

Montreal, October 3, 1846.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. W. Grand Master, R. W. D. Grand Master, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, W. G. Marshall, W. G. Conductor, W. G. Guardian.

Also Present—P. G. Clarke.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the Order of Business was suspended to allow the Committee appointed to meet the Committee of the Montreal District of the I. O. O. F., Manchester Unity, to report.

D. G. M. Montizambert, from said Committee, made the following Report :—

I. O. O. F.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Montreal, October 3, 1846.

To the M. W. Grand Master, and the R. W. and W. Grand Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the Province of Canada.

The Committee appointed last evening for the purpose of meeting the Committee of the Montreal District of the I. O. O. F., Manchester Unity, and ascertaining from them for the information of this R. W. Grand Lodge, what is to be the nature of the Celebration in which they have so kindly requested the co-operation of this Order, have the honor to report :

That they have waited upon A. W. Laird, P. G., the signer of the invitation, by whom they were received in the name and on behalf of the said Committee of the Montreal District, and from whom they ascertained the following particulars, viz. : that the 4th September is the real Anniversary of the establishment of the I. O. of O. F. Manchester Unity in this Province, but that the day has been altered with reference to Peace having been concluded between Great Britain and the United States of America, on the 6th October, 1783,—that the Celebration in the morning of that day, will consist of a public procession through the principal streets of this city, to a place of public worship, where a Sermon will be preached,—that a Soiree will be held the same evening, in the New Market Hall, where addresses will be delivered to a public meeting, and singers and bands of music will be in attendance for the promotion of innocent recreation; and that no wines or other spirituous liquors will be included among the refreshments.

Your Committee further beg leave to report, that the assurance which they felt themselves at liberty to offer to Mr. Laird, of the friendly feeling entertained by the Canadian members of this Order in general, towards the Canadian Branch of the Manchester Unity, were well received by him,—and although they merely expressed the gratification felt by the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge, at their courteous and kind invitation, and held out no hopes of its acceptance, they succeeded in convincing Mr. Laird, that the decision of this R. W. Grand Lodge on the subject would be governed by no motives at variance with those generous and enlarged views of the virtues of Brotherly Love and Charity, by which both bodies equally profess themselves actuated.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT, P. G. & D. G. M.,  
Chairman.

On motion of P. G. Dyde, seconded by P. G. Seymour, the Report was received, and the Committee discharged.

Moved by D. G. M. Montizambert, seconded by P. G. Dyde, and resolved, That this Grand Lodge feels highly gratified at the desire to cultivate relations of mutual goodwill and kindness, manifested towards this Order by the Committee of the Montreal District of the I. O. of O. F., Manchester Unity, in their invitation to this Grand Lodge and to its Subordinate Lodges in this city, to co-operate in their approaching Annual Celebration.

Moved by D. G. M. Montizambert, seconded by P. G. Dyde, and resolved, That while this Grand Lodge duly appreciates the motives, so consonant to the true principles of Odd Fellowship, which have actuated the Committee of the Montreal District in this instance, and is desirous of reciprocating kindly feelings and good offices with that Body on every proper occasion which may occur, it must be guided in this as well as other matters by its own Rules and Regulations.

Moved by D. G. M. Montizambert, seconded by P. G. Dyde, and resolved, That inasmuch as it has been duly ascertained, that the proposed Celebration will in fact amount to a public demonstration, having connection, it is true, with the Institution of Odd Fellowship, considered as a whole, but none whatever with the Order to which we belong, any attendance at, or participation in it, on the part of this Grand Lodge or any of its Subordinate

Lodges, would be inconsistent with, and a violation of, the Resolutions adopted by this Grand Lodge on the seventh day of August last.

Moved by D. G. M. Montizambert, seconded by P. G. Dyde, and resolved, That as the near approach of the Celebration will not admit of any relaxation of the Rule laid down by the above Resolution being adopted with due notice and deliberation, this Grand Lodge finds itself unable either to accept, or permit its Subordinate Lodges to accept, the invitation in question.

Moved by D. G. M. Montizambert, seconded by P. G. Dyde, and resolved, That copies of these Resolutions, and of the said Resolution of the 7th day of August last, be transmitted by the R. W. Grand Sire to the Standing Committee of the Montreal District, as well as to those Lodges which have applied to this Grand Lodge for permission to attend at, and participate in, the proposed Celebration.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at the call of the M. W. Grand Master.

J. CUSHING, Grand Secretary.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

(Continuation of the Session.)

Montreal, Friday, March 12, 1847,—3 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled at the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, to continue the business of the Session. Present,—M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. Grand Secretary, W. G. Conductor, W. G. Guardian.

Also Present,—Reps. Seymour, Wilson, Dunkin, Holton, Liddell, Gibson, Sache, Whitney, and Rodden.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Holton, seconded by Rep. Gibson, the Order of Business was suspended.

The Grand Secretary presented the Appeal of P. G. Wm. Sache, of Queen's Lodge, No. 2, against the decision of that Lodge, in relation to the admission of Members during the reading of the Minutes.

The Grand Secretary presented a Communication from Otonabee Lodge, No. 13, Peterboro, in relation to the rejection of Candidates, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

P. G. Dunkin rose and tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Prudential Committee, at the same time expressing his regret that other engagements rendered it imperative upon him to do so, as he could not give that attention to the duties of the Office, which their importance required.

On motion of Rep. Holton, seconded by Rep. Cooke, the resignation was accepted.

P. G. M. Rodden tendered his resignation as a member of the same Committee, which, on motion of Rep. Sache, seconded by Rep. Wilson, was accepted.

Moved by Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Sache, and resolved :

That the election of two other members to serve on said Committee, take place forthwith.

The Grand Sire having received the Ballots of the Representatives as they were respectively called, and Reps. Holton and Hilton having received a majority of the votes, they were declared duly elected as members of the Prudential Committee.

Moved by P. G. M. Rodden, seconded by Rep. Whitney :

That it is regular for the N. G. of a Subordinate Lodge to cause the door of his Lodge to be tyled, when business of importance is being transacted, and the entrance of Members is likely to cause confusion and interrupt such business; subject, however, to the vote of the Lodge at the time; and that should a motion on the subject be offered, it shall be in order, and be decided without debate.

Moved in amendment by Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Liddell :

That it is irregular for the N. G. of any Lodge, or for any Lodge by its vote, to cause the door to be closed against the entrance of qualified Brothers, except during Initiations and the opening and closing of the Lodge.

The question being on the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.