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M. W. His Honour JUDGE FORBES,

38 Coburg Street,

Saint John, New Brunswick.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

The Thirty-Third Annual Communication of
Grand Lodge will be held at Masonic Hall,
Germain Street, Saint John, on Tuesday
the 28th day of August, A.D. 1900.

Proceedings

OF THE

Grand Lodge,

OF

New Brunswick

1899

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF THE

ANTIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY
OF

Free and Accepted Masons

OF

NEW BRUNSWICK.

HELD AT SAINT JOHN, AUGUST 22ND AND 23RD,

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HOLDEN AT ST. JOHN, JUNE 25TH, A. D. 1899.

Pursuant to a summons issued by direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, an Emergency Communication of "The Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," was held in the Masonic Hall, Germain Street, in the City of Saint John, on Sunday afternoon, the 25th day of June, A. L. 5899, at 3.15 o'clock.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER:

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D., in the East.

R.W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE, ...Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH R. MURPHY,Senior Grand Warden.
W. ROBERT CLERKE,.....as Junior Grand Warden.
V.W. THE REV. P. G. SNOW,...Grand Chaplain.
V.W. EDWIN J. EVERETT,Grand Treasurer.
V.W. J. TWINING HARTT,.....Grand Secretary.
W. ARCHIBALD BAUER,.....as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. GEORGE S. DODGE,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MR. JUSTICE MCLEOD,Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. FRANK L. TUFTS,.....Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. W. ALEXANDER PORTER,..Grand Sword Bearer.
V.W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. WILLIAM A. EWING,.....Grand Organist.
W. C. BERTON LOCKHART, ...Grand Pursuivant.
R.W. FREDERICK SANDALL,....as Grand Steward.
W. F. ST. JOHN BLISS,.....as Grand Steward.
BRO. CHARLES N. SKINNER,...as Grand Steward.
BRO. JOHN W. DANIEL, M. D., as Grand Steward.
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form, and with solemn prayer, at the hour of 3.15, p. m.

The M.W. the Grand Master announced that he had summoned this Grand Lodge of Emergency for the purpose of attending Divine Service at St. Paul's Church, this being the Sunday following the Festival of St. John the Baptist; and he then instructed the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies to form a Procession of Grand Lodge and the several City Lodges.

A procession was accordingly formed in the hallway in the following order :

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22, W. James A. Wilson, W.M.
 THE UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10, W. Robert T. Leavitt, W.M.
 CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8, W. J. B. M. Baxter, W.M.
 HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3, W. Henry B. Peck, W.M.
 SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2, W. Thomas Finlay, W.M.
 ALBION LODGE, No. 1, W. Frank A. Godsoe, W.M.
 A DETACHMENT OF THE ENCAMPMENT OF SAINT JOHN, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
 GRAND LODGE.
 ESCORT OF THE ENCAMPMENT OF SAINT JOHN, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
 THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER.

The route of the procession was by way of Germain, King, Charlotte, Coburg, Garden and Wall Streets, to St. Paul's Church, and Music was furnished by the Bands of the 62nd Fusiliers and Carleton Cornet Band.

The service, which commenced at 4 o'clock, was conducted by Brother, The Reverend A. G. H. Dicker, and W. Brother, The Reverend W. H. Sampson read the lesson. During the service, Hymns, "Ancient and Modern," Nos. 166, 415, 239 and 240, were sung by the choir, and the Anthem, "Remember Now Thy Creator," by a quartette composed of Brothers A. G. H. Dicker, Fred. Sandall, William A. Ewing and J. Twining Hartt.

The V.W. the Grand Chaplain, Brother The Reverend P. G. Snow, preached the sermon, taking for his text, Acts xxvii, 28-29 : "And sounded and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little farther they sounded again and found it fifteen fathoms. Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern and wished for the day."

On the conclusion of the service the procession of the Craft was again formed, and returned to Masonic Temple by way of Paradise Row, Mill, Dock, King and Germain Streets; and the M.W. the Grand Master and officers of Grand Lodge repaired to the Lodge Room and resumed their stations.

The M.W. Grand Master expressed his great gratification at the large attendance of the Craft and at the creditable and satisfactory manner in which the procession, to and from the church, had been formed and conducted. He directed the Grand Secretary to convey to the Noble and Eminent Commander of the Encampment of Saint John, Knights Templar, his special thanks for the escort which the Encampment had furnished.

Moved by V.W. Brother Freeman W. Wisdom, seconded by R.W. Brother the Senior Grand Warden :

That the thanks of Grand Lodge be passed and extended to the V.W. the Grand Chaplain for his presence this afternoon and for the thoughtful sermon delivered by him to the Craft.

Carried unanimously.

The resolution was acknowledged by the Grand Chaplain.

Moved by R.W. Brother the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Brother the Senior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be extended to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry, of St. Paul's Church, for allowing the Craft the privilege of attending Divine service in St. Paul's Church.

The M.W. the Grand Master thanked the members of Grand Lodge for their attendance in answer to his summons and referred particularly to the presence of R.W. the Senior Grand Warden, from Woodstock, and of the Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge, Fredericton.

Grand Lodge was then closed in *ample* form.

J. Twining Hartt.

Grand Secretary.

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OF THE
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OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
AUGUST 22ND AND 23RD, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899.

THE Thirty-Second Annual Communication of "The Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," was held at Masonic Hall, Germain Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing on Tuesday, the 22nd day of August, A. D. 1899, A. L. 5899.

PRESENT :

THE GRAND MASTER :

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D., in the East.

R.W. JOHN V. ELLIS, M.P.,.... Past Grand Master.

R.W. ROBERT MARSHALL,..... Past Grand Master.

R.W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,.... Past Grand Master.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER :

R.W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE.

R.W. WILLIAM J. LOGAN, Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. JOHN A. WATSON,..... Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. FRED. W. THOMSON,..... Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,.... Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. JOSIAH R. MURPHY, Senior Grand Warden.

R.W. FRED. E. DANVILLE,..... Junior Grand Warden.

V.W. THE REV. P. G. SNOW, .. Grand Chaplain.

V.W. EDWIN J. EVERETT, Grand Treasurer.

V.W. J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary.

W. J. ADOLPHUS HOYT,..... as Senior Grand Deacon.

W. GEORGE S. DODGE, Junior Grand Deacon.

W. MR. JUSTICE MCLEOD, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 W. FRANK L. TUFTS, Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 W. W. ALEXANDER PORTER, .. Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. WILLIAM A. EWING, Grand Organist.
 W. C. BERTON LOCKHART, Grand Pursuivant.
 W. FRANK A. GODSOE, Grand Steward.
 W. GEORGE K. COCHRAN, Grand Steward.
 W. ROBERT T. LEAVITT, Grand Steward.
 W. J. B. M. BAXTER, Grand Steward.
 W. W. H. LAUGHLIN, M.D., .. Grand Steward.
 BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

The following representatives of Sister Grand Lodges were also in attendance :

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	GRAND LODGE OF
W. J. ADOLPHUS HOYT,	Belgium.
R.W. JOHN. V. ELLIS,	Canada in Ontario.
V.W. THE REVEREND O. S. NEWNHAM, ..	Island of Cuba.
R.W. ANDREW McNICHOL,	Colorado.
M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,	England.
R.W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,	Florida.
R.W. JOHN D. SHORT,	Georgia.
R.W. ANDREW McNICHOL,	Ireland.
W. WILLIAM A. DOUGHERTY,	Illinois.
R.W. FREDERICK W. THOMSON,	Indian Territory.
R.W. GEORGE R. SANGSTER,	Kansas.
R.W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,	Maryland.
R.W. DONALD MUNRO,	Manitoba.
R.W. WILLIAM D. FORSTER,	Michigan.
M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,	Minnesota.
V.W. J. TWINING HARTT,	Missouri.
V.W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,	New South Wales.
W. JOHN JOHNSTON,	North Dakota.
R.W. GEORGE B. HEGAN,	New Zealand.
R.W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,	Ohio.
W. BENJAMIN S. BLACK,	South Carolina.
R.W. JOHN A. WATSON,	Texas.
W. R. WATSON WHITLOCK,	Utah.
W. JOSEPH A. MAGILTON,	Virginia.
R.W. WILLIAM J. LOGAN,	Washington.
R.W. JOHN V. ELLIS,	Wisconsin.
W. WILLIAM A. MACLAUCHLAN,	West Virginia.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form at the hour of 2.30 p. m., the V.W. the Grand Chaplain, offering solemn prayer and the brethren joining in reading the 24th Psalm.

Moved by R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M., and

Resolved, That Grand Lodge dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Communication, they having been printed and distributed throughout the jurisdiction, and that they be now taken as read and confirmed.

The minutes of the Emergency Communication of Grand Lodge, held on Sunday, June 25th, were read and confirmed.

The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master reported that the Board of General Purposes had appointed W. Brothers Joseph A. Magilton, J. B. M. Baxter, and Thomas Finlay, the Committee on Credentials.

The Credential Committee duly reported the following members in attendance and entitled to seats in Grand Lodge :

ALBION LODGE, No. 1.

Frank A. Godsoe, W. M.	Thos. Walker, M.W. Gd. Master.
LeBaron Wilson, S. W.	W. Watson Allen, P. M.
Edwin J. Everett, Gd. Treas.	F. L. Tufts, Asst. Gd. Dir. of Cer.
Freeman W. Wisdom, P.G.S.	William G. Robertson, P.Gd.Pur.
J. Adolphus Hoyt, P. M.	George D. Frost, P. G. W.

SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

Thomas Finlay, W. M.	Frederick Sandall, P. G. W.
R. Duncan Smith, S. W.	Chas. H. L. Johnston, M.D., P.M.
Rainsford H. Wetmore, J.W.	Arthur W. Sharp, P. M.
John D. Short, P. G. W.	William A. Ewing, Gd. Organist.
George B. Hegan, P. G. W.	Wilson L. Dobbin, P. G. Pur.
Arthur I. Trueman, P. M.	Archibald Bauer, P. M.
His Honor Judge Forbes, P.M.	Alexander W. MacRae, P. M.

HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3.

Alexander M. Rowan, S. W.	Went. E. Wilson, P. G. D.
William E. Raymond, J. W.	Fred. W. Thomson, P. D. G. M.
John Mullin, P. G. Std. B.	Joseph A. Magilton, P. M.
John Johnston, P. G. Std. B.	W. Alex. Porter, G. Swd. B.
William J. Logan, P.D.G.M.	William Smith, P. M.
Robert Clerke, P. G. D.	John A. Snell, P. M.
Samuel T. Strang, P. M.	George K. Cochran, P. M.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 4.

W. A. D. Steven, P. G. W.

SAINT MARK'S LODGE, No. 5.

William D. Forster, P. G. W.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 6.

F. St. John Bliss, W. M.	S. L. Morrison, P.A.G.D. of C.
Alexander Burchill, P.D.G.M.	John Black, P. G. D.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7.

David F. Maxwell, W. M.	John A. Boyd, P. M.
James Vroom, P. G. D.	The Rev. O. S. Newnham, P.G.C.
Julius T. Whitlock, P. G. M.	R. Watson Whitlock, P. M.

CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8.

J. B. M. Baxter, W. M.	Augustus W. Reed, P.A.G.D. of C.
H. Colby Smith, S. W.	W. C. R. Allan, P. M.
Charles R. Clark, J. W.	Wm. A. Dougherty, P. G. Swd. B.
Samuel L. Brittain, P. M.	Daniel C. Clark, P. G. Std. B.
John V. Ellis, M.P., P.G.M.	C. Berton Lockhart, Grand Pur.
Uriah Drake, P. M.	The Rev. Wm. H. Sampson, P.M.

THE UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10.

Robert T. Leavitt, W.M.	William A. Maclauchlan, P. M.
John R. Warner, S. W.	Benjamin S. Black, P. M.
Robert Marshall, P. G. M.	Mr. Sheriff Sturdee, P. M.
John A. Watson, P. D. G. M.	J. Twining Hartt, G. Secretary.
William B. Wallace, D.G.M.	Charles F. Harrison, P. M.
Mr. Justice McLeod, G.D. of C.	Charles J. Coster, P. M.

WOODSTOCK LODGE, No. 11.

George H. Harrison, S. W.	C. William Jenner, P. G. D.
Donald Munro, P. G. W.	Emerson L. Hagerman, P. M.
Josiah R. Murphy, S. G. W.	

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 13.

P. H. Warneford, M.D., W.M. Robert G. Earle, P. M.

SAINT ANDREWS LODGE, No. 16.

John Taylor, P. M.

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 17.

The Reverend P. G. Snow, Grand Chaplain.

MIRAMICHI LODGE, No. 18.

F. O. Petterson, W. M.	Fred. E. Danville, J. G. W.
W. R. Gould, S. W.	Robert Murray, P. M.

ZION LODGE, No. 21.

Ora P. King, P. M.	George Coggon, P. G. D.
William T. McLeod, P. M.	

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22.

James A. Wilson, W. M.	Alexander R. Campbell, P. G. W.
Frank Fales, S. W.	Andrew McNichol, P. G. W.
Fred. H. C. Miles, J. W.	David Dearness, P. A. G. D. of C.
Robert J. Melvin, P. M.	George E. Day, P. G. Pur.
George S. Dodge, J. G. D.	

KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

George R. Sangster, P. G. W.	A. Y. Clarke, P. G. D.
James E. Masters, P. G. W.	

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 26.

William H. Laughlin, M. D., P. G. Sword Bearer.

SAINT MARTINS LODGE, No. 30.

Andrew Skillen, P. M.	Judson M. Fowler, P. G. Std. B.
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CAMPBELLTON LODGE, No. 32.

Dugald C. Firth, D. D. G. M.

The M. W. Grand Master directed the Grand Pursuivant to admit Master Masons properly clothed and in good standing.

M. W. Brother Lieutenant-Colonel T. Page Butler, Past Grand Master of Quebec, and Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near that of Quebec, having been announced, R. W. Brothers J. V. Ellis and Robert Marshall, at the request of the Grand Master, withdrew and introduced the distinguished Brother, and conducted him to the East, where he was welcomed by the Grand Master and accorded the Grand Honors.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered his annual address :

BRETHREN :

Permit me to extend to you cordial greetings and a warm welcome to the Thirty-Second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and may the occasion prove of equal pleasure and profit to all concerned. May this Communication be marked by a spirit of thoughtful earnestness and good feeling which lends strength to all councils.

While the year, which has just passed, has not been marked with any striking event in our history; peace and harmony have prevailed within our border and much good Masonic work has been quietly done.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which are hereto appended, will show more fully the condition of the Craft, and with one exception, are hopeful of the future.

Our relations with Sister Grand Lodges continue to be most friendly and harmonious.

