

ashes" when tasted, let us hope he will, before it is too late, abandon "the evil side," and once more array himself on the side of the right.

#### CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE.

Within a recent period a very small clique, who make up for lack of numbers and ability by the characteristics of the true demagogue, "bluster" and "cheek," have been shouting "Independence for Canada." You, my brethren, know how delusive this cry is, and that "independence" is the sugary term for annexation. I think on this occasion it is only fitting that this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, for themselves individually, and for their constituents, should place on record their unalterable opposition to this new political "fad." The independence experiment would be too costly; and when we came to assume the burthen of supporting an army, navy and diplomatic service, it would be found that we were paying too dearly for "the whistle." We now enjoy all the freedom that the freest nation in the world affords, and we have all the benefits and advantages of national existence without the expense attending "independence." I believe that a grander future awaits our young Dominion. The question of Imperial Federation from day to day assumes a more practical form, and on the consummation of that scheme the future of Canada as a portion of the greatest empire the world has ever seen will be assured, and the banner we all love,

"The flag that has waved on every sea,  
No matter when or where,"

the meteor flag of England, will still continue ours.

#### THE OLD LAND.

I have received a circular from the Building Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, appealing for assistance in erecting an Orange Hall in Dublin. The object is a worthy one, and will no doubt meet with the moral and material support of the members in our jurisdiction. I would suggest the appointment of a Committee to consider the matter and report at this session the best method of procedure in dealing with this question. I may say that the so-called Nationalists of Ireland obtain their funds to carry on their nefarious and lawless schemes at least in part from Canada, and it seems to me that the Orangemen of Ontario and Canada should not be less generous in contributing their mite to support the parent society in its struggles in maintaining law and order.

#### THE SENTINEL.

No society such as ours is fully equipped for the work it is intended to perform unless it has an official newspaper. I am glad to say that the official organ of the Orange Association in this Province, *THE SENTINEL*, fully meets the requirements of the Society, and I take great pleasure in recommending it to the brethren. Now that the subscription is placed at such a low figure, there is no reason why the only newspaper which is the exponent of Orange views in Canada should not have a subscription list of 20,000.

#### INCREASED WORK.

Before concluding I desire to draw the attention of the members to the greatly increased work performed during the past year by the

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