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Grand Secretary's Report

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

I have again the honor to lay before you a report of the work of the Order in this Jurisdiction for the year ended 31st December, 1911.

During the year two Subordinate and one Rebekah lodge have been instituted, viz., "Cariboo" Lodge No. 65, at South Fort George, by Special Deputy Grand Master Bro. J. R. Campbell, P.G., on 6th September, 1911, and "Park" Lodge No. 66 at Central Park, by Bro. W. A. Johnstone, D.G.M., on 20th March, 1912; also "Sunset" Rebekah Lodge No. 29 at Armstrong by Sister Mrs. Evans, President of the Rebekah Assembly, on 2nd April, 1912. The instituting officers in each case speak highly of the material composing these new lodges, and of the prospects of these additional agencies for the diffusion of the principles of Oddfellowship.

The gain in membership during 1911 was 511, being a little under 10 per cent. Thirty-four lodges report an increase, eleven a decrease, and the membership in seven was stationary. The place of honor in this respect is due to "Fairview" Lodge No. 61, Fairview, Vancouver, which shows a gain of 56 during the year, nearly doubling its membership. I had much pleasure in submitting the record of this lodge to the Grand Sire as a candidate for the banner offered by him to the Subordinate Lodge showing the largest gain during the year 1911.

Enquiries have been received from Creston and Powell River as to the steps necessary to be taken to institute Lodges at these places, but as yet petitions have not been received.

I beg to submit the following tabulated statement:—

STATISTICAL.

Statement Showing the Result of the Year's Work as Compared with the Year 1910

		Increase	Decrease
No. of Lodges 31st December, 1911	53	2	.....
No. of Lodges Instituted since....	1	.....	.....
Dawson Lodge No. 1, Dawson, Y.T., attached to this Jurisdiction by Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1	.....	.....
No. Members, 31st December, 1911	5820	511	.....
" " Initiated	635	.....	10
" " Admitted by card..	154	.....	26
" " Admitted as A. O...	2	.....	.....
" " Reinstated	11	.....	8
" " Withdrawn	82	.....	9
" " Deceased	36	.....	11
" " Expelled	1	.....	1
" " Resigned	1	.....	.....
" " Suspended for cause	1	.....	1
" " " for N.P.D.	170	.....	63
" Rejected	20	.....	7
" Degrees conferred	2006	.....	112
" Past Grands	1122	84	.....
Receipts from Dues	$ 61,189.85	$ 3,813.73	.....
" " admissions and degrees	$ 16,357.95	$ 357.45	.....
" " rents and interest	$ 35,624.06	$ 6,741.71	.....
" " all other sources	$ 3,679.91	$ 546.47	.....
Total Receipts	$116,851.77	$ 11,459.36	.....
No. of Brothers relieved	461	47	.....
" Widowed families relieved ..	29	10	.....
" Brothers buried	31	.....	16
" Weeks Sick Benefits paid....	4226	554	.....
Amount paid for Relief of Brothers	$ 29,563.34	$ 5,472.39	.....
" " Widowed families ...	$ 2,194.00	$ 1,423.60	.....
" " Burying the Dead....	$ 2,429.15	.....	$ 1,240.74
" " Special Relief	$ 1,335.90	.....	$ 399.51
Total amount paid for Relief.....	$ 35,522.39	$ 5,230.74	.....
" " Current expenses..	$ 35,787.91	$ 7,305.51	.....
Total Val. Assets of Sub. Lodges..	$834,170.28	$275.508.57	.....
Average amount of benefits paid to each sick member	$ 64.13	$ 5.94	.....
Average amount expended for relief per member	$ 6.10	$ 0.39	.....
Average Cost per member for current expenses	$ 6.15	$ 0.79	.....
Average cost per member for all lodge expenditures	$ 12.25	$ 1.18	.....
* Total amount of assets per member	$ 143.33	$ 38.10	.....
Total amount of relief paid since institution of Grand Lodge, 1874	$545,607.40	.....	.....

*Average duration of sickness per sick member, 9 weeks 1 day 4 hours; increase, 2 days 2 hours.

*Average duration of sickness per member, 5 days 2 hours; increase 6 hours.