

they examined documents and reported all the lodges duly represented and the names of those entitled to a seat in convention.

The convention was then declared duly formed, and R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Clarke, P. G. Chaplain, G. L. of Q., invoked a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

After mature deliberation, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Clarke, P. G. Chaplain, G. L. of Q., and seconded by R. W. Bro. Hon. W. N. Kennedy, P. D. D. G. M.

That, whereas, pursuant to the provisions of the British North America Act, Manitoba has been formed a separate and distinct Province, and as such is legally recognized as one of the confederated Provinces of the Dominion of Canada ;

And, whereas, there is no Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. existing in or claiming jurisdiction over the said Province ;

And, whereas, there are three constitutionally chartered lodges in active existence, and said lodges are here duly and constitutionally represented ;

Be it therefore resolved : that in the opinion of this convention the harmony, peace, and highest interests of Masonry in Manitoba require that a Grand Lodge should be formed in and for the said Province :

Therefore, this convention, in the exercise of its inherent rights and bounden duty, and acting under and by the instructions of their respective lodges,

Resolves to organize, and does hereby organize itself into a Grand Lodge, to be known by the name of and styled " The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons," to have, hold and exercise forever full and sovereign Masonic jurisdiction in and over said Province.—Carried unanimously.

It was on motion also resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba adopt the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada *mutatis mutandis*.

It was also moved by V. W. Bro. John Kennedy, seconded by Bro. G. McMicken, and unanimously

*Resolved*,—That in severing our connection with the Grand Lodge of Canada, we desire to express our most profound gratitude to that Honorable Body for the kind consideration and attention they have always displayed towards us both as a body, and individually, and we most ardently desire that the same parental feeling may always be entertained towards us by our Mother Grand Lodge, our connection with which we will remember with the greatest pride and affection.

It was on motion then resolved to proceed to ballot for and install Grand Lodge Officers, and Scrutineers having been appointed, the balloting was proceeded with and the following declared duly elected as the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, for 1875-6 :

M. W. Bros. Rev. Dr. W. C. Clarke, Winnipeg, Grand Master ; George Black, Mapleton, Past Grand Master ; R. W. Bros. Hon. William N. Kennedy, Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master ; James Henderson, Winnipeg, Grand Senior Warden ; S. L. Bedson, Stone Fort, Grand Junior Warden ; Rev. Canon O'Meara, St. John's College, Grand Chaplain ; Henry T. Champion, Winnipeg, Grand Registrar ; John Kennedy, Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer ; John H. Bell, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary ; and by an open vote, Bro. Thomas H. Barton, Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master elect was then installed and invested by R. W. Bro. James Henderson, the oldest Past Master present, after which the M. W. Grand Master proceeded to instal and invest the newly elected officers, and subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments :

V. W. Bros. Gilbert McMicken, Winnipeg, Grand Senior Deacon ; W. J. Piton, Brookside, Grand Junior Deacon ; G. B. Spencer, Winnipeg, Grand Supt. of Works ; G. F. Newcomb, Winnipeg, Grand Dir. of Ceremonies ; John J. Johnson, Winnipeg, Grand Sword Bearer ; Thos. Sinclair, St. Andrew's, Grand Organist ; James Mahoney, Winnipeg, Grand Pursuivant ; Hon. John Norquay, St. Andrews, Dr. D. Young, St. Andrew's, Jas. McLenaghan, Winnipeg, Thomas H. Parr, Winnipeg, Grand Stewards.

The Board of General Purposes was then formed, and committees on Constitution, Foreign Correspondence, etc., were appointed.

A special committee was also appointed to assist the M. W. Grand Master in preparing an address to Sister Grand Lodges.

It was on motion resolved, that the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba be held in Winnipeg, on the second Wednesday of June, 1876. The Grand Lodge was then closed.

JOHN H. BELL,

Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Manitoba.