

THE SCHISMATIC MASONS.

We have received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, (R. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson, Montreal,) the following proclamation of the M. W. the Grand Master, in reference to the would-be "Grand Lodge of Ontario." It needs no comment, and we commend it to our readers:—

OFFICE OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
GRAND MASTER OF FREE AND AC-
CEPTED MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF
QUEBEC, AND MASONIC JURISDICTION
THEREUNTO BELONGING.

QUEBEC, 25th June, 1877.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and
Members of the various Lodges of F.
& A. M. of this Jurisdiction.

GREETING:—

WHEREAS, it appears to us from authentic Masonic information received, that a body of persons styling themselves a "Grand Lodge of Ontario," in the Dominion of Canada, purporting to be a Grand Lodge of Freemasons, is now claiming to exer-

cise the power of a duly organized Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons;

Now, in order to maintain the dignity of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, its landmarks and its lawful authority, as well as to support the authority of all regular Grand Lodges of the Craft, We, JAMES DUNBAR, M. W. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS in the Province of Quebec, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, do hereby interdict all intercourse or Masonic communication with the Lodges under the authority of this so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario," and the several Members thereof, until the Grand Lodge of Quebec shall have taken action in the premises.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at its 21st Annual Communication, are my warrant for this procedure.

JAMES DUNBAR,
Grand Master.

(SEAL.)

CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

THE Grand Conclave of Knights of Rome and Constantine will hold their annual assembly in London, on the 8th prox.

The fraternity of Norwood celebrated St. John's (Baptist) Day by a strawberry festival and literary and musical entertainment.

The Masonic excursion from Cornwall and intermediate stations to Niagara, last month, was attended by over twelve hundred persons.

GRAND COUNCIL.—The Grand Council of R. & S. Masters will meet in London on Wednesday, the 8th of August, when matters of considerable importance to this rite will be disposed of.

We hold over for our next issue a sermon delivered before the Craft of Lindsay, Ont., by the Rev. Dr. Smithett, on St. John's day, and also one delivered by the Rev. Wm. Shortt, Chaplain of Saugen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton.