

Upon the third vote being taken St. Catharines was declared carried.

Therefore the next Annual Session of the Right Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario will be held in the town of St. Catharines on the third Tuesday in February, 1872, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon.

Moved by Bro. George Shier, C. M. of N. Ontario, seconded by Bro. William Boles, C. M. of Lincoln, and *Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Managing Directors of the several railways for conveying delegates to this Grand Lodge at reduced fares.

Moved by Bro. Joseph Doupe, D. G. S. of W. O., seconded by Bro. J. L. Wilson, C. M. of W. Lambton, and *Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn till to-morrow at nine o'clock a. m.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, Feb. 23, 1871.

The Grand Lodge met this morning at nine o'clock, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, W. W. Connor took the chair, and called Bro. Samuel Howden, C. M. of East Lambton to the Deputy Chair.

The R. W. G. Lodge was duly opened; the Special Committee not having completed their investigation, and consequently not being prepared to report it was

Moved by Bro. John Boxall, proxy No. 637, seconded by Bro. John L. Wilson, C. M. of W. Lambton, and *Resolved*,—That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge do now adjourn to one o'clock p. m. to receive the Report of the Committee on the London difficulty.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed business at one o'clock p. m.

Bro. James Bennett, D. M. of Toronto, Chairman of Special Committee, presented their Report.

Moved by Bro. James Bennett, D. G. S. of B. A., seconded by Bro. John Boxall, P. No. 637, and *Resolved*,—That the Report of Committee be received.

Moved by Bro. Wm. Parkhill, A. D. G. M. of W. O., seconded by Bro. John Machon, C. M. of Norfolk, and *Resolved*,—That Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, D. G. M. of B. A., read the Report.

After some discussion and slight amendment it was

Moved by Bro. John Boxall, Proxy No. 637, seconded by Bro. James Bennett, D. M. of Toronto, and *Resolved*,—That the Report of the Committee who investigated the charge against Bro. John Reid be now adopted as amended.

Report of Committee.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ontario West:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the case of the Petition, Appeal and Complaint in the matter of the disputes between certain brethren in London, and Bro. John Reid, District Master of London and W. M. of L. O. L. No. 412, beg leave to report that they have investigated at great length, in a sitting of some ten hours, the whole matter of the disputes and the working of the Institution in London. They have heard the evidence offered by the complainants, and also that offered by Bro. Reid in defence, and he having positively refused to undergo examination in their presence, they do find that the said appeal and complaint is fully proved, that the said John Reid has been and is guilty of violating the constitution and laws of our Society in persisting in holding his Lodge in his own tavern, and in the words of the petition, *farming* the Lodge for his own pecuniary benefit.

They further find that a charge was laid before the County Lodge of E. Middlesex, embracing all these charges, and that Bro. John Reid had seven days' notice to appear, which he did do; that notwithstanding he so appeared, and waived by so doing, any irregularity, he claimed that he was not allowed the full eight days' notice, and that the matter was referred to a committee of seven to be held at a future day, who, we find, neglected or refused to take any action and allowed the matter to drop.

They further find that the appeal against the inaction of the said County Lodge is well founded and ought to be sustained.

They further find that Bro. John Reid has been guilty of passing himself on a Scarlet Chapter of our Institution wrongfully, and without even having legally received the fifth degree in our Association, viz., the Royal Scarlet.

Your Committee therefore beg leave to report that the said Bro. John Reid ought to