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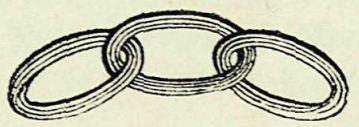

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TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ODD FELLOWS HALL, NANAIMO,
Wednesday, 10th February, 1886.

The Grand Lodge assembled on the above date at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Present :—

W. McColl	Grand Master.
F. Carne	Deputy Grand Master.
E. Quennell	Grand Warden.
J. H. Meldram	" Treasurer.
G. Williams	" Chaplain.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :—

Rep. W. H. Morton, of No. 5, as Grand Secretary *pro tem.*
" J. Phillips, of No. 5, as Grand Guardian *pro tem.*
" R. Scott, of No. 6, as Grand Marshal, and
" B. W. Shiles, P. G. M. of No. 3, as Grand Herald.

The acting Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal examined those present in the Grand Lodge Degree and reported all duly qualified, whereupon the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Scott, of No. 6, Rep·

Bate, of No. 5, and Rep. J. E. Phillips, of No. 3, as a Committee on Credentials.

Report read from Committee on Credentials :—

NANAIMO, 10th February, 1886.

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

Your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that they have examined the certificates and find the following accredited as Representatives to this Grand Lodge :—

FROM VICTORIA LODGE NO. 1.

F. Page	J. Dixon	F. Davey
W. Steele	M. Hart	C. Gowen.
D. Dale	W. H. Huxtable	T. J. Partridge
F. Carne	G. Williams	R. Roberts
A. Phillips	J. Weiler	J. G. Taylor
J. Jackson		

FROM COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 2.

J. H. Meldram	R. W. Fawcett	M. Baker
G. H. Maynard	J. Sears	R. Lipsett
F. Norris	M. Humber	J. Hawkins
Jas. Pope	W. J. Pendray	J. Partridge
J. Fell		

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, NO. 3.

B. W. Shiles	H. Hoy	C. N. Trew
J. E. Phillips	E. S. Scoullar	A. McCorvie
H. Elliott	L. F. Bonson	W. J. Armstrong
W. McColl		

FROM DOMINION LODGE, NO. 4.

E. H. Fletcher	J. D. Ford	W. Ralph
W. Walker	J. Wriglesworth	W. D. McKillican
T. Bamford	P. A. Babbington	J. E. Phillips

FROM BLACK DIAMOND LODGE, NO. 5.

W. H. Morton	J. Crossan	W. Wilks
G. Norris	J. Mahrer	W. Bone
M. Bate	A. Galloway	H. McAdie
J. Phillips	A. McGregor	J. Hemer

FROM HARMONY LODGE, NO. 6.

Robt. Scott	J. McNeill	Jas. Green
Alex. Clarkson	Jos. Hoskins	Geo. Williams

And that the certificates received show that the following Past Grands are entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge :—

FROM VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 1.

C. Hegele	J. Davies	J. Doughty
S. T. Styles	G. W. Anderson	J. York
A. Rome	Theo. Davie	E. Fawcett
E. C. Holden	C. Hayward	J. D. Robinson
J. M. Read	J. Gosnell	W. Irvine
T. R. Mitchell		

FROM COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 2.

Hy. Waller	A. B. Gray	R. Hall, Jr.
M. Young	J. W. Carey	W. F. Archibald
W. Harrison	J. P. Goodhue	S. Adler
J. E. McMillan		

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, NO. 3.

Geo. Turner	J. E. Insley	R. H. Baker

FROM DOMINION LODGE, NO. 4.

H. Smith	A. J. Gray	O. Warner
C. Todd	J. Creeden	F. T. Sherborne

FROM BLACK DIAMOND LODGE, NO. 5.

J. Brunton	Geo. Ramsay	J. Wilcox
E. Quennell	S. D. Levi	

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

F. Page and J. Dixon, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
J. Pope and J. Hawkins, of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
R. H. Baker and A. McCorvie, of New Westminster Lodge, No 3
W. Ralph and F. T. Sherborne, of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
J. Crossan, A. McAdie, J. Mahrer, J. Hemer, A. Galloway, A. McGregor, W. Wilks and W. Bone, of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

A. Clarkson, J. Hoskins and Jas. Green, of Harmony Lodge, No. 6.

Fraternally submitted,
ROBERT SCOTT,
M. BATE,
J. E. PHILLIPS,
Committee on Credentials.

Moved by Rep. Quennell, of No. 5, and seconded by Rep. Meldram, of No. 2, "That the report be received and adopted."—Carried.

The Grand Marshal was directed to retire and introduce the Past Grands in attendance, and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on the following Past Grands of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5 :—

A. McGregor, H. McAdie, J. Crossan, W. Bone, and A. Galloway.

Moved by D. G. M. Carne, and seconded by Rep. Scott, of No. 6, "That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 7:30 this evening."—Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session at 7:30 P. M., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

Present :—

W. McColl	Grand Master.
F. Carne	Deputy Grand Master.
E. Quennell	Grand Warden.
F. Davey	" Secretary.
J. H. Meldram	" Treasurer.
R. Scott	" Marshal.
J. E. Phillips	" Guardian.
B. W. Shiles, P. G. M.	" Herald.
G. Williams	" Chaplain.

The Grand Marshal having examined all present reported all duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present. The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

P. G., Hilton of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, being reported in waiting, the Grand Master appointed the Deputy Grand Master, Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., of No. 3, and Rep. Norris, of No. 5, to retire, examine, and introduce the Brother if correct.

P. G. Hilton was introduced by the Examining Committee and welcomed to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Marshal was directed to retire and introduce the Past Grands in waiting, and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on the following :—

J. Dixon, of No. 1.
J. Mahrer, and J. Hemer, of No. 5.
A. Clarkson, J. Green, and J. Hoskins, of No. 6.

The Grand Master appointed the following Representatives to fill vacancies on Committees :—

FINANCE.—E. Fletcher, No. 4, M. Bate, No. 5, R. Scott, No. 6, B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—A. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 1, and J. E. Phillips, No. 3.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—G. H. Maynard, No. 2.

LEGISLATION.—W. Walker, No. 4, R. Scott, No. 6, B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3.

The Grand Master then read his report of the past year :—

NANAIMO, February 10th, 1886.

To the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia:

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,—I have great pleasure in again greeting you, and presiding over this, our twelfth annual session, being also the first held in this, the city of Black Diamonds.

And before proceeding further in our deliberations for the welfare of our beloved Order, should not each heart present send up a prayer of gratitude and thankfulness, to the supreme Grand Master above (the fountain of all good) for the continued blessing of our lives, while in this short year so many of our brothers have been taken to that bourn, whence no traveler returns, we are still permitted to enjoy the pleasures of life, and to assist in the cultivation of that grand fraternal relation, designed by the great author of our existence.

The increase in our membership, I am proud to say, has not been exceeded any year since the institution of this Grand Lodge, and I am informed the material thus brought in to assist us in the great work of friendship, love, and truth, has been the very best. Financially, too, I find all the lodges presenting good reports.

My official duties, for the past year, have been of the very simplest, in fact, I have not had a single question brought to me officially during the whole time of my term of office, and the reports 'of the various District Deputy Grand Masters, which are herewith annexed, show that peace and harmony have reigned throughout this jurisdiction, thus making the year 1885 not only one of the most prosperous, but also a year of peace and good will.

PROCLAMATIONS.

I received a proclamation from the Grand Sire, dated February 2nd, 1885, enjoining all grand and subordinate bodies to take steps for the proper observance of the sixty.sixth anniversary of our Order, upon the 25th or 27th of April, the 26th falling upon Sunday. In accordance with above, I granted dispensations to the various lodges, to celebrate this occasion as they each might deem advisable.

I also received a proclamation from the same source, dated Novem ber 10th, 1885, regarding the Patriarchal Circle, in which the following resolution occurs: "That any Odd Fellow, who shall after January 1st, 1886, retain his membership in the Patriarchal Circle, or its successors, by whatever name it may be known, or in any secret organization, not authorized by this Grand Body, that has, or may hereafter require as a qualification of membership, a past, present, or future standing in this Order, shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and on conviction thereof, shall be expelled from the Subordinate Lodge." Not

being afflicted with the heresy I have not taken any action upon this matter; I append the document herewith for your consideration, marked "B." I find this institution numbers about 4000 members, located principally in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. The above course of the Sovereign Grand Lodge should surely stamp out this illegal branch of our Order.

