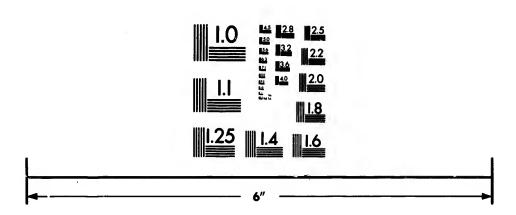


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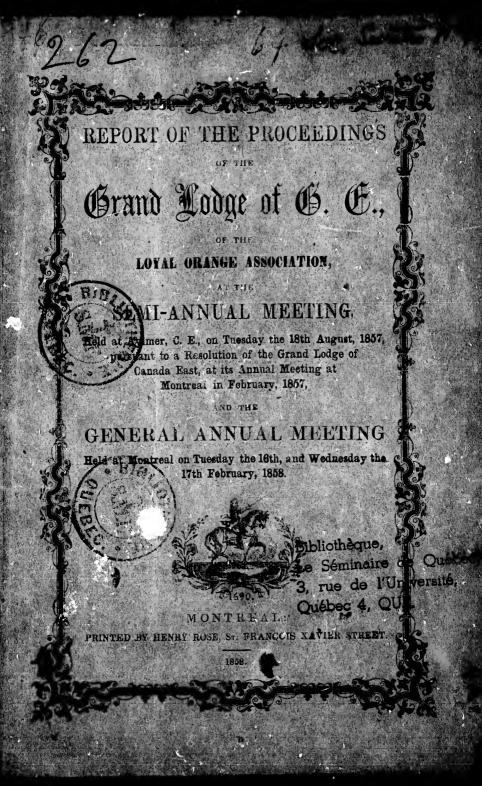
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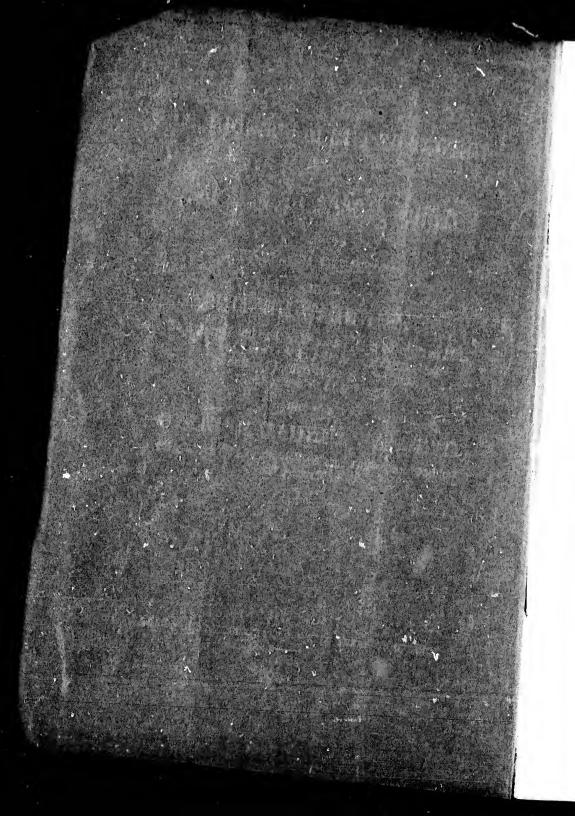
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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of G. E.,

OF THE

LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION,

AT THE

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

Held at Aylmer, C. E., on Tuesday the 18th August, 1857, pursuant to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of Canada East, at its Annual Meeting at Montreal in February, 1857,

AND THE

GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING

Held at Montreal on Tuesday the 16th, and Wednesday the 17th February, 1858.



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Dr. D. FALLOON, Grand Chaplain.

C. F. HILL, Esq., Grand Lecturer.

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JOSHUA BREADNER, Esq., Assistant G. Secretary.

JAMES BAYLEY, Esq., Deputy Grand Lecturer.

DAVID FENTON, Grand Tyler.



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OF THE

GRAND LODGE FOR C. E.,

OF THE

Moyal Orange Association,

HELD AT AYLMER, C.E.,

On Tuesday the 18th August, 1857, pursuant to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of Canada East, at its Annual Meeting at Montreal in February, 1857.

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada East, Bro. R. A. Young in the Chair.

Brother Wm. Lough, J.D.G.M., for Pontiac.

- " Jos. T. Dutton, G.S.
- " John Campbell, D.G.C.
- " R. Chamberlain, County Master.

Members of the Grand Committee.

