

**The Canadian Craftsman.***Port Hope, May 15, 1883.***AN UNDESIRABLE STATE OF AFFAIRS.**

We have been taken to task by some for our strong language regarding the position of the English warranted lodges in Montreal, praised by others for our unflinching advocacy of the right, and condemned by a few for presuming to "dictate," as they are pleased to term it, to the premier Grand Lodge of the World. Now, it should be a matter of perfect indifference to any writer upon a subject of such vital importance to the Craft whether his views meet either with the approbation or disapproval of his patrons, so long as he knows they are consistent with honor, probity and truth; we, at once, however, admit that we are gratified to find that the course pursued by THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN has generally met with the hearty approbation of the intelligent portion of the Fraternity residing within the limits of this part of Her Majesty's dominions. The idea that, because we unhesitatingly denounced the outrage perpetrated on Canadian Masonic Lodges and against American Masonic Law by St. George's Lodge, E. R., Montreal, accepting rejected material from Doric Lodge, G. R. C., Toronto, and condemn the want of action on the part of the United Grand Lodge of England in not at once sequestering the charter of one of its subordinates, which by pursuing such a course virtually does away with the usefulness of the ballot in Canadian Lodges, and throws the doors of our Masonic Bodies open to every one in

the community,—we repeat, the idea that because we oppose such serious offences against Masonry universal, we are disloyal to the mother country, is so childish and absurd that it requires no reply.

Here is the fact. The English warranted Lodges in Montreal are ready, as we have foretold for the last twelve years, to accept rejected material from any and every quarter. They have constantly done it in Quebec, and disregarded every protest from our brethren in that Province, and now they greedily devour the blackballed of a Toronto Lodge, and only await an opportunity to pursue the same gentlemanly and fraternal (?) course towards our American cousins. These lodges have no respect for the wishes of the Fraternity at large, or regard for the universally acknowledged Masonic law on this continent, and yet forsooth we are told by a few old country Masons residing amongst us, that we must tamely submit to such wanton insult and glaring outrage.

In reply, we would state, that it is not the intention of the Canadian Craft to yield one iota to the Grand Lodge of England. We are perfectly well aware of our rights and privileges, and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, whilst occupying the throne of that Grand Lodge is simply a brother Mason and must be treated as such. We have every respect for the Heir-Apparent to the Throne, and rejoice to think that one occupying so exalted a position in the world's history should pay such attention to the Craft; his very name has helped Masonry much, and we trust he may long be spared to reign and rule over our English