

titles and privileges as the oldest and wealthiest in the world. "Might," in Masonry, is not "right." The *Freemason* says: "When the Grand Lodge of Quebec 'swarmed' from the Grand Lodge of Canada, after a little the question was raised as to the position of the English Lodges. Then it was discovered, for the first time, that the status conceded by Grand Master Wilson and the Grand Lodge of Canada, was essentially wrong." In this particular our excellent contemporary is altogether in error. These foreign lodges in Canada were a constant source of annoyance and irritation, especially an itinerant lodge that was nominally located at L'Original. Year after year in Grand Lodge complaints were brought forward, but owing to the unwise action of the late M. W. Bro. Wilson, it was impossible to take action upon the same. The Grand Lodge of Quebec was well acquainted at her formation with these difficulties and troubles, and determined, from the outset, to adhere to the universally acknowledged doctrine on this continent, of exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty.

The *Freemason* falls very naturally into the error that this exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty arose from the fact that the different States of the United States were Sovereign, and consequently entitled to Sovereign Grand Lodges, but our contemporary must remember that the Territories within the United States, which have no claims to be Sovereign, have also Sovereign and independent Grand Lodges, and that the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada are, in many respects, more independent than the States of the Union,

and such being the case, they, too, are equally entitled to exercise, as Masons, their prerogatives, and claim the right to govern the Craft within their own respective jurisdictions, without regard to any foreign or outside Masonic Body, no matter how influential that foreign organization may be.

The Grand Lodge of England may think it courteous and fraternal in the extreme to hourly insult the Grand Lodge of Quebec; she may think it is quite legitimate and right to allow her lodges in Montreal to make Masons of men rejected in Toronto, and who reside in Toronto. If this is the Masonry taught and practiced by the Grand Lodge of England, the sooner it is driven out of Canada the better. What guarantee have we that the outcasts and scum of society will not be made Masons by the lodges under the English Constitution, working in Montreal, if the Grand Lodge of England permits them to take men from a sister Province, who have been rejected, and turn them out brothers of the Mystic Tie? We ask the *Freemason* what it would say if a candidate, black-balled in England, were to run over here for a few months and during that period received his Masonic degrees from an Ontario or Quebec Lodge? Would he be acknowledged as a Mason on his return to England, and would the brethren of the lodge that black-balled him there, allow him to sit with them? Of course not; if they had the spirit of men at all they would protest against such an outrage; yet the *Freemason* desires the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the