

meeting in May last, they have postponed, until the result of our present Conclave is known.

I therefore felt it due to our members, to call a meeting of the Grand Council, which it was found necessary to cancel, and a Special Conclave of Great Priory summoned. The result you are aware of.

I feel now that I was in error not to have, in the first instance, before issuing the Dispensation, ascertained from the Chancery of the Great Priory of England, if any objection existed, and had I been aware of it, certainly would have yielded precedence to the claims of the Great Priory of England, which had hitherto never been disputed, whether based on justifiable grounds or otherwise.

The question before Great Priory is simply whether the demands of the Great Priory of England be complied with, and the Warrant re-called, or the authority of this Great Priory to issue the Warrant confirmed. The last alternative will separate us from all friendly intercourse with the Great Priory of England, from which, as Templars, we have never received anything but kindness and consideration.

My views being already fully expressed and known, it is not my intention to interfere further with whatever decision Great Priory may come to, as it rests entirely with them, and I feel assured that the honor and dignity of the Canadian body will be upheld, and strict justice to all parties observed.

THE SCOTTISH TEMPLARS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The whole matter of the dispute with the Scottish Templars of New Brunswick being well understood and its merits discussed, it is not necessary to enter upon it again, further than to say, no settlement has been made, and the unmasonic system, familiarly known as "*Boycotting*" is still in force. This unseemly dispute amongst Masons is but a poor example to the world, and a contradiction to the precepts of the order.

I am myself aware that conciliatory proposals have been made from time to time to the Scottish body of New Brunswick, which they persistently neglected. The assertion is not correct that no invitation had been extended to the two Scottish Encampments of New Brunswick, [I should say *one*,—that of St. Stephens, existing in little more than the name]; several invitations had been sent to