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GRAND ORANGE LODGE
OF
WESTERN ONTARIO,
HELD IN
THE TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO,
ON
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1878.



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THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN
ONTARIO, AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE
TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO, ON THURSDAY,
THE 16TH DAY OF MAY, 1878.

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TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO, }
THURSDAY, 16th May, 1878. }

At the hour of two o'clock p. m. the Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother and Companion Sir William J. Parkhill took the Chair, with Brother and Companion Sir James Bennett, D. G. M., in the Deputy Chair.

The R. W. G. M. appointed Companions Whiteside outside, and Argue inside Heralds. Companions Sir John Hoey, G. L. B. A., and G. L. Tizard, D. M., tested the Companions in the annual and illustrious degree of Royal Scarlet. Companion G. L. Tizard, D. M., performed the opening services of the illustrious degree of the R. S., and the R. W. G. M. declared the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge opened for the despatch of business.

Companions Sir John Hoey, G. L. B. A., and John Niblock, G. L. W. O., repeated the lecture of the illustrious degree. The R. W. G. M. addressed the Grand Lodge, giving the reasons for calling the special meeting, namely, "To take into consideration the Report of the Ottawa Delegation in connection with the celebration of the 12th July in Montreal."

Moved by Companion A. Medcalf, D. M., seconded by Companion D. Walshe, W. M., and

Resolved—That the Grand Lodge be reduced to the Orange degree.

The R. W. G. M. called on Bro. Reynolds, Secretary of the Delegation, to read the Report of the Delegation to Ottawa. Bro. Reynolds then read the report, as follows:

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*Of the Delegation of the Right Worshipful Provincial
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Grand Lodge, held in Oshawa on the 19th and
20th of February, 1878:*

*To the Right Worshipful the Orange
Grand Lodge of Ontario West:*

The Deputation appointed by your Grand Lodge for the purpose of preparing and presenting a loyal and patriotic Address to his Excellency Earl Dufferin, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, and also to direct the attention of the Premier of Canada to the deplorable circumstances connected with the foul murder of our late Brother T. L. Hackett, in the City of Montreal, on the 12th July, 1877, and to ask for such protection in the future as shall protect life and maintain order, should our brethren in the City of Montreal choose to exercise their right to participate in a public procession in the said city on the 12th July, 1878, beg most respectfully to submit the following report:

In compliance with the expressed desire of the Grand Lodge, your Deputation addressed the following

letter and accompanying Address to His Excellency on the date therein stated:

TORONTO, 7th March, 1878.

To His Excellency, Right Hon. the Earl of Dufferin, K. P., K. C. B., Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c. :

MY LORD,—I have the honour to enclose a copy of our humble address, and to say to your Excellency that the Deputation referred to therein propose to be in Ottawa 13th March inst., to present your Lordship with the same.

The Deputation will be in readiness to avail themselves of your Excellency's convenience at any time after their arrival in Ottawa, should your Excellency be pleased to do them the honour of receiving them for this purpose.

I have the honour to be, my Lord,

Your Excellency's faithful subject,

R. REYNOLDS,

152 Yonge Street.

[COPY.]

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Dufferin, K. P., K. C. B., Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c. :

MY LORD,—In compliance with a resolution adopted at the annual session of the Orange Grand Lodge of Western Ontario, held in Oshawa on the nineteenth and twentieth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, we beg leave to present your Excellency with the following humble address:

May it please your Excellency: We, the undersigned Deputation of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West, on behalf of our loyal brethren, most respectfully beg, at this time, when the interests of the

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We submit to your Excellency that we do not presume to arrogate to ourselves exclusive loyalty or patriotism; but, with all loyal subjects, we glory in British freedom, and we dearly prize the great boon of civil and religious liberty, upheld wherever the Union Jack floats to the breeze.

We desire to express to your Excellency our strong determination to preserve and perpetuate these inestimable blessings in things compatible with law and order for all classes, without distinction, of Her Majesty's loyal subjects.

