

Montreal, 11th November, 1911.

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Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of this day's date with regard to the use of telephones, but regret that I cannot see my way to accept your proposition, which is practically the same as was contended for by the representatives of the Trainmen, when we made an arrangement with them somewhat over a year ago, and which we then declined.

My proposition, which I made you in my letter of yesterday, is the best I can see my way to do, and I think should fully cover the ground.

Yours truly,

(Signed) D. McNICOLL.

Moved by Bros. McGovern and Cobb, that the letter from Mr. McNicoll be received, he to be advised that his decision is unsatisfactory and this matter will be appealed to the President, as well as the question of efficiency tests, and that the Committee proceed to draft an appeal to the President on the three questions, viz., the violations of signed agreements; the matter of employees being required to participate in efficiency tests, and the use of telephones in violation of rules in effect. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Murdock and Campbell, that the Chairman, Brothers Robertson and Wark be a committee to prepare the appeal to the President. Withdrawn.

Moved by Bros. Murdock and Cobb, that the former action regarding the preparing of an appeal to the President be expunged from the minutes, and that the Chairman, Secretary and Brother Robertson be a committee to arrange an appeal to the President. Withdrawn.

Moved in amendment by Bros. Robertson and Cobb, that the matters in question be referred to the Grand Lodge Officers, the General Chairmen having exhausted their efforts to effect a settlement. Withdrawn.

Moved by Bros. Ball and Kennedy, that the name of Brother Robertson be substituted for that of Brother Murdock on Committee appointed to arrange the appeal to the President. Carried.

Committee adjourned at 11 a.m. to meet at 2.30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 1911.

Committee met at the time appointed, all members present. At 4.45 p.m. the sub-Committee appointed to draft appeal to the President, submitted letter for the consideration of the Committee.

Moved by Bros. Robertson and Kennedy, that the letter be received. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Ball and Cobb, that the letter be approved by the Committee and delivered to the President.

Amendment by Bros. Wark and Robertson, that the entire matter be referred to the Grand Lodge Officers, and any future action taken to be under their direction. Amendment carried.

Moved by Bros. Cobb and Berry, that meeting stand adjourned, to meet at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow. Carried.

Adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

MONTREAL, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 1911.

Meeting called to order at 9.30 a.m., and business suspended until 11.30, waiting report of Grand Lodge Officers on matter of appeal to the President.

Previous meeting were read, corrected and approved as follows.

Grand Lodge Officers reported having drafted a letter of appeal to the President, as follows: