

DISTRICT MEETINGS

THE FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION HELD UNDER THE NEW RULE

The Order of Canadian Home Circles held the first meeting of district conventions under the resolution passed at the last session of the supreme body in the city of St. Catharines yesterday at 2 p.m. Dr. R. J. Ough, Supreme Vice-Leader, Millbrook, called the convention to order, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Canon W. T. Houston, of Niagara. The following were appointed a Committee on Credentials: George Tait, St. Catharines; M. P. McMaster, Niagara; S. J. Sidey, Welland.

The Committee reported the following duly accredited representatives and supreme officers in attendance: A. J. Pattison, Henry F. Perry, D. Dunlop, Toronto; P. M. Pattison, Waterford; S. A. Nelles, Dr. R. A. Alexander, S. Wismer, Grimsby; D. Gibson, A. R. Thompson, Merriton; John McLeod, R. Campbell, Thorold; G. W. Reed, Rev. J. W. Gribble, Port Dalhousie; John J. Bowden, Andrew Bilger, South Cayuga; J. Forrester, Enos Marr, J. W. Swazey, Winger; George Steward, R. J. Gracey, Wellandport; M. P. McMaster, Rev. Canon W. T. Houston, Niagara; W. T. House, H. Emrick, T. W. Atwood, International Bridge; T. J. Simmons, George Tait, W. Smith, M. Y. Keating, W. Black, W. S. Fletcher, John Lewin, St. Catharines.

The convention formed a permanent organization by the election of Mr. W. Smith, of St. Catharines, as Chairman, and Mr. M. Y. Keating as Secretary.

The Supreme Secretary, A. J. Pattison, of Toronto, stated briefly the general objects of the district meetings, after which very general discussion followed.

It was moved by John Lewin, of St. Catharines, seconded by Enos Marr, of Winger, "That in the opinion of this convention it is advisable to hold the annual district meetings, and that this resolution be sent on to the Supreme Circle." The motion was adopted.

A motion to recommend a change in the present representation to the Supreme Circle, so that those representatives would be elected by district meetings instead of from each Circle, as at present brought out a lengthy debate, being negatived by a vote of 25 to 2.

The convention proceeded to elect a Deputy Supreme Leader for St. Catharines District. Mr. John G. Cumming, of St. Catharines, was elected on the first ballot.

The supreme organizer, P. M. Pattison, of Waterford, exemplified the secret work of the Order, and the convention closed at 6:15 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Dean J. W. Gribble.—*The Empire*, Aug. 16th, 1890.

DISTRICT No. 3

The first annual meeting of representatives of Circles in Toronto District, No. 3, was held in Shaftesbury Hall, on Aug. 21st.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m., by Rev. John Kay, Supreme Leader.

Bros. David Dunlop and W. W. Hodgson were appointed Scrutineers.

The following representatives were in attendance:

John G. Cumming, Deputy Supreme Leader, St. Catharines; P. M. Pattison, Supreme Organizer, Waterford; James R. Roof, Supreme Solicitor, Toronto; A. J. Pattison, Supreme Secretary, Toronto; David Dunlop, No. 5, Toronto; Mrs. A. E. Cameron and Thomas Slean, No. 12, Toronto; Samuel Dibb, No. 19, Toronto; W. H. Apled, No. 37, Toronto; T. R. Young, W. Kushbrook, No. 57, Toronto; C. Grainger, No. 62, Toronto; D. Broadfoot, W. W. Hodgson, Sister M. J. Stewart, No. 98, Toronto; G. Duthie, Jr., No. 100, Toronto; G. Geilvie, No. 115, Bond Head; Rev. J. J. Ferguson, A. D. Spears, W. Lewis, J. M. Whaley, No. 132, North Toronto; J. Reaman, H. Peters, No. 133, Woodlodge.

The Supreme Leader, Rev. John Kay, explained the objects of the meeting was to promote an acquaintance between the members and officers of the various Circles in Toronto District, and the appointment of a District Deputy, who would have immediate supervision of Circles in the third District.