We also desire to express to your Excellency our unbounded confidence in constituted authority, if duly exercised, for the suppression of internal mob violence of whatever kind; and we confidently trust that the Sovereign power has observed the culpable neglect of duty on the part of the public guardian of the law, who thereby renders life an easy prey to savage violence and countenances the terrorism of mob law, such as has recently disgraced the Metropolitan City of Montreal, and resulted in the loss of valuable life, followed by the stultification of law and justice in the case of those stained with innocent blood. We indulge the strong hope that those entrusted with the administration of law and order in this Dominion may learn from the past the

necessity and wisdom of making provision for the future against a similar calamitous occurrence.

With profound respect for your Excellency's person, and the fervent desire that things may be so ordered that your Excellency shall continue to govern this Dominion in the future as you have well and wisely done in the past, and with the deepest regard for Lady Dufferin, whose amiability and noble and loyal family connections render her Ladyship's person and welfare very dear to your Excellency's loyal and faithful subjects.

By return of mail we received the following reply to the above, thus :

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, March 9, 1878.

SIR,—I am instructed by His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., in which you propose to present His Excellency, in person, with an Address, of which you have been good enough to enclose a copy.

In reply, I have the honour to inform you that it is contrary to His Excellency's practice to receive, personally, any addresses other than those of a purely formal or complimentary character.

Any representations which any of Her Majesty's subjects may desire to make to the Queen's representative in reference to any matters of a political or administrative character can only be dealt with or replied to by the Governor-General in accordance with the advice of his responsible Ministers, and a petition addressed to the Governor-General in Council is the most convenient form in which such representations can be introduced to his notice.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obed't servant,

E. G. P. LITTLETON,

Gov.-Gen.'s Sec'y.

R. REYNOLDS, 152 Yonge Street, Toronto.

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In order to comply with His Excellency's "practice" the following intimation was communicated to Earl Dufferin :

TORONTO, 11th March, 1878.

*To His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada,
&c., &c., &c., Ottawa :*

MY LORD,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's favour of the 9th at the hand of your Lordship's Secretary, for which, on behalf of the Deputation, permit me to return to your Excellency our sincere thanks.

I am instructed by the Deputation to say to your Excellency that the Deputation intend to leave here on the evening of the 12th inst., and will be in Ottawa on the 13th following, on somewhat similar business, and they would be greatly pleased should it meet your Excellency's approval to present your Excellency with that portion of their address which expresses their attachment to Her Majesty's Throne and Government, of which I enclose a copy.

The Deputation also desire to say that they will give their most favourable attention to the course suggested by your Excellency's Secretary in the matter.

I have the honour to be, my Lord,

With very great respect,

Your Excellency's loyal and faithful subject,

R. REYNOLDS.

The address above referred to is that accepted by His Excellency, and to be found on another page. His Excellency did not wait to send us a reply in the usual way, but very considerably sent us a telegram, by the hands of His Excellency's polite and kind secretary, for which we are sure the Orangemen of Canada shall be

deeply grateful. The following is the telegram here referred to:

By telegraph from Ottawa to Mr. R. Reynolds, 152 Yonge Street.

Governor-General will receive Address, copy of which accompanied your letter of 11th inst. Write to me on arrival in Ottawa, so that time and place for presentation may be arranged.

E. G. P. LITTLETON,
Gov.-Gen.'s Sec'y.

On arriving at Ottawa, the following letter was sent to the Governor-General's Secretary:

UNION HOUSE,
Ottawa, March 13th, 1878.