Brother W. J. Allen,

" James Conroy,

Brother Wm. Allen,

- James Klock.
- " John Chanson,
- " John Topley,
- " David McNoll,
- " Churles Wright,
- " Wm. Thorp,
- " James White,
- " Neil Taylor,
- " Benjamin Moore.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the Scarlet Chapter, Test applied and Lecture repeated. The Lodge then adjourned, and was reopened in the Orange Degree, when

Bros. J. T. Dutton and John Campbell explained to the Grand Lodge the action of the Grand Lodge of British North America, at its meeting at Quebec, and the position in which the Grand Lodge of Canada East was placed thereby.

After some conversation on the subject, in which Bros-W. Lough and R. Chamberlain took part.

It was moved by Brother John Campbell, seconded by Bro. W. J. Allan, and carried,

"That all the Communications now read by the G. S., received from Bros. Joshua Breadner, R. W. Cardeu, &c., be received."

It was then moved by Bro. John Clanson, seconded by Bro. James Klock, and carried unanimously,

"That the Grand Lodge of Canada East has learned with surprise and regret that the Grand Lodge of British North America thought fit at its Annual Meeting at Quebec, in June last, to disown the officers of this Grand Lodge, and ignore its existence, although it had for many years been established and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of British North America; and without notice, to annul its warrant and those of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and by con-

sequence, the warrants of all private lodges working under them, and this by a Resolution hastily put and carried, although protested against by the Brothern of Lower Canada."

It was then moved by Bro. R. Chamberlain, seconded by Bro. John Clanson, and carried,

"That this Grand Lodge considers such Resolution unconstitutional and void, inasmuch, as no notice of such action had been given previously, nor had any act been committed on the part of the Grand Lodge of Canada East to justify it, while its previous attempt to disfranchise the Grand Lodge of Canada East, at a Semi-Annual Meeting held at Perth was declared illegal; besides the Deputy Grand Master for Canada East, Bro. John McKinnon, appointed by the Grand Lodge of British North America, had solemnly declared that it had recognized the privileges and authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada East until they could be legally discussed and determined, and consequently the Grand Lodge of C. E. believes its powers and privileges to be legally and properly still in existence and continued, and to be to all intents and purposes valid."

It was then moved by Brother James Conroy, seconded by Bro. Wm. Thorp, and carried,

"That this Grand Lodge has considered a Report of the case of this Grand Lodge made to the County Lodge of Montreal, and fully approving its declarations and sentiments, is determined to maintain its rights and privileges, under protest against the action of the Grand Lodge of British North America, until the Annual Meeting of the said Grand Lodge at London, C. W., in June next."

It was then moved by Bro. R. Chamberlain, seconded by Brother James Klock,

"That this Grand Lodge recommends in the meantime, that each County, District, and Paivate Lodge in Canada East, do address the Grand Master of British is ofth America by petition, remonstrance, or protest, on the subject as seems to them most meet, as soon as possible, and that they report any replies they may receive to the G. Secretary of this Grand Lodge of Canada East, in Montreal."

It was then moved by Brother Neil Taylor, seconded by Bro. John Topley, and carried,

"That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue an address to each Lodge previous to the next Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada East, requesting a full and punctual attendance in order to

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It was then moved by Bro. Wm. Lough, seconded by Bro. W. J. Alieu,

"That the Annual Meeting of the Grand i edge of Canada East, be held at Mentrea, on the 3rd Tuesday in February, 1858."

The Grand Lodge was then closed in due form in the Orange Degree.

JOSEPH T. DUTTON, Grand Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF C.E.,

Loyal Grange Association,

AT THE

GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING

Held at Montreal on Tuesday the 16th, and Wednesday the 17th February, 1858.

PRESENT:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Hugh Cameron, G.T.

Charles F. Hill, G.L.

Joseph T. Dutton, G.S.

John Campbell, D.G.C.

COUNTY MASTER.

John Burns, County of Montreal.

DISTRICT MASTER.

John Porter, District of Montreal.

And Members of the Grand Committee.

At Three P.M., Bro. C. F. Hill, G.L., in the absence of the Grand Master, assumed the Chair, and declared the Grand Lodge opened in the Royal Scarlet Chapter for the transaction of business, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to appoint Committees.

On Proxies and Correspondence.—Brothers George Smith, John Burns, John Campbell.

ON FINANCE.—Brothers John Porter, G. Wilson, W. W. Morrow.

ON EXPULSIONS.—Brothers H. Cameron, W. G. Arnton, J. Menzies.

