

I visited the above lodge last night and investigated the charges made by you.

If * * * * * was blackballed in one of your lodges, I cannot find that any member of St. Charles Lodge was aware of it. He has a testimonial of a high character from one of the prominent members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, recommending him to St. Charles Lodge, a copy of which I enclose. The acceptance of any material from outside of the Province of Quebec by St. Charles Lodge is however, inexcusable.

The plea made in defence was that * * * * * resided six months of the year in Montreal.

I have suspended the Worshipful Master of St. Charles Lodge, No. 44, until the case has been dealt with by Grand Lodge at its next annual communication. No further degrees will be conferred upon * * * * * whose case will also be dealt with by Grand Lodge in January next.

I sincerely regret that a Worshipful Master could be found in this jurisdiction so ignorant of the constitutional requirements of our Grand Lodge.

I can assure you that any violation of the rights of a Sister Grand Lodge, by any Mason in this jurisdiction, will be promptly punished.

Your's sincerely and fraternally,

J. FRED. WALKER.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, A. F. & A. M.,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

COLLINGWOOD, ONT., October 28th, 1886.

To J. Fred. Walker, Esq., Grand Master,—Montreal.

DEAR SIR & M. W. BROTHER,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 26th instant, *in re* * * * * * and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, I have to express my gratification at the prompt manner in which you have acted in this case.

I will probably have some further information before long, and will let you know the full particulars as far as I can learn them.

In the meantime please accept my assurances of regard and respect for yourself and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Yours fraternally,

H. Y. ROBERTSON, G. M.