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SUPREME COUNCIL.

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HOCHELAGA LODGE OF PERFECTION conferred the 14° on five Brethren. Withdrawn, 1 member; membership, 59; fees to Supreme Council, \$30.

It is with a great deal of pleasure your Committee report on the returns from Victoria and Winnipeg Lodges and Chapters, let us hope forerunners of many Bodies in the great North-West and British Columbia. Your Committee are certain from the accounts they have received of the high standing and energy of the members, that the propagation of the Rite could not have fallen into abler hands, as their hearts seem to be thoroughly devoted to the good cause.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

H. A. MACKAY, 33°,

*Chairman.*

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, 11th October, 1880.

The Report of the Special Committee on Ritual was read as follows :—

MONTREAL, October 11th, 1880.

*To the Supreme Council, 33°.*

ILL. BRETHREN :—

At the last session of this Supreme Council the Committee on the Grand Commander's address recommended that the questions of Change of Titles in officers and degrees as proposed by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S., and the adoption of a Confession of Faith, be referred to the Committee on Ritual to report upon at this session or as soon as convenient.

At a further stage in the proceedings of the said session of 1879, the Special Committee on Ritual, composed of the undersigned, were discharged from their labors, and consequently there was no Committee to whom the above subjects could be referred to. Nevertheless, the members who formerly composed that Committee, have, of their own will, considered the questions before mentioned, and submit the following as a report of their views of the subjects under consideration, viz. :—

That the Titles complained of, although too numerous and grandiloquent, and in many cases superfluous, are generally understood to be used within the secret and sacred retreat of the lodge room, and not before the profane, and in the ceremonies in which they are made use of those which represent persons are generally appropriate. That they are so identified with the work that to change them materially will require a partial revision of our whole rituals.

They therefore, for these and other reasons, recommend this Council to wait until it is seen what action some of the other important Councils take in the matter, especially that of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U. S., with whom we are in almost constant association.