

PROCEEDINGS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE  
OF THE PROVINCE OF CANADA; I. O. O. F.

AT THE ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT THE CITY OF MONTREAL,  
AUGUST, 1845.

WEDNESDAY, 6th August, 1845.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day at Odd Fellows' Hall, being the Regular Annual Session, when the following were present:—

George Matthews, *R. W. D. G. Master*, in the Chair.  
Thomas Hardie, *R. W. G. Warden*,  
W. A. Selden, *R. W. G. Secretary*,  
William Rodden, *W. G. Marshall*,  
J. M. Gilbert, *W. G. Guardian*.

Also a Representation from Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5.  
Roll called.

Minutes of the May Session read and approved.

The Grand Secretary presented the following Credentials, entitling the Representatives therein named to sit as Representatives of their respective Lodges until the day preceding the next Annual Session, in August next, which were referred to the Committee on Elections and Returns:—

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1.—Past Grands Thos. Hardie, W. A. Liddell, J. Holland.

Queen's Lodge, No. 2.—Past Grands George Matthews, M. H. Seymour, D. Milligan, C. F. Clarke.

Prince Albert Lodge, No. 3.—Past Grands J. M. Gilbert, C. P. Ladd, C. Pierce.

Commercial Lodge, No. 5.—Past Grands William Rodden, W. A. Selden, R. H. Hamilton, E. T. Renaud.

The Grand Secretary also presented the Quarterly and Annual Reports of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, Queen's Lodge, No. 2, Albion Lodge, No. 4, and Commercial Lodge, No. 5, which were referred to the same Committee.

The Committee on Elections and Returns reported that they had examined the Credentials of the foregoing Representatives and found them all correct, and recommended that the said documents be filed, and the Representatives admitted to their seats.

Which was read, and, on motion of P. G. Thomas Hardie, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

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

"We, your Committee, to whom was referred the Credentials of Past Grand E. T. Renaud, of Commercial Lodge, No. 5, beg leave to report, that the certificate certifies to his having served a full term as V. G. and N. G., and would therefore recommend that the Degrees to which he has thus become entitled be conferred upon him.

(Signed)

GEORGE MATTHEWS.  
THOS. HARDIE,  
WM. RODDEN."

Which was read. Whereupon Past Grand M. H. Seymour moved, seconded by Past Grand Thomas Hardie, That the report be accepted, and that Past Grand E. T. Renaud be instructed in all the Past Official Degrees, which was concurred in.

The R. W. D. G. Master presented his Report, which was read, and referred to a Special Committee of three. The Chair named Past Grands R. H. Hamilton, M. H. Seymour, and S. C. Sewell as the Committee.

The Grand Secretary presented and read a petition which had been received from Brothers French, Gilman, Chase and others, for a Dispensation authorizing a Lodge to be established at Stanstead, C. E., to be known and hailed as Oriental Lodge, No. 7, and which had been granted by the R. W. D. G. Master during the recess;—on motion, it was ordered to be placed on file.

The Grand Secretary presented and read several accounts, which were referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until this evening at seven o'clock.

Wednesday Evening, 7 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met this evening, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the same Grand Officers and Representatives who were present in the morning.

On motion of Past Grand W. A. Selden, seconded by Past Grand R. H. Hamilton, Past Grand C. F. Clarke, of Queen's Lodge, No. 2, was instructed in all the Past Official Degrees.

The Committee of Finance reported the accounts submitted to them at the morning sitting to be correct, and recommended the payment thereof; and that the account from Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, be returned, accompanied with an explanation of the correction required therein. On motion, the Report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report, which was read and accepted, and the recommendations adopted:—

That the Communications from the following Lodges, viz.:—Queen's No. 2, Prince Albert No. 3, Albion No. 4, Commercial No. 5, and from D. D. G. M. J. R. Healey and Brother Chase, be received and placed on file; that the Communication from J. L. Ridgley, R. W. G. Secretary of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, be laid upon the Table, for the consideration of this Lodge at the earliest opportunity.

That the Communication from Brother Warren be placed on file, and that the Grand Secretary acquaint him, in reply thereto, that the Grand Lodge do not at present contemplate purchasing an Organ, or any other musical instrument, for the use of the Order.

That the request contained in the Communication from Albion Lodge No. 4, for permission to celebrate their Anniversary, be granted.

That the Communication from Queen's Lodge No. 2, complying with the request of this Grand Lodge for the use of the Lodge Room upon their evening of Meeting, be suitably acknowledged by the Grand Secretary, and placed on file.

That the Communication from D. D. G. M. J. R. Healey, of Quebec, propounding several questions relative to the duties which usually devolve upon the V. G. in the absence of the N. G., and the proper mode to be observed in executing them, be referred, together with the reply of the Grand Secretary thereto, to the Committee on Supervision of Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

That the Communication from Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1, relative to certain circumstances alleged to have transpired, since a Card of Clearance was granted to a late member of that Lodge affecting his character, be laid on the Table to be acted upon at the earliest opportunity.

(Signed)

M. H. SEYMOUR,  
GEORGE MATTHEWS.

The Committee on Regalia reported progress, and requested that two members be added to their number, which, on motion, was granted, and the Chair named Past Grands Joseph Fraser and D. Milligan.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report:—

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the R. W. G. Secretary of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, transmitting the proclamation of the M. W. G. Sire H. Hopkins, calling a Special Session of the R. W. G. Lodge, U. S., to be held at Baltimore on the 9th proximo, recommend that said documents be placed on file, and that this R. W. Grand Lodge do elect a Grand Representative to be present at the said Session, and then and there to represent this R. Worthy Body.

(Signed)

M. H. SEYMOUR,  
GEORGE MATTHEWS.