

Moved by Bro. W. J. Gibson, seconded by Bro. N. T. Paisley, and resolved:—

That this Committee as appointed be adopted for the express purpose of expediting business, and that the same shall not be quoted as a precedent.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Tait, seconded by Bro. B. Froiland, and resolved:—

That the Committee to draft Committees do now retire and report as soon as possible.

The Grand Master's address was then read by Bro. Peter Arnot, Grand Secretary.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Officers and Members of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Orange Young Britons, in Grand Lodge assembled;—

DEAR BRETHREN:

It is customary on our re-assembling each year, as the Grand Lodge of Orange Young Britons, for the presiding officer to deliver a few opening remarks, in pursuance of which custom I now have that distinguished honour.

Although the circumstances of my assumption of this position are known to you all, I deem it advisable that they should be placed on record. In June last the then Grand Master, Bro. W. R. S. Hessel, of Hamilton, resigned, Bro. F. Graham, of Ottawa, D. G. M., then succeeding to the position. I need not dwell on the sad death of Bro. Graham, in the prime of manhood and usefulness, neither need I moralize thereon, but I will say, that throughout these provinces the death of our dear departed brother caused but one feeling, that of the deepest sorrow, mingled with sympathy for his bereaved relatives. After Bro. Graham's death the duties of Grand Master were assumed by me on the 8th of August last.

On the Twelfth July troubles in the city of Montreal you are likewise well posted. The murder of our brother, Thomas Lee Hackett, raised a storm of indignation throughout Protestant Canada not soon to be forgotten. The song of the Northerners, in reference to John Brown, comes to us with effect in the case of Hackett. "His soul goes marching on," and will march on, a power in the land, until we have a full enjoyment of our rights in this Dominion.

Brethren, I apprehend that we meet here for action more than speech-making, and, therefore, will not occupy your valuable time longer than to note the principal objects which have come under my notice during my tenure of office. I have signed forty warrants, and during the year sixty new lodges have been organised. The year, therefore, has been one of great prosperity to the Order. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer will lay their statements before you, which, I have no doubt, will be satisfactory. I have especially to thank the Grand Secretary for the able assistance afforded me,