

on the 20th March last, and the officers installed by His Excellency Lord Carrington, M.W.G.M. of New South Wales, and asking for official recognition and an interchange of Representatives.

I would suggest that their request be complied with.

ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

The differences between the Grand Lodge of England and that of Quebec have formed no unimportant part of the business submitted for your consideration in the past. You are, no doubt, familiar with every step which has been taken, up to and including the action of this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication. Your then, M. W. Grand Master recommended that, in view of strengthening the hands of M. W. Bro. Walkem in his endeavor to mediate, Grand Lodge should authorize and empower his successor in office to suspend, or even withdraw, the edicts of this Grand Lodge against the Grand Lodge of England and its Lodges, whenever advised or requested so to do by Grand Master Walkem.

This Grand Lodge, by unanimous vote, adopted by resolution the recommendation of your then Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robinson.

M. W. Bro. Walkem, acting in his capacity as mediator, having requested me to withdraw the edicts, I therefore, on the 23rd of October, 1889, issued the following Proclamation :—

PROCLAMATION.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. & A. M.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

MONTREAL, P.Q., October 23rd, 1889.

To all Brethren of obedience to the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, and to all whom the following may concern :

Whereas, on the first day of January, 1885, M. W. Bro. E. K. JOHNSON, then Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, issued his Proclamation forbidding all Brethren acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to hold any Masonic intercourse with any Member or Members of any Lodge existing in this Province, enrolled on the Register of any Foreign Grand Lodge, in so far as Ancient Craft Masonry is concerned ;