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OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF THE

ANTIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

Free and Accepted Masons

OF

NEW BRUNSWICK,

From A. L. 5867, to A. L. 5876, inclusive.

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*Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy:*

PRELIMINARY CONVENTION.

FREEMASON'S HALL, PRINCESS STREET,
Saint John, N. B., 16th August, A. D. 1867.

At a meeting of Masters and Past Masters of Lodges of
Free and Accepted Masons, in the City of St. John, convened
this day at 4 o'clock P. M., at the Masonic Hall, in the City
of Saint John, the respective Lodges were represented as
follows:—

Albion Lodge, No. 400, English Registry.

W. Bro. Christopher Murray, W. M.
" James Robertson, P. M.
" B. Lester Peters, P. M.
" Archibald Rowan, P. M.
" Thomas A. D. Forster, P. M.
" Thomas M. Reed, P. M.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 436, English Registry.

W. Bro. James Gordon Forbes, W. M.
" W. H. A. Keans, P. M.
" Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
" Charles E. Potter, P. M.
" Wm. Wedderburn, P. M.
" Robert G. Crozier, P. M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 524, English Registry.

W. Bro. Henry Leonard, W. M.
" John V. Ellis, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 535, English Registry.

W. Bro. David R. Munro, W. M.

W. Bro. John Frost, P. M.

" Robert Marshall, P. M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1084, English Registry.

W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., W. M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, Irish Registry.

W. Bro. John Mullin, W. M.

" John Willis, P. M.

Leinster Lodge, No. 347, Irish Registry.

W. Bro. Alfred A. Stockton, W. M.

" Edward Willis, P. M.

On motion, W. Bro. B. Lester Peters was called to the chair, and W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn was appointed Secretary.

The chairman called the meeting to order, and explained the object of it. He said:—

That in conversation held among several Masters and Past Masters and other prominent members of the craft, it was deemed desirable to hold a convention to consider the present altered position of the Masonic Status in this Province, consequent upon the Confederation of the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

He referred to a recent address of the Grand Master of Canada, (Most Worshipful Brother Wilson,) as quoted in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, published in Boston; in which address the M. W. Grand Master of Canada brought to the notice of the craft the important changes which the Act of Union, confederating the provinces, had effected, and presented the whole matter for their careful consideration.

The chairman stated that, in view of the fact—that the exclusive right of erecting lodges in this province could no longer be maintained by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland—this meeting was called to consider whether or not it was desirable that a convention be held to discuss the courses open to the lodges in New Brunswick, viz.:—To form an independent grand lodge or to unite with the Grand Lodge of Canada, preparatory to the formation of a grand lodge for the Dominion.

This, therefore, was an informal meeting, convened for the purpose of talking the matter over in general conversation.

After an animated and harmonious discussion, the following resolution was proposed by W. Bro. J. V. Ellis, P. M., No. 524, seconded by W. Bro. R. Marshall, P. M., No. 535, and adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That the chairman and secretary of this meeting be authorized to address a circular to all lodges in New Brunswick under the jurisdictions of England, Ireland and Scotland, stating that this meeting deems it desirable that a convention should be held, to consider the present position of masonic affairs in this province, and to take such action thereon as may be deemed necessary. The lodges, so addressed, to be requested to authorize their Masters, Past Masters and Wardens to meet in such convention; and further, that any lodge, not in a position to be represented by the above officers, may appoint proxies in lieu thereof.

It was moved by Bro. James G. Forbes, W. M., No. 436, and seconded by Bro. James McNichol, Jr., W. M., No. 1084:—

That the convention be called for the second Wednesday in October next.

In amendment, it was moved by Bro. D. R. Munro, W. M., No. 535, and seconded by W. Bro. C. E. Potter, P. M., No. 436:—

That the convention be held on the second Wednesday in September next.

On call of yeas and nays, the amendment was negatived and the motion adopted.

Bro. Peters having vacated the chair, Bro. James Robertson, P. M., No. 400, was called thereto, when the thanks of the meeting were tendered to Bro. Peters for the ability and courteousness with which he had presided over its deliberations.

And thereupon the meeting was adjourned until the second Wednesday in October ensuing.