E. G. P. LITTLETON, ESQ.,
Sec. to His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin,
Governor-General, &c., &c.

HON. SIR,—I have the honour to inform you, in compliance with your instructions, that the Deputation of which you are aware has just arrived at the Union House, subject to your pleasure, in the matter of the presentation to His Excellency of their humble address.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,
R. REYNOLDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, (Rideau Hall),
March 13, 1878.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that it is the pleasure of the Governor-General to receive the Deputation referred to in your letter of the 13th inst., at this house, at 2 p. m. to-morrow.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obed't servant,
E. G. P. LITTLETON,
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—We, the undersigned Deputation of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West, on behalf of our loyal brethren, most respectfully beg at this time, when the interests of the British nation are involved in foreign complications, to assure your Excellency, as the highly esteemed representative of our beloved Sovereign in this Dominion, of our sincere attachment, fidelity, and loyalty to Her Majesty's Throne and Government; also, that the loyal men for whom we speak are ready at a moment's call to bear their manly part in any crisis that may arise affecting British interests, either at home or abroad, to the fullest extent of their means and ability as may be required of them, in maintaining the honour and integrity of Her Majesty's Empire.

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W. J. PARKHILL, W.G.M., O.W.
F. H. MEDCALF, P.W.G.M.
R. REYNOLDS, P.M.

His Excellency was graciously pleased to make the following reply:

GENTLEMEN,—Accept my thanks for the loyal and complimentary Address with which you have presented me.

As representative of our beloved Queen it is a source of great satisfaction to me to be assured of your sincere attachment to the throne, person, and Government of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and to learn that those you represent are willing and ready, by every means in their power, to uphold the honour and to maintain the integrity of the great British Empire.

I cannot conclude without returning you, on behalf of Lady Dufferin and myself, our most sincere thanks for the kind and complimentary remarks which you have been good enough to embody in your Address.

Ottawa, 14th March, 1878.

His Excellency, after reading the above, entered into conversation very cordially with the Deputation on the subject of Orangeism, and then called on his Private Secretary, E. G. P. Littleton, Esq., a gentleman whose courtesy and attention to the Deputation will not readily be forgotten by them, to show the Deputation and the gentlemen who accompanied them through the house. The M. W. Grand Master Mackenzie Bowell, Esq., M.P., Bro. W. C. Little, Esq., M. P., and Bro. Porter, Ottawa, accompanied the Deputation, with all of whom His Excellency heartily shook hands in bidding them good-bye.

Mr. Littleton then showed the Deputation and their friends through the magnificent residence of the Governor, and took particular pains that they should not go away without seeing all of the many curiosities and relics that adorn Rideau Hall, even to a stump of a tree cut down by bears in Manitoba, which His Excellency will take home with him as a trophy of his peregrinations through the far West. But nothing arrested the

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In striking contrast with the cordiality and courtesy of Earl Dufferin is to be noticed the ungentlemanly behaviour of the Premier, if indeed we be justified in mentioning his name in connection with a gentleman of refined parts and good training.

The Deputation took the precaution to apprise the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie of their intentions and desire six days before the time they asked him for an interview by letter, of which the following is a copy :

TORONTO, 7th March, 1878.

TO THE HON. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE,
Premier of Canada, Ottawa.

HON. SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you the following copy of a resolution passed at the Annual Session of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West, held in Oshawa on the 19th and 20th of February, 1878, to the effect that a deputation of this Grand Lodge, consisting of W. J. Parkhill, F. H. Medcalf, and R. Reynolds be appointed to proceed to Ottawa to call the attention of the Premier of Canada to the deplorable circumstances connected with the foul murder of our late Bro. T. L. Hackett, in the City of Montreal on the 12th day of July last, owing to the culpable absence of all protection for life and the maintenance of law and order for Her Majesty's peaceable and loyal subjects, and to ask for such provision in the future as shall guard against a similar occurrence.

This Deputation requests that you may be pleased to grant them an interview on the subject. The Deputation intend to be in Ottawa on the 13th March inst.,

and they hope you will make it convenient to give them a hearing in the matter at your earliest convenience after their arrival in Ottawa.

I have the honour to be, hon. sir,
On behalf of the Deputation,

Your faithful and loyal subject,
R. REYNOLDS,
152 Yonge Street.

The receipt of this letter was not even acknowledged, and of course no reply was received thereto, while in Ottawa.

