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The Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., was held in the Masonic Chambers, Place d'Armes Square, on Thursday, 27th January. There was a very large attendance of members from all parts of the Province.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. F. Walker, called the Grand Lodge to order shortly after ten o'clock. After routine, R. W. Bro. Alfred A. Hall, Deputy Grand Master of Vermont, was received by the members of the Grand Lodge with the usual Masonic honors.

The Grand Master, in the course of his annual address, said, in part:—"The year upon which we hold this communication is an important one. Our Queen, whom we love and reverence, fifty years ago ascended the throne. All divisions of the great British nation hail the jubilee with loud acclaim, and no portion of that Empire has more sincere feelings of gratitude that Victoria has been spared so long to reign over us than the part contained within the territorial limits of Quebec. We earnestly pray that further favors may be bestowed on her." During the year, King Solomon Lodge, No. 69, Aylmer, was constituted. Reference was made to the various visits made during the year, and the Grand Lodge was asked to confer the honorary rank of Past Grand Senior Warden on W. Bro. Frank Baxter, of Highgate, Vermont, who, without solicitation, has been unflinching in his efforts to place the

position of the Grand Lodge before the Masonic world. Some correspondence had taken place between him and the G. L. of Canada, in reference to a lodge under Quebec's jurisdiction having initiated a man from Ontario. The Master of the lodge had been suspended pending action of the Grand Lodge, for interfering with the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge. Reference was made to the controversy between the English and Quebec Grand Lodges, and to the edict issued by him proclaiming non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of England and its subordinate lodges. The Grand Master continued:—"The printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge show a continued and persistent attempt to solve the difficulty by peaceful means, which has failed.

The addresses of my predecessors demonstrated in the clearest manner that the doctrine of Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction was not only held by all the American Grand Lodges, and Scotland, but by England also. Their arraignments have been unanswered, for they were unanswerable. We would be unworthy the name of Freemasons did we, because comparatively small in number, fear to do that which was right on account of the power and strength of the Grand Lodge perpetrating a gross injustice. We shall be glad of the support of our sister Grand Lodges, but whether such support is received or not can make no difference in the stand we have taken in defence of