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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

NANAIMO, B.C.,
12th June, 1901.

The Grand Lodge convened at 2 o'clock p.m. this day pursuant to notice.

Present:—

W. E. Johnstone.....Grand Master
W. Hogg.....Deputy Grand Master
A. Graham.....Grand Warden
Fred Davey.....Grand Secretary
G. T. Fox.....Grand Treasurer
P. W. Dempster.....Grand Representative
H. J. Raymer, P.G.M.....Grand Representative
E. C. Arthur, M.D.....Grand Chaplain
R. May.....Grand Marshal
J. Palmer.....Grand Conductor
W. Law (pro tem).....Grand Guardian
J. Newton.....Grand Herald.

All present having been examined and found duly qualified and a quorum being present, the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives elect, and the certificates of Past Grands entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, which were referred to the following committee: J. Crossan, P.G.M., No. 5; J. Bell, No. 4; A. Henderson, P.G.M., No. 2; E. C. Arthur, Grand Chaplain; R. Smailes, No. 38.

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

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

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

Lodge.	Representatives.	Alternates.
Victoria, No. 1.....	F. Carne, P.G.M.	E. Schafer.
Columbia, No. 2.....	Frank Taylor	J. H. Meldram,PGM
	R. W. Fawcett	J. Pottinger
Royal City, No. 3.....	D. E. MacKenzie	T. A. Muir.
	D. Walker	R. L. Reid.
	M. Phillips	W. E. Fales.
Dominion, No. 4.....	J. E. Phillips, P.G.M.	E. Bragg.
	James Bell	G. Jeeves.
	F. A. Billingsley	P. A. Babington.
Black Diamond, No. 5.	J. B. Nicholson	W. H. Morton,PGM
	J. Crossan, P.G.M.	G. Ramsay.
	G. Thompson	
Harmony, No. 6.....	W. Gilchrist	W. Hunter.
	J. Glen	W. Anderson.
Excelsior, No. 7.....	G. H. W. Ashwell	T. Pyvus.
Vancouver, No. 8.....	T. F. Neelands	J. A. McKay.
	D. McLeod	A. Mitchell.
Tatnai, No. 9.....	W. J. Kerr	T. E. Marshall.
Western Star, No. 10...	J. Armstrong	W. Law.
	A. V. Crisp	D. M. O'Dwyer.
	A. Cleland	G. Moscrop.
	J. L. McTaggart	W. J. Kirfoot.

Lodge.	Representatives.	Alternates.
Union, No. 11.....	D. R. McDonald	John Ead.
Selkirk, No. 12.....	J. Mathie	P. Hooley.
Cloverdale, No. 15.....	.I. Bose	C. W. McCallum.
Kootenay, No. 16.....	A. H. Clements	J. Neelands.
	A. G. Shaw	W. B. Pollard.
Duncan, No. 17.....	A. C. Aitkin	O. P. Stamer.
Vernon Valley, No. 18.	R. Wilson	R. Carswell.
Mt. Pleasant, No. 19...	Rev. J. Irvine	J. B. McAlpine.
Centennial, No. 20.....	J. Neen	W. H. Thorpe.
	J. Handlen	T. W. Mouat.
Delta, No. 21.....	S. Morley	Smith Wright.
Gold Range, No. 22....	J. Z. Choate	E. Lundeberg.
Ashcroft, No. 23.....	M. Dumond	W. Shaw.
Island, No. 24.....	R. H. Abercrombie	S. Churchill.
Revelstoke, No. 25.....	J. A. Stone	R. S. Wilson.
Pacific, No. 26.....	J. Stark	H. J. Richard.
	G. R. Gordon	T. S. Brown.
	F. Cockburn	E. F. Gerster.
	W. H. Walsh	A. J. Laidlaw.
Amity, No. 27.....	D. McPherson	N. R. Brown.
	E. L. Webber	J. A. Johnson.
Cheam, No. 28.....	H. Fooks	A. Horwell.
Banner, No. 31.....	H. Fulton	D. D. Griffiths.
Peerless, No. 33.....	G. McCann	T. M. Brayshaw.
	H. Siddall	R. Livingstone.
Rocky Mountain, No. 34	C. A. Warren	C. Pearce.
Cedar, No. 35.....	G. Coles	J. Fielding.
Rossland, No. 36.....	T. Embleton	H. J. Raymer, P.G.M.
	D. E. Kerr	J. Cummings.
Boundary Valley, No. 38	R. Smailes	J. Kerr.
Silver City, No. 39.....	C. E. Lyons	W. Garbutt.
Slocan, No. 40.....	D. Arnot	J. T. Beauchesne.
Key City, No. 42.....	F. E. Simpson	J. P. Fink.
Enterprise, No. 43.....	A. B. McKenzie	P. Ryan.
Wildey, No. 44.....	E. S. Pollard	F. E. Simpson.
Gateway, No. 45.....	F. E. Cooper	A. L. Clements.

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

Victoria, No. 1..... F. Paine.
Columbia, No. 2..... R. Marwick, P. R. Smith.
Royal City, No. 3..... G. Newman, A. J. Martin.
Dominion, No. 4..... John Bell, A. J. Mallett.
Black Diamond, No. 5. A. J. Malicord, A. Matheson, G. Thompson.

Harmony, No. 6..... J. Glen, W. Gilchrist.
Vancouver, No. 8..... R. Gray, D. McLeod.
Tatnai, No. 9..... W. J. Kerr.
Western Star, No. 10.. A. V. Crisp, A. Cleland.
Union, No. 11..... D. R. McDonald, J. Ead.
Selkirk, No. 12..... H. Hanbury, P. Hooley.
Cloverdale, No. 15..... R. Harvey, G. Kyle, C. W. McCallum.
Kootenay, No. 16 ..... A. G. Shaw.
Duncan, No. 17..... J. McL. Campbell, A. O. Blyth.
Vernon Valley, No. 18. K. Wilson, R. Carswell.
Mt. Pleasant, No. 19... J. B. McAlpine, Jas. Irvine.
Centennial, No. 20..... T. W. Mouat, W. Merrifield.
Delta, No. 21..... S. Morley, S. Wright.
Gold Range, No. 22... E. Lundeberg.
Ashcroft, No. 23..... M. Dumond.
Island, No. 24..... R. H. Abercrombie.
Pacific, No. 26..... W. H. Walsh.
Amity, No. 27..... N. R. Brown, J. J. Johnston.
Cheam, No. 28..... W. H. Dingle, R. Maitland.
A. Howell.
Banner, No. 31..... H. Fulton.
Peerless, No. 33..... T. M. Brayshaw
Rocky Mountain, No. 34 C. Pearce.
Cedar, No. 35..... R. Maitland, J. Fielding, D. F. McDonald.
Rossland, No. 36..... T. Embleton.
Carson, No. 37..... H. M. Genin.
Silver City, No. 39.... C. E. Lyons.
Slocan, No. 40..... D. Arnot.
Key City, No. 42..... Fred. E. Simpson.
Enterprise, No. 43..... A. B. McKenzie.
Gateway, No. 45..... F. E. Cooper.

No representatives' certificates have been received from Carson Lodge, No. 37, nor Trout Lake Lodge, No. 41. bt Bro. T. Taylor, P.G., is present and states that he was duly elected as a representative of Trout Lake Lodge, No. 41, and as it is evidently an omission on the part of the Lodge to send the certificate, we recommend that Bro. Taylor be recognized as a representative.

We also beg leave to report that Bro. E. F. Gerster alternate for Pacific Lodge, No. 26, is without the usual certificate that he is entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree; but the fact that he has been elected alternate by his Lodge, we think is sufficient evidence that he is duly qualified to receive the degree, and we recommend that it be conferred on him.

A certificate signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary and bearing the seal of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, has been submitted to your com-

mittee to the effect that the representative and alternate elected by that Lodge, are unable to attend, and that Bro. R. B. Collishaw, P.G., has been elected as representative in their place. We recommend that Bro. Collishaw be so recognized.

JAS. CROSSAN,
E. C. ARTHUR,
R. SMAILES,
A. HENDERSON,
JAS. BELL.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the Past Grands in waiting and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on the following: D. Walker, No. 3; W. Gilchrist, J. Glen, No. 6; G. H. Ashwell, No. 7; D. McLeod, No. 8; W. J. Kerr, No. 9; A. Cleland, No. 10; A. G. Shaw, No. 16; D. R. McDonald, No. 11; R. Wilson, No. 18; Rev. J. Irvine, No. 19; J. Handlen, No. 20; S. Morley, No. 21; R. H. Abercrombie, No. 24; W. H. Walsh, E. F. Gerster, No. 26; D. McPherson, No. 27; H. Fulton, No. 31; T. M. Brayshaw, No. 33; G. Coles, J. Fielding, No. 35; D. E. Kerr, T. Embleton, No. 36; C. E. Lyons, No. 39; D. Arnot, No. 40; T. E. Simpson, No. 42; A. B. McKenzie, No. 43; F. E. Cooper, No. 45.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

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

Finance.—D. McPherson, No. 27; J. Armstrong, No. 10; J. B. Nicholson, No. 5; C. E. Lyons, No. 39; C. A. Warren, No. 34; F. Carne, P.G.M., No. 1; D. McLeod, No. 8.

Appeals.—T. A. Muir, No. 3; E. L. Webber, No. 27; D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3; D. E. Kerr, No. 36; R. Wilson, No. 18; R. B. Collishaw, No. 15; T. M. Brayshaw, No. 33.

Laws of Subordinates.—Jas. Bell, No. 4; D. Walker, o. 3; G. H. Ashwell, No. 7; A. B. McKenzie, No. 43; S. Morley, No. 21; W. Shaw, No. 23; J. Handlen, No. 20.

Petitions.—J. A. Stone, No. 25; H. Fulton, No. 31; E. F. Gerster, No. 26; D. Arnot, No. 40; F. A. Billingsley, No. 4; J. Glen, No. 6; G. Coles, No. 35.

State of the Order.—G. R. Gordon, No. 26; F. E. Simpson, No. 42; Rev. J. Irvine, No. 19; H. Siddall, No. 33; W. Gilchrist, No. 6; A. C. Aitkin, No. 17; A. H. Clements, No. 16.

Legislation.—T. Taylor, No. 41; H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36; M. Phillips, No. 3; R. Smailes, No. 38; J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4; W. J. Kerr, No. 9; J. L. McTaggart, No. 10.

Judiciary—T. F. Neelands, No. 8; R. W. Fawcett, No. 2; T. Embleton, No. 36; F. E. Cooper, No. 45; H. Fooks, No. 28; W. Law, No. 10; P. W. Dempster, No. 2.

Mileage and Per Diem.—T. S. Brown, No. 26; F. Taylor, No. 2; J. Neen, No. 20; E. C. Arthur, M.D., No. 16; W. H. Walsh, No. 26; J. Mathie, No. 12; A. Cleland, No. 10.

Printing.—Grand Secretary, W. Gilchrist, No. 6; A. Parker, No. 10; J. Crossan, P.G.M., No. 5; D. R. McDonald, No. 11; A. G. Shaw, 16; R. H. Abercrombie, No. 24.

It was on motion Resolved, That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the minutes of last Annual Session as printed be adopted.

The Reports of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Representatives were presented in printed form and on motion were ordered to be received and referred to a Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Grand Master appointed the following to form the Committee on Distribution: J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4; W. H. Morton, P.G.M., No. 5; D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3; T. F. Neelands, No. 8; H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 14, 1901.

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

REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS:—In accordance with the time-honored custom of our Order it now becomes my duty to give you a report of my official acts during the term in which I have had the honor to serve you in the capacity of Grand Master, and it is with feelings of both pleasure and sadness that I undertake the task. It is pleasant to remember the many happy meetings I have been enabled to attend, and the universal kindness and hospitality, with which I have been received wherever I have been throughout the jurisdiction. It is also a pleasure to be able to inform you that our Order has made substantial progress during the year that is past, but not so pleasant is the thought of the difference between what has been and what might have been accomplished. "The fields are indeed white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few." I have earnestly endeavored to promote in every way the best interests of the Order, but am conscious of many mistakes and lost opportunities We have in this jurisdiction a vast territory and it is hardly possible under our present system for a Grand Master to keep in touch with, and have a knowledge of the requirements of the Order, or the opportunities for its advancement in the more remote districts. In this connection I will recommend some legislation which I think would be of great assistance to your Grand Master in carrying out the work of his office. The year has been one of great harmony in our Order in this jurisdiction, and the fact that not one appeal has come before me, shows that good judgment has been shown, and great care taken in carrying on the business of the lodges.

Since the last meeting of this Grand Lodge our country has been called upon to mourn the loss of our beloved Queen, who has for many years been to us the representative of Constitutional Government, and who by her true womanliness and kindly consideration has endeared herself to the whole nation.

Believing that I was voicing the unanimous feelings of the Odd Fellows in this jurisdiction, I sent the following telegram:—

Vancouver, B.C., February 1st, 1901.

Earl Minto, Governor-General of Canada,

Ottawa, Ont.:

The members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in British Columbia desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII in his hour of bereavement and to express the hope that he will long be spared to reign over us.

(Signed) W. E. JOHNSTONE,
Grand Master.

In reply I received the following telegram:—

Ottawa, Ont., February 7th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master,

Vancouver, B. C.:

The Governor-General desires me to acknowledge your loyal and sympathetic message of the 1st inst., which will be duly forwarded for submission to the King.

(Signed) CAPT. GRAHAM,
Governor-General's Secretary.

Also under date of March 1st, 1901, I received the following letter:

SIR:—In obedience to commands received from His Majesty the King, His Excellency the Governor-General desires me to convey through you to the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows His Majesty's heartfelt thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy contained in your message of the 1st ultimo which has been gratefully received by His Majesty and the Royal Family.

I have the honor to be, sir

Your Obedient Servant,

HARVEY GRAHAM,
Captain A. D. C.
Acting Governor-General's Secretary.

W. E. Johnstone, Esq., Grand Master,

Vancouver, B. C.

I am also pleased to state that very many of our Lodges throughout this jurisdiction showed their respect and esteem for our late Sovereign Lady, by turning out in a body and attending memorial services, held on the day of her funeral.

On August 24th, 1900, Gateway Lodge, No. 45, was instituted at Grand Forks, by Bro. W. Law, D.D.G.M., of Greenwood, assisted by brothers from Greenwood and Rossland. I recommend that a charter be granted at this session of the Grand Lodge. I hoped to be able to report the institution of a Lodge at Phoenix, but arrangements are not yet completed.

There are a number of places where Lodges are spoken of, but this is a matter that should be carefully considered, and Lodges established only where the conditions are such as to insure their permanency.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I exceedingly regret that I have not been able to follow in the footsteps of my immediate predecessor in office and visit every Lodge in the Jurisdiction, but owing to the isolated location of some of our Lodges and the present facilities of travel being slow, I found it impossible to reach all in the time at my disposal. I, however, endeavored to arrange my visits so as to meet the greatest number of Lodges possible in the limited time I had.

On October 6th I visited Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, at North Bend. This is a small Lodge, but it is in good financial condition, and its success is assured.

October 8th.—Visited Tatnai Lodge, No. 9. Degree work was put on, two members being given the third degree. Tatnai is our our pioneer Lodge in the interior and is a good Lodge.

October 9th.—Attended a joint meeting of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, and Revelstoke, No. 25. The town of Revelstoke is rather small for two Lodges, although both have a good membership, but I would advise that the Lodges amalgamate.

October 11th.—Stopped at New Denver on Slocan Lake. I think there is room and plenty of material for a Lodge either at New Denver or Silverton.

October 11th.—Visited Slocan Lodge, No. 40, at Slocan City. Now that the mines in this locality are working steadily this should become a strong Lodge.

October 12th.—Visited Silver City Lodge, No. 39. at Sandon, where we had an excellent meeting, initiation put on and the work well done.

October 15th.—Visited Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, at Nelson. Kootenay Lodge is the oldest Lodge in that part of the Province and bids fair to become one of the best Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

October 16th.—Visited Enterprise Lodge, No. 43, at Trail. This Lodge was instituted in September 1899 and is growing well.

October 17th.—Visited Rossland Lodge, No. 36, where we had the largest meeting I had yet attended. I found the Lodge to be in a very prosperous condition and growing fast.

October 18th.—Visited Gateway Lodge No. 45, at Grand Forks, At the time of my visit this Lodge had not been instituted two months. The brothers are all working energetically and there is every prospect of a good Lodge being built up.

October 19th.—Visited Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38, at Greenwood. We had a good meeting and the Lodge is getting along well.

On October 20th I intended visiting Carson Lodge, No. 37, at Carson, but from some of the members who attended the meeting at Grand Forks, I learned that we would not be able to hold a meeting. This Lodge is unfortunately situated and unless circumstances change I am afraid the charter will have to be recalled.

October 24th.—Visited Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18 at Vernon. I found this Lodge working well. A new Hall was being built and everything points to the Lodge being successful.

October 26th.—Visited Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, at Ashcroft. The Lodge is in good condition and working well.

October 27th.—Visited Cheam Lodge No. 28, Agassiz, and arrived home in Vancouver on October 28th.

I was much pleased with the evidences of prosperity shown and the energy and enterprise of the brothers in carrying on the business of the Lodges. During this round of visits I was accompanied by Bro. A. H. Blackeby, P.G.R. of Ontario, and representative of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, and I wish to acknowledge the very great assistance I received from him both in the Lodge meetings and by kindly advice and counsel. I heartily recommend Bro. Blackeby to the members of this Jurisdiction as a good Odd Fellow, having the interests of the Order at heart and always willing to do everything in his power for its advancement.

On January 14th, 1901, I visited Amity Lodge, No. 27, New Westminster, and installed the officers.

On January 18th, accompanied by the D. G. M. and about eighty of the Vancouver brethren, I visited Royal City Lodge, No. 3, New Westminster, where we had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the members of Blaine Lodge, No. 80, Grand Jurisdiction of Washington.

February 8th—Visited Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.

March 4th.—Visited Pacific Lodge, No. 26, Vancouver.

March 22nd.—Attended a joint meeting of the Lodges in Victoria.

March 23rd.—Accompanied by the Grand Warden, G. Rep. Dempster, P. G. M. Phillips, and P. G. Bro. Bell, I visited Duncan Lodge, No. 17.

May 1st.—Visited Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, Vancouver.

May 1th.—Visited Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, accompanied by Grand Rep. Muir and P. G. McKenzie, No. 3.

May 14th.—Visited Island Lodge, No. 24, Eburne, accompanied by a number of brothers from Vancouver.

THE REBEKAH BRANCH.

The Rebekah Branch in this Jurisdiction is not prospering as it should. While some of the Lodges are gettting along well, others have been steadily declining.

Many members of the Subordinate Lodges do not seem to realize the importance of this branch of our Order or to understand its usefulness. The Rebekah Lodge is an integral part of Odd Fellowship and should be recognized as such. I trust that the Subordinate Lodge members will take a greater degree of interest in the Rebekah Lodges and assist in carrying on the work they are designed to do.

DISPENSATIONS AND PERMISSIONS.

June 16th, 1900.—To Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, to initiate at a special meeting.

June 28th.—To Slocan Lodge, No. 40, to hold a public installation and dedication of Hall on July 5th, 1900.

July 8th.—To Rossland Lodge, No. 36, to hold public installation.

July 8th.—To Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, for same purpose.

July 14th.—To Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to receive application, ballot for and, if elected, to initiate Peter A. Gibson in one evening.

July 28th.—To Victoria Lodge, No. 1; Columbia, No. 2; Dominion No. 4, and Peerless, No. 33, to appear in public in regalia at the reception of the Governor-General July 31st, 1900.

July 28th.—To Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 3, to appear in regalia on Society Day, August 11th, 1900.

August 2nd.—To Cedar Lodge, No. 35, for same purpose.

August 6th.—To Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and Centennial Lodge, No. 20, for the same purpose.

August 20th.—To Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to hold an excursion to Whatcom.

September 4th.—To Rossland Lodge, No. 36, to hold a ball on September 25th, 1900.

September 12th.—To Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to hold a ball on September 21st, 1900.

September 12th.—Refused Banner Lodge, No. 31, permission to hold fortnightly meetings.

November 13th.—To Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to hold a social on November 22nd, 1900.

December 1st.—To Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, to hold a ball on December 7th, 1900.

December 8th.—Granted Harmony Lodge, No. 6, permission to remove charter from Wellington to Ladysmith.

December 13th.—To Delta Lodge, No. 21, to hold a ball on December 31st, 1900.

December 15th.—To Rossland Lodge, No. 36, to hold a ball on December 24th, 1900.

December 22nd.—To Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a ball on January 1st, 1901.

January 2nd, 1901—To Gateway Lodge, No. 45, to hold a ball.

January 9th.—Granted Banner Lodge, No. 31, permission to remove charter from Wellington to Ladysmith.

January 10th.—To Pacific Lodge, No. 26, to hold a social and dance.

January 10th.—To Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to hold a public installation on January 15th.

January 21st.—To Enterprise Lodge, No. 43, to hold a ball on February 12th.

January 27th.—To Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, to hold a ball on February 15th.

January 28th.—Granted the following Lodges permission to attend memorial services in honor of the late Queen: Kootenay, No. 16; Cheam, No. 28; Selkirk, No. 12; Revelstoke, No. 25; Rossland, No. 36; Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13; Tatnai Lodge, No. 9; Victoria Lodge, No. 1; Columbia Lodge, No. 2; Dominion Lodge, No. 4, and Peerless Lodge, No. 33.

February 26th.—Granted Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, permission to remove charter from Wellington to Ladysmith.

April 22nd.—Granted Silver City Lodge, No. 39, permission to suspend for ninety days the by-law governing fees for initiation and degrees, and to substitute a clause fixing the fee for initiation at ($25) twenty-five dollars.

March 23rd.—Granted Duncan Lodge, No. 17, a dispensation to ballot for and initiate G. Perry on the same evening on which the application was received.

QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS.

1. *Ques.*—A brother who has lost his eyesight has now opened a hotel. Is he entitled to benefits

Ans.—If the brother can follow any business or occupation by which he can obtain a livelihood he is not entitled to benefits.—See White's Digest, page 59, Sec. 51, 54 & 56.

2. I received a protest from Enterprise Lodge, No. 43, against the action of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, 1900 in instructing them to amend their By-laws so as to provide for the payment of benefits to other than third degree members.

As the Lodge was clearly within their rights in paying benefits to third degree members only (See Constitution of Sub. Lodges, Art. IV.,

Sec. 2, and White's Digest, page 51, Art. 16), I instructed them that they might retain their By-laws.

3. I received the following request from Gore Lodge, of Brantford, Ontario, viz.:—

Bro. Stork, now a resident of Fernie, B.C., took a withdrawal card from Gore Lodge in July, 1899, with the intention of joining a Lodge about to be instituted in Fernie. This Lodge was not instituted and Bro. Stork now wishes to re-join his old Lodge as an Ancient Odd Fellow, and Gore Lodge asked me to grant a dispensation for him to do so.

White's Digest, page 193, clearly lays down the conditions under which such permission can be granted, and as these conditions do not exist in this case, I was compelled to refuse the application.

See also, decision No. 102, of Grand Sire, (Proceedings, 1897), which deals with a similar case and distinctly states that such a proceeding would be illegal.

