CRYPTIC RITE.

Annual Convocation of Grand Council Royal and Select Masters

To be Known Henceforth as the Supreme Grand Council of the Maritime Provinces.

The Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry met in annual convocation in the Masonic Temple last evening, the 21st August inst. A very large representation of the members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters were present either in person or by proxy. The M. P. grand master, John A. Watson, in the Grand East; Past Grand Master Robt. Marshall, grand recorder. The occasion proved to be one of deep interest, and a large amount of work was accomplished, the full details of which would be too lengthy for the Sun's columns this morning. However, the proceedings for the years 1897, 1898 and 1899 are to be published at once, when the companions will be informed as to all that has taken place on this historic occasion. The constitution and general regulations were adopted, from which we glean the following:

Whereas—Inter-Alia— The constitution of this Grand Council, provides that it shall also have power to constitute, govern and superintend new councils in any portion of the Dominion of Canada, or other British province, where there is no grand council, and grant charters and dispensations for the same; and

Whereas, It is deemed expedient, and for the welfare of this order of Free Masonry, that the name and style of grand council shall be changed; therefore

Resolved, That this grand council shall be known as the Supreme Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite of the Maritime Provinces; and further

Resolved, That the following shall hereafter be the constitution, general regulations, etc., of our Supreme Grand Council.

2857-2899.

Constitution and General Regulations of the Supreme Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite of the Maritime Provinces. Remodelled and Revised 21st August, A. Dep. 2899.

The Supreme Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite of Free Masonry of the maritime provinces of the dominion of Canada, hereby ordain and establish for its government the following constitution and general regulations; and shall also retain, hold and enjoy all the rights, privileges and jurisdiction granted to and enjoyed by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and Appendant Orders of New Brunswick; under its constitution, edicts and general regulations, since the time of our organization, on the 14th and 15th days of August, Anno Depositionis 2867; in so far as the same may not be deemed inconsistent.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

The members of this Supreme Grand Council shall consist of the officers thereof, all past grand masters, past deputy grand masters, past principal conductors of the work, inspectors of divisions or provinces, representatives of other Grand Councils near this Grand Council, past thrice illustrious masters of subordinate councils, and the first three officers, for the time being, of the respective councils under the jurisdiction of this Supreme Grand Council; each of whom shall be entitled to one vote; who shall have precedence, hold and enjoy rank, respectively, according to seniority, dating from the organization of the Grand Council, 14th and 15th days of August, A. Dep. 2867, notwithstanding any change of style or title of grand officers or of Grand Council.

Article II.

The officers of this Supreme Grand Council shall consist of a

Most puissant grand master,

Right Ill. deputy grand master for each of the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island,

Right Ill. principal conductor of the work,

Right Ill. inspectors general of divisions or provinces,

Grand treasurer,

Grand recorder,

Grand chaplains, there shall not be more than one grand chaplain for each province of this grand jurisdiction,

Grand master of ceremonies,

Grand captain of the guards,

Grand conductor of council,

Grand marshal,

Grand steward,

Grand sentinel.

Article III.

Any permanent member of the Supreme Grand Council, being a member of a subordinate council or the first three officers of any council, under the jurisdiction, may appoint their proxies by a commission under their hands, which commission shall not extend beyond the next convocation succeeding the date thereof. Such proxies shall be entitled to sit and vote in the Supreme Grand Council as members thereof, but shall have no rank by virtue of their commissions; nor shall any companion be entitled to more than two votes.

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Article VI.

The Supreme Grand Council shall hold stated convocations annually at its Grand East, in the city of Saint John, in the month of August, not less than fourteen days' notice being given; provided, however, that the Supreme Grand Council, by a majority vote, at any annual convocation, may fix upon Halifax, Charlottetown, or any other city or place within the maritime provinces of the Dominion of Canada, at which the next annual convocation shall be held. In case it is proposed to change the place of meeting from the Grand East, the Supreme Grand Council shall fix a time for the consideration of the proposed change. Notification must be given of a proposition to change the place of meeting, and of the city or place to which the convocation is to be changed. On the first day of the annual convocation, should no such notification be given, then the annual convocation will be held at the Grand East of the Supreme Grand Council.

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Article X.

The Supreme Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of councils of the Cryptic Rite in the maritime provinces, and shall have power to assign their limits, prescribe the fees for admission, and settle all controversies that may arise between them; and in all cases of controversy an appeal shall lie to this Supreme Grand Council. It shall also have power to constitute, govern and superintend new councils within the said maritime provinces, as well as in any portion of the Dominion of Canada, or other British provinces where there is no Grand Council, and grant charters and dispensations for the same, to which shall be affixed the seal of the Supreme Grand Council, and the signatures of the grand master and grand recorder.