CIRCULARS.

I received a circular from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, herewith marked "C," in regard to the condemnation by the city of Baltimore, of the Sov. Grand Lodge property, and calling upon the Order at large to offer inducements for the permanent location of this Body and its offices. I think the time of this Grand Lodge need not be further taken up with this subject, except perhaps to acknowledge the receipt of communication.

I have also received a circular, marked "D," from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, soliciting contributions to erect a memorial to Brother Schuyler Colfax, P. G. R., the father of the degree of Rebekah, who died January 13th, 1885. I would suggest that a copy of the same be sent to each of our subordinates, to do as they think best in the matter.

DISPENSATIONS.

In addition to the dispensation authorizing lodges to celebrate the 66th anniversary, on the 25th or 27th of April, upon application, I granted a separate dispensation to Victoria lodges, to celebrate the above occasion on the 28th April. On November 26th, 1885, granted a dispensation to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to allow them to hold a ball under their auspices, and to wear regalia at the same, which took place on December 4th, 1885.

INSTALLATIONS.

On the 2nd July, 1885, installed the officers elect of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, and Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

On the 9th July, 1885, installed the officers elect of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.

On the 7th January, 1886, installed the officers elect of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.

APPOINTMENTS.

On August 14th, 1885, I appointed Brother H. Waller, P. G. M., on Committee on Laws of Subordinates, in place of Brother R. Roberts, P. G. M., who declined to serve.

Our Endowment Auxiliary Association, established in 1884, has not progressed as rapidly as we had been led to expect; the Grand Secretary

will give you all particulars on this subject; I hope also to hear from the Committee, formed at our last session, to assist the Executive Officers in p romoting the interests of this scheme.

In accordance with your wishes expressed at last session, that it would be advisable for Grand Masters in future to include in their reports any important matter which may transpire in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I notice the following :—

The Sovereign Grand Lodge met at Baltimore on the 21st September, 1885. The condition of the Order in the various jurisdictions, as appearing from the reports of the different Grand Bodies, is in the main prosperous, and while there is a decrease of initiations in Lodges and Encampments of 4142, as compared with the previous year, there is an increase of 10,359 Lodge members, and 3405 Encampment members, an increase of 142 Lodges, 28 Encampments, 66 Rebekah Degree Lodges, and one Grand Encampment. The total relief paid, $2,111,926,86, exceeds the amount of the previous year, $96,094,34. Yet with this prosperous exhibit the revenue of Lodges and Encampments has decreased $75,733,58. The Grand Secretary says, "that it seems difficult to account for it, as there has been an addition of 10,359 to the membership, and the result cannot be attributed to the difference in the number of initiations."

I would call your attention to the new form of application for membership upon page 10188 of the Proceedings, the object sought is, that it shall have the force of a contract, by which all disputes between members and their lodges shall be settled within the Order, according to the laws of Odd Fellowship.

I have noticed considerable discussion on this matter, in the press devoted to the interests of the Order, in regard to the legality of this document, on this point I think it should be safe, for I notice that it was prepared by a judge, and finally accepted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a body in which the lawyers amount to more than one-quarter of the entire membership. The chief objection I see to it is that it will involve the lodges in some expense in procuring new forms of application.

Australasia and Germany have been allowed to work in the Initiatory degree.

The Ridgely monument, the corner stone of which was laid April 27th, 1885, in Harlem Park, Baltimore, was unveiled September 22nd 1885, with grand and imposing ceremony.

The motions to make the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, bi-annual and to initiate members at 18 years of age, were as usual not adopted and are again brought forward for legislation this year, the opposi-

tion to each of these questions is year, by year, becoming less, and I think it is but a matter of a short time before both will be adopted.

The remission of our Representative Tax, for 1884 and 1885, was granted, also the amendment to our constitution approved, and I would suggest that the Grand Secretary again apply for the remission of the Tax for 1886.

I notice that British Columbia was the only jurisdiction in North America not represented at last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

I would respectfully draw your attention to the fact that it is not lawful to omit the regular lodge meeting on account of such meeting falling upon a public holiday. P. G. Sire Stokes brought in a motion to allow such omission, but it was not adopted.

It cannot be out of place for me to refer to the visit last August of the Grand Patriarch of Oregon, under which jurisdiction the Patriarchs of this province work, the kind and affable manner of this gentleman won us all, and I believe not only improved our Encampments, but assisted our subordinates in a great measure. I notice with pleasure the institution last year of two new Encampments, one located in this city, and the other at Wellington, and second, the wish of Brother Jas. Phillips, D. D. G. M., of No. 3, that one other may soon be organized, thus entitling this Province to a Grand Encampment and bringing us within representation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

We have had to mourn the death of eleven of our brothers since our last meeting, two being Past Grands, first among these was Brother W. J. Jeffree, P.G.M., whose death occurred on March 18th, 1885, after a short illness, this worthy brother has been sent nearly every year to represent his Lodge in this Grand Body, and has done much by his wise counsel to bring the Order in this Province to its present high standard. I trust that you will insert a memorial page in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, with a fitting tribute to the name of Jeffree. The other member of this Grand Body who has answered to the call of the Great High Priest, and who has been equally useful in his respective sphere, although his name has not been so prominent before us as the above, was Thos. L. Scott, P. G., of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.

I am sorry to say that the pleasant duty which my worthy predecessor had hoped would fall upon me to perform, namely the institution of a Lodge of our Order at Kamloops has not been gratified, having heard nothing from that locality on the matter, and I am greatly disappointed at not being able to announce to you now of new lodges at Chilliwack and Granville, in both of which places I had at one time great hopes of

having the honor to start our beloved Order, however I trust that my loss will be my successor's gain, lodges in the districts named, I am confident, would prove prosperous.

I cannot close my report without offering a few remarks on my visit to Black Diamond and Harmony Lodges, as stated above, I installed the officers of these lodges last July. I had the pleasure of witnessing an initiation by Harmony Lodge, and I must compliment the officers and members on the proficient and able manner in which the same was performed; no fears need be entertained of this lodge (the youngest of our family), while under the watchful eye of our worthy Brother Robert Scott, P. G., and I take this opportunity of thanking this Brother for his great kindness to me on the occasion of my visit. I had not the same opportunity of judging Black Diamond Lodge, being very late on my arrival to install, but by referring to the reports, found this lodge to be very prosperous. I was assisted at these installations by Brother James Phillips, D. D. G. M., of District No. 3, and I thank this officer for his valuable assistance.

Another officer of this Grand Lodge I have especial reason to thank namely our efficient Grand Secretary, whose uniform courtesy I have drawn so largely upon during the year, his duties have been considerable this past year, and have been performed with his usual ability and with credit to the Order.

And now, Brethren, on the near approach of my surrendering this important office, allow me to thank you all for the great honor you have conferred upon me, and as I shall soon be placed upon the list of Past Grand Masters, I can only promise that I shall not consider my duty as being past, nor my work done, but will always strive to forward the interests of our grand Order.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,

WM. McCOLL,
Grand Master.

VICTORIA, B. C., January 28th, 1886.

Bro. W. McColl,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In transmitting herewith my report for the preceding year, I beg to state that no question affecting the interpretation of the laws governing the Order have been submitted for my decision.

The prerogative of my office has been asked for in the following instances only :

I granted a dispensation to Dominion Lodge, No. 4, authorizing it to confer the three degrees of the Order on Brother Merrifield in less time than required by law.

I granted a dispensation to the same lodge to provide for the election of Brother E. Cameron to the office of V. G.

I granted similar dispensations to Columbia Lodge, No. 2, to provide for the election of Brothers W. H. Mixer and W. Croft, to the office of V. G. respectively.

The Subordinate Lodges in this District are in a satisfactory condition, and are working in harmony.