After some conversation on the prospective business of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 8 o'clock, P.M., for the transaction of business, and it was agreed to defer till Thursday at 3 P.M., the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday 8 P.M.

The adjourned Meeting of the Grand Lodge opened in due form, Brother J. T. Dutton, G.S. in the Chair.

PRESENT:

J. T. Dutton, G.S. H. Cameron, G.T. John Campbell, D.G.C.

COUNTY MASTERS.

John Burns, Montreal.

Joshua Breadner, Huntingdon.

DISTRICT MASTER.

John Porter, District of Montreal.

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The Minutes of the Schnie-Annual Meeting held at Aylmer, on the 18th August, 1857, were then read, when it was moved by Bro. J. Breadner, and Seconded by Bro. J. Burns, that the minutes be confirmed. Carried.

Brother George Smith having resigned as one of the Committee on Proxies and Correspondence, Bro. Menzies was appointed in his room. The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 3 P.M., on Wednesday 17th.



SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, Feb. 17th.

Agreeably to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met this day at 3 P.M., Bro. C. F. Hill, G. L., assumed the Chair.

PRESENT:

H. Cameron, G. T. J. T. Dutton, G. S. John Campbell, D. G. C.

COUNTY MASTERS.

J. C. Chamberlin, Ottawa.

Joshua Breadner, Huntingdon.

John Burns, Montreal.

DISTRICT MASTER.

John Porter, Montreal.

MASTERS.

J. Campbell, No. 6.

J. McGauran, No. 14.

And Members of the Grand Committee.

The Session was then re-opened in due form, but the Committees not being prepared with their reports, it was further adjourned to 7 P. M.

On the arrival of several Brethern from the Country, the adjournment was reconsidered and rescinded; the Grand Lodge then re-opened, when Bro. George Smith gave notice of motion respecting the action of the G. L. of B. N. A., at Quebec with reference to this G. L.

Bro. J. T. Dutton gave notice of Six Motions, which he read.

The Committee on Proxies and Correspondence, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 7 P.M.

EVENING SESSION.

Brother C. F. Hill, G. L. in the Chair.

PRESENT:

J. A. Evans, P.G.M.

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COUNTY MASTERS.

J. C. Chamberlin, Ottawa. Joshua Breadner, Huntingdon. John Burns, Montreal.

DISTRICT MASTER.

John Porter, Montreal.

MASTERS.

J. J. Arnton, No. 3.

John Campbell, No. 6.

J. McGauran, No. 14.

And Members of the Grand Committee.

After some conversation, it was moved by Bro. Joshua Breadner, and Seconded by Bro. G. Smith; "that the resolution deferring till Thursday at 3 P.M. the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year be rescinded." Carried.

It was moved by Bro. J. Breadner, Seconded by Bro. J. A. Evans, "that Bro. J. T. Dutton be appointed Grand Master." Carried unanimously, all the brethern rising.

It was moved by Bro. T. A. Evans, seconded by Bro. J. Breadner,

That Bro. J. C. Chamberlin be appointed Deputy Grand Master. Carried.

It was moved by Bro. G. Smith, seconded by Bro. J. C. Chamberlin,

That Brother Dr. W. Benning of Quebec be appointed Jun. Deputy Grand Master. Carried.

It was moved by Bro. J. Breadner, seconded by Bro. Campbell,

That Brother W. Lough be appointed Jun. Deputy Grand Master for Ottawa. Carried.

It was moved by Bro. J. Campbell, seconded by Bro. G. Smith,

That Brother M. McLeod be appointed Jun. Deputy Grand Master for Argenteuil. Carried.

It was moved by Bro. J. Campbell, seconded by Bro. G. Smith,

That Bro. Hugh Cameron be re-elected Grand Treasurer. Carried.

It was moved by Brother Hugh Cameron, seconded by Bro. T. A. Evans,

That Bro. John Burns be appointed Grand Secretary. Carried.

It was moved by Bro. T. A. Evans, seconded by Bro. J. Porter,

That Bro. J. Breadner be appointed Deputy Grand Secretary. Carried.

It was moved by Brother G. Smith, seconded by Bro. John Campbell,

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That Bro. the Rev. Dr. D. Falloon be appointed Grand Chaplain. Carried.

It was moved by Bro. T. A. Evans, seconded by Bro. G. Smith,

That all Clergymen in the Order in C.E. be appointed Deputy Grand Chaplains. Carried.

It was moved by Bro. J. T. Dutton, seconded by Bro. G. Smith,

That Brother C. F. Hill be appointed Grand Lecturer. Carried.