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The Supreme Grand Council has authority over degrees of Royal Master, Select Master and Super-Excellent Master, called the Cryptic Rite of Free Masonry, and the Red Cross or Babylonish Pass, and no council shall confer its several degrees upon a person who is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, nor unless his character and Masonic acquirements shall be vouched for by two Select Masters; and then only after a unanimous ballot of the members of the council present; provided, however, that the latter named degree shall only be conferred by authority of dispensation of the M. P. Grand Master.

The constitution and general regulations are very comprehensive and members have had the same in deliberation for about two years.

ROSTER FOR 2899-2900.

The following officers were duly elected, appointed and installed by Past M. P. Grand Master John A. Watson and proclaimed from the Grand East in due form for the year ending 30th June, 1900:

Hon. Robert Marshall, most puissant grand master.

Dr. John V. Ellis, past M. P. grand master.

Wm. B. Wallace, past M. P. grand master.

John A. Watson, past M. P. grand master.

Judge Arthur I. Trueman, deputy grand master for New Brunswick.

William Marshall Black, deputy grand master for Nova Scotia.

Dr. Donald Darrach, deputy grand master for P. E. Island.

A. R. Campbell, principal conductor of the work.

Theodore A. Cossman, right illustrious inspector general for Nova Scotia.

William Greig, right illustrious inspector general for Quebec.

Dr. Roderick Macneill, right illustrious inspector general for P. E. Island.

John Albert Messervy, right illustrious inspector general for Newfoundland.

William B. Wallace, grand treasurer.

John A. Watson, grand recorder.

J. E. Masters, grand chaplain for New Brunswick.

Thomas Trenaman, grand chaplain for Nova Scotia.

Neil McKelvie, grand chaplain for P. E. Island.

A. McNichol, grand master of ceremonies.

Peter Campbell, grand captain of the guards.

Dr. G. A. Hetherington, grand conductor of the council.

W. C. Rudman Allan, grand marshal.

B. S. Black, grand steward.

Frederick Sandall, grand organist.

G. G. Boyne, grand sentinel.

Audit committee—Wm. A. Ewing, B. S. Black, Andrew McNichol.

Ritual committee—John A. Watson, chairman; W. B. Wallace, Wm. Marshall Black, Theo. A. Crossman, Dr. Donald Darrach, Dr. Roderick Macneill, Alex. R. Campbell.

The address of the grand master and grand recorder were both deeply interesting papers.

WEARY OF EXPERIMENTING

With salves, suppositories and ointments and dreading a surgical operation, scores and hundreds have turned to Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment and found in it an absolute cure for piles. The first application brings relief from the terrible itching, and it is very seldom that more than one box is required to effect a permanent cure.

THE I. O. F. PAID THE CLAIM.

It will be remembered that at the last session of the high court of New Brunswick, I. O. F., a question arose as to the payment of the insurance claim of the late John Crozier, who was reported lost on the ill-fated steamer Portland. The claim has been paid, as the following shows:

Parish of Simonds, N. B.

E. W. Paul, Esq.,
Rec. Secretary Court Log Cabin, No. 76.
I. O. F., St. John, N. B.

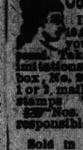
Dear Sir—I desire to return through you my most sincere and grateful thanks to the Supreme Court, I. O. F., also the Court Log Cabin, for payment by check No. B., 39,265, on the Bank of Ottawa, and paid at face at the Bank of Montreal (here) of the mortuary benefit of my beloved husband, John Crozier, who was lost on the steamer Portland Nov. 27th last, and who held certificate for $1,000.

Wishing your court and the order all possible success,

I remain, yours truly,

SARAH J. CROZIER.

The residence of Wm. DeWolfe at Musquash was destroyed by fire some time ago and the family lost about everything that they owned. Since then two pie socials have been held at Coun. W. J. Dean's hotel at Musquash, with the result that about $100 has been raised for the assistance of Mr. DeWolfe and his family.



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Sold in St. John by all responsible druggists, and W. C. Wilson, St. John, West.

MASONIC.

Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of N. B.

Address of the Grand Master and Reports of Secretary and Treasurer.

Judge Forbes Elected Grand Master—Unveiling Portraits—The Question of Union—General Business.

