

nary skirmishes already had, it is not improbable that to meet the exigencies a conflict will inevitably follow. I apprehend what is likely to result, but anything less than abdication will not satisfy, as it is undesirable that the peace of this jurisdiction should continue to be disturbed by a foreign body in a territory conceded by nearly all Peers of the Knightly Order, as belonging to the Great Priory of Canada. No argument can weaken this or make it appear other than that the occupation of this jurisdiction by two Encampments owing fealty to the Chapter General of Scotland, is a breach of Masonic comity fraught with danger to the union and liberty of chivalric Masonry, imperiling the Sovereignty of the Great Priory of Canada, and this is too important a part of Canada to be lost or imperiled without a struggle to render it impossible for any Grand Body outside of Canada to have authority or exist in this land of ours. Many remarks have been made to impress the Frates and unless measures be taken the name of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada is a misnomer. At no time shall we look upon the issuance of an edict as being more interesting than now.

Another and slighter cloud is visible in the expression, allusion being made, that with some the edict may be futile. Time will tell.

"Saint Omer" Commandery, K. T., of Massachussets, one hundred in the company, will visit this city in August. They come at the invitation of the Encampment of "Saint John," S. R. "Saint Omer" will be cordially welcomed on both sides, as many of the members are well-known to the Frates of the Union de Molay Preceptory.

With my kindly greetings and thanking the members of the Order for their kindness to me on the occasion of my last visit to Great Priory,

I am courteously yours,

† D. R. MUNRO,

Provincial Prior,

New Brunswick.

St. John, N. B., 10th June, 1885.

DISTRICT OF NOVA SCOTIA.

REPORT.

To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Frates of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada,—

FRATRES,—In accordance with the Statutes of the Great Priory of Canada, I have the honor to submit my report on the state of Templarism in Nova Scotia. There being but one Preceptory in this Province, my duties as Provincial Prior are very light.

I have visited the Preceptory, officially, three times during the