

by their utterances and their temper, we are compelled to say that they turn out very badly, and are decidedly 'below par.'"

Here again, we have in the *Chronicle*, in another form, a "re-hash" of the un-Masonic statement of the *Freemason* that the "present rulers of the Craft in Quebec are 'comparative nobodies.'"

We believe that this is the first time in the history of respectable Masonic journalism, that so low a plane in controversy has been reached. This low depth has been reserved for the insular "snobbery" of the "English" metropolis.

We will not be so far forgetful of our Masonic obligations as to retaliate in kind, although the temptation to do so could not be greater.

We know that the past and present rulers of the Craft in Quebec, will compare favorably with those of any other Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Tait was an initiate of the famous old St. Francis Lodge, of Richmond, Quebec,—he was for some years, a principal member of one of the leading legal firms of Montreal;—he has for some time been a Queen's Counsel,—and is now an honored judge of Her Majesty's Superior Court.

Past Grand Master Dunbar, of the city of Quebec, has long been a leading Queen's Counsel in the Civil, Criminal and Admiralty Courts, and few are better fitted by talent and experience to be a wearer of the ermine of a judge, than Bro. Dunbar.

Past Grand Master Johnson and (Acting) Grand Master Walker are brethren of genuine Masonic spirit, of no ordinary talent and well worthy of their distinguished position. The

former is a lawyer of no mean ability, and the latter is an educated business man of much executive and other capacity. They are both deservedly held in high esteem by their brethren, and although comparatively young, they have shown themselves to be worthy Freemasons and men of unusual sagacity and of much promise.

Of Past Grand Master Graham, it is all but needless for us to speak. All the Masonic leaders of the present generation are well acquainted with what he has done for "Quebec" and for Freemasonry in general. A well informed Foreign Correspondent has not incorrectly stated that "his labors for the Craft will last while the Fraternity of Freemasons endures on this Continent,"—and even *The (London) Freemason* itself, but voiced the intelligent opinion of the Masonic world, when it stated that "no more able ruler of the Craft exists" than Bro. Graham, of Quebec.

It is unnecessary for us now to speak of the excellent brethren who are and have been rulers in Quebec Capitular Masonry. We are not yet done with the narrow-minded "scribbler" of *The Freemason's (?) Chronicle*.

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THE London *Freemason* thinks the opinion expressed by Bro. Drummond, that rank in one Grand Chapter should follow a man into another, provided he affiliates, is a knotty question, and invites its readers to discuss it. We believe that Masonic rank acquired in one Grand jurisdiction is duly recognized by every other in Canada when a brother "settles" in the latter and becomes affiliated therein. If not, which do not?