

AUTHORITY FOR THIS DIGEST.

At the Toronto Session, 1866, it was

Resolved—"That a Committee be appointed to revise, and if necessary remodel our Code of Laws and prepare a Digest thereof, and report to the next Session of the Grand Temple."

At the Napanee Session, 1867, the Committee appointed in terms of the above resolution reported as follows:—

"That the work assigned them has received due consideration during the year, and we have now the pleasure of submitting for your approval a Digest of the Laws of our Order in force in this jurisdiction.

"This Digest has been prepared with great care and exactness by Bro. Thomas Lawless, and embraces the authorized decisions of this Grand Temple, and of the R. W. Grand Lodge and R. W. Grand Templar, arranged under the several heads to which the subject matter therein contained refers.

"Your Committee recommend that this Grand Temple do procure 500 copies from Bro. Lawless, who with this guarantee of sale will undertake the publication thereof."—*Report adopted.*

At Belleville Session 1871, the G. W. Secretary reported as follows:—

"Almost every week inquiries are being made for a Digest of the laws, decisions, and rules of our Order in Canada. The excellent edition prepared by Bro. Tho. Lawless, some years ago, has been entirely disposed of. * * * I would suggest that arrangements be made with him to furnish another edition, containing all the more recent changes and decisions, and some facts if possible, in regard to the planting and success of the Order, in Canada, and a well prepared index to the subjects."

The Committee to whom the consideration of the subject was referred reported as follows:—

"We are informed that the edition of the Canada Digest has been exhausted, and deem it advisable to