4. *Statement.*—A brother is away from his Lodge and for two years neglects to pay his dues, but requests the Secretary not to allow him to be suspended, and that he will pay up. On January 26th he paid two years dues. On February 4th, he sends in a Medical Certificate asking for four (4) weeks' benefits. An order is drawn on the Treasurer and the benefits paid. At the next meeting the matter is again taken up and the Lodge discovers its mistake and censures the Secretary for not reporting the brother as being in arrears.

5. *Ques.*—What action should the Lodge take in the matter?

Ans.—The Lodge should demand a return of the benefits paid and should the brother refuse to refund the money, charges should be preferred against him for defrauding the Lodge.

6. A brother who holds a dismissal certificate made application to a lodge and on the ballot being taken it was found to be unfavorable. After the meeting was over the brothers who cast the unfavorable ballots find they have been mistaken and that an injustice has been done to the candidate. The Lodge asks me to grant permission to re-consider the ballot and to suspend the operation of Sec. 2, Art. III of Sub. Lodge Constitution.

Ans.—A Grand Master has no power to suspend any part of the Constitution, but Clause 5 of Art. III gives the brother the right to renew his application at any time.

I have received a few complaints of a minor nature, most of which I referred to the D. D. G. M. of the District, and as I have heard nothing further from them, I presume they have been satisfactorily settled.

INSTALLATIONS.

July 6th 1900.—Installed the officers of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.

July 9th.—Installed the officers of Pacific Lodge, No. 26.

January 10th, 1901—Installed the officers of Western Star Lodge, No. 10.

January 14th.—Installed the officers of Amity Lodge, No. 27.

January 22nd.—Installed the officers of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19.

PROCLAMATIONS.

In compliance with the instructions of the Grand Sire I caused the following proclamations to be issued, viz:—

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

Vancouver, B.C., 13th December, 1900.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, and to the District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—I am directed by the Grand Sire, to call your attention to the following Resolution, passed at the last Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which defines the existing law, and I am instructed to enforce a rigid observance of this law:—

"*Resolved*—That hereafter an Official Certificate shall be issued "in all cases where members pay dues and assessments to Subordinate "Bodies, and shall request a receipt therefor; and it shall be unlawful "to any Subordinate Lodge, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge, "to permit its officers to issue, and it shall be unlawful " for any officer of any such Subordinate Body to issue, any receipt, "statement, or other paper evidencing the payment of money on ac-

"count of dues or assessments, except an Official Certificate; provided, "however, that when a member applies for, pays for, and receives a "Visiting Card or Withdrawal Card, it will not be necessary to issue "an Official Certificate, evidencing the same payment."

All D. D. G. Masters, and Officers, whose duty it is to enforce the laws of the Order, are hereby directed, to promptly take steps to ensure a strict compliance with the above laws, and to report to me any infraction of the same.

The exclusive use of the Official Certificate, will not only avoid a violation of the general laws of the Order, but will materially assist in relieving the existing strain on the finances of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. I trust therefore that all will render a loyal and cheerful acquiescence to the mandates of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which we have all obligated ourselves to obey.

Yours fraternally,

W. E. JOHNSTONE,
Grand Master.

Attest:
FRED. DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER,

Vancouver, B.C., 9th February, 1901.

To the Subordinate Lodges, Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—The following communication from the Grand Sire is forwarded for your earnest consideration and appropriate action. Please cause it to be frequently read in the Lodge and bring the subject matter prominently before your members.

In accordance with a Resolution of the last Session of this Grand Lodge, a sufficient number of copies of a leaflet published by Bro. J. R. Harwell, Grand Secretary of Tennessee, entitled "Odd Fellowship, What It Is," has been printed to place one in the hands of each member of this Jurisdiction, and the number required has been sent you

under separate cover, will you please cause a copy to be sent to each of your members. The use of this leaflet has been instrumental in adding over 3,000 to the membership in Tennessee in one year, and it is hoped that its judicious distribution will be similarly successful in this Jurisdiction and assist individual effort in attaining the object aimed at by the Grand Sire.

Yours fraternally,

W. E. JOHNSTONE,
Grand Master.

Attest:
FRED. DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.
Office of the Grand Sire, Covington, Ohio, Dec. 3, 1900.

To Grand Masters and Presidents, Greeting:

The Order at large was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. The spirit of Odd Fellowship seems to be permeating and animating the whole human family. Men are becoming more fraternal. The magnetic force that permeates the great idea upon which our Order is founded is its power. It has for its object the advancement of human happiness. What wonderful progress it has made in its brief existence. The century in which Odd Fellowship was established, in an organized form in America, is now drawing to a close; what 1900 has accomplished should be an inspiration to all who survive it, to go forth ameliorating, wherever they can, the condition of mankind, continuing their warfare against the bigotry of caste and the curse of selfishness, drawing still closer the ties of human sympathy. Let the bond that binds man to his fellow man be strengthened. The ills and miseries incident to human life should be lessened wherever possible.

If the Lodges in your Jurisdiction are not active and wide awake to the best interests of our Order, the cause may be their own indifference. If each individual member would lend a helping hand, the entire membership would be made to realize that great good could be accomplished. Each member should ask himself, or herself, the question, Am I making any effort whatever to build up the Lodge and Order that honored me with membership therein, by regular attend-

ance at the meetings of my Lodge? Am I giving a loyal support to our laws by avoiding strife and discord? Have I tried to interest a good man or woman to become a member of our Order within the last six months or year? Am I a helper or an obstruction? If I am an obstruction or a fault finder, I resolve at once to redeem myself, If I have been active heretofore I will continue with repeated energy.

I will respectfully recommend that you urge upon each member under your immediate jurisdiction to make a personal effort to bring into the Order at least one good member during your term of office.

I would further recommend that the subordinate bodies be reminded of the importance of their appearing on public occasions in the most respectable and acceptable manner. It is also recommended that the dependents, the legacies of our dead, the indigent Brothers of our Order should not be forgotten when the holiday season arrives. Make the aged, as they go with tottering steps toward the setting sun, feel that they have a refuge in our Order. The widow who wears the drapery of sorrow for her loved and lost, should have her countenance cheered up with the old smile of hope; the little ones, the helpless orphans, who are tossed upon the breakers of life without a parent as a rudder to guide them, should be made to feel they have, after all, a great Fraternal Parent whose mighty arm and open purse go out to them in the majesty of love.

With kindest fraternal regards for yourself, and best wishes for the success of the Order, I have the honor to remain,

Yours fraternally,

A. C. CABLE,
Grand Sire.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER,

Vancouver, B.C., 22nd March, 1901.

1819-1901.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

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

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—In accordance with time-honored custom and in obedience to the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, I, Wil-

liam E. Johnstone, Grand Master, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby enjoin upon you to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the 26th day of April, 1901, it being the Eighty-Second Anniversary of our Order, by suitable exercises in the observance of the day, and by thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us as individuals and as an Order.

And inasmuch as some Lodges may wish to appear in public in regalia on this occasion, a Dispensation is hereby granted them for so doing.

Yours fraternally,

W. E. JOHNSTONE.
Grand Master.

Attest:
FRED. DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

Vancouver, B. C., 27th April, 1901.

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

Greeting:—In accordance with the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, I, W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., do hereby request all Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, who have suffered loss of membership by death, to assemble on the second Tuesday of June next (or on such other day as may be more convenient) and engage in proper and suitable exercises in memory of their deceased members.

And inasmuch as some Lodges may desire to appear in public in regalia on this occasion, a Dispensation is hereby granted them for that purpose.

Yours fraternally,

W. E. JOHNSTONE,
Grand Master.

Attest:
FRED. DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. I would recommend that the word *without* in the fifth line in our form of Application for Membership be struck out and that the word *before* be inserted, also strike out the words "*in any event or for any purpose*" in the last line, making the clause read: "I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith in the tribunals of the Order only, before resorting for their enforcement to the civil courts." I am informed that the form now in use is illegal and therefore of no effect.

2nd. Sec. 2, Art. III of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges is not in accord with the general law as defined in Sections 659 and 660 of White's Digest, and I recommend that said section be amended.

3rd. I think the time has arrived when this Grand Jurisdiction should be divided into districts and each D. D. G. M. given a certain territory and it be made a part of his duty to look after the interests of the order in that district. As it is now he is simply put in charge of one or more Lodges in the town or city in which he resides. In many cases two or more towns might be included in one district. This will make the office of D. D. G. M. of more importance, will add dignity to the office and the brother will feel called upon to take an active interest in and to work for the advancement of the Order. Care should also be taken to appoint as D. D. G. M.'s brothers who are well qualified to fill the office, who have the time and energy, and who are willing to labor for the Order.

I also recommend that a form of quarterly report be prepared by this Grand Lodge and furnisned to all D. D. G. M.'s showing all dispensations, decisions, etc., also the condition of the Lodges in the district, the prospect of instituting new lodges and any recommendations as to carrying on the business of the Order which they wish to make, and that each D. D. G. M. be required to report quarterly to the Grand Master. In this way your Grand Master will be able to administer the affairs of the Grand Lodge with a greater degree of satisfaction to himself and much more profit to the Order. The grouping of several Lodges under one D. D. G. M. will, I believe, to a considerable extent, obviate the difficulty now experienced by the Grand Secretary in getting in the reports of the Lodges.

4th. The time is not far distant when, if we are to carry on the work of our Order it will be absolutely necessary that we have a Home for the Aged Odd Fellows and orphan children who may be under our care. In order to accomplish this some more determined effort must be put forth and a more systematic plan of raising funds

devised. I would suggest that a strong committee be appointed by this Grand Lodge and the matter placed in their hands, also that committees be appointel in each district, composed of representatives of each Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge and that they be authorized to solicit subscriptions from the members of the Order.

There is no brother in this Jurisdiction who would not gladly give at least one dollar per year toward this fund if the matter were properly brought before him; entertainments might be held and the proceeds given to the Home Fund.

If the importance of having an Odd Fellows' Home is recognized by the members generally and a little push and energy shown in looking after it, I believe in five years from now we could have a Home that would be a credit to our Order and a haven of rest to our brothers who are worn out in the struggles of life. It will enable us to fulfil our obligation to care for the orphan and will show to the world that when we profess to care for and protect those who are unfortunate it is no idle boast.

I sincerely hope that the Odd Fellows of this Jurisdiction will make the building of a Home a matter of personal interest, that each brother and sister in the Order will put forth every effort possible, and if this be done I have no fear of the result.

5th. In visiting the various Lodges I found that a number of them did not have the unwritten work correct, and in my opinion some means should be taken to give the representatives attending the Sessions of the Grand Lodge a more thorough knowledge of the work that they may be able to go back to their Lodges and instruct the officers.

I submit for your consideration the reports I have received from the D. D. G. M.'s Several have failed to send their report.

I am pleased to say that these reports show the Order to be prospering during the present term. The decisions given by my deputies I will refer to you without comment.

In conclusion. Brothers, I am deeply mindful of the many courtesies extended to me during my term of office and thankful for the uniform kindness shown towards me, both by the members of this Grand Lodge and by the brothers throughout the Jurisdiction. I feel that the pleasant memories of the last year will be with me throughout the balance of my life. In returning to you the trust you placed in my hands, I do so feeling that I have at least endeavored to do my duty;

and where I have failed I can assure you that the fault has been of the head and not of the heart. I trust that my successor in office may have as pleasant a term, and that our noble Order may continue to prosper and be able to still more effectually carry on the great work it is designed to do.

Yours fraternally,

W. E. JOHNSTONE,
Grand Master.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF GRAND MASTER.

Vancouver, B. C., June 11th, 1901.

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

Since my report has been in the hands of the printer, the following matters have come before me:—

On May 25th, I granted a dispensation for the institution of a Lodge at Phoenix, to be known as Snowshoe Lodge, No. 46, and appointed Bro. W. M. Law, D. D. G. M., of Greenwood, as special Deputy to institute said Lodge. I have not yet had a report of the institution.

Enquiry has also been made regarding the organization of a Rebekah Lodge at Greenwood.

On June 7th I granted a dispensation to Enterprise Lodge, No. 43, to elect a third degree member to the office of Noble Grand, all qualified members having declined to accept the office; also, to the same Lodge permission to hold an excursion on June 17th, 1901.

On May 30th, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, I paid an official visit to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, Vancouver.

A few days ago I received a letter from the Board of Trustees of the National Odd Fellows' Sanitarium of Florida, requesting permission to solicit aid from the Lodges in this Jurisdiction. As my term of office is so near its close I do not care to deal with the matter, and now place the correspondence in your hands.

I also submit reports of the D. D. G.M.'s of District Nos. 5, 18 and 26, which were received too late to be included in printed report.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. JOHNSTONE,

Grand Master.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Victoria, B.C., 29th May, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have the honor to submit a report of my official acts as D. D. G. M. for District No. 1 during the past year. During that period the Lodges in this city have just about held their own in the matter of membership, and all seem fairly prosperous. The only thing worthy of mention at this time is the proposed amalgamation of Victoria and Peerless Lodges—the oldest and youngest in the city. The details of the union have all been arranged, and the matter will come before the next Grand Lodge for ratification. This union is one which meets with the unanimous approval of members of the Order, and Victoria Lodge, rejuvenated by the infusion of new blood, will take a new lease of life and start on its way with the best wishes of all for its future welfare. The united Lodges will have a membership of over 200.

With the assistance of Grand Officers and various P. G.'s, I installed officers of city Lodges as follows:—

July, 4th, 1900—Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

July 5th, 1900—Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

July 9th, 1900—Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

July 13th, 1900—Peerless Lodge, No. 33.

January 2nd, 1901—Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

January 3rd, 1901—Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

January 4th, 1901—Peerless Lodge, No. 33.

January 7th, 1901—Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

I have been called upon to render the following decisions during my term of office:

Under date of June 20th, the Secretary of Columbia Lodge asked for a decision on the question: "When do the amendments to the by-laws become law in a Subordinate Lodge?"

This question I decided as follows:—

I have been asked to give a decision upon the question as to "When the amendments to the by-laws become law in a Subordinate Lodge?"

Sec. 5, article XXIV of Columbia Lodge's by-laws says: "These by-laws and rules of order shall take effect from the time of their approval by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

But our Ritual says that Odd Fellowship "conforms to law, religion and sound morality," and, therefore, the above would seem to be not quite in harmony with the law of the land.

Sec. 11 of the "Benevolent Societies Act," reads as follows: "Two copies of the by-laws, rules and regulations so made from time to time, *or any amendments thereto*, shall be filed in the office of the Registrar."

My decision, therefore, is: "That all by-laws and amendments thereto are subject to the incorporating Act; and therefore, no amendment to Columbia Lodge's by-laws is binding on the members until the same has been registered; and I would like to add—what may or may not be law, but is certainly sound common sense—and not until each member has been served with a copy of the same."

Again ,on July 3rd, in reply to a question from Columbia Lodge, I wrote as follows:—

The following question has been submitted for my official opinion, viz.: "Whether, in discussing our by-laws, it is in order, or out of order

to read extracts or make quotations from the Act under which we are incorporated?"

In reply I would say, that I know of no rule that would prevent a member from making quotations from our incorporating Act.

Dominion Lodge, No. 4, submitted the following through its Secretary:—

"I have been instructed to ask you for an opinion on the following question. Bro. H. O'Neal applied for and obtained a withdrawal card from Acme Lodge, No. 14, on 19th July, 1897. After that date Acme Lodge and Dominion Lodge became one. Bro. O'Neal has lost the card and now applies to Dominion Lodge for a renewal. Can this Lodge legally issue a renewal and what form must it take? Shall he be considered as a member of Dominion Lodge, or is this Lodge authorized to use the name of Acme Lodge?"

To this I replied as follows:

In reply to yours of the 23rd inst., asking for my opinion as to whether Dominion Lodge has the power to grant a renewal of a withdrawal card issued by Acme Lodge to Bro. H. O'Neal, the same having been lost, and, if so, what form it must take. I beg leave to tender the following as my decision:

The law as laid down in section 198 of the Digest is very clear as to the right of any brother to obtain a renewal of his withdrawal card, when the same may have been lost or destroyed, and also as to the power of a Lodge to grant the same, and the form it shall take. The section reads as follows:—

"198. Where a card of withdrawal may have been lost or destroyed, the Lodge which issued the same may grant a certificate under seal, setting forth the facts of such original issue, and the certificate so granted may be used in lieu of a card, as evidence of previous good standing."

The only question, therefore, is as to the right of Dominion Lodge to grant a certificate to Bro. O'Neal, and I hold that you have the power. Acme Lodge was merged with and became part of Dominion Lodge. While it ceased to exist as a Lodge, its funds and membership were transferred to Dominion Lodge, and in that Lodge it still lives. You are the custodians of the books and records of Acme Lodge, and can alone verify the statement of the brother as to his having been possessed of a withdrawal card—which you evidently have already done, the date of his withdrawal being given in your communication.

Dominion Lodge, therefore, stands in the place of Acme Lodge, and it is only a question of name. This is easily got over by granting the brother a certificate, giving the date of his withdrawal from Acme Lodge, the date of the union of Dominion and Acme Lodges, and such other details as may be deemed necessary, under seal of the Lodge, and signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary.

The following was also sent to Dominion Lodge, and explains itself:—

In reply to your question "as to whether it is necessary to apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation to wear *badges* in public on occasions similar to that on which the fraternal societies paraded at the memorial services a couple of weeks ago?" I beg to submit the following:—

Before any Lodge or Lodges can take part in any parade or other public function, in the name of the Order (except attending funerals, which is part of our duty), a dispensation from the Grand Master must be applied for; and the permission given carries with it, as a matter of course, the right to wear badges or street regalia.

You will observe, Grand Master, that I have had a good deal more work to perform than usually falls to the lot of a District Deputy, and I trust my decisions are such as will meet with your approval.

In conclusion, I would say that I have at all times been treated with the greatest kindness and consideration by the members of the various Lodges, and I thank you for having appointed me your Deputy.

Yours in F., L. & T.,

JAMES POTTINGER,

D. D. G. M., District No. 1.

New Westminster, B.C., May 16th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have much pleasure, as your Deputy for District No. 2, in presenting to you my report for the past year, and in doing so I desire to say that though the Lodges in this District

have not made large gains either numerically or financially, still they are in a good healthy condition and are fully alive to the necessity of placing them on a sound financial basis, as evidenced by the reduction of the sick benefits.

I am pleased to say that my official acts were confined almost entirely to the pleasant task of installing the officers of the respective Lodges on the following dates:

July 6th, 1900—Installed the officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 3.

July 9th, 1900—Installed the officers of Amity Lodge, No. 27.

January 11th, 1901—Installed the officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 3.

On January 14th, 1901, Amity Lodge had the pleasure of a visit from you and the officers had the honor of being installed by you in person.

March 25th, 1901—The Treasurer of Amity Lodge having resigned I installed his successor on the above date.

I only had one question submitted to me for my opinion as follows:—

"I am instructed by Amity Lodge to refer the following question to you for the benefit of the Lodge: 'What constitutes being reported to the Lodge?' This has reference to a sick brother, and we wish to know whether reporting his case to a member of the Visiting Committee is sufficient or must he be reported in the Lodge during a regular session?

(Signed) "W. C. COATHAM,
"Recording Secretary."

To which I replied:—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th ult., which only came to hand on the 29th, asking me: "What constitutes being reported to the Lodge?"

In reply I beg to say that, in my opinion, a brother is properly reported when a letter is mailed advising the Lodge of his sickness or when the attention of the Lodge is called to it while in session.

I am, fraternally yours,

(Signed) D. McPHERSON,
D. D. G. M.

Before closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks to those Brothers who so kindly assisted me at the various installations; especially do I thank the present Grand Marshal, Brother Robert May, for his advice and assistance, which were always at my service.

In conclusion I beg to thank you most sincerely for the confidence you reposed in me in appointing me as your District Deputy.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted by,

Yours in F., L. & T.,

D. McPHERSON,
D. D. G. M., District No. 2.

Nanaimo, B.C., May 11th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have much pleasure in submitting to you my report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 3 for the past year. I installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5; Centennial Lodge, No. 20, and Cedar Lodge, No. 35, at the commencement of each term, with the assistance of several Past Grands.

On October 6th I deputised Bro. Hiram N. McDonald to install Bro. William Taylor as Vice-Grand of Cedar Lodge, No. 35, in place of Bro. William Fielding, resigned.

In October 17th I granted a dispensation to Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, to confer the third degree on Bro. Lewis Feitsch in less time than allowed by law.

On April 17th, 1901, I installed Bro. Alex. Forrester as Vice-Grand of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, in place of Bro. Lewis Robinson, who had moved away from this place, also Bro. John Stewart as Outside Guard in place of Bro. Alex. Forrester.

On April 29th, 1901, I installed Bro. William Thorpe as Treasurer of Centennial Lodge, No. 20, in place of Bro. William Crossan, resigned, and Bro. James Hanlen as Warden in place of Bro. William Thorpe.

During my term as D. D. G. M. I have been called to decide upon one question, namely: Is any Brother of the Order entitled to receive the Annual Travelling Password from any Lodge outside his own, on presenting an Official Certificate for dues whether in his own Juristion or not? I answered the question as follows:—

A Brother is entitled to receive the Annual Travelling Password on presenting an Official Certificate for dues whether in his own Jurisdiction or not.

I am pleased to state that the members of the several Lodges in this District have shown an increased interest in the work of our Order during the past year, and quite a large number of new members have been enrolled by the several Lodges.

The members are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the coming meeting of the Grand Lodge in our City, trusting that the Session will be both pleasant and profitable, and extending a hearty welcome to you and all visiting brethren.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. A. THOMPSON,
D. D. G. M., District No. 3.

Wellington, B.C., May 6th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—In presenting my annual report as District Deputy I regret to have to state that our District has not made any progress during the past year.

The causes for this have been various, chiefly amongst them being the closing down of the Wellington mines.

We have now, however, got the Lodges in District No. 4 removed to Ladysmith, a rising seaport town about 16 miles distant from here, and we have every confidence that we will soon have a substantial increase in our membership.

I have performed the duties assigned to me as Deputy to the best of my ability and have been ably assisted by the Past Grands and members of the Lodges in my district.

I have also to thank our Grand Secretary for the kindness and courtesy he has ever shown me during my term of office.

Yours Fraternally,

JAMES GLEN,
D. D. G. M., District No. 4.

Chilliwack, B.C., June 1st, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have the honor to submit for your approval the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 5 for the past year.

On August 14th, 1900, I installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F. I might say this installation was a little late, owing to the absence of Noble Grand elect.

On January 22nd, I fulfilled a similar duty for the above named Lodge, ably assisted by Past Grands of said Lodge on both dates.

We as a Lodge, would have liked to have had a visit from you during your term of office, but no doubt you were busy elsewhere.

Thanking you for the appointment as your Deputy,

I am, dear sir and brother,

Yours Fraternally,

THOS. KNIGHT, Jr.,
D. D. G. M., District No. 5.

Vancouver, B.C., May 14th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—In compliance with the Constitution, I beg to submit a brief report of my term as your District Deputy for District No. 6.

On July 12th I installed the officers of Western Star Lodge, No. 10. Your Dep. G. M., Brother Hogg, kindly officiated at the installation of Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, in July, and you officiated at the installation of No. 8 and No. 26.

On January 7th, I installed No. 26.