It was moved by Brother G. Smith, seconded by Bro. J. McGauran,

That Brother James Bayley be appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer. Carried.

It was moved by Bro. J. Porter, seconded by Bro. J. L. Brendson.

That Brother John Campbell be appointed President of Grand Committee. Carried.

It was moved by Brother T. A. Evans, seconded by Bro. George Smith,

That Brother J. L. Brondson be appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies. Carried.

It was moved by Brother J. Menzies, seconded by Bro. J. Porter,

That Bro. Fenton be appointed Grand Tyler. Carried.

The Committee on Proxies and Correspondence then brought up their report as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, 17th Feb., 1858.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada East:

Your Committee on Proxies and Correspondence, beg to report that, having no proxies before them, they have nothing to report thereon.

Your Committee have, however, taken into their careful consideration, the very voluminous correspondence which has been placed before them, but a very large proportion of that Correspondence has reference to matter too unimportant to be taken notice of. They would, however, beg to notice a Communication from Brother Joseph Huston, Past Master of Lodge, No. 13, Chatham, dated 8th inst., complaining on account of himself and his Son, of neglect on the part of the present Officers of said Lodge, in not granting them their certificates when demanded last September. Your Committee would recommend that this matter be referred back to the District having jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary in doing so, being instructed to advise Brother Huston, that, in the event of his being refused redress there, or failing that in the County Lodge, it will then be competent for him to appeal to this Grand Lodge, but that until then it will be inexpedient to take any action in the matter.

Your Committee have also to notice an official communication from Brother John Holland, as Grand Secretary for British North America. with copy of resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of British North America, at its meeting, held in Quebec in June last, in which after admitting the illegality of the Proceedings at Perth, by which it was attempted to annul this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, they proceed to repeat the illegality. This action on the part of the Grand Lodge of British North America, has led to a considerable amount of Correspondence, which your Committee have perused with careful attention. and have much pleasure in observing the sympathy which the officers of the various Lodges in the County Districts express towards this Grand Lodge, and the active support in maintaining our rights and privileges, which is promised. Your Committee, however, cannot but view with extreme pain, the line of conduct which Bro. J. McKinnon has thought proper to pursue, and beg to express their extreme disapprobation of the want of courtesy which he displays in the curt note. which he sent your Right Worshipful Secretary, in which he ignores and denies the existence of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge. The course of conduct pursued towards this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of British North America, has been so fully detailed and animadverted upon in the Report adopted by the County Lodge of Montreal, at a meeting held on the 1st of July last, the sentiments contained in which Report, having been endorsed by this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, at the Semi-Annual Meeting held at Aylmer, in August last, that it is unnecessary for your Committee to go over the ground again. Your Committee would therefore recommend that this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge should famly maintain its present position, and defend to the very last the rights and privileges which every unbiassed mind must acknowledge to be theirs; your Committee would remark that, as Orangemen, we are only bound by our obligation to stand by each other in all just pondence has
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actions; and that when any section of the Association, obstinately persists in pursuing a Course of action manifestly unjust, we are no longer bound to support them, and are not only justified in maintaining our rights, but even bound to do so, even to the assertion of absolute independence, should such a line of conduct unfortunately become necessary.

If the interests of Protestantism, in Lower Canada, are to be efficiently protected, and the insidious schemes and stealthy advances of popery, thwarted and opposed, our Local organization, for Canada East, must be maintained at every hazard; and your Committee are of opinion, that if the matter is properly explained, and constantly kept before the Brethern of the Ottawa Vulley, this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge may securely count upon their almost unanimous support, for their interests are as much at stake as those of any other section of the province.

Whoever has read the "Signs of the Times," cannot but have observed the strennous efforts which our indefatignable popish enemies are making to secure for themselves the Valley of the Ottawa; to counteract their efforts, it is necessary that a direct communication should be opened up with the sister Lodges in the Mother Country, for the purpose of endeavoring, if possible, to direct nuch of the protestant immigration towards the Canadas, which at present finds its way to the United States; now such a Communication could only be efficiently opened by a Grand Lodge. But in the presence of the evident jenlousy with which the Ottawa is viewed by the extreme west, what chance of obtaining a share of that immigration would that noble valley have, against the Western Peninsula, the Brethern from which form so overpowering a majority in the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of British North America, as they seek to constitute it? If any communication, such as your Committee speak of, be opened at all, and if in that communication, the interests of the Ottawa are to be looked after, the only body which can efficiently open it, is the Local Grand Lodge of Canada East, the interests of that section of the Province being identical with those of the Ottawa; your Committee would therefore, strongly recommend, that as the Grand Lodge of British North America refuses to render that justice to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, which it so rightfully demands, and which is so necessary to the well being of protestantism in Calada East, this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge proceed to declare its entire independence of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

