

Grand Junior Warden—Michael Walsh, Ingersoll.

Grand Chaplain—Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Mooretown.

Grand Treasurer—Edward Mitchell, Hamilton, re-elected.

Grand Secretary—J. J. Mason, Hamilton, re-elected.

Grand Registrar—F. M. Morson, Toronto.

For Grand Master there were 934 votes cast, Bro. Walkem receiving all but twenty. For Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Robertson received every vote cast less twenty-three.

The first five mentioned were elected as the Board of General Purposes, the other five being appointed by the Grand Master:—F. C. Martin, Woodstock; J. F. H. Gunn, Kingston; David McLellan, Hamilton; Dr. L. Secord, Brantford; J. E. Harding, Stratford; Donald Ross, Picton; Henry Macpherson, Owen Sound; J. H. Burritt, Pembroke; L. H. Henderson, Belleville; Henry Jennings, Penetanguishene.

Grand Lodge decided by a close vote to meet in Kingston next year.

A motion that caused some discussion and attracted much interest was an amendment to the constitution providing that the business of private lodges be conducted in the third degree and not the first, as has been the custom for some years. A similar motion was brought forward last year and defeated by a large majority. The motion was again defeated to-day, the vote standing as follows: For the amendment, 501; against, 345. As the constitution can only be amended by a two-thirds vote, the motion was defeated by 63 votes. The movement is certainly increasing in popularity, and if submitted next year may meet with approval.

A motion to increase the minimum initiation fee was also defeated.

A motion was introduced bearing upon the celebration in 1892 of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Freemasonry in Canada, and inviting other Grand Lodges in the

Dominion to simultaneously celebrate the event. The motion was carried.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the installation of officers.

British Columbia.

ANNUAL MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

The regular annual session of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia opened in Victoria, June 22, Grand Master Milne presiding. The afternoon session was spent in fraternal greetings and in the reception of reports from subordinate lodges. An evening session was also held, at which Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing year were elected. An adjournment was taken at 10 o'clock to the Delmonico Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided for the entertainment of the Grand Lodge officers by the members of the subordinate lodges. The tables having been cleared of the substantials, several hours were spent by the brethren assembled in fraternal toast, song and sentiment, the happy gathering breaking up just as gray dawn was breaking.

On Sunday, 23rd, the brethren met in the hall, and proceeded to St. John's Church, where a special and impressive sermon was preached by R. W. Bro. Rev. Bishop Sillitoe of New Westminster, Grand Chaplain.

Three sessions of Grand Lodge were held on the 24th, morning, afternoon and evening. The business was concluded in the evening, and the Grand Lodge adjourned. The following are the Grand Lodge officers elected for the ensuing year:

M. W. Bro. J. S. Clute, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. A. McKeown, Deputy Grand Master. R. W. Bro. N. Wolfe, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Bro. W. Downie, Grand Junior Warden; V. W. Bro. Rt. Rev. Bishop Sillitoe, Grand Chaplain; V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman, Grand Treasurer; V. W. Bro. H. Brown, Grand Secretary; Bro. Wm. Trickey, Grand Tyler; W. Bro. G. S. Russell, Grand Senior Deacon; W. Bro M. Miller, Grand Junior Deacon;