January 11th, installed No. 8, and you kindly installed No. 10 and No. 19.

As you are a resident of our District, my duties have been light. There has been the best of harmony throughout the District and our Order has been making good progress in Vancouver this year. Western Star Lodge, No. 10 deserves special mention, it now having the honor of being the banner Lodge of British Columbia.

I thank you for the honor conferred on me by the appointment of D. D. for District No. 6, and trust that you will have a successful meeting of the Grand Lodge at Nanaimo, in June.

Yours fraternally,

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

Kamloops, B.C., May 13th, 1901

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I beg to submit the following report for my term as your Deputy for District No. 7.

The officers of Tatnai Lodge were duly installed during the term.

During my term I have granted dispensations three different times to confer more degrees than Constitution allows, but in each case I thought circumstances warranted it.

On October 8th, 1900, Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, was honored by a visit from yourself, accompanied by Bro. A. H. Blackeby, P.G., rep-representative organizer Canada Relief Association.

It affords me much pleasure to have to report that the past term has been a very prosperous one with this Lodge, and I beg to report the initiation of several new members, and increased interest is taken in our meetings.

Within the last few months we have purchased considerable new paraphernalia, etc.

There have been no points of law of any importance to decide, showing a feeling of good fellowship within the Lodge.

Trusting to meet you at Grand Lodge next month, I remain,

Yours in F., L & T.,

W. J. KERR,
D. D. G. M., District No. 7.

Union, B.C., May 8th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—As your D. D. for District No. 8 I beg leave to submit the following report:

On July 20th, 1900, installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 11.

On January 11th installed the officers of the same Lodge, assisted by Past Grands McKnight, McDonald, Anley and Whyte.

Union Lodge, No. 11, is in a fairly prosperous condition at the present time, and I hope it will continue so,

I remain, yours fraternally,

ROBERT CESSFORD,
D. D. G. M., District No. 8.

Revelstoke, B.C., May 13th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—In reply to yours of the 20th ult., I may say that in July last I installed the officers of Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, and Selkirk Lodge, No. 12. I also installed the officers of No. 25 in January last. Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, installed their own, as I was not able to be present. No question has come up in my District during the year that has required my decision.

Fraternally yours,

J. A. STONE,
D. D. G. M., District No. 9.

Cloverdale, B.C., May 25th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have much pleasure in submitting the report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 10, during the past year.

I installed the officers of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, at the commencement of each term with the assistance of several Past Grands on regular nights of meetings.

I have not been called to decide any questions and I am pleased to state that harmony has existed in our Lodge during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBT. B. COLLISHAW,
D. D. G. M., District No. 10.

Nelson, B.C., May 9th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—It is with much pleasure and great satisfaction that I submit my report as D. D. G. M. of District No. 11,

Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, has made wonderful progress since its last report for the year 1898-99. It is pleasing to note that while the membership has been increasing by leaps and bounds there has been no deaths and the benefits paid have been almost nil. This is no doubt due to the salubrity of our climate and to the careful efficiency of our Medical Examiner, Dr. E. C. Arthur.

In the last report of this District reference was made to an I. O. O. F. Block then in course of construction. Since that time the said block has been completed at a cost of $20,000. In it will be found the best Lodge Rooms in the Province excepting, possibly, those at Victoria.

Our membership for the year ending June 30th, 1898 was 54. For the year ending June 30th, 1899, was 61, or an increase over the preceding year of 13 per cent. For the year ending June 30th, 1900, was 79, or an increase over the preceding year of 29 per cent. For the year ending June 30th, 1901, was 125, or an increase over the preceding year of 58 per cent.; or for the three years of over 132 per cent. From these figures you will see at a glance the progress the Lodge has made.

I installed the officers at the beginning of each term, assisted by the Past Grands.

The Eighty-Second Anniversary of the Order was observed by a social evening on the Lodge night and by special service in the Congregational Church on the Sunday following. An eloquent sermon was delivered by Rev. Bro. Munroe on the cardinal principles of the Order. Our street parade was the largest of its kind in Nelson, one hundred Odd Fellows being in the ranks.

But one matter of any importance was referred to me, and this was in connection with a brother using poker chips engraved with the emblems of the Order. Acting under instructions from you the brother was notified not to use the chips in question and was informed of the law on this subject. The chips were destroyed.

Kootenay Lodge has made a record this term in the matter of Secretaries, having elected two Financial and four Recording Secretaries.

In conclusion I thank you for your kindness and consideration and for the honor conferred. I now transmit to my successor the legacy of past, health, wealth and prosperity in Kootenay Lodge.

Trusting to meet you soon at the Grand Lodge Assembly, I am,

Yours fraternally,

AUSTIN H. CLEMENTS,
D. D. G. M., District No. 11.

Vernon, B.C., May 15th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I installed the officers of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18 on July 4th, 1900, and January 23rd, 1901.

On November 7th, 1900, I granted a dispensation to confer the second and third degrees on Bro. J. Cameron at one meeting.

On December 11th, 1900, I granted a dispensation to confer the second and third degrees on Bro. W. J. Johnstone at one meeting.

In September, 1900, Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, started to build a public hall with Lodge Rooms above, and I am glad to report that it was completed and occupied in February, 1901, and is a credit to the Order, and if the Lodge has no very bad set back by sickness amongst its members will be able to clear off their building in three or four years.

The building and furnishings are worth $5,00 at the lowest valuation, and we have got 100 cents' worth for every dollar spent. We owe $3,000, but the public hall is paying better than our expectations.

The Lodge is in a good healthy condition, but they have been handicapped by the Knights of Pythias taking in members at $10 for full membership and the Independent Order of Foresters took in all the members they could get (last December before the closing of 1900) free, but still the standard of the Order is above any other Order here, and although we could get 15 or 20 members at $10 I don't think it would do the Order any good.

Hoping this report will be satisfactory, I remain,

Yours in F., L. & T.,

S. C. SMITH,
D. D. G. M., District No. 13.

Ladner, B.C., May 11th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I beg to submit the following report for my term as your Deputy for District No. 14.

On July 9th, 1900, with the assistance of a number of Past Grands I installed the officers of Delta Lodge, No. 21.

And again, on February 9th, 1901, I performed a similar duty for the same Lodge.

No questions of importance were submitted to me for decision.

Thanking you for the appointment as your Deputy,

Yours Fraternally,

THOS. HUME,
D. D. G. M., District No. 14.

North Bend, B.C., May 17, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have much pleasure in submitting to you the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 15.

I installed the officers of Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, in July, 1900, and January, 1901,. As Bro. John Fill had resigned his office as V.-G., on account of leaving North Bend, Bro. C. E. King was elected to fill the chair, whom I installed on April 27, 1901.

I am sorry to state that we were called upon to bury two of our members during this term. Otherwise the Lodge is in a satisfactory condition.

Yours fraternally,

P. WADE,
D. D. G. M., District No. 15.

Agassiz, B.C., June 5th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have much pleasure in submitting to you my acts as your Deputy for District No. 18.

On July 14, I installed the officers of Cheam Lodge No. 28, for the ensuing term in regular form.

On October 20th, I granted a dispensation to confer the three degrees on a brother who was leaving before the next night of meeting.

On January 5th, 1901, I installed the officers of Cheam Lodge, No. 28, for the present term in regular form.

There have been no questions for me to decide.

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me by appointing me your District Deputy.

I remain, yours in F., L. & T.,

H. L. CALVERT,
D. D. G. M., District No. 18.

Golden, B.C., May 13th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir:—As your D. D. my duties have been very light, as no questions have come up in the last year that we have not been able to settle ourselves. Officers of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34, were regularly installed by me at the proper time.

While I cannot report much of an increase in membership, although a few have been added, yet I must say that our Lodge is progressing very well financially and the members that attend regularly are banded together stronger than ever. The work is being rendered in much better shape, and I hope before another year passes that we will know all the work perfectly.

We would have liked to have had the pleasure of a visit from you, as it encourages the members very much to receive visits from the Grand Master. I expect to be with you again in June at Nanaimo.

Yours in F., L. & T.,

CHAS. A. WARREN,
D. D. G. M., District No. 19.

Rossland, B.C., May 13th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have the honor of submitting a brief report as your Deputy in this District on the condition of the Order under my immediate supervision.

A year ago Rossland Lodge was reported in a very flourishing condition, with a small indebtedness and peace and harmony prevailing, and such were the facts and continued so to the end of the year. I may say, however, that so far this year the financial affairs of the Lodge, have not been managed, with that care and caution which is necessary to insure a lasting and permanent foundation, but in an extravagant manner, as will be indicated in the next Semi-Annual Report.

While the Lodge is free from debt and has a small cash balance on hand, yet the report should indicate a much better condition, and we sincerely hope soon to change for the better.

It may not always be wise to tell all the truth, yet, I believe it to be right to be frank and tell some of the truth.

At the proper time in July and January I installed the officers into their respective chairs.

On April 26th the Lodge celebrated the Anniversary of the Order, by a musical and literary entertainment, followed by a dance and refreshments, and on the following Sunday evening proceeded in a body, accompanied by the Rebekah Lodge and Encampment, to the Baptist Church, where Rev. Bro. Stackhouse delivered an interesting discourse on Odd Fellowship to a very large congregation.

As there are no matters of vital interest to the membership at large to note in this report, I will draw it to a close.

Yours in F., L. & T.,

FRANK E. FRENCH,
D. D. G. M., District No. 20.

Slocan, B.C., January 19th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I herewith forward my report of Slocan Lodge, No. 40, the only one in my district. We have lost through death one member, and on account of non-payment of dues six members. Five new members were initiated since the first of July last, and can report the Lodge full of earnest and good working members. The Lodge owns its hall, which is nearly all paid for. I installed the officers for the term commencing January 1st, 1901, and the Lodge has every prospect to grow steadily.

I remain, yours fraternally,

PAUL HAUCK,
D. D. G. M., District No. 24.

Trout Lake, B.C., May 6th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—It is now almost a year since I had the honor of being appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 25. Up to the present, owing to the sparsity of the population there has been no new Lodges instituted, Trout Lake drawing from the entire District. However, this is likely to be changed during the coming summer for various reasons. It will, therefore, be entirely with the progress of Trout Lake Lodge, No. 41, that I will have to deal. I note with sincere pleasure that this Lodge is growing steadily not only in numbers but financially as well. It has had but two calls on it

from sick brothers and has not yet had the misfortune of losing any of its members by the hand of death.

In the floor work of the Lodge, the brethern are fairly proficient and the degrees are conferred in a manner which shows an appreciation of the beautiful words and teachings of our ritual. Of course, a great improvement will be noted along this line as the Lodge grows and more brothers resident in the town and its immediate vicinity, become available for the organization of a degree team. As things are now, the great majority of the membership are employed, some at the mines and others at different callings in outlying towns, leaving but about one-third within reach of the hall at all times, but notwithstanding this disadvantage the attendance has been wonderfully good, which speaks well for the interest displayed in the work of our noble Order. Of visiting brethren Trout Lake Lodge, No. 41, has had a fair share and has received on more than one occasion timely aid from them when degree-work was on and the attendance, from one cause or another, of the regular members was small.

The Lodge now has a membership of 31 and has in the treasury $835.85, available for benefits. A couple of lots in Trout Lake were purchased recently and it is the intention of the brothers to have the Lodge incorporated in order to simplify the holding of the property.

Knowing nothing further of interest in my district at this time I will close my report with respectful greetings.

Yours respectfully,

J. R. HAUER,

D. D. G. M., District No. 25.

Cranbrook, B.C., June 1st, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—In compliance with the constitution I beg to submit a brief report of the condition of Key City Lodge, No. 42, under my charge as your Deputy.

The growth of the Lodge has been of a most prosperous nature and must be a surprise to the members of the Grand Lodge.

Since the last Grand Lodge meeting this Lodge has furnished a fine hall, has paid for everything and is in a most favorable financial condition.

The average attendance is very good and the meetings most harmonious and gratifying to the officers in charge.

I will draw this short report to a close by thanking you for the honor conferred upon me in being appointed as your representative and bespeak for my successor the same kind and courteous treatment that has been awarded me.

Yours Fraternally,

R. E. BEATTIE,
D. D. G. M., District No. 26.

Trail, B.C., May, 14, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I beg to submit a brief report of the condition of this Lodge under my charge as your D. D. G. M., for District No. 27, for the past year.

I am glad to be able to report that this Lodge is prospering and that the brothers are taking great interest in the work and working harmoniously.

At the commencement of each term since my appointment assisted by Past Grands of my own Lodge I installed into their respective chairs the officers of Enterprise Lodge, No. 43,

I have granted one dispensation to the members of Enterprise Lodge, No. 43 to confer the initiation and first and second degrees on the Rev. Mr. West, he was to preach our annual sermon on the following Sabbath. All important questions have been decided by a two-third vote of the Lodge.

This Lodge turned out in a body and marched to the Baptist Church on the evening of the 28th ultimo, and listened to a sermon on the lessons of the order, by the Rev. Bro. West, old timers claim that the sermon was the deepest and most heartfelt sermon that was ever delivered in the town of Trail.

This was the largest society turn-out that has been seen in this town, thus testifying to the popularity of the I. O. O. F. here. In conclusion I will draw this short report to a close in the hope of meeting you in the near future, thanking you for the honor you have bestowed upon me and hoping that my successor in office will receive the same courteous treatment, as it has been my pleasure to receive.

I remain yours Fraternally,

PETER RYAN,
D. D. G. M., District No. 27.

Moyie, B.C., May 14th., 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—In compliance to orders from your Grand Secretary I beg to submit a brief report of the condition of our beloved order in my district.

The officers elect of Wildey Lodge, No. 44, I. O. O. F., were installed in form by Bro. R. A. Smith, in January, at a regular meeting held on the 21st.

The growth of our Lodge has been slow but sure and the membership now numbers 37.

I regret to report the destruction of the minutes of this Lodge by fire from the institution in May last, to the 1st of January, 1901, inclusive. I sent the Grand Master fuller particulars regarding the matter. This Lodge turned out in regalia and listened to a sermon on Friendship, Truth and Love, preached in the I. O. O. F. Hall on the evening of Sunday, April 28th, by the Rev. E. G. Greig. There were 35 members in attendance and the service was much appreciated by all.

In a few cases I have been called on by my Lodge to interpret the law, and as my decisions have all been received with consideration and respect, I will not enumerate them in detail, but keep in communication with the Grand Master as occasion may require. I will draw this report to a close after extending a cordial invitation to the Grand Master and other Grand Officers to visit Moyie during the ensuing term and by thanking you for the honor of representing you in this district and bespeak for my successor the same kind and courteous treatment it has been my pleasure to receive.

Believe me, yours in F., L. & T.,
EDWARD S. POLLARD, P.G.,
D. D. G. M., District No. 28.

Victoria, B.C., May 13, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—In compliance with the constitution and time honored custom, I beg to submit to you, my report as D. D. G. M,. for Rebekah District No. 1, I. O. O. F.

At the commencement of each term since my appointment, with assistance of Past Grands, of my Lodge, I installed into their respective chairs the officers of Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1.

I have not been called on to decide any question of law, which goes to show the harmony that prevails. We have admitted several new members during the past year, and the Lodge is in a very good financial condition. Thanking you for appointing me as your deputy

I remain yours Fraternally,

M. A. PHILLIPS,
D. D. G. M., District No. 1.

Vancouver, B.C., May 13th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have not a very encouraging report to make to you. Mizpah Rebekah Lodge is not doing as well as might be expected. I am afraid it will never be a great success until we can give a benefit. The Rebekah Lodge is the only woman's Lodge that is not a benefit society.

I installed the officers assisted by Sister Flett, as Grand Marshal, and other Past Grands, the 15th of August of last year. I could not install them in July as most of the officers were away. This year I installed the officers the 16th of January. We have initiated ten new members since last July. Hoping we will have more interest taken in the Rebekah Lodge in future,

I remain yours in F. L. and T.,

SISTER WALSH,
D. D. G. M., Rebekah District No. 2.

Nanaimo, B.C., May 13th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—As your District Deputy of District No. 3 I beg to submit the following report:

I regularly installed the officers of Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 3 for the term commencing July 1st, 1900, on July 14th.

For the term commencing January 1st, 1901, on January 15th.

It gives me great pleasure to state that Miriam Lodge has made good progress during this year both financially and in numbers.

Thanking you for the appointment of Deputy,

I remain fraternally yours,

MRS. MAGGIE ANDERSON,
D. D. G. M., District No. 3.

Ladysmith, B.C., May 23rd, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I beg to submit the following report:—

During my term of office I installed the officers of Laurel Rebekah Lodge twice in July last, and in January of the present year. Laurel Rebekah Lodge has been working under great difficulties for the past year in Wellington, but since its removal to Ladysmith its prospects are very favorable. In a short time we hope to have a good Lodge.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

MISS MARY O'DELL,

D. D. G. M., District No 5.

Rossland, B.C., May 12th, 1901.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have the honor to submit for your approval the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for Rebekah District No. 7, comprising Lodge No. 13.

On July 11th, 1900 with the assistance of Past Grand Sister Etough and others I installed the officers of Deborah Rebekah Lodge No. 13.

January 9th, 1901, I installed the officers of the same Lodge with the assistance of P. N. G., Sister Etough and P. G., of the Subordinate Lodge.

I am pleased to state that Deborah Lodge is increasing in membership very rapidly, and is also doing splendid work on the floor.

Thanking you for the appointment as your deputy, I would like to recommend Sister Edith Etough as my successor in office.

Yours Fraternally,

NANA A. MARTIN,
D. D. G. M., District No. 7.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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

At the close of another year in the history of Odd Fellowship in this Province, it becomes my duty to submit for your consideration a report of the work of this office and of the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction on the 31st December last.

The duties imposed by the last session have been duly carried out. A circular letter embodying the views held in this jurisdiction on the proposed amendment to the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, reducing the age at which persons might be admitted to membership in the Order to eighteen years, was prepared and forwarded to each representative to that Grand body, but I am sorry to state that our efforts in this direction were ineffectual.

Three thousand copies of the leaflet "Odd Fellowship. What it is," with statistics respecting the Order corrected up to date, were printed and sent to all Lodges in the Jurisdiction for distribution amongst our members. It is hoped that its circulation may prove beneficial.

Letter heads for the use of D. D. G. M.'s were obtained and transmitted to these officers for official correspondence and in preparing their reports to the Grand Master.

Since our last meeting Gateway Lodge, No. 45, was organized at Grand Forks, on 24th August last, and promises to be a most successful Lodge.

A dispensation to institute Snowshoe Lodge, No. 46, at Phoenix has been issued and the Lodge will no doubt be instituted before this meeting.

Correspondence has taken place respecting the starting of a Lodge at Clayoquot on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and

although there are difficulties in the way, I have no doubt they will shortly be surmounted.

Enquiries have also been received from Greenwood as to the steps necessary to be taken to institute a Rebekah Lodge there, and it is most probable that the petition will shortly be received for that purpose.

Action has been taken by some of the members of the late Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, at Northfield, to resuscitate that Lodge, but to change the location to Extension Mines, and it is understood that a petition will be presented to this Session asking for the restoration of the charter and effects of the old Lodge. The regalia and paraphernalia of this Lodge were sold to Trout Lake Lodge, No. 40, and the proceeds placed to the credit of the Aged Odd Fellows' Fund, the available effects therefore consists only of the books, seal, etc. I would, however, recommend in the event of the Lodge being resuscitated that a charter fee be not required and that the supplies usually furnished new Lodges be donated to this Lodge.

I regret to be compelled to call your attention to the dilatoriness of some Lodges in forwarding their reports to this office, thereby causing much trouble and inconvenience. One of the Lodges neglected to send its Annual Report until 7th May, although repeatedly written to on the subject, and in consequence its contents could not be included in the Annual Report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which is due on 1st of April. As this practice is confined to a few small Lodges it is inexcusable and it is recommended that a penalty be inflicted on the Lodge not forwarding its report within a reasonable time.

Since we last met one of our oldest and most respected members, Bro. A. Phillips, P.G.M., has died, after a long and painful illness. Bro. Phillips was one of the oldest Odd Fellows on the Pacific Coast. He was a charter member of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and prior to that was a member of one of the Lodges in San Francisco. He was a most energetic and enthusiastic member, and it is recommended that a Memorial Page be inserted in the printed proceedings of this Session containing his name and those of the other members of this Grand Lodge who died in the year 1900.

The legal notice has been received to amend Sec. 3, Art. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, by reducing the number of representatives. The Lodges have been notified of this proposal, and it will be submitted for your consideration.

STATISTICAL.

The following comparative statement exhibits the result of the work of last year. Abstracts of the Semi-Annual and Annual Reports of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges are attached to this report.

		Increase.	Decrease.
No. Lodges, 31st December, 1900	40	2	.....
" of Members Subordinate Lodges	3,216	156	.....
" " " initiated during year	329	.....	19
" " " admitted by card	42	.....	70
" " " do as A.O.	2	.....	3
" " " reinstated	14	.....	9
" " " withdrawn	29	.....	2
" " " expelled	.....	.....	2
" " " deceased	22	.....	9
" " " ceased membership by non-payment of dues	179	35	.....
No. rejected	8	.....	2
" degrees confered	881	.....	119
" Past Grands	573	41	.....
Revenue of Subordinate Lodges :—			
From dues	$34,364 70	.....	.....
" initiations and degrees	8,663 25	.....	.....
" rents and invested funds	10,844 53	.....	.....
" other sources	3,534 98	.....	.....
Total revenue	$57,407 46	$2,560 58	.....
No. of brothers relieved	326	.....	19
" " week Sick Benefits paid	3,035	.....	191
" " Brothers buried	19	.....	6
" " Widowed families relieved	7	3	.....
Amt. paid for the relief of Brothers	$19,219 36	.....	$2,280 09
" " " " Widowed families.	427 00	$354 50	.....
" " " " Orphans	.....	.....	111 65
" " for burying the dead	1,428 15	.....	514 25
" " " special relief	310 30	.....	791 55
Total amount paid for relief	$21.384 81	.....	$3,343 04
Total amount paid for current expenses	$19,387 58	$4,188 33	.....
Total amount of Assets	209,937 22	.....	673 88
Average amount of benefits paid to each sick member	58 95	.....	3 37
Average amount expended for relief per member	6 65	.....	1 43
Average duration of sickness per member	6 d. 14½ h.	.....	18½ h.
Average duration of sickness per sick member	9 wks. 2 d. 4 h.	.....	7 h.
Average cost per member for current expenses	$6 03	$1 06	.....

STATISTICAL.—CONTINUED.

		Increase.	Decrease.
Average cost per member for all Lodge expenditures	$ 12 68	.....	$0 37
Average amount of assets per member	65 28	.....	3 55
Total amount expended for relief in this jurisdiction since institution of Grand Lodge in 1874	274,777 22	.....	.....
REBEKAH LODGES.			
No. of Lodges, 31st December, 1900	8	.....	.....
" " Members—Brothers	212	39	.....
" " " Sisters	329	15	.....
" " " admitted during year:			
Brothers	41	.....	24
Sisters	21	.....	70
No. of Members withdrawn or dropped:			
Brothers	1	.....	.....
Sisters	5	.....	.....
No. of Members deceased:			
Brothers	1	.....	.....
Sisters	1	.....	.....
Total receipts during the year	$1,095 30	.....	$248 24
" payments during the year:			
Relief of Members	192 85	$ 82 85	.....
Lodge expenses	641 84	.....	401 64
Total assets 31st December, 1900	1,859 66	598 06	.....

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CASH RECEIVED AND PAID TO GRAND TREASURER.

FROM WHOM RECEIVED.			Tax term ended 30th June 1900.	Tax term ended 31st Dec. 1900.	Supplies.	Charter Fees, etc	Total.
Victoria.....	Lodge,	No. 1	$ 46 80	$ 44 10	$ 3 00	$	$ 93 90
Columbia.....	"	2	66 15	63 90		.....	130 05
Royal City.....	"	3	72 90	74 25	3 00	.....	150 15
Dominion.....	"	4	71 55	67 50	3 50	.....	142 55
Black Diamond...	"	5	68 85	67 50	1 37	.....	137 72
Harmony.....	"	6	54 45	53 55	1 00	.....	109 00
Excelsior.....	"	7	20 25	20 70	50	.....	41 45
Vancouver.....	"	8	54 90	54 90	5 00	.....	114 80
Tatnai.....	"	9	29 25	31 05	3 50	.....	63 80
Western Star.....	"	10	90 45	92 70	35 00	.....	218 15
Union.....	"	11	26 55	27 00	1 00	.....	54 55
Selkirk.....	"	12	36 45	29 70	1 00	.....	67 15
Cloverdale.....	"	15	14 40	13 50	75	.....	28 65
Kootenay.....	"	16	35 55	45 45	13 25	.....	94 25
Duncan.....	"	17	21 15	22 95	3 25	.....	47 35
Vernon Valley....	"	18	14 85	16 65	1 25	.....	32 75
Mount Pleasant...	"	19	18 15	19 80	5 00	.....	42 95
Centennial.....	"	20	45 90	45 45	2 00	.....	93 35
Delta.....	"	21	17 10	13 45	3 40	.....	33 95
Gold Range.....	"	22	18 45	18 00	..	.....	36 45
Ashcroft.....	"	23	15 30	14 85	2 50	.....	32 65
Island.....	"	24	19 25	18 90	....	.....	38 15
Revelstoke.....	"	25	31 50	31 05	4 00	.....	66 55
Pacific.....	"	26	97 20	97 20	12 00	.....	206 40
Amity.....	"	27	64 35	64 80	7 25	.....	136 40
Cheam.....	"	28	19 80	18 90	3 50	.....	42 20
Banner.....	"	31	35 10	34 65	10 95	.....	80 70
Peerless.....	"	33	50 85	51 30	3 00	.....	105 15
Rocky Mountain.	"	34	18 10	22 05	3 75	.....	43 90
Cedar.....	"	35	20 70	19 80	2 00	.....	42 50
Rossland.....	"	36	52 20	60 30	7 00	.....	119 50
Carson.....	"	37	7 65	7 20	...	.....	14 85
Boundary Valley.	"	38	25 20	31 05	8 00	.....	64 25
Silver City.....	"	39	32 85	28 80	3 90	.....	65 55
Slocan.....	"	40	15 30	13 95	2 50	.....	31 75
Trout Lake.....	"	41	13 05	13 95	2 00	.....	29 00
Key City.....	"	42	19 40	26 55	1 00	.....	46 95
Enterprise.....	"	43	33 75	35 55	4 00	.....	73 30
Wildey.....	"	44	.....	14 40	2 90	.....	17 30
Gateway.....	"	45	.....	21 15	32 65	30 00	83 80
Beulah Rebekah..	"	5	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Laurel.....	"	9	.....	.....	50	.....	50
Deborah.....	"	13	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 00
Forward.....			$1395 65	$1448 50	$205 17	$30 00	$3079 32

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—CONTINUED.

CASH RECEIVED AND PAID TO GRAND TREASURER.

FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	Tax term ended 30th June 1900.	Tax term ended 31st Dec. 1900.	Supplies.	Charter Fees, etc.	Total.
Brought Forward...	$1395 65	$1448 50	$205 17	$50 00	$3079 32
Odd Fellows' Relief Ass'n, Canada.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Sundry Persons.....	.....	.....	$ 5 75	.....	5 75
Donations to Odd Fellows' Home Account...	.....	.....	.....	16 00	16 00
Snowshoe Lodge No. 46...	.....	.....	30 00	30 00	60 00
Interest, Bank of Commerce.....	..	.....	.....	26 01	26 01
	$1395 65	$1448 50	$240 92	$112 01	$3197 08

ORDERS DRAWN ON GRAND TREASURER.

Date.	No. of Order.	In Whose Favor.	Description.	Amount
1900				
June 15	1	Grand Treasurer.....	Mileage & per diem 1900	1559 20
15	2	D. Welsh, G. M.....	Typewr'ng Rep. & St'y	30 00
15	3	H. J. Rickard	G. L. card in I.O.O.F..	10 00
15	4	W. H. Huxtable.	Cartak'r G.S. office 12m & Janitor Sess. G. L.	30 00
25	5	R. S. Day.....	Premium G. S's bond..	10 00
30	6	T. R. Cusack.	Envelopes.....	3 50
30	7	Fred Davey, G. Sec'y..	Supplies Sov. G. L.....	22 60
July 13	8	News-Advertiser.....	Envelopes.....	2 50
Aug. 4	9	Fred Davey, G. Sec'y..	Supplies, Sov. G. L ...	39 80
7	10	R. S. Day.....	Premium G. T's bond..	10 00
Sept. 21	11	Fred Davey, G. Sec'y..	Three months salary...	150 00
21	12	" "	Postage, freight, etc...	31 35
21	13	T. R. Cusack	Printing Pro. 1900, etc..	167 85
29	14	W. E. Johnstone, G.M.	Allowance for expenses	175 00
Oct. 26	15	Fred Davey, G. Sec'y..	Supplies, Sov. G. L....	36 70
Nov. 20	16	" "	" "	32 00
Dec. 10	17	" "	" "	26 60
13	18	" "	Salary, 3 months.....	150 00
13	19	" "	Postage, expressage. etc	9 70
1901				
Jan. 19	20	T. R. Cusack.....	Printing leaflets, etc...	17 25
30	21	W. E. Johnstone. G. M.	Allowance for expenses	50 00
Feb. 7	22	Fred Davey, G. Sec'y..	Supplies, Sov. G. L.....	50 75
7	23	" "	Dep. Sav. B'k. Home ac.	16 00
8	24	Colonist P. & P. Co....	Order books on Treas...	20 50
15	25	Odd Fellows U. Victoria	Rent G. S. office 12 mo.	100 00
Mar. 20	26	Fred Davey, G. Sec'y..	Rep. Tax Sov. G. L.....	150 00
20	27	" "	Salary, 3 months.....	150 00
20	28	" "	Postage and sundries..	20 90
30	29	Colonist P. & P. Co....	Officers roll books.....	14 00
May 7	30	W. E. Johnstone, G. M,	Allowance for expenses	25 00
7	31	Fred Davey, G. Sec'y..	Salary, 3 months..	150 00
3	32	" "	Postage, stationery, etc	10 05
3	33	T. R. Cusack..... ...	Printing.....	22 50
			$	3293 75

SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer per last report.....	$1,811 90
Cash received and paid to Grand Treasurer.....	3,197 08
	$5,008 98
Less orders drawn on Grand Treasurer	3,293 75
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	$1,715 23

STOCK ACCOUNT.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance from last year's account	$138 58	$.....
Goods bought during the year	251 85	.....
Freight on supplies from Sovereign Grand Lodge	17 10	.....
Goods sold during the year	.	228 27
Gain during the year	115 84	.....
Value of stock on hand	.....	295 10
	$523 37	$523 37

ODD FELLOWS' HOME ACCOUNT.

1900.			
Amount on hand as per last report			$800 80
June 30 Interest Dominion Government Savings Bank			17 17
Donation Vancouver Lodge, No. 8			16 00
			$833 97
Deposited in Dom. Gov't Savings Bank	$831 82		
In hands of Grand Treasurer	2 15		
			$833 97

AGED ODD FELLOWS' FUND.

1900.		
Amount on hand per last report		$339 04
June 30 Interest Dom. Gov't Savings Bank		5 25
		$344 29
Deposited in Dom. Gov't Savings Bank	$343 89	
In hands of Grand Treasurer	00 40	$344 29

BALANCE SHEET.

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

1st June, 1901.

Folio of Ledger	ACCOUNT.	Dr.	Cr.
44	Furniture and regalia	$ 496 65	.....
57	Dominion Lodge, No. 4	75	.....
71	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	3 00	.....
76	Columbia Lodge No. 2	5 80	.....
85	Union Lodge, No. 11	1 00	.....
94	Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3	.....	$ 4 00
109	Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18	.....	05
115	Delta Lodge, No. 21	.....	1 30
117	Gold Range Lodge, No. 22	.....	1 10
129	Stock	295 10	.....
144	Sovereign Grand Lodge	3 70	.....
155	Grand Treasurer	1,715 23	.....
162	Profit and Loss	.....	2,462 70
167	Vancouver Lodge, No. 8	.....	2 05
169	Pacific Lodge, No. 26	1 00	.....
185	Peerless Lodge, No. 33	2 00	.....
191	Cedar Lodge, No. 35	.....	2 00
194	Odd Fellows' Home	.....	833 97
196	Dominion Government Savings Bank (Home acc't)	831 82	.....
205	Rossland Lodge, No. 36	2 45	.....
208	Carson Lodge, No. 37	.....	25
218	Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38	.....	85
220	Silver City Lodge, No. 39	3 07	.....
232	Slocan Lodge, No. 40	1 55	.....
234	Aged Odd Fellows' Fund	.....	344 29
242	Trout Lake Lodge, No. 41	.....	15
246	Dominion Government Savings Bank (Aged Odd Fellows' Fund)	343 89	.....
248	Key City Lodge, No. 42	2 45	.....
260	Enterprise Lodge, No 43	1 65	.....
252	Wildey Lodge, No. 44	1 60	.....
258	Snowshoe Lodge, No. 46	.....	60 00
		$3,712 71	$3,712 71

I am pleased to be able to report that no appeals have been received during the past year, which indicates that the work has been carried on harmoniously.

A review of the foregoing statistics offer the following points for congratulation. Both the number of Lodges and the number of members have increased, yet there has been a material reduction in the number of brothers relieved, the number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid, the number of brothers buried, and in the total amount paid for relief. These facts point to a healthy condition in the Lodges which, is very gratifying.

Fraternally submitted,

Fred. Gavey

Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

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

GEO. T. FOX, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I. O. O. F.

1900 DR.

June 16.	To balance from last Grand Treasurer	$1,811 90
July 25.	To cash received from Grand Secretary	643 60
1901.		
Feb. 20.	" " " " "	1,826 90
May 29.	" " " " "	700 57
31.	Interest on deposits	26 01
		$5,008 98

CR.

June 16, 1900, to May 18, 1901, By orders No. 1 to 33 inclusive	$3,293 75
By balance	1,715 23
	$5,008 98

1901 DR.

June 1.	To balance on hand	$1,715 23

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE T. FOX,

Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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

Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge beg leave to submit the following report of the Session of that Grand Body held in the City of Richmond, Virginia, September 17th to 22nd, 1900, both inclusive.

The Sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge were held at the Assembly Hall of the Jefferson Hotel. Preceding the opening Session a reception was tendered the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives at Masonic Hall, by the State of Virginia through its Governor, the City of Richmond through its Mayor, the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and the Rebekah State Assembly through their respective Grand Officers. The Governor, the Mayor, the Grand Master, the Grand Patriarch and the President of the Assembly all delivered addresses of welcome, to which Grand Sire Pinkerton responded on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in a most eloquent and appropriate address.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Sire, the roll call showing present the following Grand Officers:—

Alfred S. Pinkerton.....Grand Sire
A. C. Cable.....Deputy Grand Sire
J. Frank Grant.....Grand Secretary
M. Richards Muckle.....Grand Treasurer
Elvin J. Curry.....Asst. Grand Secretary
John B. Cockburn.....Grand Marshal
John W. Bourlet.....Grand Guardian
Charles F. Lumsden.....Grand Messenger

Grand Chaplain Venable was prevented from being present on account of ill health and the Grand Sire appointed Grand Representative Jaspar J. McCoy, of Indiana, Chaplain pro tem and he served in that capacity during the entire Session.

The roll call also showed the folowing Past Grand Sires present:

James B. Nicholson.....Pennsylvania
James P. Sanders.....New York
Milton J. Durham.....Kentucky
James C. Underwood.....Kentucky
Charles M. Busbee.....North Carolina
Cl. T. Campbell.....Ontario
J. W. Stebbins.....New York

The roll call likewise showed Representatives from fifty Grand Lodges and thirty-nine Grand Encampments. Every Jurisdiction

working under the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was duly represented.

The Grand Representatives from British Columbia were assigned to duty upon the following standing committees:—

Petitions.....Dempster
Unfinished Business.....Raymer
Grand Bodies not represented.....Muir

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

From the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary we are able to submit the following abstract as to the condition of the Order.

The net increase in Subordinate Lodge membership from January 1st to December 31, 1899, was 31,827.

The net increase in Subordinate Encampments' membership including said dates, was 2,665.

The net increase in Rebekah membership (sisters), 14,071; (brothers), 2,905.

During the year ending December 31, 1899, in the territory under the immediate supervision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the net gain in membership was 42,669, and in said territory at the close of said year our total membership was 1,063,572.

There are now 11,589 Subordinate Lodges, being a gain of 170 since the last report.

There are now 5,327 Rebekah Lodges, a gain of 274 in the year ending December 31, 1899.

Thirty-six Encampments were instituted during the year, making the total at the close of 1899 2,652.

REVENUE.

The total revenue for 1899 was $9,643,080.86, being an increase over 1898 of $876,687.30.

RELIEF.

The total sum expended during the year of 1899 for relief was $3,695,488.32. This sum was distributed between 102,809 brothers and 5,842 widowed families.

In the sixty-nine years between 1830 and 1899 our Order has shown remarkable growth, has been crowned with wonderful financial success and has expended more money in relief and charity than any other similar Order in the world.

The following statistics attest the truth of this statement:

Statistics of the Order throughout the world from 1830 to December 31, 1899, including Australasia, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	2,346,305
Members relieved	2,356,700
Widowed families relieved	245,726
Members deceased	234,657
Total relief	$ 84,545,559 55
Total revenue	$218,719,933 55

Condition of the Order December 31st, 1899.

Sovereign Lodge	1
Quasi-Independent Grand Lodges (Australasia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland)	6
Grand Lodges	66
Grand Encampments	55
Subordinate Lodges	11,969
Subordinate Encampments	2,660
Lodge members	893,050
Encampment members	130,067
Rebekah Lodges	5,347
Rebekah Lodge members	326,993

LEGISLATION.

There were numerous resolutions referred to the Committee on Legislation, many of which were reported on adversely.

The following were adopted, however, and have become law. In order to save space we have only reported the resolutions as adopted,

SUBORDINATE LODGE LEGISLATION.

That hereafter an Official Certificate shall be issued in all cases where members pay dues and assessments to Subordinate Bodies and shall request a receipt therefor, and it shall be unlawful for any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to permit its officers to issue any receipt, statement or other paper evidencing the payment of money

on account of dues or assessments except an Official Certificate provided, however, that when a member applies for, pays for and receives a visiting card or withdrawal card it will not be necessary to issue an Official Certificate evidencing the same payment.

That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are hereby authorized to expend money from their general funds in the purchase of veteran and honorable veteran jewels for presentation to such of their members as are entitled to wear the same, subject to the provisions of any local laws governing the expenditure of Lodge and Encampment funds.

REBEKAH LEGISLATION.

That Grand Representatives, elective officers of a Grand Lodge and elective officers of a Rebekah Assembly may introduce visiting members from another Jurisdiction into Rebekah Lodges within their Jurisdiction under the limitations of existing laws.

That when authorized by the Grand Lodge of a Grand Jurisdiction the Secretary of a Rebekah State Assembly may purchase direct from the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge all supplies to be used by Rebekah Lodges, the Grand Secretary of a Grand Jurisdiction having first notified the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that such permission has been granted.

That in compliance with the request of the Rebekah branch of the Order of the State of New York the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to have the ritual of the Rebekah Degree translated and printed in the French language; provided the cost of translation and printing be prepaid by such Rebekah Lodge or Lodges as now work in the French language.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE LEGISLATION.

That the Grand Sire be instructed to enforce the law relative to the use of Official Certificates and to require Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs to rigidly enforce the provisions of said law within their various Grand Jurisdictions.

That it is inexpedient for the Sovereign Grand Lodge to enter upon the manufacture or sale of regalia.

That the Committee on Printing Supplies be and they are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a form of charter for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments which shall be uniform in design and in

language and place the same on sale by the Grand Secretary with saleable supplies of this Sovereign Grand Body, and that said Committee fix the price of said charter at a reasonable percentage above its cost; provided that such charter shall not be finally adopted until it has been submitted to the Grand Sire and received his approval; that the Grand Secretary notify the several Jurisdictions of this form of charter when it is ready for sale and inform all such Jurisdictions that this charter must only be used when a new Lodge or Encampment is instituted or when a duplicate charter is issued to replace one that has been lost or destroyed, and that its purchase is to be made from this Sovereign Grand Lodge through the Grand Secretary of each of said several Jurisdictions.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

No. 1. All brothers, while in the Lodge Room, should be clothed in regalia indicative of their rank and station in the Lodge.

No. 2. The sickness by reason of which an officer of a Subordinate Lodge can be excused from Lodge attendance, without forfeiting the honors of his office, must be his personal illness, and not that of some member of his family.

No. 3. The Sovereign Grand Lodge having defined the term "sickness" as a cause of excuse for official absence, it is not within the province of a State Grand Lodge to set aside such interpretation, or to place a different interpretation upon said word when used for such purpose.

No. 4. A sailor sick in a government hospital is, if in good standing, entitled, under the general laws of the Order to sick benefits.

No. 5. *Statement*—A brother who is in good standing in his Lodge becomes insane and is placed in an asylum, his wife applies for and receives a divorce; they have one child who is six years of age; she asks for the custody of the child and is granted the same by the court; in a short time she marries another man; her insane husband dies and is buried by the Lodge.

Ques.—Is the child entitled to orphan's benefits?

Ans.—The child is entitled to such benefits.

No. 6. *Statement*—A member suspended for non-payment of dues pays all arrearages within one year from the date of his suspension. The Constitution of the local Grand Lodge provides the method by which such brother can be reinstated.

Ques.—Must a brother conform to the provisions of such local law, or does he become reinstated by the mere payment of dues?

Ans.—The brother seeking reinstatement must do so in conformity to the local law.

No. 7. *Statement*—Charges are preferred against a brother in a Subordinate Lodge, and the trial committee reported no cause of action. The Lodge sustained the report of the committee and in due season an appeal is taken to the Grand Lodge.

Ques.—Can the brother pending such appeal take a withdrawal card?

Ans.—He cannot. Until the appeal is settled the charges are still pending.

No. 8. *Statement*— A Subordinate Encampment having six months' terms installed its officers in September. Prior to its next meeting night the city in which it is located declared a quarantine under which the Encampment was forbidden to hold meetings for a period of six weeks. There was no quorum on the second meeting night in December. The officers therefore actually served at only three meetings, being, however, a majority, and all but one, of the meetings that they were permitted, under the restrictions of the quarantine, to hold after their installation.

Ques.—Are these officers entitled to honors?

Ans.—It has been rightfully held that the requisites for obtaining past official honors are service of the majority of the nights of a term and until the end thereof, and that the only cause that can excuse an officer is that of personal illness or some providential interposition affecting him personally, and which he could not control. In the above case, however, the law of the land intervened to prevent the holding of the meetings of the Encampment, and if officers and members were ready to hold the meetings, and said officers were actually present at all, but one, of the meetings permitted by the authority to be held, I think they were entitled to past official honors, the failure to convene not being caused by the Encampment, or officers, but by the law of the land which all were bound to obey.

No. 9. It is not necessary for the officers of a Subordinate Lodge to wear, during initiation, the working regalia of their office in addition to the robes prescribed to be worn in such initiatory ceremony.

No. 10. A brother who has served a full term as Noble Grand is entitled to receive the Past Grand's degree, although he has been re-elected as Noble Grand.

No. 11. *Statement*—The Noble Grand of a Lodge resigns his office, and all the members lawfully qualified to fill such vacancy refuse election.

Ques.—Can the Lodge elect the sitting Vice Grand, who has served a majority of nights in his office, to fill such vacancy?

Ans.—To be eligible to the office of Noble Grand a member must have served a term in the office of Vice Grand, but in case of the resignation of the Noble Grand, and all of the members lawfully qualified to succeed him having refused an election, it is competent for the Lodge to elect the sitting Vice Grand to such office, provided that a dispensation for the purpose, be first obtained from the proper authority in the Jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs. There is no distinction to be made between a Vice Grand, not qualified by previous service, and a scarlet degree member.

No. 12. *Ques.*—Is a person eligible to membership in our Order who has one-quarter Indian blood, all other qualifications being complied with?

Ans.—No. Such person would be deemed an Indian and not a white man, and would therefore be ineligible to membership.

No. 13.—A Subordinate Lodge cannot adopt, for funeral purposes, any other regalia than that prescribed, or permitted, by the laws of the Order.

No. 14. *Ques.*—A person having one-fourth Indian blood having been initiated into our Order and received the degrees, without knowing that one-fourth Indian blood would exclude him, and the brothers not being aware of the fact, can he be retained as a member of our Order?

Ans.—If the person was elected, initiated, and received the degrees without any fraud or concealment on his part, he is an Odd Fellow and entitled to remain such until his membership is terminated in a manner provided by law.

No. 14. *Ques.*—Should the Grand Master of a State hold office in his Subordinate Lodge, such as Vice or Noble Grand?

Ans.—Upon principle he should not. The duties of an executive officer of a Subordinate Lodge are such as might be inconsistent with the proper discharge of his duties as Grand Master.

No. 16. Every member of a Subordinate Lodge, including the Noble Grand, is entitled to vote at an election of Lodge officers, but

the Noble Grand, as such, cannot exercise the franchise a second time in one poll, nor in case of a tie vote between candidates vote again "to break such tie" or at all after the polls have been closed. Equality of suffrage is the basis of our elections.

Where the Noble Grand is permitted by local law to "give the casting vote in case of tie" such permission applies to legislative questions and not to the exercise of the right of suffrage unless such suffrage right is clearly given in express terms.

No. 17. Unless the Constitution, or laws, of a Grand Lodge so provide, a Subordinate Lodge existing under such Grand Lodge has no power to initiate, free of charge, ministers of the gospel. There is nothing in the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that authorizes or permits free initiation.

No. 18. The Constitution of a Grand Lodge reads, "District Deputy Grand Masters may grant dispensations in all cases, except to establish new, or revive old, Lodges, and cases relating to the finances of the subordinates." The powers and duties of District Deputy Grand Masters depend largely upon the provisions of local law, and under the above quoted provision of a Grand Lodge Constitution, a District Deputy Grand Master would be authorized to grant a dispensation permitting a subordinate lodge to march in public processions in regalia, and to grant a dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge permitting it to elect a scarlet degree member as its Noble Grand, all duly qualified brothers having declined to serve.

