

derived from the United Grand Lodge of England should be returned through him, as the agent of that Grand Lodge. This was consented to, on condition that the said warrants should never be used to revive Lodges in Canada. With this understanding, by unanimous votes of the Lodges, several warrants were immediately surrendered, and they were received, as was supposed in good faith, to be returned to the source whence they originated. Here is a note from the Provincial Grand Secretary acknowledging the receipt of one of these warrants.

Provincial Grand Lodge,
District Montreal and William Henry,
Montreal, 5th November, 1855.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to acknowledge receipt of the Warrant of Constitution of the St. George's Lodge of this City, that Lodge having ceased to work under the United Grand Lodge of England.

I have received the half-yearly returns of the said Lodge to 1st instant, with the sum of seven Pounds Eight Shillings, in payment of the dues accrued, and I shall make early application to the Grand Secretary for the certificates which those returns call for.

I am,

Sir, and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

OGILVY MOFFATT.

P. G. Secretary.

Brother John Charles Spence, &c., &c.,
Montreal.

Now the result as to the warrant of St. George's Lodge, will illustrate the game at which our Provincial authorities have been playing, and in which they have been so promptly check-mated by R. W. Brother Brown.

Several months elapsed, during which the most extraordinary efforts were made to arouse to adverse action certain disappointed, dying-out old fogies. At length an old P. M. who, during two years occupancy of the oriental chair, was never able to work his lodge through three degrees, was found ready to receive and unfurl the old parchment. The city was literally scoured to gather under this banner an army of "loyalists" to put down "rebellion." In violation of all masonic law, usage and principle, masons who had been unaffiliated, in some instances, for more than ten years, and men who had been excluded from their lodges were made to fill the several offices, and thus was St. George's Lodge, 643, E. R., made to return to its allegiance. Its books, property, money, members and masonry, however, belong to No. 13, Canada Register. The same course having been pursued in one or two other instances those lodges which had not sent in their warrants decided to retain them, in their own possession, until they should be demanded by the Grand Lodge of England, or disposed of in a manner more in accordance with the principles and interests of masonry.

Prevost Lodge, which has a large and highly respectable membership, was perfectly unanimous in its action in reference to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Subse-

quently, however, one of its members who happened to have possession of the jewels, &c., and had been informed by the P. G. M. that one dissentient could retain them, took it into his head to be very "loyal" and hold on to them. It was to accommodate him and perhaps one other person, that the warrant was demanded. Once in his possession, the Grand Lodge of England would have been advised that Prevost Lodge had retired to its allegiance, and was working under her jurisdiction. If there are really seven members in Dunham who want a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, let them apply for a dispensation and organize one, and we promise not only to pay for the Dispensation, but will send each of them—and all the masons they can make—a copy of the *Pioneer* gratis. A course of procedure so utterly unmasonic and so unmanly as that to which I advert can only result in mischief, and must inevitably cover those who are engaged in it with disgrace. We therefore admonish all concerned that the sooner it is discontinued the better.

Provincial Grand Lodge,
District of Montreal and William Henry,
Montreal, 7th January, 1857.

DEAR SIR,—By command of the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master of this district, I am instructed to demand from you the warrant of constitution of Prevost Lodge, No. 776, E. R., held from the Grand Lodge of England, under which yourself, and several members of that Lodge have for some time passed ceased to work, and request that the same may be transmitted to him through me.

I am Dear Sir,
Yours truly,

(Signed)

OGILVY MOFFATT,
P. G. Secretary.

David Brown, Esq.,
Dunham.

Dunham, 23rd January, 1857.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your demand upon me, by the hands of Mr. Kemp, for the English Warrant of Constitution of Prevost Lodge, I have to say, that for the present at least, I must most respectfully decline complying with that demand, for several reasons, among which are the following:—

That the existence of the Grand Lodge of Canada, whose jurisdiction I acknowledge, precludes, in my opinion, the possibility of any other body in the same territory, having sufficient power to take the Warrant of Constitution from a subordinate Lodge, more particularly when such warrant was not granted by the body so demanding it.

That the said Warrant of Constitution emanated from the Grand Lodge of England, that therefore, even though a Provincial Grand Lodge did exist, I could not recognize its right to demand from me that which it never had power to grant.

That my own convictions are, that a compliance with this requisition would not in any degree tend to the benefit of the Institution of Freemasonry in Canada, as has already been proved, by the compliance of others with like demands.

That whenever a demand for the said War-

rant shall be made, by the Grand Lodge of England, sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Canada, I shall feel bound to give it my best consideration.

With great respect,

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

DAVID BROWN.

Ogilvy Moffatt, Esq.,
Montreal.

CANADIAN MASONIC PIONEER.—The *Pioneer* boldly asserts he was not lost in the woods. That's only hearsay. Not a word about the snow. Now we of the *Messenger* proclaim this publicly that the *Pioneer* on his travel to New York has either lost his way or been seduced from his duty. Any person knowing of his whereabouts, or will undertake to deliver him at the *Masonic Messenger* office, shall be handsomely rewarded. *Vivat Victoria*; a special edict. Fear and obey.—*Masonic Messenger*.

Snow? Got none.

Lost his way on travel to New York? New York's *hard road* to travel.

Seduced? Like to see the fellow could do it.

Whereabouts? Always on the "look-out."

Handsomely rewarded? *Shell out*.

We have a letter from that world-renowned and universally admired Brother, *Rob Morris*, of old Kentucky, Editor of the *American Freemason*, in which he says, "I will certainly be with you at your July meeting." "So mote it be." Exact day; 'second Wednesday in July.' Place, Montreal. Many latch-strings will be found out—pull the one at 128 *Craig Street*.

By invitation several of the Canadian Brethren visited Champlain Lodge at its last monthly communication, and were most courteously received. At the desire of the W. M., and the expressed wish of the members of Champlain Lodge, R. W. Brother J. H. Isaacson, of Montreal, the Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for a time ruled the Lodge, and during his occupancy of the chair, assisted by the Canadian brethren, initiated a candidate into the mysteries of freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in accordance with the English ritual.

PALESTINE, TEXAS, Jany. 21, 1857.

In the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Resolution 9th from the Report on Foreign Correspondence was adopted, as follows:—

"Resolved that the Grand Lodge of Texas has witnessed the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge in Canada, with pleasure, as a movement calculated to conduce to the best interests of Freemasonry; and that we extend the right hand of fellowship and ask an interchange of masonic intelligence.

A new lodge at Quebec, C. E., under the Grand Lodge of Canada, is shortly to be established under the most favourable auspices, to be known as "La Loge Champlain."