Yours fraternally,

E. H. FLETCHER,
D. D. G. M., District No. 1.

NEW WESTMINSTER, February 3rd, 1886.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In accordance with law I report the interests of Odd Fellowship progressing favorably in this district. In no matter has my decision been called upon during the year. I assisted the Grand Master at the installation of officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, on the 9th July, 1885, and again on the 7th January, 1886.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY HOY,
D. D. G, M., District No. 2.

NANAIMO, B. C., February 3rd, 1886.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg respectfully to submit for your consideration and approval the following report of my actions as D. D. G. M. for District No. 3, for the year now ending :

The officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, for the July term, were duly installed by yourself on July 2nd, 1885, and the officers of the same lodge, for the January term, were installed by me on January 6th, 1886.

During the year only one question has been submitted to me for my decision, viz.: From Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, as to whether Brother Past Grand J. W. Brunton, was entitled to sick benefits, as he had been out of standing for three days when he paid up his dues and was reported sick to the lodge. On inquiry I found that Brother Brunton was sick and under medical treatment before the 13 weeks' limit had expired, and I gave as my decision that Brother Brunton, under the provisions of the Revised Constitution, was fully entitled to his sick benefits.

It is with feelings of great pleasure that I report the institution, under favorable circumstances, of Nanaimo Encampment, No. 4, at Nanaimo, B. C., by Deputy Grand Sire, Brother John Weiler, on November 18th, 1885, and I express the hope that steps may be taken to organize another Encampment, at least, in the province, so that a Grand Encampment might be instituted for British Columbia.

It is also my pleasing duty to report that Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5,—the only lodge in my district—still continues to advance both financially and numerically.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.,

JAMES PHILLIPS,
District Deputy G. M.,
District No. 3.

WELLINGTON, B. C., January 13th, 1886.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Herewith I beg respectfully to submit a report of my actions as D. D. G. M. for District No. 4. There has been remarkably little for me to do during the past year. On July 2nd, 1885, I assisted the Grand Master to install the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, and on January 11th, 1886, I installed the officers of this Lodge. It is a matter of congratulation that Harmony Lodge has materially increased its membership during the past year, and at the same time is in a good sound financial position. The lodge is working harmoniously, and it is expected that the membership will continue to increase. No questions or appeals have been submitted to me during the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

ROBERT SCOTT,
D. D. G. M., District No. 4.

(B.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND SIRE.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.

To Wm. McColl,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia,
New Westminster, B. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your immediate and careful attention is hereby called to the following important action at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., held at Baltimore, Md., September, 1885, viz. :

Resolved, That the acts of the Grand Sire, as set forth in so much of his report as refers to the Patriarchal Circle, are hereby approved.

Resolved, That any Odd Fellow who shall, after January 1st, 1886, retain his membership in the Patriarchal Circle, or its successors, by whatever name it may be known, or in any secret organization not authored by this Grand Body, that has heretofore or may hereafter require as a qualification of membership a past, present, or future standing in this Order, shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and on conviction thereof, shall be expelled from the Subordinate Lodge,

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, when the Sovereign Grand Lodge is not in session, is hereby clothed with all the power, authority and rights that this Grand Body possesses to prevent the members of this Order remaining or becoming members of the Patriarchal Circle.

Resolved, That for the purpose of enforcing all laws in relation to the Patriarchal Circle, the Grand Sire is authorized and empowered to deal directly with the State Jurisdictions and the Grand Officers thereof, and upon a failure of the Grand Subordinate Jurisdictions, or their officers, to obey the mandates of this Sovereign Grand Body upon this subject, the Grand Sire shall suspend the Charter of such offending urisdictions.

Resolved, That hereafter every Grand Representative, before entering upon the discharge of his duties in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall subscribe and file with the Grand Secretary the following affirmation :

I, upon my honor as an Odd Fellow, declare that I am not now, and was not at the time of my election as Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a member of the Patriarchal Circle by whatever name known, or of any secret organization, not authorized by this Order, that has ever had as a basis of qualification membership in this Order of Odd Fellows. (*Journal 10,131.*)

And now in pursuance of and by virtue of the duty imposed, and the authority conferred upon me by the aforegoing resolutions, I, HENRY F. GAREY, GRAND SIRE, do hereby give you full notice thereof and request that you give the same notice to all the Subordinate Lodges in your jurisdiction, and that you will see that the above resolutions are put in force and fully complied with, in every particular so far as your power extends, and report your action to me in the premises, through the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. I hereby also give notice that I will proceed on my part to execute the law as required by said resolutions, whenever the facts shall justify me in so doing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, this, the 10th day of November, 1885, and of our Order the sixty-seventh year.

ATTEST: HENRY F. GAREY, Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS, Grand Secretary.

(D.)

COLFAX MEMORIAL.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 13th, 1885.

GRAND MASTER,—The Grand Lodge of Indiana, at the request of the Convention of Rebekah Degree Lodges, has appointed the undersigned a Committee to solicit contributions to erect a memorial to Schuyler Colfax, P. G. R., and we respectfully ask permission to solicit the Rebekah and Subordinate Lodges of your jurisdiction to aid us in the work with their contributions.

Fraternally,

JNO. W. McQUIDDY,
WILL CUMBACK,
THEO. P. HAUGHEY,
T. G. BEHARRELL,
J. B. KIMBALL,
Committee.

Grand Lodge of Indiana:

The above request is approved with the hope that a favorable answer will be returned.

J. F. WILDMAN, Grand Master.
B. F. FOSTER, Grand Secretary.

Moved by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, of No. 4, "That the report be received and referred to a Committee to distribute the same to the various Comm ttees."—Carried.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Distribution :—Rep. Scott, No. 6, Rep. Phillips, P. G. M., of No. 1, and Rep. Norris, No. 5.

Report of Grand Secretary read :—

Office of Grand Secretary,
Victoria, British Columbia,
9th, February, 1886.

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

Dear Sirs and Brothers,—I beg most respectfully to present the following report of the transactions of this office for the past year, and of the present condition of the Order in this jurisdiction.

In compliance with the resolution of last session, copies of the vote of thanks for the use of the Hall, were forwarded to each of the lodges in this city.

No time was lost in printing the Proceedings of the last session of this Grand Body, which was done at a very low price, and they were distributed in the usual manner to our own Lodges, and members, copies being at the same time despatched to all the sister jurisdictions.

Acting under directions from Brother Carne, D. G. M., the officers and members of the Grand Lodge were called together, by advertisements, to attend the funeral of our late Brother W. J. Jeffree, P. G. M., which took place at Victoria, on the 20th March last; this proceeding was subsequently approved by the Grand Master.

The amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution effected last session were transmitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and received its approval, *vide* p. p. 10140 and 10185 of the Proceedings, 1885.

A petition for the remission of the Representative Tax, charged against this Grand Lodge for the years 1884 and 1885, was prepared and sent as directed. It appears by reference to the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, p. p. 10086 and 10172, that the request was granted.

Nine volumes of the Proceedings of this Grand Body, from 1874 to 1885 inclusive, have been bound at a cost of $11.25, and are now ready for sale.

Amendments have been received to the By-Laws of Victoria, Black Diamond and Harmony Lodges and handed to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, whose reports thereon will be submitted to this Grand Lodge. The amendments to the by-laws of the two last named Lodges bring them into accord with the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, in compliance with the directions contained in a resolution of last session. One hundred copies of the by-laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, have been printed at a cost of $33.34 (the lowest tender obtained for this work), and have been forwarded to that Lodge.

Enquiries have been addressed to me by a Brother residing at Granville, Burrard Inlet, on behalf of several members, as to the steps necessary to be taken to open a Lodge at that place. I have furnished the desired imformation and have been told that a petition for a charter for this purpose would in all probability be presented at this Session, but it has not yet come to hand.

A new edition of Grand Lodge Books have been printed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to conform to the alterations made in the work of the Lodges, and as our copies are very incorrect and antiquated, I would submit that new ones be procured, both of the Grand Lodge Charge Book and Subordinate Lodge Institution and Installation Book.

