

MOVED by Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, D. G. M. of B. A., seconded by Bro. Robt. Cade, M. of W. Middlesex, and *Resolved*,--That a Special Committee be now struck consisting of Brothers Samuel McLean, D. M. of Brant, Wm. Parkhill, D. G. M. James Bennett, D. M. of Toronto, Wm. Boles, C. M. of Lincoln, and John Machon, C. M. of Norfolk, to take into consideration certain Petitions, Appeals and Complaints pending between the brethren of London, and embodied in certain charges against Brother John Reid, District Master, on which the action of the County Lodge is disapproved of.

The consideration of the Report was then continued, and clauses three and four adopted.

MOVED by Bro. James McClure, G. L. of W. O., seconded by Bro. James Bennett, D. G. S. of B. A., and *Resolved*,--That to the fifth clause the words "and that this Grand Lodge do forthwith grant said Brother his certificate," be added.

The sixth clause was adopted.

MOVED by Bro. William Parkhill, D. G. M. of Western Ontario, seconded by Bro. John Orr, G. D. C. of W. O., and *Resolved*,--That the seventh clause be referred to the Committee on Finance with a recommendation to report a sum of fifty dollars towards the object sought. The Report as thus amended was then finally adopted.

### Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

*To the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Lodge of Western Ontario:*

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to report that they have examined with due care, the correspondence of the Grand Secretary for the past year, and find that, with his usual judicious care that officer has given prompt and earnest attention to all matters coming under his notice.

2. In a Petition from Bro. E. T. Essery and others, in the matter of Bro. John Reid, your Committee deem that this Grand Lodge can take no action, they not having taken the proper steps to obtain a hearing from this Grand Lodge, but would suggest that the petitioners represent the case in a proper and legal manner to their County Lodge, in accordance with the rules set forth in the Constitution.

In reference to a letter from Bro. Joseph Doupe, D. G. S., there being no evidence before your Committee, they are unable to decide in the matter.

3. Your Committee find with grief and surprise that it is evidently the custom with some Private Masters, and also some District, County and Grand Lodge Officers to move Dormant Warrants from one District and County to another, and resuscitate the same, totally disregarding that rule of the Constitution which sets forth that all Warrants on becoming Dormant shall lapse back to the Grand Lodge, and can only be re-issued on the payment of the proper fee.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the proper steps be immediately taken to enforce the recall of such Dormant Warrants, and that in cases where such illegal resuscitations have taken place, the regular fee for re-issue of such Warrant be demanded, and in default of payment all such Warrants be cancelled, several such flagrant breaches of the Constitution having taken place.

4. With reference to the request of Bro. John Bennett, and brethren of L. O. L. No. 377, asking to be allowed to remove their Lodge from the County of Wellington to the County of Halton, your Committee would recommend that they be allowed to do so, the consent being given to such change by both Counties.

5. Your Committee regret to find from a letter from Joseph McArdle, that his private Lodge has not yet seen fit to comply with a resolution of this Provincial Grand Lodge held at Stratford.

6. Your Committee have also much pleasure in recording the receipt of a letter from Mr. J. J. Bond, Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Association in the neighboring Republic, (accompanied with a copy of their Constitution and Laws) and sincerely wish our neighbors a great and lasting success in that most noble of all causes, the propagation of Protestant Christianity, trusting that they may always continue on that road which leads to everlasting life.

7. With reference to a Communication from Bro. S. Mulvey, Master of L. O. L. No. 1307, Winnipeg, asking for aid to assist in raising a tablet to the memory of our late murdered Bro. Scott; your Committee beg leave to submit said letter to the earnest consideration of this Grand Lodge.

8. Your Grand Secretary has placed before your Committee a most able scheme for compiling an Orange Directory, and we most sincerely hope that all members of the Orange Order will use every effort in their power by giving the fullest information to assist that most efficient officer in completing this truly most useful work.

Lastly, the complete style and manner of keeping the books and the very business-like Report of your Grand Secretary, commands the utmost praise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT WILSON, Chairman.  
JOHN C. STEELE.  
FRANCIS RYAN.  
BENJAMIN GERRY.  
EDWARD HENDERSON junr.  
J. A. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

Grand Committee Room, February 22nd, 1871.