

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 p.m. — the Grand Master presiding.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report :—

MONTREAL, January 26th, 1887.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

The Committee on Jurisprudence have the honor to report that they have duly considered the papers submitted in connection with the following matters referred to them :—

I. The suspension, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, of the Worshipful Master of St. Charles Lodge.

This suspension the Committee consider fully justified by the circumstances. Articles 242 & 243 of the Constitution very explicitly forbid the initiation by a Lodge of any person who has not resided, for one year previous to his application, within the limits of its jurisdiction, except under certain circumstances and conditions, none of which apply in this case.

Here the candidate actually resided (and was by his application and the minutes of the Lodge shown to reside) within the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, and neither the Worshipful Master nor the Lodge itself, should have permitted the application to be entertained.

Wor. Bro. Emo states that he acted in ignorance of the law, and relying upon a letter from a Past D. D. G. M. of Toronto (where the candidate resided) which recommended the applicant very warmly. It is for Grand Lodge to decide whether W. Bro. Emo has been sufficiently punished by the term of suspension already undergone.

As a matter of course, no further degrees should be conferred upon the initiated candidate, who indeed, as the Committee understand from the record, still resides in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.