

The following Report from the Committee appointed at the Convention on the 12th October last to revise and amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada was then read.

Your Committee beg leave to report that, after carefully consulting the various masonic authorities and well weighing what appeared to them the wants of the fraternity in Canada, they have compiled and now offer for the consideration of your Grand Lodge, the following amended constitution.—[The Constitution we omit for want of space and as it may be had in pamphlet form.—Ed. C. M. P.]

The amended Constitution, as submitted by the Committee, was then considered *in scrutim*, to page 26.

The Grand Lodge was then called off from labor to refreshment to meet at 10 o'clock the following morning.

THURSDAY, 10TH JULY.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sitting at 10 o'clock.

The consideration, *in scrutim*, of the amended constitution was proceeded with and concluded. When on motion of R.W. Bro. Simpson seconded by W. Bro. Fulford,—“The constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada submitted by the Committee, and as amended by the Grand Lodge was unanimously confirmed and adopted, and ordered to be printed as the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada. And the Most Worshipful the Grand Master appointed the following brethren a committee to prepare it for circulation, namely, R.W. Bros. Stephens and Harris, and V.W. Bro. Osborne.

The Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren a committee, to divide the Province into districts, R.W. Bros. Bernard, Stephens, Lundy, and W. Bro. Moffatt.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master then announced that the first business of the afternoon sitting of the Grand Lodge, would be the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 3 p.m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sitting at 3 p.m. The Grand Master nominated R.W. Bros. Bellhouse and Daniels, and W. Bro. Smith, scrutineers.

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and the following brethren were duly elected.

The M.W. Bro. W. Mercer Wilson as M.W. Grand Master; R.W. Bro. A. Bernard as R.W. Deputy do.; W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson as R.W. Grand Senior Warden; W. Bro. Charles Magill as R.W. Grand Junior do.; Bro. The Rev. St. George Caulfield as Grand Chaplain; R.W. Bro. Wm. Bellhouse as R.W. Grand Treasurer; R.W. Bro. T. B. Harris as R.W. Grand Registrar; V.W. Bro. John Osborne as R.W. Grand Secretary.

An open vote having been taken for Tyler Bro. John Morrison was elected.

The Grand Master then appointed a Committee composed of R. W. Bros. Bernard, Stephens and Simpson, for arranging the number of the various affiliated Lodges according to the respective dates of their formation.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7 o'clock p.m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sitting at 8 o'clock p.m.

The Committee appointed on the division of Province into Districts presented their Report, and on motion, it was resolved, that the province be divided into the following seven masonic Districts, namely:—

- The London District.
- Hamilton District.
- Toronto District.
- Central District.
- Montreal District.
- Eastern Township District.
- Quebec District.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Stephens, It was unanimously re-

solved;—That the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge be held in the City of Montreal. The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet again the following morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 11.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sitting at one o'clock.

The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to arrange the numbers of the warrants of the affiliating lodges presented the following report, which was on motion unanimously adopted.

- No. 1.—Social & Military Virtues, Montreal.
- 2.—Niagara,.....Niagara.
- 3.—Barton,.....Hamilton.
- 4.—Union,.....Grimsby.
- 5.—Norfolk,.....Simcoe.
- 6.—Sussex,.....Brockville.
- 7.—Prevost,.....Dunham.
- 8.—Golden Rule,.....Stanstead.
- 9.—St. George,.....St. Catherine.
- 10.—Prince Edward,.....Picton.
- 11.—Nelson,.....Clarenceville.
- 12.—St. Andrew's,.....St. Andrew's.
- 13.—St. George's,.....Montreal.
- 14.—St. John's,.....London.
- 15.—Zetland,.....Montreal.
- 16.—King Solomon,.....Toronto.
- 17.—Strict Observance,.....Hamilton.
- 18.—St. John's,.....Cayuga.
- 19.—Thistle,.....Amherstburgh.
- 20.—St. John's,.....Hamilton.
- 21.—St. Thomas,.....St. Thomas.
- 22.—Brant,.....Brantford.
- 23.—Great Western,.....Windsor.
- 24.—Wellington,.....Dunnville.
- 25.—Shefford,.....Waterloo.
- 26.—Vaughan,.....Maple.
- 27.—Harmony,.....Binbrook.
- 28.—Wellington,.....Stratford.
- 29.—Hoyle,.....La Colle.
- 30.—Acacia,.....Hamilton.
- 31.—St. Andrew's,.....Caledonia.
- 32.—Kilwinning,.....London.
- 33.—Rehoboam,.....Toronto.
- 34.—Jacques Cartier,.....Montreal.
- 35.—St. Francis,.....Melbourne.
- 36.—St. John's,.....Ingersoll.
- 37.—King,.....King.
- 38.—Victoria,.....Sherbrooke.
- 39.—Alma,.....Galt.