Your Committee would also suggest, that this Grand Lodge open a Correspondence with the brethern of the Eastern and Quebec Districts,

to lay before them the present position and intended action of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and requesting their active co-operation.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BURNS, JAMES MENZIES, JOHN CAMPBELL. Monld

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After some discussion, it was moved by Brother J. Breadner, seconded by J. C. Chumberlain, "That the Report now read be received and adopted," which was carried manimously.

It was then moved by Brother George Smith, and seconded by Brother J. C. Chamberlain,

"That the Grand Lodge of British North Arrerica, by a resolution passed at Quebec, on the 18th Jane, 1857, having declared the Local Grand Lodge for Canada East to be dissolved, this Grand Lodge do now declare itself independent of the Grand Lodge of British North America."

To which motion it was moved in amendment by Bro. J. T. Dutton, seconded by Bro. John Campbell,

6 That the petitions, remonstrances, and complaints of the Brethern in Canada East respecting the action of the Grand Lodge of British North America, at its meeting in Quebec, having been unattended to, this Grand Lodge of British North America to after its policy, to petition the Grand Lodge of British North America at its next annual meeting to rescind the Resolution passed at Quebec, as a preliminary to future union, and that a petition be drawn up, signed by the Officers of this Grand Lodge, for that purpose."

After considerable discussion the amendment was put and lost. The main motion was then put and carried by an overwhelming majority.

The Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions then brought up the following report:--

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ROOM,

17th February, 1858.

To the Worshipful the Grand Lodge of C. E., now in Annual Session:
Your Committee appointed to report on Suspensions and Expulsions.

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Brown, each for 3 years.

Montreal, Lodge No. 14, the Expulsions are follows: ---Peter Gordon, and Robert Robinson.

The whole respectfully submitted.

JAMES MENZIES, WM. G. ARNTON, HUGH CAMERON.

When it was moved by Brother T. A. Evans, seconded Bro. G. Smith, "That the Report now read be received and adopted." Carried.

It was then moved by Brother T. A. Evans, seconded by Bro. J. Menzies,

"Fhat a Committee of five brothern be appointed to draft a declaration of the Independence of this Grand Lodge, and draft the Warrant under which it is intended to earry on the affairs of the Order in Canada East." Carried.

The Committee was appointed, to consist of the following Brethern:—T. A. Evans, John Campbell, John Burns, J. McGauran and George Smith.

It was then moved by Brother Joshua Breadner, and seconded by Bro. J. Campbell,

"That a Committee of five Brethren be appointed to revise the Constitution and Laws of the Institution, so as to suit this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and report at the next meeting." Carried.

The Committee was appointed to consist of the following brethren:—John G. Barnston, James Bayley, James Menzies, Henry Hutchinson, and F. Cole.

It was then moved by Bro. John Campbell, seconded by Bro. George Smith,

"That a Copy of the Decision of to lependence be sent to all the Grand Lodges in the Empire." Curried.

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GRAND COMMITTEE ROOMS, 17th Feb., 1858.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada East:

Your Committee appointed to report on Finance, beg to state, that they have examined the Grand Treasurer's Books and find the following statement correct:

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Your Committee beg, also, to report that the number of Lodges acknowledging the jurisdiction of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, are apwards of 60, but that for the past year's dues there are several in arrears. Your Committee would therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge instruct the County and District Masters under which these Lodges in arrears are sitting, to send in returns showing the reasons why their dues have not been paid.

| Signed | JOHN PORTER, |
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It was then moved by Brother T. A. Evans, seconded by Br. J. Breadner, "that the report of the Committee on Finance, as now read, be adopted." Carried.

It was then moved by Brother J. T. Dutton, seconded by Bro. J. Breadner, and

Resolved.—That in the event of an application being made by the Grand Lodge of British North America to the Legislature during the present Session of Parliament, for an Act of Incorporation of the Loyal Orange Association, with the time of the Grand Ledge of British N. America, and which shall not neoghize and provide for the independent existence, continuance, and powers of this Grand Lodge, then, and in that case, the officers of this Grand Lodge are hereby empowered, in connexion with a Committee of three Brethren to be appointed by the Grand Master, to petition against said Act and to obtain the Signatures of as many of the Brethern in Lower Canada as possible, and entrust the presentation thereof to John Rose, Esq., M.P.P. for Montreal.

