

brethren, but at the same time we have no inclination to pass by unnoticed and without the strongest protest, any action upon the part of the Grand Lodge over which he presides, if by such action it injures the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and we believe the present unwise and unfair action of St. George's Lodge to be an instance of the kind.

A man can surely be loyal to his country and to Masonry without being subservient and cringing where circumstances demand a manly and open opposition to wrong and tyranny. A crisis has been reached in our history which demands the formal annulment and abandonment of the Zetland-Wilson treaty—a misconception from the first, and always viewed as an error by the late M. W. Bro. Harington, and only accepted by Grand Master Wilson because the very existence of our Grand Lodge, being as it were in the balance, we actually were forced to accept the servile agreement, literally *nolens volens*. That must be formally annulled, and Grand Master Spry, if he desires to retain the confidence of the Craft, must not hesitate. Why, the question is of actual vital importance to every Canadian and American Mason on this Continent. It is absolutely unnecessary for brethren in the United States or Canada to pass the ballot box upon candidates seeking the mysteries of Freemasonry; it is an useless, objectless ceremony, if rejected candidates can at once apply elsewhere and actually receive their degrees immediately afterwards in another lodge. This, however, is the exact position of affairs, and yet we find some old country Masons in Canada, and a few Canadian brethren, so

loyal as to be willing to kiss the hand that thus stabs the Fraternity to the very heart. The thing is so outrageous that we have no patience with such men, and we are forced to tell them that their *loyalty*, in more instances than one, has proved itself to be the upholder and supporter of Masonic dissension and Masonic discord in this country. Why, in the bogus Grand Lodge of Ontario are to be found, to their everlasting shame, old country Masons, who were too loyal to ally themselves with the Grand Lodge of Canada. Fie upon such men! Fie upon such Masonry!!

In conclusion, then, we urge upon the Grand Master of Canada, M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, not to permit himself to be influenced by those who would thus cringe before the Grand Lodge of England, and be the first to demand satisfaction should any other Grand Lodge have allowed her subordinates to have acted as hers have done. We unhesitatingly assert the whole Masonic Fraternity in Ontario would have been at white heat, if a lodge under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or Nova Scotia, New York, Ohio, etc., had accepted, as St. George's Lodge has done, our rejected material; but forsooth, because it is an English Lodge, existing in Montreal by sufferance, Canadian Masons are tamely to submit to outrage and insult. Let Grand Master Spry act with dignity and firmness and he will meet with an almost universal support from the members of the Canadian Craft.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick met at St. John on the 26th ult. There was a fair representation of the craft present. M. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. E. J. Wetmore Grand Secretary.