

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF CANADA, I. O. O. F.

AT THE QUARTERLY SESSION HELD AT THE CITY OF MONTREAL, MAY, 1845.

WEDNESDAY, 7th May, 1845.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, being the Quarterly Session.

Present:—M. W. G. Master W. M. B. Hartley, R. W. D. G. Master George Matthews, R. W. G. Warden Thomas Hardie, R. W. G. Secretary W. A. Selden, W. G. Marshall Wm. Rodden, W. G. Guardian J. M. Gilbert, P. G. Joseph Fraser, (Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1,) P. G. Wm. Hilton, (Albion Lodge, No. 4.)

The R. W. G. Secretary presented the Credentials of Qualification, and the Election of the undermentioned P. G.'s, as Representatives of their respective Lodges.

P. G. John Holland, of Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1.  
P. G. David Milligan, of Queen's Lodge, No. 2.  
P. G. J. R. Healey, of Albion Lodge, No. 4.  
P. G. J. H. Hardie, of Albion Lodge, No. 4.  
P. G. R. H. Hamilton, of Commercial Lodge, No. 5.

Which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Elections and Returns, and the said Committee then reported the Certificates of P. G.'s John Holland, J. R. Healey, and J. H. Hardie, as being in due form, and recommended that they be admitted to their Seats accordingly, as Representatives of their respective Lodges—the Certificates of P. G.'s D. Milligan and R. H. Hamilton, as being informal, in not having the signature of the N. G.s of their respective Lodges, but recommended that the Certificates be received notwithstanding the informality, and that they also be admitted to their Seats, as Representatives of their respective Lodges.

On motion the Report was accepted, and the recommendations concurred in. Whereupon the R. W. G. Warden having instructed the several P. G.s in the Side and Grand Lodge Degrees, they took their Seats as Representatives of their respective Lodges.

The M. W. G. Master presented his Report, which was read, and, on motion, referred to a Select Committee of Three.

The Chair named P. G.s Thomas Hardie, J. H. Hardie, and Joseph Fraser, as the Committee.

The R. W. G. Secretary presented a petition from Brs. C. Carter, Campbell Bryson, Thomas White, Andrew Wilson, W. E. Ibbotson, George Horne, B. Ibbotson, H. Horne, J. H. Isaacson, J. R. Fraser, and W. Adams, praying that a Dispensation be granted, authorising them to establish a new Lodge, to be hailed as Britannia Lodge, which, on motion, was referred to a Select Committee of Three. The Chair named P. G.s George Matthews, Wm. Rodden, and J. M. Gilbert, as the Committee.

The R. W. G. Secretary presented and read the following accounts:—

The R. W. G. Lodge of the United		
States, amounting to.....	£16	19 8
Campbell Bryson.....	11	3 7
T. Mills.....	1	0 0
	£29	3 3

Which were referred to the Committee of Finance.

The R. W. G. Secretary presented the Quarterly Reports of Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1; Queen's Lodge, No. 2; Albion Lodge, No. 4; Commercial Lodge, No. 5; which were severally referred to the Committee on Elections and Returns, and all of them reported by the said Committee to be correct, and recommended to be placed on file—which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion of P. G. J. M. Gilbert, seconded by P. G. Wm. Hilton, the R. W. G. Secretary was ordered to

address a Communication to the R. W. G. Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for information upon whom the duty devolves of certifying, in the Quarterly Reports, to the Election of the Officers for the ensuing Term; whether upon the Officers elect, or the Officers of the past Quarter; also which names should appear in the column provided for Officers elected and installed; the form transmitted rendering it susceptible of doubt.

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred a Communication from P. G. J. H. Hardie, presented a Report, recommending that it be referred to the Committee of Supervision of Laws of Subordinate Lodges, as coming more properly within the province of said Committee,—which was adopted.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until this afternoon at two o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 7th May, 1845.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—M. W. G. Master W. M. B. Hartley, R. W. D. G. Master George Matthews, R. W. G. Warden Thomas Hardie, R. W. G. Secretary W. A. Selden, and a Representation from Lodges No. 1, 2, 4, and 5.

Minutes of this date read.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the M. W. G. Master's Report, with a view to distribute the subject matters therein contained to the proper Committees, presented a Report, recommending as follows:—To be referred to the Committee of Supervision of Laws of Subordinate Lodges—That portion which refers to the Installation of the Officers of Prince Albert Lodge, No. 3; also that part which refers to the division of the Province of Canada into Districts.

P. G. Wm. Rodden, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the application from Brother Carter and others, for a Dispensation to authorize them to establish a new Lodge, to be hailed as Britannia Lodge, presented and read the Report of the said Committee. That they find it quite correct, with the exception of some alterations not affecting its validity, and recommending that the granting of the request be taken into immediate consideration by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

When P. G. R. H. Hamilton moved, That the consideration thereof be postponed until next session.

P. G. Thomas Hardie moved, in amendment, That the application referred to therein be rejected.

The motion and amendment having been withdrawn with the consent of the Grand Lodge, P. G. George Matthews moved, That the application be granted.

Which was lost. The ayes and nays being called for, they stood thus:

For the motion—P. G. George Matthews.—1.

Against it—Past Grands Wm. Hilton, Thos. Hardie, Joseph Fraser, M. H. Seymour, D. Milligan, J. R. Healey, Wm. Rodden, R. H. Hamilton.—8.

Majority against granting the application, 7.

The Committee on Correspondence reported upon a communication from Commercial Lodge, No. 5, recommending that it be referred to the Committee on Grievances of Subordinate Lodges, which was adopted.

The Committee of Finance reported the following accounts to be correct, and recommended the payment thereof, which was concurred in:—

The R. W. G. Lodge of the United States,....	£16	19 8
Campbell Bryson.....	11	3 7
T. Mills.....	1	0 0
	£29	3 3

On motion, the R. W. G. Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock.

May 8, 1845.—Two o'clock.

The R. W. G. Lodge met agreeable to adjournment.