

Representative Dodds, of No. 4, asked the ruling of the Chair as to whether an amendment to the Constitution could be further amended.

The Acting Grand Chancellor said he would give his ruling at the Evening Session, and lay the Report on the table until the ruling was given.

The hour of 6 o'clock p.m. having arrived, the Grand Lodge took a recess until 8 o'clock p.m.

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FIRST DAY—JUNE 8TH—8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to recess. Present, the Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the following communication from the Grand Chancellor:

SARNIA, JUNE 8TH, 1880.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

BRETHREN,—It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that it will be quite impossible for me to be with you at this year's Session of Grand Lodge, on account of the illness of one of my children. My wife and I have had to be up with him for the past two nights. I hope and trust that you will have one of the best Sessions of Grand Lodge ever held in Ontario.

I send all papers, etc., in connection with my office by express to-day. I have also to tender you my thanks for your kindness and consideration to me while in office. As I am not an advocate of a Grand Chancellor holding office for two terms, be kind enough not to mention my name as a candidate for another year, as, under no consideration, could I accept it.

I remain, fraternally yours in F., C. & B.,

WM. F. TAYLOR, *Grand Chancellor.*

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to convey the sympathy of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Chancellor in his affliction.