

years ago in regard to the exclusive right of self government *in its entirety*, and acknowledged its daughter Grand Lodges with less friction and hearty god speed than these same Grand Lodges, and when we contrast the grudging, selfish spirit exhibited by England in its retention of power over the few lodges it leaves behind to mar the noble structures that it has made, it will be better for Masonry when the principle of Exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction is acknowledged by its rulers. But why continue the controversy, surely twenty-five years of good Masonic work by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, attending to the wants of the hundreds of Masonic brethren of England, who are stranded in its cities, should be suggestive of gratitude to a Grand Body who looks after its needy members with so liberal a hand, it not justice to a grand principle that works with such good effect on this continent, in spreading the divine principles of Masonry. Is there not sufficient statesmanship in England to get over this difficulty without humiliating any body who has taken a part in this controversy? We suggested a plan once, which we feel sure would be effective. Cannot our contemporaries bring its great influence to bear in getting this matter settled, and so bring a great scandal on our Craft to an end.

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WE congratulate R. W. Bro. Major John A. McGillivray, Q.C., P.D.D.G. M., on his election to the House of Commons, to represent the constituency of North Ontario in the present parliament. Bro. McGillivray's numerous friends feel highly satisfied at his success.



BARTON MASONIC LODGE CENTENNIAL.

We take up considerable space in this number with an account of the centenary celebration of Barton Lodge, Hamilton. In a new country like Canada, a hundred years covers a long span in its history, and we need no apology in placing on record this Masonic event.

The Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, now known as Barton Lodge No. 6, G.R.C., was instituted in the year 1795. The original warrant or dispensation under which it was constituted was issued on the 20th of November of that year, and the place where Hamilton now stands was known as the "Head of the Lake." The lodge was constituted eighteen years before Hamilton was known even as a village, and twenty-nine years before it had a regular church building, and sixteen years before even a waggon way was cut between the "Head of the Lake" and York, now Toronto. During its hundred years the lodge has gone through many vicissitudes. There were years of inactivity, during the troublesome times following 1812, minutes and various valuable documents disappeared, jewels were lost and other setbacks were experienced. A good many of the documents have been recovered, and only a few days