On the evening of the 13th March, Jas. Metcalfe, Esq., M.P., informed the Deputation that Mr. Mackenzie positively denied having received any communication from them, and that he (the Premier) was prepared to swear he had got none. Mr. Metcalfe was then assured that such a communication was sent, and a copy of the same, at Mr. Metcalfe's request, was again sent to Mr. Mackenzie, of which the Deputation heard nothing whatever. But on the 14th of March the following letter, addressed not to the Deputation but to an outside party, Mr. Metcalfe, was kindly handed to the Deputation by this gentleman, who evinced a deep interest on behalf of the Deputation.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS,
CANADA,

OTTAWA, March 14, 1878.

DEAR SIR,—Mr. Mackenzie desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, stating that no reply had been received to a communication to him from Mr. Reynolds with respect to the occurrence in Montreal on July last, and to say that Mr. Reynolds simply conveyed a copy of a resolution passed at the recent annual session of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West, and announced the intention of a deputation to come to Ottawa to see him on the subject on the 16th instant.

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Mr. Mackenzie wishes me to say that he was prepared to see the Deputation yesterday or this morning, and that he will be glad by your having the goodness to inform them that if it suits their convenience he will be glad to receive them to-morrow morning.

Respectfully yours,

WM. BUCKINGHAM.

JAMES METCALFE, Esq.,
House of Commons,

Yet Mr. Mackenzie, a few hours previously, had positively denied having received any such letter as is now above acknowledged.

UNION HOUSE, OTTAWA, March 14th, 1878, 3 p.m.

To James Metcalfe, Esq., M.P., Ottawa:

DEAR SIR,—Permit me, on behalf of our Deputation, to thank you for the kind interest you have taken on their behalf relative to their communication with the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie. Also, for your kindness in placing in our hands Mr. Buckingham's letter to yourself, informing us of Mr. Mackenzie's readiness to receive the Deputation yesterday and to-morrow morning. This favour we are now obliged to decline, as the object of our mission has been disposed of in another way and our arrangements were previously made to return home this evening, Mr. Mackenzie having declined up to one o'clock to-day to take any notice of our communication to him, dated and posted in Toronto on the 7th inst., and we being in total ignorance of his willingness to receive our deputation at the time mentioned by Mr. Buckingham, which if we had known we would be only too glad to avail ourselves of an interview with the hon. the Premier; that being our object and desire, as made known to him in our letter of March 7th.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

On behalf of the Deputation,

Yours respectfully,

R. REYNOLDS.

The Deputation having failed to procure an interview with Mr. Mackenzie, except it might be at the sacrifice of self-respect and the honour of the body they represented, put in the form of a petition to the Governor in Council the subject matter they intended to bring personally before Mr. Mackenzie, of which the following is a copy :

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Frederic Temple, Earl Dufferin, K.P., K. C. B., Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, in Council assembled.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The petition of the undersigned Deputation from the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West humbly sheweth :

That with all Her Majesty's subjects they glory in British freedom and dearly prize the great boon of civil and religious liberty upheld wherever the Union Jack floats to the breeze, which it is their strong determination to preserve and perpetuate for all classes without distinction of creed of Her Majesty's loyal subjects in the exercise of such things as are compatible with law and order.

Your petitioners submit that the members of the Orange Association are composed of loyal and law-abiding citizens, and as such are entitled to the protection provided for all classes of citizens in the exercise of their lawful rights.

It is the painful duty of your petitioners to direct the attention of your Excellency in Council to the deplorable fact that an unoffending loyal British subject was brutally murdered in the City of Montreal on the Twelfth day of July last while in the act of returning from the house of God, in a peaceable manner, after the Orangemen of that city had abandoned on that occasion, in good faith, their right to a public procession

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Your petitioners have unbounded confidence in constituted authority when properly exercised for the successful suppression of mob violence of whatever kind, but they regret that in the case just mentioned such has not been duly exercised; and we confidently trust that the Sovereign power has observed the culpable and deliberate refusal of the Mayor of Montreal to protect Her Majesty's loyal subjects in the exercise of their unquestionable right from the violence and terrorism of mob-law, a course which has resulted in the loss of valuable life followed by the stultification of law and justice in the case of those stained with innocent blood.