WM. WEDDERBURN,
Secretary.

B. LESTER PETERS,
Chairman.

MASONIC CONVENTION
OF THE
PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

HELD IN THE
CITY OF SAINT JOHN, OCTOBER 9th AND 10th, A. L. 5867.

Pursuant to resolution of meeting of Masters and Past Masters, held in the City of Saint John, on the 16th day of August last past, and in answer to the circular letter authorized at such meeting, the representatives of the respective lodges in New Brunswick, on the registries of England, Scotland and Ireland, assembled in convention at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Saint John, on Wednesday, the ninth day of October, A. L. 5867, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

On motion of Bro. W. H. A. Keans, P. M., No. 436, E. R., and seconded by Bro. John Willis, P. M., No. 301, I. R., Bro. Benjamin Lester Peters, P. M., No. 400, E. R., was called to the chair, and on motion of Bro. Edward Willis, P. M., No. 347, I. R., and seconded by Bro. D. R. Munro, W. M., No. 535, E. R., Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 436, was requested to act as secretary.

On motion of Bro. John V. Ellis, P. M., No. 524, E. R., and seconded by Bro. James Robertson, P. M., No. 400, E. R., the chairman appointed the following a committee to examine and report upon the credentials of all representatives applying for seats in this convention, viz:—

Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, P. M., No. 436, E. R.; Bro. George F. Gregory, W. M., No. 364, S. R.; Bro. John Mullin, W. M., No. 301, I. R.

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Bro. Bunting, from the committee on credentials, reported the following brethren present, and duly accredited by their respective lodges to occupy seats and take part in the proceedings of this convention, viz:—

Albion Lodge, No. 400, E. R.

W. Bro. Christopher Murray, W. M.
" James Robertson, P. M.
" Wm. W. Emslie, P. M.
" B. Lester Peters, P. M.
" Archibald Rowan, P. M.
" Thomas M. Reed, P. M.
Bro. Charles D. Thomson, S. W.
" George B. Cushing, J. W.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 436, E. R.

W. Bro. William H. A. Keans, P. M.
" Charles E. Potter, P. M.
" Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
" Wm. Wedderburn, P. M.
" John D. Short, P. M.
Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, S. W.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 522, E. R.

W. Bro. Adolphus G. Beckwith, P. M.
" William Paisley, P. M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 524, E. R.

W. Bro. Henry Leonard, W. M.
" Charles Ketchum, P. M.
" Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
" Samuel L. Brittain, P. M.
" Joseph Dunham, P. M.
" Sargent S. Littlehale, P. M.
" John V. Ellis, P. M.

Bro. Henry Littlehale, S. W.
 " Isaac J. Olive, Jr., J. W.

Midian Lodge, No. 527, E. R.

W. Bro. G. Hudson Flewelling, W. M.
 " Wm. P. Flewelling, P. M.
 " M. W. Flewelling, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 535, E. R.

W. Bro. David R. Munro, W. M.
 " John Frost, P. M.
 " Thomas H. Keohan, P. M.
 " Robert Marshall, P. M.

Woodstock Lodge, No. 553, E. R.

Bro. John Leary, proxy.
 " William M. Connell, proxy.

Saint George Lodge, No. 629, E. R.

Bro. Abram Young, proxy.

Alley Lodge, No. 664, E. R.

W. Bro. James V. Hanson, W. M.
 " Rex M. King, P. M.

Howard Lodge, No. 668, E. R.

W. Bro. John Wallace, W. M.
 Bro. Dennis A. Duffy, J. W.

Northumberland Lodge, No. 701, E. R. •

W. Bro. Robert R. Call, W. M.

Miramichi Lodge, No. 775, E. R.

W. Bro. George H. Russell, P. M.
 " Thomas F. Gillespie, P. M.

Zetland Lodge, No. 886, E. R.

W. Bro. Duncan S. Harper, W. M.
 " Thomas Irving, P. M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1084, E. R.

W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., W. M.
 " James Mullin, P. M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, I. R.

W. Bro. John Mullin, W. M.
 " Mark N. Powers, P. M.
 Bro. Charles Rogers.

Sussex Lodge, No. 327, I. R.