The Grand lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick commenced its thirty-second annual communication Tuesday afternoon at Freemasons' hall. Dr. Thomas Walker, grand master, occupied the east, and there was a large attendance of grand officers, past grand officers and members of Grand lodge. The grand master's address was a practical business document, in which, after bidding the members welcome to the meeting and an expression of hope that a spirit of thoughtful earnestness and good feeling would characterize their counseling, he proceeded to declare his official acts.

Among the dead of this jurisdiction to whom the grand master referred were David S. Stewart, a P. M. of Hibernia lodge; Robert L. Smith, a P. M. of Union lodge of Portland; Charles A. Stockton, a P. M. of Albion lodge; William H. Patton, a P. M. of New Brunswick lodge; Dr. Joseph C. Hatheway, a P. M. of St. John's lodge, and past junior grand warden: David F. Merritt, a P. M. of Woodstock lodge, and past deputy grand master, and Jared Boone, P. M. of Alexandria lodge, of each of whom and of his services to the craft, the grand master spoke in appropriate terms. He also referred at length to the eminent members of other jurisdictions who had died, and among these was the Earl of Lathom, pro grand master of the Grand lodge of England, who had for years taken the deepest interest in the well being of the fraternity. The grand master next referred to his official visitations, and described in the following terms a visit which he had paid to the Grand lodge of Nova Scotia.

Attended by R. W. Brothers Robert Marshall and W. B. Wallace, I attended the annual communication of the Grand lodge of Nova Scotia, held this year in the historic town of Annapolis, June 14th and 15th.

Nothing could exceed the warmth of the reception accorded to us, or the truly Masonic courtesy with which we were greeted, both by the grand master, M. W. Brother T. B. Flint, and the officers and members of our sister Grand lodge. I was deeply interested in their proceedings, and I can assure you that the Grand lodge of Nova Scotia is a very live body.

All questions relating to the craft are threshed out on the floors of the Grand lodge, and not as with us, too often referred to the board of general purposes. They have no board of general purposes. In the course of their proceedings the question of union of the grand lodges of the maritime provinces came up for discussion, and the following resolution was carried unanimously:

"That the matter of amalgamation of the grand lodges of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia having been incidentally referred to at the present session of the Grand lodge; Therefore resolved, that a committee be appointed, to confer with the Grand lodge of New Brunswick, or a committee thereof, should one be appointed, relative to the amalgamation of the said Grand lodges."

While I am not prepared at present to support the scheme of a union of the Grand lodges, I think much good would accrue by the appointment of a permanent committee of members of each grand body, whose power would only be advisory. To such a committee would be referred the adoption of a uniform ritual, the further consideration of a Masonic home, and any questions that might arise affecting the craft generally. It would tend to cement still more closely the strong ties which now bind us to our brethren of Nova Scotia, and which these reciprocal visits have done so much to strengthen.

I recommend this subject to your best consideration.

THE REPORT

of Edwin J. Everett, grand treasurer, showed that his balance on hand last year was $1,119.27, and the receipts of the year $2,812.15, making a total of $3,931.42. After his various disbursements, including a payment of $120 on interest on outstanding bonds and a redemption of one bond of $500, his balance on ordinary account was $1,342.18, while he has cash in bank at the credit of the fund of benoveience of $186.20, exclusive of the capital of $2,500.

J. TWINING HARTT,

grand secretary, submitted a statement in detail of his receipts amounting to $11,678.50. All of this has been paid to the grand treasurer. The total membership is 1,776, a gain of eleven in the year. The deaths of that period were thirty, while eighty-one had ceased to be members through other causes. Mr. Hartt also reported that commissions have issued by the authority of the M. W. the grand master and under the seal of the Grand Lodge appointing the following grand representatives:

To Albert Kruger, near the Grand Orient of Belgium.

To William M. Kent, near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

To Dr. Fernando a Loredo, near the Grand Lodge of Cuba.

To John McGuire, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

To Louis A. Jacobson, near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

To John W. Corbett, near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

To A. P. Trogden, near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

The following commissions have been received appointing grand representatives near this Grand Lodge, viz.:

From the M. W. grand master of Connecticut, appointing W. Brother John P. Burchill, M. P. P.

From the M. W. the Grand Orient of Belgium, appointing W. Brother J. Adolphus Hoyt.

From the M. W. grand master of Illinois, appointing W. Brother Wm. A. Dougherty.

From the M. W. grand master of South Carolina, appointing W. Brother Benj. S. Black.

