

by the R. W. Grand Treasurer, the order of business was suspended to proceed to the installation of such officers elect, as might be present.

P. G. M. H. Seymour, of Queen's Lodge, No. 2, being presented by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Hardie, at the Chair of the M. W. Grand Master, was solemnly installed into the office of R. W. Grand Warden.

The R. W. Grand Secretary presented and read several communications, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

During the reading of the communications, P. G. M. Wm. Rodden, of Commercial Lodge, No. 5, and P. G. L. H. Holton, of Canada Lodge, No. 8, entered and took their seats.

The Committee of Supervision of Laws of Subordinates, presented the following Report:—

The Committee of Supervision of Laws of Subordinates, to whom has been referred the subject of the division of the Province into Districts, beg leave to report thereon as follows:—

Within the limits of Lower Canada, they are of opinion that no better arrangement can at present be made, than that which is already in practical operation, viz., the assigning of the Judicial Districts of Quebec and Gaspé to the superintendance of a District Deputy Grand Master, resident at Quebec, and that of St. Francis to the superintendance of a District Deputy Grand Master, resident at Stanstead; thus leaving the Judicial Districts of Montreal and Three Rivers under the direct *surveillance* of the M. W. Grand Master himself.

As regards Upper Canada, they are of opinion that, for the present, it would be a satisfactory arrangement, to divide the Province into four District Deputy Grand Master-ships, the first to comprise so much of Upper Canada as lies Eastward of the Midland District; the second, the Midland, Victoria, and Prince Edward Districts; the third, Newcastle and Colborne Districts, and the fourth and largest, the Home District with the remainder of Upper Canada to the westward. Each of these divisions would contain three Lodges; the first Brock, No. 9, Brockville; St. Francis, No. 18, Cornwall, and Ottawa, No. 20, Bytown; the second, Victoria, No. 6, Belleville; Cataract, No. 10, Kingston, and Prince Edward, No. 11, Picton; the third, Ontario, No. 12, Cobourg; Otonabee, No. 13, Peterboro, and Hope, No. 14, Port Hope; the fourth, Tecumseh, No. 15, Toronto; Union, No. 16, St. Catharines, and Burlington, No. 17, Hamilton.

The whole, nevertheless, humbly submitted.

(Signed)

CHRIST DUNKIN, Chairman.

JOHN HOLLAND.

On motion of P. G. Dunkin, seconded by D. G. M. Thomas Hardie, the report was received, ordered to be placed on file, and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of that subject.

On motion of P. G. Dunkin, seconded by D. D. Grand Sire Sewell, it was resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the said Report, six District Deputy Grand Master-ships be appointed, one for the Districts of Quebec and Gaspé, one for the District of St. Francis, one for the District of Upper Canada lying East of the Midland District, one for the Midland, Victoria and Prince Edward Districts, one for the Newcastle and Colborne Districts, and one for the Home and other Districts of Upper Canada to the Westward.

The Committee on Elections and Returns presented the following Report:—

The Committee on Elections and Returns, to whom was referred the following Annual and Quarterly Reports of Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction, namely, the Annual Reports of Queen's Lodge, No. 2, Commercial, No. 5, Brock, No. 9, Tecumseh, No. 15, St. Francis, No. 18, and Mercantile, No. 19, for the year ending 30th June, 1846.

The Quarterly Report of Prince Albert Lodge, No. 3, for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1845.

The Quarterly Reports of Queen's Lodge, No. 2, Prince Albert, No. 3, Albion, No. 4, Commercial, No. 5, and Victoria, No. 6, for the Quarter ending 31st March, 1846.

The Quarterly Reports of Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1, Queen's, No. 2, Prince Albert, No. 3, Albion, No. 4, Commercial, No. 5, Victoria, No. 6, Oriental, No. 7, Canada, No. 8, Brock, No. 9, Prince Edward, No. 11, Ontario, No. 12, Otonabee, No. 13, Hope, No. 14, Tecumseh, No. 15, Union, No. 16, Burlington, No. 17, St. Francis, No. 18, and Mercantile, No. 19, for the Quarter ending 30th June, 1846.

