

The Canadian Craftsman.

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ANOTHER ENGLISH INVASION OF TERRITORY.

The latest insult offered to Canadian Masons is the appointment by the Grand Mark Master Mason of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, of Judge Badgeley, of Montreal, to the position of District Grand Master of Mark Masonry for the Province of Quebec. This invasion of the territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec is the more inexcusable, since in 1878 these two Grand Bodies entered into friendly relations with each other and exchanged Grand Representatives. We fail entirely to understand how the Grand Mark Lodge of England dared thus to violate every Masonic law of comity, honor and justice. The Rev. and M. W. Bro. Portal, P. G. M. M. of England, represents the Grand Chapter of Quebec near that Grand Body, and M. Ex. Comp. J. H. Graham, P. G. Z., holds a similar position from the Grand Mark Lodge of England near the Grand Chapter of Quebec. The Companions of this country believed they were on the most fraternal terms with the members of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and now, without warning, cause or provocation, their jurisdiction is invaded, the Constitution of their Supreme Body set on one side, and their statutes and laws defied. In our long Masonic experience we have never met with so uncalled-for an insult and so gross a Masonic outrage. The Grand Orient of France, when it invaded an American jurisdiction, was not so much at fault.

The Grand Mark Master of England must surely have issued this patent or warrant under some misapprehension, and will rectify his mistake by at once cancelling the same, and making ample apology for what looks like a gratuitous insult to a Canadian Masonic Grand Body, acknowledged as supreme by all her peers on this continent. Judge Badgeley, we should have thought, would have exhibited better taste than to have accepted an office *sine dignitate*, and we are still more astonished to learn that the successor of the late T. D. Harington in the Scotch Rite, Lt.-Col. Hutton, should have so far forgotten his self-respect and his duty as head of an independent Grand Body in this country, as to have demeaned himself by taking a deputyship in an organization which he well knows cannot be recognized as anything but spurious throughout America.

We trust that not only the Grand Chapter of Quebec, but that every Grand Chapter in the Dominion and the neighboring Republic will, unless the *amende honorable* is made at once, both withdraw the commissions of their representatives and decline to recognize any Mark Masters hailing from a so-called Grand Body that can thus violate every principle of Masonic law. We await further particulars before further exposing this latest insult by English Masons to Canadian Craftsmen.

The plain fact is that these bodies must be stamped out; they are not a credit to the Masonry of this country.

It is understood Rose Croix Chapters of the Egyptian Rite will shortly be opened in Lindsay and Newmarket.