

The Committee on Correspondence have considered the communication from Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, containing a copy of a Resolution passed by that Lodge on the evening of December 30th, 1845, expressing an opinion that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ was rejected, in consequence of his being taken for another person, and being of opinion that it is *irregular* for a Lodge to pass a Resolution expressing such an opinion, would recommend that the communication be returned to the Lodge from whence it came, by the R. W. Grand Secretary, informing them that this Grand Lodge cannot receive a communication of such a nature from a Subordinate Lodge, on account of its irregularity.

(Signed)

THOMAS HARDIE,  
WILLIAM HILTON.

P. G. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. Wm. Hilton, moved, That the Report be accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

Whereupon P. G. R. H. Hamilton called for a division of the question.

The question being then put, upon the acceptance of the Report, it was agreed to.

The question then recurring, upon the recommendation being adopted,

P. G. R. H. Hamilton, seconded by P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, moved in amendment—

That the letter be received and placed on file; which was carried.

The Committee on Correspondence also presented the following Report:—

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the Correspondence of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that we have considered the same, and would recommend that it be disposed of as follows:—

That the Communication and accompanying document from J. R. Healey, D. D. G. Master of the District of Quebec, relating to a report of a Committee of Albion Lodge, No. 4, on certain charges preferred by a Brother of that Lodge against another be referred to the Committee of Supervision of Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

That the Communication from Brother Stevenson, relating to the establishing of Lodges in Canada West, be referred to the same Committee.

That the Grand Secretary answer the Communication of Victoria Degree Lodge, by forwarding to them a Charter at as early a date as possible.

That the Communication from Brother C. M. Tate, of Queen's Lodge, No. 2, calling the attention of this Grand Lodge to the *importance* of establishing a sepulture for the use of the Order, would recommend that the subject be considered in a Committee of the Whole, as soon as this Grand Lodge find it convenient to enter into said Committee.

(Signed)

THOMAS HARDIE,  
JOSEPH FRASER.

On motion of P. G. G. P. Dickson, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser, the Report was accepted, and the same having been considered,

On motion of P. D. G. M. George Matthews, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser, the recommendations contained therein were adopted.

P. G. Thomas Hardie, from the Committee on Correspondence, made a verbal Report, recommending that all the Communications notifying the rejection of Candidates be placed on file, and that their respective names be entered in the Black Book—which, on motion of P. G. A. McGoun, seconded by P. G. Wm. Slack, was assented to.

The Committee on Grievances of Subordinate Lodges presented the following Report:—

*To the M. W. G. Master and Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Province of Canada.*

We, the Committee of Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of G. M. Rodden from the decision of Commercial Lodge, No. 5, beg leave to Report, That in the opinion of your Committee, the Resolution of Brother Rodden was perfectly in order, and that inasmuch as it involves a subject of the most vital importance to the Order, it was the duty of the N. G. to test the said question; that to conform to the letter of the law, each Ballot Box should be furnished with black and white balls.

(Signed)

W. M. B. HARTLEY,  
H. H. WHITNEY,  
GEO. MATTHEWS.

P. G. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. M. H. Seymour, moved, That the Report be accepted.

P. G. W. A. Selden, seconded by P. G. R. H. Hamilton, moved in amendment, That the Report be re-committed, and that Commercial Lodge, No. 5, be notified by the Grand Secretary, that a Committee has been appointed by this Grand Lodge, and request them to appear before the said Committee for their defence,—which was carried.

P. G. Thomas Hardie presented the following notice of a proposed amendment to Section 7 of Article 8 of the Constitution, which was ordered to lie over for consideration at the next Annual Session, in accordance with Article 10 of the Constitution.

The undersigned, Representatives of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, Queen's Lodge, No. 2, and Commercial Lodge, No. 5, hereby give notice of their intention to bring forward an amendment to Article 8, Section 7, to insert in said Section after the word "ballots" (seventh line) the following words "one or less than three black balls be found, the question shall lie over, and be acted upon at the next regular meeting, by ballot, without debate or comment, when if—"

(Signed)

T. HARDIE,  
W. HILTON,  
H. H. WHITNEY,  
M. H. SEYMOUR,  
J. CUSHING,  
W. A. SELDEN.

P. G. H. H. Whitney, seconded by P. G. William Slack, offered the following Resolution, which was read and adopted:—

Resolved,—That so much of the Resolution adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge on the 26th of December last, requiring the Lodges under this Jurisdiction not to receive in membership any persons not residing in the Province, be rescinded, and that the Lodges be governed on applications of the kind, by a strict observance of the laws of the Order, restraining them from initiating persons residing at a distance, remote from the place where the Lodge is situate.

The Special Committee to whom the following matter was referred, made the following Report:—

The Special Committee appointed to report upon the subject of establishing Lodges in Canada West, beg leave to state, that they have for some time past been deeply impressed with the necessity of this R. W. Grand Lodge using every possible exertion to establish Lodges in Canada West, as, from exertions now making by the I. O. O. F. of Manchester Unity, to supersede this Order, that the most strenuous exertions should be made to spread the Order in that section of the Province, and would recommend that the M. W. Grand Master be empowered to appoint two experienced and efficient members of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to proceed with as little delay as possible to Canada West, for the purposes already alluded to. Your Committee find themselves at a great loss to recommend a proper course for this R. W. Grand Lodge to adopt under the circumstances. They, however, most respectfully submit the following, viz:—

That the two members deputed be empowered to open a new Lodge in every city or town in Canada West, where they find two or more members of the Order desirous of having a Lodge opened, and where, in the estimation of the said Deputation, a sufficient number of inhabitants reside therein to ensure success. To accomplish this object, your Committee believe that it is recorded in the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, that Grand Lodges have sent Deputations on missions similar to that they now refer to, and find that the Deputation had the power of initiating new members, so as to open a Lodge with sufficient number.

Your Committee would also recommend that P. G. E. Murney be added to the Deputation, and that he be by this Grand Lodge respectfully solicited to use his influence and services in carrying out the objects of this important mission.

Your Committee also recommend that the names of the various members resident in Canada West, belonging to the three Lodges, be handed to the said Deputation, and that power be granted to them to receive their names on petitions for Charters, so as to form part of the petitioners for any new Lodges that they may think proper to open.