Bro. Edward Meek, of Toronto, M. M.
Bro. James J. Hall, of St. Marys, M. M., St. James Lodge, No. 73.
Bro. Joseph Iredale, of St. Marys, M. M., St James Lodge, No. 73.
Bro. William L. Judson of London, M. M, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245.
Bro. Oliver J. Biddle, of London, E. A, Eden Lodge, (late) U. D.
Bro. Daniel Turner, of London, E. A, Eden Lodge, (late) U. D.
Bro. Thomas R. Barton, of London, E. A., Eden Lodge, (late) U. D.
Bro. Joseph B. Sabine, of London, E. A., Eden Lodge, (late) U. D.
Bro. D. M. J. Hagarty, of London, E. A., Eden Lodge, (late) U. D.
Bro. Thomas S. Minton, of London, E. A., Eden Lodge, (late) U. D.
Bro. Peter Smith, of London, E. A, Eden Lodge, (late) U. D.
Bro George T. Hiscox, of London, E. A, Eden Lodge, (late) U. D.
Bro Owen G. Collamore, of London, M. M., Barton Lodge, No. 6.
Bro. William Wallace Oakes, of St. Thomas, M. M., (late of) Spartan Lodge, No. 176.
Bro. Theodore H. McConnell, of London, M. M, King Hiram Lodge, No. 37.
Bro. Charles W. Graham, of London, M. M., (late of) Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171.
Bro. Miles A. Wright, of London, M. M, Bothwell Lodge, No. 179.
Bro. M. Morris, of Toronto, M. M.
Bro. Frederick Smith, of Toronto, M. M.
Bro. Thomas Anderson, of Toronto, M. M., Ashlar Lodge, No. 247.

Bro. John H. Ley alone appealed against the suspension, and upon his denying that he was in any way connected with the above movement, and at his request, I issued a commission directed to R. W. Bro J. E. Harding, R. W. Bro. Thomas C. Macnabb and R. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, authorizing them to inquire into the matter, and to take evidence touching the appeal of Brother Ley, and also concerning the action taken by the other brethren named, and to report the same to me. The evidence so taken by them, with their report, will be submitted to Grand Lodge for your consideration.

It may perhaps not be out of place here to say a few words respecting the statement put forth by the brethren who have formed the organization called by them, "The Grand Lodge of Ontario."

1. It is said by them that there exists no regularly constituted Grand Lodge of our Order for the Province of Ontario.

It is scarcely necessary, after so much attention has been given to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to recapitulate the various steps taken to form the same in 1855, and to maintain the same from that time down to this, its twenty first annual communication, nor need we stay to call attention to the fact that our Grand Lodge has been recognized by the Grand Lodges throughout the world as properly and regularly constituted, with full and complete Masonic jurisdiction over the Province of Ontario. The fact that we have withdrawn from part of the territory over which we had exercised jurisdiction does not in any way impair the completeness of our jurisdiction over that portion from which we have *not* withdrawn. This has been conceded and recognized by our Masonic brethren all the world over—and the argument which has been raised that the name of our Grand Lodge is *now* a misnomer, may be characterized as a question of *taste* rather than one of Masonic constitutional law. On this subject the brethren of our Grand Lodge have been controlled by the not unnatural feeling of affection and respect for the distinctive name of which they have so long been proud, and although the subject has received their consideration they have not yet come to the conclusion that there is any duty cast upon them to change the name of Grand Lodge so as to make it accord with the *new* name of the Province over which it has established its right to exercise Masonic jurisdiction. None of the other Grand Lodges within our Dominion have expressed any desire that such change should be made, nor are we aware of any inconvenience having arisen from the continuance of the distinctive name by which our Grand Lodge has become known in every quarter of the globe.

What shall be said, however, of those who find fault with the regularity of the constitution of our Grand Lodge when their action is considered? Five brethren, representing no persons but themselves, without the concurrence of a single Lodge or any other Masonic authority, signed a declaration of incorporation as "The Grand Lodge of Ontario," and forthwith duly proclaimed themselves a duly constituted Grand Lodge. Not one Lodge authorized any such meeting, or delegated any such persons to act on their behalf. Not one Lodge has since approved of their action, or expressed the slightest sympathy with them or their design; and, although some