

Copy of resolution carried in Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson :—

That so much of the M. W. the Grand Master's address as has reference to the present position of the Grand Lodge, and the establishment of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion of Canada, be referred to a special Committee to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master,—the remaining portion thereof to the Board of General Purposes.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi :—

That the whole of the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, it was declared in the negative.

A vote of Grand Lodge was taken on the original resolution, it was declared in the affirmative.

Copy of the Report of Committee :—

The Special Committee to whom had been referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address having reference to the position of the Grand Lodge, submitted the following

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled:*

M. W. SIR, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—Your Committee, whom the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in accordance with the vote of Grand Lodge, was pleased to appoint to take into consideration that portion of his address having reference to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion of Canada, beg leave to report, that having taken into their most careful and mature consideration that portion of the M. W. the G. M.'s address referred to them, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of Freemasonry require that the present position, standing, and name of this Grand Lodge be maintained; trusting that the love of union, and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Masonry, will induce the members of our Fraternity residing in other parts of the New Dominion eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme Masonic government in the Dominion of Canada. And in order that this Grand Lodge may be perfectly cognizant of the mode in which your Committee arrived at this conclusion, they submit for the information of Grand Lodge, a transcript of their proceedings.

"It was moved by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, W. M. Wilson, and seconded by the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, W. B. Simpson :

"That this Committee having anxiously and most carefully considered all the circumstances connected with the recent political change that has taken place, having arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of Masonry require that the present position, standing and name of this Grand Lodge be maintained; trusting that the love of union, and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Masonry, will induce the members of our Fraternity residing in other parts of the Dominion eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme Masonic government in Canada."

"In amendment to the above, it was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, D.G.M., and seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, D. D. G. M., E. T. D., that all the words in the foregoing resolution after "require" be left out and the following words inserted, so that the whole would read thus :—

"That this Committee, having anxiously and most carefully considered all the circumstances connected with the recent political change that has taken place, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of Masonry require the organization of a Grand Lodge in each of the four Provinces now constituting the Dominion of Canada, being satisfied that this course would be strictly in accordance with the laws and regulations of Freemasonry respecting the establishment of Grand Lodges, and believing that a more substantial union would thereby be secured; and also that the affairs of the Craft would be much more effectively and economically managed by this method than by any other."