

ience is gained on the part of the many secretaries (for there is quite an army of them) the whole machinery is being operated with marked improvement tending doubtless to knit the entire fabric of the institution more firmly together. A matter of consideration remains in a prologue of interest for subordinate meetings and the preparation of established literature beyond the invaluable expositions of the official organ.

I might say respecting the correspondence received at the Grand Office that it is becoming much more characteristic, manifesting a very rapid dissemination and inception of thought and the susceptibility of the Canadian people to concentration of purpose, while the expression indicates a broadened comprehension of the realities of social life.

Then in conclusion, brethren, we can but trust that Patronism may continue to go forth in its purity and excellence of purpose to the extrication of our homes and people from the stern grasp of the thralldom of oppression to the kindly embrace of freedom and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. WELCH, Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

The Grand Secretary-Treasurer then read a report on the Accumulative Voting, Initiative and Referendum, and on motion of Bros. Jamieson and McCradie was laid on the table.

The Grand Secretary read a memorial from Association No. 1584, County of Gengarry, re dissent from action taken at Patrons convention held at Alexandria on October 2, 1893, and also a memorial from the above named Association dissenting from action taken by Grand President Mallory in presenting an alternative to them in the matter.

Moved by B. J. Donaldson, and seconded by J. D. McGregor, that Bros. J. B. Ewing, J. H. Alexander, G. A. Aylesworth, H. H. Beam and R. Jamieson be appointed a committee to investigate the charges made in the said memorials and report. Carried.

A communication from the Women's Emfranchisement Association, asking to be heard at the hour named in their letter, Thursday evening, at 5 p. m.

Moved by John Millar, seconded by Bro. Jamieson, that we hear the above delegation. Carried.

A memorial from Ever True Association, referring to a case under Sec. 5, Chap. 4, of Constitution.

Was in amendment by Bros. Currie and Jamieson referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

A resolution from Bros. Stewart and Jamieson re the Fee System was on motion of Bros. Gifford and McDonald referred to the Committee on Legislation and Platform.

A resolution from Bros. Davis and Allen, re repeal of Sec. 553 of Municipal Act was referred to Committee on Legislation.

A resolution from Bros. Fleming and Buller, re Amendments to Assessment Law was referred on motion of the Bros. presenting it to the Committee on Legislation.

A resolution from Bros. Benson and Anderson, re representation at County Councils being reduced, was on motion of Bro. Adams, seconded by Bro. Alexander, referred to the Committee on Legislation.

A resolution re Grain Testing from Bros. Lighthouse and Campbell was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

A communication from J. H. Brynstrull, wishing to be heard was read, and he was allowed 15 minutes at 7.30 p. m. on Thursday.

A communication from G. J. Bryan, secretary Single Tax Association, asking that a deputation be heard was read, and on motion of Bros. Fleming and Moodie 15 minutes was allotted for hearing the above named deputation on Thursday.

A resolution from Waterloo County Association, re Parliamentary Reports, was referred to Committee on Good of the Order.