

brethren at a distance may misunderstand what to us is, of course, clear, plain and concise:—

"A movement is going on in Canada, which is curious and interesting in itself, as showing forcibly the outcome of those hasty moves for 'separation,' which have been such a characteristic of Canadian Freemasonry. If our readers wish to realize the reality of the original case, they had better peruse the official correspondence, or study the then authentic intelligence of the *Masonic Observer*. Just now in the Masonic dominions they are in a 'fix.' Quebec 'swarmed' from Canada, Ontario is doing the same. If Quebec was lawful in its emergence from connection into independency, we cannot see 'a priori' or 'prima facie' why Ontario is not. It seems to us that the 'engineer is hoist by his own petard,' and that what is 'sausage for the goose is sausage for the gander.' According to the Quebec view, each province, like the United States in America, can have a conterminous Grand Lodge, and, if so, unless it can be clearly shown that the movement in Ontario has no geographical or Masonic features, properly or legally, in its favor, we cannot see why what Quebec did Ontario cannot do. But we pronounce no opinion and express no partiality, favor or affection. All we want is the truth; the facts of the case. Will any brother in Canada kindly post us up, since, as regards details and actualities, we are without information and without knowledge?"

Eden Lodge, London, was chartered in 1875, by the then acting Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and in his address to the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the 11th of July of that year, held in the city of London, he duly reported the same to Grand Lodge. The Board of General Purposes, to whom the address was in due course referred, recommended

warrants to thirteen lodges, U. D.; postponed the granting of a warrant to Harman Lodge, Toronto, and reported, "In the application for the issue of a warrant to Eden Lodge, London, the Board recommend that a warrant be not granted, but that the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to issue his dispensation authorizing the officers and brethren named therein to pass and raise those already initiated in that lodge." Grand Lodge endorsed the recommendations of the Board.

This gave dire offence to these brethren, and a few months afterwards, the Grand Master refusing to grant a fuller dispensation than that ordered by Grand Lodge, some ten or twelve Masons, only three or four of whom were Past Masters, organized themselves into the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," got the body incorporated by Act of Parliament, (so much for legislative action making Masonic bodies legitimate or otherwise), added a sick benefit fund like any other secret charity association,—Oddfellows, etc., and then went round the country peddling what they called the first three degrees.

Not a single lodge on the Grand Lodge of Canada roll ever joined them. Prominent Masons were offered any position they wished. All declined. The movers were suspended by the Grand Lodge of Canada. Several recanted, and their offence was condoned; but they have persevered, and have a number of lodges in Ontario, though not a single Grand Lodge recognizes them.

Bow River Lodge, No. 28, G. R. M., has been instituted at Calgary.