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MEMORIAL OF P. G. L. OF C. W.

The Committee appointed at the Quarterly Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, held at Toronto, on Thursday, the 23rd day of October, 1856, under the following Resolution:

“That Brethren Harrington, Harman, Richardson, Barron, Whitehead, Cumberland, and Harding be a Committee to embody fully in a Petition with ample minutes and dates up to the present time, the grievances and present wants of the Brethren, and that the same be printed and sent round to every Lodge in Canada West, retaining its loyal attachment to the mother Grand Lodge of England, for their earnest consideration thereof, and that the R. W. Dep. Grand Master be respectfully requested to call a special meeting to confirm the Petition for transmission to England.”

Beq leave respectfully to submit the annexed Draft of a Memorial, to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England, in compliance with the said Resolution.

(Signed) S. B. Harman, W. M. St. Andrews' Lodge, E. R. 487, P. R. 1. & P. G. S. D., Chairman.

T. D. Harrington, R. W. P. G. M. Quebec and Three Rivers, & Mem. St. Andrews' L., Tor.

F. Richardson, P. G. Secretary, and P. P. G. S. W.

F. W. Barron, P. M. St. Andrews' Lodge, Toronto, and P. G. J. W.

G. W. Whitehead, P. M. King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, 896, and P. G. S. W.

F. W. Cumberland, S. W. St. Andrews' Lodge, Toronto, and P. G. Supt. of Works.

J. Harding, W. M. St. George's Lodge, London, 895, and P. G. J. W.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient free and Accepted Masons, of England.

The Memorial of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada West, under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England,

Humbly and Fraternally Sheweth—

That the present unhappy differences existing among Masons in the once happy and united Province of Canada, are deeply deplored by your Memorialists, who having never wavered in their

allegiance to your august Body, once more desire to embody in this their memorial, the circumstances which have led to these difficulties, and the only course they now see left to reconcile and allay them.

That with reference to the formation of a Grand Lodge in Canada, your Memorialists cannot do better than quote from the Petition forwarded to the Grand Master of England in May, 1853, and which Petition will be found set out at length in the Appendix hereto, marked “A.” The paragraph on this subject is as follows:

“That the first Patent to call and establish a Provincial Grand Lodge in Canada West [then Upper Canada] was granted on the 7th day of March, A. L. 5792, by the Grand Lodge of England—of which his Grace the Duke of Athol was Grand Master—to the Right Worshipful Brother William Jarvis; that upon the death of that R. W. Brother, no successor being appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master, dissensions had arisen in this Province among the Fraternity, and continued for many years, without a local governing power to restrain or check them. This was in a very great measure remedied by the appointment of Simon McGilivray, Esq., as Provincial Grand Master, who, on the 23rd of September, A. L. 5822, opened, by virtue of his Patent from the United Grand Lodge of England, a Provincial Grand Lodge at the City of Toronto. On his death the Provincial Grand Lodge fell into abeyance, and no Provincial Grand Lodge was thereafter formed until A. L. 5845, when a Patent was issued to the R. W. Brother Sir Allan N. Macnab, under which this Provincial Grand Lodge is held.”

That much enthusiasm was felt among Upper Canadian Masons on this re-establishment of a local governing Body, as the careful tenor of their proceedings in drafting their By-Laws and re-organizing the Provincial Grand Lodge, will, by reference to the minutes of the same, most fully testify.

That the highest respect was felt for their Provincial Grand Master, Sir Allan Macnab, from his well known and long tried devotion and patriotism in the cause of his country, but that while such was warmly acknowledged, it was nevertheless well known to the Brethren, that, in matters purely Masonic, the well-being of Masonry would depend on his appointing a Deputy Grand Master learned and skilled in our mysteries.

That the appointment of the respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Thomas Gibbs Ridout, Esquire, as such, his Deputy, was warmly re-

ceived, and that it was clearly understood and expressed by the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Allan Macnab, on his Installation, that he would work by his Deputy.

That the burden of working the Provincial Grand Lodge has, it may be affirmed, entirely devolved upon the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, whose devotion to the Order, and attention on all occasions has been unremitting; in support of which your Memorialists would state, that out of thirty-three meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge since its re-organization, only five have been presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, one of which was the occasion of his Installation, and another the occasion of the Corner Stone of a Public Building being laid under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and only three Regular Meetings have therefore been presided over by the Provincial Grand Master. The attention of the Grand Lodge is particularly directed to these facts, as they will be found to bear upon matters which will be hereinafter introduced.

That a main source of gratification and satisfaction in this, the re-organization of the Provincial Grand Lodge was based on the more intimate and fraternal union it was naturally expected it would create between Masons in this vast but distant Province and your august body, to whom they could appeal, through this their organization, for encouragement, support, guidance, and counsel.

That with deep disappointment your Memorialists are bound to record that a reference to the Minute and Letter Books during the eleven years that have since passed, warrant them in saying that the intercourse with the Grand Lodge of England has, by the unhappy neglect of your body, resulted in a mere matter of Pounds, Shillings and Pence. The letters enclosing remittances for Warrants and Certificates being those which alone have occasionally been acknowledged by the Grand Secretary—they say occasionally, as even of these many are unanswered, while their Letters and Petitions on subjects of vital importance, not only to Masonry, but, as they will proceed to show, to the retention of that allegiance which it was once their proud boast to maintain, have been either wholly neglected, or more latterly haughtily and insultingly rejected.

That your Memorialists advisably use the word, *disappointment*, which they would couple with the further expression of *deep regret*, at this complete frustration of their hopes and expectations; and your Memorialists now desire to record in detail, for the information of the Grand Lodge, the Resolutions and Petitions proposed and adopted by