprising Lodge No. 39.

Alex. M. Rogers, No. 40, for District No. 22, comprising Lodge No. 40.

F. Mummery, No. 41, for District No. 23, comprising Lodge No. 41.

J. Manning, No. 42, for District No. 24, comprising Lodge No. 42.

R. A. Smith, No. 44, for District No. 25, comprising Lodge No. 44.

O. N. Ross, No. 47, for District No. 26, comprising Lodge No. 47.

C. Bullard, No. 49, for District No. 27, comprising Lodge No. 49.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES—REBEKAH.

Sister Mrs. Emma Taylor, Victoria, for District No. 1, comprising Lodge No. 1.

Sister Miss M. George, Vancouver, for District No. 2, comprising Lodge No. 2.

Sister Mrs. Annie Bell, Nanaimo, for District No. 3, comprising Lodge No. 3.

Sister Mrs. Geo. Cunningham, New Westminster, for District No. 4, comprising Lodge No. 5.

Sister Mrs. W. Hunter, Ladysmith, for District No. 5, comprising Lodge No. 9.

Sister Mrs. Anne Lee, Rossland, for District No. 6, comprising Lodge No. 13.

Sister Agnes Blyth, Duncans, for District No. 7, comprising Lodge No. 14.

Sister Mrs. Arnot, Slocan, for District No. 8, comprising Lodge No. 15.

Sister Miss Frances Bacon, Nelson, for District No. 9, comprising Lodge No. 16.

The Grand Master appointed the following to fill the Standing and Special Committees for the ensuing year:

Finance.—J. Bell, No. 4; T. C. Hubbard, No. 1; P. W. Dempster, No. 2; T. M. Brayshaw, No. 1; D. Arnot, No. 40.

Appeals.—W. Law, No. 10; W. M. Ramsay, No. 26; A. M. Russell, No. 8; M. J. Phillips, No. 3; A. Adams, No. 27.

Laws of Subordinates.—Grand Secretary, J. York, No. 1; H. J. Barber, No. 7; J. Palmer, No. 12; T. Booz, No. 4.

Petitions.—W. H. Thorpe, No. 20; H. Carroll, No. 6; F. E. Armstrong, No. 9; E. Restall, No. 22; T. R. Powers, No. 45.

State of the Order.—J. Carroll, No. 5; G. B. Taylor, No. 38; W. Law, No. 10; C. J. Becker, No. 48; F. Cockburn, No. 26.

Legislation.—C. A. Warren, No. 34; J .A. McKay, No. 8; W. H. Walsh, No. 26; J. McL. Campbell, No. 17; J. S. Brandon, No. 43.

Judiciary.—J. W. Armstrong, No. 10; F. A. Anley, No. 11; H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36; C. S. Keith, No. 3; G. R. Northey, No. 49.

Mileage and Per Diem.—M. D. Billings, No. 42; J. C. Smith, No. 23; G. Strevens,, No. 9; J. A. Johnson, No. 27; P. R. McDonald No. 36.

Printing.—Grand Secretary, R. W. Fawcett, No. 2; R. Cosgrove, No. 26 G. W. Carothers, No. 41; J. A. Dresser, No. 4.

Statistics *re* Dues and Benefits.—Grand Secretary, G. R. Mead, No. 46; W. A. Cryderman, No. 18; D. Haddon, No. 15; F. P. Bishop, No. 10.

Special Committee on Transportation.—Grand Secretary, A. Henderson, P.G.M., No. 2; J. Bell, No. 4.

Special Committee on Current Expenses Subordinate Lodges.—W. Law, No. 10; F. Cockburn, No. 26; J. A. McKay, No. 8; T. F. Neelands, P.G.M., No. 8; C. S. Keith, No. 3.

The installation being complete, the Third Degree members retired and 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.

Resolved—That a new jewel be procured for the regalia of the Grand Herald.

It was moved, seconded and carried—That the reading of the minutes of this day's session be dispensed with.

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

Fred. Fawcett

Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

It affords me great pleasure as Mayor to have the privilege of extending to you a cordial welcome to this city, and more especially as this is the first occasion we have had the privilege of entertaining you.

I trust your visit here will be both pleasant and profitable, not only to yourselves but to our citizens: that it will have a tendency to increase your numbers and strengthen the noble cause you have in view.

I note by your last Annual Report that you have now in your Jurisdiction 41 Lodges with a membership of 3,512, with a total revenue of over $61,000.00.

