

two years prior to the political changes which took place in 1867, Grand Master Simpson, of the Grand Lodge of "Canada," both at public and private Masonic gatherings in the cities of Toronto and Montreal, and also in his address to Grand Lodge in July, 1866, directed the attention of the craft to the important political changes then anticipated, and their consequent effect on the name, status, rights and jurisdiction of the "Grand Lodge of Canada," at the same time favoring the notion of endeavoring to extend the jurisdiction of the "Grand Lodge of Canada," over the whole of British North America!! His learned and able successor, who was also the first Grand Master of the "Grand Lodge of Canada," M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, in his address to Grand Lodge in July, 1867, a few weeks after the Queen's Proclamation inaugurating the Dominion of Canada, directed especial attention to the then anomalous state of Masonic affairs, caused by the recent political changes that had taken place, and appointed a committee of seven to consider and report thereon to Grand Lodge on the following day. Four members of this special committee from the Province of Ontario, (viz: M. W. Brothers Wilson, Harington and Simpson, and R. W. Bro. Moffatt,) reported in favor of maintaining the *status in quo* of Grand Lodge while awaiting further developments, and the three members of the committee from the Province of Quebec, (viz: M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham,) reported in favor of the formation of an independent Grand Lodge in each of the four Provinces constituting the Dominion of Canada. That since that time every effort has been made by the Grand Lodge of Canada to unite the different Lodges in the Dominion, under their government but without success. The action of the Lodges in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick as is shewn in the next section, has been decidedly against any such union, while the efforts of the Grand Lodge of Canada to invite the Lodges working in the Province of Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, have been equally unsuccessful. And although the present Grand Master of what is yet called the "Grand Lodge of Canada," stated in his address to Grand Lodge in July last, that he had been given to understand that a proposition to adhere to the "Grand Lodge of Canada," would be favorably considered by those Lodges in the Province of Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, yet when the three Lodges (two R. E. and one R. S.) in