W. B. WALLACE,

as chairman of the board of general purposes, submitted a lengthy report upon the affairs generally of the craft. Joseph A. Magilton had been elected vice-president of the board. The decision of the grand master was approved that the jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest lodge "in a line from lodge room to lodge room without reference to territorial boundaries." Members of the fraternity will be interested in the following extract from this report:

The matter of the report made to Grand lodge by the special committee on membership of subordinate lodges last year was considered by the board, and the following report thereon is submitted:

After carefully examining the report we have to say that we differ very materially with that committee in many of the statements made by them.

While there may be insolated cases of members not being called upon to pass examinations, and of officers being advanced who do not make an effort to get up the work, we have no knowledge of such being the case, and can safely say that these are not matters of general occurrence in this jurisdiction. The reports of district deputies not only strengthen this view, but refute the general remark that there is lack of interest in the craft, although it may be that some lodges are not as active as others, yet this is naturally the case in any jurisdiction.

It is undoubtedly true that the suspension of members for non-payment of dues occasions a decreased membership, and is a matter that very seriously affects the welfare of the craft, but the board are convinced that a more regular and faithful performance of duties by secretaries of lodges would largely overcome the difficulty. Members are too often allowed to fall several years in arrears, and then their payment is a matter which they are constrained to avoid.

As to the question of demitting and demitted members, we know this branch of the subject has engaged the serious attention of other grand bodies, and is admitted to be an exceedingly difficult matter to successfully grapple with.

It has been the experience of members of the board that as a rule past masters do not lose their interest in their mother lodge. Whenever official visitations have been made to the various lodges past masters have been found to be some of the most active and energetic of their members. In addition to this the board emphasize the fact that the average attendance of our Grand Lodge compares exceedingly favorably with that of other grand lodges, and our returns show that nearly eighty-five per cent. of the members in attendance were past masters.

With respect to the suggestions of the committee, the board report:

(a) That it is the duty of worshipful masters of lodges to see that no candidate be advanced who has not passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge according to the provisions of the constitution; that they should instruct not only the lodge but its officers by the exemplification of the ritual, and that they should personally interest themselves in seeing that the members attend, so that those seeking advancement will be posted in their work, but the board have no reason to believe that worshipful masters in this jurisdiction are so derelict in their duty to their lodges or the fraternity as not to see that these matters are enforced and performed.

(b) That they approve of a grand lecturer being appointed as a Grand Lodge officer, to rank after the grand secretary, at a salary to be fixed by the Grand Lodge. That it shall be his duty to visit and instruct the officers of subordinate lodges, and that he be allowed to take with him as an assistant any past master, whose travelling expenses shall be paid by Grand Lodge; also that he take his instructions from the ritual committee, and in view of this the board suggest that the ritual committee should be called together at as early a date as possible, and further it is the opinion of the board that the ritual committee should hold quarterly or half-yearly meetings, so that any questions arising as to the ritual may be discussed and settled.

(c) The board are of opinion that more time should be devoted to the discussion of matters arising in Grand Lodge before a reference of them is made to the board or any committee, and we suggest that the naming of the hour of the assembling of Grand Lodge be left in the discretion of the grand master, and not fixed as at present.

(d) The board is of opinion that the exemplifying of degrees is very beneficial to the craft, and the time spent in doing so is most profitably spent, but in view of the large amount of business before Grand Lodge the board have not deemed it advisable to recommend any exemplification at this session.

(e) The other suggestions in the report, viz., the collection and relief from dues, and the itinerancy of Grand Lodge, are fully covered by the constitution and by laws.

(f) The board also recommend that lodges of sorrow in remembrance of our deceased brethren should be held at least once a year, and that the craft should publicly attend divine service more frequently.

The Masonic brethren of the city of New York, through the mayor of St. John, Brother Sears, have presented the Grand Lodge with a portrait of our late worshipful brother Augustus W. Peters, representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick near the Grand Chapter of New York. The board, on behalf of Grand Lodge, courteously acknowledging its receipt, accepted the gift, and, at the request of our grand secretary, granted him the privilege of providing a suitable frame for the portrait.

Letters have been received from the grand secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island advising the board of the appointment in each case of a committee of three members to meet with committees from the other two Grand Lodges to discuss the matter of the union of the Grand Lodges of the maritime provinces. The board now submits these letters to Grand Lodge with the recommendation that a committee be appointed to confer with those of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The reading and disposition of these reports occupied a considerable portion of the afternoon session.

The committee on credentials this year are Joseph A. Magilton, J. B. M. Baxter and Thomas Finlay.

