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Originals, 1845-1846, 53 pages. Finding Aid No. 1137.

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Finding Aid No. 1137 provides a descriptive list of the material in chronological order.

Correspondence, minutes of proceedings, etc., 1845-1846, relating to the Montreal lodges of the Loyal Orange Association of British North America. Included are a number of items concerned with disputes between members of the lodges and with dissatisfaction with the leadership of the Grand Master, Lieutenant Colonel Ogle Robert Gowan (1796-1876).

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INTRODUCTION

Provenance

The 23 items in this collection were purchased at auction in Montreal in June 1978, with no other indication of their source than may be gleaned from the documents themselves. Included in the same lot were another 10 items relating to the Freemasons of Montreal that were separated from these, which pertain to the Loyal Orange Association of the same city at a slightly earlier date, and constituted as a distinct unit under the name of the principal recipient of the correspondence, Murdock Mor[rlison (MG 24, L 17).

Content

The material in this unit consists mainly of correspondence and minutes of proceedings relating to the Loyal Orange Association of British North America in the District of Montreal, 1845-1846. Many of the items are concerned with disputes and complaints among the members of the District Lodge. Two of the documents give indications of dissatisfaction with the way in which the Association was run by the Grand Master, Lieutenant Colonel Ogle Robert Gowan (1796-1876), who was one of the founders of the Association in British North America. (For other material relating to Gowan, see MG 24, B. 64).

Arrangement

An attempt has been made to place the documents in chronological order, but since many of the items are not dated this could not be done with certainty, and the researcher is warned to regard the arrangement with some scepticism.

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Montreal 8 August 1845	[Morton] Thornton	G.R. Brown, District and County Master of the Loyal Orange Association, Montreal.	Receipt for El.5.0 collected from the different members of the Loyal Orange Association, Montreal, for Edward Little.	1-2
Montreal 24 December 1845	John Baily Turner, Deputy Grand Master	Edward Jackson	Authorization to hold a lodge of the Loyal Orange Association of British North America in the District and County of Montreal and to confer various degrees until a warrant under the seal of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge could be procured.	3
Royal Oak Inn [Montreal] 27 January 1846			List of members present at a District Meeting, attended by members of Lodges 304, 364, 366, 379, and 401.	4-5
[Montreal] 27 January 1846	G.R. Brown District Master	Mr. Fees	Order to deliver letter received by him from the Grand Master, O.R. Gowan, to the bearer, who would pay him the postage.	6-7
Brockville 6 February 1846	Ogle Robert Gowan (1796- 1876), Grand Master	Alexander Meredith, District Secretary, Montreal	Arranging a meeting [of the Grand Lodge] in Montreal on Saturday 28 March [1846].	8-9

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[Montreal] n.d.	J.B. Turner, C.G.M. Montreal	[John] Campbell, Master of Lodge 379	Summons from the Grand Master, Colonel R.O. Gowan, to attend a meeting of the Masters, Deputies, Secretaries, and Treasurers of the Montreal Lodges to consider the state of the Order in Montreal and to arrange for the correction of irregularities and for more efficient organization. Advises that he holds £10 to give to Lodge 379 as a mark of gratitude from the gentlemen of Montreal for its services in the constitutional cause.	10-11
[Montreal] n.d.	J.B. Turner, C.G.M. Montreal	[Edward] Freeborough, [Master of Lodge 304]	Almost the same as to [John] Campbell above.	12-13
Montreal 12 Feb. [1846]	Edward Freeborough, [Master] of Lodge 304	[John Baily] Turner	Order to give bearer, Brother C. Williams, the sum which he acknowledged that he had in his hands for Lodge 304 from the last election.	14-15
Courier Office [Montreal] 14 February 1846	J.B. Turner	R. Brown	Has been confined to bed for three weeks by a severe illness and will not be able to attend the District Meeting. Denies the slanderous allegations that he has embezzled funds intended for some of the lodges of the city, and insists that any complaints against him should be laid before the meeting of the Grand Lodge to be held [in Montreal] on 28 March [1846].	16-17
Montreal 16 February 1846	William McCloy	G.R. Brown, District Master	At a meeting of Lodge 379 on 10 February [1846] it was unanimously agreed that a duplicate from Lodge No. 379 should be granted until such time as an Orange Warrant could be obtained, and that it should be in readiness for Brother Jackson this evening.	18-20

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Montreal 17 February 1846	Robert W.S. Mackay	District Lodge, Loyal Orange Society	Bill for El.14.0 for stationery.	21-22
Montreal 10 March 1846			Proceedings of Lodge 379 and its subsidiary Lodge, re censure of Brother Brown, formerly District Master, with signatures of the members of the two lodges.	23-24
Montreal 27 March 1846			Record of the sentence of expulsion passed on J.B. Turner, with the list of charges made against him at a District Meeting on 26 March 1846, which were to be laid before the Grand Lodge.	25-26
Montreal 28 March 1846	G.R. Brown, District Master	[Alexander] Meredith, District Secretary	Directing him to call a meeting of the District Lodge at the Royal Oak Inn on 31 March [1846].	27-28
Montreal 30 March 1846	District Lodge of Montreal	Lieut. Col. Gowan, Grand Master	Protesting against the proceedings of the Grand Lodge on 28 March 1846 in the case of John Baley Turner.	29-30
[Montreal 30 March 1846]	Ogle R. Gowan, Grand Master	Donald Murray, [Deputy Grand Secretary]	Gives list of the warrants granted in Montreal, and asks the times and places of meeting for each as he hopes to visit them each. Desires a fair copy of the minutes of the last meeting, and a change of time for the next meeting from Saturday to Friday night.	31-34
Montreal 10 April 1846	G.R. Brown	Alexander Meredith, District Secretary	Resignation from the organization as run by O.R. Gowan, and stating his intention of having a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ulster in the spring.	35-38

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Montreal 20 April 1846	George Jackson	[John Dyer], District Master	Charge against James McGranoghan for assaulting his brother John Jackson, and against William McCloy for abetting him in his assault instead of preventing it.	39
Montreal 23 April 1846	William McCloy	John Dier, District Master	Protesting against the proposed mode of proceeding in the case being brought against him by Brother Jackson.	40-43
[Montreal 1846]	John Bates, late member of Lodge 350	John Dyer, District Master	Enquiring into the proceedings of Lodge 350, which he considered improper, against Brother John Atkins of that lodge.	44-45
[Montreal 15 Sept. [1846]			Minutes of a meeting of the Lodges of the District of Montreal at Brother Fees', with Brother Freeborough in the chair in the absence of the District Master. Mentions the cases of Brothers John Campbell, Richard Cockrane, Graham, Brown and John Atkins.	46-49
[Montreal 19 October 1846]			Minutes of a meeting of the Lodges of the District of Montreal to elect District Officers. Mentions the case of [John] Campbell, and the motions that Brother J.B. Turner not be acknowledged as anything more than the Master of Metcalfe Lodge, that the Grand Master should not support him in anything more henceforward, and that the Treasurers of the Lodges be ordered to call upon him to pay over the ELO in his possession for their use.	50-51
Montreal 21 October 1846	John Campaign	John Dier, District Master	Protesting against his suspension for two years from Lodge 364 and asking that the District Lodge investigate the matter as soon as possible.	52-53