W. Bro. David Brown, P. M.
 Bro. David Main, S. W.

Leinster Lodge, No. 347, I. R.

W. Bro. Alfred A. Stockton, W. M.
 " John Willis, P. M.
 " Edward Willis, P. M.
 Bro. Asaph G. Blakslee, J. W.

Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 364, S. R.

W. Bro. George F. Gregory, W. M.
 Bro. Nelson Campbell, S. W.

Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 376, S. R.

W. Bro. James McDougall, W. M.

[NOTE.—There are in New Brunswick twenty-six lodges, viz.: twenty English, three Irish and three Scotch; nineteen of these were represented in the convention, viz.: fourteen English, three Irish and two Scotch.]

It was moved by Bro. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 436, seconded by Bro. Marshall, P. M., No. 535, and

Resolved, That the foregoing representatives, as reported by the committee on credentials, be declared eligible to sit and vote in the convention.

Whereupon on call of roll, they severally answered to their names and were assigned seats according to seniority.

On motion of Bro. Keans, P. M., No. 436, seconded by Bro. Ellis, P. M., No. 524, it was

Resolved, That the rules governing the Grand Lodge of England be adopted for the government of this convention.

On motion of Bro. Ellis, P. M., No. 524, seconded by Bro. Stockton, W. M., No. 301, it was

Resolved, That each general vote of the convention shall be by individual representatives *via vocis*; and that a vote by lodges may be called for by any member, when each lodge shall have one vote.

By direction of the chairman, the minutes of the meeting of masters and past masters held on the 16th day of August last, were read and confirmed.

The Worshipful Chairman called the attention of the assembled delegates to the important matters to be submitted for their consideration, and the necessity of weighing each question with care, before recording their votes. He briefly stated the origin, progress and objects of the present convention, and called upon the secretary to read a copy of the circular issued to the respective lodges in the province, as per order of August 16th last.

Copy of Circular.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge No.
on the Registry of*

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—

At the annual communication of the grand lodge for the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, called the Grand Lodge of

Canada, the Most Worshipful Grand Master William Mercer Wilson, Esquire, in his address brought to the notice of that grand lodge the position of freemasonry, with special reference to the political changes which have united the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in one Dominion under the name of "Canada."

The remarks of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilson on this important subject as published for the information of the masonic world in *The Craftsman*, of Hamilton, Ontario, are as follows:—

"The new state of political existence upon which we are now entering necessarily brings up for our consideration the effect which it must to some extent have upon our position as a grand lodge. The name by which for many years we have been known in the masonic world, becomes now, it is alleged, a misnomer. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia which has supreme authority in that section of the new Dominion is as much a Grand Lodge of Canada as we ourselves are. The distinguished brother who presided at your last annual meeting approved of the idea of a general grand lodge, having provincial grand lodges in each province, and the Board of General Purposes, to whom the subject was referred, also reported favorably upon the suggestion made by my Most Worshipful predecessor, but at the same time advised that no immediate action be taken in the matter. What at the time was only an anticipation, has now become a reality; and while I readily admit that there is something particularly pleasing in the idea of uniting all members of our fraternity, who reside in the various provinces now confederated together in one grand body, and while contemplating also the probability of important territorial additions still to be made to the new Dominion, I must confess that I entertain grave doubts whether a union, embracing such an immense extent of country, would have a tendency to promote the best interests of masonry on this continent. In Great Britain, as you are aware, there is no general lodge; and in the neighboring Republic each state has a grand lodge which exercises supreme masonic authority in her own jurisdiction. In the year 1859 the subject of a general grand lodge for the United States was brought before a committee of grand officers for consideration, and by referring to my

address of that year, you will find that I, at that time, expressed the opinion, that the creation of a general grand lodge having jurisdiction over the several States of the Union would neither be expedient nor desirable.

"In submitting, however, the whole subject to your careful consideration, I do not wish it to be understood, that I either decidedly oppose or approve of the suggestions which have been made. All I mean to convey to you is, that thus far I have not been able to satisfy my own mind as to the wisest course to be pursued under our present circumstances. But I earnestly request for it that thoughtful and calm investigation which the great importance of the matter imperatively requires."

