

transmitted by the Grand Encampment of Canada, were laid before the Grand Lodge of Canada, at a meeting of its Annual Session held on the Evening of the 29th instant, and a vote of concurrence in the first of said Resolutions, passed.

I remain, in F. L. and T.,

J. CUSHING, *Grand Secretary.*

To W. Hilton, R. W. G. Scribe, R. W. G. E. of Canada.

{Office of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America,
Montreal, October 29, 1846.

SIR & BROTHER,

I have the honour, by direction of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, to inform you that he has received a duly authenticated copy of the Charter granted by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last Annual Communication, authorizing the erection of "The Grand Lodge of British North America", as an Independent Sovereignty in Odd Fellowship, in compliance with the application to that effect, of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, and Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Canada, made in terms of certain Resolutions passed by those Bodies respectively, on the 9th and 11th ult.

You will accordingly lose no time in communicating this fact to the Grand Encampment, and to the several subordinates under its jurisdiction; and in so doing, you will further lay before them the following particulars of information, viz. :—

That in pursuance of the Resolutions aforesaid, and the subsequent action had upon them by the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, the Charter heretofore held by the Grand Lodge of Canada, is to all intents and purposes surrendered, and the new Charter aforesaid is adopted in lieu thereof.

That until such time as other provision shall be made in that behalf, by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of British North America, the seal heretofore used by the said late Grand Lodge of Canada, is, and will be, the temporary seal of the said Grand Lodge of British North America; and the Officers and Committees of the said late Grand Lodge of Canada, the Officers and Committees of the said Grand Lodge of British North America, as though no such change of Charter had taken place,—the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, however, at once assuming the style of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire.

That it is, and will be, the duty of the Committee for the Supervision of Laws of Subordinate Lodges, to prepare a draft of a Constitution for the said Grand Lodge of British North America, and of forms of constitution or other general regulations for the guidance of subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and to report the same for the consideration of the said Grand Lodge of British North America at its first Session.

That for the several purposes, firstly, of adopting a constitution for itself; secondly, of deciding the limits of the several Superior or Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Jurisdictions into which British North America shall be divided; thirdly, of chartering such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments as it may be desirable, in the first instance, to erect in and for the same or any of them; and, fourthly, of enacting such forms of Constitution, or other General Regulations as it may be deemed requisite forthwith to enact for the guidance of such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments. The said Grand Lodge of British North America, at its first meeting, will consist of the several Officers, Elective and Appointed, of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, and of such other Past Grands, having the Royal Purple Degree, as may have been, or may be, duly returned by any Lodge or Encampment within this Jurisdiction, to be members of the said Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of Canada, in the manner prescribed by their respective Constitutions and Rules, or as may be duly returned, in like manner, by any such Lodge or Encampment, to be members of the said Grand Lodge of British North America.

That the First Session of the said Grand Lodge of British North America, constituted as aforesaid, will be held at Odd Fellows' Hall, in this City, on such day as the Most Worthy Grand Sire may appoint, not being less than six, nor more than twelve, weeks from this date; and that formal notice will be duly given of the day to be so appointed, not less than six weeks before such day.

And lastly, That until such time as other provision shall have been made in that behalf by the said Grand Lodge of British North America, the same is, and will be held to act under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with the exception of the Second, Tenth, Eleventh, Fifteenth, and Seventeenth Articles thereof, and subject to the necessary changes of the Preamble and First Article, and to such modification of the Third and Sixth Articles as shall devolve the duties of Grand Secretary on one person only; and likewise, under the several Bye-Laws, Rules of Order, and other Regulations of the said Grand Lodge of the United States, so far as the same may admit of being applied.

I remain yours, in F. L. & T.,

J. CUSHING,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of G. Rep. Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Edmonstone, it was then

Resolved,—That the M. W. G. Patriarch do forthwith tender to the M. W. Grand Sire of British North

America, the surrender by this Body of the Dispensation under which it is constituted, and do cause the Grand Scribe to communicate the notification received by this Body of the organisation of the Grand Lodge of British North America, to the several Encampments within this Jurisdiction, and to inform them that this Grand Encampment having consequently ceased to exist, they are under the Jurisdiction and control of the said Grand Lodge of British North America.

That the several Officers and Committees of this Grand Encampment, do make all needful report, and surrender all required books, papers, and effects of this Grand Encampment to the said M. W. Grand Sire of British North America.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Patriarch declared the R. W. Grand Encampment of Canada to be in virtue of the above Resolutions duly and legally dissolved.

W. HILTON, *Grand Scribe.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Montreal, 7th February, 1846.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this evening at 7 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

There not being a quorum present, the M. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

R. H. HAMILTON, *Grand Secretary.*

Montreal, 14th February, 1846.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this Evening at 7 o'clock, pursuant to a call from the M. W. Grand Master to resume the Business of the February Quarterly Session. Roll called.

Absent—R. W. G. Treasurer; R. W. G. Chaplain, out of town; W. G. Guardian, sick.

The R. W. G. Warden having reported that he had duly instructed the two P. G.s in waiting, P. G.s Wm. Slack, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1. and Samuel L. French, of Oriental Lodge, No. 7, were admitted, and took their Seats as one of the Representatives of their respective Lodges.

Minutes of the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th instant, read.

The M. W. Grand Master called upon the R. W. Grand Secretary to resume the reading of the Minutes of the last Session, when, on motion of P. G. Job Cushing, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser, the further reading thereof was dispensed with.

The Committee of Elections and Returns presented the following Report:—

The Committee of Elections and Returns beg leave to report, That they have examined the Quarterly Reports of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, Queen's Lodge, No. 2, Commercial Lodge, No. 5, Oriental Lodge, No. 7, and the semi-annual Report of Victoria Lodge, No. 6, and that they find the same correct. All respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

M. H. SEYMOUR,
G. P. DICKSON.

Which, on motion of P. G. W. A. Selden, seconded by P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, were received, and ordered with the several documents referred to, to be placed on file.

On motion of P. G. W. A. Selden, seconded by P. G. G. P. Dickson, the Chair named P. G.s. W. A. Selden, D. Ross, and Geo. P. Dickson, a Special Committee to take into consideration the Communications received, as well as the representations personally made by several respectable individuals, expressive of their desire to have Lodges constituted in Canada West, and to report upon the best means of accomplishing their wishes.

The R. W. Grand Secretary presented and read several communications which had been received since the last meeting,—which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The R. W. G. Secretary presented and read several accounts, which were ordered to be placed on the table, in the absence of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report:—