The grand master's report was referred to a committee consisting of J. V. Ellis, Robert Marshall and John Black.

The report of the board of general purposes was discussed at length. It was decided to appoint a committee consisting of P. G. M. Ellis, R. W. John A. Watson and W. Judge Forbes to confer with the committee from Nova Scotia and P. E. I. Grand Lodges, this action, however, not in any way to commit the grand lodge to the principle of amalgamation.

The report was substantially adopted, the paragraph relating to a grand lecturer being amended by placing $200 at the disposal of the grand master for the purpose of providing instruction in ritual to the subordinate lodges outside of the city.

EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session R. W. Grand Master Walker unveiled the portrait of P. G. M. Robert T. Clinch with appropriate remarks concerning his life and work. This portrait was painted by Bro. H. J. DeForest. The portrait of P. G. M. B. Lester Peters was also unveiled by P. G. M. Ellis. This was painted by Bro. F. H. C. Miles. Both are very creditable artistic productions. The portrait of the late A. Winniett Peters is now also on the walls of Grand Lodge, it being referred to in the report of the board of general purposes.

Bros. W. A. Dougherty, representing the Grand Lodge of Illinois; B. S. Black, that of South Carolina; Bro. Wm. G. Foster, that of Michigan, and Bro. J. A. Hoyt, the Grand Orient of Belgium, were accorded seats and duly honored.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Hon. James G. Forbes, M. W. grand master.

W. A. D. Stevens, R. W. deputy grand master.

George Coggon, R. W. S. grand warden.

George S. Dodge, R. W. junior grand warden.

Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, V. W. grand chaplain.

E. J. Everett, V. W. grand treasurer.

Dingee Scribner, grand tyler.

A proposition to hold the next meeting of Grand Lodge at Moncton was defeated and another to hold it at Fredericton will be considered this afternoon.

Some changes in the constitution of the ritual and other committees were adopted in amendment of the constitution.

During the afternoon session P. G. M. McCoy of Nova Scotia and R. W. District Deputy G. M. Owen of the same jurisdiction were present and discussed the question of amalgamation of the Grand Lodges.

Adjourned until 3 p. m. today, when installation will take place.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick met at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning. John V. Ellis, G. H. D., occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance of representatives from the chapters of the jurisdiction.

The address of the G. H. P. dealt principally with matters of a local character, but a tribute of respect was paid to the memory of the late A. W. Peters, who represented grand chapter in New York. Regret was expressed at the attitude of the Grand Chapter of Scotland and to its lack of fraternal attention to the communication of the G. H. P. All of the chapters in New Brunswick had made returns and were in good condition, both membership and funds having increased.

The report of John A. Watson, grand secretary, showed the total membership to be 454, a gain of seventeen for the year. The grand treasurer, E. J. Everett, showed that he had on hand a balance of $333.87, of which $200 is on special deposit in the Bank of New Brunswick.

The Grand Chapter formally recognized the Grand Chapter of New Zealand as a regular governing body of Royal Arch Masonry. Some other business was transacted and Grand Chapter closed in harmony, the meeting having been an exceedingly agreeable one. The officers for the year are:

John A. Watson, St. John, G. H. P.

Donald Munro, Woodstock, D. G. H. P.

J. T. Whitlock, St. Stephen, grand king.

Fred. E. Domville, Chatham, grand scribe.

E. J. Everett, St. John, grand treasurer.

W. B. Wallace, St. John, grand secretary.

Peter Campbell, St. John, grand captain of the host.

James Byers, St. John, grand royal arch captain.

LeB. Wilson, St. John, grand pursuivant.

F. Sandall, St. John, grand organist.

G. Gordon Boyne, St. John, grand Tyler.

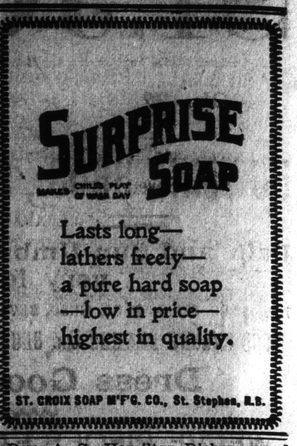
The proceedings of Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., were resumed yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The question of the next place of meeting was further discussed and a proposition to hold it at Fredericton was voted down, the members from the lodges outside of St. John preferring to meet in this city.