As in the renewal of intercourse our hearts are stirred with gladness, the very sense of satisfaction produced recalls to us the sorrowful fact that there are gaps in the circle. Some voices are silent that once spoke to us words of wisdom. Some eyes that smiled in friendly welcome are closed in the long sleep of death. Let us pause to pay a loving tribute to their memory, and give a fraternal recognition to their Masonic services.

David S. Stewart, a Past Master of Hibernia Lodge, died at his residence in this city, September 10th, 1898, after a lingering illness. He filled the chair of his Lodge during the year 1880, and for some years prior to that time had most faithfully and efficiently filled the office of Secretary. Brother Stewart was a kind hearted and faithful friend and will long be remembered by his Brethren.

R. L. Smith, a Past Master of The Union Lodge of Portland, died October 28th, 1898. Words cannot express our deep sense of the loss sustained by the Craft, and by the community at large, in the early death of this most worthy citizen and Brother. Of more than ordinary business capacity, and possessed of admirable tact and engaging manners and address, Brother Smith had won the confidence and most kindly regard of all with whom he was brought in contact. The same qualities which distinguished Brother Smith in his family and business relations, made him a popular worker in all pertaining to the welfare of his Lodge, and the promotion of good fellowship among his Brethren.

Charles A. Stockton, a Past Master of Albion Lodge, died December 24th, 1898. His Masonic work was principally done as an officer of Leinster Lodge, which was his mother Lodge. When that Lodge surrendered its warrant he affiliated with Albion Lodge. Brother Stockton was a man of more than ordinary ability; of a nature impulsive and generous. In his profession he had already distinguished himself, while as a citizen, he was willing always to do his part. We cannot but deplore his early death.

William H. Patton, a Past Master of New Brunswick Lodge, died at his residence on Princess Street, on January 4th, 1899. He served his Lodge efficiently in various subordinate offices, and in 1885 occupied the Oriental Chair. Of an old and much respected family, and possessed of many amiable qualities, he won and retained the sincere good will of all who knew him.

Dr. Joseph C. Hatheway, a Past Master of St. John's Lodge and Past Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, died April 22nd, after a lingering illness. R. W. Brother Hatheway was made a Mason in December, 1863. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master during 1868 and 1869. During the years of his activity there was no more enthusiastic or capable Craftsman in the jurisdiction, and in his knowledge of the ritual he was excelled by none. Under the authority of the Board of General Purposes, he compiled and published a Masonic Manual, and the subsequent editions of this work are almost word for word as originally compiled by him. Modest and unassuming in his manners, invariably courteous and considerate of others, Brother Hatheway won and retained the sincere regard and respect of all with whom he was associated.

David F. Merritt, a Past Master of Woodstock Lodge and Past Deputy Grand Master, died July 19th and was buried July 21st, with the full ceremonial of the Craft. The subject of a painful accident, some years ago, Brother Merritt's health gradually failed, and for some years prior to his decease he was a helpless invalid. So long as his health permitted he took an active interest in the affairs of the Craft, and at our Annual Communication there was no more familiar figure than his. Esteemed by his Brethren for his many sterling qualities, of good repute in the community where he had resided for so many years, he died deeply mourned, not only by his Masonic Brethren, but by all to whom he was known.

Jared Boone, Senior Past Master of Alexandria Lodge, died on August 10th, and was buried with Masonic honors on the 13th inst. An old and highly respected member of the Craft, he is deeply and deservedly mourned by his Brethren.

Sister jurisdictions mourn the deaths of many eminent Craftsmen. We extend to them our heart-felt sympathy.

We have received intelligence of the following deaths:

Henry C. Tomkins, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, died September 12th, 1898.

Palmer J. Pillaws, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, died June 22nd, 1898.

John M. Price, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, died October 19th, 1898.

John R. Purdee, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, died November 10th, 1898, at the ripe age of 90 years.

Thomas F. Wilder, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, has also passed away.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado mourns the loss of Past Grand Master Orin H. Henry, and of Past Deputy Grand Master Francis L. Childs.

R. W. Brother John R. Frizzell, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, died October 6th, 1898; the same Grand Lodge also mourns the death of Past Grand Master Archelaus M. Hughes, who died October 27th, 1898.

Robert C. Jordan, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, died January 9th, 1899, aged 74 years. He was the first Grand Master and father of Nebraska Masonry.

James A. Hawley, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died December 30th, 1898.

The Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba, mourns the loss of Joaquin Lancis, of Havana. He was our representative near that Grand Lodge.

George E. Wyman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, died March 6th, 1899.

R. W. Brother Lewis Johnston, M. D., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, died February 1st, 1899.

William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, died May 6th, 1899.

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas mourns the death of W. Brother J. H. Van Hoose, our representative near that Grand Lodge.

Byron L. Carr, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, died April 22nd, 1899.

John J. Sumpter, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died June 22nd, 1899.

R. W. Brother Edward C. Mahon, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, died June 22nd.

English Masonry mourns the death of the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. For years he had taken the deepest interest in the well-being of the Order, and among the distinguished Masons, by whom he was surrounded, he held a most conspicuous position.

The number of official visits, that I have been able to make during the year, has fallen far short of what I had intended. In some cases visits, for which I had arranged, were prevented by professional calls, which it was impossible to neglect. Everywhere I went I received the warmest Masonic welcome, and the visits so made were a source of great pleasure to myself and I trust of profit to the Brethren visited.

November 10th, 1898, I visited New Brunswick Lodge, accompanied by a full corps of Grand Lodge officers. Our welcome was most hearty. The work (M. M. Degree) was excellent, and reflected much credit on Worshipful Master George S. Dodge and his officers.

November 28th, I paid an official visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 2 and was most courteously welcomed. The degree work was excellent and the condition of the Lodge satisfactory. The Secretary is particularly deserving of praise for the excellent state of his minute and other books. The visiting Brethren were afterwards most hospitably and sumptuously entertained at the residence of the Worshipful Master, Dr. J. H. Morrison.

December 27th, St. John the Evangelist's Day, I visited Albion Lodge, and installed the Worshipful Master and other officers.

January 10th, I made an official visit to Hibernia Lodge and installed the Worshipful Master (elect), Brother Henry B. Peck. After labor came a call to refreshment and we fully enjoyed both the substantial hospitality of the Brethren of Hibernia Lodge and the feast of reason which followed. This Lodge is working well and its condition is good.

January 12th, I installed the Worshipful Master (elect), Brother James A. Wilson, of New Brunswick Lodge.

January 13th, I paid an official visit to Corinthian Lodge and installed the Worshipful Master (elect), Brother P. H. Warneford, and other officers. Assisted by the officers of Grand Lodge, I exemplified the F. C. Degree. The condition of the Lodge is most satisfactory and the officers and members are painstaking and enthusiastic.

January 19th, I paid an official visit to The Union Lodge of Portland and placed in the Oriental Chair, for a second term, W. Brother R. T. Leavitt. This Lodge possesses splendid material, their members are enthusiastic and their work excellent.

June 2nd, I visited, officially, Albion Lodge and witnessed the work of the M. M. Degree, which, was not, in my opinion, up to the standard which Lodge No. 1 should strive to attain. The condition of this Lodge is satisfactory.

June 8th, accompanied by S. G. W., R. W. Brother Josiah Murphy and G. D. of C., W. Brother E. McLeod, I visited Hiram Lodge. Our reception by W. Brother Bliss and the officers and members of this Lodge was most hearty. We witnessed the work of the M. M. Degree, and while the general effect of the work was exceedingly good, I had to point out where their rendition differed from our standard work. Any instruction I was able to give was, I feel sure, most gratefully received; as every officer was striving, with praiseworthy determination, to excel. Hiram Lodge is now in a very satisfactory condition and is adding good material to its membership. A most enjoyable call to refreshment followed and an hour or two was profitably and pleasantly spent in interchange of sentiment and of Masonic reminiscences.

August 10th, I visited New Brunswick Lodge, officially, and witnessed the conferring of the E. A. Degree, which was very creditable to Worshipful Master J. A. Wilson and the officers. This meeting was the occasion of a most interesting event. There had been placed in my hands for presentation to the Lodge, a fine painting of R. W. Brother James McNichol, Past Grand Master and first Worshipful Master of New Brunswick Lodge. I esteemed it a great privilege that I was selected by the donors to transmit to New Brunswick Lodge this valuable addition to its possessions and that I was enabled to say a word or two in memory of our lamented Brother. It must have been a peculiar pleasure to the members of New Brunswick Lodge, to receive at once a lasting memorial of its first Master, and a tribute of affection from two Brothers, who by their kindly and generous gift, have perpetuated the memory of such a distinguished member of the Craft. Brother F. H. C. Miles painted and donated the portrait; the handsome frame is the gift of Brother F. E. Holman.

Attended by R. W. Brothers Robert Marshall and W. B. Wallace, I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, held this year in the historic town of Annapolis, June 14th and 15th.

Nothing could exceed the warmth of the reception accorded to us, or the truly Masonic courtesy with which we were treated, both by the Grand Master, M. W. Brother T. B. Flint, and the officers and members of our sister Grand Lodge. I was deeply interested in their proceedings, and I can assure you that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is a very live body.

All questions relating to the Craft are threshed out on the floors of the Grand Lodge, and not as with us, too often referred to the Board of General Purposes. They have no Board of General Purposes. In the course of their proceedings the question of union of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces came up for discussion, and the following resolution was carried unanimously:

"That the matter of amalgamation of the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia having been incidentally referred to at the present session of the Grand Lodge; Therefore resolved that a committee be appointed to confer with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, or a committee thereof, should one be appointed, relative to the amalgamation of the said Grand Lodges."

While I am not prepared at present to support the scheme of a union of the Grand Lodges, I think much good would accrue by the appointment of a permanent committee of members of each Grand Body, whose power would only be advisory. To such a committee could be referred the adoption of a uniform ritual, the further consideration of a Masonic Home, and any questions that might arise affecting the Craft generally. It would tend to cement still more closely the strong ties which now bind us to our Brethren of Nova Scotia, and which these reciprocal visits have done so much to strengthen.

Brethren I recommend this subject to your best consideration.

I have appointed W. Brother John McGuirl, of Moosomin, to represent this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in the place of W. Brother George F. Newcomb.

I have appointed W. Brother Louis A. Jacobson to represent this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Pursuant to the resolution of the Grand Lodge, at our last Annual Communication, I have arranged for an exchange of representatives with the Grand Orient of Belgium, and have appointed W. Brother Albert Kruger, of Antwerp, to represent us near that grand body.

I have appointed W. Brother John W. Corbett, of Camden, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

A communication has been received from M.W. Brother Joseph H. Bullock, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, dated March 22nd, informing me that Tennessee has restored the System of Representatives and nominating a member of that Grand Lodge for appointment as our representative. I have had much pleasure in appointing, as such representative, W. Brother A. P. Trogden; fully sharing in the belief of the Grand Master of Tennessee, that these exchange of courtesies tend to strengthen and cement the harmonious feeling existing between our respective jurisdictions.

I have been pleased to appoint Dr. Fernando a Loreda to be our representative near Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, in place of W. Brother Joaquin Lancis, deceased.

W. Brother William Kent has been commissioned as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, in place of W. Brother James H. Van Hoose, deceased.

I have nominated W. Brother Benjamin S. Black, for appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina near this Grand Lodge.

I have nominated W. Brother William A. Dougherty for appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, in place of W. Brother I. O. Beatteay, who has declined to accept his commission.

W. Brother J. A. Hoyt has been nominated to represent the Grand Orient of Belgium near this Grand Lodge.

I have nominated W. Brother D. C. Firth for appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near this Grand Lodge.

I have nominated R. W. Brother Josiah R. Murphy for appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont near this Grand Lodge, in place of R. W. Brother D. F. Merritt, deceased.

I have nominated R. W. Brother George D. Frost for appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Under the auspices of Grand Lodge, the Craft in this city attended Divine Service at St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, June 25th; it being the Sunday nearest to the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

The weather was favorable, the attendance unusually good and the appearance of the Brethren, as they marched to the church, was imposing. The service was led by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, P.G.C.; Brother, the Rev. W. H. Sampson read the lesson. The sermon, an eloquent and scholarly discourse, was preached by the V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. P. G. Snow, of Newcastle. His text was: "And sounded and found twenty fathoms; and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again and found it fifteen fathoms; then fearing lest they should have fallen upon rocks they cast four anchors out of the stern and wished for the day." In forcible terms the preacher described the anchors which should hold us fast, both as Masons and as men; and pointed out those higher standards for which we should strive.

The Encampment of Saint John, Knights Templar, under N. & E. Commander George Blake, formed an escort to the Grand Lodge, and their services I here gratefully acknowledge.

I have again to thank my Brethren for many acts of courtesy extended to me during the past year. I desire, especially, to state my

obligations to our very efficient Grand Secretary, who by his painstaking methods and methodical habits has materially lightened my official work.

Moved by W. Brother John Black, P. G. D., seconded by R. W. Brother Andrew McNichol, P. G. W. :

That the report of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to a special committee, whose duty it shall be to report thereon to Grand Lodge.

Carried.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as such committee: R. W. Brother John V. Ellis, P. G. M., R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. G. M., and W. Brother John Black, P. G. D.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary, submitted his annual report and account as follows :

To the M. W. GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M., of New Brunswick:

I have the honor to submit my report as Grand Secretary for the past year.

The receipts of the Grand Secretary's office during the year amount to one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight dollars and fifty cents, viz. :

Registration Fees, Certificates, Dispensations, etc.,...	\$492 90
Annual dues, ...	1,185 60
	<u>\$1,678 50</u>

The detailed statement of these receipts appearing from the Ledger Accounts of Subordinate Lodges is as follows :

DR.		
To cash received from Albion Lodge,	No. 1,	\$126 40
" " " St. John's Lodge,	" 2,	118 00
" " " Hibernia Lodge,	" 3,	163 50
" " " Sussex Lodge,	" 4,	33 60
" " " St. Mark's Lodge (1897),	" 5,	33 80
" " " St. Mark's (1898),	" 5,	29 80
" " " Hiram Lodge,	" 6,	51 30
" " " Sussex Lodge,	" 7,	84 70
	<u>Carried forward,</u>	<u>\$641 10</u>

			<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$641 10
To cash received from Carleton Union Lodge,	No. 8,	89 00		
" " " The Union Lodge of Portland,	" 10,	132 00		
" " " Woodstock Lodge,	" 11,	125 50		
" " " St. George Lodge,	" 12,	28 60		
" " " Corinthian Lodge,	" 13,	38 80		
" " " Howard Lodge,	" 15,	24 20		
" " " St. Andrew Lodge,	" 16,	35 90		
" " " Miramichi Lodge,	" 18,	40 30		
" " " Zion Lodge,	" 21,	45 60		
" " " New Brunswick Lodge,	" 22,	68 50		
" " " Keith Lodge,	" 23,	72 40		
" " " Restigouche Lodge,	" 25,	40 80		
" " " Victoria Lodge,	" 26,	48 80		
" " " St. John's Lodge (1896),	" 27,	19 20		
" " " St. John's Lodge (1897),	" 27,	19 20		
" " " St. Martins Lodge,	" 30,	30 40		
" " " Benjamin Lodge,	" 31,	36 00		
" " " Campbellton Lodge,	" 32,	22 00		
" " " Alexandria Lodge,	" 33,	26 80		
" " " Albert Lodge,	" 34,	51 60		
" " " Carleton Lodge,	" 35,	41 80		
				<u>\$1,678 50</u>

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By Cash paid to Grand Treasurer as per receipt book,\$1,678 50

Since closing the above accounts the annual return, with fees and dues, has been received from Lodge No. 17, but no returns have yet been sent in from Nos. 14, 24 and 27.

