

latter and the newly formed Grand Lodge of Quebec, have been happily adjusted, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The M. W. Grand Master, therefore, having in view the various applications from the Grand Lodge of Quebec for recognition, and interchange of representatives, which could not be entertained until the above mentioned difficulties were settled, now recommends Grand Lodge to accede to the wishes of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on the same conditions as were agreed to by the Grand Lodge of Canada, viz., that the Grand Lodge of England agrees not to grant any new warrants within the Province of Quebec, but that the three Lodges still working under English warrants within that Province, shall continue to do so as long as they desire to retain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England.

"*Resolved*,—That the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master be adopted and the Grand Lodge of Quebec acknowledged on the conditions referred to, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

I commend this communication and other correspondence on the subject to your careful consideration. I shall be sorry if any rigid or uncompromising ideas as to exclusive jurisdiction in this Province (as to which I am and always have been fully alive,) delay the laying of the capstone of Masonic recognition. Twenty years ago when the Grand Lodge of Canada was formally recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, similar terms were proposed and accepted and have since been submitted to. I am in favor of leaving it to time, rather than to immediate coercion to bring into our ranks the few lodges in this Province now working under other jurisdictions. Let the advantage of belonging to the Grand Lodge of the country of one's adoption or birth—duly recognized as such by all other Masonic bodies,—be made apparent, and I have no doubt how properly constituted minds will choose.

The proceedings of the organization of Grand Lodges for Manitoba and Prince Edward Island, as Provinces of the Dominion, will be submitted to you, and if found in accordance with the ancient usages and landmarks of the Order those bodies are entitled to recognition as regularly constituted Grand Lodges.

The only dispensation which I have granted for opening a new Lodge is that for St. John's Lodge, Montreal, the petition for which was strongly recommended. From the standing in the Craft of those engaged in its formation I am sure the work has been carried on in such manner as will enable Grand Lodge to issue a warrant of confirmation.

The sub-division of Masonic districts is well worthy your consideration. It seems to me that some districts, such as Montreal, which now includes Lodges in Hull, Aylmer and Shawville, on the border of Ontario, and in Huntingdon and Ormstown, near the frontier, might well be rearranged so as to render it less difficult for the District Deputy Grand Master to visit the Lodges in his district.

No less than seven notices of motion to amend the Constitution have been given for this session. These are of more or less importance, but whether adopted or not I recommend that as the Book of Constitution is out of print it be republished with such amendments as Grand Lodge shall deem it necessary to make.

The desirability of an amalgamation of the duplicate Lodges at present existing has often presented itself to my mind, and I hope all brethren