

The D. D. G. M. served the Edict upon W. Bro. Peavey, as appears from his report, which is as follows :

MONTREAL, October 22nd, 1869.

*A. A. Stevenson, Esq., M. W. Grand Master G. L. C.*

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BRO.—I have the honor to inform you that I duly served your Edict of Suspension on Bro. J. P. Peavey, late W. M. of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 124, R. C., which Edict likewise covered the suspension of said Lodge, and in obedience to your commands, did demand of Bro. J. P. Peavey a surrender of the Warrant, Books, Papers, &c., formerly the property of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 124, R. C. In reply to my demand for said documents, he answered: "I decline to deliver them until the Lodge decides it has no further use for them."

I have honor to remain, Dear Sir and M. W. Bro.,

Very truly and fraternally, your obedient servant,

M. GUTMAN, D. D. G. M.,

Montreal District.

I take this opportunity of correcting an error which I find prevails amongst our brethren in the western portion of our jurisdiction. It appears to be understood there that the suspensions of brethren and lodges in this Province took place *after* the organization of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. This, however, as will be seen from the foregoing, is not the case. These suspensions were all issued before the Convention was held,—the latest being the 19th of October. No official action of that nature has been taken by me since that date.

On the 20th of October, I had the pleasure of meeting in this city, M. W. Bro. Hall, the Grand Master of Vermont, who had been waited upon at his residence, Swanton, Vt., by a deputation from Montreal, who had strongly urged that M. W. Bro. to come here, to install the officers of the so-called Grand Lodge, which they intended to form. Learning that a difference of opinion existed on the subject, he thought it advisable to pay us a visit, and inform himself fully upon the subject. In company with M. W. Bro. Bernard, P. G. M., the representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, near the Grand Lodge of Canada, we enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant and, I trust, profitable interview. M. W. Bro. Hall did not attend the Convention, but returned home early next day; a very favorable impression having been produced upon all with whom he came in contact during his brief sojourn amongst us.

The convention met in the evening of the 20th October, in the British Masonic Chambers, one of its first acts being the setting aside the suspension of Zetland Lodge as null and void, declaring it yet in good standing, and entitled to representation at that convention. A so-called Grand Lodge, for the Province of Quebec, was subsequently formed, and officers elected and installed, as appeared from the following extract from the Montreal papers of the 22nd October :—

"MASONIC.—We learn that the convention of the several lodges of A. F. and A. M., in the Province of Quebec, holden at the British Masonic Chambers, Montreal, on the 20th and 21st of Oct, inst., pursuant to the circulars in that behalf issued, has resulted in the formation of a Grand Lodge for the said Province of Quebec.

The convention was very largely attended, and the following Lodges were represented, viz :—

St. Johns, No. 182, R. E., Quebec.

St. George, No. 440, R. E., Montreal.

St. Andrews, No. 356, R. S., Quebec.