

Relief; and that a commission has been issued to the three distinguished brethren mentioned, to report upon the difficulty with reference to Prevost Lodge No. 8, and members of the late Prevost Lodge No. 7.

Your Committee agree with the M. W. Grand Master that great caution should be used by lodges applying for dispensations, and that the wearing of regalia in public should not become too common.

Your Committee feel assured that the members of Grand Lodge will confirm the action of the M. W. Grand Master in the appointment of Grand Representatives.

Your Committee are confident of the unanimity with which all will join in welcoming another Royal Brother into our craft; and that all will endorse the necessity of strict examination of visitors, and also that all will agree with the action of the M. W. Grand Master in sending a delegate to the National Board of Relief meeting at Baltimore.

Your Committee congratulate Grand Lodge on the peace, harmony and progress evinced by the lodges under this jurisdiction.

Your Committee regret that the three lodges under English jurisdiction still continue to adhere to that Grand Body, and refuse to affiliate with this Grand Lodge. It is undoubtedly the duty of this Grand Lodge to maintain its sovereignty, and the grave question devolves upon it now, to say what further, if any, action will be taken to conduce to that desired end.

J. F. WALKER, *Chairman.*

It was moved by V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. E. Channell:

"That the report on the Grand Master's address be received and adopted."

The motion was carried.

GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

It was moved by W. Bro. John P. Noyes, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Addie:

"That, whereas the issue of the edict by the M. W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge forbidding intercourse between the Master Masons of this jurisdiction and the three lodges in Montreal warranted by the English Grand Lodge, has produced no perceptible effect in the settlement of the difficulty as to the supreme jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in the territory of this Province. And whereas this Grand Lodge cannot honorably recede from its rightful claim to supremacy in Masonic matters in this Province, or leave its future chances for success to the chapter of accidents; And whereas the Grand Lodge of England has refused to withdraw the warrants of its said three lodges, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be, and he is hereby instructed to issue an edict in the name and on behalf of this Grand Lodge, severing all intercourse between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges and members on the one hand, and the Grand Lodge of England, its subordinate lodges and members thereof on the other hand, unless the warrants of said three lodges be withdrawn, and unless they affiliate with this Grand Lodge on or before the first day of July next."

The motion was carried.