It was then moved by Brother J. T. Dutton, seconded by Bro. John Campbell, and

Resolved,—That having been informed of the intention of Lord Enniskillen to visit Canada in the Spring. in order to promote the interests of the order, this Grand Lodge considers it expedient to lay before his lordship a statement of the origin, conduct, and present position of the Grand Lodge of Canada East, and the conduct of the Grand Lodge of British North America towards it, and that a Committee of three Brethern be appointed by the Grand Master to draft such statement, and transmit it to his lordship.

It was then moved by Bro. James Menzies, seconded by Bro. John Burns, and

Resolved,—That the Annual Meeting of this Right W. Grand Lodge be altered from the third Tuesday in February to the fourth Tuesday in June, at 7 P. M., and to take place at Montreal.

It was then moved by Brother J. Menzies, seconded by Bro. W. W. Morrow, and

 $Res^{ijr,J}$,—That the Grand Tyler receive the sum of four dollars for his services during this Session.

It was moved by Brother John Campbell, seconded by Bro. T. A. Evans, and

Resolved,—That 500 copies of the report of this Session of the Grand Lodge of C. E., be printed and circulated.

On the motion of Brother James Menzies, seconded by Bro. John Campbell, Brother C. F. Hill left the Chair, which was then taken by Bro. T. A. Evans, Past Grand Master, when

It was moved by Brother James Menzies, seconded by Brother J. Breadner, and carried unanimously, "That a vote of thanks be given to Bro. C. F. Hill for his able conduct in the Chair."

It was then moved by Brother George Smith, seconded by Brother C. F. Hill, and carried unanimously. "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to Brother J. T. Dutton for the efficient and zealons manner in which he has for the past year filled the office of Grand Secretary."

It was then moved by Brother C. F. Hill, seconded by Brother George Smith, and carried unanimously, "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Brother Hugh Cameron for the able manner in which he filled the office of Grand Treasurer.

Past Grand Master, T. A. Evans, then proceeded to instal Bro. J. T. Dutton, Grand Master elect, into office, who, having taken the Oath and his seat, proceeded to administer the Oath of office to the other Grand Officers present, viz:—

BRO. J. C. CHAMBERLAIN, Deputy Grand Master.

- " HUGH CAMERON, Grand Treasurer.
- " JOHN BURNS, Grand Secretary.

After some conversation on various matters on which no action was taken, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

JOHN BURNS, Grand Secretary.

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A DECLARATION

BY THE

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

LOCAL GRAND LODGE

OF THE

Boyal Orange Association of Canada East,

IN ANNUAL SESSION ASSEMBLED AT MONTREAL ON THE 16TH AND 17TH DAYS OF FEBRUARY, 1858.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one branch of an organized Association to dissolve the outward bends which have heretofore connected it with another and older one, and to assume a more independent position by claiming the exercise of the powers and privileges with which the laws of Nature and of the God of Nature have invested them; a respect for the object of the Association, and the antecedent intercourse it has maintained with the individual members, of the Body with which it has hitherto stood in connexion, require that it should declare the causes which have impelled it to such a course.

We hold it to be a self evident truth, that no body of men can govern another, on the principle of equal liberty, with one common object in view, without the consent of the parties so governed; and that when the Governors have departed from the original intention of the Institution, or abused their just powers, by infringing upon the proper rights and liberties of the governed, or by violating its laws and principles, the latter have a full and inalienable right to enfranchise themselves, by assuming the powers and privileges which have been infringed upon, or abrogated-for their own preservation,-for the the stability of the Institution to which they belongand for the maintenance of the interests involved. Prudence would dictate that long established government should not be altered for slight or transient reasons; but, when a long course of systematic abuses and usurpations have reached their climax by an act of despetism which threatens the future liberties, welfare, and even the existence of the suffering branch of the Association, it becomes the duty of the members of that branch to free themselves from such oppression, and provide new guards for their future peace and security.

