

I, RICHARD WIGMORE, Most Worthy Grand Master, of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F., hereby submit my cordial approval of the Proclamation aforesaid, and recommend to all Lodges within this jurisdiction, a faithful observance of the twenty sixth day of April next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Rejoicing over past mercies and successes, and of Prayer for the renewed blessing and usefulness of our Order in the future.

Without any desire to prescribe the *exact form* in which this Our Anniversary as an Order, shall be improved, I would advise that our gatherings upon that day, be to a considerable extent of a *Social* character; or sort of *Social Re Union*, or family gathering of Odd Fellows and their families, within the Lodge Room, interspersing the time with music, conversation, reading, remarks, &c. &c.

Fraternally submitted,

London, C. W., January 1st, 1867.

RICHARD WIGMORE,

M. W. Grand Master.

J. B. KING,

Grand Sec. and Tres.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER, }
London, May 1st, 1867.

To the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge, G. W.; and to the Officers and Members of Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, Canada West

BRETHREN:—Having through a recent Enactment of the Provincial Parliament of Canada, been forbidden as a Civil officer to take part in, or hold Membership with any Secret Order or Society, I am under the painful necessity of resigning the honorable position of Grand Master, to which your kindness has elevated me; and not only this,—I must entirely sever my identity as a brother.

This mandate whether judicious or otherwise, I am bound to respect, and I need not inform you that nothing but the commands of an authority to which my position in life binds me, would have induced me to take this step; but it is unavoidable—our relations must be severed, deeply as I regret it.