No. 19. Where the governing Constitution does not forbid the enactment of retroactive laws, it is within the power of a Subordinate Lodge, subject to such approval as is required by local law, to enact a by-law fixing the compensation of the Secretary, and providing that such law shall take effect from a past date, but such retroactive clause must be stated in express terms in the by-law.

No. 20. *Statement*—A member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, while serving in the army of the United States, and being in the Philippine Islands, was there taken sick, confined to a government hospital, and entirely incapacitated from doing work for nearly three months. The Lodge refused him benefits upon the ground that although sick, and unable to perform his duty, or in any way to make a livelihood, his wages went on just the same, his expenses for medicine and medical attendance, nursing and other expenses incident to illness, being paid by the government, and that it was not contemplated by the general law of the Order, that benefits should be paid under such circumstances, and cite decision 164 approved by the Sov-

ereign Grand Lodge, in 1899, as confirmatory of its opinion. The Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges of the Jurisdiction provides that "Every member in good standing, who is not suspended for cause or disqualified on account of arrearages, according to sections 1 and 2 of article 10, which shall be rendered incapable by sickness, accident, or injury to his person, from following any business, provided such sickness or disability shall not have been caused by intemperance or other immoral conduct, shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Lodge, benefits during such sickness or disability as may be fixed by the by-laws."

Ques.—Is the Lodge liable for sick benefits?

Ans.—Under the above statement of facts the brother is entitled to sick benefits. Decision 106 of 1896, approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge reads, "By the general law, a soldier sick in a hospital for soldiers and there supported, is entitled to benefits if in good standing." Since the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge I have decided that "A sailor sick in a government hospital, is, if in good standing, entitled under the general laws of the Order, to sick benefits." These decisions are conclusive of this case. Decision 164 made by me last year was based upon the circumstances of a particular case, and the construction of a Lodge Constitution, and the Judiciary Committee approving said decision, added with my full consent, "but we are of the opinion that the fact of the continuance of his salary or wages by his employer shall not be construed to deny right of benefits to a brother whose ability to personally earn a livelihood has been lessened by the disability." In other words, it is not the *payment* of wages, but the ability of the brother to *earn* wages, that constitutes the test, and in the case referred to in decision No. 164, the brother's occupation was such that his earning capacity was not affected by the injury. The present case presents a different state of facts, and I regard the brother as entitled to the claimed benefits.

No. 21. Subject to the provision of the minimum benefit law, a Subordinate Lodge may, by a law applicable to all its members, reduce the amount paid by it for weekly sick benefits, and a brother sick would thereafter be entitled to draw benefits only at the reduced rate.

No. 22. A change in the law of the Subordinate Lodge reducing the amount paid for sick benefits cannot be made retroactive so as to reduce the amount of benefits which have previously accrued to a brother then ill, but a lodge may, with approval of its Grand Lodge, provide that where a member shall have received one full year's benefit, the weekly benefit thereafter, to such member, shall be one dollar per week, and in computing the year, the period of the brother's ill-

ness before the passage of the by-law may be counted, provided the wording of the by-law so permits.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

No. 23. A married woman, whose husband is not an Odd Fellow, is not eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge simply because she is the step-mother of an Odd Fellow. She is not the "mother" of an Odd Fellow within the meaning of the law of 1899.

No. 24. Under the provisions of sub-division 2 of section 6, of the "Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges," a "deceased" Odd Fellow must have been in good standing at the time of his decease in order to render his daughter, sister, or mother, eligible, by reason of such relationship, to membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 25. Under sub-division 2, section 6, of the "Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges," the daughters, sisters, and mothers, of Odd Fellows in good standing, and of deceased Odd Fellows who were in good standing at the time of their decease, are eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge irrespective of the fact that they may now be married to persons who are not members of the Order.

No. 26. The territorial limitation of membership as applied by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Subordinate Lodges, has not, by it, been made applicable to Rebekah Lodges. In the absence of local law, a woman seeking to obtain the Rebekah Degree is not required to apply to the Lodge nearest to her place of residence.

No. 27. No special law has been enacted providing for consolidation of Rebekah Lodges, and in the absence of such legislation, so long as the number of members desiring to retain the charter of such Lodge is equal to that prescribed by the law as the minimum number of petitioners to whom a charter can be given, such charter cannot be revoked by the majority, nor such lodge forced to consolidate with another Lodge.

No. 28. A Rebekah Lodge cannot authorize another Rebekah Lodge to confer the degree upon a person elected to membership in the first named Lodge. Such degree can only be conferred in the Lodge which received and accepted the application for membership.

No. 29. A married sister of an Odd Fellow is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge by virtue of such relationship, irrespective of the fact that her husband may not be a member of the Order.

No. 30. Sub-division "F" of section 16 of the Rebekah Code is applicable only to the first term of a Rebekah Lodge. After the first

term a Past Noble Grand must deliver the charge referred to in the said sub-division.

No. 31. A Grand Lodge may require that the number of applicants for a charter for a Rebekah Lodge shall exceed five.

No. 32. The amendment to section 6 of the Rebekah Code relative to membership, adopted in 1899, did not repeal sub-division 3 of said section.

No. 33. A Rebekah Lodge cannot from its Lodge funds make donations to a Christian Endeavor society.

No. 34. In the absence of any prohibition by local law, a sister member in good standing, of a Rebekah Lodge, may be elected to, and installed into, office, in the Rebekah Assembly of the State in which the Lodge to which she belongs is located, even though she does not then reside in such State.

No. 35. *Ques.*—Is a legally adopted daughter of an Odd Fellow in good standing, eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge

Ans.—Yes. Where the laws of the State provide that a legally adopted child is entitled to all the prerogatives of a natural born child, such adopted child becomes, in view of the law, a child in fact of the adopting parents, and if an Odd Fellow in good standing so adopted a daughter, she would be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 36. A Grand Lodge may require a larger, but not a smaller, number than three black balls to reject an applicant for membership or reinstatement in a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 37. A Rebekah Assembly cannot convene in special session for the purpose of conferring the Assembly Degree unless its charter, or the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction, so permits.

No. 38. A Grand Master can, of right, officially visit the Rebekah Assembly of his own Jurisdiction.

No. 39. A Rebekah Lodge cannot permit its members to wear floral bouquets, of pink and green, in lieu of the prescribed regalia.

No. 40. A Rebekah Lodge cannot meet in special session for the purpose of receiving applications for membership.

No. 41. A brother whose application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge has been rejected cannot apply for membership in another Rebekah Lodge until six months' time has elapsed since the first application.

No. 42. It is within the power of a State Grand Lodge to authorize the Rebekah Assembly, chartered by it, to levy a per capita tax on its Subordinate Rebekah Lodges.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

No. 63. An elective officer of a Grand Lodge cannot be installed by proxy.

No. 64. Where a valid law of a Grand Jurisdiction provides that the A. T. P. W. shall not be issued to a Lodge in arrears for its dues to the Grand Lodge, it is not permissible for such Lodge to issue an order, directed to the Noble Grand of another Lodge, requesting such Noble Grand to communicate such password to a member of the Lodge in arrears, nor should such order be honored, if presented, by a Noble Grand who knows the circumstances under which such order was issued and that the Lodge issuing it was not itself entitled to the password.

No. 65. The Sovereign Grand Lodge having prescribed that non-affiliated Odd Fellows seeking to become non-beneficial members must have retained their membership in the Order for at least five consecutive years, it is not permissible for a Grand Lodge to require them to have retained such membership for at least ten consecutive years.

No. 66. A Grand Lodge has the power to levy a per capita tax upon its subordinate membership, the revenue from said tax to be devoted to the use and support of an Odd Fellows' Home.

No. 67. A Grand Lodge can only collect dues from a defunct subordinate up to the date of the surrender of its charter, and in no event exceeding the term of one year, and the life of a withdrawal card issued by a Grand Lodge under the provisions of the legislation of 1899, and carrying as it does the right of visitation, can only be for a period not exceeding one year from the time dues are paid, that is one year from the time of the surrender of the charter.

No. 68. The adoption of report No. 45 as it appears in the Journal of 1899, did not repeal the provision of report No. 5 adopted at the same session. Prior to the legislation so enacted the only card issued by a Grand Lodge to one who was a member of a defunct subordinate, was a defunct card, which acting as an expired withdrawal card, enabled him to join another Subordinate Lodge as an Ancient Odd Fellow, and this card was discretionary with the body issuing it and based upon good standing in the surrendered Subordinate Lodge (See digest, sections 169, 170, 755), and there did not seem to be any provision made for a member who had been dropped for the non-payment

of dues, prior to the surrender of his Lodge, withdrawal cards and dismissal certificates being, prior to this legislation, issued by live subordinates only. Reading reports No. 5 and No. 45 together, provision seems now to have been made by which Grand Bodies can care for all classes of cases.

No. 69. A Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, can now issue a withdrawal card to a brother in good standing, who applies therefor within one year from the date of the suspension of the Lodge, or Encempment, to which he formerly belonged, the card covering the right of visitation for one year from the date of such suspension.

No. 70. A Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, can grant a dismissal certificate to a brother who has been dropped, or suspended, for non-payment of dues(and a dismissal certificate is only issued to one who has been dropped for non-payment of dues), before the Lodge, or Encampment, surrendered its charter.

No. 71. A defunct certificate may be issued to a brother who was in good standing at the time of the suspension of his Lodge, or Encampment, but who applies to the Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, for a card after one year from the date of such suspension, or in other words, after the time when he would be entitled to receive a withdrawal card.

No. 72. An Ancient Odd Fellow is one who has retired in good standing, and the holder of a dismissal certificate is not an Ancient Odd Fellow.

No. 73. The defunct certificate set forth in report No. 5 recites on its face that the brother "is free from any charge whatever" and is distinctly different from a dismissal certificate and applies to an entirely different class of brothers.

No. 74. Under report No. 45, the officers of a Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, can issue a dismissal certificate or withdrawal card to a member of a defunct subordinate according to the standing of the brother at the time of the surrender of the charter of the subordinate; in other words, the brother who was entitled to receive either of such certificates from a Lodge, or Encampment, at the time of the surrender of its charter, is now entitled to receive either from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

No. 75. Under the provision of report No. 45, journal of 1899, a Grand Lodge may issue a withdrawal card, or dismissal certificate, to a brother who was a member of a Subordinate Lodge that surrendered its charter prior to the time when such law took effect.

No. 76. A brother who was engaged in the saloon business at the time of the enactment of section 5, article 16, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and who continues to conduct said business, is eligible to advancement through the various degrees and branches of the Order.

No. 77. *Statement*—A brother was not engaged in the saloon business at the time of the enactment of section 5, article 16, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and was afterwards suspended for non-payment of due. While so suspended he engaged in the saloon business.

Ques.—Is the brother liable to charges and punishment in his Subordinate Lodge for so engaging in such business.

Ans.—He would be liable to charges and punishment.

No. 78. *Statement*—A Subordinate Lodge is the owner of a plot of land with a three story building thereon, the first and second floors of which building are rented for business purposes. The income so received is placed in the general fund of the Lodge along with dues and other receipts. The Lodge has a by-law, that has been approved by the Grand Lodge of the State, authorizing it to create a special fund for special purposes from the receipts for the rent of offices and stores in the Lodge Building, but no such special fund has been created.

Ques.—Can the Lodge without violating the laws of the Order donate one thousand dollars, or any other sum, from the amount so received for rents, to a railroad company as an inducement for such company to construct the main line of its road through the town in which the Lodge is located.

Ans.—It cannot. Under this statement of facts there is no doubt that the money received for rents has become a portion of the general fund of the Lodge, and, as such, cannot be donated for the purpose of aiding the construction of a railroad. These funds are stamped with the character of trust funds, and can only be used for the purposes of said trust and the legitimate expenditures of the Order.

No. 79. No officer of this Order is authorized to give the secret work to a person holding a dismissal certificate.

No. 80. A Grand Lodge is not compelled to issue a charter to a lodge working under a dispensation issued by the Grand Master in vacation. The refusal of such charter by the Grand Lodge termintes the existence of the subordinate body.

No. 81. A Grand Warden performing the duties of Deputy Grand Master, but without being elected to, or installed into, such office, is not entitled to take rank as Deputy Grand Master. He never became such an officer though discharging the duties thereof.

No. 82. The rights of a Past Grand to vote for Grand Officers is a vested right of which he cannot be deprived.

No. 83. A person who denies the existence of God, or of a Supreme Being, is not eligible to membership in the Order.

No. 84. The term of a Grand Representative expires when his successor has been legally admitted to a seat in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and this irrespective of the fact that two calendar years have not actually expired since the election of the first representative.

No. 85. The resolution adopted in 1899 relative to the number of copies of the daily journals and reports to be furnished to the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (See pages 392 and 479 of journal) repeals only so much of the prior resolutions concerning the same subject as is in conflict therewith, and under the existing rule the Grand Secretary is required to mail a copy of the reports of the Grand Officers, to each officer and member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge two weeks prior to the session thereof, and to furnish four additional copies to each member upon the first day of the session, and to furnish to each member four copies of the daily journal of each day's proceedings.

No. 86. The legislation had last year at Detroit, relative to the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, simply authorized said association to retain the word "Odd Fellows" in its corporate name, and did not in any way make the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Order, responsible for the solvency of the acts of said association, and expressly prohibited said association from doing business, or soliciting insurance in the name of the Order by the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and any Grand Lodge can enact such legislation as it sees fit relative to the invasion of the Lodge Rooms of its subordinate bodies, by the solicitors of such association, nor did such legislation authorize or empower any Grand Lodge to issue licenses to such association.

The entire, and only purpose, of the resolution of 1899, was, as I understand it, to prevent the dissolution of said association, which, under the provisions of Canadian law, would be necessary if its name waschanged, and the only relief granted or intended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge was such as to enable it to avoid the appointment of a receiver in accordance with the provisions of the law under which it was incorporated.

No. 87. *Statement*—It has been the custom in Virginia when there are two or more candidates for an elective office in a Subordinate or Grand Lodge, for the candidates to retire to the anteroom until after the ballot has been canvassed, and the tellers collect their votes from the anteroom, with the inside door open to the view of the presiding officer who has supervision of the ballot.

Ques.—Is this a violation of section 1303, Digest of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1895, page 402, and does not the law apply to other parties? And if candidates cannot vote in the anteroom, please state in what manner their votes should be collected.

Ans.—No brother, whether a candidate for office or not, is to be permitted to cast his vote in any other place than in the Lodge Room proper, and he cannot be permitted to cast his vote in the anteroom. Any brother desiring to take part in the business of the lodge must be in the Lodge Room proper, and if a candidate desires to vote, he must vote in the same place, and under the same conditions, as if he was not a candidate.

No. 88. A Lodge of our Order cannot perform the funeral services of our Order over the body of one who was not a member of it, although a member in good standing of the Manchester Unity, and although such service has been requested by a Lodge of the Manchester Unity.

No. 89. There is no express law of the Order permitting the celebration of the anniversary of the Order on any other day than April 26th, and it has been held that a Lodge could expend money for such celebration only on that day, but the reverence with which Sunday is generally regarded, and the existence of a law which does not permit subordinate organizations of the Order to meet on Sunday, for other than funeral or memorial purposes, would, when April 26th falls upon Sunday, (and in analogy to the practice followed in the celebration of civic holidays), warrant the Grand Sire in permitting such celebration to be held upon the preceding, or upon the following day.

No. 90. *Statement.*—A member of the Order has made arrangements to go into the saloon business, On June 13, 1900, he goes to the place of business of the Secretary, and there writes a resignation from the Order and hands it to the Secretary. On June 15, 1900, he opens a saloon. The regular meeting night of the Lodge is June 18, 1900, at which time the resignation was read to the Lodge.

Ques.—When does this party's membership cease, on June 13, 1900, the date the resignation was written and came into the possession of the Secretary, or on June 18, 1900, the regular meeting night of the Lodge,

Ans.—The resignation takes effect from the time it was presented at the regular meeting of the Lodge.

No. 91. *Ques.*—Is it legal for a Subordinate Grand Body to provide fire insurance for the property of the Subordinate Bodies under its Jurisdiction, the matter of carrying insurance being entirely voluntary with the Subordinate Bodies, and the expenses being met by pro rata assessments upon those carrying such insurance?

Ans.—No.

No. 92. *Ques.*—Is it legal for a Grand Lodge to set aside the money received from the treasuries of defunct Lodges, or from the sale of the property of such Lodges, as a fund out of which to pay sick or funeral benefits to such members as are unable to join any other Lodge by reason of age, distance, or physical condition?

Ans.—No. Such funds and property so received can only be applied to the relief of "Aged Odd Fellows" under the limitations and according to the express provisions of legislation found on page 14,941 of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal of 1896, and amendment thereto found on page 15,603 of said journal of 1897.

No. 93. *Ques.*—May a Grand Lodge legally provide for a death benefit of, say $75.00 for each member of the Lodges within its Jurisdiction, and raise the money for the same by an annual per capita tax, or by a per capita assessment?

Ans.—No.

No. 94. A brother cannot be expelled from membership simply because he is in arrears for dues.

No. 95. *Statement*—A Lodge has a member who is the only surviving charter member, and has been an Odd Fellow in good standing continually for fifty years.

Ques.—Can the Lodge vote from its funds the amount necessary to procure an honorable veteran jewel, to present to him, they desiring to make the presentation as a Lodge?

Ans.—A Lodge cannot appropriate its general fund for such a purpose.

No. 96. *Ques.*—May a Grand Lodge legally provide for the payment of a stipulated sum of weekly benefits in cases where the sickness or disability extends beyond a certain time, as for instance, four months, or six months, and provide funds for this purpose by a per capita tax, either annual or occasional, as the necessities demand?

Ans.—No.

No. 97. A Grand Representative does not forfeit his seat in the Sovereign Grand Lodge by reason of a temporary absence from the Jurisdiction electing him.

No. 98. A District Deputy Grand Master is the only person authorized to wear a jewel provided for District Deputy Grand Masters in accordance with report No. 149, page 381, of the Journal of 1899.

No. 99. Neither a Lodge nor the Secretary thereof, has the right to refuse to issue to a brother of the third degree, in good standing, a certificate of his standing in the Lodge, which certificate is necessary to be filed with an aplication for membership in an encampment.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

There were several amendments to the Constitution pending, but they all failed to pass; the 18 year *old* one the only one brought to a vote, was defeated, the vote standing 95 against and 85 for, but comes up again next year in a little different form which we think will stand a better chance.

SECRET WORK.

There was no change made in the unwritten or Secret Work of the Order.

ELECTIVE AND APPOINTED OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE.

A. C. Cable, of Ohio, Grand Sire;

John B. Goodwin, of Georgia, Deputy Grand Sire;

J. Frank Grant, of Kentucky, Grand Secretary;

M. Richards Muckle, of Pennsylvania, Grand Treasurer.

APPOINTED.

Rev. John Venable, of Kentucky, Grand Chaplain.

John B. Cockburn, of Indiana, Grand Marshal.

Charles H. Lyman, of Ohio, Grand Messenger;

John Welsh, of Ontario, Grand Guardian.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge will hold its next session in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana. Though there was no invitation extended officially by Indiana one was received from the Mayor of Indianapolis after he was telegraphed to for it, and though two of the representatives from Indiana opposed it and an invitation from California officially being before the Sovereign Body owing to expense Indianapolis was selected.

In concluding our report we have endeavored to present to you what we think would be of value to our Jurisdiction and hope the same will give satisfaction.

And again thanking you for the honor you conferred upon us when you elected us to be your Grand Representatives we remain,

Yours in F., L. and T.,

P. W. DEMPSTER,

H. J. RAYMER,

Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Distribution submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

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

Your Committee on Distribution beg to recommend the following allotment of the subjects referred to in the report of the Grand Master:

To the Committee on State of the Order—Portions relating to the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and the telegrams in connection therewith; official visits; Rebekah branch; division of Jurisdiction into Districts; quarterly reports by D. D. G. M 's; Odd Fellows' Home; instruction in secret work; also those portions of the report of the D. D. G. M.'s referring to the condition of the Order in their several Districts.

To the Committee on Judiciary:—Portions of report re "Dispensations and Permissions"; questions and decisions; installations; proclamations; also the portions of the reports of the D. D. G. M.'s dealing with their official actions and decisions on questions of law.

To the Committee on Legislation:—Recommendations respecting alteration of the form of application for membership and amendment to Section 2, Article III of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

To the Committee on Petitions:—Recommendation that a charter be granted to Gateway Lodge, No. 45.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF GRAND MASTER.

To the Committee on Judiciary:—Dispensations granted.

To the Committee on Petitions:—Petition of Board of Trustees National Odd Fellows' Sanitarium of Florida.

We also recommend that a committee on correspondence be appointed so that in future matters of correspondence as occur on page 1984 of Grand Master's report can be referred to said committee.

D. E. MACKENZIE,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
W. H. MORTON,
H. J. RAYMER,
T. F. NEELANDS,

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 of Grand Secretary's Report beg to recommend the following allotment of the matters referred to therein;—

To the Committee on State of the Order:—Failure of Lodges to report in proper time; memorial page in proceedings; statistics re subordinate and Rebekah Lodges.

To the Committee on Petitions:—Recommendation re donation of supplies to Perseverance Lodge if resuscitated.

To the Committee on Legislation:—The proposed amendment to Sec. 3, Art. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Finance:—The financial statement re Grand Lodge; Odd Fellows' Home and Aged Odd Fellows' Fund.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
W. H. MORTON,
H. J. RAYMER,
T. F. NEELANDS,
D. E. MACKENZIE,

A Petition was read from former members of late Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, Northfield, B.C., asking for the restoration of the charter and effects of the defunct Lodge, and for permission to remove the location of the Lodge to Extension Mines, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Petitions.

A Petition was read from Peerless Lodge ,No. 33, Victoria, to amalgamate with Victoria Lodge No. 1, Victoria, accompanied by the certficate of the last named Lodge expressing its willingness to accept the members of Peerless Lodge and assume its liabilities, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Committee on Printing submitted 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 received for printing 700 copies of the proceedings of last session and the work awarded to Bro. T. R. Cusack at $1.27 per page. Tenders were also invited for printing 700 copies of the proceedings of this Session, also 80 advance copies of the Grand Officers' reports, and the tender of Bro. Cusack, being the lowest, accepted; price for proceedings $1.27 per page, extra for Grand Officers' reports, $11.60.

In this connection we would submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the advisability of following the practice of other Jurisdictions by inserting in the proceedings half tone portraits of Past Grand Masters. This would not only embellish the proceedings, but serve to keep green the memories of those, many of whom have crossed that bourne from which no traveller returns, who have labored faithfully to serve us in the past at no inconsiderable sacrifice to themselves of time and money. It is suggested if this proposal is favorably entertained that two portraits be inserted each year until the arrears are overtaken, and then that that of the Junior Past Grand Master be inserted each year. Bro. Cusack offers to insert two portraits this year on extra glazed paper at $7.50 each.

The cost of printing, other than for stock account, during the past year was $206.85, an excess of $6.85 beyond the appropriation. This is owing to the exceptional items for 3,000 leaflets "Odd Fellowship, What It Is," 2,000 letter heads for D. D. G. M.'s and the circular letter addressed to the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge re 18-year old amendment, all of which were authorized last Session.