There are several small unpaid balances which amount in all to \$47.55.

The Lodge returns contain the following particulars of the degree work done during the year, and of the changes which have taken place in membership :

Initiated, ..	99
Passed,	100
Raised,	95
Joined,	15
Reinstated,	12
Withdrawn,	38
Suspended,	43
Died,	30

There has therefore been a net gain of eleven, which raises the membership to a total of 1,778.

By authority of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master eleven dispensations have been issued, viz. :

To confer degrees at short intervals,	5
To wear regalia at divine service,	4
To inter with Masonic honors,	2

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And in five other instances brethren received Masonic burial, the proceedings at which were subsequently reported as required by the regulations.

Grand Lodge Certificates to the number of 98 have issued from the office since my last report, and, as far as I am aware, no arrears exist. The supply of blank Certificates is now very small, and with the advent of the year 1900, it will not only be necessary to renew the supply, but to have some alterations made in the plate from which the Certificates are engraved.

The correspondence with Sister Grand Lodges has been confined to the nomination and appointment of Grand Representatives, the notification of the death of eminent members of the Craft, and the receipt from some of the Grand Lodges in the United States of proclamations and reports dealing with the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington in reference to Negro Masonry.

Copies of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges have very generally been received, and copies of our own Proceedings of 1898 have been sent to all Grand Bodies with which the Grand Lodge is in fraternal relation, and in most cases receipt has been acknowledged.

I would report that Commissions have issued by the authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, and under the Seal of Grand Lodge appointing the following Grand Representatives :

To Albert Kruger, near the Grand Orient of Belgium.
 To William M. Kent, near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.
 To Dr. Fernando a Loreda, near the Grand Lodge of Cuba.
 To John McGuirl, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.
 To Louis A. Jacobson, near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.
 To John W. Corbett, near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.
 To A. P. Trogden, near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

The following Commissions have been received appointing Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge, viz. :

From the M. W. Grand Master of Connecticut, appointing W. Brother John P. Burchill, M. P. P.

From the M. W. the Grand Orient of Belgium, appointing W. Brother J. Adolphus Hoyt.

From the M. W. Grand Master of Illinois, appointing W. Brother Wm. A. Dougherty.

From the M. W. Grand Master of South Carolina, appointing W. Brother Benj. S. Black.

J. TWINING HARTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion the report was received and laid on the table.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer then read his annual statement of the accounts of Grand Lodge, and of the Fund of Benevolence :

EDWIN J. EVERETT, GRAND TREASURER.

In account with FUND OF BENEVOLENCE of Grand Lodge.

1898.		
August 19.	Cash deposited in Bank,	\$40 77
1899.		
February 1.	Interest on Masonic Hall Co. Bond for \$2,000, at 5%,	100 00
August 1.	Interest on Grand Lodge Bond for \$500, at 4%,	20 00
	Interest on deposit in Bank,	5 43
		<hr/> \$166 20
1899.	CR.	
August 18.	Cash deposited in Bank,	<hr/> \$166 20

EDWIN J. EVERETT,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., August 18th, 1899.

EDWIN J. EVERETT, GRAND TREASURER.

In Account with GRAND LODGE, F. and A. M., of New Brunswick.

Dr.

1898.			
Aug. 19.	Balance on hand, viz.:		
	Dominion Savings Bank,	\$274 89	
	Bank of New Brunswick,	844 38	\$1,119 27
1899.			
Feb. 1.	Interest on \$2,000 Bond of Masonic Hall Company, for one year to January 1, 1899, for Fund of Benevolence,	100 00	
	Interest on \$500 Bond of Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., for six months to Feb. 1, 1899, for Fund of Benevolence,	10 00	
April 8.	Cash of Grand Secretary,	282 50	
26.	Cash of Grand Secretary,	185 00	
May 1.	Cash for Bonds Nos. 5 and 6, E series, \$500 each, 4% interest,	1,000 00	
July 6.	Cash of Grand Secretary,	207 71	
22.	Cash of Grand Secretary,	180 00	
Aug. 1.	Interest on deposit in Savings Bank to July 1, 1899,	8 22	
	Interest on balance in Bank of Fund of Benevolence,	5 43	
	Interest on \$500 Bond of Grand Lodge F. and A. M., for six months to August 1, 1899, for Fund of Benevolence,	10 00	
2.	Cash of Grand Secretary,	125 00	
12.	" "	182 50	
18.	" "	515 79	
			2,812 15
			<u>\$3,931 42</u>

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1899. BOND AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

May 1.	Paid Bonds Nos. 6, 7 and 8, C series, \$500 each, due May 1, 1899,	\$1,500 00	
Aug. 1.	Interest on Bonds,	420 00	
			<u>\$1,920 00</u>

1898. EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Oct. 12.	Masonic Hall Company, rent,	20 00	
	Dingee Scribner, typing,	6 00	
	David Dearness, services,	6 00	
15.	R. W. W. Frink, insurance on library to Oct. 11, 1899,	2 00	
Nov. 7.	Grand Secretary, three months' salary, ..	62 50	
1899.			
April 8.	Grand Secretary, three months' salary, ..	62 50	
May 1.	W. B. Wallace,	44 40	
July 6.	Grand Secretary, three months' salary, ..	62 50	
	Grand Secretary, postage, etc.,	20 21	
10.	Globe Publishing Company, printing Proceedings, etc.,	149 25	
	J. & A. McMillan, stationery,	1 30	
	Barnes & Co., stationery,	2 40	
	D. R. Jack, insurance on regalia, etc., to July 18th, 1900,	12 00	
22.	Military Band for church parade, St. John's Day,	25 00	
Aug. 12.	Grand Secretary, three months' salary, ..	62 50	
	Globe Publishing Company, printing, ..	5 25	
			<u>543 81</u>

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Deposited to credit of this fund,	\$125 43	125 43
Balance on hand, viz., in		
Dominion Savings Bank,	283 11	
Bank of New Brunswick,	1,059 07	1,342 18
		<u>\$3,931 42</u>

EDWIN J. EVERETT,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., August 18th, 1899.

Moved by R.W. Brother John A. Watson, seconded by R.W. Brother Andrew McNichol, and resolved :

That the accounts of the Grand Treasurer be received and lie on the table.

R.W. Brother William B. Wallace, Deputy Grand Master, next submitted the report of the Board of General Purposes, which on being read was received and laid on the table.

To the GRAND LODGE, F. and A. M. of New Brunswick :

The Board of General Purposes submits the following report of its proceedings for the past year :

1. At the first meeting of the Board, held on the 28th September, 1898, Worshipful Brother Joseph A. Magilton was elected Vice-President.

2. The Proceedings of Grand Lodge were ordered to be printed in the usual form, together with the membership lists of subordinate Lodges and a list of past Grand Lodge officers.

3. The Board had under consideration the matter of the request of Campbellton Lodge for a decree of expulsion of a former Secretary, and the result of their deliberations will be embodied in a subsequent special report.

4. After carefully considering the last section of the Grand Master's address, submitted to them by Grand Lodge, which deals with the words in Section 3 of the Constitution, under the heading of "Proposing Members" as follows : "The jurisdiction of each Lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge," the Board came to the unanimous conclusion that the Grand Master correctly expressed the law when he stated "that the distance should be measured in a direct or air line from Lodge room to Lodge room, and had no connection with territorial boundaries."

5. The matter of the report made to Grand Lodge by the special committee on membership of subordinate Lodges was also considered by the Board and the following report thereon is submitted :

After carefully examining the report we have to say that we differ very materially with that committee in many of the statements made by them (see Proceedings 1898, page 439).

While there may be isolated cases of members not being called upon to pass examinations, and of officers being advanced who do not make an effort to get up the work, we have no knowledge of such being the case, and we can safely say that these are not matters of general

occurrence in this jurisdiction. The reports of District Deputies not only strengthen this view, but refute the general remark that there is lack of interest in the Craft, although it may be that some Lodges are not as active as others, yet this is naturally the case in any jurisdiction.

It is undoubtedly true that the suspension of members for non-payment of dues occasions a decreased membership, and is a matter that very seriously affects the welfare of the Craft, but the Board are convinced that a more regular and faithful performance of duties by Secretaries of Lodges would largely overcome the difficulty. Members are too often allowed to fall several years in arrears, and then their payment is a matter which they are constrained to avoid.

As to the question of demitting and demitted members, we know this branch of the subject has engaged the serious attention of other Grand Bodies, and is admitted to be an exceedingly difficult matter to successfully grapple with.

It has been the experience of the members of the Board that as a rule Past Masters do not lose their interest in their Mother Lodges. Whenever official visitations have been made to the various Lodges, Past Masters have been found to be some of the most active and energetic of their members. In addition to this the Board emphasize the fact that the average attendance of our Grand Lodge compares exceedingly favorably with that of other Grand Lodges, and our returns show that nearly eighty-five per cent. of the members in attendance were Past Masters.

With respect to the suggestions of the committee, the Board desire to say that the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master attended at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, held at Annapolis in June last, at the instance of the Board, and the resolution passed at that meeting will be submitted for consideration. The Board upon consideration report as follows upon the suggestions :

(a). That it is the duty of Worshipful Masters of Lodges to see that no candidate be advanced who has not passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge according to the provisions of the Constitution ; that they should instruct not only the Lodge but its officers by the exemplification of the Ritual, and that they should personally interest themselves in seeing that the members attend, so that those seeking advancement will be posted in their work, but the Board have no reason to believe that Worshipful Masters in this jurisdiction are so derelict in their duty to their Lodges or the fraternity as not to see that these matters are enforced and performed.

(b). That they approve of a Grand Lecturer being appointed as a Grand Lodge officer, to rank after the Grand Secretary, at a salary to be

fixed by Grand Lodge. That it shall be his duty to visit and instruct the officers of subordinate Lodges, and that he be allowed to take with him as an assistant any Past Master, whose travelling expenses shall be paid by Grand Lodge; also that he take his instructions from the Ritual Committee, and in view of this the Board suggest that the Ritual Committee should be called together at as early a date as possible, and further it is the opinion of the Board that the Ritual Committee should hold quarterly or half-yearly meetings, so that any questions arising as to the Ritual may be discussed and settled.

(c). The Board are of opinion that more time should be devoted to the discussion of matters arising in Grand Lodge before a reference of them is made to this Board or any committee, and we suggest that the naming of the hour of the assembling of Grand Lodge be left in the discretion of the Grand Master, and not fixed as at present.

(d). The Board is of opinion that the exemplifying of degrees is very beneficial to the Craft, and the time spent in doing so is most profitably spent, but in view of the large amount of business before Grand Lodge the Board have not deemed it advisable to recommend any exemplification at this session.

(e). The other suggestions in the report, viz., the collection and relief from dues, and the itinerancy of Grand Lodge, are fully covered by the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

(f). The Board also recommend that Lodges of Sorrow in remembrance of deceased brethren should be held at least once a year, and that the Craft should publicly attend divine service more frequently.

6. The Board on motion ordered that two bonds for \$500 each, payable in eleven and twelve years respectively, with interest at four per cent., be issued to take up bonds falling due.

7. It was decided to procure suitable frames for the portraits of Past Grand Masters B. Lester Peters and Robert T. Clinch, and a committee was appointed for that purpose, with authority to solicit subscriptions to meet the cost of the same, and the Board has requested the Grand Master to arrange for the reception and unveiling of these portraits at the present communication of Grand Lodge.

8. The Masonic brethren of the City of New York, through the Mayor of St. John, Brother Sears, have presented the Grand Lodge with a portrait of our late Worshipful Brother Augustus W. Peters, representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick near the Grand Chapter of New York. The Board on behalf of Grand Lodge, courteously acknowledging its receipt, accepted the gift, and, at the request of our Grand Secretary, granted him the privilege of providing a suitable frame for the portrait.

9. Letters have been received from the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island advising the Board of the appointment in each case of a committee of three members to meet with committees from the other two Grand Lodges to discuss the matter of the union of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces. The Board now submits these letters to Grand Lodge with the recommendation that a committee be appointed to confer with those of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

10. The committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which has been adopted by the Board:

To the Board of General Purposes:

The Committee to whom were referred the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the current year, beg to report that they have carefully attended to the duty assigned to them, and find:

Receipts:

Balance last year,	\$1,119 27
Bonds Nos. 5 and 6, E Series, 4% interest,	1,000 00
Interest,	125 43
Savings Bank Interest,	8 22
Lodge Payments,	1,678 50

Total, \$3,931 42

Expenditure:

Bonds Nos. 6, 7 and 8, C Series,	\$1,500 00
Interest on Bonds,	420 00
Fund of Benevolence,	125 43
Expense Account,	543 81
	2,589 24

Balance on hand, \$1,342 18

Deposits:

Savings Bank,	\$283 11
Bank of New Brunswick,	1,059 07
	1,342 18

The Fund of Benevolence holds a bond of The New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company for two thousand dollars, bearing interest at five per cent.; another bond of the same company, guaranteed by Grand Lodge for five hundred dollars at four per cent., and a Bank deposit of one hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty cents.

Respectfully submitted,

E. McLEOD,
JOHN A. WATSON, } *Audit Committee.*
A. R. CAMPBELL, }

11. The Board have appointed Worshipful Brothers Joseph A. Magilton, John B. M. Baxter and Thomas Finlay a committee on credentials at this Annual Communication.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Board,

WILLIAM B. WALLACE,
President.

The Grand Pursuivant announced that R.W. Brother W. F. McCoy, Past Grand Master, and R.W. Brother J. M. Owen, District Deputy Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, were in waiting, desiring admission. By direction of the Grand Master, R.W. John V. Ellis and R.W. Robert Marshall, Past Grand Masters, withdrew and introduced the visitors, who were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master, and escorted to seats in the East, the brethren joining in the Grand Honors.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following special report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of New Brunswick:

The Board of General Purposes submit the following special report:

In considering the matter of the request of Campbellton Lodge for a decree of expulsion of Brother William T. Stewart, a former Secretary of said Lodge, the Board duly notified the Lodge and Brother Stewart to attend before them on the 22nd day of August, instant.