I beg to point out that a contradiction occurs in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, which should be rectified at once. Sec. 10 of Art. VI reads "That the N. G. or officer acting as such shall appoint the majority and the V. G. or officer acting as such, the minority of all Committees on Candidates and *Charges.*" Rule 3, Sec. I, Code of Procedure, Art. VII, provides elaborately for the election by ballot of the Committee of Trial when charges are preferred.

I think the simplest way to remedy this error is to strike out the words *and charges* from Sec. 10 of Art. VI.

Brother Huxtable, Grand Herald, has preformed certain services during the year in laying fires and cleaning the Grand Secretary's office and I recommend that some remuneration be granted him for the same.

The Finances of the Grand Lodge are in a very satisfactory condition; the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer being sufficient to meet the expenses of this communication and the cost of printing the proceedings. I would submit that it is unadvisable that the balance at the end of the year should be reduced, it has on former occasions been so low as to be unable to pay for the printing of the Proceedings. The printer has had therefore to wait until July when the semi-annual Tax is received from the Subordinate Lodges. This is sometimes inconvenient,

and the work being done by lowest tenderer, it should in my opinion be paid for as soon as performed.

ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION.

The Endowment Association now consists of 100 members being 15 more than at last report. One death has occurred during the year, that of Brother Aaron Wood, of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, Wellington, on the 15 October last, and $164.80, the amount realized by Assessment No. 2, has been paid to the nominee of the deceased.

This showing is not as good as it might have been, if more interest was taken in this Fund by the members, and it can undoubtedly be improved if a few earnest Brothers would take the matter in hand and work it up, nothing succeeds in these associations like personal solicitation of members.

I would recommend that the Committee appointed last year be continued.

During the year there has been an increase in the membership of each lodge, showing in the aggregate an addition of 68 to our ranks.

The total amount spent for relief gives an average of $9.40 per member on our present membership.

The Sick Benefits paid during the year average six days to each member.

Since the establishment of this Grand Lodge there has been disbursed $49,140 for relief, a fact which needs no comment.

The return of the gross assets of the Lodges shows an average of $91 per member.

The amount paid last year for current expenses of the Lodges is about 23 per cent of the gross receipts.

The following is an abstract of statistics prepared for the Sovereign Grand Lodge:—

		Increase.	Decrease.
Number of Lodges	6	—	—
" of Members in good standing	614	68	—
" Initiated during the year	88	16	—
" Admitted by Card	7	—	9
" " as Ancient Oddfellows	1	—	—
" Re-instated to membership	4	3	—
" Withdrawn	2	—	3
" Deceased	11	—	3
" Expelled	2	2	—

		In-crease.	De-crease.
Number Ceased Membership by non-payment of dues	16	—	2
" Rejected	2	—	2
" of Past Grands	108	10	—
" of Brothers relieved	101	15	—
" of Widowed Families relieved	5	—	4
" of Weeks for which Sick Benefits were paid	526	69	—
Amount paid for relief of Brothers	$4,758	$134.50	—
" " " of widowed families	204.00	—	$126.00
" " " burying the dead	740.00	—	120.00
Total amount expended for relief	5,772.50	—	50.00
" " of current expenses	3,250.38	—	910.62
" " of annual receipts	13,972.32	2,580.89	—
" " of assets	55,905.11	5,415.78	—

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount of Cash Received during the Year.

For Supplies,		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	$4 00	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	12 50	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	1 00	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	10 50	
Harmony Lodge, No. 6	7 75	
Sundry Persons	9 75	
		$45 50
For Tax Term ending 30th June, 1885,		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	82 50	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	58 50	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	38 50	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	29 50	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	49 00	
Harmony Lodge, No. 6	37 00	
		295 00
For Tax Term ending 31st December, 1885.		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	86 00	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	62 50	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	35 50	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	32 00	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	51 00	
Harmony Lodge, No. 6	40 00	
		307 00
Total amount received and paid over to Grand Treasurer		$647 50

Orders Drawn on the Grand Treasurer during the year.

1885.		
Feb. 12—No. 1,	W. McColl, mileage	$15 00
" " 2,	E. Quennell, "	15 00
" " 3,	E. S. Scoullar, "	15 00
" " 4,	J. E. Phillips, "	15 00
" " 5,	Jas. Phillips, "	15 00
" " 6,	J. Wilcox, "	15 00
" " 7,	R. Scott, "	15 00
" " 8,	Geo. Williams, "	15 00
" " 9,	W. H. Huxtable, Janitor	15 00
April 9, 10,	Cohen & Salmon, printing Proceedings and Letter Heads	63 90
" 11,	Daily Colonist, advertising funeral of late Bro. Jeffree, P. G. M.,	2 00
" 12,	Daily Standard, advertising funeral of late Bro. Jeffree, P. G. M.,	2 00
Aug. 20, 13,	Grand Secretary Sundries	7 35
Nov. 26, 14,	J. A. Cohen, printing 100 copies of By-Laws, Harmony Lodge, No. 6	33 35
1886.		
Jan. 12, 15,	M. Miller, binding nine volumes Grand Lodge Proceedings	11 25
" 16,	Hibben & Co, Stationery	6 37
" 17,	Odd Fellows Union, rent of Grand Secretary's Office	60 00
" 18,	Grand Secretary Salary 12 months	150 00
" 19,	" " Postage	2 00
		$473 22

SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer last report	$164 67
Total amount of Cash received	647 50
	$812 17
Less Orders drawn	473 22
Leaving a Balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer of	$338 95

STOCK ACCOUNT.

		Dr.	Cr.
Stock on hand at last report		$156 69	
PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR:			
2 Subordinate Lodge Rituals @ $2.83	$5 66		
9 Bound Proceedings of Grand Lodge 1874-85	11 25		
		16 91	
SOLD DURING THE YEAR:			
63 Visiting Cards @ 25c	15 75		
16 Withdrawal Cards @ 25	4 00		
1 White's Digest	3 50		
1 Book Forms @ $1.25, 1 Book Forms @ $1.00	2 25		
2 Subordinate Lodge Rituals @ $3.00	6 00		
1 Order Book on Treasurer	6 50		
6 Diplomas @ $1.00	6 00		
1 Vol. bound Proceedings Grand Lodge 1874-1885 @ $1.50	1 50		
30 Orders A. T. P. W. @ 5c	1 50		
			$47 00
LOSS DURING THE YEAR:			2 22
STOCK STILL ON HAND:			
64 Book of Forms @ 85c	54 40		
3 Books of Odes with Music @ 65c	1 95		
175 Initiation Petitions	1 75		
Orders for P. W	3 50		
3 Rebekah Degree Books @ $2.60	7 80		
40 Lodge Odes @ 7c	2 80		
44 Diplomas @ 65c	28 60		
2 Officer's Roll Books @ $2.50	5 00		
3 Withdrawal Cards @ 22c	66		
25 Visiting Cards @ 22c	5 50		
11 Dismissal Cards @ 22c	2 42		
8 Vols. bound Proceedings Grand Lodge @ $1.25	10 00		
Being Balance Dr. to said account per Balance Sheet.			$124 38
		$173 60	$173 60

BALANCE SHEET.

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

10th February, 1886.

