

Brother Gutman, both of whom I was informed had taken possession of them during the afternoon, (the meeting being called for eight o'clock.) I addressed the Senior Warden, in the absence of the W. Master, to demand possession of the chair, and to request the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson and R. W. Bro. Gutman to leave the room until the Lodge had been properly opened. With the Warrant of the Lodge in his hand, and accompanied by the Past Master of the Lodge, the S. W. then made formal demand of the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson and R. W. Bro. Gutman, to give him and Victoria Lodge, as their right, possession of the Master's chair. This the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson and R. W. Bro. Gutman refused to do, and the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson then stated that he was given to understand that a number of the members of Victoria Lodge did not sanction or approve of the action of the delegates of the Lodge to the Convention which had formed the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that so long as seven members of the Lodge would consent to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the G. L. of Canada, of which he was Grand Master, that he could acknowledge no Victoria Lodge but the Victoria Lodge, C. R., to whom those seven members still acknowledged allegiance; and further, that in his capacity as Trustee for the property in that Room, belonging to Victoria Lodge, C.R., he would not allow the Victoria Lodge, R. of Q., to meet in that Room, or acknowledge their right to any property therein. And the said M. W. Brother Stevenson and R. W. Brother Gutman, did retain possession of the Masters chairs, and did not permit the Victoria Lodge to transact their business, and these said brethren remained in the room till 11 o'clock P. M., when the S.W. of the Victoria Lodge seeing that he could not get possession of the room, except by using force, which he did not deem it proper to do, called the Tyler of the Lodge and instructed him to close the room, and the Brethren then retired, as well as the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson and R. W. Bro. Gutman. And afterwards, that is to say, on or about 11 P.M., on the said evening, the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson, and the said R. W. Bro. Gutman, with some other masons, viz., Bros. Craig, Wilson, Miller, Hamilton, Campbell, M.D., Gray, Barton, Lawrie, and Niven and Bro. Murray, Junior Warden, all members of Victoria Lodge, and Bro. C. H. Walters, formerly a member of Victoria Lodge, but now an unaffiliated mason, and others, did proceed to the business office of the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson, and there did hold a clandestine meeting pur-