

P R E F A C E.

At a special meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Central Canada, convened by summons, held in the Town Hall, Brockville, County of Leeds, on Tuesday the 30th day of October, 1860, at 2½ o'clock, p. m., the Right Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the statement containing extracts of letters, telegrams, and other communications received by the Grand Officers, and other members of the Order, having reference to the turn-out of Orangemen in Kingston and Belleville upon the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the above-mentioned places, be now read by the Grand Secretary, for the information of the brethren.

The Grand Secretary then read the document referred to, whereupon it was further

Resolved, That the statement now read by the Grand Secretary, be entered on the minutes of this meeting.

Resolved, That the statement of the proceedings of the Orangemen of Kingston and Belleville, just read, be published by the Grand Lodge, in pamphlet form, for the use of the Brethren in Central Canada, and as a memento of the 4th, 5th, and 6th days of September, A. D., 1860, that copies of the same be mailed to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, Eastern and Western Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, and to the Grand Lodge of the Protestant Association of the United States; and that this Grand Lodge take this opportunity of expressing its thanks, and the thanks of the Brethren of Central Canada, to Brother William Shannon, our very worthy Grand Secretary, for the trouble he has taken in preserving the statistics, and preparing this very excellent report.