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Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada will be held in St. George's Hall, in the City of Kingston, on the second Wednesday, the 10th day of September, at 3 p. m. The Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies will be in attendance during the morning up to the time named, to examine same and register the names of the Grand Lodge. And we take the liberty of advising delegates to Grand Lodge to read carefully the standing resolutions which are set forth in the official notification, especially that which relates to Fees and Dues.

Besides the usual business of Grand Lodge, such as reading of the Grand Master's address, presentation of the various reports, election of officers, etc., nine motions, of which notice was given at the last annual communication, are to be brought before Grand Lodge; but these may be reduced to seven, as it will be observed, numbers 2 and 5 are to the same purport, and 6 and 7 have the same object. We also observe that many of the changes proposed are quite familiar by reason of their frequency, and we will gradually begin to look upon these motions as part of the business of Grand Lodge, notably those which refer to routine work in the third degree, and the change in the time of meeting of Grand Lodge. It is to be hoped that these two questions will be settled at the

coming meeting, and that the decision of Grand Lodge will then be considered final. We think that the time fixed by the constitution is most inconvenient, and we hope that it will be decided to make the change back to the original time.

The proposition of W. Bro. McCallum, that "The elective officers of Grand Lodge shall be nominated on the first day of the annual communication, and elected on the second day," should be adopted. The present practice is most objectionable: it encourages lobbying and canvassing, which is very unmasonic. If nomination papers were put in on the first day of the meeting of Grand Lodge, with the names of the proposer and seconder, and if, before the ballot on the second day, the names of those nominated for the various offices were read out by the Grand Secretary, it would give members of Grand Lodge an opportunity of voting for the brother whom they consider best qualified for the position. By all means let us have the nomination system, with the understanding that only those so nominated are eligible for election. We are confident that the system would work well.

"That no brother can be an ordinary member of more than one Lodge within the same city, town or village," is a motion proposed by V. W. Bro. Hovenden—And why not? We cannot see why a brother should not be a member of half a dozen Lodges, if he wishes. Perhaps Bro. Hovenden will be able to support his motion by examples of the mischief caused by multitudinous membership, and his arguments may be mighty and conclusive. We are open to conviction.