It was moved by W. W. Hodgson, of No. 98: "That this meeting is of opinion that annual meetings of Circles in Districts is desirable." The resolution was adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to permanent organization, Bro. W. W. Hodgson, Toronto, No. 98, and Rev. J. J. Ferguson, North Toronto, No. 132, were nominated as Chairman. W. W. Hodgson was elected.

Rev. J. J. Ferguson, North Toronto, No. 132, was elected Secretary.

Mr. David Dunlop was nominated as Deputy Supreme Leader for Toronto District.

There being no further nominations Mr. Dunlop was declared elected.

On motion of W. H. Apled, Toronto, No. 37, it was decided to hold meetings of Toronto District quarterly.

Mr. J. G. Cumming, St. Catharines, No. 63, in a very interesting address, raised a number of points of great interest to the members, one suggesting a representative from Subordinate Lodges to the Supreme Lodge, through Districts, brought forward very general discussion.

P. M. Pattison, Supreme Organizer, Waterford, proceeded to exemplify the Secret Work, and the Convention adjourned at 5 p.m.

DISTRICT No. 2

The meeting was called to order in Dobson's Hall, Lindsay, August 22nd, at 2.20 p.m., by Mr. A. J. Pattison, Supreme Secretary, who stated the objects of the meeting, and requested that the members form a temporary organization by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

The following were appointed a Committee on Credentials: Bros. Capt. R. H. Bunt, Hampton, No. 9; and J. L. Winters, Lindsay, No. 34.

Bro. Capt. R. H. Bunt, of Hampton, No. 9, nominated Bro. Frank N. Raines, of Usbridge, No. 86, as Chairman. Bro. F. N. Raines was unanimously elected.

Bro. R. W. Smythe, of Lindsay, No. 34, was elected Secretary.

The Supreme Secretary, A. J. Pattison, stated that the meeting being the first of the kind was rather an informal gathering of representative members of the Order, for the purpose of discussing matters of interest to the members, and to extend a social acquaintance, as well as to advance the interests of the Order.

The following items were submitted for consideration:

Is this District in favor of holding meetings of the District annually?

How can the work of the Order be best increased and extended in this District?

Is this District in favor of representation in the Supreme Circle by the election of representatives from District Meetings, or having one representative from each Circle to the Supreme as at present provided?

The election of a District Deputy Supreme Leader for District No. 2.

The exemplification of the Secret Work of the Order.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following in attendance:—J. Hoffman, E. A. Powers, Port Hope, No. 4; John Hicks, Dr. R. J. Ough, Millbrook, No. 6; Capt. R. H. Bunt, Hampton, No. 9; Wm. McGill, Wm. Tummonds, Port Perry, No. 85; F. N. Raines, M. A. Usbridge, No. 86; J. L. Winters, Robert Smythe, James Lovell, Sheriff John McLennan, John Kelly and G. A. Metherell, Lindsay, No. 34; Philip M. Pattison, Waterford, David Dunlop, A. J. Pattison, Toronto.

The report was received and adopted.

Bro. Smythe read a telegram from H. Tait, Sec'y Bowmanville, No. 3, reporting that the delegates from that Lodge could not get to Lindsay, owing to a collision on the Grand Trunk.

Moved by Bro. John Hicks, Millbrook, No. 6, seconded by Bro. W. Tummonds, Port Perry, No. 85: "That in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable to hold meetings of this District annually." Resolution carried.

The following were nominated for District Deputy Supreme Leader:—Bro. F. N. Raines, Usbridge, No. 86; Bro. Capt. R. H. Bunt, Hampton, No. 9; Bro. John Hicks, Millbrook, No. 6.

The Chair appointed as Scrutineers, Bros. John McLennan, Lindsay, No. 34, and E. A. Powers, Port Hope, No. 4.

The Scrutineers reported ten ballots cast.

Bros. Hicks, 4; Raines, 3; Bunt, 3; Bro. Smythe withdrew, and Bro. Metherell took the Secretary's Chair.

There being no election a second vote was taken. Balloting continued until the tenth ballot, when Capt. R. H. Bunt was declared elected by a majority of one.

The Supreme Organizer then proceeded to exemplify the Secret Work of the Order, and the first meeting of District No. 2 closed at 6 p.m.

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