

the by laws were laid before the lodge, and being read and considered paragraph by paragraph, were approved. Bro. Daniel Young was elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Thomas, Secretary for the ensuing six months, or until St. John's Day next. The lodge closed at a quarter past ten in good harmony. John Thomas, Secretary.

"Brethren present :— Worshipful Davenport Phelps, Esq., Master ; Bro. James Wilson, Senior Warden ; Bro. John Ryckman, J. W. pro tem. ; Bro. Daniel Young, Treasurer pro tem. ; Bro. John Thomas, Secretary pro tem ; Bros. Warner Nelles, Wm. Nelles, John Aikman, Wm. Smith, Saint John, John Young, and Capt. Brant. Visitors :— Bros. Fry and Bradt, and Past Masters Clark and Cozen.

"N.B.—The lodge expenses of the night amounted to £5, 6s. J. T., Secretary."

Bro. Saint John was without doubt Bro. Saint Jean Baptiste Rousseaux. Bros Fry and Bradt are believed to be members of Lodge 156 in the 8th Regiment of Foot at Newark (Niagara) ; Bro. Cozen, Past Master of Lodge No. 8 at York (Toronto), and Bro. Clark, Past Master of Lodge No. 7, at Fredricksburg.

Clause 2 in the by-laws passed reads as follows :—"That the lodge shall meet at the hours hereafter mentioned, viz., from the vernal equinox to the autumnal equinox at 7 o'clock in the evening, and sit until 10, and from the autumnal equinox aforesaid to the vernal equinox following, from 6 o'clock until 9. And if any members are absent one hour after the appointed time of meeting he or they shall be fined two shillings ; and if absent the whole night or time of business he or they shall be fined four shillings each, except such absentee be sick, lame, in confinement or more than three miles from the place of meeting, or some other sufficient excuse ; and that such fines shall be deposited in the fund for the relief of indigent brethren. Clause 7—"That no visitor shall be admitted after lodge hours, viz., not after 9 in

the winter and 10 in the summer, nor at any other time without the consent of the presiding officer." Clause 10—"If any brother in the lodge curse, swear, lay or offer to lay wagers, or use any reproachful language in derogation of God's name or corruption of good manners, or interrupt any officer while speaking, he shall be fined at the discretion of the Master and majority." Clause 11—"If any member of this lodge comes disguised with liquor he shall be admonished by the presiding officer for the first offence ; for the second of the same nature he shall be fined five shillings, and if a third of a like nature should happen that member shall be excluded and reported to the Grand Lodge."

To the above documents are appended the actual signatures of 57 names. The records show that the lodge was in its early day in prosperous and comfortable circumstances.

The records of fines are plentiful. On April 7, 1798, it was carried unanimously "that Bros. John Smith and Robt. Land, for interrupting the harmony of the lodge, be fined the sum of two shillings each, to be put in the fund for the relief of indigent brethren." Bro. Land was the Secretary at the time, and recorded the fine against himself and Smith. On Nov. 14, 1800, Bro. Aikman was fined four shillings for not furnishing the lodge with liquor agreeable to the minutes of last lodge night. Later, on Oct. 9, 1801, he was again fined for not furnishing the lodge room agreeable to the last minutes. Bro. Rousseaux, on Jan. 14, 1803, was fined one shilling for neglecting to bring a small "Bible" (an extra Bible) to the lodge room.

From the list of refreshments furnished it is apparent that the fraternity at that early age conformed somewhat to the usages of the times and allowed spirituous liquors to be brought into the lodge room, which in this present age would make the lodge liable to have its charter taken away. Some of the minutes of accounts and orders read as follows :—Sept. 12, 1800, "That