

The Committee on Charters presented their report as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—

Your Committee on Charters have carefully examined the several petitions for Charters submitted to them, with the minutes of those Lodges now working under dispensation, and beg to report as follows:

1. A petition from—

Michael Brown, of Scotia Lodge,
Samuel Johnstone, of Ophir Lodge,
John C. Williams, of Burns Lodge,
Edward A. Dunn, of Albert Lodge,
John Locke, of Thistle Lodge,
John Strickland, of Zetland Lodge,
George Walls, " "
J. A. McGowans, of Albert Lodge,
John McKenzie, " "

to meet as a regular Lodge at Lockeport, Shelburne County, under the name and title of "Taylor" Lodge.

These brethren have been working under a dispensation granted Sept. 27, 1871. We notice the following irregularity in the minutes of work done, and recommend that the attention of the Lodge be called to it in order to prevent a recurrence of such irregularity in the future: It would seem that Allan Locke, an Entered Apprentice, G. J. Locke, and John McGuire, Fellow Crafts, all of Albert Lodge, No. 30, petitioned Taylor Lodge for the remainder of their degrees. Permission to confer these degrees was obtained by Taylor Lodge from Albert, but the Lodge balloted for the candidates at the same meeting at which they were proposed. With this exception your Committee find the work of the Lodge to have been done in a satisfactory manner, and recommend that a charter be granted.

2. A petition from—

John L. Peppard, of Cobequid Lodge,
Isaac J. Hingley, of Truro Lodge,
David Flemming Layton, of Cobequid Lodge,
Jotham O'Brien, of Truro Lodge,
Edward True McRobert, of Truro Lodge,
Cornelius C. O'Neil, of Acadia Lodge, Halifax,
Abram Hazelhurst, of Truro Lodge,