Its history proves that the uniform tenor of the policy of the self styled Grand Lodge of British North America has been, the establishment of an obgarchical despetism over their Brethren in the Provinces of Lower Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edwards Island, and for the most selfish purposes to set aside their just claims to equal and co-operative power in the Government of the Order on the Continent of North America, in support of which assertion, we declare that,—

Whereas it is ordered in Clause 40 of the Constitution of the Loyal Orange Association, as set forth in the Book of Rules and Regulations, under the Section entitled

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"Grand Lodge," printed by order and authority of the Grand Lodge of British North America, that "A Junior Teputy Grand Master be elected resident in New Brunswick; one in Nova Scotia and one in Canada East; each having power to call an assemblage of County, and District Masters and Masters of private Ledges for the purpose of electing a Local Grand Secrectary, alocal Grand Treasurer, and a local Grand Chaplain; and to pass such other local Regulations, as may be deemed requisite, not contrary to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge," and

Whereas, in accordance with, and in obedience to said clause, Brother John Helder Isaacson, Deputy Grand Master of British North America for Canada East, did convene an assemblage of the County and District Officers and Masters of private Lodges in Canada East, which was held at Montreal on the 7th March, 1849, and there and then proceeded to form a Deputy Grand Lodge for Canada East, passing sundry local Regulations which were acceded to and approved of by the Grand Lodge of British North America, as is proved by the said Grand Lodge of British North America having ordered the Report of the proceedings of said Meeting at Montreal to be printed with the Report of its own proceedings, at its Annual Meeting, held at Toronto on the 19th, 20th and 21st June, 1849, and

Whereas said local Grand Lodge for Canada East, then formed, was duly constituted by Brother George Benjamin, Esq.; he having in virtue of the powers legally vested in him, as Grand Master and Sovereign of the Order, in the British North American Provinces, granted to said Grand Lodge for Canada East a Warrant signed by him, and to which was affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge of

British North America, authorizing said Grand Lodge for Canada East to issue Warrants, collect Dues, and perform all other acts, and exercise all other powers, and enjoy all the privileges that a Grand Lodge legally constituted may, and of right ought to do, and enjoy, but

Whereas, in opposition to, and in defiance of Rule 48 of the Constitution of the Loyal Orange Association, under the Section entitled "Grand Lodge," which provides that "the Grand Lodge shall not alter its Rules and Regulations, except at an Annual Meeting, or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose," the Grand Lodge of British North America proceeded, without notice, and at a Semi-annual Meeting held at Perth, on the 6th and 7th days of September, 1853, to pass a Resolution, annulling the powers and privileges of the Grand Lodge for Canada East; and

Whereas, in conformity with such Resolution, the Grand Lodge of British North America proceeded, illegally and unconstitutionally, and uniformly, and systematically, to ignore the existence of the Grand Lodge for Canada East, by declining to transmit any information or intelligence connected with the affairs of the Order or in any way to recognise it, or its officers, and

Whereas, when the dissentient Grand Lodges for Upper Canada had adjusted their differences at Brockville, and become reconciled, the Grand Lodge of British North America insidiously attempted to undermine what it could not overthrow; by appointing brother John McKinnon as Deputy Grand Master of British North America, and Grand Master for Canada East, and deputing him to invite the Grand Lodge for Canada East to unite in adjusting differences, promising to recognize and con-

tinue its powers and privileges until the end of the Year, when a satisfactory arrangement would be made; who so far carried out its intentions as to induce the Grand Lodge of Canada East to consent thereto, with this proviso, that he preside at their Annual Meeting and instal their officers, and

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Whereas, this compact was violated before the end of the year by Brother John McKinnon as Deputy of the Grand Lodge of British North America afterwards refusing to perform the duties of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for Canada East, to the fulfillment of which he had been an assenting party, and which was necessary in carrying out the proposed wishes of the Grand Lodge of British North America and afterwards refusing to recognize the Grand Lodge for Canada East, or to admit its Members at the Annual Meeting in Quebec, although representing upwards of 60 Lodges of true and loyal Orangemen, and

Whereas, towards the close of the said Annual Meeting, held at Quebec on the 16th, 17th and 18th days of June, 1857, when the facts and merits of the question in dispute between the Grand Lodge of British North America and the Local Grand Lodge for Canada East, were made so plain that the justice of the claims of the Grand Lodge of Canada East could no longer be denied or withheld, the Grand Lodge of British North America passed the following Resolution, "that this Grand Lodge regrets that the Local Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, was illegally dealt with at Perth," and

Whereas, notwithstand this admission, the said Grand Lodge of British North America, proceeded at once hastily, and without allowing discussion or accepting our pretest, to repeat the injustice it had before perpetrated; by resolving "that there be only One Grand Lodge for British North America and that all Local Grand Lodges be on-nulled," thus sweeping away all Local Grand Lodges within the British North American Provinces, and by consequence all the Warrants of private Lodges issued by them although Rule 40 of the Constitution enjoins that such Grand Lodges should be formed and constituted; and