Your petitioners submit to Your Excellency in Council that the discreditable course pursued by the Mayor of Montreal in the matter aforesaid, renders that public officer unworthy of confidence and unreliable for the preservation of peace and the protection of life and property on any future similar occasion, and therefore your petitioners indulge the strong hope that those entrusted with the administration of law and order in this Dominion will learn from the past the necessity and wisdom of making provision to prevent the recurrence of a similar calamity.

Your petitioners are instructed to inform Your Excellency in Council that over two hundred thousand loyal Orangemen in this Dominion look to Her Majesty's Government to take such precautionary steps as shall secure peace, protect life, and maintain order if the Orangemen of Montreal choose to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in that city on the Twelfth day of July next, and thus save their brethren elsewhere the necessity of going to their assistance in asserting their right to the unmolested exercise of civil and religious liberty.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray, etc., etc.

W. J. PARKHILL, P.G.M.
F. H. MEDCALF, P.G.M.
R. REYNOLDS, S.P.M.

Dated, Toronto, 12th March, 1878, and presented in person to the Secretary of State, on the 14th March, 1878.

The receipt of the above was promptly acknowledged by enclosure to M. W. Bro. Mackenzie Bowell, who immediately forwarded it to us, as follows:

OTTAWA, March 15th, 1878.

R. Reynolds, Esq., Toronto:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I received the enclosed to-day, which I enclose to you for future reference.

I suppose when the subject shall have been considered, we shall hear from them again.

Yours truly,

M. BOWELL.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
OTTAWA, 14th March, 1878.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your petition of the 12th inst., as the Deputation of the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West, on the subject of celebrating the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in the City of Montreal on the Twelfth day of July next; and to inform you that the subject will be submitted to His Excellency the Governor General.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

R. W. SCOTT,

Secretary of State.

WILLIAM JAMES PARKHILL, Esq., R.W.G.M., O.W.
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Some eighteen days being past and no reply having been received, the following enquiry was made:

TORONTO, 1st April, 1878.

To the Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, Ottawa :

HON. SIR,—Permit me to say that I am directed by the Deputation of the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West to enquire if any and what action has been taken on their petition to the Governor in Council which they had the honour to place in your hands on the 14th day of March last, dated 12th ult. An early reply is particularly requested.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. REYNOLDS,

152 Yonge Street.

To the above the following answer was returned :

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
OTTAWA, 2nd April, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., inquiring relative to petition of the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN.

Under Secretary of State.

R. REYNOLDS, Esq., Toronto.

After a further lapse of ten days another letter was addressed, as follows, to the Secretary of State :

TORONTO, 12th April, 1878.

Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, Ottawa.

SIR,—In reference to my enquiry of the 1st inst., relative to the petition of the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West, I had the honour to receive a prompt acknowledgment of its receipt; but the information

asked for was withheld, and therefore it is presumed no action had then been taken in the matter.

I am now directed to enquire:—First: Is it the intention of the Governor in Council to consider the subject of the petition of the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West? Secondly: If the Governor in Council does intend to consider the matter of the said petition, when is such action likely to take place? Thirdly: Shall the petitioners be informed of the decision of the Governor in Council on their petition?

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. REYNOLDS.

For seventeen days longer we waited a reply, but no reply came, not even the acknowledgment of the receipt of our letter of the 12th April, quoted above. As with the Premier, so with the Secretary of State—these gentlemen could not afford to be civil or courteous to those who approached them in a courteous and respectful manner. It now became evident that if a reply was to be had at all it must be wrung from the Government, and accordingly the following course was adopted. The following letter was sent to Mr. W. C. Little, M.P., Simcoe:

TORONTO, 20th April, 1878.