FRED DAVEY,
R. H. ABERCROMBIE
D. R. MACDONALD,
HINKSON SIDDALL,
JAMES CROSSAN,
A. G. SHAW,

Representative Siddall, No. 33, 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 I will move to-morrow to amend By-Law No. 1, Grand Lodge, by striking out the words "and appointed officers" in line one.

HINKSON SIDDALL.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

Victoria, B.C., June 6th, 1901.

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

We, the undersigned members of the Finance Committee, beg to report that we have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the year ending June 1st, 1901, and find them correct.

JAMES POTTINGER,
ROBERT LIVINGSTONE.

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

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present.

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

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

An invitation was read from Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, to attend a social gathering to be held to-morrow evening, which was on motion accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

A telegram was read from Bro. T. C. Gray, P.G.M., Nelson, regretting his inability to attend and wishing the Grand Lodge a most successful Session, which was, on motion, ordered to be received and filed.

Representative D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3, 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 at to-morrow's session of this Grand Lodge I will make the following motion:

That Sec. 2, Art. IV of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended as follows:

Strike out the word "ten" in line seven and insert the word "eight" in lieu.

Strike out the words "seven dollars and fifty cents" in line ten, and insert the word "six" in lieu.

Strike out the word "five" in line thirteen, and insert the word "four" in lieu thereof.

D. E. MACKENZIE.

By direction the Grand Warden retired and conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on the following Past Grands in the ante-room: R. Gillard, G. A. Thompson, E. Mulholland, A. J. Malicord, R. Booth, B. Hirst, No. 5; T. W. Mouat, No. 20; E. Lundeberg, No. 22.

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

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

I hereby give notive that to-morrow I will move the following amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge and to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges:—

Strike out By-Law No. 10 of the Grand Lodge and substitute the following:

A fine of two dollars per month shall be due and payable to the Grand Lodge by every Lodge of this Jurisdiction for every month that may elapse after the close of the terms ended 30th June and 31st December of each year until the returns mentioned in Sec. 4 and 5 of Art. IX of the Grand Lodge Constitution, and the per capita tax due the Grand Lodge are received by the Grand Secretary; and further, should any Lodge or its Officers fail to forward the returns and per capita tax due for the term ending 31st December of any year so as to reach the Grand Secretary on the 31st day of March next following, it shall be debarred from representation at the next ensuing Session of the Grand Lodge.

Add new clause to Sec. 3, Art. X, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges as follows:

A fine of two dollars per month shall be payable by this Lodge to the Grand Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of the terms ending 30th June and 31st December of each year until the returns mentioned in Sec. 2 and 3 of this Article and the per capita tax due to the Grand Lodge are received by the Grand Secretary; and further, should this Lodge or its officers fail to forward the returns and per capita tax due for the term ending 31st December of any year so as to reach the Grand Secretary on the 31st March next following, it shall be debarred from representation at the next ensuing Session of the Grand Lodge.

FRED DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of Indiana inviting members of this Jurisdiction to become its guests during the Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Indianapolis in September next, whch was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

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 petitions for the undermentioned Subordinate Lodges, and find the law has been complied with in each case, and recommend that charters be issued accordingly.

Gateway Lodge, No. 45, located at Grand Forks, B.C., with the following charter members: C. A. Powell, P.G.; Fred Clark, Gordon T. Park, Geo. K. Bradshaw and A. L. Clements.

Snowshoe Lodge, No. 46, to be located at Phoenix, B..C, with the following charter members: Alexander McDonald, Charles A. McClung, Robert A. Scott, D. Whiteside, J. S. Paterson, George R. Mead and Thomas J. Hardy.

E. F. GERSTER,
H. FULTON,
F. A. BILLINGSLEY,
JAS GLEN,
G. COLES,
DAVID ARNOT,
J. A. STONE,

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 beg to report on the proposed amendment of Article 2, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, notice of which has been given by Bro. E. C. Arthur, Grand Chaplain; H. J. Raymer, P.G.M.,No. 36, and A. Mitchell, No. 8. While the members of the Committee are in favor of a reduction in the repre-

sentation, we are not inclined to recommend the reduction in the manner proposed by the amendment.

THOS. TAYLOR,
M. PHILLIPS,
W. J. KERR,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
RALPH SMAILES,
J. L. McTAGGART,
H. J. RAYMER.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates submitted the following Report, 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 the following By-Laws and amendments thereto of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of this Jurisdiction with the result noted against each.

Royal City Lodge, No. 3, new code.—Approved.

Amity Lodge, No. 27, new code.—Approved.

Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, new code.—Approved.

Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38, and Gateway Lodge, No. 45, submitted new code of By-Laws which were almost identical. These we approved with some minor amendments, but declined to approve provision for the payment of dues in advance, the Grand Lodge not having given permission to the Subordinate Lodges to adopt such a provision, and as we are of opinion that such an enactment would lead to undesirable complications in determining when a member is in arrears for dues and not entitled to benefits. (See Sec. 319 White's Digest.)

Wilkey Lodge, No. 44, new code.—Approved with some minor amendments.

Union Lodge No. 11, amendment to Art. XIX, Sec. 1, reducing sick benefits to $2.50 per week after twelve months' sickness.—Approved.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, amendment to Art. I, Sec. 2, alteration of hour of meeting.—Approved.

Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, amendment to Sec. 1, Art. XX, fixing sick benefits to third degree members at $2 for first week, $7 for next 25 weeks, $5 for next 26 weeks and $3 per week after twelve months' continuous sickness.—Approved.

Selkirk Lodge No. 12, amendment to Sec. 1, Art. XIX, payment of sick benefits to third degree members, $3 for first week, $10 for next 25 weeks, $7.50 next 26 weeks, $5 per week for next three years' continuous sickness, then $1 per week. To other mmbers, $3 for first week, $6 for next 25 weeks, $4.50 for next 26 weeks, $3 for next three years and $1 per week thereafter.—Approved.

Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, changing night of meeting from Wednesday to Saturday.—Approved.

Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, amendment to Sec. 1, Art. XVIII, creating a "contingent" fund.—Approved.

EDWARD BRAGG,
J. YORK,
JAMES BELL,

The Grand Secretary submitted the following Report, which was, on motion, ordered to be received and printed in the proceedings of this Session, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge tendered to the Grand Secretary for preparing the Report.

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

The appointment of a Committee on Satistics re dues and benefits having been inadvertently overlooked at the last Session, I take the liberty of presenting herewith a tabulated abstract of the reports of Subordinate Lodges on this subject for the past ten years, so as to prevent a break in continuity of these reports which have been regularly submitted to this Grand Lodge since 1894 in conformity with a recommendation made by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its Session of 1893.

These reports are self-explanatory and require very little comment. It is gratifying, however, to note that they show a steady diminution in the ten years' averages reported on since 1894 in the very important heads of "Cost per Member for Relief" and "Cost per Member for Current Expenses."

Yours fraternally,

FRED DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS

Of Subordinate Lodges for Ten Years Ended 31st December, 1900.

Year.	No. of Members.	No. Sick.	No. of Weeks Benefits Paid.	Deaths.	Amount Paid for.							Average.				Receipts.			
					Sick Benefits.	Funeral Expenses.	Widowed Families.	Relief and Education of Orphans.	Special Relief.	Total Relief.	Current or Working Expenses.	Sickness per Member. Days.	Cost per Memb. for Total Relief.	Cost Memb. Cur. or Working Exp.	Cost Memb. for all Lodge Exp'ditures	Dues.	Initiation and Degree.	Rent and other Investments.	Total.
1891	1430	171	1100	13	$ 9,525 70	$ 881 50	$120 00	$ 50 00	.....	$10,567 20	$12,107 37	5⅓	$7 39	$8 47	$15 86	.....	.....	.....	$29,591 26
1892	1954	205	1164	13	9,675 90	1,106 00	300 00	.....	.....	11.403 70	18,660 41	4⅙	5 84	9 55	15 39	.....	.....	.....	41,'42 93
1893	2154	247	1279	13	10,450 60	1,116 00	397 00	145 00	$ 774 00	12,882 60	16,111 97	4⅙	5 98	7 48	13 46	.....	.....	.....	42,480 02
1894	3015	285	1606	14	13,254 47	1,093 00	285 00	60 00	544 00	15,236 47	22,077 36	3⅔	5 05	7 32	12 37	$27,492 65	$14,909 50	$10,275 53	53,798 79
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ABSTRACT OF REPORTS

Of Subordinate Lodges for Ten Years Ending December, 1900.

Average sickness per member during 10 years	5 days, 11 hours
" cost per member for total relief during 10 years	$ 7 07
" " " " current Exp. for 10 "	6 61
" " " " all Lodges expenditures during 10 years	13 68

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
Average sickness per member during preceding 10 years	5½ days	5 1-5 days	5 1-10 dys	5 1-6days	5¼ days	5 dy 8½ h.	5 dy 11 hr.
Average cost per member for total relief preceding 10 years	$ 8 17	$ 7 37	$ 7 31	$ 7 08	$ 7 17	$ 7 14	$ 7 07
Average cost per member for current expenses preceding 10 years	7 63	7 67	7 41	6 99	6 83	6 70	6 61
Average cost per member for all Lodge expenditures preceding 10 years	15 81	15 04	14 73	14 07	14 00	13 84	13 68

The time fixed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the following nominations were offered:—

For Grand Master—Wm. Hogg, No. 10, nominated by H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36.

For Deputy Grand Master—A. Graham, No. 1, nominated by A. G. Shaw, No. 16.

P. W. Dempster, No. 2, nominated by D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3.

For Grand Warden—T. Taylor, No. 41, nominated by J. Palmer, No. 12.

J. Newton, No. 20, nominated by G. T. Fox, No 2.

E. C. Arthur, No. 16, nominated by F. E. Simpson, No. 42.

R. May, No. 27, nominated by E. L. Webber, No. 27.

For Grand Secretary—F. Davey, No. 1, nominated by F. Carne, P.G.M., No. 1.

For Grand Treasurer—T. F. Neelands, No. 8, nominated by A. Sheret, No. 4.

For Grand Representative—W. H. Morton, P.G.M., No. 5, nominated by A. Henderson, P.G.M., No. 2.

G. R. Gordon, No. 26, nominated by A. H. Clements, No. 16.

The Grand Master appointed A. Henderson, P.G.M., No. 2; H. B. Gilmour, P.G.M., No. 10, and T. A. Muir, No. 3, to act as tellers.

There being but one nominee for the office of Grand Master, the Grand Secretary was, on motion, directed to cast the ballot for the Grand Lodge in favor of Bro. W. Hogg, No. 10, and this having been done, Bro. Hogg was declared duly elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The ballot was spread for the election of Deputy Grand Master and the following result announced:

Number of votes cast, 100. A. Graham, No. 1, received 71 votes; P. W. Dempster, No. 2, received 28 votes; blank 1.

Bro. A. Graham, No. 1, having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The ballot was then spread for the election of Grand Warden, with the following result:

Number of votes cast, 100. Bro. Taylor, No. 41, received 11 votes. Bro. Newton, No. 20, received 45 votes. Bro. Arthur, No. 16, received 27 votes. Bro. May, No. 27, received 16 votes. Blank, 1.

Neither candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast, the ballot was again spread, the name of Bro. Taylor, No. 41, being dropped, with the following result:

Number of votes cast, 100. Bro. Newton, No. 20, received 47 votes. Bro. Arthur, No. 16, received 45 votes. Bro. May, No. 27, received 7 votes. Blank, 1.

No majority appearing for either candidate, a fresh ballot was spread, Bro. May's name being dropped, and the following result announced:

Number of votes cast, 100. Bro. Newton, No. 20, received 49 votes. Bro. Arthur, No. 16, received 50 votes. Blank, 1.

The Grand Master decided that neither candidate had received a majority of votes cast, and a fresh ballot was spread with the following result:

Number of votes cast, 100. Bro. Newton, No. 20, received 46 votes. Brother Arthur, No. 16, received 53 votes. Blank, 1.

Bro. E. C. Arthur, M.D., No. 16, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

Bro. F. Davey, No. 1, being the only nominee for the office of Grand Secretary, was declared duly elected, the vote of the Grand Lodge being cast by the Deputy Grand Master for his election.

Bro. T. F. Neelands, No. 8, being the only nominee for Grand Treasurer, was declared duly elected, the Grand Secretary by order of the Grand Lodge casting the ballot for his election.

The ballot was spread for Grand Representative, with the following result:

Number of votes cast, 100. Bro. Morton, P.G.M., No. 5, received 68 votes. Bro. G. R. Gordon, No. 26, received 32 votes. Blank, 1.

Bro. Morton, P.G.M., No. 5, was accordingly declared duly elected Grand Representative for two years.

E. C. Arthur, No. 16, Grand Chaplain, gave the following notice of motion, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:—

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

I hereby give notice that at to-morrow's session of the Grand Lodge I will move to add the following section to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, viz.:—

The Treasurer of every Subordinate Lodge shall be bonded at the expense of the Lodge in some guarantee company doing business in British Columbia, for the minimum sum of five hundred dollars, and such further sum as the Lodge may by resolution from time to time determine.

E. C. ARTHUR.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to 9:30 a.m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 9:30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present.

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

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

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

Representative J. Neen, No. 20, gave the following notice of motion, which was referred to the Committee on Legislatiotion:—

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

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move that the following clause be added to Article IV and numbered Section 9 in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, viz:—

Any Subordinate Lodge of this Jurisdiction may enact a by-law providing that any member of this Lodge residing within a radius of two miles of this Lodge, failing to visit his Lodge at least once in every three months may be fined the sum of one dollar for each three months of continuous absence, the same to be charged at the end of each term as dues.

Sickness of self or family or absence from the locality of the Lodge shall be deemed sufficient excuse for such absence, and therefore not liable to the fine.

Lodges shall furnish suitable register for members' signatures, which shall be in charge of the Outside Guardian.

J. NEEN.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented a Report, which was ordered to be received and considered seriatem.

Clause 1 was adopted.

Clause 2—Adopted.

Clause 3 was on motion referred back to Committee for amendment.

Clause 3 as amended was adopted.

Clause 4—Adopted.

Clause 5 was on motion struck out.

Clause 6—Adopted

Clause 7—Adopted.

Clause 8—Adopted.

Clause 9—Adopted.

Clause 10—Adopted.

Clause 11—Adopted.

Clause 12—Adopted.

The report of the Committee as amended was adopted.

The report as finally adopted reads as follows:—

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

Your Committe on the State of the Order beg leave to submit the following report:—

1. In reference to the report of the District Deputy Grand Master on Rossland Lodge, No. 36, we desire to state that a protest has been entered against said report; and that after considering the data presented and reading the Grand Master's report on said Lodge, your Committee have reason to believe, notwithstanding the report of the

District Deputy, that Rossland Lodge is in a good financial condition, and that it is apparent that its affairs are being handled with ordinary care and ability.

2. This Committee heartily endorses the prompt and able manner in which the Grand Master expressed the sorrow of the Odd Fellows of this Jurisdiction on the loss of our beloved Queen, and thank him for the evidence of the kindly appreciation of the King as shown in the official correspondence on file and which has become a part of the records of this Grand Lodge.

3. As to the suggested amalgamation of the two Lodges at Revelstoke, your Committee has heard statements by representatives of both Lodges, and in view of the information gleaned, cannot endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master that these two Lodges amalgamate.

4. The Committee recommend that the Grand Master correspond with Carson Lodge, No. 37, suggesting that the charter be surrendered, and that the members seek affiliation with neighboring Lodges.

5. The Committee heartily endorses the suggestions of the Grand Master in reference to the condition of the Rebekah Lodges, and would urge the fact upon the Grand Lodge that this branch of the Order is one deserving the earnest support and co-operation of every Odd Fellow.

6. The Committee recommends that great care be exercised in the appointments of D. D. G. M.'s, and believes the grouping of Lodges into one district would prove beneficial to the Order. Appreciating the difficulty of a geographical division that would be just and equitable, your Committee would recommend that a special committee be appointed to investigate conditions, decide upon boundary lines, and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge. We would heartily endorse the Grand Master's suggestion that D. D. G. M.'s be required to make quarterly reports to the Grand Master, thus enabling him to keep in closer touch with the Order throughout the Jurisdiction.

7. After reading the reports of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and District Deputy Grand Masters, the Committee take pleasure in congratulating the Grand Lodge on the healthy condition of the order throughout the province, and the commendable growth experienced during the year.

8. The Committee regrets the fact set forth in the Grand Secretary's report that some lodges are dilatory in making their reports, and

would suggest that some action be taken to impose a penalty upon all lodges guilty of such delay.

9. The Committee endorse the suggestion of the Grand Secretary for having a memorial page inserted in the report this year to the memory of the late Brother A. Phillips, P.G.M., who served so long and loyally in the ranks of Odd Fellowship, and also to other members of the Grand Lodge who have died during the past year.

10. Regarding the communication from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, asking for the co-operation of this Grand Lodge to make the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Indianapolis a successful demonstration. Your Committee would suggeste that this responsibility rests upon the representatives of this Lodge, and your Committee feels satisfied that all that can be done to advance the Order of Odd Fellowship will be done by the B. C. representatives.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. GORDON
F. E. SIMPSON,
J. IRVINE,
H. SIDDALL,
A. C. AITKEN,
A. H. CLEMENTS.

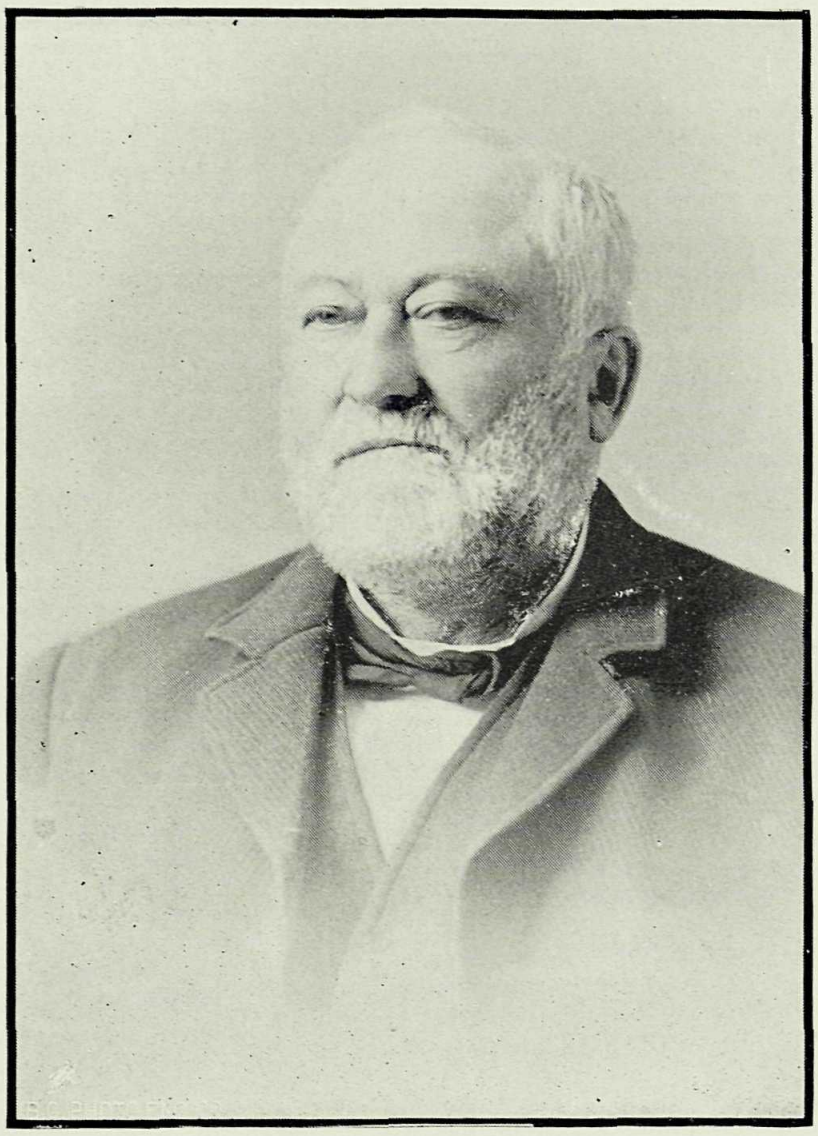
The Committee on Legislation presented the following report, which was adopted:—

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

Your Committee on Legislation beg to report on recommendation contained on page 1996, clause 1, of the Grand Master's report re alteration of the form of application for membership as follows:

Your Committee fully concur with the recommendation therein contained, and recommend the same be adopted.

THOS. TAYLOR,
RALPH SMAILES,
H. J. RAYMER,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
W. J. KERR,
M. PHILLIPS,
J. L. McTAGGART.



JOHN WEILER.

GRAND MASTER 1875.

Majority and minority reports were submitted by the Committee on Legislation, which were ordered to be received and considered with the amendment to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges to which they refer.

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

Your Committee on Legislation beg leave to report as follows on the proposed amendment of Clause 2, Article IV, Subordinate Lodge Constitution, as proposed by Bro. D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3, as follows:

The majority of our Committee are heartily in favor of the proposed amendment and would recommend its adoption.

THOS. TAYLOR,
RALPH SMAILES,
H. J. RAYMER,
M. PHILLIPS.

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

The minority of your Committee on Legislation beg to report as follows: In our opinion the passage of the proposed amendment to Cluase 2, Article IV, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges will work a great hardship on a number of old and rich Lodges of this Jurisdiction.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
J. L. McTAGGART,
W. J. KERR.

It was Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges be the first order of business to-morrow morning.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to 1 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 1 o'clock p.m., the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being 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.

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 of Peerless Lodge, No. 33, and find the law has been complied with and recommend that permission be granted Peerless Lodge, No. 33, to amalgamate with Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

G. COLES,
F. A. BILLINGSLEY,
JAS. GLEN,
E. F. GERSTER,
H. FULTON,
J. A. STONE,
DAVID ARNOT.

It was on motion Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge this morning in adopting Clause 3 of the Report of the Committee on State of the Order, be re-considered.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That Clause 3 of the Report of the Committee on State of the Order be struck out of the Report.

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 recommend the payment of per diem for five extra days to the representative of Union Lodge, No. 11, owing to the fact that transportation facilities are such that he is compelled to remain that much extra time in Nanaimo to attend this Session.

T. S. BROWN,
JAS. MATHIE,
W. H. WALSH,
A. CLELAND,
E. C. ARTHUR,
F. TAYLOR,
JACOB NEEN.

The Committee on Petitions presented a report, which was, on motion, referred back for further consideration.

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 approves of all dispensations granted and permissions given by the Grand Master, with the exception of the permission given to Silver City Lodge, No. 39, for the following reasons:

Your Committee fail to find any law authorizing a Grand Master to suspend the operations of a by-law of a Subordinate Lodge. The By-Laws of a Lodge can only be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws themselves, and they become operative only after approval by the committee of this Grand Lodge on the laws of Subordinates. As the approval of the action of the Grand Master in authorizing the suspension of a section of by-laws of a Lodge would create a precedent which is undesirable, we would recommend that the action be not approved.