It is impossible to estimate the great influence for good that this large membership will exert over the several communities in which you have established Lodges, and the relief extended to the needy from this revenue is sure to bring consolation to many a troubled heart.

May the All-seeing Eye watch over you and His Presence encourage you in your good work.

As already stated, I trust your visit here may be a pleasant one, but I regret that owing to the unfinished state of our town, we have not the opportunities of entertaining you here that they have in older and larger cities.

We trust, however, that as this town grows and we are able to have necessary improvements made, that ere you return again we will be able to entertain you as we desire.

I ask you therefore to accept the desire for the deed.

I believe, judging from the reputation the members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge is entitled to, it will be quite safe to offer you the freedom of this city, and have much pleasure in tendering you the same.

I remain, yours respectfully,

JOHN COBURN,
Mayor.

Dated Ladysmith, B.C., June 14th, 1905.

Ladysmith, June 14th, 1905.

Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., now in Session.—

We the undersigned, on behalf of Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, extend to you a hearty and cordial welcome to our city of Ladysmith.

We hope your visit will be one of pleasure on this, your first Session here.

We trust that your Session will be one of great profit, and that whatever legislation may be enacted will be to the benefit of Odd Fellowship throughout the Province of British Columbia.

We extend a cordial invitation to all Representatives who have taken the Rebekah Degree to meet with us to-night when we will confer the Rebekah Degree on all who wish it.

Signed in behalf of Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9.

M. Matheson, D. D. G. M.
Emily Hunter, N. G.
Marion Muir, Secretary.

Abstract of Reports of Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I.O.O.F. for the Half-Year Ended 30th June, 1904.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Error Last Report.	Withdrawn.	Deceased.	Suspended.	Ceased Mem. by N. P. D.	Total No. of Members.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	No. of Past Grands.	Receipts. Dues.	Receipts. Admission & Degrees.	Receipts. Rents & Invest'd Funds.	Receipts. From all oth'r Sources.	Receipts. Total.
1	Victoria	Victoria	F	5	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	206	....	8	43	$ 1146 85	$ 89 00	$ 567 50	.....	$ 1803 35
2	Columbia	do	W	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	139	....	3	34	746 50	66 50	100 00	.....	913 00
3	Royal City	Westminster	F	2	....	1	..	....	....	....	....	123	....	5	44	709 25	62 00	76 68	52 00	899 93
4	Dominion	Victoria	Th	3	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	148	....	9	45	921 26	63 00	116 80	.....	1101 06
5	Blk. Diam'd	Nanaimo	W	1		....	....	1	....	..	11	143	...	4	32	935 00	44 50	1203 25	2 50	2185 25
6	Harmony	Ladysmith	M	4	....	1	....	1	1	...	6	102	....	14	21	587 75	90 00	348 00	24 00	1049 75
7	Excelsior	Chilliwack	Tu	....		....	....	....	....	....	....	46	....	....	22	148 50	15 00	70 00	.....	233 50
8	Vancouver	Vancouver	F	6	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	160	....	18	27	958 00	123 00	287 49	379 16	1747 65
9	Tatnai	Kamloops	M	10	....	....	..	....	1	....	....	111	...	38	20	576 00	334 00	298 20	.....	1208 20
10	Western Star	Vancouver	Th	5	1	....	1	....	....	..	3	267	....	10	37	1532 50	40 00	.....	88 40	1660 90
11	Union	Cumberland	F	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	59	....	3	21	316 00	30 00	61 00	77 00	484 00
12	Selkirk	Revelstoke	Th	6	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	73	..	18	14	481 10	213 00	291 29	18 50	1003 89
15	Cloverdale	Cloverdale	Sa	2	....	....	....	....	....	..	2	33	....	4	13	129 00	25 00	32 85	.....	186 85
16	Kootenay	Nelson	M	5	2	1	10	8	....	....	9	115	....	17	19	799 65	155 00	.....	.....	954 65
17	Duncan	Duncan	Sa	5	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	57	....	9	19	394 00	97 00	138 00	50 00	679 00
18	Vern'n Val'y	Vernon	W	2	....		...	1	1	....	....	45	....	5	27	264 00	67 00	275 00	.....	606 00
19	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pl'sant, Van	Tu	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	59	....	7	22	302 00	63 00	180 50	1 00	546 50
20	Centennial	Nanaimo	M	9	....	1	..	....	....	....	....	136	..	29	32	967 00	176 00	.....	1 00	1144 00
21	Delta	Ladner	W	6	...	2	....	....	....	....	....	40	....	21	16	217 00	204 00	11 00	.....	432 00
22	Gold Range	North Bend	Sa	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	33	....	....	13	120 00	.....	.....	2 00	122 00
23	Ashcroft	Ashcroft	Tu	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	....	....	12	145 25	.....	84 00	.....	229 25
24	Island	Eburne	Tu	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	30	....	....	10	98 00	40 00	112 50	.....	250 50
25	Revelstoke	Revelstoke	Th	6	....	..	....	1	....	....	8	59	....	20	8	214 50	150 00	382 50	.....	747 00
26	Pacific	Vancouver	M	10	..	....	....	....	..	...	10	224	....	35	21	1109 50	204 00	.....	2 00	1315 50
27	Amity	Westminster	M	2	....	....	....	1	1	..	5	142	....	11	20	861 25	67 00	133 90	1 00	1063 15
28	Cheam	Agasziz	Sa	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	31	....	2	12	128 00	16 00	90 75	31 10	265 85
29	Perseverance	Ladysmith	Tu	4	....	....	....	1	..	....	....	53	..	12	7	275 00	82 50	.....	15 50	373 00
31	Banner	Ladysmith	W	8	....	1	....	....	1	....	1	69	....	17	9	392 00	200 00	.....	41 00	633 00