Upon the matter coming up at that meeting, W. Brother Firth appeared on behalf of the Lodge, but Brother Stewart was not present or represented by any one in his interest.

After hearing W. Brother Firth and examining the books and accounts of the Lodge, and reading the correspondence submitted to them, and after a careful consideration of the case as presented, it was resolved: "That the Board recommend Grand Lodge to accept the recommendation of Campbellton Lodge, No. 32, that Brother William T. Stewart be expelled for unmasonic conduct."

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Board,

WILLIAM B. WALLACE,
President.

On motion of R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and R.W. Brother John A. Watson, P. D. G. M., it was resolved:

That this supplementary report be received and lie on the table.

The M.W. Grand Master laid before Grand Lodge the reports submitted to him by the several District Deputy Grand Masters.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. the Deputy Grand Master:

That the reports of the District Deputy Grand-Masters be referred back to the Grand Master, and that such portions of the same be printed in the Annual Proceedings as the Grand Master may think desirable.

The M.W. Grand Master announced to Grand Lodge that the portraits of Past Grand Masters B. Lester Peters and Robert T. Clinch had been framed and placed in position in the Grand Lodge Room, and would be unveiled this evening at eight o'clock.

Moved by R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. G. M., and resolved:

That when Grand Lodge takes recess, it take recess until eight o'clock this evening.

Moved by R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M., seconded by R.W. Brother A. McNichol, P. G. W.:

That the election of the elective Grand Lodge Officers be the order of business at the hour of eight-thirty o'clock this evening.

Carried.

The following letters were then read:

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, FREEMASONS HALL,
Halifax, July 25th, 1899.

WILLIAM B. WALLACE, Esq.,
Deputy Grand Master, Saint John, N. B.

R.W. AND DEAR BROTHER: In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 18th instant, I now send you copy of the resolution passed by our Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication at Annapolis.

The resolution was written and moved by R. Brother J. M. Owen, D.D.G.M., and seconded by M.W. Brother W. F. McCoy, and reads as follows:

"That the matter of amalgamation of the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, having been incidentally referred to at the present session of Grand Lodge, therefore resolved that a committee be appointed to confer with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, or a committee thereof, should one be appointed, relative to the amalgamation of said Grand Lodges." The committee appointed consists of W. F. McCoy, J. M. Owen and J. W. Longley, the latter being the Attorney General of Nova Scotia. Personally, while favoring the consolidation of the three Maritime Grand Lodges, I think arranging with Prince Edward Island first would make the larger union more easily accomplished. Our per capita tax is lighter than yours, so that it would relieve your Lodge to some extent. I enclose you what was done at Moncton in 1897. You will also have Brother W. F. McCoy's report on pages 93 and 94 of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1898. If your Grand Secretary will not be able to hand you a copy, then drop me a postal and I will mail you one.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, A. F. AND A. M.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
Summerside, Prince Edward Island, July 31st, 1899.

J. TWining HATT, Esq.,

W. Grand Secretary, A. F. and A. M., Saint John, N. B.

V.W. SIR AND BROTHER: I am directed to inform you that at the Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge, held in the City of Charlottetown the 26th ult., that a committee composed of the following was appointed, viz.: Brother George W. Wakeford, Charlottetown; Brother D. Darrach, M.D., Kensington; Brother R. MacNeill, M.D., Stanley Bridge; to meet with similar committees, from the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, to discuss the matter of union of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces.

Time nor place of meeting was not named, that matter was left to be arranged by the committees.

I am, faithfully and fraternally,

Your obedient servant,

NEIL MacKELVIE,
Grand Secretary

Considerable discussion ensued, and at the request of the Grand Master, R.W. Brothers McCoy and Owen addressed Grand Lodge, stating at some length their views in favor of an amalgamation.

Resolved, on motion of W. Brother J. B. M. Baxter, seconded by R.W. the Deputy Grand Master:

That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be taken from the table and Section 9 thereof considered.

Moved by W. Brother His Honor Judge Forbes, seconded by R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. G. M.:

That Section 9 of the report of the board be adopted and that a committee of three be appointed to meet with the committees of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and discuss with them the proposed union of the three Grand Lodges, but that the appointment of such committee shall not be held as committing this Grand Lodge in any way to the principle of such union.

Carried.

The Grand Master appointed as such committee: R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., R.W. Brother John A. Watson, P.D.G.M., and W. Brother His Honor Judge Forbes.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the further consideration of the Report of the Board of General Purposes.

On motion of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11, of the Report of the Board of General Purposes were adopted.

It having been duly moved that Section 5 be adopted, W. Brother Alexander W. MacRae moved, in amendment, "that Section 5 be taken up, paragraph by paragraph," which was carried.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 were duly read and adopted. On paragraph 3, dealing with suspension of members, some discussion ensued, and it was resolved, on motion of W. Brother The Reverend William H. Sampson, "that the paragraph be referred

to a special committee, whose duty it shall be to collect information on the subject of the suspension of members for non payment of dues and to submit such recommendations as the committee may deem advisable, at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master stated that he would appoint the committee at a later period, and subsequently he nominated the following: R.W. Brothers William B. Wallace, John A. Watson, Donald Munro, Hendry B. Fleming, and W. Brothers The Reverend William H. Sampson, Joseph A. Magilton, and George S. Dodge.

Paragraph 4 of the report, was, on motion, adopted, as also paragraph 5, sub-paragraph (a). Sub-paragraph (b), relating to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, was discussed by R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P. G. M., W. Brother Mr. Justice McLeod, W. Brother C. Berton Lockhart, W. Brother Thomas Finlay, and it was finally resolved that further consideration of the subject stand over until the evening session, to be taken up immediately after the unveiling of the portraits.

Sub-paragraphs, (c), (d) and (e), were then severally adopted.

Moved by R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and resolved:

That the supplementary report of the Board of General Purposes (*ante* page 528) be taken from the table and adopted.

Moved by R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P. G. M.:

That Brother William T. Stewart, a member of Campbellton Lodge, No. 32, be expelled for unmasonic conduct, and that he is accordingly hereby declared to be expelled from the Fraternity.

Carried.

Read the following letter from Keith Lodge, No. 23:

KEITH LODGE, No. 23, A. F. AND A. M.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Moncton, N. B., August 17th, 1899.

TO THE M. W. GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF A. F. AND A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN: At the Regular Communication of Keith Lodge, No. 23, A. F. and A. M., held Wednesday, August 16th, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That Keith Lodge invite Grand Lodge to hold its next regular session, August, 1900, in the City of Moncton."

On behalf of Keith Lodge I extend to your worshipful body this invitation and trust that the brethren will see their way clear to meet here.

Fraternally yours,

H. B. FLEMING,
Secretary.

W. Brother A. Y. Clarke, P.G.D., thereupon gave notice of a motion to change the place of holding the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to the City of Moncton, and moved:

That such motion be the order of business at this evening's session immediately after the election of Grand Lodge officers.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Grand Lodge then took recess.

TUESDAY EVENING

AUGUST 22ND, 1899.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at eight o'clock, the M. W. Grand Master, Thomas Walker, M.D., in the East.

UNVEILING OF PORTRAITS.

Having called Grand Lodge up, the M.W. Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

R. W. Senior Grand Warden and Brethren of Grand Lodge:

The duty I am called upon to perform this evening is of a nature both sad and pleasing; sad, when I have to remind you of the great loss we sustained in the removal from earth of our late Grand Master Robert T. Clinch, and pleasing when I refer to the fact that we will henceforward have before us his pictured presence. Those of us who had the privilege of his acquaintance will remember how he embodied all that is best in Masonry and what a tower of strength and comfort he was to the Craft.

In many offices he had served the Craft well and faithfully, and at the formation of this Grand Lodge all eyes were turned to him as well fitted to be its first Grand Master, and he was so elected. He, however, deemed his duty to the Grand Lodge of England such, as to preclude his accepting the office, though he rendered valuable service in smoothing the difficulties attending the change of allegiance.

The liberality of individual Craftsmen, aided by Grand Lodge, has enabled us to place upon our walls this excellent likeness, which I now unveil, of our lamented brother. May his memory "be ever green"; and may we one and all strive to emulate his goodness, his generosity, and his devotion to the Craft.

The portrait of Past Grand Master Clinch was then unveiled amid applause.

R. W. Brother John V. Ellis, P. G. M., then proceeded to unveil the portrait of Past Grand Master Peters, and said:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

When Grand Lodge was formed and it became apparent to the Craft that Brother Clinch would not accept the office of Grand Master we all naturally turned to Brother Benjamin Lester Peters. He had presided over the Convention which declared for the principle of independent Masonic government in this province. His tact, and skill, and judgment were displayed in many ways in conducting that Convention through numerous difficulties which beset it. Its harmonious action in the end was largely due to the excellent influence which he exerted. He accepted the position which was tendered him as our first Grand Master and presided over this Grand Lodge for three years, guiding its early steps

with care and skill and steadily displaying qualities which endeared him to us all. Declining longer to occupy the highest place in Grand Lodge he nevertheless gave us steadily the benefit of his counsel and experience; his opinions had the weight of law with us in New Brunswick; and in other jurisdictions the influence of his power was felt in many ways. Not only in this department of the Masonic Fraternity but to every other which exists in this province did Brother Peters give valuable service. He occupied the chair in every body of which he was a member—subordinate and governing—and his continuance in the most prominent positions depended solely upon himself. His brethren were only too glad to elect him as long as he was willing to serve. Of the different boards and committees which do so much of our important work, he was a most valuable member. It was, however, not alone the services that he gave so cheerfully which endeared him to us. His honesty of design, his sincerity, his desire that the right should ever prevail, his ample knowledge of the laws, practices and Ritual of the Craft, his charitable nature, combined with a charm of manner in intercourse with the brethren that was most gracious, gave him an influence that was of the utmost benefit to the Craft. In the City of Saint John as a public official he discharged important public trust with a patriotic feeling which endeared him to the entire community. As a Judge in the Province of New Brunswick he reflected credit upon the judiciary, both by reason of his knowledge of the law and his capacity to fairly administer it. Recollection of all that he was will never fade from the memory of those who knew him, the influence which he exerted will be felt in these halls after we have passed away; and this portrait, which I now unveil, will convey to future generations some idea of the likeness of the man and the brother who, I believe, has to a considerable extent left the impression of all that was good in his own nature upon the Craft in New Brunswick, and thereby conferred lasting benefit upon it.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the further consideration of paragraph 5 of the Report of the Board of General Purposes, sub-paragraph (b) relating to a Grand Lecturer.

Moved by R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Brother Julius T. Whitlock, P. G. M.:

That the sub-paragraph be adopted.

Moved in amendment by W. Brother Alexander W. MacRae, seconded by R. W. the Senior Grand Warden:

That the sub-paragraph be adopted, omitting the words "and that he be allowed to take with him as an assistant any Past Master, whose travelling expenses shall be paid by Grand Lodge.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by W. Brother J. B. M. Baxter :

That all the words in sub-paragraph (b), from "that" in the first line down to and including "and in view of this" in the seventh line, be struck out and the following substituted therefore: "That the sum of _____ dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grand Master to pay the expenses of providing such instruction in Ritual to Lodges outside of the City of Saint John as may be deemed necessary."

On the question being put the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

It was then further resolved, "That the blank be filled in with the words "Two Hundred."

On motion the Report of the Board of General Purposes, as amended, was adopted as a whole.

The following is the Report as amended :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES. (As Amended.)

To the GRAND LODGE, F. and A. M. of New Brunswick :

The Board of General Purposes submits the following report of its proceedings for the past year :

1. At the first meeting of the Board, held on the 28th September, 1898, Worshipful Brother Joseph A. Magilton was elected Vice-President.
2. The Proceedings of Grand Lodge were ordered to be printed in the usual form, together with the membership lists of subordinate Lodges and a list of past Grand Lodge officers.
3. The Board had under consideration the matter of the request of Campbellton Lodge for a decree of expulsion of a former Secretary, and the result of their deliberations will be embodied in a subsequent special report.
4. After carefully considering the last section of the Grand Master's address, submitted to them by Grand Lodge, which deals with the words in Section 3 of the Constitution under the heading of "Proposing Members" as follows: "The jurisdiction of each Lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge," the Board came to the

unanimous conclusion that the Grand Master correctly expressed the law when he stated "that the distance should be measured in a direct or air line from Lodge room to Lodge room, and had no connection with territorial boundaries."

5. The matter of the report made to Grand Lodge by the special committee on Membership of Subordinate Lodges was also considered by the Board and the following report thereon is submitted :

(1). After carefully examining the report we have to say that we differ very materially with that committee in many of the statements made by them (see Proceedings 1898, page 439).

(2). While there may be isolated cases of members not being called upon to pass examinations, and of officers being advanced who do not make an effort to get up the work, we have no knowledge of such being the case, and we can safely say that these are not matters of general occurrence in this jurisdiction. The reports of District Deputies not only strengthen this view, but refute the general remark that there is lack of interest in the Craft, although it may be that some Lodges are not as active as others, yet this is naturally the case in any jurisdiction.

(3). It is undoubtedly true that the suspension of members for non-payment of dues occasions a decreased membership, and is a matter that very seriously affects the welfare of the Craft, but the Board are convinced that a more regular and faithful performance of duties by Secretaries of Lodges would largely overcome the difficulty. Members are too often allowed to fall several years in arrears, and then their payment is a matter which they are constrained to avoid.

As to the question of demitting and demitted members, we know this branch of the subject has engaged the serious attention of other Grand Bodies, and is admitted to be an exceedingly difficult matter to successfully grapple with.

(4). It has been the experience of the members of the Board that as a rule Past Masters do not lose their interest in their Mother Lodges. Whenever official visitations have been made to the various Lodges, Past Masters have been found to be some of the most active and energetic of their members. In addition to this the Board emphasize the fact that the average attendance of our Grand Lodge compares exceedingly favorably with that of other Grand Lodges, and our returns show that nearly eighty-five per cent. of the members in attendance were Past Masters.

(5). With respect to the suggestions of the committee, the Board desire to say that the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master attended at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, held at Annapolis in June last, at the instance of the

Board, and the resolution passed at that meeting will be submitted for consideration. The Board upon consideration report as follows upon the suggestions:

(a). That it is the duty of Worshipful Masters of Lodges to see that no candidate be advanced who has not passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge according to the provisions of the Constitution; that they should instruct not only the Lodge but its officers by the exemplification of the Ritual, and that they should personally interest themselves in seeing that the members attend, so that those seeking advancement will be posted in their work, but the Board have no reason to believe that Worshipful Masters in this jurisdiction are so derelict in their duty to their Lodges or the fraternity as not to see that these matters are enforced and performed.

