

any good settlement was manifestly that it should be a settlement removing at once and for all time any possible cause of difference. That we think has been done, and we congratulate the conference upon the evident care with which it has been accomplished. There remains now for our Quebec brethren simply the duty of forgetting the troubles of the past and devoting themselves to the obligations of the future. Without for one moment changing our opinion as to the unwisdom of the division which took place in 1869, we bow to the inevitable logic of facts, and wish the Grand Lodge of Quebec, now happily the symbol of union and not of disunion, every success in the work of illustrating within the Province of Quebec the benign principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. We part from our brethren who, up to this time, have remained firm in their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada with the greatest regret. Their absence will leave a blank in our ranks which will not easily be filled. But we are consoled for this loss by the reflection that their withdrawal removes what has been an unfortunate scandal from the Masonic world, and that their earnestness and ability as Freemasons will be devoted to building up the craft in another part of the Dominion. In this way PEACE AND GOOD WILL are restored, and the harmonious relations which should always characterize Freemasons wherever they are found are resumed.

In our last issue we gave a history of the preliminary negotiations between the two bodies. To them succeeded the meeting of the loyal brethren, who took action as follows :

On Thursday, the 8th January, 1874, representatives of the Lodges holding Warrants under the Grand Lodge of Canada, and working within that part of the Grand Lodge jurisdiction known as the Province of Quebec, met in the Masonic Chambers, in obedience to a circular addressed by the Right Worshipful, the Deputy Grand Master, to the different Lodges, for the purpose of taking into consideration the condition of Masonry in this part of the jurisdiction, in view of certain resolutions passed by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, at a Special Communication held on the 6th of January inst., and of certain correspondence between the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., D. G. M., presided, and named R. W. Bro. Nivin, V. W. Bro. O'Halloran and W. Bro. Manson, a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee presented the following report :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following Delegates of Lodges present, duly accredited :

Lodge of Antiquity—Rt. W. Bros. Gutman and J. Urquhart, Jr.

Union Strict Observance, 246—W. Bros. M. S. Sowden, J. C. Thurston, and Joseph Mitchell.

St. George's, 19—W. Bro. Lesser (by W. Bro. Myers, proxy), R. W. Bro. Irwin, W. Bro. John Street.

Dorchester, 4—W. Bro. E. R. Smith, R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, V. W. Bro. Futvoy.

Prevost No. 1—V. W. Bro. A. D. Stevens, W. Bros. G. R. Langenay and J. Oliver.

Royal Canadian, 187—V. W. Bros. H. D. Pickle and E. Racicot, W. Bro. James O'Halloran.

Eddy Lodge, 298—W. Bro. E. B. Eddy.

St. John's, 175—W. Bro. D. A. Manson, V. W. Bros. L. C. Moor and R. Manson.

Brown Lodge, 163—W. Bro. A. H. Blackwood.

Mount Royal, 202—W. Bros. McTavish and W. M. Douglas, Bro. Major.

Mount Moriah, 226—V. W. Bro. McLean, Bros. McCauliff and H. M. Holland.

Brome Lake, 211—W. Bros. F. England, C. D. Smith, W. W. Lynch.

Zetland, 21—W. Bros. D. Ferguson and F. H. Lantiér, Bro. E. B. Myers.

Sutton Lodge, 227—W. Bros. E. A. Dyer and A. J. Dyer, Bro. R. A. Cook.

Olive Branch, 273—W. Bros. Rev. R. Mills and Ezra Phelps, Bro. John Grant.

Shefford, Waterloo, 53—H. L. Robinson.

Victoria, 173—R. W. Bro. W. Nivin, Bro. J. Bond.

The whole respectfully submitted.

JAS. O'HALLORAN,
B. MANSON,
WM. NIVIN, } Committee.