

Moved by R. W. Bro. Bro. R. Birmingham, Grand Secretary, seconded by W. Bro. James Brownlee, P. C. M. Lincoln, and

Resolved.—That M. W. Bro. W. J. Parkhill, R. W. Bros. James Bennett, W. W. Fitzgerald, W. M. Lockhart, and W. Bros. William Magness, William Nicholson, J. T. Jones and the mover, be a Special Committee to consider the best method of increasing the amounts contributed to the various Orphan Homes, and to arrange for a *pro rata* distribution of all sums obtained for such charitable work.

MAYOR AND CORPORATION.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master announced that His Worship Mayor Neelands and the Corporation of the Town of Wingham were in attendance at the door of the hall. The R. W. the Grand Master declared an intermission of thirty minutes, and the distinguished gentlemen were admitted and escorted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies to the dais, when the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

was read by the Mayor, and suitably replied to by the R. W. the G. M.:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West :

GENTLEMEN,—On behalf of the Municipal Council of the Town of Wingham I beg to tender you a sincere and hearty welcome to our Town on this auspicious occasion. This being the first time in our history that we have been honored by a meeting of this kind, we assure you the honor of having so important a meeting of your loyal and time-honoured Association in our Town is fully appreciated.

Your loyalty and devotion to the Crown of England is well known and admired by all loyal subjects of Great Britain.

We believe there has been no time in the history of the Empire when you, as lovers of British liberty, should be more zealous in the defence of the great principles of civil and religious liberty than the present; and we have no doubt your noble Order will still continue to uphold those great principles so interwoven in its Constitution.

In conclusion, I again tender you a sincere and hearty welcome, and trust your stay with us will be pleasant, and that the result of your deliberations on this memorable occasion will be productive of much good to your Institution.

I beg to subscribe myself, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Wingham,

JOHN NEELANDS,

Mayor.

[SEAL.]

Short addresses were delivered by the Reeve, Bro. Clegg, and ex-Mayor Meyer, to which the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and M. W. Bro. W. J. Parkhill, Grand Master British America, made felicitous replies. At the conclusion of which

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