Likewise the Semi-Annual Report of Victoria Degree Lodge, No. 1, for the Term ending 30th June, 1846.

Your Committee beg to Report, that they have examined the foregoing Returns, and find them to be severally correct, and would recommend that they be placed on file.

(Signed)

T. HARDIE, Chairman,
W. HILTON.

D. G. M. Hardie rose and tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Returns. Whereupon it was resolved, on motion of P. G. Holland, seconded by P. G. Whitney, That the resignation of P. G. Thomas Hardie as Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Returns, be received; and as our esteemed Brother has expressed his intention of leaving Canada, a letter be addressed to him by the Grand Secretary, expressive of the sense this Grand Lodge entertains of the efficient services rendered to the Order since his connexion with it in this Province; the letter to be presented in a silver snuff box, with a suitable inscription thereon as a memento from this Grand Lodge, of the high estimation in which said Brother is held by this R. W. Body.

Moved by P. G. M. Rodden, seconded by P. G. Dunkin, That a Committee be appointed to make collections from the members of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of defraying the expense of purchasing said snuff box for Brother Hardie.

Moved in amendment by P. G. Holland, seconded by P. G. Whitney, That all the words after "that" be struck out, and the following substituted: "said snuff box be paid for out of the funds of this Grand Lodge."

The vote being called for by representation of Lodges, the question on the amendment was taken and decided as follows:—

Yeas—From No. 1, P. G. Holland. From No. 2, P. G.'s Sewell and Whitney.

Nays—From No. 1, P. G. Hilton. From No. 5, P. G.'s Rodden, Dunkin and Cushing.

Lodges voting in the affirmative, Queen's—9. Lodges voting in the negative, Commercial—1. Lodge No. 1—no vote, being a tie.

Pending the question, P. G. Seymour of No. 2, asked to be excused from voting, which request was granted. The amendment was therefore lost.

The question then recurred on the original motion, which was taken by representation of Lodges, and decided in the affirmative as follows:—

Yeas—From No. 1, P. G. Hilton. From No. 5, P. G.'s Rodden, Dunkin and Cushing.

Nays—From No. 1, P. G. Holland. From No. 2, P. G.'s Sewell, Seymour and Whitney.

Lodges voting in the affirmative—Commercial—12.

Lodges voting in the negative—Queen's—9. Lodge No. 1, no vote, being a tie.

The G. M. named as the committee, P. G.'s Rodden, Holland, Whitney and Dunkin.

Moved by P. G. Whitney, seconded by P. G. Holland, That the sum of £15 be paid by this Grand Lodge, to D. G. M. Hardie, for services rendered to the Order in Canada West.

Moved by P. G. M. Rodden, seconded by P. G. Sewell, That the motion lie on the table. Vote called for by representation of Lodges.

Yeas—From No. 2, P. G. Sewell. From No. 5, P. G.'s Rodden, Dunkin and Cushing.

Nays—From No. 1, P. G.'s Holland and Hilton. From No. 2, P. G.'s Seymour and Whitney.

Lodges voting in the affirmative—Commercial—12.

Lodges voting in the negative—Prince of Wales—5—Queen's—9—total, 14. So this motion "to lie on the table" was lost. The question then recurred on the original motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman of the Committee of Management rose to report, when, on motion of P. G. Holland, seconded by P. G. Whitney, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet on Tuesday the 25th instant, at half-past 7 o'clock P. M.

J. CUSHING, Grand Secretary.

BIRTH.

At Picton, C. W., on the 21st ult., the wife of Brother Walter Ross, of Prince Edward Lodge, of a son.

DIED.

At Picton, on the 19th ult., Brother D. L. Thorp, a member of Prince Edward Lodge.