34	Rocky M't'n.	Golden	W	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	62	....	19	10	333 00	250 00	40 00	.....	623 00
36	Rossland	Rossland	M	13	4	....	....	....	1	....	6	167	2	39	13	977 50	529 00	391 50	160 05	2058 05
38	Bound'y Val.	Greenwood	Tu	2	1	....	....	1	....	....	1	71	....	8	13	375 50	77 00	4 20	2 50	459 20
39	Silver City	Sandon	F	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	52	....	....	12	214 75	.....	.....	.....	214 75
40	Slocan	Slocan City	Th	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	32	....	....	10	147 00	67 00	.....	5 00	219 00
41	Trout Lake	Trout L. City	Tu	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	55	....	4	9	335 50	41 00	281 00	.....	657 50
42	Key City	Cranbrook	M	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	60	....	12	10	307 30	54 00	262 90	29 80	654 00
43	Enterprise	Trail	Tu	4	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	109	3	15	10	549 00	126 00	.....	11 00	686 00
44	Wildey	Moyie	M	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	26	....	21	3	118 00	145 00	.....	.....	263 00
45	Gateway	Grand Forks	Th	4	1	....	....	2	....	....	11	69	....	14	10	637 00	120 50	385 00	.....	1142 50
46	Snowshoe	Phoenix	M	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	61	....	9	7	504 60	75 00	.....	.....	579 60
47	Mt. Fernie	Fernie	Th	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	51	....	18	4	275 00	120 00	.....	.....	395 00
48	Coronation	Armstrong	Th	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	36	....	6	5	175 00	60 00	.....	29 60	264 60
49	Camborne	Camborne	Th	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	....	7	2	104 20	45 00	.....	3 00	152 20
				162	14	9	10	16	11	1	92	3601	5	491	738	$20528 21	$ 4426 00	$ 6225 81	$ 1027 11	$ 32207 13

Abstract of the Reports of Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F. for the half year ended 31st December, 1904.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as A. O.	Reinstated.	Error Last Report.	Withdrawn.	Deceased.	Expelled.	Resigned.	Ceased Mem. for N. P. D.	Error Last Report.	Total No. of Members.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	No. of Past Grands.	Receipts. Dues.	Receipts. Admissions & Degress.	Receipts. Rents & Invest'd Funds.	Receipts. From all oth'r Sources.	Receipts. Total.
1	Victoria.....	Victoria.....	F	4	....	....	....	....	....	4	....	....	8	....	198	....	15	41	$1245 65	$ 95 00	$ 630 00	$	$1970 65
2	Columbia....	do	W	4	2	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	145	....	7	36	764 75	127 00	150 00	25	1042 00
3	Royal City..	Westminster	F	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	....	....	3	....	121	....	1	44	874 40	16 00	26 43	86 47	1003 30
4	Dominion...	Victoria.....	Th	4	3		....	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	150	....	11	45	881 50	82 50	165 00	.....	1129 00
5	Blk. Diam'd.	Nanaimo ...	W	....	....	....		....	....	....	....	....	7	....	136	....	....	29	736 50	.....	763 50	.....	1500 00
6	Harmony ...	Ladysmith...	M	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	99	....	....	20	544 75	.....	541 75	12 00	1098 50
7	Excelsior....	Chilliwack..	Tu	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	43	....	....	23	225 00	.....	80 00	35 75	340 75
8	Vancouver..	Vancouver...	F	3	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	6	....	156	....	10	25	852 50	78 00	365 78	....	1296 28
9	Tatnai.....	Kamloops...	M	5	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	113	....	4	20	601 00	94 00	414 00	35 00	1144 00
10	Western Star	Vancouver..	Th	5	4		....	....	3	....	....	....	18	....	255	....	13	38	1438 00	128 00	80 30	3 00	1649 30
11	Union.....	Cumberland	F	....	....	....		....	1	....	....	....	4	....	54	....	....	21	397 50	.....	66 00	.....	463 50
12	Selkirk	Revelstoke..	Tu	5	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	79	....	15	16	363 60	152 00	272 00	45 00	832 60
15	Cloverdale ..	Cloverdale..	Sa	1	....	....		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	....	3	14	129 00	25 00	32 85	.....	186 85
16	Kootenay....	Nelson.....	M	8	1		....	....	2	1	....		3	....	118	....	14	17	799 00	182 00	.....	....	981 00
17	Duncan.....	Duncan	Sa	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	56	....	3	20	343 00	10 00	34 50	.....	387 50
18	Vern'n Val'y	Vernon.....	W	2	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	46	....	5	28	188 00	38 00	357 60	.....	583 60
19	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant.	Tu	3	....		....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	61		8	22	325 00	54 00	224 75	2 00	605 75
20	Centennial..	Nanaimo....	M	2	....	....	....	....		2	....	....	....	....	136	....	4	33	820 25	40 00	65 00	.....	925 25
21	Delta.....	Ladner.. ...	W	1	....	....		....	....	....	....	....	2	....	39	....	7	17	175 00	52 00	.....	2 00	229 00
22	Gold Range..	North Bend.	Sa	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	....	....	13	82 00	.....	73 72	.....	155 72
23	Ashcroft.....	Ashcroft.....	Tu	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	....	2	12	134 00	100 00	84 00	.....	318 00
24	Island	Eburne.....	Tu	....	....		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	....	....	....	88 00	....	5 00	48 00	141 00
25	Revelstoke..	Revelstoke..	Th	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	59	....	5	8	361 50	60 00	440 00	.....	861 50
26	Pacific.....	Vancouver..	M	2	1	....	2	....	3	1	....	....	4	....	221	....	10	22	1398 00	45 00	.....	.....	1443 00
27	Amity	Westminster	M	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	145	....	....	20	686 50	36 00	.....	32 91	755 41
28	Cheam	Agassiz.....	Sa	1	....		....	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	31	....	4	12	219 00	24 00	76 25	22 50	341 75
29	Perseverenc'	Ladysmith .	Tu	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	....	51	....	6	19	285 00	40 00	.....	.....	325 00
31	Banner.....	Ladysmith..	W	....	....	....		....	....	....		....	1	....	68	....	2	8	347 50	10 00	.....	16 00	373 50
34	Rocky M't'n.	Golden	W	....	....			....	....	....		....	4	....	8	....	11	11	350 00	55 00	40 00	.....	445 00
36	Rossland ...	Rossland....	M	9	....		1	....	1	....	....	....	3	....	173	1	34	13	886 50	265 00	396 00	.....	1547 50
38	Boun. Valley	Greenwood.	Tu	8	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	2	....	76	....	32	13	335 25	260 00	33 20	.....	628 45
39	Silver City...	Sandon.....	F	1	....		....	....	1	....	....	....	13	....	89	....	4	12	140 00	25 00	25 00	1 00	191 00

40	Slocan.....	Slocan City..	Th	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	....	....	11	173 75	.....	36 00	.....	209 75
41	Trout Lake..	Trout L. City	Tu	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	55	....	2	11	496 37	38 00	368 35	.....	902 72
42	Key City	Cranbrook...	M	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	66	....	8	11	242 70	66 00	100 00	7 50	416 20
43	Enterprise...	Trail....	Tu	3	....	....	1	....	....		....	....	2	..	111	....	9	10	573 00	85 00	.....	.....	658 00
44	Wildey	Moyie	M	5	....	....	....	....	....		....	....	....	....	31	....	20	3	122 00	125 00	.....	.....	247 00
45	Gateway.....	Grand Forks	Th	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	....	65	...	8	11	253 50	60 00	240 00	1 00	554 50
46	Showshoe....	Phoenix.....	M	5	....	....	....	1	1	1	....	1	3	....	61	....	15	7	315 00	135 00	.....	.....	450 00
47	Mt. Fernie ..	Fernie.....	Th	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	53	....	....	5	225 00	20 00	9 00	732 33	986 33
48	Coronation..	Armstrong...	Th	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	....	3	6	131 00	30 00	.....	2 10	163 10
49	Camborne...	Camborne...	W	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	....	2	3	162 85	17 00	.....	.....	179 85
				95	16	....	11	4	13	17	....	1	112	....	3584	1	297	750	$19712 82	$ 2669 50	$ 6195 98	$ 1084 81	$29663 11

