

the City of Quebec, were requested to meet the Committee appointed by the "Grand Lodge of Canada" to consider the subject of amalgamation, not one member of either of these old and influential Lodges accepted such invitation; *but on the contrary*, two of the three, by their duly appointed delegates, co-operated in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and have since solemnly ratified the action of their representatives, and formally declared their allegiance to the new Grand Lodge; and the amalgamation movement was not more successful in the city of Montreal, than it had been in the city of Quebec.

4th. During the year 1866, a Grand Lodge had been formed in and for the Province of Nova Scotia, and its Grand Master installed by P. Grand Master Wilson, "Grand Lodge of Canada." and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia so formed is now acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as by the other Grand Lodges throughout the world. In the autumn of 1867 the Lodges of the Province of New Brunswick, formed themselves into a Grand Lodge, in and for the Province of New Brunswick, and that Grand Lodge is now acknowledged by the "Grand Lodge of Canada" as well as by the other Grand Lodges.—By these acts the project of a Dominion Grand Lodge received a final *quietus* and there remained no other alternatives than 1st. to attempt to consolidate all the Lodges in the two Provinces formed out of the old "Province of Canada," into one Grand Lodge, to be called the Grand Lodge of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, (and which is by the action we now report rendered impossible), or, 2ndly, in accordance with constitutional usage, to form a Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec, and what was still called the "Grand Lodge of Canada," to declare itself, to form and be the Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Ontario, which latter course was recommended by R. W. Bro. Dr. Mackey of South Carolina, one of the ablest American writers on Masonic jurisprudence, whom Grand Master Wilson consulted in 1867, and whose letter was afterwards published for the information of the Craft.

5th. Among the many other important incidental reasons which induced the Freemasons in the Province of Quebec to follow the example of all other parts of the Masonic world, by the formation of a Grand Lodge in the said Province, there may be mentioned the vast length of territory included in the two Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, extending through some *twelve degrees* of longitude, from the