(b). That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grand Master to pay the expenses of providing such instruction in Ritual, to Lodges outside of the City of Saint John, as may be deemed necessary. The Board suggest that the Ritual Committee should be called together at as early a date as possible, and further it is the opinion of the Board that the Ritual Committee should hold quarterly or half-yearly meetings, so that any questions arising as to the Ritual may be discussed and settled.

(c). The Board is of opinion that more time should be devoted to the discussion of matters arising in Grand Lodge before a reference of them is made to this Board or any committee, and we suggest that the naming of the hour of the assembling of Grand Lodge be left in the discretion of the Grand Master, and not fixed as at present.

(d). The Board is of opinion that the exemplifying of degrees is very beneficial to the Craft, and the time spent in doing so is most profitably spent, but in view of the large amount of business before Grand Lodge the Board have not deemed it advisable to recommend any exemplification at this session.

(e). The other suggestions in the report, viz., the collection and relief from dues, and the itinerancy of Grand Lodge, are fully covered by the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

6. The Board on motion ordered that two bonds for \$500 each, payable in eleven and twelve years respectively, with interest at four per cent., be issued to take up bonds falling due.

7. It was decided to procure suitable frames for the portraits of Past Grand Masters B. Lester Peters and Robert T. Clinch, and a committee was appointed for that purpose, with authority to solicit subscriptions to meet the cost of the same, and the Board has requested the Grand Master to arrange for the reception and unveiling of these portraits at the present communication of Grand Lodge.

8. The Masonic brethren of the City of New York, through the Mayor of St. John, Brother Sears, have presented the Grand Lodge with a portrait of our late Worshipful Brother Augustus W. Peters, representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick near the Grand Chapter of New York. The Board on behalf of Grand Lodge, courteously acknowledging its receipt, accepted the gift, and, at the request of our Grand Secretary, granted him the privilege of providing a suitable frame for the portrait.

9. Letters have been received from the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island advising the Board of the appointment in each case of a committee of three members to meet with committees from the other two Grand Lodges to discuss the matter of the union of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces. The Board now submits these letters to Grand Lodge with the recommendation that a committee be appointed to confer with those of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

10. The committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which has been adopted by the Board:

To the Board of General Purposes:

The Committee to whom were referred the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the current year, beg to report that they have carefully attended to the duty assigned to them, and find:

Receipts:

Balance last year,.....	\$1,119 27
Bonds Nos. 5 and 6, E Series, 4% interest,	1,000 00
Interest,.....	125 43
Savings Bank Interest,.....	8 22
Lodge Payments,.....	1,678 50

Total,..... \$3,931 42

Expenditure:

Bonds Nos. 6, 7 and 8, C Series,	\$1,500 00
Interest on Bonds,.....	420 00
Fund of Benevolence,.....	125 43
Expense Account,	543 81
	<hr/> 2,589 24

Balance on hand,..... \$1,342 18

Deposits:

Savings Bank,.....	\$283 11
Bank of New Brunswick,.....	1,059 07
	<hr/> 1,342 18

The Fund of Benevolence holds a bond of The New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company for two thousand dollars, bearing interest at five per cent.; another bond of the same company, guaranteed by Grand Lodge for five hundred dollars at four per cent., and a Bank deposit of one hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty cents.

Respectfully submitted,

E. McLEOD,
JOHN A. WATSON, } *Audit Committee.*
A. R. CAMPBELL, }

11. The Board have appointed Worshipful Brothers Joseph A. Magilton, John B. M. Baxter and Thomas Finlay a Committee on Credentials at this Annual Communication.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Board,

WILLIAM B. WALLACE,
President.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

It being the hour of 8.30 o'clock Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers.

By direction, the Grand Secretary read the sections of the Constitution governing the election of Grand Lodge officers.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed as Scrutineers:

R.W. Brother JOHN A. WATSON, P. D. G. M.
W. Brother JOHN BLACK, P. G. D.
W. Brother DUGALD C. FIRTH, D. D. G. M.

Upon the several ballotings, the Scrutineers reported the following brethren as having in each case received a majority of the votes cast, and they were declared duly elected to their respective offices:

HIS HONOR JUDGE J. GORDON FORBES, Grand Master.
W. A. D. STEVEN, Deputy Grand Master.
GEORGE COGCON, Senior Grand Warden.
GEORGE S. DODGE, Junior Grand Warden.
THE REV. A. G. HAMILTON DICKER, .. Grand Chaplain.
EDWIN J. EVERETT, Grand Treasurer, (re-elected.)
Brother DINGEE SCRIBNER was on nomination re-elected Grand Tyler.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

W. Brother William A. Dougherty, P. G. Sword B., presented his Credentials as representative of The M.W. Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, dated at Chicago, 14th April, 1899, and signed by Edward Cook, Grand Master, and Joseph H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

R.W. Brother William D. Forster, P.G.W., presented his Credentials as representative of The M.W. Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, dated at Coldwater, 19th of May, 1898, and signed by James Bradley, Grand Master, and J. S. Conover, Grand Secretary.

W. Brother J. Adolphus Hoyt presented his Credentials as representative of The Grand Orient of Belgium, dated at Brussels, 28th February, 1899.

W. Brother Benjamin S. Black presented his Credentials as representative of The M.W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, dated at Charlestown, April 19th, 1899, signed by B. J. Witherspoon, Grand Master, and Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary.

On the above Commissions being read, the representatives appointed were welcomed by the Grand Master to the East and received with Grand Honors.

Resolved, That when Grand Lodge takes recess it take recess until the hour of three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

W. Brother A. Y. Clarke, P.G.D., then moved the motion of which he had given notice at the afternoon session, viz.:

"That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Moncton."

The matter was quite generally debated, and on being put the motion was lost.

W. Brother F. St. John Bliss gave notice of motion "That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Fredericton;" and it was resolved "That the motion be the order of business at three o'clock to-morrow."

MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

R.W. the Deputy Grand Master then moved the motion in addition to the Constitution, notice of which had been duly given to the Grand Secretary, and inserted in the Proclamations summoning Grand Lodge, viz. :

COMMITTEES.

At each Annual Communication the Grand Master shall appoint the following Standing Committees :

1. A Ritual Committee of Ten Members.
2. A Committee of Three Members on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges.
3. A Library Committee of Three Members.
4. A Committee of Three Members on Warrants to New Lodges.
5. A Committee of Six Members on Memorials to Deceased Brethren.

The motion was lost.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH
FOREIGN GRAND BODIES.

R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., submitted and read the report of the Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Bodies as follows, and on his motion the report was received and adopted :

The Committee on Relations with Sister Grand Lodges respectfully report :

That there have been sent to the committee by the Grand Secretary a number of printed documents dealing with the attitude of the Craft in various states of the United States of America towards the Grand Lodge of Washington, with which we are in amity.

There are in several states bodies of colored persons claiming to be Masons, with superior bodies denominated Grand Lodges, and one of these exists in the State of Washington. Some time ago the Grand Lodge of Washington recognized these organizations as legitimate Masonic bodies, by recognizing the body of colored men in Washington known as the Grand Lodge of that state.

There were various objections to this action, and without going into the consideration of these at any length, it is sufficient to state that under the system of organization of one fraternity which prevails on this continent, there can be but one regular Grand Lodge in each state or independent political division. Even if the colored organization was legitimate of itself, the recognition of two independent Grand Lodge organizations in a state would destroy the doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty and the system which prevails under it. Many of the Grand Lodges with which we are in amity withdrew at once their fellowship with the Grand Lodge of Washington, and to a considerable extent the whole Craft in that state was placed under the ban of non-intercourse.

Happily the matter is settled by the later action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, which quite recently receded from its position and withdrew its recognition of the irregular organization existing in the state.

It is not necessary, therefore, for the committee to recommend the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick to take any action in the matter; but in view of the importance of the subject and the great excitement to which it gave rise in the Masonic world a reference to it is deemed advisable, for it by no means follows that the difficult question which confronts the Craft on this continent owing to the existence of these Lodges of colored men claiming to be Free Masons is finally settled.

The final and satisfactory solution of the problem will clearly demand patience, forbearance, moderation and the exercise of calm judgment as well as of circumspection and prudence.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
DONALD MUNRO,
EDWIN J. EVERETT.

Resolved, That a grant of \$20 be placed at the disposal of the Library Committee.

Also Resolved, on due motion, "That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be taken from the table and entered on the minutes and that the section of the Grand Secretary's report, referring to Grand Lodge Certificates, be referred to the Board of General Purposes."

Grand Lodge then took recess.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

August 23rd, 1899.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at three o'clock this afternoon.

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The committee on the Grand Master's address submitted their report, and on motion of R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P. G. M., seconded by R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. G. M., the same was adopted.

The following is the report :

The committee on the address of the M.W. Grand Master are satisfied that Grand Lodge will heartily reciprocate the kind and fraternal expressions with which the Grand Master greets the Craft at this session ; and that Grand Lodge will learn with pleasure of the satisfactory reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The touching allusions of the Grand Master to the brethren who have gone out from among us forever will awaken sympathetic echoes in the hearts of the members to whom these departed brethren were endeared by strong ties ; and, in his friendly expressions of sympathy to the deceased of other jurisdictions, he expresses the general feeling of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge must ever treasure the handsome portrait of our late Brother Augustus W. Peters, of New York, presented by the Free Masons of that city, and the Craft here is under obligation to the Grand Secretary, a kinsman of our deceased brother, for the effective manner in which it has been placed upon the walls of this Lodge Room. It will ever remain a valuable addition to the memorials owned by Grand Lodge.

The record of the Grand Master's official visits is a good one, and amply proves that despite the labors of an arduous profession the Grand Master has made time to faithfully discharge important duty to the Craft. The sentiment of Grand Lodge unquestionably is that official visitation by the Grand Officers is of great benefit to the Craft, and in making the number of these which he has, assisted by brethren of eminence and skill, most valuable service has been rendered.

It is a great satisfaction to Grand Lodge that the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Past Grand Master Marshall were able to visit the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at its last annual session, and the knowledge that they had met a warm fraternal reception from the Grand Master and members of our Sister Grand Lodge is most gratifying to us all. As the important question of union of the Craft in the Maritime Provinces under one Grand Lodge has been referred to a special committee your committee need not enter upon consideration of that subject, but they are in harmony with the views expressed by the Grand Master as to the advantages to be derived from a closer knowledge of, and intimacy with our brethren of the other Provinces of Canada.

There is nothing in the official acts of the Grand Master calling for special resolution or action by Grand Lodge, but the committee are glad to believe that Grand Lodge will heartily concur in their expression of satisfaction at the effective manner in which, often at great sacrifice of time and much personal inconvenience, the Grand Master in public and private has discharged his duties and at the admirable way in which on all occasions he has upheld the honor and dignity of the position he has so long filled with acceptance to all of his brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN BLACK,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
ROBERT MARSHALL.

WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. G. M., drew the attention of Grand Lodge to the approaching celebration at Mount Vernon, Virginia, of the Centennial Anniversary of the death of W. Brother George Washington, and read the portion of the Grand Master's address (*vide* page 422 of the Proceedings, 1898) relating thereto. He moved

That the M.W. Grand Master elect, together with the respective R.W. Past Grand Masters of Grand Lodge, be accredited a delegation to Mount Vernon, Virginia, on the Centennial Masonic Observance of the death of W. Brother George Washington, to be held at that place on the 14th December, 1899.

It was pointed out that the invitation from the Grand Lodge of Virginia was to the M.W. Grand Master of New Brunswick,

or such representative as he might delegate, and, that Grand Lodge having adopted the report of the special committee on the Grand Master's address at the Annual Communication of last year, had fully disposed of the matter.

On these grounds the M.W. Grand Master ruled the motion out of order.

The motion of which notice had been given at last evening's session was then submitted, viz.:

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Fredericton.

The motion was strongly supported by W. Brother F. St. John Bliss and discussed, and on being put to Grand Lodge was lost.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

The Grand Master elect, His Honor Judge James Gordon Forbes was invested and installed by R.W. Brother Thomas Walker, M. D., P. G. M., and was saluted and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

The M.W. Grand Master announced the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

V. W. J. TWINING HARTT,	Grand Secretary.
W. R. WATSON WHITLOCK,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. GEORGE K. COCHRAN,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ARCHIBALD BAUER,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. JOSEPH A. MAGILTON,	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. STEWART L. MORRISON,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. ALBERT Y. CLARKE,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. WILLIAM A. EWING,	Grand Organist.
W. WILLIAM SMITH,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. ROBERT T. LEAVITT,	Grand Steward.
W. E. L. HAGERMAN,	"
W. FRANK A. GODSOE,	"
W. JAMES A. WILSON,	"
W. HENRY B. PECK,	"
W. F. ST. JOHN BLISS,	"

W. R. W. GRIMMER,	Grand Steward.
W. PERCY H. WARNEFORD,	"
W. GEORGE F. WARD,	"
W. FINLAY R. ANDERSON,	"
W. E. W. GIVAN,	"
W. HOLLAND BOONE,	"
R. W. GEORGE D. FROST, P. G. W.,	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 1.
W. ROBERT MURRAY,	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 3.
R. W. JOSIAH R. MURPHY, P. G. W.,	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 4.
W. W. H. LAUGHLIN, P. G. Swd. B.,	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 5.

The following Grand Officers, elected and appointed, being present, were duly invested, installed and proclaimed:

R. W. W. A. D. STEVEN,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE COGGON,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. GEORGE S. DODGE,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. EDWIN J. EVERETT,	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. J. TWINING HARTT,	Grand Secretary.
W. GEORGE K. COCHRAN,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ARCHIBALD BAUER,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. JOSEPH A. MAGILTON,	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. STEWART L. MORRISON,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. E. L. HAGERMAN,	Grand Steward.
W. JAMES A. WILSON,	"
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

The M.W. Grand Master made the following appointments to the Board of General Purposes:

W. MR. JUSTICE MCLEOD,	Past Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. M. TENNANT,	Past Master, No. 6.
R. W. DONALD MUNRO,	Past Grand Warden.
W. W. ALEXANDER PORTER,	Past Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. GEORGE D. FROST,	Past Grand Warden.
W. THOMAS FINLAY,	W. Master, No. 2.
W. JOHN JOHNSTON,	Past Grand Standard Bearer.
W. WILLIAM A. DOUGHERTY,	Past Grand Standard Bearer.
R. W. FREDERICK SANDALL,	Past Grand Warden.
R. W. ANDREW McNICHOL,	Past Grand Warden.

The usual standing committees were likewise appointed by the M.W. Grand Master.

