

MONTREAL, 22nd September, 1871.

The Sub-Committee met this morning in the Masonic Hall Rooms, Place d'Armes, and R. W. Bro. White submitted the following draft of Resolutions :

*Resolve 1*,—"That this Committee composed equally of representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, duly authorised by their respective Grand Lodges to act together in considering the unfortunate differences which separate the Craft in this Province of Quebec, and being influenced by a desire to heal those differences and to restore harmony and peace to Freemasonry within this Province, mutually agree upon the following terms as a basis for union, viz :

1. "That all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Canada, within the Province of Quebec, except the acts of suspension arising out of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec ; and all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, excepting suspensions arising out of the differences incident to the formation of the said Grand Lodge, be declared to be legal Masonic acts.

2. "That all Lodges within the Province of Quebec, whether working under the Grand Lodge of Canada or under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be re-numbered on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec according to seniority ; and that with a view to determining the question of seniority, the duty of such re-numbering be submitted to a Commission to be composed of three brethren to be named by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and three brethren to be named by the Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Canada, who shall have full power to take evidence with a view to arriving at a just conclusion, and who may, if they so desire, select some brother as umpire in case of any serious difference or opinion ; the report of such Committee to be final.

3. "That all Masonic rank acquired either in the Grand Lodge of Canada or in the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or in any Lodge working under those Grand Lodges respectively, be maintained and continued."

"And the Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec hereby agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge ; and the Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Canada hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the Representatives of Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Quebec, at a meeting to be held by such representatives, and to which the Committee are required by the terms of their appointment, to report, and to urge that they be accepted ; and that thereupon the said Lodges unite with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and request the Grand Lodge of Canada, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Convention of said Grand Lodge, to give up and cede all the territory which it has occupied since 1835 in that part of Canada constituting the Province of Quebec, make all just and proper financial settlements, remove all suspensions, and do all such acts as may be necessary to a full and complete recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

R. W. Bro. Isaacson submitted the following draft Resolutions for adoption :

"Whereas, unhappily differences and disputes have arisen and are now existing in Masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M., and her subordinates on the one part, and the several Lodges in the said Province still holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada of the other part ;

"And Whereas, with the view to terminate and for ever end said differences, and to restore harmony throughout the Craft in the said Province, the said Lodges, to wit : the said party of the second part are willing to amalgamate and join with the said party of the first part, to wit : the said The Grand Lodge of Quebec ; and the said party of the first part are willing to accept said Lodge into their organization or Grand body the same as if the said Lodges had originally taken part in said organization.

"And it is agreed by both said parties that all questions such as names of Lodges, priority of Number, holding of Warrants and duplicate of Warrants in said Province, shall be left entirely to a Committee of six, three of whom shall be named from the party of the first part, with power to said Committee to name an arbitrator ; and the decision of said Committee and Umpire to be final."

The representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada objected to these resolutions because under them the Committee would have power to consider the question of the existence of duplicate or other lodges established since October, 1869, by the Grand Lodge of Canada. On the other hand, R. W. Bro Isaacson explained that there was no such intention, and that the resolutions did not give any such power to the proposed Committee. R. W. Bro. White suggested that this should be clearly stated in the resolutions ; but as R. W. Bro. Isaacson declined to alter them, it was agreed to submit both drafts to the general Committee.