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THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE

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WESTERN CANADA,

AFSEMBLED IN THE

Town Hall, Town of St. Catharines, County Lincoln, C.W.

On TUESDAY the 21st, and by Adjournment on WEDNESDAY the 22nd Day of FEBRUARY, A. D., 1860.

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TOWN HALL, TOWN of St. CATHERINES, COUNTY of LINCOLN, C.W.

On Tuesday the 21st, and by Adjournment on Wednesday the 22nd day of February, A. D., 1860.

PRESENT:

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Sovereign of British America,
The Hon. JOHN HILLYARD CAMERON, Q. C., 387.

The Most Worshipful the Junior Deputy Grand Master of B. A.
THOMAS KEYS, Esq., 341.

The Grand Secretary of B. A.
NASSAU CHETWOOD GOWAN, Esq., J. P., 1040.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies of B. A. ALEXANDER JACQUES, Esq., 301.

Deputy Grand Chaplains of B. A.

Rev. WILLIAM GUNDY, New Connexion, 117.

" JAMES GUNDY, " 117.

" THOMAS BUMP, " 341.

" W. WILMOT, " 866.

The Grand Tyler of B. A. CHARLES SMITH, Esq., 779.

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The Lodge being opened in the Illustrious Degree of the Royal Scarlet, was afterwards reduced to the Orange. The Warrant authorizing the organization of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Western Canada was then read by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

It was then moved by Bro. Thomas Keys, Esq., Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by Bro. Thomas McLean, Master 328, that Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, County Master North Simcoe, be the Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Moved in amendment by Bro. O. J. Phelps, Master 77, seconded by Bro William Brownlee, Master 720, that Bro. T. H. Buckley, Esq., County Master East Middlesex, be the Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Yeas and Nays being called for, it was found that Brother Buckley was elected by a large majority.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Hon. J. H. Cameron, then declared Brother Buckley duly elected, whereupon he was immediately sworn into office and assumed the Chair.

Moved by Brother Nassau C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. Wm. M. Button, County Master, East York, and

Resolved-That Brother D'Arcy Boulton, County Master, North Simcoe, be the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, for the ensuing year.

Brother Boulton was then duly installed and assumed his chair.

Moved by Bro. H. P. Gowan, Master No. 4, seconded by Bro. Faulkner C. Stewart, County Master, South Simcoe, and

Resolved.—That Brother Wm. A. McCullough, County Master South Ontario, be associate Deputy Grand Master, for the ensuing year.

Moved by Brother W. Nesbit, Master 964, seconded by Brother J. Saunders and

Resolved.—That Brother John B. Elliott, County Secretary East Middlesex, be Grand Secretary, of this Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

Moved by Brother James Bennett, Master 301, seconded by Brother Geo. Simpson, Master 137, that Bro. Andrew Fleming, Master 387, be Grand Treasurer of this Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

Moved by Brother O. J. Phelps, Master 77, seconded by Brother Wm. Brownlee, Master 720, that Brother J. H. Bessy, District Master Niagara, be Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On the vote being taken Bro. J. H. Bessy was declared duly elected.

Moved by Bro. Thos. Keys, County Master Lincoln, seconded by Brother N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, and

Resolved—That a collection be taken up at the public religious service in St. George's Church in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home in Toronto.

The Provincial Grand Lodge here adjourned, and having shortly afterwards formed in procession, marched to St. George's Church, where the Rev. T. T. Robarts, addressed them at some length, after which the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge returned, in Procession, and resumed their deliberations.

Moved by Bro. N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, Seconded by Bro. Andrew Pleming, Master 387, that Bro. E. R. Sullivan, Master 360, be Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing year to this Provincial Grand Lodge.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Alfred Nash, County Master Lambton, seconded by Brother William Nesbit, Master 964, that Brother A. Saunders, be appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

On the vote being taken the Grand Master declared Bro. Sullivan duly elected.

Moved by Brother O. J. Phelps, Master 77, seconded by Brother E. R. Sullivan, Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary, and

Resolved.—That Bro. Wm. DeCew, District Master Cayuga, Rainham and Walpole, be Grand Director of Ceremonies to this Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

Moved by Brother N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. W. M. Button, County Master, East York, and

Resolved-That Brother the Revd. Wm. Gundy, be Grand Chaplain to this Provincial Grand Lodge.