Recognizing the great importance of the subject thus submitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilson for the consideration of the grand lodge over which he presides, and in view of the special interest which the whole matter presents, with particular reference to the position and prospects of freemasonry in this Province of New Brunswick, the Masters and Past Masters of the city lodges holding warrants from grand lodges in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland met for consultation on the 16th day of August instant, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of St. John.

The meeting was attended by twenty-two Masters and Past Masters of the city lodges under sister jurisdictions, and Worshipful Brother B. Lester Peters, Past Master of Albion Lodge, No. 400, E. R., was called to the chair, and Worshipful Brother William Wedderburn, Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 436, E. R., was requested to act as secretary.

The meeting adopted the following resolutions:—

"1. *Resolved*,—That the chairman and secretary of this meeting be requested to address a circular to the different lodges in New Brunswick under English, Irish and Scotch Registers, stating that this meeting deems it desirable that a convention should be held to con-

sider the present position of masonic affairs in this jurisdiction, and to take such action thereon as may appear necessary; and requesting them to appoint the Worshipful Master and Past Masters and the present Wardens to meet in such convention; and further, that any lodge, not being in a position to be represented by the above officers, may appoint proxies to represent them.

"2. *Resolved*,—That the convention be called for the second Wednesday in October next, at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John."

In compliance with the foregoing resolutions this circular is issued to direct the attention of the several lodges in this province to the present position of the craft, and to the questions now arising as to the future constitutional status of freemasonry within this Province of New Brunswick.

It is contended that consequent on the confederation of the provinces, the Grand Lodge of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, called the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the body called the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia have, at least, concurrent jurisdiction with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland in granting warrants to establish lodges in this Province of New Brunswick, which, it is asserted, is at present what is termed "unoccupied masonic territory," that is, territory not in the exclusive possession of any recognized independent grand lodge.

If this is a tenable position it is evident that this province would become common ground for the operations of all these grand lodges; and, in that event, the exercise of masonic jurisdiction by so many governing authorities must create confusion in regulations, prevent unity of action, introduce differences in ritual, and impede the general advancement and prosperity of the fraternity in this province.

Not seeing these difficulties, Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilson appears to direct attention to two modes of dealing with these important questions. One, by the union of the

provinces under a General Grand Lodge for the Dominion; the other, by the establishing of an independent grand lodge in each province of the confederation.

Whatever opinion may be held on these positions it will be conceded that the whole question deserves careful consideration and calls for prompt action.

The subjects demanding consideration therefore appear to be:—

1. Whether the exclusive right of constituting lodges in this province can, in the altered political position of the province as a part of the Dominion of Canada, be preserved to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland.

2. Whether in the opinion of the lodges in this province the interests of the fraternity and the general advancement and prosperity of our order would be best served by uniting in a General Grand Lodge for the whole Dominion of Canada, or the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge for the Province of New Brunswick.

It is desired and hoped that your lodge will appoint representatives authorized to join other lodges in a convention to meet at the City of Saint John, on Wednesday, the ninth day of October next, at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, at seven o'clock, p. m., to consider the general question of the present position and future prospects of freemasonry in this province and to act thereon as may be deemed most expedient.

It is desired that your lodge should be represented by the Master, Past Masters and present Wardens, or in case none of those officers can conveniently attend, that delegates be chosen from your lodge, fully authorized to act for your lodge at such meeting.

The proposed meeting is requested in the hope that on

fraternal discussion of the whole matter, agreement may be secured, and unanimous action taken by the several lodges in this province.

Dated at the City of St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick, the 17th day of August, A. D., 1867.

B. LESTER PETERS, P. M., No. 400,

Chairman.

WM. WEDDERBURN,

Secretary.

The following was offered by Bro. Rowan, P. M., No. 400, seconded by Bro. Gregory, W. M., No. 364:—

That the further consideration of the subjects referred to in the foregoing circular and the chairman's address be postponed six years.

Which was negatived: five representatives only voting in favor of it.

The following resolution was moved by Bro. Ellis, P. M., No. 524, seconded by Bro. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 436:—

Whereas, the existence of lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in this province, hailing from three several grand lodges, with the prospect of the introduction of other jurisdictions at an early day, creates a diversity of interests and allegiance, an absence of harmony in working and action, perpetuating local and national feelings, and thus estranging the affections of brethren whose "Order" knows no country and is confined to no race.

Therefore, be it Resolved; That, in order to apply a remedy to these evils, to form perfect fraternal union and harmony, to establish order and uniformity, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the craft, and secure to the fraternity of New Brunswick all the blessings of masonic privileges, it is expedient and right, and our bounden duty to form a grand lodge in and for the Province of New Brunswick.

In amendment, the following was proposed by Bro. G. H. Flewelling, W. M., No. 527, and seconded by Bro. Beckwith, P. M., No. 522:—

Whereas, it is the opinion of this convention that our respective grand lodges have used us courteously ;

Therefore Resolved, That, considering the present position of masonic affairs in this province, it is desirable for the lodges in this province to be joined together under one jurisdiction ;

And further Resolved, That the respective grand lodges now having concurrent jurisdiction in this province be memorialized upon the subject, and permission requested for the lodges to act as may seem most advisable for the interests of masonry.

A question of order having at this stage arisen as to the propriety of entertaining an amendment to an amendment, it was moved by Bro. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 436, seconded by Bro. Stockton, W. M., No. 347, and agreed to :

That, during the deliberations of this convention, it will be in order to propose a motion, an amendment, and an amendment to an amendment.

It was thereupon moved, as an amendment to the foregoing amendment, by Bro. Gregory, W. M., No. 364, and seconded by Bro. Campbell of No. 364:—

Resolved, That this convention recommends to the several lodges in the province to immediately present their several petitions to their respective grand lodges, setting forth the present masonic status and difficulties in this province, and praying that permission be given to discuss the propriety of establishing a Grand Lodge in and for New Brunswick, and if deemed advisable, to be allowed to proceed in establishing such grand lodge.

After a lengthy and harmonious discussion, pending the vote, Bro. Gregory asked leave to withdraw the amendment to amend proposed by him, which request, by vote of the convention, was granted.

And thereupon the delegates from Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 364, asked and obtained permission to retire from the convention.

Upon the request of Bro. Flewelling, the mover, leave was granted him to withdraw the amendment.

Upon taking the vote on the original resolution, (all the delegates present voting) it was carried by a large majority—there being but three negatives.

Upon a call for a vote by lodges, the delegates from Howard and Zetland Lodges stated, that although personally in favor of the resolution, they had no authority to record a vote for their respective lodges.

The roll of lodges having been called, sixteen answered by their delegates in favor of the resolution, being an unanimous vote by lodges, viz :—Albion, Saint John's, Solomon's, Carleton Union, Midian, Union of Portland, Woodstock, St. George, Alley, Northumberland, Miramichi, New Brunswick Hibernia, Leinster, Sussex, Saint Andrew.

The convention adjourned to meet again to-morrow, at two o'clock, p. m.

W. M. WEDDERBURN,
Secretary.

B. LESTER PETERS,
Chairman.

MASONIC HALL, PRINCESS STREET,

Thursday afternoon, October 10th, 1867.

The convention re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 2 o'clock p. m. Past Master B. Lester Peters in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

On motion of Bro. Keans, P. M. No. 436, seconded by Bro. Brown, P. M. No. 327, it was

Unanimously Resolved, That the representatives now in convention assembled, on behalf of the lodges represented by them, do hereby declare themselves to be "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

A vote on the foregoing resolution, by lodges, having been called, the following lodges, by their representatives, voted *unanimously* in favor thereof, being also an unanimous vote of all the lodges represented at this meeting, viz:—Albion, Saint John's, Carleton Union, Midian, Union of Portland, Woodstock, Alley, Northumberland, Miramichi, New Brunswick, Hibernia, Sussex, Leinster, and Saint Andrew.

(NOTE.—The representatives of Solomon's and Saint George Lodges were not present when the foregoing vote was taken.)

