

equally good with regard to every Grand Lodge jurisdiction within the Dominion, and if this is to be endorsed *by the silence* of the Grand Lodge of Canada, it speaks little for her honor, her dignity, and her prestige.

We must remember also that this *incubus* in Montreal does not hesitate to make use of our *rejected material*. The man black-balled in Toronto can send in his application to Elgin, Argyle, or King Solomon Lodges, and obtain his three degrees in one evening. The boy of eighteen in Ottawa, eager to become a Mason, and knowing the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec receive none except those of mature age, and under the tongue of good report, flies off to Montreal, and is manufactured for a small fee into a Mason under the jurisdiction of the so-called Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal. Does any brother, then, mean to say that this does no harm to the Grand Lodge of Canada? *Is it not a direct insult to us that we cannot even claim control over the material of our own Province?* The Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal plainly says: "Make what laws you please, we don't care, we'll make Masons out of any material we choose, and you may do your best to prevent us—the Grand Lodge of Scotland gives us authority, and her diplomas you recognize." She is right. *The Grand Lodge of Canada, not having moved in the matter, has thus, during the past year, left a door open for unworthy material to gain admission into the Temple.* Are we to commit such egregious folly this session? We sincerely hope not.

It may seem hard to declare that

we will not hold Masonic intercourse with Masons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Our tendencies lean toward that Supreme Body, hoary with the frosts of many winters, and the Masonic history of whose Lodges extend centuries back into the dark ages; but though we remember these things, we must ever recollect that we are also *Canadian* Masons, and if under separate authority, so far as symbolic Masonry is concerned, we are under one and the same so far as Capitular, Cryptic and Templar Masonry, the A. & A. Rite and the A. & P. Rite are interested; we repeat, therefore, that from the *narrow standpoint* of Canadian Masonry alone, *duty* demands that the Grand Lodge of Canada, as the mother Grand Lodge in the Dominion, should be the first to vindicate the rights and uphold the privileges of the exclusive sovereignty of her daughter, the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

If Grand Lodge sovereignty means anything on this continent it means that *no* Grand Lodge, however old, however powerful, has *any right* to interfere in any way with rules, edicts, and laws of a sister sovereign Grand Lodge. It means that no Grand Lodge can, in any way, shape, or form, trespass upon the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge, without bringing down upon herself the righteous indignation of every sister Grand Lodge in the world. We cannot hold intercourse with Masons hailing from Grand Lodges that defy our power, break our laws, and wantonly insult our sense of justice and right.

We think, by the above remarks,