

to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, will soon follow their example. Only a small minority of the Lodges have not as yet given in their allegiance; there only remains, we believe, one Lodge under the registry of Scotland and three Lodges under the registry of England in the City of Montreal, and one in Quebec District, four in Bedford and two in Montreal District, still retaining their connection with the Grand Lodge of Canada. We are fully convinced that these Lodges have no wish to oppose the action of their brethren, taken for the purpose of benefiting the whole craft in this Province, and now that such action has received this high sanction, we hope that, whatever differences of opinion which might have existed in reference to the advisability of the formation of a Grand Lodge, will be laid aside, and that all the Lodges will unite in a peaceable adjustment of their disputes, and looking only to the interests of the craft, and the Honour of our Great Fraternity, will in future, as they have done in the past, work together in peace, love and harmony.

MASONIC HALL, MONTREAL.

We regret to have to report to our readers that the disagreement between the Trustees of the Masonic Hall, and some of the Lodges for whom they were acting, has not yet been arranged, and that the furniture and decorations of the Hall, provided at great expense by the craft here, and which have been the admiration of so many visitors, is still in possession of law officers, on a suit brought by the proprietor of the building at the request of the Trustees. We fail to see by what line of reasoning the Trustees can justify their conduct in this matter. They have not been put to any inconvenience or loss. The Lodges have notified them that they are ready at any time to pay all claims for rent, &c., and to relieve them from their responsibility if they desire it. The more we consider the matter, the more we are convinced that they have no excuse for acting as they have done, further than that of using the power delegated to them by the Lodges in the enforcement of their own peculiar views on the subject of Masonic jurisdiction. The Lodges maintain that they had the right to sever their connection with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and give in their adherence to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The Trustees maintain that they had no such right, and that by such action they have entailed the confiscation of their property for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The management of the Hall for the past five years has been vested in the hands of the Room Committee, composed of one representative from each Lodge,—and this Committee, in order that no difficulties should arise between the Lodges owning the property in the Hall,—(four of whom had given in their adherence to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, while the other two retained their connection with the Grand Lodge of Canada)—passed a resolution, unanimously, that the action of the four lodges who had severed their connexion from the Grand Lodge of Canada, should in no manner interfere with the relations which had heretofore existed between them all; but that they should use the Hall as heretofore, and defray their expenses in the usual manner through the Committee. A copy of this resolution was sent to the two Trustees; and one of them, holding the high position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, wrote to the