

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER T. A. McLEAN'S REPORT.

CHARLOTTETOWN, June 24th, 1884

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Masons of P. E. I.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—Having received your commission to visit Victoria Lodge, No. 2, and report, beg leave to submit the following:

I attended on the evening of Friday last, June 20th; examined the books of the Secretary and found them well and neatly kept. Found that the Lodge had done a large year's work in making of Masons, having added to its number with first-class men; and indeed, it promises better things than has been done heretofore in Masonry. I have much pleasure in reporting that I saw the third degree conferred on C. E. Morrison, now Bro. Morrison, P. M. Bro. A. McKenzie acting as Master, and the work done was a pleasure to witness, as well as a revival of work, to those who have been over the road. I take this opportunity in congratulating Victoria Lodge in having such an active P. M. as Bro. McKenzie, and trust that in the future all Lodges will look more to the qualification of the Masters they elect than the mere fact that they have served as Warden for a term. The officers and members received me in a kindly spirit, with the grand honors, as your representative, and I spent the evening very pleasantly indeed.

There is one thing I feel bound to bring to your notice,—and to me it seems a violation of our constitution, but it will be a question for you, Most Worshipful Sir, and the members of Grand Lodge; and I will say this before stating the point that I wish it distinctly understood that I bring nothing forward as against Victoria Lodge personally, nor any one of its members, but simply in the discharge of my duties as your Representative, and in maintaining the dignity of our constitution as a Mason is bound to do. The question is this, that in connection with affiliation the Lodge proposed, balloted for and elected seven or eight Brethren the same night of meeting, thereby going outside the constitution, and taking an unfair advantage of Brethren who were not present. Having done this, I claim I can do no less than bring the matter to your notice for consideration. Believing that the Brethren had no desire to do wrong or injure any of its absent members, or to override the constitution, I will, therefore, leave the matter in your hands, and subscribe

Fraternally yours,

T. A. McLEAN.