

from the Deputy Grand Master having "refused to move," we find that the utmost promptitude was evinced in giving effect to the wishes of Grand Lodge. As the chief executive officer in the Province of Quebec, it devolved upon R. W. Bro. White, to take the initiative; but as the resolution passed in Grand Lodge had been moved by V. W. Bro. Racicot, courtesy, as well as a due regard for the permanent settlement of the difficulty, required that that Brother should be consulted. Accordingly, as we are authorized to say, on the Tuesday after his return he having reached Montreal from the meeting of Grand Lodge only on Saturday night, R. W. Bro. White wrote to Bro. Racicot, consulting him as to the best mode of initiating a conference with representatives of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. The absence from home of Bro. Racicot, unfortunately caused a delay of about a week or ten days, but on his return the necessary steps were at once taken to bring matters to a successful issue. A meeting of leading Masons of Montreal was called by the Deputy Grand Master to confer as to the best course to pursue, and that meeting was held on the 5th August. So soon as it could be ascertained at what time the brethren from the country could most conveniently meet, the following circular was issued:

"OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

*"Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.*

"MONTREAL, 19th August, 1871.

"DEAR SIR AND W. BROTHER,

"At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held at Ottawa, the following Resolution was adopted after a very full discussion of the position of Freemasonry in this part of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge:

[Here follows the Resolution of Grand Lodge which we have already published in the CRAFTSMAN.]

"After my return to Montreal, having been honored with the position of Deputy Grand Master, I deemed it my duty to give effect as soon as possible to the views of Grand Lodge; and with that object summoned a meeting of the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in this city, to consult as to the most convenient way of obtaining the views of the loyal brethren of the Province of Quebec, in relation to what (if any) steps should be taken to heal the differences now unhappily dividing Freemasons in this Province. At that meeting, which was attended by representatives of all the city Lodges, the following proceedings took place:

"MONTREAL, 5th August, 1871.

"At a meeting of the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Canada, held this evening at the Masonic Hall,—R. W. Bro. Thomas White, D. G. M., in the Chair—after a free and full discussion on the subject of the Resolutions adopted at Grand Lodge, held in the city of Ottawa, the following was unanimously adopted:

"1. That it is the opinion of this meeting that under existing circumstances it is desirable that the Craft in the Province of Quebec should be under one Jurisdiction.

"2. That a meeting of the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Canada in this Province be called at an early date to devise some method of settlement of this question.

"3. That R. W. Bro. Thomas White, D. G. M., be instructed to call the meeting at an early date for the above purpose.

"W. MACKENZIE, Sec., pro. tem."

"Having consulted with a number of the brethren as to the most convenient time for such meeting as that proposed, I beg to request that you will cause your Lodge to be represented at a meeting to be held in the Masonic Chambers, Place d'Armes, on Wednesday the 13th September prox., at ten o'clock a. m.