Moved by Brother R. T. Manuel D. M., Whitby, seconded by Brother James Rennett, Master 301, that Brother Andrew Fleming, Master 387, be Provincial Grand Lecturer for the ensuing year.

Moved in amendment by Brother James Chalmers, County Master, South Oxford, seconded by Bro. H. P. Gowan, Master 4, that Brother John McMillan, J. P., District Master of Dorchester, be Grand Lecturer.

On the vote being taken the Grand Master, declared Brother Fleming duly elected.

Moved by Brother Wm. Kennedy, County Master Haldimand, seconded by Bro. Wm. DeCew, District Master Cayuga, &c., and

Resolved - That Brother William Smith be Grand Tyler for the ensuing year.

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Moved by Brother Alfred Nash, County Master Lambton, seconded by Bro. Joseph Alexander, County Master West Middlesex, that this Provincial Grand Lodge hereby expresses its disapproval of the cutting up of the Loyal Orange Institution into so many Provincial Grand Lodges; especially does this Grand Lodge believe that it is ill advised to divide the Province of Canada at all, and therefore this Lodge most respectfully submits to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British America the request that the Orangemen of Canada may be permitted, as heretofore, to meet in one Grand Lodge.

Moved in amendment by Brother E. R. Sullivan, Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary, seconded by Brother Andrew Fleming, Provincial Grand Lecturer, that it be the duty of the Masters and District Masters, to place the present working of the Provincial Grand Lodge fairly before their several Lodges and that the County Masters be made acquainted with their views in order that they may lay them before the supreme Grand Lodge On the vote being taken the amendment was carried.

Moved by Brother H. P. Gowan, Master 4, seconded by Brother Wm. A. McCullough, Provincial Associate Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved—That a committee consisting of the Grand Master and Brothers N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, and G. H. Cook, be now appointed to draw up a report of our proceedings and hand the same to the Editors of the Constitutional and Journal newspapers, for publication.

Moved by Brother W. M. Button, County Master East York, seconded by Brother McLean, Master 328, that the next annual session of this Provincial Grand Lodge be held in the Town of Barrie, in the County of Simcoe.

Moved in amendment by Brother Robt. Campbell, Proxy 516, seconded by Brother Samuel Howden, District Master Warwick, that the next annual session of this Provincial Grand Lodge be held in the Town of Sarnia, in the County of Lambton.

The amendment of Brother Campbell was lost and the original motion of Bro. Button was carried.

Moved by Bro. N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. the Rev. Wm. Gundy, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and

Resolved—That Bros. the Hon. J. H. Cameron, Ogle R. Gowan, M. P. P. Geo. L. Allen, F. H. Medcalf, T. H. Buckley, Andrew Fleming H. P. Gowan, D'Arcy Boulton, John Carr, and the mover-be a committee to draft By-laws for the Government of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and report at the next Annual Session.

Moved by Bro. O. J. Phelps, Master 77, seconded by Bro. Wm. Brownlee,

Resolved.—That the following brethren be a Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions—Alfred Nash, Robert Campbell, Julian Sale, Thomas McLean and Wm. Greenwood.

Moved by Brother Thomas Keys, Junior Deputy Grand Master, seconded by Brother James H. Bessy, Provincial Grand Treasurer, and

Resolved—That Brothers Andrew Fleming, E. R. Sullivan, Wm. DeCew, James Shannon, Robert Campbell, and the mover and seconder, be a Committee on Correspondence.

Moved by Brother Thomas Keys, Associate Deputy Grand Master, seconded by Brother John B. Elliott, Provincial Grand Secretary, and

Resolved—That this Provincial Grand Lodge do adjourn till half-past eight o'clock, a.m., to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

T. H. Buckley, Esq., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, took the Chair, and declared the Grand Lodge ready for the dispatch of business.

Moved by Bro. Thomas Keys, Associate Deputy Grand Master, seconded by Brother N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, and

Resolved—That Brothers, the Rev. Stephen Lett, L.L. D., and Alexander Jacques, be added to the Committee to draft By-laws.

The following Reports of the Committee on Correspondence were received and adopted.

To the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Lodge of Western Canada.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to submit for your consideration, that in the case of Appeal from Lodge 204, they respectfully recommend that the said Lodge be permitted to join themselves with the County of Lincoln.

Your Committee having had under their consideration a resolution passed by the County Lodge of Peel, declaring their desire to see the dissolution of the Provincial Grand Lodges, deem it unnecessary to take action on the same in consequence of the action already taken by this Local Grand Lodge.