On motion of Bro. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 436, seconded by Bro. Call, W. M., No. 701, it was

Unanimously Resolved, That the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England be, for the present adopted as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, so far as the same may be found applicable to existing circumstances, except nevertheless, that the following officers shall be elected by grand lodge, viz:—Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer and Grand Tyler; the remaining officers to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. Marshall, P. M., No. 535, seconded by Bro. John Willis, P. M., No. 301, it was

Resolved, That this grand lodge proceed to the election of officers, and that such election shall be conducted by nomination and ballot.

Whereupon, on nomination of Bro. Dr. R. Munro, W. M. No. 535, the Right Worshipful Brother Robert T. Clinch, at present District Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of

England, was unanimously and by acclamation elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 400, seconded by Bro. Marshall, P. M., No. 535, the chairman appointed the Worshipful Brothers W. H. A. Keans, P. M., John Willis, P. M., and James McDougal, W. M., being the senior representatives present of the lodges heretofore hailing from England, Ireland and Scotland, a delegation to wait upon the Right Worshipful Brother Clinch to inform him of the action of this grand lodge, and to request his acceptance of the office of Grand Master.

Upon the return of the delegation, Bro. Keans reported that, pursuant to the direction of grand lodge, the delegates had waited upon the R. W. Bro. Clinch and conveyed to him the wishes of the grand lodge. Bro. Clinch replied, that he was exceedingly sorry that the official position he now held as District Grand Master under the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and which he had not resigned, must in itself preclude him from accepting the distinguished office unanimously tendered to him by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; that, at the same time he had no desire to fill any office, notwithstanding his full appreciation of the compliment paid him.

The grand lodge thereupon proceeded to the election of grand officers, when the following were duly nominated and unanimously elected by acclamation, viz:—

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS.....	Grand Master
R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. JOHN W. M. P. FLEWELLING.....	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. JAMES BROWN.....	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. ROBERT WILLIAM DONARD, D. D.....	Grand Chaplain
R. W. JOHN W. A. KEANS.....	Grand Treasurer

On motion of Bro. Edward Willis, seconded by Bro. James Robertson, it was

Resolved, That the number and status of each lodge, represented at the organization of this grand lodge, shall be determined by the date of the warrant from the grand lodge respectively under which they have worked up to the time of the formation of this grand lodge.

On motion of Bro. John V. Ellis, seconded by Bro. William Wedderburn, it was

Resolved, That, until the issue of proper warrants, the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall be empowered to grant dispensations, under his sign manual, to all lodges in the province desiring to continue their work.

On motion of Bro. John V. Ellis, seconded by Bro. Robert Marshall, it was

Resolved, That each lodge represented at and assisting in the organization of this grand lodge, shall have warrants issued to them for the sum of two dollars.

On motion of Bro. Edward Willis, seconded by Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to frame a constitution and general regulations for the government of this grand lodge, and report thereon at the next communication.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master-elect appointed as such committee, Brothers William Wedderburn, John V. Ellis, Wm. F. Bunting, Robert Marshall and Edward Willis.

On motion of Bro. John V. Ellis, seconded by Bro. George B. Cushing, it was

Resolved, That immediately upon the appointment of a grand secretary, all grand lodges be notified of the erection and organization of this grand lodge, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada be invited to visit and consecrate this grand lodge and install the grand master-elect; and in the event of his being

unable to attend, that the grand master-elect be authorized to invite the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or a Past Grand Master, of the neighboring Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, to be present and assist in the installation.

On motion of Bro. William Wedderburn, seconded by Bro. David R. Munro, it was

Resolved, That the minutes of the preliminary meeting of masters and past masters, held on the sixteenth day of August last, the circular letter issued pursuant to resolution of that meeting, and the minutes of yesterday and to-day's convention, be placed on the files and entered on the records of this grand lodge.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That all lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of New Brunswick, be required to surrender to their respective grand lodges, on or before the thirty-first day of May next, the warrants now held by them.

After a most harmonious session, the convention was adjourned until the necessary arrangements be made for consecrating the grand lodge, and installing the grand master-elect.

B. LESTER PETERS,
Chairman.

W. WEDDERBURN,

Secretary.