

sinew of the country—business men, whose time is least occupied in mid-summer and mid-winter, and the convenience of so large a class should not be sacrificed for the gratification of the small one I have named.

Trusting that no change will be made in so important a matter without full and careful deliberation—and that the permanent location of Grand Lodge at Toronto will be established at no distant day, I have the honor to be,

Fraternally yours, P. M.

[We are sorry P. M.'s communication did not reach us earlier, so that we might have taken up one or two points in it, but as our space will not permit a full discussion of them we prefer letting it go to the brethren without comment this month. We do, however, recommend that the subject referred to be fully discussed, and that no hasty conclusions be arrived at.—EDITOR CRAFTSMAN.]

Canadian Masonic News.

Bro. B. Baker, 251 St. James Street, is our agent for the CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN for Montreal, and all orders entrusted to him will receive prompt attention.

OUR General Agent, R. E. Comp., P. Begg, is at the present time in the West canvassing for subscriptions to the CRAFTSMAN, and doing well. We trust the Brethren with whom he comes in contact will aid him as much as in their power, as we hope before the end of this volume to see the magazine self-sustaining.

PERSONAL.—W. Bro. L. B. Archibald, Asst.-Supt. of the Intercolonial Railway, whose head-quarters are at Truro, N. S., and W. Bro. Geo. Johnston, of the *Reporter*, Halifax, will please accept our thanks for favors extended to us during our recent visit to the Lower Provinces with the Canadian Press Association.

We have to thank R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, for a complete set of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada from its formation up to date, which will prove of great value to us. He is also entitled to our thanks for several volumes of the CRAFTSMAN. Since we have assumed the responsibility of issuing the magazine R. W. Bro. Mason has been

of great assistance to us, and we trust we will continue in the future to have a helping hand from him.

To R. E. Companion Daniel Spry, Grand Scribe E., we are indebted for advance sheets of the proceedings at the late Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter at London, for which he will please accept our warmest thanks. This report, we doubt not, will be read by a great many brethren and companions who will not have an opportunity of seeing the official proceedings, and to whom the condensed information will be extremely interesting. R. E. Comp. Spry's kindness, therefore, we are sure, will be highly appreciated by many others besides ourselves.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—While on a recent visit to the Lower Provinces, we had an opportunity of seeing the ruins of the burned city, and witnessing the extent of the desolation caused by the late great calamity, which visited it on the 20th of June last. Truly has it been said that no one can form any idea of the great loss of valuable property unless the scene is visited. For nearly two hours we drove about the ruins, and we are sure if our brethren throughout the other jurisdictions of the Dominion could but have an opportunity of seeing the wide-spread desolation, the response to our appeal on behalf of the brethren of St. John contained in our July issue would be a most generous one. Most of our Lodges in Ontario have been called off during the past three months, but we hope that at the meetings held this month the question of rendering assistance in some such way as suggested by us will be considered, and that every Lodge will at least give something to help our brethren to a new start. It should be borne in mind that nearly all the bodies in the City, Lodges, Chapters, Preceptories, &c., lost everything, books, regalia, jewels, furniture, &c., and we think they have a strong claim on every Lodge in the