

State of Maine on the east, to the State of Michigan or Central Ohio on the west;—the meetings of Grand Lodge itinerating over such vast distances, and causing an enormous and impoverishing expense to many of the Lodges, especially those less wealthy in the country parts, in sending delegates thereto:—the impracticability very often, of carrying up appeals and the like before Grand Lodge except at a ruinous expenditure to many Brethren, of time and money, and hence cases oft postponed, or going by default;—the impracticability on account of the necessarily inherent *dual* conflicting Provincial interests and preferences, of securing permanently located offices for Grand Lodge and owned by it;—the utter impracticability of erecting any edifice for the use of G. L. in any locality which would be satisfactory to *both* Provinces;—the like impossibility of erecting a Masonic Asylum for which a large sum of money was raised, and appropriated, and notwithstanding the "Asylum Trust," have annually for a long time, urged the importance of further action by G. L., have indicated localities, proposed plans, suggested "ways and means," yet for the above mentioned and other obvious reasons, it has hitherto been found impossible to take action thereon; and the same has been true and *under the double-majority regime*, would continue, to be true in regard to a proposed Masonic Orphan School, Masonic Farm, and all other such like schemes of practical Masonic benevolence; any one of which seeming expedient and desirable, can, without doubt, be successfully carried out in each Province by their respective Grand Lodges.

6th. And had the Brethren of the Province of Quebec, been willing for any longer period, to continue in the same unsatisfactory position as for the past two years especially, there would always have existed the painful suspense arising from the ever-impending and ever-threatening probability that whenever they should see fit, a constitutional and customary number of Lodges would assemble and assert their inherent and traditionary rights by constituting themselves into a Supreme Grand Lodge for the said Province of Quebec.

7th. After the entire failure of the utopian Dominion scheme, and the consolidation and amalgamation scheme, the majority of the Brethren and Lodges in the Province of Quebec, having the highest good of the craft at heart, and believing that a sufficient length of time had been given to the consideration of the subject, after the most anxious and careful deliberation, decided, that they were fully justified in acting upon the only simple and constitutional solution of our long stand-