

Sup. G. R. A. Chapter of Quebec;—and from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, M. W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, M. A., P. G. M., to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, &c.”

On September 23, 1879, it was announced by me to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, in Annual Convocation, as follows: “I have great pleasure in announcing to you that the recognition accorded by this Grand Chapter to the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and of the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown, has been fraternally accepted by that Grand Body; that Grand Representatives to and from our respective Grand Bodies have been appointed, and that therewith fraternal correspondence has been established under the most happy auspices, and based on the great principle of our respective sovereign jurisdictional supremacy, embodied in our fraternal resolution of recognition, &c.” Our Grand Chapter unanimously adopted the reports of the committees on the address of the Grand Z., and on Foreign Correspondence, as follows: That “they join the Grand Z. in welcoming the establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Mark Masters Lodge of England and Wales, and heartily congratulate ~~him~~ on his appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Mark Lodge, with the rank of Honorary Past Grand Warden of the English Grand Body.” The appointment of M. W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, M. A., P. G. M., as our Grand Representative near your Grand Lodge, was unanimously confirmed, and a commission ordered to be immediately forwarded to that M. W. Brother,—which was done.

Upwards of three years have now elapsed since the last preceding date, and copies of our respective published proceedings have hitherto been exchanged, but no letters of enquiry, or other official communications of any kind, or upon any subject, have been received by me from your Grand

Lodge, or from our Grand Representative near your Grand Body,—nor by our Grand Scribe E., from your Grand Secretary, and hence it was thought by us that the interjurisdictional relations, so happily and firmly established as we supposed, were being fraternally maintained, and the obligations of Masonic international comity were being strictly observed by you;—but it now appears from what, as below, has but recently come to our knowledge, that for upwards of a year past, your Grand Body has been acting towards us, in utter disregard of your covenant obligations, and as if you consider that the Freemasons of Quebec and of the Dominion of Canada, have no Masonic rights which you are, in any way, bound to respect!

About the end of April last, a then seemingly incredible rumor reached me to the effect, that a lodge of Mark Master Masons had been established in the City of Montreal by your Grand Body, and I addressed a letter of enquiry *anent* the same, of date May 3rd ult., to our Grand Representative near your Grand Lodge, but to this date, June 23rd inst., I have neither received an acknowledgment thereof, nor a reply thereto; but in the latter part of May, ultimo, there appeared in several of the leading secular newspapers published in the cities of Montreal, P. Q., and Toronto, Ontario, articles to the effect that on the 25th day of May ult., “the anniversary of Victoria Lodge, No. 301, Montreal, of Mark Master Masons under the Grand Lodge of England, was held in the city of Montreal, and was presided over by W. Bro. Wm. Ross;—that leading officers of another Mark Master Masons Lodge, E. R., in the city of Montreal, namely, the ‘Henniker,’ (named, it would appear, in honor of your Lordship, and presumably with your consent) “were also present therewith;—that the Secretary read a communication covering a Patent and Warrant from the Grand Mark Mason Lodge in England, appointing R. W. Bro. William Badgley,