

"On division, the following vote was taken on the amendment :

"*Yeas*—M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, P. G. M. ; R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, D. G. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, D. D. G. M.

"*Nays*—M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, G. M. ; M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M. ; R. W. Bro. James Moffat, P. D. D. G. M.

"The above vote having been declared, M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P. G. M., chairman of the committee, voted "nay."

"On division, the following vote was then taken on the resolution :—

"*Yeas*—Brothers Wilson, Simpson and Moffat.

"*Nays*—Brothers Bernard, Stevenson and Graham.

"The foregoing vote having been declared, Bro. Harington voted "yea." Thus the original motion was carried by a majority of one.

"Signed by all the members of the committee:

J. H. GRAHAM,

D. D. G. M., E. T. D.,

*Sec. for Committee.*

"It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Jas. Moffat,

"That the foregoing report be received and adopted."

NOTE No. 3.—This section consists mainly of extracts from the proceedings from the Grand Lodge of Canada at the annual communication held in Kingston in 1867, which simply go to prove that the M. W. the then Grand Master, in his annual address, requested Grand Lodge to consider the effect which the then recent political changes would have upon our position as a Grand Lodge, expressly stating, that so far, he had not been able to satisfy his own mind as to the wisest course to be pursued. A special committee was named to consider the subject. The majority of the committee were in favour of the ultimate establishment of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion, the minority, if a change was to be made, preferred a Grand Lodge for each of the Provinces. It appears the whole committee signed the report, embodying the views of the majority. It should be explained in this connection that the question discussed in committee was simply this: a Dominion Grand Lodge, or a Grand Lodge for each of the Provinces. It was also perfectly understood when the committee rose, that some alterations were to have been made in the wording of the amendment, previous to submitting it to Grand Lodge, but owing to the mover having been suddenly attacked with illness, he had not an opportunity of making the necessary corrections. Whatever changes were made therein were not made by him, and from the cause above stated, not being present in Grand Lodge when the report was submitted, the matter was overlooked until some time after the proceedings were published. It was not considered of sufficient importance to be specially alluded to at subsequent communications, the agitation for a Dominion Grand Lodge having been discontinued, and this is the first opportunity which has presented itself where the explanation could be made.

4. That the Masons from the Province of Quebec in the Grand Lodge of Canada ; then consented to the postponement of the question for a time, at the urgent request of the Masons of the Province of Ontario, and G. M. Wilson, in consideration of their having done so, promised to a number of the Brethren from Quebec that, if at any time they had reason to believe that any of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland or England intended to form a Grand Lodge of Quebec (which they had a right to do,) that he would summon a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and arrange an amicable separation.