

large majority of the members of Victoria Lodge, however, desiring to continue under the G. R. C., applied to you for authority so to do, which you kindly granted, and under this it has worked ever since.

The Lodge is now in a flourishing condition, and finding that there is no probability of regaining their old charter, they are desirous of obtaining the favour of a duplicate from the G. L. of Canada, and I have been requested to ask your kind offices in the matter.

The persecution which Victoria Lodge has had to sustain in consequence of its adhesion to its mother Grand Lodge, leads me to hope that you, as well as the Grand Lodge of Canada, will look favourably upon this request.

I am, Dear Sir and Bro.,

Fraternally yours,

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W. M. Victoria, 173, G. R. C.'s

There is no question whatever in my mind that the brethren of those Lodges are entitled to duplicate Warrants; yet, after mature deliberation, I concluded it would be the proper course to defer taking any action until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. My reasons for this decision were simply these: That in the meantime they were in possession of sufficient authority to continue their work as heretofore; and 2nd, That possibly, in some cases, the originals might have been forthcoming or available previous to that date. The Lodge of Antiquity, and Shawenegam Lodge, No. 134 (whose warrants were abstracted last Fall), are also entitled to be furnished with duplicates.

The Lodges at present working in the Province of Quebec, under our jurisdiction, are eighteen (18) in number, viz:

Lodge of Antiquity.....	Montreal.
Dorchester, No. 4.....	St. Johns.
Nelson, No. 8.....	Phillipsburgh.
St. George's, No. 19.....	Montreal.
Zetland, No. 21.....	do.
Shefford, No. 53.....	Waterloo.
Yamaska, No. 130.....	Granby.
Shawenegam, No. 134.....	Three Rivers.
Aylmer, No. 138.....	Aylmer.
Quebec Garrison, No. 160.....	Quebec.
Browne, No. 163.....	Adamsville.
Victoria, No. 173.....	Montreal.
St. John's, No. 175.....	Mansonville.
Royal Canadian, No. 187.....	Sweetsburgh.
Mount Royal, No. 202.....	Montreal.
Brome Lake, No. 211.....	Knowlton.
Mount Moriah, U. D.....	Montreal.
Sutton, U. D.....	Sutton Flats.

There are still other matters to which I would have adverted, had time permitted, but I have already occupied much more space than I contemplated at the outset. There remains, however, this vitally important question to be considered—What is to be done in the present position of affairs? The question is one which is more easily asked than answered and its consideration may well occasion anxiety in the mind of every member of Grand Lodge. The determination arrived at in this case will be viewed with interest throughout both continents, and its influence will be felt far and wide. Grand Lodge sovereignty is in reality upon its trial, and the masonic world are looking on with deep concern. The line of action adopted now will not only be fraught with momentous consequences to ourselves, but will exercise an immense influence, for good or for evil, upon the future of Freemasonry in other countries. It becomes us, then, to consider well what that action should be, so that no false step may be taken which might prove injurious to Freemasonry, and be a source of regret to us for years to come. Entertaining, as I do, a firm conviction that the conclusions arrived at in December last were based upon correct masonic principle, I cannot be expected to concur with those who are ready to yield everything for the sake of peace, or even a questionable expediency; nor can I bring my mind to believe that Grand Lodge organizations ought to be tossed about, swept away, or destroyed, at the whim or caprice of statesmen or politicians, whenever they may find it convenient