Moved by R.W. Brother Thomas Walker, P.G.M., seconded by R.W. Brother Josiah R. Murphy, P. G. W. :

That Brother The Reverend P. G. Snow be constituted a permanent member of Grand Lodge with the rank and distinction of Past Grand Chaplain.

Carried.

Moved by W. Brother J. B. M. Baxter, seconded by R.W. Brother Josiah R. Murphy, P. G. W. :

That Brother Jarvis Wilson, of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, be constituted a permanent member of Grand Lodge with the rank of Past Grand Deacon.

Carried.

The business of the Thirty-Second Annual Communication being ended, Grand Lodge was closed in *ample* form by M.W. His Honor Judge J. Gordon Forbes, Grand Master, at the hour of 5.30 o'clock, p.m.

J. Twining Hart.

Grand Secretary.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master :

The following is a statement of my official visitations in District No. 1, during the year ending 22nd August, A.D. 1899 :

On the 20th October, last, in the absence but at the request of the Grand Master, and accompanied by the officers of Grand Lodge I visited The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, where we witnessed the conferring of the second degree by the Master and his officers. The Lodge appears to be in good order, the work was carefully and correctly rendered, and the members are harmonious.

My next visitation was to Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, where I saw parts of the first and second degrees worked, after which light refreshments were served. This Lodge has established itself on a firm financial footing by paying \$500 this year on its indebtedness. It is doing good work, a fraternal spirit is cultivated at its meetings, and its affairs are prudently managed.

With the V.W. Grand Secretary I visited Albion Lodge, No. 1. The first degree was conferred by the Master and his officers. The Grand Secretary reported the records well kept and orderly, and I was assured by the Master of the good condition of the Lodge and the unity of its members.

On the second Friday in May I took a trip to Hampton, and visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 13. W.M. Brother Warneford and his officers worked the third degree in a very impressive manner, after which we were called to refreshment. The Lodge is in good financial condition and its members particularly enthusiastic.

Hearing that Saint Martins Lodge, No. 30, intended conferring the third degree on two candidates, I took the opportunity of paying them an official visit. I was accompanied by some of the officers of Corinthian Lodge, and with their assistance, and at the request of the Worshipful Master, I conferred the third degree, and afterwards joined with the members at their festal board. The affairs of this Lodge seem to be in the hands of those who lose no opportunity of advancing the interests of the Craft.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 2, was my next official visitation, where I had the pleasure of witnessing the second degree conferred in a highly satisfactory manner. The Lodge is in excellent condition, has a Master and officers who are efficient workmen, and the attendance at its meetings is indicative of its affairs being conducted on successful lines.

On the second Thursday in July I visited New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, when the second degree was conferred. The work was very smoothly done, and from what I could learn the Lodge is in good condition and its meetings well attended.

On the 3rd of August, in the unavoidable and unexpected absence of the Grand Master and at his request, accompanied by the Grand Lodge officers I visited Carleton Union Lodge. There was no work, but the Master and officers exemplified the second section of the third degree, after which we were very courteously entertained by the Lodge.

I next visited Zion Lodge, No. 21. In this visitation I was accompanied by the Grand Secretary and some of our Past Masters, and a large delegation from Corinthian Lodge. The third degree was worked on two candidates by the Master and his officers. This Lodge is exceptionally fortunate and prosperous this year, having a good Master and officers and plenty of work, which, with its strong membership and large attendance at its meetings evidences its good condition and Masonic activity.

My last official visit was to Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, W. Brother McCay, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, accompanying me as a visitor. I regret that the Worshipful Master of this Lodge was not in his place on this occasion, but I was most courteously received by W. Brother Cochran. There was no work, but the time was pleasantly spent in listening to several excellent speeches from visiting brethren. On examination of the records I found that the Lodge was in good order, and was enjoying its usual prosperity.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM B. WALLACE,
Deputy Grand Master.

DISTRICT No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

I beg leave to submit my report from District No. 2:

On August 25th it was my painful duty to proceed to Dorchester and conduct the burial services of our late Brother Capt. Alfred Bishop, of Sussex Lodge, No. 4.

September 6th, accompanied by R.W. Brother Jarvis and several others from Keith Lodge, I visited Howard Lodge, No. 16, Hillsboro, when the second and third degrees were conferred.

September 27th I visited Albert Lodge, No. 34, accompanied by W. Brother E. W. Givan, when two candidates received the Master Mason degree.

December 27th I officially visited Keith Lodge, No. 23, and installed their officers.

I have been unable to arrange meetings with Zetland Lodge, Shediak, or Sussex Lodge, Dorchester, but both of these Lodges report progress. All of the Lodges in the jurisdiction are taking in new material and report progress. Since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, Keith Lodge has secured new quarters in the new building recently erected by the Merchant's Bank of Halifax, have a large commodious hall well adapted for Masonic purposes, and a good efficient staff of officers; this Lodge is looking forward to a prosperous future.

I have been well received by the Lodges visited and hospitably entertained.

Fraternally yours,

H. B. FLEMING,
D.D.G.M., No. 2.

DISTRICT No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

Dear Sir and Brother,—In my capacity of D.D.G.M. I have visited during the past year the following Lodges, viz.: Campbellton, No. 32; Restigouche, No. 25; St. John's, Bathurst; Northumberland, Newcastle. Through my letter not reaching the Secretary of Miramichi Lodge, Chatham, there was no meeting called, so did not have another opportunity of visiting that Lodge. Lodge Saint Andrew, Richibucto, I did not visit.

Campbellton Lodge is doing no work, in fact has done nothing for the past year, and in that time has lost some fourteen members by death and suspension, and meetings are very poorly attended.

Restigouche Lodge has made three during the year but they have all left the town, and meetings are poorly attended.

Saint John's Lodge is doing very little and there were only six members present the night I visited them, and the same can be said of Northumberland, except that there were more present the evening of my visit.

Miramichi and Saint Andrew Lodges are doing some work and meetings are fairly well attended, this I learned from members.

I would recommend that Grand Lodge take steps to have a lecturer appointed to visit all Lodges in the province. Instruction in the Ritual,

and working is badly needed, and except something is done to awaken an interest I fear Masonry in this district is going to decline.

The visit of the D. D. G. M. is not looked upon as a matter of very great importance, and the members do not make any effort to attend. We want someone of greater weight and authority to stir us up.

Yours fraternally,

D. C. FIRTH,
D.D.G.M., No. 3.

DISTRICT No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,—Herewith I beg leave to submit the following report for District No. 4:

December 27th last, I installed the Worshipful Master and officers of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11. Having attended every meeting of this Lodge during the past year, and seen the work of each degree, I am in a position to report that the work is being fairly well done, the attendance at meetings is good, finances are in good condition, membership will show an increase over last year.

On June 6th, accompanied by Brother J. A. Lindsay, a visit was made to Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, at Andover. The Worshipful Master was absent from town. The third degree was conferred upon two candidates, in which I assisted. The work differed some in detail from the regular work in this jurisdiction and showed an opportunity for a well-skilled brother to bring the work of this Lodge in line with the Ritual of New Brunswick. The Secretary's books were written up to date in a neat and careful manner, the finances are in a healthy state, and the attendance at the meetings very good. This Lodge has a good hall, and own the property which is clear of debt, and have besides a valuable piece of property adjoining. The Lodge is well equipped with working tools, etc., and have recently purchased a fine new set of Officer's Regalia. During the evening we enjoyed the hospitality of this Lodge, and had a most pleasant evening.

On June 8th, accompanied by Brother J. Tattersall, Junior Deacon of Woodstock Lodge, I went to Fredericton to visit Hiram Lodge, No. 6. In company with yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, and officers of Grand Lodge, I had the pleasure of making my first official visit to Hiram Lodge. I examined the Secretary's books and needless to say found them in perfect order, reflecting the highest credit on R.W.

Brother Burchill, the efficient Secretary of this Lodge. The books show the attendance at meetings to be good, and the finances healthy and in good order. Worshipful Master Bliss and officers conferred the third degree upon a candidate in a very satisfactory manner, and I have no doubt but the close of the year will show Hiram Lodge to have made good progress. At the close of the Lodge we had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of Hiram Lodge, and spent a very pleasant evening.

On July 27th, accompanied by W. Brother J. McLaughlan, and Brothers J. A. Lindsay and G. L. Holyoke, a visit was made to Carleton Lodge, No. 35, East Florenceville. There was a good attendance at the meeting although there was no degree work for the evening. The Secretary's books were well kept, and written up to date. While this Lodge has not had much work since the new year, Worshipful Master Ross has kept up the interest of the members and the attendance has been fairly good.

I had hoped to have visited Alexandria Lodge while in Fredericton, but could not arrange to do so; however I met the Worshipful Master of this Lodge and he informed me that they had not had any work of late, but otherwise the Lodge was in a very good condition.

Now that the Office of District Deputy has been tried, and the general opinion expressed that the visits of the Deputy are beneficial, would it not be well for Grand Lodge to consider the advisability of providing each district with a proper Regalia for the Deputy.

I had hoped that the Board of General Purposes during the past year would have addressed the Lodges on the subject referred to them in regard to a Lecturer "to aid, and instruct" Subordinate Lodges, as I am quite sure that each Lodge in this District would cheerfully contribute towards such expense in order to receive the benefit of such service, and that it would increase the interest of members in many of the Lodges.

During the year Woodstock Lodge has been called upon to mourn the loss by death of one of its most prominent members, R.W. Brother David F. Merritt, Past Deputy Grand Master, who died July 19th.

In conclusion I would only add, that while some of the Lodges may not be perfect in Ritual they are all working in harmony, and the members appear to be possessed of the Spirit of Masonry, and are endeavoring to live up to its principles.

Fraternally submitted,

DONALD MUNRO,
D.D.G.M., No. 4.

DISTRICT No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

I beg to submit my official report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5.

Owing to illness last fall and absence from home during most of the winter following I was not able to visit the different Lodges in my district, as I had contemplated.

On St. John's Day, December 27th, I paid my first official visit to Sussex Lodge, No. 7. After a very cordial reception from the brethren I installed the Worshipful Master and officers. I am glad to report that the interest in Masonry still keeps up in this Lodge, and that it is in a prosperous condition.

On the evening of August 10th, 1899, accompanied by Past Grand Master J. T. Whitlock, and Past Master R. W. Whitlock, I visited Victoria Lodge, Milltown, N. B., and was kindly received. During the past year they have expended over \$300 on their Lodge Room, making it one of the prettiest and most attractive rooms in the district. They are out of debt and have a balance of cash on hand, which shows that Victoria Lodge is in a flourishing condition.

I regret that I was not able to visit the other Lodges.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN D. CHIPMAN,
D.D.G.M., No. 5.

ADDENDUM.

The following letter submitted to the Board of General Purposes at its meeting on September 13th, 1899, is, by direction of the Board, here inserted:

NEW YORK, August 28th, 1899.

Mr. J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

Dear Sir and V. W. Brother,—With a great deal of pleasure I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., apprizing me of the action of the Board of General Purposes of your Grand Lodge, in accepting and assigning to a place of prominence in your Masonic Hall the portrait of our late highly esteemed associate, R. W. Augustus W. Peters.

The action of your Grand Lodge will be a source of great gratification to the Fratres of Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (the body he so long and ably presided over) as well as to the many Masonic brethren who were so warmly attached to the deceased.

On Thursday, September 7th, the Executive Committee of Mecca Temple will meet in monthly session. Your letter will be read to them and to the Temple at its first regular session after calling on from the summer vacation.

Anticipating their action, permit me to request a conveyance of our very best wishes to your Grand Lodge and its officers.

And believe me,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES MCGEE.

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SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1898.

Lodge No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Membership.
1	Albion,.....	5	10	8	..	1	1	..	2	105
2	Saint John's,	10	8	6	..	2	2	..	78	
3	Hibernia,	7	7	5	4	2	6	4	2	131
4	Sussex,	3	3	3	..	1	..	2	1	35
5	Saint Mark's,	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	42
6	Hiram,	0	0	0	..	..	4	4	2	73
7	Sussex,	1	1	6	..	..	4	12	1	124
8	Carleton Union,	8	5	5	..	2	1	..	2	85
9	Midian, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
10	The Union Lodge of Portland,	8	9	8	1	1	4	..	4	99
11	Woodstock,	10	8	7	2	1	2	..	1	140
12	Saint George,	0	0	0	1	..	..	1	1	45
13	Corinthian,	4	4	4	..	..	1	..	..	38
14	Alley, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
15	Howard,	2	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	24
16	Saint Andrew,	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	33
17	Northumberland,	3	2	2	1	..	2	..	1	57
18	Miramichi,	1	1	2	..	..	1	1	1	48
20	Salisbury, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
21	Zion,	3	3	2	2	..	1	..	..	51
22	New Brunswick,	3	2	2	..	..	5	1	2	55
23	Keith,	2	2	2	2	..	..	3	2	104
24	Zetland, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
25	Restigouche,	6	6	6	..	1	..	..	..	28
26	Victoria,	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	68
27	Saint John, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
30	Saint Martin's,	4	4	4	..	..	2	2	1	24
31	Benjamin,	2	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	45
32	Campbellton,	0	0	0	1	1	1	10	2	35
33	Alexandria,	1	1	1	38
34	Albert,	5	6	6	1	42
35	Carleton,	7	7	7	1	1	23
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ROLL OF LODGES.

