

Deputies Van Brocklin, England, Jolley, Haigh and Rousseaux, were appointed No. 2 Committee.

The committees, on rising, again formed themselves into a general committee, when it was—

1st. *Resolved*,—That the 53rd District Law be rescinded in accordance with the proposition of the Etobicoke Lodge. Carried. (See 9th Resolution for new 53rd Law.)

REPORT OF No. 1 COMMITTEE.

We, the committee appointed to examine the correspondence, &c., beg to report that we find the accounts of the District, Funeral and Widows' and Orphans' Funds, in a very correct and satisfactory state, and are happy to congratulate the District, upon the healthy state of its affairs.

We beg to direct the attention of *all* to the flourishing state of the Widows' and Orphans' Funds, and although we cannot at present recommend an increase of the Widows' weekly allowance, we think we may recommend with safety that Lodges apply to any half yearly committee for an additional donation, where they may find it necessary. The entrance money, or Registrations, we consider, far too small, and beg to recommend that in future it be double the present amount.*

We approve of the recommendation of the District Officers, that the sum of £250 of this fund be invested in some more profitable manner.

Upon examining the Correspondence with the Board of Directors, we are of opinion they have acted very premature in their decision, in discontinuing sending us goods in consequence of the small balance we were due them; as it is evident from the papers before us, that the goods for which we were owing had not been sufficiently long in the country to allow payment to be collected from the Lodges; and we further think a little more courtesy ought to be extended to Lodges in the Colonies, than those in the immediate vicinity of the Board, especially at a season like the present, when a disease (originated in Great Britain), is making such fearful havoc among us.

We cannot conclude our report without making some remark upon the labour of the Prov. C. S., whose communications we find to be of a very voluminous character, requiring great exertions to attend to the various matters contained therein, and which we have found to be conducted by the present C. S., in a very able and effective manner; we would therefore recommend, that the salary for that office be increased to £20 per annum, and in order to lighten the labours, a Copying Machine and Letter Book be purchased for the use of the office.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JOSEPH HODGSON, *Chairman*.
STEP. HEWSON, *Secretary*.

2nd. *Resolved*,—That the report of No. 1 Committee, just read, be adopted. Carried.

3rd. *Resolved*,—That £150 of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund be invested in the purchase of stock in the Bank of Upper Canada, and the further sum of £100 in the purchase of stock in the British North America Insurance Company. Carried.

4th. *Resolved*,—That Brothers Judge McLean, J. D. Ridout, and J. G. Howard, be the Trustees in whose names the above sums be invested. Carried.

* On and after the last Lodge night in February, 1848, this alteration will come into operation.