

The Convention then adjourned for fifteen minutes.

The Convention resumed its sitting at 4.30 p.m.

R. W. Bro. Geo. Black, presiding.

W. Bro. John H. Bell, on behalf of the committee to prepare resolutions for the adoption of the Convention, submitted the following Preamble and Resolutions, to wit:

PREAMBLE.

That whereas: pursuant to the provisions of the British North America Act, Manitoba has been formed a separate and distinct province and as such is legally recognized as one of the confederated provinces of the Dominion of Canada.

And whereas, there is no Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. existing in, or claiming jurisdiction over said province.

And whereas, there are three constitutionally chartered Lodges in active existence therein.

And whereas said Lodges are here duly and constitutionally represented as Lodges.

And whereas, this Convention is of opinion that the harmony, peace and highest interests of Masonry in the Province of Manitoba, require that a Grand Lodge be formed in and for said province and on the following conditions:

That the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada be adopted, *Mutatis Mutandis* with the following amendment:

That all bearing upon the office of District Deputy Grand Master be struck out.

And that this Convention in the exercise of its inherent rights and constitutional usage and acting under and by the instructions of their respective Lodges.