Folio.	ACCOUNT.	Dr.	Cr.
2	Sovereign Grand Lodge:	$3 71	
12	Stock Account	124 38	
27	Grand Treasurer	338 95	
38	Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F	1 00	
42	Profit and Loss	.....	$692 29
43	Furniture and Regalia account	224 25	
		$692 29	$692 29

AUXILIARY ENDOWMENT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands per last report..	$145 00	
Received for Assessments	41 10	
		$186 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

1886.	
January 23, Order No. 7, in favor of Isabella Wood, amount of Endowment on death of Bro. A. Wood	164 80
Balance	$21 30

MANAGEMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer per last report.	$142 35	
Received for Entrance Fees.....	16 00	
" " Dues.....	129 67	
Interest on Deposits in Savings Bank.....	4 66	
		$292 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

1885.				
Feb. 12,	Order	No. 1, Grand Secretary Salary.....	$50 00	
May 17,	"	No. 2, Cohen & Salmon printing receipt forms.....	2 00	
Aug. 20,	"	No. 3, Grand Secretary Postage.....	2 00	
1886.				
Jan. 12,	"	No. 4, M. Miller printing Notices dues.....	2 00	
"	"	No. 5, Grand Secretary Salary twelve months	50 00	
"	"	No. 6, Grand Secretary Postage.....	2 00	
"	"	No. 8, M. Miller printing Notices Assessment No. 3.....	2 00	
				110 00
		Balance.....		$182 68

SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, Endowment Fund.....	$21 30
" " " Management Fund....	182 68
	$203 98

REPRESENTATION TO THIS GRAND LODGE.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1,.....	is entitled to	16	Representatives.
Columbia Lodge, No. 2,.....	"	13	"
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3,	"	10	"
Dominion Lodge, No. 4,.....	"	9	"
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5..	"	12	"
Harmony Lodge, No. 6.....	"	10	"
		70	

Abstracts of the Semi-Annual Reports of the Subordinate Lodges are attached hereto for publication with the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

A review of the past year furnishes grounds for thankfulness and encouragement. We have had a substantial increase in membership, and peace and harmony has pervaded our councils, as evidenced by the absence of any appeals to this Grand Body, this is especially a matter for congratulation, as it is to be presumed that the Brothers have been able to meet with pleasure, and devote their undivided attention to the beneficient objects of our Order, and nothing is so detrimental to the prosperity of any institution as internal strife and discord. The prospects of the future are hopeful and cheering, with the anticipated influx of population consequent on our railway connection with the East, it would be strange if we did not secure a proportionate accession to our numbers. Very much, however, depends on our members, they should not be content to selfishly enjoy the benefits of our Order, but should recommend and urge their friends to join us and participate in these privileges. I feel assured that the wider a knowledge of our objects and principles are disseminated, and the better they are understood and practised, the greater will be the measure of our success; and the more potent will our Order become as an agent for good.

All of which is fraternally submitted in F. L. and T.,

FREDERICK DAVEY,

Grand Secretary.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Morton, No. 5, "That the report be received and handed to the Committee appointed to distribute the Grand Master's report."—Carried.

Report of Grand Treasurer read :—

VICTORIA, B. C., February 8th, 1886.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I respectfully submit my report for the year ending 8th February, 1886 :—

GRAND LODGE ACCOUNT.

1885.		Dr.	
Feb. 12	To Cash received from late Grand Treasurer		$164 67
Mch. 4	" " " Grand Secretary....		15 50
July 15	" " " "		248 50
Aug. 5	" " " "		58 50
Oct. 31	" " " "		7 50
1886.			
Jan. 25	" " " "		316 50
Feb. 3	" " " "		1 00
			$812 17

1885.		Cr.	
Feb. 12	By Order No. 1, Wm. McColl.....		$15 00
"	" " 2, E. Quennell.....		15 00
"	" " 3, E. Scoular.....		15 00
"	" " 4, J. E. Phillips.....		15 00
"	" " 5, Jas. Phillips.....		15 00
"	" " 6, J. Wilcox.....		15 00
"	" " 7, R. Scott.....		15 00
"	" " 8, G. Williams.....		15 00
"	" " 9, W. H. Huxtable.....		15 00
"	" " 10, Cohen & Salmon.....		63 90
"	" " 11, Colonist Newspaper.....		2 00
"	" " 12, Victoria Standard.....		2 00
"	" " 13, F. Davey, Grand Secretary..		7 35
"	" " 14, J. A. Cohen.....		33 35
"	" " 15, M. Miller.....		11 25
"	" " 16, T. N. Hibben.....		6 37
"	" " 17, Secretary O. F. Union.....		60 00
"	" " 18, F. Davey Grand Secretary...		150 00
"	" " 19, " " " ...		2 00
			$473 22
	To Balance Cash on hand.....		338 95
			$812 17

ODD FELLOWS' ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION.

MANAGEMENT FUND.

1885. Dr.

Feb. 12	To Cash received from Grand Treasurer....	$142 35	
Mch. 4	" " " Grand Secretary....	12 75	
Aug. 5	" " " "	67 52½	
Oct. 31	" " " "	22 37	
1886.			
Jan. 25	" " " "	41 97½	
Feb. 3	" " " "	1 05	
			$288 02

1885. Cr.

Feb. 12	By Order No. 1, F. Davey, Grand Secretary.	$50 00	
Aug. 5	" " 2, Cohen & Co.....	2 00	
Oct. 31	" " 3, F. Davey, Grand Secretary.	2 00	
1886.			
Jan. 12	" " 4, M. Miller.....	2 00	
"	" " 5, F. Davey, Grand Secretary.	50 00	
"	" " 6, F. Davey, Grand Secretary.	2 00	
"	" " 8, M. Miller.....	2 00	
		$110 00	
	To Balance Cash on hand.....	178 02	
			$288 02

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1885. Dr.

Feb. 12	To Cash in Savings Bank.....		$145 26
April 13	To Cash from Grand Secretary.....		9 95
" "	" " " "		7 25
June 30	Interest to date.....		4 66
Oct. 31	To Cash from Grand Secretary.....		7 00
1886.			
Feb. 3	" " " "		16 90
			$191 02

1886. Cr.

Jan. 23	By Order No. 7, in favor of Isabella Woods.	$164 80	
	Balance in Savings Bank.....	25 92	
	Cash on Hand.....	30	
			191 02

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

To amount received on account of Grand Lodge.....	$812 17
" " " Management Fund.	288 02
" " " Endowment Fund..	191 02
	$1,291 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Grand Lodge, as per vouchers.....	$473 22	
" Management Fund, as per vouchers.....	110 00	
" Endowment Fund, as per vouchers.....	164 80	
		748 02
Balance.....		$543 19

ABSTRACT OF BALANCES.

Grand Lodge.....	$338 95	
Endowment Association (Management Fund).....	178 02	
" (Endowment Fund).....	26 22	
		$543 19

Fraternally Submitted,

JOHN H. MELDRAM,

Grand Treasurer.

Moved by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, and seconded by Rep. Scott, No. 6, "That the report be received and handed to the Finance Committee."—Carried.

The election of Grand Lodge Officers being the next order of business the following nominations were made :—

For Grand Master:

FREDK. CARNE, of No. 1,

Nominated by Rep. Phillips, of No. 5.

For Deputy Grand Master:

E. QUENNELL, of No. 5,

Nominated by Rep. Carne, of No. 1.

R. SCOTT, of No. 6,

Nominated by Rep. Fletcher, of No. 4.

For Grand Warden:

J. H. MELDRAM, of No. 2,
Nominated by Rep. Quennell, of No. 5.

For Grand Secretary:

FREDK. DAVEY, of No. 1,
Nominated by Rep. J. E. Phillips, of No. 3.

For Grand Treasurer:

W. WALKER, of No. 4,
Nominated by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., of No. 3.
G. NORRIS, of No. 5,
Nominated by Rep. Morton, of No. 5.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., of No. 3, and Rep. Dixon, of No. 1, as Tellers.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., of No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Quennell, of No. 5, "That the Grand Secretary cast the ballot for the election of Rep. Carne as Grand Master."—Carried.

The Ballot was cast and Rep. Carne declared by the Grand Master to be duly elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Ballot was then spread for the election of Deputy Grand Master, with the following result:—

Number of votes cast 31. Number required to elect 16.

Rep. Quennell, No. 5, received 17 votes. Rep. Scott, No. 6, received 14 votes.

The Grand Master declared Rep. Quennell, No. 5, duly elected as Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Moved by Rep. Carne, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, "That the Grand Secretary cast the ballot for the election of Rep. Meldram, No. 2, as Grand Warden."—Carried.

The Ballot was accordingly cast, and Rep. Meldram, No. 2, declared duly elected as Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

Moved by Rep. Carne, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, "That the Grand Treasurer be directed to cast the ballot for the election of Rep. Davey, No. 1, as Grand Secretary."—Carried.

The Ballot having been cast, Rep. Davey, No. 1, was declared duly elected as Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Ballot was spread for the election of Grand Treasurer, and the following result announced :—

Number of votes cast 31. Number necessary to elect 16.

Rep. Norris, No. 5, received 16 votes. Rep. Walker, No. 4, received 15 votes.

