

the Grand Lodge of Canada, that at its recent Communication that Most Worshipful Body had decided to refund to this Grand Lodge the different sums subscribed by Lower Canada Lodges for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Asylum, with the interest accrued, and also to pay over the bequest of the late Bro. Edward Moss towards the same object.

The Board respectfully suggest that the money about to be refunded be paid over to the Benevolent Fund of this Grand Lodge, if practicable.

On motion of W. Bro. Boswell, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Tait, for the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report on Masonic Journal.

"MASONIC JOURNAL."

The Board have had under consideration the question of a Masonic journal for this Province, which was alluded to in the address of the M. W. the Grand Master at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and beg to report that at the last semi-annual meeting of the Board the following Report was adopted:—

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes.

The Committee on "Masonic Journal" begs leave to report:

That its members are of opinion that a Masonic journal, published under the control and superintendence of the Grand Lodge or its nominees, would tend much to forward the interest of the Craft in this Province by the promulgating amongst its members Masonic news which otherwise cannot generally be disseminated.

Your Committee are not prepared to advise any considerable amount of expenditure from Grand Lodge funds for the purpose of a yearly subsidy to a paper, nevertheless they think that at starting a small sum might be granted, which, with subscriptions and advertisements to be obtained, would guarantee the paper for at least one year.

Your Committee have made inquiries in regard to the cost of such a paper as would, in their opinion, be ample to answer the end sought after, and find that one of the size and general pattern of *The Masonic Token*, issued by Bro. Stephen Berry, of Portland, Me., and which is issued quarterly, could be established, and run at about the following rate of expense:

For printing and publishing	\$150 00
Postage, &c	50 00
Total	<u>\$200 00</u>

On reference to last printed proceedings of Grand Lodge of Quebec, it appears there is a membership in our Craft in the Province of Quebec of about 3,600, and your Committee are of opinion that say one-fourth of that number, or 750, could easily be induced to subscribe at the annual sum of twenty-five cents—this would give..... \$112.50

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