

No. 15	"	Lambton.....	G. E. Van Tuyl, Petrolia No. 17.
No. 16	"	Huron and Bruce.....	J. H. Hiscocks, Sicily No. 32.
No. 17	"	Nipissing.....	Wm. Ogilvie, Meniss No. 19.
No. 18	"	Lincoln.....	Wm. Shaw, Perseverance No. 23.
No. 19	"	Brant.....	R. Poulton, Calanthe, No. 36.
No. 20	"	Waterloo.....	A. F. Robb, Galt No. 38.

Resignations and removals necessitated the following appointments:—

District No. 1, W. C. Macdonald vice Bro. A. A. Alexander, resigned on account of illness.

" " 2, W. H. Ford vice Bro. Curtis, resigned on account of removal.

" " 3, Wm. Hill, resigned and was reappointed.

Agreeably to a custom which has been adopted and followed by some of my predecessors, I issued a special commission to P.G.C. Alex. Gardiner, of London. This position became vacant by resignation in December last, and was not filled again.

Too much cannot be said of the able way in which my Deputies generally have aided me, and as this Jurisdiction is growing rapidly in numbers and influence I would urgently impress on all who in future are honored with this appointment the necessity of vigorously upholding the hands of the G.C.

OPINIONS AND RULINGS.

I have endeavored with candor to answer impartially all questions arising and addressed to me, according to my interpretation of the laws. These were all unimportant and of a trivial nature, and in this connection I may state that I received over 370 letters and answered fully 320. A great deal of this labor could be saved the Grand Chancellor if the brethren, generally, would read the law more closely for themselves.

As the opinions given by me were few and of little importance I shall merely outline them:

Bro. Macleod, of Red Cross, asked me:

1. "Does balloting in a lodge mean voting and does the law respecting voting apply with equal force to balloting?"

2. "In balloting for membership in the advancement of a page or esquire can every member present be compelled to cast a ballot and do you construe Sec. 12, Rules of Order, to have that meaning?"

To the first of these questions I ruled that balloting is a part of the ritualistic procedure of our order and voting is a part of the business routine of the lodge work, and that each have a different effect and purpose and was differently executed.