Report of D. D. G. M., District No. 1.—Your Committee are of the opinion that the D. D. G. M. erred in his decision as to the time when an amendment to the By-Laws of a Lodge comes into force. Where specific provision is made in the Laws of the Order it is the

duty of all officers vested with judicial functions to render their decisions in accordance with these laws.

In the present case the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, Sec. 2, Article XIII, provide that the By-Laws of a Lodge are in force from the time of their approval by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, and the D. D. G. M. should have decided accordingly. It is quite possible that before an amendment to the By-Laws of a Lodge (which are registered under the Benevolent Societies Act) should also be registered before it would be accepted as legal evidence in the law courts of the Province, but this fact does not nullify or supersede the provisions of the Constitution on the subject.

All other questions and decisions are approved of by your Committee.

Fraternally submitted.

T. F. NEELANDS,
P. W. DEMPSTER,
R. W. FAWCETT,
H. FOOKS,
THOS. EMBLETON,
F. E. COOPER,
WALLACE LAW.

The Committee on Legislation submitted the following report, which was ordered to be laid on the table and considered with the proposed amendments to the Constitutions, etc., dealt with therein to-morrow morning.

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

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred the proposed addition to Article IV of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution as submitted by Bro. Neen, beg leave to report adversely on the proposed amendment.

Your Committee are fully of the opinion that the better way to insure a full attendance at Subordinate Lodge meetings is to make the meetings interesting and instructive, which may be done in various ways. For instance, by good floor work, and by cultivating the fraternal and social features of the Order. You cannot force the members, but they may be induced to attend, and to attempt to force them would

be to increase the causes for suspension for non-payment of dues. We therefore express our disapproval of the proposed amendment.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the amendments proposed by the Grand Secretary dealing with the By-Law No. 10 of the Grand Lodge, Section 3, of Article X, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

Your Committee would also recommend the adoption of the amendment to Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as presented by Bro. Siddall, as in their opinion it would tend to materially reduce the expenses of the Grand Lodge Session, which, we consider, is highly desirable.

Your Committee are in favor of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges providing for the bonding of Treasurer from a business point of view, but we are further of the opinion that the enforcement of an amendment of this nature might have a tendency to create a feeling of dissatisfaction in Subordinate Lodges in remote localities.

THOS. TALYOR,
RALPH SMAILES,
M. PHILLIPS,
W. J. KERR,
J. L. McTAGGART,
H. J. RAYMER,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS.

It was moved and seconded, That the next Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge be held at Rossland.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the question of the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge next year be laid over until to-morrow and that in the meantime the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, in conjunction with the Committee on Finance, be instructed to furnish a report as to the expense of meeting at Rossland.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

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

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

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

The consideration of the proposed amendments to the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions being the first order of business, E. C. Arthur, M.D., Grand Chaplain, moved the following amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution, Article II, Sec. 3, of which notice had been given, which was seconded.

Omit all the words after the word" representative" in the second line to the end of the first sentence and insert the following, viz: "Who shall have upon a poll one vote, for the first fifty members or less of said Subordinate Lodge, in good standing; and one vote for every fifty members over and above the first said number of fifty members, in good standing." After the word "alternate" in ninth line omit the words "for each representative elected"; in line ten change "a" to "the"; in line twelve omit the words "receiving the highest number of votes."

Section as amended:—

Sec. 3. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled in this Grand Lodge to one representative who shall have upon a poll one vote for the first fifty members or less, of said Subordinate Lodge, in good standing; and one vote for every fifty members over and above the said first number of fifty members in good standing. Representatives must be Past Grands in good standing, and shall be elected by the Lodge at the first regular meeting in May of each year to serve one year from the beginning of said Annual Communication. Provided that no new Lodge shall be entitled to representation in this Grand Lodge until it has paid at least one semi-anrual tax. Each Lodge shall at the

same time elect one alternate, and in case the representative shall be unable to attend the Session of the Grand Lodge, then the alternate may attend in his place and have all the powers and privileges of a representative. Vancancies may be filled at any time to serve the remainder of the term.

E. C. ARTHUR,
Grand Chaplain.
H. J. RAYMER,
ALEX. MITCHELL.

The report of the Commitee on Legislation on the proposed amendment having been read, the question was submitted to the vote, when five members called for the Ayes and Nays, which were recorded as follows:—

Ayes—Davey, Raymer, P.G.M., Arthur, May, Palmer, Newton, Carne, P.G.M., Gilchrist, Glenn, Ashwell, McLeod, Kerr, W.J., Mathie, Collishaw, Clements, Shaw, A.G., Aitkin, Irvine, Neen, Handlen, Morley, Shaw W., Stone, Fooks, Fulton, Warren, Coles, Embleton, Kerr D. E., Smailes, Lyons, Arnot, Simpson, McKenzie A.B., Cooper, Lundeberg—36.

Nays—Johnstone, Hogg, Graham, Fox, Dempster, Parker, Taylor F., Fawcett, Mackenzie D.E., Walker, Phillips M., Phillips J. E., P.G.M., Bell, Billingsley, Nicholson, Crossan P.G.M., Morton P.G.M., Neelands, Armstrong, Law, Cleland, McTaggart, McDonald, Wilson, Abercrombie, Brown, Gordon, Gerster, Walsh, McPherson, Webber, Brayshaw, Siddall, Taylor T.—34.

The motion not having received the requisite number of votes, was declared lost.

Representative D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3, moved the resolution of which notice was given yesterday to amend Sec. 2, Art. IV of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, which was seconded by Representative T. S. Brown, No. 26.

The previous question was moved and carried, whereupon the Ayes and Nays were called for and ordered with the following result:—

Ayes—Johnstone, Graham, Davey, Raymer, P.G.M., Arthur, May, Palmer, Carne, P.G.M., D. E. Mackenzie, Walker, M. Phillips, Neelands, McLeod, Mathie, Collishaw, Clements, A. G. Shaw, Lundeberg, Stone, Brown, Gordon,

Gerster, Walsh, McPherson, Webber, Warren, Embleton. Smailes, Arnot, T. Taylor, A. B. McKenzie, Cooper—32.

Nays—Hogg, Fox, Dempster, Parker, Newton, F. Taylor, Fawcett, J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., Bell, Billingsley, Nicholson, Crossan, P.G.M., Morton, P.G.M., Gilchrist, Glenn, Ashwell, W. J. Kerr, Armstrong, Law, Cleland, McTaggart, McDonald, Aitkin, Wilson, Irvine, Neen, Handlen, Morley, W. Shaw, Abercrombie, Fooks, Fulton, Brayshaw, Siddall, Coles, D. E. Kerr, Lyons, Simpson, Henderson, P.G.M.—39.

A majority of votes appearing in the negative, the motion was declared lost.

It was on motion Resolved, That the minority report of the Committee on Legislation dealing with the foregoing proposed amendment be adopted.

Representative Neen, No. 20, moved the addition of Sec. 9 to Article IV of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, notice of which was given yesterday, which was seconded by Representative Handlen, No. 20, and declared to be carried.

Representative Siddall, No. 33, moved the amendment to By-Law No. 1 of the Grand Lodge, of which notice was given yesterday, which was seconded by Representative J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4. The Ayes and Nays were demanded and recorded as follows:—

Ayes—Davey, Dempster, Raymer, P.G.M., Newton, Carne, P.G.M., Walker, M. Phillips, J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., Bell, Billingsley, Glenn, Ashwell, W. J. Kerr, McTaggart, Collishaw, Aitkin, Handlen, Lundeberg, W. Shaw, Abercrombie, McPherson, Webber, Fulton, Brayshaw, Siddall, Coles, Embleton, D. E. Kerr, Smailes, T. Taylor, A. B. McKenzie, Henderson, P.G.M.—32.

Nays—Johnstone, Hogg, Graham, Fox, Arthur, May, Parker, Palmer, F. Taylor, Fawcett, D. E. Mackenzie, Nicholson, Crossan, P.G.M., Morton, P.G.M., Gilchrist, Neelands, McLeod, Armstrong, Law, Cleland, McDonald, Mathie, Clements, A. G. Shaw, Wilson, Irvine, Neen, Morley, Stone, Brown, Bordon, Gerster, Walsh, Fooks, Warren, Lyons, Arnot, Simpson, Cooper.—39.

Not having received a majority of the votes cast, the motion was declared lost.

The Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on A. Matheson, P.G., No. 5, in the ante-room by the Grand Warden.

The Grand Lodge on motion adjourned to 1 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 1 o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present.

The Grand Marshal reported all present properly qualified, and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

It was on motion Resolved, That the call of the Roll be dispensed with.

E. C. Arthur, M.D., Grand Chaplain, moved the amendment to the Subordinate Lodge Constitution re bonding of Treasurers of Subordinate Lodges in a guarantee company, notice of which was given yesterday, seconded by Representative F. E. Simpson, No. 42. On being submitted to the vote 42 votes were cast for and 25 against the motion. Not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote the motion was declared lost.

The Grand Secretary moved the resolution of which notice was given yesterday to amend By-Law No. 10 of the Grand Lodge and Sec. 3, Art. X of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, which was seconded and declared carried.

The Commitee on Mileage and Per Diem and Finance presented the following reports, which were on motion received:—

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

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to report as follows regarding the matter of holding the next Session of this Grand Lodge at Rossland. Considering the representation to be the same as this year and omitting the appointed officers, whose location is not at

present known, we find that the mileage would be $2,921.40 as against $1,286.30 for the present Session, or an increase of $1,635.10.

T. S. BROWN,
JAS. MATHIE,
W. H. WALSH,
F. TAYLOR,
A. CLELAND,
E. C. ARTHUR,
JACOB NEEN.

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

Your Finance Committee beg to report the estimated cost—based on figures supplied by Mileage and Per Diem Committee of holding the next Session at Rossland, based on present attendance, as follows:

Mileage of 12 Grand Officers, 54 Representatives, at 10 cts. per mile	$2,921 40
Five Appointed Officers, at an average expense of $45 each	225 00
Per Diem for 71 members at $2 per day	426 00
	$3,572 40

The above sums, we may say, added to the other ordinary expenses in connection with the Grand Lodge would necessitate a per capita tax of $1.50, unless other arrangements were made.

D. McPHERSON,
F. CARNE,
DAN McLEOD,
C. E. LYONS,
CHAS. A. WARREN,
J. B. NICHOLSON,
J. W. ARMSTRONG.

The question recurring to the motion laid over from yesterday that the next Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge be held at Rossland, it was moved as an amendment that the word "Rossland" be struck out and the words "New Westminster" be inserted in lieu. The amendment was put and declared duly carried.

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

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

We Your Committee on Petitions have duly examined the petition of the members of the late Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, at Northfield, and find that the law has been complied with, and recommend that the charter and effects of said Lodge, now in the possession of the Grand Lodge, be restored accordingly. We also recommend that the usual supplies to new Lodges be donated to said Lodge when reorganized.

DAVID ARNOT,
J. A. STONE,
JAMES GLEN,
E. F. GERSTER,
H. FULTON,
G. COLES,
F. A. BILLINGSLEY,

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

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

We your Committee on Petitions have duly examined the petition of the Board of Trustees of the Odd Fellows' Sanitarium at Gainsville, Florida, for permission to solicit subscriptions for that institution in this Jurisdiction, and recommend that the request therein contained be granted.

DAVID ARNOT,
G. COLES,
F. A. BILLINGSLEY,
J. A. STONE,
H. FULTON,
JAMES GLEN,
E. F. GERSTER.

It was on motion Resolved:—

That a Special Committee of three be appointed at this Session to take into consideration the present cost of working this Grand Lodge,

and to suggest such steps as they may consider advisable to reduce the same, within the lines compatible with due efficiency, and report at the next Session of this Grand Lodge. If their suggestions should require an alteration to any of the laws of this Grand Body that they be instructed to draft the amendments necessary and give the requisite notice.

The Committe on State of the Order submitted a report, which was on motion referred back to the Committee for amendment.

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

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

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

NAMES.	No. of Lodge	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travl'd	Mileage.	Total.
OFFICERS.							
W. E. Johnstone, G.M.	8	Vancouver..	3	$ 6 00	36	$ 3 60	$ 9 60
W. Hogg, D.G.M	10	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
A. Graham, G.W.	1	Victoria.....	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
F. Davey, G.S.....	1	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
G. T. Fox, G.T	2	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
P. W. Dempster, G.R..	2	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
H.J.Raymer,P.G.M,GR	36	Rossland....	3	6 00	599	59 90	65 90
E.C.Arthur,M.D.,G.Ch.	16	Nelson.	3	6 00	595	59 50	65 50
R. May, G. Mar.....	27	N. Westm'r	3	6 00	61	6 10	12 10
A. Parker, G.G.....	10	Vancouver..	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
J. Palmer, G.C.....	12	Revelstoke..	3	6 00	415	41 50	47 50
J. Newton, G. H.....	20	Nanaimo....	3	6 00	...	..... .	6 00
REPRESENTATIVES.							
F. Carne, P.G.M.....	1	Victoria.....	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
F. Taylor..... ...	2	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
R. W. Fawcett.....	2	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
D. E. Mackenzie.....	3	N. Westm'r	3	6 00	61	6 10	12 10
D. Walker.....	3	do	3	6 00	61	6 10	12 10
M. Phillips.....	3	do	3	6 00	61	6 10	12 10
J. E. Phillips, P.G.M...	4	Victoria	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
Jas. Bell..	4	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
F. A. Billingsley.....	4	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
W. H. Morton, P.G.M..	5	Nanaimo....	3	6 00	..	.....	6 00
J. B. Nicholson.... ...	5	do	3	6 00	...	. ..	6 00
J. Crossan, P. G. M....	5	do	3	6 00	...	.....	6 00
W. Gilchrist.....	6	Ladysmith..	3	6 00	14	1 40	7 40
J. Glen	6	do	3	6 00	14	1 40	7 40
G. H. Ashwell.....	7	Chilliwack..	3	6 00	105	10 50	16 50
T. F. Neelands.....	8	Vancouver .	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
D. McLeod.	8	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
W. J. Kerr....	9	Kamloops...	3	6 00	287	28 70	34 70
J. Armstrong.....	10	Vancouver..	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
W. Law.....	10	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
A. Cleland	10	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
J. L. McTaggart.....	10	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
D. R. McDonald.....	11	Union. ...	8	16 00	80	8 00	24 00

NAMES.	No. of Lodge	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travl'd	Mileage.	Total.
J. Mathie	12	Revelstoke	3	$ 6 00	415	$ 41 50	47 50
R. B. Collishaw	15	Cloverdale	3	6 00	64	6 40	12 40
A. H. Clements	16	Nelson	3	6 00	595	59 50	65 50
A. G. Shaw	16	do	3	6 00	595	59 50	65 50
A. C. Aitkin	17	Duncan	3	6 00	33	3 30	9 30
R. Wilson	18	Vernon	3	6 00	417	41 70	47 70
Rev. J. Irvine	19	Mt. Pleasant	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
J. Neen	20	Nanaimo	3	6 00	...	.....	6 00
J. Handlen	20	do	3	6 00	..	.....	6 00
S. Morley	21	Ladner	3	6 00	71	7 10	13 10
E. Lundeberg	22	North Bend	3	6 00	165	16 50	22 50
W, Shaw	23	Ashcroft	3	6 00	240	24 00	30 00
R. H. Abercrombie	24	Eburne	3	6 00	42	4 20	10 20
J. A. Stone	25	Revelstoke	3	6 00	415	41 50	47 50
T. S. Brown	26	Vancouver	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
G. R. Gordon	26	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
E. F. Gerster	26	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
W. H. Walsh	26	do	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
D. McPherson	27	N, Westm'r	3	6 00	61	6 10	12 10
E. L. Webber	27	do	3	6 00	61	6 10	12 10
H. Fooks	28	Agassiz	3	6 00	107	10 70	16 70
H. Fulton	31	Ladysmith	3	6 00	14	1 40	7 40
T. M. Brayshaw	33	Victoria	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
H. Siddall	33	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
C. A. Warren	34	Golden	3	6 00	511	51 10	57 10
G. Coles	35	Cedar	3	6 00	5	50	6 50
T. Embleton	36	Rossland	3	6 00	599	59 90	65 90
D. E. Kerr	36	do	3	6 00	599	59 90	65 90
R. Smailes	38	Greenwood	3	6 00	657	65 70	71 70
C. E. Lyons	39	Sandon	3	6 00	519	51 90	57 90
D. Arnot	40	Slocan City	3	6 00	532	53 20	59 20
T. Taylor	41	Trout Lake	3	6 00	456	45 60	51 60
F. E. Simpson	42	Cranbrook	3	6 00	733	73 30	79 30
A. B. McKenzie	43	Trail	3	6 00	590	59 00	65 00
F. E. Cooper	45	Grand Forks	3	6 00	635	63 50	69 50
			$ 430 00		$ 1286 40		$1716 40

Fraternally submitted,

T. S. BROWN,
W. H. WALSH,
A. CLELAND,
JACOB NEEN,
F. TAYLOR,
JAS. MATHIE,
E. C. ARTHUR.

The Committee on State of the Order presented the following report, which was adopted:—

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order respectfully submit the following supplementary report:

We would advise that the recommendations of the Grand Master in reference to the establishment of a Home for the Aged and Orphans be given earnest attention, and that a committee of five be appointed with the Grand Master as chairman, to devise the best methods for raising funds for such a purpose, and that such committee be authorized to proceed at once, in conjunction with the Grand Master elect, to make the necessary arrangements for securing money for this fund.

Your Committee would also recommend that the per capita tax for Odd Fellows' Home and the Home for the Aged be not assessed this year, owing to the extra expense incurred by this Session.

GEO. R. GORDON,
A. H. CLEMENTS,
J. IRVINE,
F. E. SIMPSON,
A. C. AITKEN.

The Committee on Finance submitted 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.

In view of the increased expense attending this Session, we have not provided for a grant to the Odd Fellows' Home Fund, nor the Aged Odd Fellows' Fund.

REVENUE.

Cash balance, June 1st, 1901	$1,715 23	
Per capita tax, 3,300 members at 90c (45c 30th June and 45c 31st December, 1901)	2,970 00	
		$4,685 23

EXPENDITURE.

Grand Secretary's salary	$600 00	
Grand Master's expenses	250 00	
Sovereign Grand Lodge representative tax	150 00	
Rent Grand Secretary's office	100 00	
Printing	200 00	
Premiums 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	1,716 40	3,126 40
Balance		$1,558 83

Fraternally submitted.

D. McPHERSON,
C. E. LYONS,
J. B. NICHOLSON,
CHAS. A. WARREN,
F. CARNE,
J. W. ARMSTRONG,
D. McLEOD.

Resolved, That the installation of Grand Lodge Officers be held in the Third Degree at eight o'clock this evening.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, consisting of the Grand Secretary, Representatives H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36, and F. E. Cooper, No. 45, to make arrangements for the transportation of Officers and Representatives attending the next Session of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Special Committee appointed last Session re members of defunct Lodges paying dues to and receiving benefits from the Grand Lodge be continued and granted further time to report, also that the Committee be increased by three additional members.

The Chair appointed A. Henderson, P.G.M., No. 2; J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4, and P. W. Dempster, No. 2, as the additional members of this Commitee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, for the entertainment furnished the members of this Grand Lodge last evening.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered the Subordinate Lodges of this city for the fraternal and hospitable reception extended to the members of this Grand Lodge and for the use of this hall during this Session.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be conveyed to the management of the Vancouver Coal Company for the courtesy and kindness shown in taking the members of this Grand Lodge through its mine yesterday afternoon.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to 7:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

The Grand Marshal made the usual examination and reported all properly qualified.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

On motion the calling of the Roll was 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 secret work of the Initiatory, First, Second and Third Degrees was exemplified by Grand Representative P. W. Dempster, No. 2.

The Grand Master appointed J. D. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4, and A. Henderson, P.G.M., No. 2, to present the officers elect for installation.

W. Hogg, No. 10, was presented, obligated and duly installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

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

A. Graham, No. 1, as Deputy Grand Master.

E. C. Arthur, No. 16, as Grand Warden.

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

T. F. Neelands, No. 8, as Grand Treasurer.

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

Rev. J. Irvine, No. 19, as Grand Chaplain.

T. Taylor, No. 41, as Grand Marshal.

D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3, as Grand Conductor.

J. Newton, No. 20, as Grand Guardian.

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

The Grand Master appointed the following as District Deputy Grand Masters :—

T. M. Brayshaw, No. 33, for District No. 1, for Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 4, 33.

M. Phillips, No. 3, for District No. 2, for Lodges Nos. 3, 27.

J. Handlen, No. 20, for District No. 3, for Lodges Nos. 5, 20, 35.

D. D. Griffiths, No. 31, for District No. 4, for Lodges Nos. 6, 31.

G. H. Ashwell, No. 7, for District No. 5, for Lodge No. 7.

H. H. Davis, No. 8, for District No. 6, for Lodges Nos. 8, 10, 19, 26.

W. J. Kerr, No. 9, for District No. 7, for Lodge No. 9.

D. R. McDonald, No. 11, for District No. 8, for Lodge No. 11.

R. Gordon, No. 12, for District No. 9, for Lodges 12, 25.

W. Frampton, No. 15, for District No. 10, for Lodge No. 15.

J. McRae, No. 16, for District No. 11, for Lodge No. 16.

J. McLeod Campbell, No. 17, for District No. 12, for Lodge No. 17.

D. McIntyre, No. 18, for District No. 13, for Lodge No. 18.

Smith Wright, No. 21, for District No. 14, for Lodge No. 21.

P. Wade, No. 22, for District No. 15, for Lodge No. 22.

J. B. Bryson, No. 23, for District No. 16, for Lodge No. 23.

R. H. Abercrombie, No. 24, for District No. 17, for Lodge No. 24.

A Horwell, No. 28, for District No. 18, for Lodge No. 28.

C. Pearse, No. 34, for District No. 19, for Lodge No. 34.

T. Embleton, No. 36, for District No. 20, for Lodge No. 36.

——————, 37, for District No. 21, for Lodge No. 37.

T. M. Gulley, No. 38, for District No. 22, for Lodge No. 38.

Geo. Waite, No. 39, for District No. 23, for Lodge No. 39.

D. Arnot, No. 40, for District No. 24, for Lodge No. 40.

D. R. McLennan, No. 41, for District No. 25, for Lodge No. 41.

F. E. Simpson, No. 42, for District No. 26, for Lodge No. 42.

A. B. McKenzie, No. 43, for District No. 27, for Lodge No. 43.

E. S. Pollard, No. 44, for District No. 28, for Lodge No. 44.

C. A. Powell, No. 45, for District No. 29, for Lodge No. 45.

REBEKAH LODGES.

Sister Billingsley, No. 1, for District No. 1, for Lodge No. 1.

Sister Taylor, No. 2, for District No. 2, for Lodge No. 2.

Sister D. Thorpe, No. 3, for District No. 3, for Lodge No. 3.

Sister A. Gilley, No. 5, for District No. 4, for Lodge No. 5.

Sister Buchanan, No. 9, for District No. 5, for Lodge No. 9.

Sister Davie, No. 10, for District No. 6, for Lodge No. 10.

Sister E. Eatough, No. 13, for District No. 8, for Lodge No. 13.

Also the following to form the Standing Commitees :—

Finance.—D. McPherson, No. 27; J. W. Armstrong, No. 10; C. E. Lyons, No. 39; J. B. Nicholson, No. 5; C. A. Warren, No. 34; D. McLeod, No. 8.

