

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The Twenty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada was opened at the City Hall, St. Catharines, on Wednesday, the 11th July, the following brethren being in attendance;—M. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, P. G. M., on the throne; R. W. Bro. R. Brierley, D. D. G. M., as G. S. W.; V. W. Bro. W. Chatfield, 15, as G. J. W.; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary; W. Bro. J. M. Clement, 2, as G. S. D.; W. Bro. J. W. Coy, 103, as G. J. D.; W. Bro. A. McLaren, 15, as G. P.; Bro. R. Radcliffe, Grand Tyler; and V. W. Bro. R. Smithers, 103, W. Bros. W. L. Hamilton, 283; J. E. Berton, 103; G. Walker, 115; D. Servos, 2; R. Best, 2; L. Yale, 15; D. W. Bixby, 15; John Green, 277; R. Patterson, 277; and John Reid, 296; and Bros. H. Woodington, 2; R. H. Dyer, 103; J. Pawlings, 277; and E. F. Dwyer, 277.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 3.30 p.m.

The acting Grand Master appointed W. Bros. J. W. Coy, and J. E. Berton a committee on the credentials of the representatives and proxies from Lodges, who reported the brethren above stated as being present.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last annual Communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. Brierley, seconded by V. W. Bro. Walter Chatfield, and resolved,—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its

Twentieth-first Annual Communication held at the city of Ottawa, on the 12th and 13th days of July, 1876, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The Grand Secretary read the first part of the Circular of the 27th of June last, issued by him at the command of the M. W. the Grand Master, as follows:—

“By Command of the M. W. the Grand Master, I beg to notify you that he has been unexpectedly called upon to go to Britain immediately, and that he has been unable to defer setting out upon his journey beyond the present week. In consequence of his unavoidable absence from the country during the month of July, and in order to carry out the spirit of the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to the following effect:— ‘That this Grand Lodge considers that the time of holding the meeting might, with great advantage, be changed so that the Annual Communication be held in a cooler month;’ it has been determined that the Communication of Grand Lodge, already summoned for the 11th day of July, 1877, at St. Catharines, shall be simply a formal meeting, at which no business will be transacted; and it will be unnecessary for the Representatives at a distance then to attend.”

Whereupon the presiding officer directed the acting Grand Junior Warden to declare the Grand Lodge called off until Wednesday, the 12th day of September next, at twelve o'clock noon.