Your Committee having considered the case of Brother James Gibson of L. O. L. 215, recommend that the Grand Lodge authorize him to receive the Royal Blue, as it is contrary to the Constitution to allow a Brother to sit in Lodge opened under a Degree which he has not taken.

In the case of appeal from Brother R. C. McMullen, of Sarnia, we recommend that he be reinstated to all the benefits and honors of the Institution, of who belie

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

E. R. SULLIVAN, Chairman, JAS. H. BESSY, Secretary. ANDREW FLEMING. THOMAS KEYS. WILLIAM DECEW.

COMMITTEE ROOM, St. Catherines, Feb. 21st, 1860.

ADDITIONAL REPORT.

Nour Committee to whom the petition of the County Lodge of Grey was referred, beg to report that this Worshipful Grand Lodge having adopted our Report of yesterday, on a similar petition, which refers the whole matter to the Lodges, to give them an opportunity of expressing their views through the County Master, who shall report at the meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge, at Ottawa, would recommend that the Lodges in the County of Grey do adopt the same course.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed on behalf of the Committee,)

E. R. SULLIVAN, Chairman,

COMMITTEE ROOM, St. Catherines, Feb. 22nd, 1860.

The following Report of the Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions, was received and adopted:—

To the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Lodge of Western Canada:

The Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions, beg leave to present the following Report. Your Committee had before them the following cases of Suspensions and Expulsions, and recommend their adoption, viz.:—

County of Lincoln, District of Niagara.

Lodge 77.—Thomas Boyle, Expelled for non-payment of dues and nonattendance.

77.—Thomas Barrett, do. do. 341.—George Grass, do., contempt of summons.

341.—Shedrach Marsh, do. do.

77 — Poyle T. Murray, suspended for non-attendance and non-payment of dues.

77.—James McLenahan,	do.		do.
77.—George Maple,	do.		do.
77.—Robert Rynard,	do.		do.
77.—Freeman Jamieson,	do.		do.
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140.—James Smith,	do.	do.	do.
140.—William Evans,	do.	do.	do.
140.—Thomas Nelson,	do.	do.	do.
140.—Robert Marlin,	do.	do.	do.
140.—Edward Ball,	do.	do,	do.
140.—Benjamin Reeves,	do.	do.	do.
140.—Richard Masters,	do.	do.	do.
140.—John Emery,	do.	do.	do.
140.—Joseph Fleming,	do.	do.	do.
140.—Alexander Caskin,	do.	do.	do.
140.—John Bates,	do.	do.	do.
40.—Henry Mullen,	do.	do.	do.
40Joseph Humphries,	do.	do.	do.
40.—John Innes,	do.	do.	do.
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1.—George Grand,	do.	do.	do.
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Lodge 551.—Charles Hayden, expelled for non-payment of dues contempt of Summons and speaking disrespectfully of the Society.

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- 551.—John Higginbotham, do. do.
- " 588 .- William Magee, expelled for being convicted of crime.
- 4 588 .- Angus Black, expelled for contempt of Summons, &c.
- 588.—John Williams, do. do.

County of Peel, District of Derry West.

" 138,—John Little, suspended 2 years for non-attendance and contempt of Summons.

County of Halton, District of Hornby.

- 68.—John Thompson, expelled for violation of obligation.
 68.—Ralph Thompson, do. do. do.
- " 68.—William Switzer, do. do. do. do. " 68.—James Switzer, do. do. do. do.

Your Committee having also had the following cases of Suspensions before them from Lodge 68, in the County of Halton, do recommend that 3 years be the time for which they stand suspended and not seven years as adopted by the County Lodge of that County:

M. S. Cunningham, Joseph Mills, James Falls, and Thomas Cook, suspended 7 years for non-attendance and non-payment of dues.

With reference to the suspension of J. Fallis and John Wallace, from Lodge 166, no time or reason having been given your committee cannot recommend the confirmation of that sentence, but do recommend the expulsion of John Fallis from same Lodge, having it appears been convicted of Felony.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

THOMAS McLEAN, Master, 328.

JULIAN SALE, Proxy, 551.

ALFRED NASH, County Master, Lambton.

ROBT. CAMPBELL, Proxy, 516.

COMMITTEE ROOM, St. Catherines, Feby. 22nd 1860.