Appeals.—T. A. Muir, No. 3; E. L. Webber, No. 27; A. Parker, No. 10; G. L. Center, No. 26; R. Wilson, No. 18; R. B. Collishaw, No. 15.

Laws of Subordinates.—Jas Bell, No. 4; D. Walker, No. 3; G. T. Fox, No. 2; H. Siddall, No. 33; S. Morley, No. 21; W. Shaw, No. 23.

Petitions.—J. A. Stone, No. 25; H. Fulton, No. 31; E. F. Gerster, No. 26; F. A. Billingsley, No. 4; J. Glen, No. 6; G. Coles, No. 35.

State of the Order.—G. R. Gordon, No. 26; F. E. Simpson, No. 42; Rev. J. Irvine, No. 19; J. Crossan, P.G.M., No. 5; A. C. Aitken, No. 17; A. H. Clements, No. 16.

Legislation.—T. Taylor, No. 41; H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36; R. Smailes, No. 38, J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4; A. Henderson, P. G.M., No. 2; J. L. McTaggart, No. 10.

Judiciary.—J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 3; R. May, No. 27; F. E. Cooper, No. 45; H. Fooks, No. 28; W. Law, No. 10; P. W. Dempster, No. 2.

Mileage and Per Diem.—T. S. Brown, No. 26; F. Taylor, No. 2; J. Neen, No. 20; W. H. Walsh, No. 26; J. Mathie, No. 12; A. Cleland, No. 10.

Printing.—F. Davey, No. 1; W. Gilchrist, No. 6; F. Carne, P.G.M., No. 1; D. R. McDonald, No. 11; A. G. Shaw, No. 16; H. Abercrombie, No. 24.

Statistics re Dues and Benefits.—F. Davey, No. 1; T. F. Neelands, No. 8; G. R. Gordon, No. 26.

Correspondence.—W. E. Johnstone, P.G.M., No. 8; W. H. Morton, P.G.M., No. 5; H. B. Gilmour, P.G.M., No. 10.

D. D. G. M. Districts.—E. C. Arthur, M.D., No. 16; F. E. Simpson, No. 42; F. E. Cooper, No. 45; T. F. Neelands, No. 8; G. R. Gordon, No. 26; W. H. Walsh, No. 26.

Odd Fellows' Home.—W. E. Johnstone, No. 8; W. Law, No. 10; E. F. Gerster, No. 26; D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3; E. L. Webber, No. 27.

Committee on Expenses of Grand Lodge.—H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36; E. C. Arthur, M.D., No. 16; F. E. Simpson, No. 42.

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

It was on motion Resolved, That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the retiring Grand Lodge Officers for their efficient services during the past year.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to P. W. Dempster, Grand Representative, for his exemplification of the secret work this evening.

An invitation was extended the Grand Lodge Officers and Representatives on behalf of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5; Centennial Lodge, No. 20, and Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, to be present at a banquet at the Opera House at the conclusion of business this evening, which was accepted with thanks.

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

It was moved, seconded and carried, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, *sine die*.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

Fred. Davey

Grand Secretary.

In Memoriam.

Alexander Phillips, P. G. M.

A Charter Member of Victoria Lodge No. 1.
Grand Master Grand Lodge of B. C. I. O. O. F., 1883.

D. Dale, P. G.

Victoria Lodge No. 1.

L. C. McDonald, P. G.

Union Lodge No. 11.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS

Of Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for the Half Year Ended 30th June, 1900.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as A. O.	Reinstated.	Error Last Report.	Withdrawn.	Deceased.	Ceased Mem. for N. P. D.	Error Last Report.	Total No. of Members.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	No. of Past Grands.	Receipts. Dues.	Admissions & Degress.	Rents & Invest'd Funds.	From all oth'r Sources.	Total.
1	Victoria.....	Victoria.....	M	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	104	....	...	30	$ 597 25	.....	$880 00	$100 93	$1,578 18
2	Colnmbia....	do	W	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	147	....	3	37	861 50	$ 35 75	571 40	25	1,468 90
3	Royal City..	Westminster	F	2	1	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	162	..	11	46	804 55	64 00	.....	72 00	940 55
4	Dominion...	Victoria.....	Th	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	159	....	14	43	842 75	78 00	222 00	.....	1.142 75
5	Blk. Diam'd.	Nanaimo ...	W	5	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	153	....	9	25	1 030 00	169 59	970 50	.....	2,170 00
6	Harmony ...	Wellington..	M	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	..	121	....	....	22	679 00	.....	449 10	441 20	1,569 30
7	Excelsior....	Chilliwack..	Tu	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	45	..	....	17	240 75	105 00	60 00	191 00	596 75
8	Vancouver..	Vancouver...	F	4	1	....	....	..	....	....	3	....	122	....	12	20	634 50	85 00	158 25	.....	877 75
9	Tatnai.....	Kamloops...	M	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	65	...	2	13	338 75	16 00	256 67	2 50	613 92
10	Western Star	Vancouver..	Th	5	2	1	....	....	2	...	4	1	201	....	34	29	1,127 25	161 00	....	3 00	1,291 25
11	Union.....	Union.....	F	1	....	....	....	....	...	....	8	....	59	....	3	17	276 50	34 00	146 00	160 25	616 75
12	Selkirk	Revelstoke..	Tu	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	81	....	2	17	360 50	25 00	.....	13 00	398 50
15	Cloverdale ..	Cloverdale..	Sa	2	....	....	.	....	...	....	....	....	32	....	6	11	170 50	40 00	18 70	.....	229 20
16	Kootenay....	Nelson.....	M	9	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	...	79	....	26	13	530 80	260 00	279 00	.....	1,069 80
17	Duncan.....	Duncan	Sa	6	...	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	47	....	15	13	252 00	149 00	56 00	.....	457 00
18	Vern'n Val'y	Vernon.....	W	2	....	....	....	...	...	....	...	....	33	....	4	14	170 50	47 00	70 00	32 00	319 50
19	Mt. Pleasant.	Mt. Pleasant.	Tu	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	43	....	....	14	255 75	.....	80 00	6 25	342 00
20	Centennial..	Nanaimo....	M	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	102	....	3	16	517 00	30 00	.....	3 00	550 00
21	Delta.....	Ladner	M	1	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	....	....	15	163 00	15 00	9 00	12 25	199 25
22	Gold Range..	North Bend.	Sa	8	....	....	....	1	....	....	5	....	40	1	32	8	239 00	220 00	41 85	20 00	520 85
23	Ashcroft.....	Ashcroft.....	M	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	34	....	6	11	167 75	60 00	118 00	15 00	360 75
24	Island	Eburne.....	Tu	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	42	....	....	10	89 94	100 00	22 50	.....	212 44
25	Revelstoke..	Revelstoke..	Th	6	....	....	....	....	....	2	...	....	70	....	18	7	368 00	180 00	168 60	338 55	1,055 15
26	Pacific.....	Vancouver..	M	4	...	....	1	....	1	1	....	....	216	....	7	10	1,202 20	106 00	.....	95 65	1,403 85
27	Amity	Westminster	M	1	1	....	...	....	1	...	10	....	143	....	16	12	906 66	75 00	99 00	70 25	1,150 91
28	Cheam	Agassiz.....	Sa	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	...	....	44	....	3	10	233 00	10 00	195 85	.....	348 85
31	Banner.....	Wellington..	Tu	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	6	....	78	....	....	8	495 50	.....	110 00	13 00	618 50
33	Peerless.....	Victoria	F	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	...	113	....	6	11	633 75	33 50	.....	10 00	677 25
34	Rocky M't'n.	Golden	W	2	....	....	....	....	....	..	3	...	47	....	6	6	218 00	65 00	6 00	.....	289 00
35	Cedar.....	Cedar Dist...	Sa	....	....	....	...	....	....	2	1	2	46	...	....	7	340 00	.....	.....	75	340 75

36	Rossland....	Rossland....	M	21	1	....	....	....	1	...	9	...	116	....	60	7	554 00	598 00	410 00	.....	1,562 00
37	Carson.	Carson	Sa	...	....	....	....	....	2	....	10	....	17	....	....	6	63 00	.....	.....	17 50	80 50
38	Boun. Valley	Greenwood.	Tu	7	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	56	1	28	8	253 25	245 00	60 00	....	558 25
39	Silver City...	Sandon.....	F	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	73	..	6	9	289 00	66 00	.....	.....	355 00
40	Slocan.....	Slocan City..	Th	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	2	.	34	....	4	4	159 50	36 00	162 50	504 95	862 95
41	Trout Lake..	Trout L. City	Tu	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	....	5	3	165 00	69 00	.....	.....	234 00
42	Key City	Cranbrook...	F	4	....	....	..	....	3	..	....	....	49	....	6	2	293 00	111 00	.....	26 75	430 75
43	Enterprise...	Trail....	Tu	11	....	....	....	....	....	.	..	....	75	....	43	3	448 00	256 00	.....	85 75	789 75
44	Wildey	Moyie	M	20	5	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	25	2	....	1	20 00	455 00	.....	.....	475 00
				147	17	1	6	1	14	7	68	3	3140	4	390	555	$16,991 40	$3,999 75	$5,530 92	$2,235 78	$28,757 85

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Of Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F., for the Half Year Ended 31st December, 1900.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as A. O.	Reinstated.	Error Last Report.	Withdrawn.	Deceased.	Ceased Mem. for N. P. D.	Error Last Report.	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....	M	1	....	....	....	....	....	3	4	....	98	...	3	29	$ 631 75	$ 26 00	$ 776 00	$ 62 50	$ 1,496 25
2	Columbia..	do	W	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	....	142	....	8	36	815 50	80 00	517 05	75	1,413 30
3	Royal City..	Westminster	F	2	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	165	...	4	46	677 50	66 00	.....	64 75	808 25
4	Dominion...	Victoria.....	Th	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	10	....	150	....	2	42	829 50	18 00	192 00	.....	1,039 50
5	Blk. Diam'd.	Nanaimo....	W	6	1	....	..	....	....	1	9	....	150	....	18	28	867 50	169 50	880 50	.....	1,917 50
6	Harmony....	Ladysmith.	M	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	119	....	....	22	700 00	.....	321 20	110 05	1,131 25
7	Excelsior....	Chilliwack..	Tu	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.	46	..	....	18	293 00	10 00	60 00	20 00	383 00
8	Vancouver..	Vancouver..	F	5	....	....	....	....	...	...	5	...	122	....	15	21	769 50	100 00	290 45	207 65	1,367 60
9	Tatnai.....	Kamloops. .	M	5	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	69	....	13	15	393 25	122 00	150 00	1 00	666 25
10	Western Star	Vancouver..	Th	10	1	....	.	...	....	1	5	....	206	1	23	30	1,167 50	216 00	197 62	25 00	1,606 12
11	Union..... ..	Union.....	F	2	.. .	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	60	....	6	17	294 00	50 00	74 00	125 00	543 00
12	Selkirk	Revelstoke..	Tu	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	....	66	...	6	16	309 50	60 00	30 00	.....	399 50
15	Cloverdale ..	Cloverdale ..	Sa	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	30	..	7	12	105 80	39 00	66 40	....	211 20
16	Kootenay....	Nelson.....	M	16	6	...	..	....	....	....	....	....	101	1	33	13	560 00	438 00	.....	314 00	1,312 00
17	Duncan	Duncan	Sa	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	51	...	9	14	271 00	88 00	68 00	.... ..	427 00
18	Vern'n Val'y	Vernon.....	W	4	....	....	....	....	....	....		...	37	...	17	15	181 00	112 00	50 00	225 25	568 25
19	Mt. Pleasant.	Mt. Pleasant	Tu	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	..	44	....	2	16	230 00	26 00	61 75	3 20	320 95
20	Centennial..	Nanaimo....	M	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	...	101	....	1	17	518 00	30 00	.....	17 00	565 00
21	Delta	Ladner	Sa	....	....	....	....	..	....	1	10	....	27	....	3	12	146 00	.....	5 00	.....	151 00
22	Gold Range..	North Bend.	Sa	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	39	....	3	8	248 00	25 00	.....	13 00	286 00
23	Ashcroft.....	Ashcroft.	M	1	...	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	33	....	7	11	146 00	15 00	84 00	1 00	246 00
24	Island	Eburne	Tu	....	....	....		....		....	....	....	42	....	3	11	100 00	.....	14 50	.....	114 50
25	Revelstoke..	Revelstoke ..	Th	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	...	69	....	3	8	390 30	35 00	309 75	.....	735 05
26	Pacific.....	Vancouver..	M	2	2	....	...	....	2	2	....	....	216	....	3	12	1,097 00	42 00	.....	18 00	1,157 00
27	Amity.....	Westminster	M	2	....	....	1	..	2	....	....	....	144	...	7	13	819 00	60 00	.....	1 00	880 00
28	Cheam	Agasziz.....	Sa	1	....	....	....		....	....	3	...	42	....	3	11	257 25	20 00	169 71	.....	446 96
31	Banner	Ladysmith ..	Tu	....	....	....		....	1	....	....	....	77	..	....	9	462 00	.....	.....	1 00	463 00
33	Peerless..	Victoria.....	F	6	....	....	1	....	1	...	5	....	114	..	14	11	624 35	91 50	56 68	.....	772 53
34	Rocky M't'n.	Golden	W	3	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	1	49	....	2	7	249 50	60 00	40 00	.....	349 50
35	Cedar.....	Cedar Dist...	Sa	....	....	....	....	2	...	....	4	....	44	....	....	8	342 50	.....	.....	15 00	357 50

36	Rossland....	Rossland....	M	20	2	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	135	1	78	8	966 60	641 00	438 00	.....	2,045 60
37	Carson	Carson	Sa	....	....	...	...	....	....	....	1	....	16	....	....	7	31 50	.....	.....	....	31 50
38	Bound'y Val.	Greenwood..	Tu	13	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	69	...	32	8	160 00	255 00	45 00	.....	460 00
39	Silver City..	Sandon.....	F	4	1	....	....	....	....	2	12	....	64	1	15	10	286 50	165 00	.....	2 00	453 50
40	Slocan.....	Slocan City.	Th	5	....	....	....	....	....	1	7	...	31	....	....	5	240 00	153 00	103 50	31 75	528 25
41	Trout Lake..	Trout L. City	Tu	4	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	31	....	12	4	227 00	100 00	.....	2 50	329 50
42	Key City....	Cranbrook...	F	9	1	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	59	..	20	3	201 00	210 50	.....	9 00	420 50
43	Enterprise...	Trail.....	Tu	5	...	....	....	....	....	...	1	...	79	....	15	3	406 00	135 00	.....	28 80	569 80
44	Wildey	Moyie.....	M	8	....	....	....	....	1	..	....	....	32	....	16	2	161 00	235 00	287 50	.....	683 50
45	Gateway.....	Grand Forks	Th	34	10	....	3	...	....	....	....	..	47	....	104	3	197 50	770 00	25 00	.....	992 50
				182	25	1	8	2	15	15	111	1	3216	4	491	573	$17,373 30	$4,663 50	$5,313 61	$1,299 20	$28,649 61

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS

Of Subordinate Lodges, Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F., for the Year Ended 31st December, 1900.

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. Relief of Brothers.	Relief of Widowed Families.	Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount Expended for Relief.	Current Expenses.	Total. Assets.
1	Victoria	21	1	3	523	$ 1,970 50	$30 00	$ 250 00	$ 10 00	$ 2,260 50	$ 464 05	$ 30,000 00
2	Columbia	14	...	....	202	1,149 50	.....	70 00	35 00	1,254 50	667 46	35,000 00
3	Royal City	15	...	....	124	853 00	60 00	.....	.....	913 00	897 57	3,421 35
4	Dominion	19	...	1	159	1,257 50	.....	110 00	51 00	1,418 50	425 71	14,778 00
5	Black Diamond	21	2	2	258	1,960 00	50 00	150 00	100 00	2,260 00	1,253 75	28,450 00
6	Harmony	16	2	1	155	1,151 00	70 00	110 00	.....	1,331 00	544 55	11,459 70
7	Excelsior	2	...	....	27	189 00	.....	.....	.....	189 00	50 00	4,400 00
8	Vancouver	14	...	....	93	672 00	.....	.....	.....	672 00	636 75	10,287 33
9	Tatnai	7	...	....	34	340 00	.....	.....	.....	340 00	476 15	4,675 34
10	Western Star	12	1	1	49	393 00	207 00	60 00	.....	660 00	396 39	9,190 75
11	Union	14	...	1	146	867 00	.....	75 00	.....	942 00	446 70	1,044 00
12	Selkirk	7	...	....	94	599 00	.....	.....	.....	599 00	202 20	2,525 95
15	Cloverdale	2	...	....	13	76 00	.....	.....	.....	76 00	145 85	2,959 35
16	Kootenay	7	...	....	14	126 00	.....	35 00	10 00	171 00	715 55	7,947 02
17	Duncan	....	...	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	231 66	3,137 83
18	Vernon Valley	3	...	....	16	157 50	.....	.....	.....	157 50	250 55	1,740 80
19	Mt. Pleasant	5	...	....	17	133 00	.....	.....	.....	133 00	173 25	1,025 00
20	Centennial	12	...	...	112	866 00	.....	.....	25 00	891 00	491 85	3,858 92
21	Delta	....	...	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

22	Gold Range	7	....	1	99	469 50	.....	.....	.....	469 50	95 95	2,151 30
23	Ashcroft	1	....	1	18	172 50	.....	.....	.....	172 50	337 50	2,200 00
24	Island	3	....	....	14	105 00	.....	.....	.....	105 00	118 55	1,200 00
25	Revelstoke	6	....	2	18	434 41	.....	84 00	.....	518 41	288 00	4,693 00
26	Pacific	35	....	1	296	1,739 40	.....	60 00	46 30	1,845 70	682 60	4,589 13
27	Amity	16	....	....	105	686 00	.....	.....	20 00	706 00	741 89	4,120 15
28	Cheam	9	....	1	42	257 00	.....	76 90	.....	333 90	93 95	2,234 75
31	Banner	5	....	...	30	247 50	.....	35 00	.....	282 50	270 25	2,618 71
33	Peerless	14	....	....	55	460 65	.....	35 00	.....	495 65	474 20	2,313 84
34	Rocky Mountain	2	....	....	7	70 00	.....	.....	.....	70 00	150 10	2,624 41
35	Cedar	4	1	2	48	346 00	10 00	150 00	.....	506 00	110 70	502 65
36	Rossland	12	....	....	88	460 65	.....	.....	13 00	473 65	2,666 45	4,934 35
37	Carson	1	....	....	21	94 50	.....	.....	.....	94 50	26 10	505 00
38	Boundary Valley	7	....	....	43	330 00	.....	.....	.....	330 00	1,077 80	2,500 17
39	Silver City	3	....	1	13	130 00	.....	50 00	.....	180 00	396 37	1,800 00
40	Slocan	2	....	1	6	22 50	.....	77 25	.....	99 75	1,238 55	1,147 97
41	Trout Lake	1	....	....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	144 55	1,208 95
42	Key City	1	....	...	7	21 75	.....	.....	.....	21 75	433 80	1,205 62
43	Enterprise	7	....	....	59	487 00	.....	.....	.....	487 00	484 40	1,464 45
44	Wildey,	2	....	....	5	30 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	448 11	625 27
45	Gateway	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	762 32	596 15
		326	7	19	3035	$19,219 36	$427 00	$1,428 15	$310 30	$21,384 81	$19,387 58	$209,937 22

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS

Of Rebekah Lodges, Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F., for the Year Ended 31st December, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Members Admitted During the Year.		Total Number of Members.		Receipts.	Payments.		Assets
				Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.		Relief of Members.	Lodge Expenses.	
1	Colfax	Victoria....	2nd and 4th Tuesday....	6	4	26	38	$ 205 20	$ 85 35	$ 66 80	$ 132 50
2	Mizpah.....	Vancouver.	1st and 3rd Wednesday..	7	3	28	49	157 15	37 50	110 00	.....
3	Miriam.....	Nanaimo...	Alternate Tuesdays.....	16	5	27	79	278 05	50 00	151 59	807 16
5	Beulah....	Westmins'r	2nd and 4th Tuesday.....	1	....	13	23	49 30	.....	72 70	443 50
9	Laurel.....	Ladysmith.	2nd and 4th Thursday ...	....	....	56	79	54 30	20 00	43 10	100 00
10	Fidelity....	Ladners....	1st and 3rd Saturday.....	....	....	6	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Harmony...	Carson.....	1st and 3rd Tuesday.....	....	....	10	9	9 25	....	5 25	.....
13	Deborah....	Rossland...	2nd and 4th Wednesday.	11	9	46	44	342 05	.....	192 40	376 50
				41	21	212	329	$1,095 30	$192 85	$641 84	$1,859 66

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PAST GRAND MASTERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I. O. O. F.

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*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.

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*Died 6th February, 1884.
‡Died 18th March, 1885.
+Died 24th December, 1897.
=Died 6th September, 1899.
†Died 20th September, 1879.
⁂Died 8th December, 1892.
‖Ceased membership.
÷Died 22nd November, 1900.

ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

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

Wm. Hogg, Grand Master.....Vancouver.
A. Graham, Deputy Grand Master.....Victoria.
E. C. Arthur, M.D, Grand Warden .....Nelson.
Fred. Davey, Grand Secretary .....Burnside Road, Victoria.
T. F. Neelands, Grand Treasurer.....Vancouver.
H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., Grand Representative Rossland.
W. H. Morton, P.G.M., G. Representative..Nanaimo.
Rev. J. Irvine, Grand Chaplain.....Mount Pleasant.
T. Taylor, Grand Marshal.....Trout Lake City.
J. Newton, Grand Guardian. .....Nanaimo.
D. E. Mackenzie, Grand Conductor.....New Westminster.
Jas. Bell, Grand Herald.....Victoria.

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will be held at New Westminster commencing Wednesday, the 11th day of June, 1902.

SUPPLIES.

The following rates will be charged for Supplies, all orders for which must be signed by the Secretary, bear the Seal of the Lodge, *and be accompanied by the necessary amount to pay the same:*

Subordinate Lodge Rituals	$ 3 00
Ritual for Rebekah Lodges *only*	3 00
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates	25
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards for Rebekah Lodges	25
Book of Forms	1 25
Book of Odes with music	1 00
White's Digest Edition 1895	3 50
Lodge Odes (Subordinate and Rebekah)	5
Odes with music Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges	15
Anniversary Odes	5
Funeral Hymns, with responses	5
Funeral Ceremony	30
Anniversary Ceremony	30
Memorial and Decoration Ceremony	25
Burial Ceremony, Daughters of Rebekah	20
Certificate of Membership, on plate paper	75
Rebekah Certificates, on plate paper	30
Officer's Roll Book	1 25
Question Book	1 50
Order on Treasurer's Book, 250 orders	1 50
Initiation Petitions, (per 100)	1 50
Subordinate Lodge Degree Chart (each)	3 00
Bound Proceedings, Grand Lodge of B. C., 1874 to 1885	2 00
Subordinate Lodge Floor Work	50
Rebekah Floor Work	50
Black Book	2 00
Code for goverament of Rebekah Lodges	10
Official Certificates and Receipts for Dues, in books of 100	1 00