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UNPEACEFUL CANADA.

By, and anent Masonic Bodies in the Dominion of Canada, there are at this present, *five* edicts of non-intercourse, &c., existing, as follows:—

The Grand Chapter of Quebec *vs.* the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, and its subordinates in Montreal;—the Grand Lodge of Quebec *vs.* three English lodges in Montreal;—the Grand Lodge of Quebec *vs.* the Grand Lodge of England;—the Great Priory of (the Dominion of) Canada *vs.* two Scotch Commanderies in New Brunswick;—and the Great Priory of England and Wales *vs.* the Great Priory of Canada!

Pray, how much longer is this unhappy and unfraternal condition of affairs to continue?

Our answer is that it will cease the moment that the Grand Bodies of the mother country acknowledge the Independent Masonic Grand Bodies in the self governing Colonies of the Empire to be their *Peers*, and govern themselves accordingly.

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

The Thirteenth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in the city of Winnipeg, on the 8th and 9th of February last.

In a little over a month from said dates we were in receipt of a copy of the Proceedings, neatly got up, well printed on extra fine paper, nicely arranged, carefully indexed, and consisting of over 85 pages.

Few of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, and Past Masters were absent, and about thirty of the forty constituent lodges were duly represented.

The excellent address of Grand Master M. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, of Winnipeg, was both practical and "poetic," clearly showing that he had zealously and efficiently performed much good work during the past year, and that the craft in the premier prairie province of the Dominion had continued to prosper during his administration.

The Reports of the D. D. Grand Masters indicate general fidelity in the performance of their important duties.

The Reports of the Grand Secretary, who is also Grand Librarian, are especially good and noteworthy. R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott is not only an efficient Grand Secretary, but he is unmistakably as it seems to us, *par excellence* "the Grand Lodge Librarian of the Dominion. Even the "Mother Grand Lodge" of Canada" will have to look to her laurels *in hac re*.

The various reports of the Treasurer and of the Board of General Purposes all indicate fidelity and efficiency.

Among the unusual labors, was the adoption of a revised Constitution, a copy of which we hope to receive ere long.

Taken all in all we congratulate the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on its substantial prosperity during the past year.

M. W. Bro. Dr. Rob. Morris, P. G. M., Kentucky, Masonic "Poet Laureate," was present during the session, and in response to a hearty fraternal