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORTS

Of Subordinate Lodges, Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the Year Ended 31st December, 1904.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	No. of Brothers Buried	No. Weeks for which Sick Ben. were Paid.	Amount Paid for.							Current Expenses.	Total. Assets.
						Relief of Brothers.	Relief of Widowed Families.	Relief of Orphans	Burying the Dead.	Education of Orphans.	Special Relief.	Total Relief.		
1	Victoria.	25	....	5	573	$1,455 00	.....	....	$ 375 00	....	$ 55 00	$1885 00	$ 811 90	$32,830 97
2	Columbia	13	....	1	228	832 00	.....	....	110 00	.....	37 00	979 00	1175 40	37,500 00
3	Royal City.....	15	1	1	56	384 00	$50 00	....	115 00	....	75 00	624 00	733 35	3,741 10
4	Dominion	15	....	....	59	350 00	20 00	....	75 00	.....	71 25	516 25	886 65	12,000 00
5	Black Diamond....	7	....	2	143	1,177 50	.....	....	255 00	96 00	.....	1528 50	580 15	19,615 49
6	Harmony	17	2	1	231	1,516 50	.....	....	180 00	.....	.....	1696 50	627 55	7,988 91
7	Excelsior.....	1	....	....	1	7 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	128 25	5,125 00
8	Vancouver..,.....	35	....	1	143	1,018 00	.....	....	60 00	.....	.....	1078 00	723 32	15,875 00
9	Tatnai.	9	....	1	63	565 00	.....	....	75 00	.....	.....	640 00	654 35	6.298 44
10	Western Star.....	22	1	....	181	1,472 00	20 00	....	.....	...	135 00	1627 00	137 80	12,990 38
11	Union.	4	....	1	64	205 50	.....	....	75 00	.....	.....	280 50	516 60	1,400 00
12	Selkirk.....	4	....	....	23	202 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	202 00	728 65	3,345 58
15	Cloverdale....	1	....	....	6	37 00	.....	....	.....	.....	10 00	47 00	173 20	2,800 00
16	Kootenay.....	7	....	1	68	547 20	.....	....	110 00	.....	25 00	682 20	755 00	11,764 00
17	Duncan	1	....	1	2	7 50	.....	....	75 00	.....	7 50	90 00	542 92	4,218 17
18	Vernon Valley....	2	....	1	7	62 90	.....	....	50 00	.....	66 25	179 15	811 44	3,555 54
19	Mt. Pleasant	9	....	...	20	140 00	.....	..	30 00	.....	....	170 00	533 90	7,200 00
20	Centennial	17	....	2	190	1,267 50	.....	....	150 00	.....	5 00	1422 50	516 70	5,315 50
21	Delta.....	1	....	....	5	42 00	.....	...	.....		.....	42 00	221 85	1,740 85
22	Gold Range.....	2	....	....	8	64 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	64 00	26 00	3,010 67