Moved by Bro. N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. Thomas Keys, Jr. Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved—That the thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Mr. Robarts, for the very excellent discourse which he (in the absence of the Revd. Dr. Lett, Grand Chaplain) delivered to us on this occasion, and that the Provincial Grand Secretary do transmit to the Revd. Gentleman a copy of this resolution.

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Moved by Brother E. R. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Secretary, seconded by Brother J. W. Lepper, Master 117, and

Resolved—That the Provincial Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Secretary be empowered to have the proceedings of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge printed in such manner as they think best, and have the same distributed amongst the Lodges within two months.

Moved by Bro. W. H. Thornbury, seconded by Brother F. C. Stewart and

Resolved—That the dues of each Private Lodge to the Provincial Grand Lodge be two dollars, one dollar of which is to be applied pursuant to the Rule in the Grand Lodge Report, as the Supreme Grand Lodge dues, and that the Secretary do instruct each County Master to collect that sum and cause it to be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Moved by Bro. John McMillan, District Master of Dorchester, seconded ed by Brother Alfred Nash, County Master Lambton, and

Resolved—That the salary of the Provincial Grand Secretary for the present year, be the sum of one hundred dollars.

Moved by Bro. Thomas Keys, Junr., Deputy Grand Master, 'seconded by Bro. R. T. Manuel, District Master Oshawa, South Ontario, and

Resolved—That Bro. Charles Smith, Grand Tyler, be paid the sum of six dollars as payment for services rendered as Tyler at this session of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Moved by Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, seconded by Bro. W. H. Thornbury, and

Resolved—That the thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge, are due and are hereby tendered to the Church Wardens of St. George's Church, for the gratuitous use of the Church &c., for the conducting of the public religious services in connection with this session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Provincial Grand Secre'ary transmit the same to them.

Moved by Bro. E. R. Sullivan, Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. H. P. Gowan, Master 4, and

Resolved—That the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Deputy Grand Secretary, be appointed to make arrangements for the Printing of the proceedings of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

Moved by Brother N. C. Gowan, Grand Secretary, seconded by Brother James C. Ward, District Master Mosa, and

Resolved—That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Hon. J. H. Cameron, for his kindness in being present to assist in the organization of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

Moved by Bro. W. H. Thornbury, seconded by Bro. F. C. Stewart, County Master South Simcoe, and

Resolved—That the Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge be held on the third Tuesday in the month of February.

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Moved by Bro. E. R. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Secretary, seconded by Brother James Bennett, Master 301, and

Resolved—That having heard a full and lengthened statement of the facts connected with Mr. McGee's visit to Bradford, on a recent occasion, this Provincial Grand Lodge exonerates the Brethren of Simcoe from any attempt to prevent liberty of speech.

Moved by Bro. F. C. Stewart, County Master South Simcoe, seconded by Brother M. Crawford, County Master of Peel, and

Resolved.—That 1000 copies of the proceedings of this Provincial Grand Lodge be Printed, and that the Grand Secretary of this Provincial Grand Lodge be, and is hereby instructed to send the County Master of each County, within its limits, two copies of said report of the proceedings of this Provincial Grand Lodge for every Private Lodge within his County, whose dues are paid, one copy to be given to each Lodge, and the other copy to be distributed as he the County Master may think fit.

Moved by Brother H. P. Gowan, Master 4, seconded by Brother William & Kennedy, County Master Haldimand, and

Resolved.—That the best thanks of this Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge, are justly due, and are hereby tendered to Brother T. H. Buckley, our esteemed Right Worshipful Grand Master, for the very able and dignified manner in which he has presided at this Session, and at all times performed his duty as an Orangeman.

Moved by Bro. E. R. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. Wm. Brownlee, Master 720, and

Resolved—That the Grand Secretary of this Provincial Grand Lodge communicate with all County Masters, who have not already sent in their Grand Lodge dues, and request them to send in the same to the Provincial Grand Treasurer of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and that the Right Worshipful Grand Master apply to the Grand Treasurer of the Supreme Grand Lodge for the monies already paid to said Grand Treasurer on account of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

Moved by Bro. E. R. Sullivan, Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. Newbury Button, Master 426, and

Resolved—That the best thanks of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge are due to the St. Catherines Brethren for the admirable arrangements, made by them for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge and the Visiting Brethren.

JOHN B. ELLIOTT,
Provincial Grand Secretary Western Canada.