

either in favor of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or are indifferent to the question altogether.

Let the brethren of Ontario seek in a friendly brotherly way, the fullest information on the subject, and the brethren of Quebec will be ready to respond, but to seek to crush this movement, by withholding all the information which can be procured in its favor, is neither manly, just, nor masonic.

I am, Sir,

Yours fraternally,

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We willingly accede to the request of R.W. Bro. Murray of Montreal, to give him the use of the CRAFTSMAN columns to urge such reasons as he considers "good" for the action of our Quebec Brethren; and only regret that he has thought proper to avail himself of the privilege to animadvert on the want of consistency of the M.W. Grand Master, which, even if the facts are exactly as stated by Bro. Murray, in no way affects the question of the legality or constitutionality of the secession movement. As to the charge against ourselves of being unfairly one-sided, we emphatically plead "not guilty." The letter accompanying this communication states that our general agent, when in Montreal, informed Bro. Murray that we should be pleased to give him or any other brother the use of our columns to define their position. The same statement was previously made in the Craftsman, and that this offer has not hitherto been availed of, is no fault of ours. It is true that after the most careful study we have been unable to concur in the action of our Quebec Brethren, and have felt called on to point out what we believed to be the mistakes they had fallen into, &c.

With reference to the reasons assigned by Bro. Murray, as to why the matter was not discussed in Grand Lodge before the movement took place, we are bound to admit their general correctness, for we have repeatedly heard Grand Master Wilson declare that, in the absence of memorials from the Quebec Brethren expressive of their desire for separation, he would permit *no discussion* on any motion brought forward by any individual member, on a subject having for its object a dismemberment of Grand Lodge, while he occupied the Chair; that no Grand Lodge had authority to make a Grand Lodge; and further, that if our "Quebec Brethren" were satisfied that they had precedent and authority for such a proceeding, they had better act upon their own convictions in the matter, and that *then* Grand Lodge would be in a position properly to discuss its legality. This line of ruling appears to have been followed by the distinguished brother who now occupies the Grand East; and the whole question is now fairly open for discussion and settlement.

The main question, which has already been fully and carefully considered and decided by Grand Lodge, is, as to the right of our Quebec