Whereas such Resolution was consequently equally null and void, with that passed at Perth, the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada East do consider said Grand Lodge of Canada East still to exist by virtue of its origin, and of the Warrant it still holds, which Warrant no subsequent change of the Constitution can annul, the Grand Lodge of British North America having no power to annul even a private Warrant without regular trial, after due Notice, and proving good and sufficient cause for such disfranciasement. The rof which had been done in reference to the Grand Lodge of Canada East, and as the Grand Lodge of British North America had not power to perform the lesser act of authority, it could not execute the greater, and

Whereas the Grand Lodge of British North America has subsequently disregarded all the remonstrances, petitions, and complaints of the different Lodges and individual members which have been addressed to it through the Grand Master on the subject; and while, as heretofore, it has withheld all intelligence, as well as its Reports and Advertisements from the Brethren in Canada East, it has severely censured those who deemed it their duty to publish its acts

for the information of the Brethren at large; and our efforts to obtain redress have only been stigmatised as acts of rebellion, and we have been represented to our Brethren as only being influenced by the umbitious design of becoming independent of the Grand Lodge of British North America, and the paltry wish to be clear from the payment of Dues to said Grand Lodge; and

Whereas we disavow such design, and denounce all the calumnies which have been published against us as false, and as we have ever treated our Brethren with respect and affection, confiding in their honour and brotherly feeling for the redress of our greivances, as can be proved by reference to the Resolutions brought up by Bros. C. F. Hill and T. A. Evans, at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of British North America, held at Port Hope on the 15th and 16th days of June, 1852, and which were ordered to be received and reported on and which was accordingly done; but as we perceive that the conduct of the Grand Lodge of British North America, only too truly indicates the spirit with which it is actuated and too clearly shows that the Grand Lodge of Canada East can not expect justice at its hands, and that the upright conduct of the Brethren in Canada East has only called forth multiplied acts of neglect and oppression, and that the interests of the Protestant cause and the principles upon which our glorious Institution is founded, imperatively demand that there should be a separate organization of the Brethren in Canada East, we are reluctantly compelled to renounce for ever submission to the authority of the Grand Lodge of British North America, as at present constituted, and to consider it henceforward only as

a co-operative Grand Lodge with ourselves on as friendly and brotherly a footing as their conduct towards us in the future may warrant.

We therefore, the Officers and Members of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada East, for ourselves and our successors, and in the name and on behalf of all the Lodges in Canada East essembled in Montreal in Annual Session on the 16th, and 17th February, 1858, appealing to the Great Ruler of the Universe to witness to the purity of our motives, and the rectitude of our intentions, do hereby, in the name and by the authority of the Brethern of the Loyal Orange Association in Canada East, now and from henceforth, reject, and renounce, all subjection and allegiance to the Grand Lodge of British North America, as at present Constituted and all others which may hereafter claim such by, through, or under it; and finally we do assert and declare the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Association, Canada East, to be henceforth free and independent of all others; having full power to issue warrants, constitute and appoint officers, collect dues, and to do all other acts and things, and enjoy and use, all the powers and privileges which all other Grand Lodges of the Loyal Orange Association, in Her Most Gracious Majesty's Dominions, may or can of right do, or enjoy, under the style and title of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Association of Canada East.

We however, declare, notwithstanding, our desire to hold out the right hand of Fellowship and Brotherly love to all the Brethern in Canada West, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and all other parts in Her Most Gracious Majesty's Dominions, and that though henceforth separate

in organization, our wish is ever to remain undivided from them in whatever may pertain to the good of the Order or the promotion and support of the Protestant cause, and are ready to tender our most hearty co-operation in aught that may be deemed necessary for the promotion of the interests of our Glorious Order consistent with our common principles of Truth and Justice, Religion and Loyalty, our duties as Christians, and our obligation as Orangemen—and for the support of this Declaration we mutually pledge to each other our fortunes and our sacred Honour, as Witness our hands this 17th day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1858.

JOSEPH T. DUTTON, Grand Master.

T. A. EVANS, Past Grand Master.

J. C. CHAMBERLIN, Deputy Grand Master,

Hugh Cameron, Grand Treasurer.

John Burns, Grand Secretary.

C. F. Hill, Grand Lecturer.

John Campbell, Pres. Grand Committee.

Joshua L. Brondson, Grand D. of Ceremonies.

Joshua Breadner, Assistant G. Secretary.

James Bayley, Assistant G. Lecturer.

Gronge Smith, Past County Master.

James McGauran, Master No. 14.





