

## The Canadian Craftsman.

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### THE POSITION OF THE ENGLISH LODGES IN MONTREAL.

From the formation, and subsequent recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, up to the present time, we have protested, time and again, on behalf, not only of Quebec, but also on behalf of the Grand Lodges of this Continent, against the position assumed by the United Grand Lodge of England, in permitting her subordinate lodges to *work* within the jurisdiction of a sister supreme power. We have pointed out that it is a Masonic outrage for the Mother Grand Lodge of the World to thus protect three subordinate lodges in Montreal in their contumacious conduct against, not only the Grand Lodge, within whose jurisdiction they are located, but in their defiant disregard of every Masonic principle, acknowledged and upheld by every lodge, and every Grand Lodge, every Chapter and Grand Chapter, every Preceptory, Commandery, and Great Priory, or Grand Commandery on the American Continent. This is what the lodges of St. Paul, St. Lawrence, and St. George, under English Registry, are doing to-day in Montreal, and have been doing ever since the Grand Lodge of Quebec was organized.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec has protested against the indecent behavior of these bodies for thirteen years, and her mother Grand Lodge of Canada has sat by silent and motionless, with ears that apparently heard not, and eyes that would not see. At last, however, the hour has

arrived, when she must be aroused from her lethargy, if she intends to maintain her dignity and uphold her authority. We are pleased to think that we now have as our chief executive a man of ability and *firmness*, for firmness in this instance is required. The Grand Master of Canada must not hesitate in the position in which he is now placed, and M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, we feel confident, will not allow our rights to be trampled on, and our Constitution to be flagrantly violated by a lodge like St. George, No. 440, E. R., of Montreal, *existing on sufferance*.

To explain, however, to our readers, who may not be acquainted with the particulars of the recent invasion of our jurisdictional rights, we would briefly give a synopsis of the case: It appears that a Mr. George W. Hogarth, in the employ of the North-Western Telegraph Company and the Montreal Telegraph Company, a resident of Toronto during the past ten years, was proposed on Dec. 21, 1881, in Doric Lodge, No. 316, G. R. C., and rejected January 1st, 1882; he subsequently petitioned this St. George's Lodge, was accepted, initiated, passed and raised. Now, no blame, of course, is to be attached to Mr. Hogarth, who, we understand, is a very estimable young man, but the question is simply this, "Are we, on this continent, to permit the Grand Lodge of England to make Masons of our rejected material? If so, we may as well give up the ballot box altogether, for when Bro. B. finds his friend black-balled in a Hamilton Lodge, he will whisper to him, "All right, take a run to Montreal and you will be 'put through' at St.