To W. C. Little, Esq., M.P., Ottawa:

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly oblige the Deputation of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West by asking the Government, from your seat on the floor of the House, why the petition of the Orange Deputation, placed in the hands of the Secretary of State on the 14th day of March last, has not been answered.

Yours fraternally,

R. REYNOLDS.

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"April 29—Mr. Little—When the petition addressed by the Orange Grand Lodge of Western Ontario to His Excellency the Governor General, and placed in the hands of the Secretary of State by a deputation from said Grand Lodge on the 14th March last, will be answered?"

On Wednesday, 1st May, the First Minister, Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, replied that it was answered.

The following is Mr. Little's reply to our letter of the 29th April :

OTTAWA, 1st May, 1878.

R. REYNOLDS, Esq.,
152 Yonge Street, Toronto.

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I brought the matter of petition up this afternoon, and the Premier informed me that it was answered, from what I can learn only to-day though. Let me know the date of reply, if you have received any.

Yours ever faithfully,

W. C. LITTLE.

This reply is dated Ottawa, April 30th, 1878, and bears on the envelope the postmark May 1st, Ottawa, and Toronto, May 2nd.

The following is the answer of the Government to our petition, which it will be seen begs the question :

OTTAWA, 30th April, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., calling the attention of the Government to the petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor General in Council by the "Loyal Orange Institution of Ontario West," praying that the Government will take such steps as shall secure peace, protect life, and maintain order if the

Orangemen of Montreal choose to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in that city on the 12th of July next.

The petition having been duly considered, I am directed to inform you that the duty of preserving the peace and maintaining order generally in the City of Montreal devolves upon the civil authorities of that city, and should the civil power be unequal to the task, the Parliament of Canada has already provided for the mode in which, and the occasion on which, the active militia shall be called out in aid of the civil power. These provisions may be found in chapter 46 of the Statutes of Canada, 1873, amending the 27th section of 31 Vic. (1868), chapter 40, which is as follows:

“The active militia, or any corps thereof, shall be liable to be called out, with their arms and ammunition, in aid of the civil power in any case in which a riot, disturbance of the peace, or other emergency requiring such service occurs, or is in the opinion of the civil authorities hereinafter mentioned, anticipated as likely to occur, and (in either case) to be beyond the powers of the civil authorities to suppress or to prevent or deal with, whether such riot, disturbance, or other emergency occurs, or is so anticipated, within or without the municipality in which such corps is raised or organized, and it shall be the duty of the senior officer of the Active Militia present at any locality to call out the same, or any portion thereof, as he considers necessary, for the purpose of preventing or suppressing any such actual or anticipated riot or disturbance, or for the purpose of meeting and dealing with any such emergency as aforesaid, when thereunto required in writing by the Chairman or Custos of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or by any three Magistrates of whom the Warden, Mayor, or other head of the municipality or county in which such riot or disturbance or other emergency occurs or is anticipated as aforesaid, may be one;

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and to obey such instructions as may be lawfully given him by any Magistrate in regard to the suppression of any such actual riot or disturbance or other emergency, or to the suppression of the same, or to the aid to be given to the civil powers in case of any such riot, disturbance, or other emergency; and every such requisition in writing as aforesaid shall express on the face thereof the actual occurrence of a riot, disturbance, or emergency, or the anticipation thereof requiring such service of the Active Militia in aid of the civil power for the suppression thereof; and every officer, non-commissioned officer, and man of such Active Militia, or any portion thereof, shall on every such occasion obey the orders of his commanding officer; and the officers and men so called out shall, without any further or other appointment, and without any oath of office, be special constables, and shall be considered to act as such so long as they remain so called out; but they shall act only as a military body, and shall be individually liable to obey the orders of their military commanding officers only."

From the foregoing you will observe that the Parliament of Canada has clearly defined the course to be adopted when the civil powers require to be aided by the militia in preserving peace and maintaining order in any community, and it would be manifestly illegal for the Federal Government to interfere in the preservation of the public peace in any manner unauthorized by the laws of the country.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN,

Under Secretary of State of Canada.

R. REYNOLDS, Esq., Toronto.

Your Deputation cannot conclude without placing on record their indebtedness to the M.W.G.M., Bro.

§ Mackenzie Bowell, and Bro. Hector Cameron, for the valuable assistance they rendered the Deputation while in Ottawa. Your Deputation also desire to bring before your notice the kind attention and sympathy they received from Dalton McCarthy, M.P., the Hon. John Beverley Robinson, M.P., Bro. W. C. Little, M.B., and others. Mr. McCarthy introduced your Deputation to the floor of the House, and provided them with seats to the left of the Speaker, where Mr. Langevin, (French member) showed them several acts of kindness, Ultramontane though he be, which, of course, was duly acknowledged and appreciated by the recipients.

Your Deputation has only to say that they have finished their labours to the best of their ability and judgment, and, they trust, to the satisfaction of their brethren, and they may add that they have been actuated in the whole matter only with the one desire—the welfare and honour of our beloved Order. Unity, harmony, and cordiality prevailed amongst the members of your Deputation from first to last, and their whole proceedings have been crowned with their united approbation.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. J. PARKHILL,

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F. H. MEDCALF,

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R. REYNOLDS,

P.M. and Sec. to Deputation.

Toronto, May 13th, 1878.

P. S.—On the 3rd May inst., the Grand Master, Bro. Parkhill, called a meeting of the Deputation in the Walker House, Toronto, for the purpose of considering the best way of submitting the report of their mission to Ottawa to their brethren. There were pre-

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sent Bros. Parkhill, Grand Master, F. H. Medcalf, P.G.M., T. Keyes, G.S., and R. Reynolds. The Grand Master decided on calling a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, in compliance with the request of the Grand Lodge, to hear the report of the Deputation and for its action on the matter as in its wisdom the Grand Lodge may see fit. Bro. Reynolds was then recommended to prepare a full report of their mission to Ottawa for publication in pamphlet form, and to get 2,500 copies of it printed for the meeting of the Grand Lodge on the 16th inst., to be thereafter distributed by the G.S., Bro. Keyes, among the lodges; also, to publish whatever portion of it was convenient for the press, which has been done accordingly.

R. REYNOLDS,

Acting Secretary to Deputation.

The M.W.G. Master, Bro. M. Bowell, M.P., here entered the Grand Lodge Room, and was introduced by the R.W.G.M., and received with applause, all the Brethren standing. The R.W.G.M. read the following telegram:

MONTREAL, May 16th, 1878.

To W. J. Parkhill, at Grand Lodge, L. O. A., Temperance Hall.

County Lodge met last night. Decided to celebrate. A cordial invitation to all, especially Ontario.

DAVID GRANT, C.M.

J. C. COLLINS, Sec.

The M.W.G.M., at the request of R.W. Bro. James Bennett, D.G.M., addressed the Grand Lodge at great length on the celebration of the Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in Montreal, etc.

Moved by Bro. Richard Reynolds, Proxy, seconded by Bro. Henry Perkins, C.M., and

Resolved, That Bros. Henry Perkins, John Hoey, N. Clarke Wallace, G. L. Tizard, J. T. Jones, John

Carter, James Bennett, David Dunn, and Robert Birmingham be a committee to take into consideration the advisability of assisting or not assisting their Montreal brethren on the 12th July next.

The yeas and nays being demanded, were as follows :

Yeas—Reynolds, Medcalf (F. H.), Perkins, Lucas, Beard, Elliott, King, Watson (D. C.), Gale, Rogers, Pritchard, Watson (G.), Hobbs, Clarke, Boyle, Reaveley, McAvoy, Arnot, Lynn, Dunsceith, Jackman, Frizzell, Edge, Birmingham, Montgomery, Hare, McArdle, Higgins, Moore, Stewart, Swain, Westman, Medcalf (A.), Tizard, Niblock, Keyes, Mitchell—37.

Nays—Hoey, Walshe, Welsh, Flynn, Carr, Argue, Bennett, Adamson, Milliken, Campton, Bell, French, Milligen, Montgomery (Robt.), Lee, Earl, Gillespie, McGafney, Winslow, Dunn, Clark (H.M.), Wallace (N.C.), Reid, Wallace (R.B.), Wells, Ormby, Connor, Black, Berryman—29.

Moved by Bro. Henry Perkins, seconded by Bro. John Hoey, and

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn until nine o'clock p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL,

TORONTO, 16th May, 1878.

Lodge met according to adjournment, the R.W. in the chair, Bro. R.W.D. in the D. chair, etc.

Bros. John Hoey, Niblock, and T. C. McAvoy tested the brethren. The Deputy Grand Master announced all correct. G. L. declared duly open for the despatch of business.

Bro. Birmingham presented and read the report of the Committee.

To the R.W. the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West.

The Committee appointed by this R.W.G. Lodge to consider the question of the advisability of assisting or not assisting their Montreal brethren on the 12th July next beg leave to report :

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Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction, being a matter which should be dealt with by the Supreme Grand Lodge of British America, if requested to consider the same, by the Montreal brethren, and consequently cannot recommend that any action be taken by this Grand Lodge in the matter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Bro. Campton, No. 301, dissenting from this report.

H. PERKINS, Chairman.

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N. CLARKE WALLACE.

G. L. TIZARD.

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JAMES BENNETT.

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ROBERT BIRMINGHAM, Sec.

Toronto, May 16th, 1878.

Moved by Bro. F. Somers, seconded by Bro. John Hoey, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Joseph Campton, W.M. 301, seconded by Bro. Wm. Bell, W.M. 479;

That the report of the Committee be so amended as to recommend the brethren under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to do all in their power to influence their brethren to go to Montreal to assist in celebrating the Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

Yeas and nays demanded.

Yeas—Wells, Westman, Niblock, Clarke, Lee, Wilson, Campton, Milligan, Flynn, Graham, Montgomery, Hopkins, Bell, Walshe, Hobbs, McAvoy, Reynolds, Little, Dunseith, Mitchell, Lucas, McLean, Morrison, Montgomery (R.), Skippon, Bradshaw, Argue—27.

Nays—Keyes, Berryman, Grant, Randall, Wallace (C.); Dunn, Somers, Reed, French, Earl, Swain, Baird, Clark, Birmingham, McArdle, Hoey, Edge, Welsh, Connor, Jones, Wilson, Kerr, Frizzell, Jackman, Boyle, Lynn, Bennett, Medcalf, Perkins, Jones, Moore, Carter, Tizard—33.

Report adopted.

Moved by Bro. Clarke, seconded by Bro. J. T. Jones,
That this R. W. Grand Lodge desires to record its
deep sense of the honour conferred upon it by the pre-
sence of the M. W. the Grand Master, and to return its
sincere thanks to our M. W. Bro. for his presence with
us and his able speech this afternoon. Carried unani-
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The M. W. G. M. returned thanks in a very able
speech.

Moved by Dr. Berryman, seconded by Bro. Bir-
mingham,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge meeting be
tendered heartily to our R. W. G. Master, Wm. J. Park-
hill, for his courtesy and patience in the chair in our
present session. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Bro. Tizard, seconded by Bro. Irwin,

That the minutes be considered as read.

The R. W. G. M. instructed Bro. Henry Perkins, C. M.,
and Bro. John Irwin, W. M., to test the brethren in the
Royal Scarlet. All being correct, the R. W. G. M. de-
clared the Grand Lodge raised to the Royal Scarlet.
Companion Sir George L. Tizard conducted the closing
ceremonies, after which the R. W. G. M. declared the
R. W. G. L. duly closed.

THOS. KEYES,
Grand Secretary.

WM. J. PARKHILL,
Grand Master.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!