

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal announced that an appeal of Brothers Alexander and Carkeek against the action of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, in a recent trial case had been received, together with the answer of the lodge thereto and certified copies of the evidence, all of which had been referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. The appeal and answer of the lodge were as follows:—

To the Chancellor Commander, Officers and Members of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias.

Pursuant to notice given at last regular meeting of this lodge, I now appeal against the action of the lodge in adopting the report of the trial committee in the Sorley investigation, for the following reasons:

1. That a member of such committee, Bro. W. Carkeek, was not notified of the preparation of such report, nor was he given an opportunity to sign or dissent from same before it was presented.

2. That the trial committee did not return into the lodge the records "in full" as required by law, the same being incomplete without the production of the documents referred to in the testimony, and these were not handed in with the testimony and the report.

3. That the testimony in full and such portion of the documents therein referred to, as either plaintiffs or defendant might desire to have read, were not read, and that the lodge ought not to have refused the request of the plaintiffs that same be read, and that after such request the lodge could not properly vote on the adoption of the report without having such evidence read.

4. That the lodge in voting a resolution not to hear the evidence read, exceeded its authority, inasmuch as it was their duty to hear such evidence so as to enable them to vote on the report with a full knowledge of all the facts bearing on the case.

5. That the voting on the report as a whole is irregular and void; each charge therein mentioned ought to have been voted upon separately.

6. That the findings of the committee are not justified by the evidence appearing in the record of the proceedings, but are contrary to such evidence, which is amply sufficient to sustain the charges made and in the said report dealt with.

Section 3, being the appeal of A. A. Alexander.

Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6, being the appeal of W. Carkeek.

Dated at Toronto, this 19th day of February 1891.

WM. FRANKLIN MORPHY,

*Solicitor for and on behalf of A. A. Alexander, and
W. Carkeek, Appellants.*

Certified a true copy.

JACKSON L. LITTLE,
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