

District Grand Master for Quebec Province, and that he was proclaimed as such;—that the said District Grand Master then appointed R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Hutton to be his Deputy, and Bro. J. O. Mathews his Secretary, and he announced that he would hold his first District Grand Lodge during the month of June instant."

Upon examining the published report of the half-yearly Communication of your Grand Lodge, held June 6th, 1882, I find that, while in the body of the proceedings, the last Warrant then reported to your Grand Lodge as having been issued, is numbered "298," yet in the list of lodges on your registry, given at the end of the same proceedings, appears the following, viz.: "301 Victoria, Montreal, P. Q., Canada, Fourth Tuesday in every month, Date of Constitution, 8th May, 1892," (upwards of five years after the formation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.)

In *The* (London, Eng.) *Freemason* of date May 26th, 1883, I find also the statement that "two new Provinces have been constituted by your Grand Lodge at Montreal and Tasmania."*

*The proceedings of the half-yearly communication of the Gr. L. M. M. of England, &c., held at London, June 5th, 1883,—M. W. Bro. Lord Henniker, presiding,—were published in *The* (London) *Freemason*, of date June 9th inst., and in the "Report of the General Board" where appears the following *inter alia*,—"New Lodges,—No. 314, Henniker, Montreal,"—and "New Provinces (1) at Montreal, Canada, under the 'R. W. Bro. Hon. William Badgley, as Provincial Grand Master,' and signed 'G. R. Portal, President.'"

These published reports not only remain uncontradicted, but the principal statements thereof have, in answer to enquiries thereabout by the Grand Superintendent of Quebec, for the District of Montreal, been declared to be correct by at least two of those whose names appear therein.

In view of this most unfraternal and unjustifiable invasion of our Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of

England, &c.,—an invasion which, in my opinion, is unparalleled in its enormity by aught of like nature in the history of the Masonic Fraternity,—I, therefore, hereby resign the position of Honorary Grand Warden of said Grand Lodge, and request you to direct your Grand Secretary to delete my name from the roll of officers of your Grand Body; and I also herewith return my Commission as Grand Representative of your Grand Mark Lodge near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, and I also hereby further inform you that, unless these unwarrantable acts of invasion of a friendly nationality, are apologized for and cancelled, by you and your Grand Lodge, I shall deem it my duty to advise the M. E. Grand Z. of our Grand Chapter of Quebec, to revoke the Commission of our Grand Representative of Quebec, at your Grand Lodge,—to declare the said "Victoria" and "Henniker" Mark Lodges, and the aforementioned "District Grand Lodge," in the city of Montreal, to be irregular bodies, and their officers and members to be clandestine Mark Master Masons, and that he further declare Masonic non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, and with all Masons of its obedience, and that he make a solemn appeal to all regular and covenant-keeping Grand Chapters, and to all law-abiding and loyal Mark Master Masons and lodges of such, throughout the world, to uphold and sustain the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, in condemning the said flagrant invasion of her jurisdiction; and, in the defence of their own rights, as well as ours, and those of the Craft in general, faithfully and fraternally to support Quebec in the vindication and maintenance of her exclusive sovereign authority within this province.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN H. GRAHAM,

P. G. Z., G. C. of Quebec,
and late Gr. Rep. of G. R. L. of M. M. M.
of England, &c., near the Gr. C. of Q.