

Resolution by Bros. Wilson and D. M. McPherson disapproving of granting gratuities. Referred to Com. on Legislation and Platform.

Petition of Paisley Block Assn. presented by Bro. Darby was referred to Com. on Legislation and Platform.

Resolution from Huron Co. Association, presented by Bros. Saunders and Robinson; re amendments to Art. 3, Sec. 5. Referred to Committee on Constitution.

Resolution by Bros. McCabe and Russell re printing Grand Office Supplies in both French and English. Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution by Bros. J. H. Alexander and J. C. Wood asking that all petitions, resolutions, memorials, &c., referred to committees, be reported upon favorably or unfavorably. Carried.

Moved by Walter Smith, and seconded by J. McCabe, that an organizer be appointed for Quebec who can speak the French language, and that Patron literature be printed in French. Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution by Bros. McCabe and Smith re petitioning the Local Legislature to rescind the act prohibiting M. D.'s holding diplomas from Quebec and other colleges from practicing in Ontario. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

Association went into Committee of the Whole on the President's address, and after discussion and amendment the chairman reported and moved the adoption of the address as amended. Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. G. Adams, and seconded by Bro. Valens, that the order of business for Thursday morning be the discussion of Platform, and all matters pertaining to our position in the political arena. Carried.

Moved by T. O. Currie, seconded by Bro. Buller, that we now adjourn to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting opened at 10 a. m., Feb. 28, in Richmond hall, Toronto. Grand President C. A. Mallory in the chair.

After calling the roll the minutes of the previous session were read and amended, and on motion by Bro. Moody, seconded by Bro. Fleming, were adopted as correct.

The Grand Secretary-Treasurer then read his report and on motion of Bro. Currie, seconded by Bro. Davis it was received and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

GRAND SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Association of Patrons of Industry:

BRETHREN,—I beg to say it is with pleasure that I submit the third annual report of the Grand Secretary-Treasurer, for we are enabled to state that this year the order is in a still better standing financially and numerically than at any previous date, and I believe (notwithstanding the prediction—desire shall I say—of certain airy-headed men that Patronism would last but a few months and die an ignominy to its advocates) possess more energy and determination to pursue the righteous course of its honest purpose—to secure to the industrious and ardent toiler the just fruits of his labors and raise him to that elevated position of influence and respect that is due him as the wealth producer of the land—than at any other period in the history of the organization in this country.

Upwards of 300 associations have been chartered during the past year which together with those previously reported make a total of about 2300 associations organized in Ontario and Quebec, and representing a membership not exactly ascertainable as it is believed that very many of the associations do not report nearly their actual strength (perhaps this is not ascertainable with themselves) but which has been estimated at 175,000. The increase in membership of last quarter over that of the previous one was 7,800 members. There are associations now in every county in this province, even in