The Grand Master declared Rep. Norris, of No. 5, duly elected as Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Moved by Grand Secretary, and seconded by Rep. Carne, No. 1, "That the following question be submitted to the Committee on Legislation ":—

"In view of the approved decision of the Grand Sire at p.p. 9855, 10148 and 10188 of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1885, is not that portion of Sec. 1, Art. III. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, which provides for deferring the ballot one week, in the election of candidates for membership when any or less than three black balls appear, illegal ? And if so, to report such amendment to the said Article as may be necessary to bring it in conformity with law."

The Grand Secretary gave the following notice of motion :—

I hereby give notice that I will move to-morrow that Sec. 1 of Art. II. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the words "two o'clock p. m." in line 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "such hour as the Executive Officers shall determine, due notice thereof

being sent to each Subordinate Lodge two weeks prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge."

Report read from Committee on Distribution:—

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

Your Distributing Committee on Grand Secretary's report, beg to recommend as follows :—

That portion of the report referring to the contradiction in the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

That portion referring to the remuneration of the Grand Herald be referred to Committee on Finance, also that portion referring to the finances of the Grand Lodge.

That portion referring to the Endowment Association to Committee on State of the Order.

Submitted in F. L. and T.,

ROBERT SCOTT,
A. PHILLIPS,
GEO. NORRIS,
Committee on Distribution.

Moved by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, and seconded by Rep Phillips, No. 4, "That the report be received and adopted."—Carried.

Report read from Committee on Distribution :—

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

Your Distributing Committee on Grand Master's Report, beg to recommend as follows :—

That portion of the report referring to the Patriarchal Circle, be referred to Committee on State of the Order.

That portion in regard to contribution to Colfax Memorial be referred to Committee on Finance.

That portion alluding to the Endowment Association to the Committee on State of the Order.

That portion referring to the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Legislation, also that portion alluding to the non-representation of Grand Lodge of B. C. at the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That portion referring to the death of members of the Grand Lodge be referred to Committee on Printing.

Submitted in F. L. and T.,

ROBERT SCOTT,
A. PHILLIPS,
GEO. NORRIS,
Committee on Distribution.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Quennell, No. 5, "That the report be received and adopted."—Carried.

Reports were read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates approving amendments to the By-laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and Harmony Lodge, No. 6, submitted to the Committee during recess of the Grand Lodge, and also the following report from same Committee on amendments to By-laws of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

VICTORIA, 23 January, 1886.

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

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that they have examined the manuscript amendments submitted for their decision, of the By-laws of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and approve of the same, with the following exception :—

Section 5, of Article XXIV. conflicts with Section 2 of Article XXIII. of the Constitution, in the date of the adoption of said amendments by the Lodge.

Fraternally,

H. WALLER, Rep. No. 2.
E. H. FLETCHER, Rep. No. 4.
Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Moved by Rep. Phillips, No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, "That the reports be received and adopted."—Carried.

Moved by Rep. Carne, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, "That the Grand Secretary be directed to procure such Charge Books, etc., for the use of this Grand Lodge as may be necessary."—Carried.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Carne, No. 1, "That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 10 o'clock a. m., to-morrow."—Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourded.

SECOND DAY.

11th February, 1886.

The Grand Lodge met on this date at 10 a. m., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

Present :—

W. McColl	Grand Master.
F. Carne	Deputy Grand Master.
F. Davey	Grand Secretary.
J. H. Meldram	" Treasurer.
J. E. Phillips	" Guardian.
B. W. Shiles, P. G. M.	" Herald.

The Chair appointed Rep. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 1, to act as Grand Warden, and Rep. Meldram, No. 2, to act as Grand Marshal.

The Grand Marshal reported all present duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present, and the Grand Lodge was declared opened for business by the Deputy Grand Master.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read. Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4., "That the minutes as read be adopted."—Carried.

Report read from Committee on Legislation:—

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

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred the question submitted by the Grand Secretary respecting the legality of certain

portions of Sec. 1, Art. III. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges providing for deferring the ballot for candidates for membership when any or less than three black balls appear, beg to report that the said provision is clearly illegal and to recommend that all that portion of the said Section from the word "if," in the 8th line, to the word "and" in the 19th line be struck out.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. MORTON,
W. WALKER,
ROBT. SCOTT,
Committee.

Moved by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Williams, No. 6., "That the report be received and adopted." —Carried.

Report read from Committtee on Legislation :—

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

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Legislation beg to report that they recommend that the words "or charges" be struck out of Sec. 10 Art. 6 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, as Rule 3, Sec. 1, Code of Procedure Art. 7 provides for the Election by Ballot of the Committee on Charges.

W. H. MORTON,
R. SCOTT,
W. WALKER,
Committee on Legislation.

Moved by Rep. Carne, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 1, "That the report be received and adopted."—Carried.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order :—

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

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on State of the Order to whom were referred portions of the reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, regarding the Endowment Fund, respectfully recommend that the suggestions contained therein be approved, but that a new committee be appointed by this Grand Lodge.

GEO. H. MAYNARD,
FREDK. NORRIS,
W. WALKER,
Committee on State of the Order.

Moved by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, and seconded by Rep. Williams, No. 6, "That the report be received and adopted." —Carried.

Moved by Grand Secretary and seconded by Grand Treasurer, "That Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the words '2 o'clock p.m.' in line 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'such hour as the Executive officers shall determine, due notice thereof being given to all subordinate Lodges, at least two weeks prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge.' "—Carried.

Moved by Grand Secretary and seconded by Grand Treasurer :

"That this Grand Lodge heartily endorses the Amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, proposed by Grand Representative Alexander of California, to alter the age at which persons may be initiated into the Order, from 21 to 18 years ; believing that the said amendment would be beneficial to the interests of the Order in this Jurisdiction.

"Further, that in order that the advocates of the proposed amendment may receive all the support and encouragement possible, that the Executive Officers be instructed to embody these views in a memorial to the Sovereign Grand Lodge praying that the said alteration may be effected."

Carried.

Report read from Committee on Legislation :—

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

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's report respecting the amended form of application for membership recommended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, beg to report that, having doubts as to the intention of that Grand Body on this point, that the Grand Secretary be communicated with and his

opinion solicited as to the compulsory adoption of this form by State Grand Bodies.

W. H. MORTON,
W. WALKER,
ROBT. SCOTT,
Committee on Legislation.

Moved by the Grand Secretary, and seconded by Rep. McGregor, of No. 6, "That the report be received and adopted."—Carried.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order :—

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

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred the proclamation of the Grand Sire regarding the illegality of the Patriarchal Circle, would respectfully recommend that the attention of the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction be drawn to the same.

W. WALKER,
FREDK. NORRIS,
GEO. H. MAYNARD.
Committee.

Moved by Rep. Phillips, P. G. M,, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, "That the report be received and adopted."—Carried.

Moved by Rep. Scott, No. 6, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, "That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 7:30 this evening."—Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 p. m.

Present:—

W. McColl	Grand Master.
F. Carne	Deputy Grand Master.
E. Quennell	Grand Warden.
F. Davey	" Secretary.
J. H. Meldram	" Treasurer.
R. Scott	" Marshal.
J. E. Phillips	" Guardian.
B. W. Shiles, P. G. M	" Herald.
G. Williams	" Chaplain.

The Grand Marshal examined those present and reported all duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present and the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for business.

Report read from Committee on Finance :—

NANAIMO, B. C., 11th February, 1886.

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

REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Finance take pleasure in reporting that they have carefully examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct with a balance on hand to credit of this Grand Lodge of $338.95.

The books of the Endowment Association, in this jurisdiction have also been examined and are found correct, and show a balance on hand :—

On account of Management Fund of	$178 02
On account of Endowment Fund	25 92
With cash in hands of Treasurer of	30

Your committee recommend that in view of the satisfactory increase n membership, and in the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, the

per capita tax for the present year be fixed at 80 cents, and the following is estimated as the Revenue and Expenditure for the current year:

REVENUE.

Balance in hand from 1885	$338 95
Per capita tax	500 00
Sale of goods	50 00
	$888 95

EXPENDITURE.