The new grand master, R. W. J. G. Forbes, was then installed by P. G. M. Walker according to ancient usage. The new grand master then installed the following officers, both elected and appointed:

W. A. D. Steven of Dorchester right worshipful deputy grand master.

George Coggon of Sussex right worshipful senior grand warden.

George S. Dodge of St. John right worshipful junior grand warden.



Rev. A. G. Hamilton Dicker, grand chaplain.

Edwin J. Everett, very worshipful grand treasurer.

J. Twining Hartt, very worshipful grand secretary.

R. W. Whitlock, senior grand deacon.

G. K. Cochran, junior grand deacon.

Archibald Bauer, grand director of ceremonies.

Joseph A. Magilton, assistant grand director of ceremonies.

Stuart A. Morrison, grand sword bearer.

Albert Y. Clark, grand standard bearer.

W. A. Ewing, grand organist.

W. Smith, grand pursuivant.

R. T. Leavitt, E. L. Hagerman, F. A. Godsoe, J. A. Wilson, H. B. Peck, F. St. John Bliss, R. W. Suffren, P. H. Warneford, G. F. Ward, F. R. Anderson, E. W. Givan and Holland Boone, grand stewards.

Dingee Scribner, grand tyler.

The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year:

Board of general purposes—Judge Wedderburn, J. V. Ellis, Robert Marshall, J. T. Whitlock, Thomas Walker, W. A. D. Steven, George Coggon, Geo. S. Dodge, J. T. Hartt, Judge McLeod, M. Tennant, D. Munro, W. Alex. Porter, George D. Frost, Thomas Finley, John Johnston, W. A. Dougherty, Fred Sandall and A. McNicholl.

Ritual committee—J. G. Forbes, J. V. Ellis, Thomas Walker, John A. Watson, A. W. Sharp, F. W. Thompson, Alex. Burchill, J. T. Hartt, J. B. M. Baxter, J. T. Whitlock.

Committee on correspondence with foreign grand bodies—J. V. Ellis, A. R. Campbell, C. F. Harrison.

Committee on warrants to new lodges—Robert Marshall, T. A. Godsoe, Rev. O. S. Newnham.

Library committee—J. T. Hartt, W. A. Ewing, George E. Fairweather.

District deputy masters—No. 1, Geo. D. Frost; No. 2, W. A. D. Steven; No. 3, Robert Murray; No. 4, J. R. Murphy; No. 5, Dr. W. H. Laughlin.

On motion of P. G. Master Walker, Rev. P. G. Snow was constituted a permanent member of Grand Lodge with the rank of past grand chaplain.

On motion of J. B. M. Baxter, Bro. Jarvis Wilson of Carleton Union lodge was also constituted a member of Grand Lodge with the rank of past grand deacon.

A vote of thanks was passed to the board of general purposes for the entertainment provided on Tuesday evening for the assembled brethren.

Grand Lodge then closed in due form.

Children Cry for
CASTORIA.

IN CANADA'S BEHALF.

Sir Louis Davies to Visit England and Discuss Canadian Affairs With Mr. Chamberlain.

(Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Aug. 23.—Sir Louis H. Davies of this city, minister of marine and fisheries and a member of the Anglo-American commission, which was in session at Washington and Quebec last spring, confirms the report that he will go to London in a short time. While there he will discuss the Alaskan boundary question with Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, as well as other issues concerning Canada. It is not known at the present time whether Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, will go to England this fall or not.

A LONG ROW TO HOE.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 23.—At today's session of the Colored Baptist congress of the United States, Rev. Dr. Robinson of Pittsburg, in an address, declared that the colored race "must paddle its own canoe. We must get money, banks, railroads," he continued, "learn how to make guns and powder, etc., and then learn to use them before we can become a power in this country." He closed by asserting, "The north, the south and the devil in hell are against the negro, and God is the only one who will accept us."

AFRAID TO RISK IT.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 23.—Twenty men employed by the American Bridge company on the construction of the Midland railway bridge, where the drowning of four men in a caisson occurred on Sunday, have arrived here en route home to New York. They left because they say they were afraid to work in the caissons after the accident of Sunday. One of the men says a boy of sixteen was in charge of the air compressing plant when the drowning happened.

WOODSTOCK POSTMASTERSHIP.

A special despatch to the Globe from Woodstock, bearing yesterday's date, says: "C. L. Smith, M. P. P., has just received official notification of his appointment to the position of postmaster of Woodstock. It is understood that he handed in his resignation as member of the assembly some weeks ago. Mr. Smith takes the place of Major Vince, who was appointed shortly before the change of government.

A fool knows other people's business better than a wise man knows his own.