

occasion of the happy union of the remaining 'Canada' lodges in our Province, with this Grand Body, there were transmitted to us, through me as the then Grand Master, by the late M. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, as our proper inheritance, an antique Masonic 'square' of gold, having a 'brilliant' at the angle, and having thereon this inscription: 'The gift of His Royal Highness Prince Edward, the first R. W. Grand Master of Ancient Masons in Canada,' and on the reverse, 'R. W. Grand Lodge, Lower Canada.' And also a large key of fine gold, with 'monogram' surmounted by a 'crown,' the gift also to that Provincial Grand Lodge, of Prince William Henry, the Duke of Clarence and afterwards William IV.

"These precious relics we highly prize. You will find them for inspection during this communication, on the desk of the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Master in his address in 1875, called attention to the presentation of these jewels, but it seemed to me to be most fitting to make more full reference to them on the memorable occasion of our present assembly in this ancient capital.

"And while with great satisfaction we call to remembrance the auspicious rule as Provincial Grand Master of our R. W. and Royal Brother, and while we so highly prize these precious mementos of his Masonic reign, which we possess, yet the memory of his sojourn in this grand old city will, I believe, be cherished as fondly amongst us as citizens and Craftsmen by the two following patriotic and fraternal utterances which have come down to us, and which I know you will be pleased to have me make mention of at the present time, in order that they may through you, be transmitted to the coming generations of Craftsmen.

"On an important occasion and amidst peculiar circumstances, during a brief address, with deep emotion he said: 'Let there never more be heard amongst you the words, 'the king's

old and new subjects;' 'the French and the English inhabitants,' 'you are all the king's Canadian subjects.' And at another time while presiding in lodge, a brother in speaking upon a question, addressed him as 'Your Royal Highness,' whereupon the R. W. Provincial Grand Master said, 'Worshipful brother, there are no Royal Highnesses here, *we are all brethren.*'

"Among the more recent events worthy of being brought to mind on this memorable occasion also, I recall with pleasure that the late R. W. Bro. James Dean, the last Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec and Three Rivers, English Registry, was unanimously elected an honorary Past Grand Master of this M. W. Grand Lodge at its formation;—that V. W. Bro. James Duubar, of this city, P. G. Junior Warden, and P. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 182, English Registry, presided at the convention held at Montreal, for the establishment of this Grand Body, and was at a subsequent communication, elected D. G. M., and afterwards G. M.; that R. W. Bro. J. S. Bowen, of the lodge St. Andrew, of this city, No. 356, Scottish Registry, was the first D. G. M. of this Grand Lodge; and that R. W. Bros. H. J. Pratten and C. Judge, of this city, have also held the same high office. Other brethren of this city and district, have also filled important offices in Grand Lodge, to their own credit and to the good of the Craft. And it cannot be forgotten by myself and others, that it was the far-seeing, fraternal decision of the English, Scotch and Canadian lodges of this city, to unite with the majority of their sister lodges throughout the Province, which gave the final impetus to the movement for the establishment of this Grand Lodge."

HONORARY BANK.

"In recognition of his great merits as a Craftsman, and of his untiring, long-continued and efficient efforts at