Salary of Grand Secretary	$180 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office	60 00
Stationery and postage	10 00
Printing	75 00
Grand Herald	10 00
Mileage to Representatives	225 00
Janitor Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	10 00
Sovereign Grand Lodge tax	75 00
	$645 00
Balance of Revenue over Expenditure	243 95
	$888 95

The capitation tax to be levied 40c on 30th June and 40c on 31st December.

We beg to repeat the recommendation made by your Finance Committee at the last session of the Grand Lodge, that the Grand Secretary act as Secretary and Treasurer of the Auxiliary Endowment Association, and that he be paid for these services at the same rate of salary as at present. It appears to your Committee that this arrangement would facilitate the management of the Association, and the settlement of claims. Your Committee do not feel justified in recommending a contribution from the funds of this Grand Lodge towards the Colfax Memorial Fund, but would recommend that the Grand Master's suggestion that the matter be referred to the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, for such action as they may deem advisable, be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT SCOTT, No. 6,
GEO. NORRIS, No. 5,
E. H. FLETCHER, No. 4,
B. W. SHILES, No. 3,
M. BATE, No. 5.

Moved by Rep. Fletcher, No. 4, and seconded by Rep. Carne, No. 1, "That the report be received and adopted."

Moved as an amendment by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Maynard, No. 2, "That the report be received and considered *seriatem*."

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

The report was then taken up *seriatem* and considered with the following result :—

Par. 1, Accounts Grand Lodge, Adopted.
2, Endowment Association, Adopted.
3, Per Capita Tax, Adopted.
4, Estimate, Revenue and Expenditure, — Moved and seconded, "That the report be handed back to the Committee with instructions to furnish detailed estimate of mileage."—Carried.

The Committee submitted the following details :—

The mileage of Representatives to be distributed as follows :—

To the Representatives from Victoria and New Westminster, 13, at $15 each	$195 00
To the Representatives from Harmony Lodge, No. 6, 6 at $5 each,	30 00
	$225 00

Par. 4 was, on motion, adopted.

Par. 5, Grand Secretary to act as Treasurer of Endowment Association ; ruled by Grand Master to be out of order, being in conflict with rules of Endowment Association which could only be amended in the manner prescribed therein.

Par. 6, Colfax Memorial Fund, Adopted.

Moved by Rep. Carne, No, 1, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, "That the report of the Finance Committee, as amended, be adopted."—Carried.

Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, gave the following notice of motion :—

"I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move that the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by inserting the following additional Section in Article 1, to be known as Section IV :—

"That all Representatives to the Grand Lodge shall be paid at the rate of $2.50 per diem for each day of actual attendance, and at the rate of 5 cents per mile each way for each mile actually travelled from his home to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge. No allowance of any nature shall be paid to Representatives residing in the city or town where the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge may be held."

The following question was submitted by Rep. Walker, No. 4 :—

"Has a Subordinate Lodge power to give a member residing at a distance of fifty miles from his Lodge two months additional time to that allowed to other members before he can be declared in arrears for dues ?"

Moved by Grand Secretary, and seconded by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, "That the question be referred to the Committee on Legislation."—Carried.

Report read from Committee on Legislation :—

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

The Committee on Legislation have examined the laws governing Subordinates, with reference to the question submitted by Rep. Walker, No. 4, and find that an exceptional extension of time to members residing at a distance of fifty miles from their Lodge before they could be declared in arrears for dues, would be illegal.

ROBERT SCOTT,
W. WALKER,
W. H. MORTON,
Committee on Legislation.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Crossan, No. 5, "That the report be received and adopted."—Carried.

Moved by Rep. Carne, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Scott, No. 6, "That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 7 o'clock to-morrow evening."—Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

12th February, 1886.

The Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

Present :—

W. McColl	Grand Master.
F. Carne	Deputy Grand Master.
E. Quennell	Grand Warden.
F. Davey	Grand Secretary
J. H. Meldram	" Treasurer.
R. Scott	" Marshal.
J. E. Phillips	" Guardian.
B. W. Shiles, P. G. M.	" Herald.
G. Williams	" Chaplain.

The Grand Marshal having examined those present reported all duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge duly opened for business.

Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, moved the amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution of which notice was given yesterday, which was seconded by Rep. Fletcher, No. 4.

Moved by Rep. Norris, No. 2, and seconded by Rep Williams, No. 6, as an amendment, "That the matter lay over until next Session of this Grand Lodge, and that the Finance

Committee be instructed to take the same in consideration, and to report during the recess the estimated cost of the proposed amendment, with any alternative scheme that they may think more desirable, a copy of their report to be transmitted to each Subordinate Lodge.

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

Moved by Rep Meldram, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 3, "That the next Session of this Grand Lodge be held at Victoria."—Carried.

The Grand Secretary read the following communication :—

NANAIMO, B. C., 12th February, 1886.

We the undersigned Representatives from Victoria and New Westminster to the present session of the Grand Lodge, desire to tender our very warm thanks to the officers and members of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and Harmony Lodge, No. 6, for the kind and courteous treatment received at their hands during our visit to Nanaimo, and express the hope that the future may bring prosperity to these two Lodges, and health and happiness to each individual member.

WM. McCOLL, G. M, Rep. No. 3,
FREDK. CARNE, D. G. M., Rep. No. 1,
JOHN H. MELDRAM, G. T., Rep. No. 2,
FREDK. DAVEY, G. S., Rep. No. 1,
B. W. SHILES, P. G. M., Rep. No. 3,
FREDK. NORRIS, Rep. No. 2,
W. WALKER, Rep, No. 4,
J. E. PHILLIPS, Rep. No. 4,
A. PHILLIPS, P. G. M., Rep. No. 1,
GEO. H. MAYNARD, Rep. No. 2,
E. H. [illegible]LETCHER, Rep. No. 4,
J. E. PHILLIPS, Rep. No. 3,
JOS. DIXON, Rep. No. 1.

Moved by Rep. Davey, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Walker, No. 4, "That the communication just read be spread on the minutes of this Grand Lodge."—Carried.

Moved by Grand Secretary and seconded by Rep. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 1, "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, for the use of the Hall, &c., during the present Session."—Carried.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 1, and Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, to present the Grand Officers elect for installation.

Frederick Carne was presented and duly installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed :—

E. Quennell	as Deputy Grand Master
J. H. Meldram	" Grand Warden.
Fredk. Davey	" " Secretary.
Geo. Norris	" " Treasurer.

The Grand Master appointed the following Officers :

J. E. Phillips, No. 4	Grand Marshall.
J. E. Phillips, No. 3	" Guardian.
F. Page, No. 1	" Conductor.
W. H. Huxtable, No. 1	" Herald.
R. Scott, No. 6	" Chaplain.
J. Pope, No. 2	" Instructor.

And the following as Deputy District Grand Masters :

G. H. Maynard, No. 2, for District No. 1.
E. S. Scoullar, No. 3, for District No. 2.
Wm. Bone, No. 5, for District No. 3.
J. McNeill, No. 6, for District No. 4.

Also the following to form the Standing Committees :—

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,—F. Page, No. 1; F. Norris, No. 2; W. Walker, No. 4; M. Bate, No. 5; and G. Williams, No. 6.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS,—B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; E. Fletcher, No. 4; J. Dixon, No. 1; M. Baker, No. 2; R. Scott, No. 6.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES,—J. Phillips, No. 5; W. Steele, No. 1; J. Pope, No. 2; E. S. Scoullar, No. 3; R. Lipsett, No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS,—J. Hoskins, No. 6; J. McNeill, No. 6; W. H. Morton, No. 5; D. Dale, No. 1; H. Elliott, No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER,—R. Scott, No. 6; J. Hawkins, No. 2; G. Williams, No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION,—E. Fletcher, No. 4; G. H. Maynard, No. 2; A. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 1; W. Bone, No. 5; J. Sears, No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION,—A. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 1; G. H. Maynard, No. 2; B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; W. Walker, No. 4; G. Norris, No. 5; R. Scott, No. 6.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING,—Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Quennell, No. 5, "That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed by this Grand Lodge."—Carried.

The Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, and Grand Chaplain were presented and duly installed into their respective offices.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 1, "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to Bro. McColl, the retiring Grand Master, for the able and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of that office during the past year."—Carried.

Bro. McColl P. G. M., returned thanks for the expression of appreciation of his conduct during his term of office.

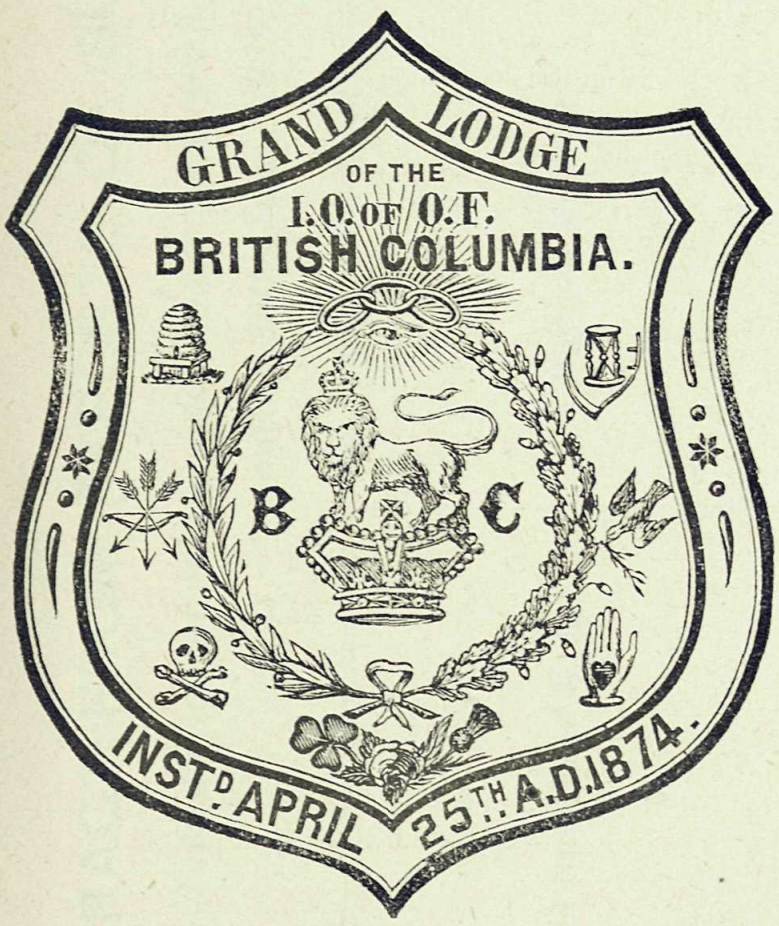
The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the day's proceedings, and also those of yesterday's session.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Bate, No. 5, "That the minutes as read be adopted."—Carried.

Moved by Rep. Meldram, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Phillips, No. 4, "That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*."—Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

FRED'K. DAVEY.
Grand Secretary.



ABSTRACT FROM REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the term ending 30th June, 1885.

Name and Number of Lodge.	Night of Meeting	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as an Ancient Oddfellow.	Withdrawn.	Deceased.	Expelled.	Ceased membership by non-payment of dues.	Error last report.	Number of Members in Good standing.	Revenue.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	Monday	8	2	....	..	..	1	4	..	165	$1,673 25
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	Wednesday	9	1	....	1	1	..	....	..	117	1,173 75
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	Thursday	8	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	77	1,143 75
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	Thursday	11	..	....	..	2	..	3	..	59	621 00
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	Wednesday	8	1	....	..	1	..	....	..	98	1,204 00
Harmony Lodge, No. 6	Monday	9	2	....	..	..	..	....	1	74	1,119 50
		53	6	1	1	5	1	8	1	590	$6,935 25

ABSTRACT FROM REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the term ending 31st December, 1885.

Name and Number of Lodge.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Deceased.	Expelled.	Ceased Membership by non-payment of dues.	Rejected.	Number of Members in good standing.	Revenue.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	Monday	8	..	1	1	1	..	....	..	172	$1,990 00
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	Wednesday	8	1	3	..	2	..	2	..	125	1,571 32
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	Thursday	2	..	..	..	1	1	6	..	71	940 75
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	Thursday	5	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	64	525 00
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	Wednesday	6	..	..	..	2	..	....	..	102	1,190 50
Harmony Lodge, No. 6	Monday	6	..	..	..	..	..	....	1	80	819 50
		35	1	4	1	6	1	8	1	614	$7,037 07

LIST OF OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, I. O. O. F.,

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

For the Term commencing 1st January, 1886.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number	LOCATION.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	RECORDING SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	PERMANENT SECRETARY.
Victoria	1	Victoria	R. McIntosh..	W. H. Flewin..	Fred'k Davey, P.G	Jno. Weiler, P. G.	Fred'k Davey, P.G.
Columbia.....	2	"	W. H. Mixer..	Wm. Croft.....	R.W. Fawcet, P.G.	G.H.Maynard, P.G.	M. G. Blanchard..
New Westminster.	3	New Westminster.	P. J. Foulds..	S.T.Mackintosh	N. A. White.....	C. R. Monck.....	W. A. Reeves.
Dominion.....	4	Victoria	E. Cameron..	J. Gibney.....	T. Bamford, P. G.	W. Walker, P. G..	T. Bamford, P. G..
Black Diamond	5	Nanaimo ...	Thos. Harris..	Robert Rivers..	A. McGregor, P.G.	J. Crossan, P. G...	A. McGregor, P. G.
Harmony.....	6	Wellington.	Jas. Work....	Edward Hoskin	Jno. Matthews...	W. A. Lindsay....	Jno. Matthews....

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM J. JEFFREE, P. G. M.,

Initiated in Columbia Lodge, No. 2, 9th February, 1871.

Grand Master, 1878.

Died 18th March, 1885.

THOMAS L. SCOTT, P. G.,

Initiated in New Westminster Lodge, No. 3. 14th August, 1879,

Died 25th July, 1885.

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PAST GRAND MASTERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

I. O. O. F.

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*J. S. DRUMMOND	1874	Victori
JOHN WEILER	1875	"
†J. P. DAVIES	1876	"
R. ROBERTS	1877	"
‡W. J. JEFFREE	1878	"
CHARLES GOWEN	1879	"
J. WRIGLESWORTH	1880	"
B. W. SHILES	1881	New Westminster
HENRY WALLER	1882	Victoria
ALEXANDER PHILLIPS	1883	"
W. D. McKILLICAN	1884	"
Wm. McCOLL	1885	New Westminster

* Died 6th February, 1884. † Died 20th September, 1879.

‡ Died 18th March, 1885.

ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

FREDK. CARNE	Grand Master	Victoria
EDWARD QUENNELL	Deputy Grand Master	Nanaimo
J. H. MELDRAM	Grand Warden	Victoria
FREDK. DAVEY	" Secretary	P. O. Box 481, Victoria
GEO. NORRIS	" Treasurer	Nanaimo
J. E. PHILLIPS	" Marshal	Victoria
J. E. PHILLIPS	" Guardian	New Westminster
F. PAGE	" Conductor	Victoria
W. H. HUXTABLE	" Herald	Victoria
R. SCOTT	" Chaplain	Wellington
J. POPE	" Instructor	Victoria

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1	G. H. MAYNARD	Victoria
" 2	E. S. SCOULLAR	New Westminster
" 3	W. BONE	Nanaimo
" 4	J. McNEILL	Wellington

☞ The next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge will be held at Victoria, on Wednesday, the 8th day of February, 1887.

SUPPLIES

The following rates will be charged for Supplies, all orders for which must be signed by the Secretary, and must bear the seal of the Lodge :—

Charter Fee	$30 00
Charge and Degree Books, (each)	3 00
Degree of Rebekah Books	3 00
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, (each)	25
Dismissal Certificates	25
Books of Forms	1 25
Books of Odes, with Music	1 00
White's Digest, 1882	3 50
Lodge Odes	10
Certificates of Membership	1 00
Officers' Roll Books	3 00
Initiation Petitions, per 100	2 00