WITH TIME OF MEETING AND ADDRESS OF MASTERS AND SECRETARIES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Regular Communication.	Name and Address of W. M.	Name and Address of Secretary.
1	Albion,	First Friday,	Frank A. Godsoe, D.D.S., St. John.	Frank L. Tufts, Saint John.
2	Saint John's,	First Tuesday,	Thomas Finlay, Saint John.	Fred. E. Flewelling, Saint John.
3	Hibernia,	Second Tuesday,	Henry B. Peck, Saint John.	Joseph A. Magilton, Saint John.
4	Sussex,	Thursday on or after full moon,	George M. Fairweather, Dorchester.	T. F. Gillespie, Dorchester.
5	Saint Mark's,	First Thursday,	B. F. DeWolfe, Saint Andrews.	John S. Maloney, Saint Andrews.
6	Hiram,	First Thursday,	Fred. St. John Bliss, Fredericton.	Alexander Burchill, Fredericton.
7	Sussex,	First Tuesday,	David F. Maxwell, Saint Stephen.	P. G. McFarlane, Saint Stephen.
8	Carleton Union,	First Thursday,	J. B. M. Baxter, Saint John.	Uriah Drake, Saint John.
10	Union of Portland,	Third Thursday,	Robert T. Leavitt, Saint John.	J. Twining Hartt, Saint John.
11	Woodstock,	First Thursday,	Thomas W. Allen, Woodstock.	Donald Munro, Woodstock.
12	Saint George,	First Tuesday,	James Dodds, Saint George.	Charles Johnson, Jr., St. George.
13	Corinthian,	Second Friday,	P. H. Warneford, M.D., Hampton.	Cecil S. March, Hampton.
14	Alley,	First Thursday,	John J. English, Hillsboro.	Charles W. Gray, Baring, Me.
15	Howard,	First Tuesday,	James Murray, Richibucto.	Williams Woodworth, Surrey.
16	Saint Andrew,	Monday on or after full moon,	W. A. Wilson, M.D., Derby.	William D. Carter, Richibucto.
17	Northumberland,	Second Tuesday,	F. O. Petterson, Chatham.	Charles E. Fish, Newcastle.
18	Miramichi,	Third Tuesday,	James T. Kirk, Sussex.	William Johnston, Chatham.
21	Zion,	First Monday,	James A. Wilson, Saint John.	Murray Huestis, Sussex.
22	New Brunswick,	Second Thursday,	B. E. Smith, Moncton.	George Thompson, Saint John.
23	Keith,	Third Wednesday,	James Inglis, Shediac.	Hendry B. Fleming, Moncton.
24	Zetland,	Second Wednesday,	Ronald Currie, Bel River Crossing.	W. B. Deacon, Shediac.
25	Restigouche,	Tuesday on or after full moon,	William T. Waters, Milltown.	James E. Stewart, Dalhousie.
26	Victoria,	Second Thursday,	Robert Miller, Glen Anglin.	Arthur H. Hiltz, Milltown.
27	Saint John,	Thursday on or after full moon,	Simon V. Skillen, Saint Martins.	William E. Skillen, Saint Martins.
30	Saint Martin's,	First Monday,	Alexander Stratton, Andover.	Abram E. Kupkey, Andover.
31	Benjamin,	First Tuesday,	William F. Forston, Campbellton.	D. C. Firth, Campbellton.
32	Campbellton,	First Thursday,	Charles L. French, Marysville.	Charles A. Handley, Marysville.
33	Alexandria,	First Monday,	James E. Fullerton, Albert.	W. Alder Trueman, Albert.
34	Albert,	Tuesday nearest to full moon,	D. W. Ross, M. D., Florenceville.	J. R. Tompkins, E. Florenceville.
35	Carleton,	Thursday nearest to full moon,		

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SUSPENSIONS, A.D. 1898.			
CHRISTOPHER J. WELDON,	Saint John's Lodge, No. 2.		
CHARLES H. S. JOHNSTON,	"		
JOHN H. CONNOLLY,	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.		
JAMES HARGRAVES,	"		
THOMAS W. SEEDS,	"		
W. H. H. SAUNDERS,	"		
MARINER ATKINSON,	Sussex Lodge, No. 4.		
THOMAS J. HORSLER,	"		
BENJAMIN COBURN,	Hiram Lodge, No. 6.		
WILLIAM H. QUINN,	"		
JUSTUS FAIRLEY,	"		
JAMES A. THOMPSON,	"		
FRED. G. HANNAH,	Sussex Lodge, No. 7.		
DAVID JOHNSON,	"		
ALBERT D. TAYLOR,	"		
POLENSBY EASTMAN,	"		
JOHN A. GRANT,	"		
WILLIAM F. TODD,	"		
J. SEDGE MAXWELL,	"		
ARTHUR W. CAMERON,	"		
ANDREW B. MARTIN,	"		
ROBERT PEACOCK,	"		
CHRISTIAN A. LAUBMAN,	"		
VALENTINE V. VANSTON,	"		
A. H. McLELLAN,	Saint George Lodge, No. 12.		
P. H. C. BENSON,	Miramichi Lodge, No. 18.		
LEBARON COLEMAN,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.		
DANIEL McQUARRIE,	Keith Lodge, No. 23.		
JOSEPH W. MCKAY,	"		
JOHN WRIGHT,	"		
JOHN B. PENALAGAN,	Victoria Lodge, No. 26.		
WILLIAM H. MORAN,	Saint Martins Lodge, No. 30.		
ISAAC E. MELVIN,	"		
WILLIAM W. DOHERTY,	Campbellton Lodge, No. 32.		
HUGH JACKSON,	"		
JAMES W. PATTERSON,	"		
JOHN JAMIESON,	"		
JAMES H. JOHNSON,	"		
FREDERICK B. GOUDON,	"		
AMOS J. SHARPE,	"		
JAMES P. ALEXANDER,	"		
ALEXANDER C. MCKENZIE,	"		

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DANIEL S. MITCHELL,	Albion Lodge, No. 1.
FRANK G. LANSDOWNE,	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
ALFRED BISHOP,	Sussex Lodge, No. 4.
RICHARD ROWE,	The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
JAMES J. MONTGOMERY,	Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
ARTHUR EDGETT,	Howard Lodge, No. 15.
SPURGEON GALLAGHER,	"
DUNCAN ROSS,	Restigouche Lodge, No. 25.

DEATHS, A.D. 1898.

CHARLES H. LEONARD,	Albion Lodge, No. 1.
CHARLES A. STOCKTON,	"
DAVID S. STEWART,	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
JACOB W. DYKEMAN,	"
ALFRED BISHOP,	Sussex Lodge, No. 4.
JAMES R. BRADFORD,	Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5.
JOHN DOLBY,	"
GEORGE TODD,	Hiram Lodge, No. 6.
JOHN MOORE,	"
GEORGE D. WARR,	Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
J. HENRY LEONARD,	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
ROBERT WILEY,	"
WILLIAM THOMPSON,	The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
ROBERT CARR,	"
ROBERT L. SMITH,	"
JOHN B. LORIMER,	"
EDWARD DEPOW,	Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
HENRY FRYE,	Saint George Lodge, No. 12.
DAVID W. GRIERSON,	Saint Andrew Lodge, No. 16.
CHARLES CARR,	"
WILLIAM J. MILLAR,	Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
THOMAS HAVILAND,	Miramichi Lodge, No. 18.
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
HEDLEY V. COOPER,	"
JOHN L. HARRIS,	Keith Lodge, No. 23.
JAMES OULTON,	"
DAVID G. MOTT,	Campbellton Lodge, No. 32.
WILLIAM BASTON,	"
DAVID SEMPLE,	Carleton Lodge, No. 35.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND LODGES.

British Columbia,	W. J. Quinlan,	Nelson.
Canada, in Ontario,	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton.
England,	Edward Letchworth, F.S.A.,	London.
United Grand Lodge of	H. E. Flavell, D. G. Sec.,	Dublin.
Ireland,	William G. Scott,	Winnipeg.
Manitoba,	Rev. William Ronaldson,	Christchurch.
New Zealand,	Arthur H. Bray,	Sydney.
New South Wales,	Hon. William Ross,	Halifax.
United Grand Lodge of	Neil MacKelvie,	Summerside.
Nova Scotia,	John H. Isaacson,	Montreal.
Prince Edward Island,	D. Murray Lyon,	Edinburgh.
Quebec,	J. H. Cunningham,	Adelaide.
Scotland,	John Hamilton,	Hobart.
South Australia,	John Braim,	Meibourne.
Tasmania,	H. Clay Armstrong,	Montgomery.
Victoria,	George K. Roskrige,	Tucson.
United Grand Lodge of	Fay Hempstead,	Little Rock.
Alabama,	M. Rian-Nedgrot,	Brussels.
Arizona,	George Johnson,	San Francisco.
Belgium,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Denver.
Grand Orient of	John H. Barlow,	Hartford.
California,	Aurelio Miranda,	Havana.
Colorado,	Benjamin F. Bartram,	Wilmington.
Connecticut,	William R. Singleton,	Washington.
Island of Cuba,	Wilber P. Webster,	Jacksonville.
Delaware,	William A. Wolihin,	Macon.
District of Columbia,	Theo. W. Randall,	Boise City.
Florida,	J. H. C. Dill,	Bloomington.
Georgia,	William H. Smythe,	Indianapolis.
Idaho,	Joseph S. Murrow,	Atoka.
Illinois,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Cedar Rapids.
Indiana,	Albert K. Wilson,	Topeka.
Indian Territory,	Henry B. Grant,	Louisville.
Iowa,	Richard Lambert,	New Orleans.
Kansas,	Stephen Berry,	Portland.
Kentucky,	Jacob H. Medallry,	Baltimore.
Louisiana,	Sereno D. Nickerson,	Boston.
Maine,	J. S. Conover,	Coldwater.
Maryland,	Thomas Montgomery,	Saint Paul.
Massachusetts,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Michigan,	John D. Vincil,	Saint Louis.
Minnesota,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Mississippi,	Frances E. White,	Omaha.
Missouri,	Chauncey N. Noteware,	Carson City.
Montana,	George P. Cleaves,	Concord.
Nebraska,	Thomas H. R. Redway,	Trenton.
Nevada,	Alpheus A. Keen,	Albuquerque.
New Hampshire,	Edward M. L. Ehlers,	New York.
New Jersey,	John C. Drewry,	Raleigh.
New Mexico,	Frank J. Thompson,	Fargo.
New York,	J. H. Bromwell,	Cincinnati.
North Carolina,	James S. Hunt,	Stillwater.
North Dakota,	James F. Robinson,	Eugene.
Ohio,	W. A. Sinn,	Philadelphia.
Oklahoma,	Edwin Baker,	Providence.
Oregon,	Charles Inglesby,	Charleston.
Pennsylvania,	George A. Pettigrew,	Flandreau.
Rhode Island,	John B. Garrett,	Nashville.
South Carolina,	John Watson,	Houston.
South Dakota,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Tennessee,	Warren G. Reynolds,	Burlington.
Texas,	George W. Carrington,	Richmond.
Utah,	Thomas M. Reed,	Olympia.
Vermont,	George W. Atkinson,	Wheeling.
Virginia,	John W. Ladin,	Milwaukee.
Washington,	William M. Kuykendall,	Saratoga.
West Virginia,		
Wisconsin,		
Wyoming,		

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK NEAR SISTER GRAND LODGES.

British Columbia.....	William Downie.....	Vancouver.
Canada, in Ontario.....	J. A. C. Anderson.....	Ridgetown.
England.....	Lt. Gen. J. W. Laurie, M.P.,	London.
Ireland.....	Alfred Smythe, J. P.,	Dublin.
Manitoba.....	John McGuire.....	Moosomin.
New Zealand.....	Malcolm Niccol.....	Auckland.
New South Wales.....	Charles DeBoos.....	Temora.
Nova Scotia.....	William L. Kane.....	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island.....	Sydney Grey.....	Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	Lt.-Col. Thomas P. Butler.....	Montreal.
Scotland.....	Robert J. Jamieson.....	Edinburgh.
South Australia.....		
Tasmania.....		
Victoria.....	Canon Watson.....	Melbourne.
Arkansas.....	William M. Kent.....	Charlotte.
Alabama.....		
Arizona.....		
Belgium.....		
Grand Orient of }.....	Albert Kruger.....	Antwerp.
California.....	Edward Coleman.....	San Francisco.
Island of Cuba.....	Dr. Fernando a Loredo.....	Havana.
Colorado.....	Henry P. H. Bromwell.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	William E. Higby.....	Bridgeport.
Delaware.....	Hiram T. Downing.....	Georgetown.
District of Columbia.....		
Florida.....	Robert J. Perry.....	Key West.
Georgia.....	W. G. England.....	Cedartown, Polk Co.
Idaho.....	Joseph Pinkham.....	Boise City.
Illinois.....	Malachi Maynard.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	Thomas E. Lynch.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	H. C. Nash.....	Antlers.
Iowa.....	Z. A. Church.....	Burlington.
Kentucky.....	William B. Honeycutt.....	Freedom.
Kansas.....		
Louisiana.....	Edwin Marks.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Denison E. Seymour.....	Calais.
Maryland.....	William H. Clark.....	Baltimore.
Michigan.....	D. Burnham Tracy.....	Detroit.
Minnesota.....	James N. Castle.....	Stillwater.
Missouri.....	William R. Stubblefield.....	Saint Louis.
Mississippi.....		
Montana.....	A. D. Macdonald.....	Kalispell.
Nebraska.....	John J. Mercer.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	John M. McCormack.....	Reno.
New Hampshire.....		
New Jersey.....	David G. Baird.....	Beverley.
New Mexico.....		
New York.....	John T. Palmer.....	Brooklyn.
North Carolina.....		
North Dakota.....	Louis A. Jacobson.....	Hope.
Oregon.....	T. H. Crawford.....	Portland.
Ohio.....	Levi C. Goodale.....	Cincinnati.
Rhode Island.....	John A. Howland.....	Auburn.
South Carolina.....	John W. Corbett.....	Camden.
South Dakota.....		
Tennessee.....	A. P. Trogden.....	Union City.
Texas.....	James F. Miller.....	Gonzales.
Utah.....	Walter Scott.....	Park City.
Virginia.....	George Potts.....	Petersburg.
Vermont.....	W. Scott Nay.....	Underhill.
Washington.....	H. W. Fairweather.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	George W. Atkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	Harvey E. Hubbard.....	La Crosse.
Wyoming.....	Edgar P. Snow.....	Cheyenne.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

British Columbia.....	John S. Benson, M.D.,	Chatham.
Canada, in Ontario.....	John V. Ellis, M.P.,	Saint John.
England.....	Thomas Walker, M.D.,	Saint John.
Ireland.....	Andrew McNichol.....	Saint John.
Manitoba.....	Donald Munro.....	Woodstock.
New Zealand.....	George B. Hegan.....	Saint John.
New South Wales.....	Freeman W. Wisdom.....	Saint John.
Nova Scotia.....	Thomas A. Godsoe.....	Saint John.
Prince Edward Island.....	G. Hudson Flewelling.....	Clifton.
Quebec.....		
Scotland.....	William G. Robertson.....	Saint John.
South Australia.....		
Tasmania.....		
Victoria.....	Henry A. White.....	Sussex.
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Alabama.....		
Arizona.....		
Belgium.....		
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California.....		
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Colorado.....	Andrew McNichol.....	Saint John.
Connecticut.....	John P. Burchill.....	Nelson.
Delaware.....	Charles Masters.....	Saint John.
District of Columbia.....	Mr. Justice McLeod.....	Saint John.
Florida.....	W. B. Wallace.....	Saint John.
Georgia.....	John D. Short.....	Saint John.
Idaho.....	Robert W. Grimmer.....	Saint Stephen.
Illinois.....	William A. Dougherty.....	Saint John.
Indiana.....		
Indian Territory.....	Frederick W. Thomson.....	Saint John.
Iowa.....	George F. Pinder.....	Saint Stephen.
Kentucky.....		
Kansas.....	George R. Sangster.....	Moncton.
Louisiana.....		
Maine.....	J. D. Chipman.....	Saint Stephen.
Maryland.....	J. T. Whitlock.....	Saint Stephen.
Michigan.....	W. D. Forster.....	Saint Andrews.
Minnesota.....	Thomas Walker, M.D.,	Saint John.
Missouri.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	Saint John.
Mississippi.....	Harry Beckwith.....	Fredericton.
Montana.....		
Nebraska.....	William Wedderburn.....	Hampton.
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New Hampshire.....		
New Mexico.....		
New York.....	Henry Graham.....	Saint Stephen.
North Dakota.....	John Johnston.....	Saint John.
North Carolina.....		
Oregon.....	Andrew Mungall.....	Milltown.
Ohio.....	Alexander Burchill.....	Fredericton.
Rhode Island.....	Ernest Hutchinson.....	Douglstown.
South Dakota.....		
South Carolina.....	Benjamin S. Black.....	Saint John.
Tennessee.....	George D. Frost.....	Saint John.
Texas.....	John A. Watson.....	Saint John.
Utah.....	Robert W. Whitlock.....	Saint Stephen.
Virginia.....	Joseph A. Magilton.....	Saint John.
Vermont.....	Josiah R. Murphy.....	Woodstock.
Washington.....	William J. Logan.....	Saint John.
Wisconsin.....	John V. Ellis.....	Saint John.
West Virginia.....	William A. MacLauchlan.....	Saint John.
Wyoming.....	Adolphus G. Beckwith.....	Fredericton.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND

SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION,

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1867-68	*Benjamin Lester Peters.	William Wedderburn ...	*William P. Flewelling ..
1868....	Benjamin Lester Peters.	William Wedderburn ...	*Benjamin R. Stevenson .
1869....	Benjamin Lester Peters.	William Wedderburn ...	Benjamin R. Stevenson .
1870....	William Wedderburn....	John V. Ellis.....	*Bliss Botsford.....
1871....	William Wedderburn....	John V. Ellis.....	William F. Dibblee
1872....	John V. Ellis.....	*Edward Willis.....	Isaac W. Doherty.....
1873....	John V. Ellis.....	Edward Willis.....	George F. Gregory
1874....	John V. Ellis.....	Robert Marshall.....	*David Brown.....
1875....	*Robert T. Clinch	William F. Dibblee....	G. Hudson Flewelling....
1876....	Robert T. Clinch	*William H. A. Keans....	*Thomas F. Gillespie....
1877....	Robert T. Clinch	*Edwin J. Wetmore.....	*Henry Duffell
1878....	Robert Marshall.....	*Benjamin R. Stevenson .	Rev. Francis Partridge..
1879....	Robert Marshall.....	Benjamin R. Stevenson .	Rev. Francis Partridge..
1880....	Robert Marshall.....	Rev. F. Partridge, D.D..	*George F. Stickney.....
1881....	*Benjamin R. Stevenson .	*Henry Duffell,	Henry A. White
1882....	Benjamin R. Stevenson .	*William F. Bunting....	Harry Beckwith.....
1883....	William F. Bunting....	Thomas A. Godsoe	Henry Graham
1884....	John V. Ellis.....	*James McNichol, Jr....	Julius T. Whitlock.....
1885....	John V. Ellis.....	William J. Logan	E. Lee Street.....
1886....	John V. Ellis.....	Harry Beckwith.....	George R. Sangster.....
1887....	*James McNichol	Julius T. Whitlock.....	John McAlister.....
1888....	James McNichol	E. Lee Street.....	James D. Fowler.....
1889....	Thomas Walker, M.D. ..	George M. Jarvis.....	John D. Short
1890....	Thomas Walker, M.D. ..	Henry A. White	Edwin G. Vroom
1891....	Thomas Walker, M.D. ..	*David F. Merritt	James E. Masters.....
1892....	Thomas Walker, M.D. ..	George F. Pinder.....	John A. Watson.....
1893....	Thomas Walker, M.D. ..	Hendry B. Fleming.. ...	Donald Munro.. ...
1894....	Thomas Walker, M.D. ..	John A. Watson.....	George Ackman
1895....	Julius T. Whitlock.....	*J. Henry Leonard.....	Frederick Sandall.....
1896....	Julius T. Whitlock.....	Fred. W. Thomson.....	W. A. D. Steven.
1897....	Thomas Walker, M.D. ..	Alexander Burchill	Alexander R. Campbell..
1898....	Thomas Walker, M.D. ..	William B. Wallace.....	Josiah R. Murphy.....
1899....	His Honor Judge Forbes.	W. A. D. Steven.....	George Coggon.....

*Since Deceased.

LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

OCTOBER 9TH, A.D. 1867, A.L. 5867.

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*David Brown.....	*Rev. Wm. Donald, D.D.	*W. H. A. Keans....	*William F. Bunting
*John Richards	Rev. Wm. Donald, D.D.	W. H. A. Keans....	William F. Bunting
John Richards	Rev. Wm. Donald, D.D.	W. H. A. Keans....	William F. Bunting
William F. Dibblee ...	Rev. Wm. Donald, D.D.	W. H. A. Keans ...	William F. Bunting
Isaac W. Doherty	Rev. Howard Sprague..	W. H. A. Keans....	William F. Bunting
Thomas J. Robinson ..	Rev. Howard Sprague..	W. H. A. Keans....	William F. Bunting
Edward Tweedie	Rev. Francis Partridge.	W. H. A. Keans....	William F. Bunting
Alfred F. Street.....	Rev. Francis Partridge.	W. H. A. Keans....	William F. Bunting
*David Main.....	Rev. Francis Partridge.	W. H. A. Keans....	William F. Bunting
William D. Forster....	Rev. Francis Partridge.	*Jas. McNichol, Jr..	William F. Bunting
James Boone.....	Rev. Francis Partridge.	Jas. McNichol, Jr..	William F. Bunting
Charles N. Scott	Rev. Donald MacRae...	Jas. McNichol, Jr..	William F. Bunting
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Thomas T. Beveridge..	*Rev. Charles Medley...	Jas. McNichol, Jr..	William F. Bunting
George F. Pinder.....	Rev. Richard Mathers..	Jas. McNichol, Jr..	*Edwin J. Wetmore
*David F. Merritt	Rev. Richard Mathers..	Jas. McNichol, Jr..	Edwin J. Wetmore
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William E. Skillen....	Rev. W. W. Brewer	Charles Masters....	Edwin J. Wetmore
*Archibald McLean...	Rev. W. W. Brewer	Charles Masters....	Edwin J. Wetmore
*Joseph C. Hatheway.	Rev. A. MacDougall ...	Charles Masters....	Edwin J. Wetmore
Alexander Burchill ..	Rev. A. MacDougall ...	Henry J. Thorne ...	Edwin J. Wetmore
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Hendry B. Fleming ..	Rev. G. M. Campbell...	Henry J. Thorne ...	Edwin J. Wetmore
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William B. Wallace...	Rev. Thomas Marshall.	Edwin J. Everett...	F. W. Wisdom
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George S. Dodge	Rev. A. G. H. Dicker...	Edwin J. Everett...	J. Twining Hartt

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OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE

Year.	Senior Grand Deacon.	Junior Grand Deacon.	Grand Director of Ceremonies.	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
1867-68	*John Richards.....	*Benj. R. Stevenson.	John V. Ellis.....	Robert Marshall
1868....	*Thomas F. Gillespie	*David Main.....	John V. Ellis..	Robert Marshall
1869....	*David Main.....	*Thomas Irving	Robert Marshall ..	*Edward Willis
1870....	A. G. Beckwith.....	Robert Marshall....	John D. Short.....	Richard N. Knight...
1871....	*John Wallace	Thomas J. Robinson	*Geo. F. Stickney ..	Allen McN. Travis ..
1872....	Harry Beckwith....	Duncan S. Harper..	Robert R. Call.....	G. Hudson Flewelling
1873....	G. H. Flewelling...	*George Todd.....	James McDougall..	George E. Elliott....
1874....	Alexander Burchill	*David Wetmore....	George E. Elliott..	*T. Nisbet Robertson..
1875....	*Jas. McNichol, Jr..	*Charles F. Bourne..	*T. N. Robertson..	Edwin A. Record.....
1876....	*Henry Duffell,	J. Alfred Clark	James Boone.....	*Louis B. Messenett..
1877....	Edward L. Wetmore	*George F. Stickney.	John S. Benson....	Henry A. Johnson....
1878....	Geo. E. Fairweather	Robert J. McAdoo..	F. W. Wisdom	George E. Perkins....
1879....	Geo. E. Fairweather	Robert J. McAdoo..	F. W. Wisdom	George E. Perkins....
1880....	Geo. E. Fairweather	William J. Logan ..	F. W. Wisdom	William H. B. Sadleir
1881....	William A. Park ..	*David F. Merritt ..	F. W. Wisdom	William H. B. Sadleir
1882....	*David F. Merritt ..	E. Lee Street.....	F. W. Wisdom	*James Adam
1883....	E. Lee Street.....	John McAlister	F. W. Wisdom	James Adam
1884....	Thomas A. Peters..	George F. Hibbard..	T. Walker, M.D....	*W. G. Disbrow, M.D..
1885....	Henry A. White....	John D. Chipman ..	John A. Watson....	A. W. Reed.....
1886....	*William R. Russell.	*J. Henry Leonard..	John A. Watson....	Wm. A. Henderson...
1887....	Henry A. Johnson..	William S. Saunders	Andrew McNichol..	John G. Hall.....
1888....	James Vroom	Fred. E. Danville ..	Alex. R. Campbell..	William A. Black
1889....	H. M. Ferguson	Robert Glenn	John A. Watson....	John McFadzen
1890....	John C. Leonard ..	*Ronald Currie.....	John A. Watson....	W. A. Black.....
1891....	Isaac O. Beateay ..	Andrew McNichol..	John A. Watson....	Park A. Melville
1892....	J. T. Allan Dibblee	Park A. Melville...	Wm. B. Wallace ..	J. D. B. F. McKenzie.
1893....	George Ackman ..	Allen W. Chapman..	Wm. B. Wallace ..	John McLauchlan...
1894....	C. W. Jenner.....	John White	Wm. B. Wallace ..	S. L. Morrison.....
1895....	John Black.....	W. J. O'Brien	*Hedley V. Cooper ..	J. Twining Hartt. ...
1896....	Went. W. Wilson ..	Robert Clerke.....	J. Twining Hartt..	W. W. Inches
1897....	A. Y. Clarke.....	George Coggon.....	Mr. Justice McLeod	David Dearnness.....
1898....	Thomas Lawson....	George S. Dodge ...	Mr. Justice McLeod	Frank L. Tufts.....
1899....	R. W. Whitlock...	George K. Cochran..	Arch. Bauer.....	Joseph A. Magilton ..

*Since Deceased.

OF NEW BRUNSWICK (Continued).

Grand Sword Bearer.	Grand Standard Bearer.	Grand Organist.	Grand Pursuivant.
James McDougall.....	John Mullin.....	*Henry Card	James Mullin
James McDougall.....	John Mullin.....	Henry Card	James Mullin
G. H. Flewelling	John Mullin.....	Henry Card	*Jas. McNichol, Jr.
Duncan S. Harper.....	John Johnston	Henry Card	*David R. Munro
Charles Carr.....	*Thomas F. Gillespie..	Henry Card	*Henry Duffell
Charles A. Holstead ..	*W. Wallace Gordon ..	Henry Card	*Joseph C. Hatheway
Tobias Addy.....	David N. Porter.....	Henry Card	Arthur H. Milberry
James D. Phinney.....	Henry A. White.....	Henry Card	*Jas. McNichol, Jr.
Edward L. Wetmore ..	Robert Gilmour	Henry Card	F. W. Wisdom
*Charles U. Hanford ..	*William Osborne.....	Henry Card	Robert J. McAdoo
Henry A. White.....	Charles N. Scott.....	Edward J. Sheldon...	James F. Ellis
George B. Hegan.....	George Kilnap.....	Edward J. Sheldon...	*Charles U. Hanford
George B. Hegan.....	George Kilnap.....	Edward J. Sheldon...	Charles U. Hanford
*Archibald McLean ..	B. C. Barclay Boyd..	*George F. Devine	Charles U. Hanford
George Ackman	Harry Beckwith.....	George F. Devine	*James Adam
John McAlister.....	John W. Patterson...	*Joseph C. Hatheway ..	John A. Watson
Thomas A. Peters	William B. Wallace..	Joseph C. Hatheway ..	John C. Leonard
Arthur Everitt	John A. Morrison Jr..	Joseph C. Hatheway ..	John A. Watson
John Taylor.....	David Dearnness.....	Joseph C. Hatheway ..	W. E. Skillen
G. M. Duncan.....	John G. Hall.....	E. Cadwallader.....	John White
George T. Baird.....	Lovett M. Wood.....	William A. Ewing....	*J. M. Humphrey
George F. Atkinson...	A. M. Mealey.....	William A. Ewing....	*William H. Patton
James Stewart	Edward Cadwallader..	Edward J. Sheldon...	George R. Devitt
James Patterson	A. Mungall.	William A. Ewing....	Robert Clerke
Daniel McGruer.....	J. C. Ferguson.....	William A. Ewing....	Wm. G. Robertson
Arthur H. Hiltz.....	Whitman Brewer.....	William A. Ewing....	W. A. D. Steven
George D. Frost.....	J. H. Hawthorne....	William A. Ewing....	George E. Day
W. A. Dougherty.....	J. M. Fowler	William A. Ewing....	F. O. Sullivan
W. T. McLeod.....	William H. McLeod ..	William A. Ewing....	Robert Clerke
W. H. Laughlin, M.D.	W. A. Dougherty....	William A. Ewing....	Wilson Dobbin
S. L. Morrison.....	Daniel C. Clark	William A. Ewing....	George S. Dodge
W. Alex. Porter.....	R. W. Grimmer.....	William A. Ewing....	C. Berton Lockhart
S. L. Morrison.....	A. Y. Clarke.....	William A. Ewing....	William Smith

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THE DEAD.

In Memoriam.

R.:W.: DAVID F. MERRITT

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

DIED JULY 19TH, 1899.

"At our Annual Communications there was no more familiar figure
than his. Esteemed by his Brethren for many sterling qualities."

From Address of Grand Master.

In Memoriam.

R.:W.: JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,
Past Junior Grand Warden.
Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 2.
Died April 22nd, 1899.

W.: DAVID S. STEWART,
Past Master Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Died September 10th, 1898.

W.: ROBERT L. SMITH,
Past Master The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
Died October 28th, 1898.

W.: CHARLES A. STOCKTON,
Past Master Albion Lodge, No. 1.
Died December 24th, 1898.

W.: WILLIAM H. PATTON,
Past Master New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
Died January 4th, 1899.

W.: JARED BOONE,
Past Master Alexandria Lodge, No. 33.
Died August 10th, 1899.

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