

proxy papers when voting as such, and would report the following as entitled to a seat and vote in this R. W. Grand Lodge:

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM NICHOLSON, Chairman.

DAVID E. LEE.

THOMAS RICHARDSON.

JOHN MURPHY.

JOHN LEW, Secretary.

Committee Rooms, Wingham, Feb. 18th, 1882.

[For Report of Committee on Credentials, see pages 5 to 11.]

Moved by W. Bro. E. T. Richards, W. M. L. O. L. 779, seconded by Bro. John Tulk; W. M. L. O. L. 286, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

W. Bro. John Lenfesty, Past County Master, West Middlesex, then presented and read the Report of the Committee on Finance :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario West :

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :

Your Committee have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of your Treasurer, and compared the same, and find the same correct as shown by the Grand Treasurer's financial statement hereto annexed.

We congratulate this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge upon its present financial position, a very large amount having been collected over previous years, and we can but reiterate the remarks of last year's Finance Committee that the Treasurer's books are kept in a satisfactory manner, being clear and comprehensive.

In reference to Lodges in arrears of dues it is gratifying to know that about one thousand dollars have been collected during the past year, yet the books still show arrears of over one thousand dollars.

Your Committee would strongly recommend that the resolution passed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge held at London, in June last, to the effect that the Annual be withheld from all Lodges in arrears, be strictly enforced.

Your Committee have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of your Treasurer in connection with the Mutual Benefit Association so far as the same has come to his hands, and have found the same correct. But your Committee have been unable to go through the whole detailed financial affairs of the Mutual Benefit Association, which are in the Secretary's books, with the limited time at their disposal, and would recommend that two Auditors be appointed for the special duty of auditing the books and accounts of the Orange Mutual Benefit Association, which is now rapidly increasing in membership, and, your Committee are happy to say, is likely to have a large membership, and that said Auditors report so that the same appear in the next printed Report of this Grand Lodge.