Several Lodges were not numbered in consequence of having failed to make the requisite returns as to the date of their formation.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment till half-past three o'clock p.m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sitting at half-past three p.m.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was pleased to confirm the nomination of R. W. Bro. P. D. Brown as District Deputy Grand Master for the Montreal District. Of R. W. Bro. James Daniels, as D.D.G.M. for the London District. Of R. W. Bro. W. C. Stephens, as D.D.G.M. for the Hamilton District. Of R. W. Bro. G. L. Allen, as D.D.G.M. for the Toronto District. Of R. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, as D.D.G.M. for the Central District.

The Grand Master was then pleased to appoint the following brethren:

V.W. Bro. J. Jas. Moffat, Grand Senior Deacon; V.W. Bro. J. E. Smith, Grand Junior Deacon; V.W. Bro. T. J. Rastrick, Grand Superintendent of Works; V.W. Bro. J. C. Spence Director of Ceremonies; V.W. Bro. R. A. Malcolm, Assistant Grand Secretary; V.W. Bro. G. W. Powell, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; V.W. Bro. J. W. Haldimand, Grand Sword Bearer; V.W. Bro. W. T. Thomas, Grand Organist; V.W. Bro. R. J. Fowler, Assistant Grand Organist; V.W. Bro. Samuel Ross, Grand Pursuivant; V.W. Bros. E. Morris, Dr. Fowler, A. S. Abbot, Dr. Hy. Crouse, Tho. Fletcher, J. R. Curroll, Dr. Barker, H. L. Martin, Grand Stewards.

The Grand Officers for the coming masonic year were then installed, invested, and proclaimed in due and ancient form.

R.W. Bro. Lundy gave notice that he would at the next meeting move, seconded by R.W. Bro. G. H. Allan,—That so much of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge as restricts a brother from being a member of more than one Lodge be repealed.

The Committee appointed to consider the application of the brethren in Kingston for a warrant for the Catarqui Lodge, then presented the following Report, which was, on motion of Bro. Martin, seconded by R.W. Bro. Daniels, unanimously adopted.

“That your Committee consider it to be the imperative duty of the Grand Lodge to require in every case a perfect compliance with its Constitution, and therein they find it provided that every application for a warrant to hold a new Lodge must be recommended by the officers of some regular Lodge, and also, that the place of holding the meetings of the Lodge shall be stated in the petition. These conditions have not been complied with in the petition referred to, and your Committee conceiving that it is not in the power of the Grand Lodge, without special resolution to dispense with these requirements recommended that the application be returned to the Brethren by the Grand Secretary, with a request that these omissions may be supplied, and that a warrant or dispensation should then be granted.”

The committee appointed on the address of the Grand Master read the following report, the consideration of which was deferred to the evening sitting.

Report of Committee on the Address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

Your Committee beg leave to report—

That the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master contains matter of the greatest importance to, and deeply affecting the vital interest of our Grand Lodge, and the craft in general in this Province.

That the report of our progress so far, and of our present position is highly gratifying, and should call forth an earnest expression of our heartfelt gratitude to the great Architect of the Universe for the blessings of Heaven that have been so bountifully and freely shed on our path. While the difficulties with which we have had and may still have to contend should only have the effect which was doubtless their design, to call forth increased vigilance, to prevent our slumbering at our posts, and if possible, to stimulate us to still greater exertion in the cause of our beloved order.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, your Grand Lodge is indebted for his devotion and zeal in visiting the Subordinate Lodges, and every where maintaining the dignity of his position. The most cordial concurrence must be left by your Grand Lodge in the sentiments expressed in the Address, of the sense of obligation towards the members composing the various Committees, in whose hands, the business of the Grand Lodge was placed, especially to the advice and assistance of R. W. Bro. Stephens, the value of which could only be enhanced by the willing and constant manner in which it has been rendered.

To the various Officers of the Grand Lodge, and particularly to the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Bernard, much of its present position of prosperity is due, for the untiring zeal and ability with which their duties have been performed. Your committee would deem it only necessary further on this point to remark, that your present meeting of Grand Lodge, in itself displays the essential elements of prosperity and success, in the good feeling and brotherly love which have prevailed, no matter how wide the difference of opinion on the various subjects under discussion, or how earnest the arguments in their support.

Of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the parent of a number of your affiliating Lodges, your Committee would desire to make honorable mention. The first, of our parent Grand Lodges, to extend to us the right hand of fellowship, to express their belief in the integrity of our motives, and to entertain and appreciate our assurances that the welfare and progress, aye, even the existence itself of masonry in this Pro-