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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY.

The annual session of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was held in the Toronto Street Masonic Hall, Toronto, on the 17th of July, Supreme Grand Master, Col. McLeod Moore, G. C. T., presiding.

The Grand Master read an exhaustive address or allocution, which referred at length to the cause of separation from the English Templars, and the action of the latter body in declaring non-intercourse, owing to the establishment in the colony of Victoria of three preceptories under Canadian warrants, and which, it is alleged by England, was an infringement of territory. The Grand Master, while deploring the outcome of the action of the Canadian Great Priory, and adhering to his loyalty to the parent body, claimed that England had overstepped the proprieties, and throughout the discussion exhibited but little consideration for the feelings and opinions of the Templars in Canada. In the matter of the edict promulgated by the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, against the Scottish Encampments located in New Brunswick, the Grand Master recommended its removal as a means to an amicable settlement of the difficulty.

The motion to cut away the privileges of honorary members of preceptories was withdrawn, and that to establish Provincial Grand Priorities was permitted to stand until the next annual assembly.

In addition to the Supreme Grand Master, who holds the position for life, the following are the officers of Great Priory, who were elected at the session:—

R. Em. Frater Jas. A. Henderson, Q. C., G. C. T., Kingston, Deputy Grand Master.

R. Em. Frater Daniel Spry, G. C. T., Barrie, Grand Chancellor.

R. Em. Frater Rev. Frederick Bates, Chatham, Grand Chaplain.

R. Em. Frater G. G. Rowe, M. D., Parkdale, Grand Constable.

R. Em. Frater H. E. Channell, Quebec, Grand Marshal.

R. Em. Frater David McLellan, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

R. Em. Frater Geo. S. McConkey, Toronto, Grand Registrar.

The following R. Em. Fraters were elected Provincial Priors:—

H. C. Simpson, London, London District.

Hugh Walker, Guelph, Hamilton District.

Edmund E. Sheppard, Toronto, Toronto District.

W. Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Kingston District.

Isaac H. Stearns, Montreal, Quebec District.

L. B. Archibald, Truro, Nova Scotia District.

W. G. Bell, Winnipeg, Manitoba District.

The Grand Council is composed of the following, the first five R. Em. Fraters having been elected, the balance appointed by the Grand Master:—

Henry Robertson, LL.B., Collingwood; Donald Ross, Picton; J. Ross Robertson, Toronto; E. T. Malone, Toronto; John S. Dewar, London; A. G. Adams, Montreal; J. McL. Stevenson, Barrie; G. J. Bennett, Parkdale; S. S. Lazier, Belleville; S. Lebourveau, Quebec.

As the Sovereign Priory is not a provincial body it was decided that the next year's meeting be held in the city of Montreal, on the Tuesday before the second Wednesday in October.

SUPREME GRAND MASTER MOORE.

Col. William James Bury MacLeod Moore was born in Ireland, but received his early education in Scotland. He served a term of some twenty years in the 69th regiment, and was elected by the war office as first class staff officer in Canada. When Col. Moore was but seventeen years old (in 1827) he received the three craft degrees in freemasonry in one night at a special meeting of Glenkindil lodge, No. 333, at the residence of R. W. Bro. Major-General Sir Alexander Leike, K. C. B. In 1831 he received the chapter degrees in Aberdeen, and in 1844 was installed a High Knight Templar and Knight of Malta in Boyle, county of Roscommon. Col. Moore was located at Malta three years later, and in 1849 was elected W. M. of St. John, and 81 Paul lodge, English Registry, which met in the city of Lavaletta. During the Colonel's stay at Malta he established the first Knight Templar encampment ever held in Malta, and called it the "Melita." When the Grand Conclave was held in London in 1852, Col. Moore was invested with the rank and title of Second Grand Captain