23	Ashcroft	1	....	....	3	22 50	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	22 50	242 35	3,020 78
24	Island	2	....	....	9	75 00	.....	....	.....	.....	5 00	80 00	83 60	1,200 00
25	Revelstoke	....	1	1	....	.....	36 55	....	35 00	.....	.....	71 55	931 89	6,078 75
26	Pacific	29	1	....	237	1,682 00	10 00	....	.....	.....	61 00	1753 00	801 81	7,872 53
27	Amity	17	2	1	70	464 00	.....	310	75 00	.....	39 00	888 00	765 74	5,246 82
28	Cheam	5	....	1	92	439 00	.....	....	50 00	...	.....	489 00	65 25	2,260 70
29	Perseverence	5	....	....	16	127 25	.....	....	.....	.....	10 00	137 25	103 25	536 80
31	Banner	5	....	1	20	177 50	....	....	75 00	.....	35 00	287 50	323 50	3,609 70
34	Rocky Mountain	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	236 45	3,538 04
36	Rossland	14	1	1	113	492 00	.....	....	200 00	.....	.....	692 00	1218 80	10,521 60
38	Boundary Valley	....	....	1	7	42 00	.....	....	50 00	.....	.....	92 00	242 90	2,210 44
39	Silver City	1	....	....	3	21 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	183 25	2,382 91
40	Slocan	2	....	....	9	40 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	204 60	2,542 64
41	Trout Lake	3	....	...	20	193 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	193 00	830 05	3,850 00
42	Key City	3	....	....	30	180 00	.....	....	25 00	.....	.....	205 00	876 84	1,182 00
43	Enterprise	12	....	....	79	522 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	522 00	947 30	2,811 85
44	Wildey,	2	....	....	7	44 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	44 00	209 75	731 12
45	Gateway	2	....	....	14	95 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	95 00	1745 17	2,023 79
46	Snowshoe	6	....	1	21	147 00	.....	....	50 00	.....	.....	197 00	688 40	1,233 70
47	Mt. Fernie	6	....	....	23	138 00	.....	....	.....	.....	25 00	138 00	634 11	1,080 00
48	Coronation	2	....	....	8	80 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	105 00	246 66	608 47
49	Camborne	1	....	....	4	31 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	31 00	146 60	381 60
		325	9	25	2856	$16,364 80	$136 55	$310	$2,295 00	$96 00	$662 00	$19,864 40	$23,013 25	$263,239 84

Abstract of the Annual Reports of Rebekah Lodges,
Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the Year Ended 31st December, 1904.

NAME AND NO. OF LODGE.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Members Admitted During the Year.		Total No. of Members.		Receipts	PAYMENTS.		Assets.
			Bros.	Sist'rs	Bros.	Sistr's		Relief.	Lodge expenses	
Colfax, No. 1...	Victoria....	2nd and 4th Tues.	2	.....	17	26	$ 103 75	$ 20 00	$ 40 00	$ 243 20
Mizpah, " 2...	Vancouver.	1st and 3rd Wed.	18	9	57	54	304 30	20 00	280 45	150 00
Miriam, " 3...	Nanaimo...	Every alter. Tues.	.....	6	22	78	134 25	69 50	69 50	405 36
Beulah, " 5...	N. Westm'r	2nd and 4th Tues.	2	1	10	13	49 92	.....	44 85	440 95
Laurel, " 9...	Ladysmith..	2nd and 4th Thur.	12	3	30	38	70 00	27 00	68 05	140 15
Deborah, " 13...	Rossland....	2nd and 4th Wed.	46	14	95	67	373 25	45 00	225 80	402 76
Ivy, " 14...	Duncan.....	1st and 3rd Wed.	2	.....	17	13	51 50	.....	7 00	150 00
Floral, " 15...	Slocan	2nd and 4th Tues.	.....	2	16	10	56 50	.....	15 95	58 30
Queen City, 16...	Nelson.....	1st and 3rd Tues.	30	35	30	35	297 65	.....	202 15	95 50
			112	70	294	334	$1441 12	$181 50	$ 953 75	$2,086 22

In Memoriam.

John H. Meldram,

Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
Grand Master 1889.
Died 24th February, 1905.

W. E. Johnstone,

Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.
Grand Master 1900.
Died 25th August, 1904.

Francis Page, P. G.,

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

G. Wobank, P. G.,

Centennial Lodge, No. 20.

Dead ! Dead ! Our Order's sad refrain,
From Eastern to the Western main,
Not so ; while reigns our God on high,
The true of heart can never die.

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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.
H. B. Gilmour,	1896	Western Star Lodge, No. 10.
W. H. Morton	1897	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
A. Henderson	1898	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
D. Welsh	1899	Royal City Lodge, No. 3.
††W. E. Johnstone	1900	Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.
W. Hogg	1901	Western Star, No. 10.
A. Graham	1902	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
E. C. Arthur, M.D	1903	Kootenay Lodge, No. 16,
T. F. Neelands	1904	Vancouver Lodge No. 8.

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*Died 6th February, 1884.
‡Died 18th March, 1885.
+Died 24th December, 1897.
=Died 6th September, 1899.
‡‡Died 7th April, 1905.
††Died 25th August, 1904.
†Died 20th September, 1879.
⁇Died 8th December, 1892.
‖Ceased membership.
÷Died 22nd November, 1900.
**Died 24th Feb., 1905.