

## WYOMING.—1885.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was held at Laraine, on the 1st December, 1885. M. W. E. F. Cheney, Grand Master, was absent on account of serious illness in his family. R. W. J. H. Goddard, D.G.M., presided. The six lodges of the jurisdiction, with a membership of 436, were all represented.

## QUEBEC-ENGLAND.

Bro. J. H. Hayford, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, submitted a report concerning the controversy pending between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England, upon the question of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, giving a clear and concise history of the difficulty, and at the conclusion presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :—

“WHEREAS, The M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., in the Dominion of Canada, is a lawfully organized Grand Body, and is, and has been, recognized as such for the past fifteen years, by sixty-three Grand Lodges on this continent and in Europe; and

WHEREAS, The unquestioned legitimacy of the existence of the said Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the almost universal recognition thereof, by the extension of fraternal fellowship by her peers throughout the Masonic work, clearly vests the said Grand Lodge with all the rights and prerogatives of an independent sovereign governing Masonic body, which include the fundamental right of full and exclusive jurisdiction over all and every the constituent Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons located within her clearly defined territory; and

WHEREAS, The most cordial and fraternal relations exist between the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec and the M. W. Grand Lodge of Wyoming; therefore

*Be it Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Wyoming, jealous of her own independence and sovereign powers within her prescribed limits, will not only maintain and defend these rights for herself, but has and will at all times record her voice and vote against a violation of them by others.

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Wyoming regards all Lodges in the Province of Quebec holding allegiance to any Grand Lodge other than that of the Grand Lodge of that Province, as illegal and irregular, and that all lodges and brethren under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Wyoming are charged not to hold Masonic intercourse with such illegal or irregular Lodges, or any member thereof.”

Thanks, Bro. Hayford! Quebec is proud to know that her brethren of Wyoming, are, like herself, jealous of their own independence and sovereign powers within their own territory, and is grateful for their moral support and practical sympathy in the maintenance of her own just claims to exclusive Grand Lodge sovereignty within the limits of her own jurisdiction.

Included in the report before us is an appendix to the Journal of Proceedings, containing the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge.