

and its material for work must, of necessity, be drawn from the same source. It has been the custom with the Lodge to initiate citizens of Montreal having temporary residence in Longueuil, and in such cases to suppose it has concurrent jurisdiction with the City Lodges. This view is disputed; and the Grand Lodge is respectfully requested to define the jurisdiction of Lodges in the City of Montreal and of Montarville Lodge and similar suburban Lodges, which, must of necessity, be established at an early date to meet the wants of Brethren in the Metropolitan City, where residence, temporary or permanent, are so far removed from the places of meeting of the City Lodges proper. In this connection it might perhaps be advisable to amend, and more clearly define the limits of the several Masonic Districts, which seem at present open to dispute.

Respectfully submitted.

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D. D. G. M. for Montreal District.

Montreal, 8th September, 1879.

R. W. Bro. C. P. Taber, District Deputy Grand Master for Bedford District, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Quebec,
A.F. & A.M.*

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—In laying my report before you, I have to express my regret that I have not been able to devote as much time to the discharge of the duties of my office as their importance requires.

I have visited most of the Lodges in this district, during the past year, and find most of the officers of the various Lodges working with zeal and efficiency.

I was called upon to grant only two Dispensations during the year. One to Stanbridge Lodge, No. 19, for the Brethren to appear in Regalia at their Annual Festival, on St. Johns Day, the 27th December, 1878. Another to St. Johns Lodge, No. 27, Mansonville, to hold a Public Installation and Festival, on the above date.

I had much pleasure in visiting Stanbridge Lodge, No. 19, Stanbridge, on the above occasion, and installing their officers.

I found the Lodge in a healthy and flourishing condition. The Festival was conducted in a truly Masonic manner.

I am lead to believe that the Craft, in general throughout this District, are working with that love and harmony that should at all times characterize Freemasons, as I have had no complaints reported to me.

It is with regret that I have to report the removal by death of Bro. Henry Bowker, who has for the last twelve years, held the office of Secretary in Brome Lake Lodge, No. 24.

He was a zealous Brother and one who was indefatigable in promoting the welfare of the Craft. He was interred with Masonic honors.

In conclusion, it is my pleasing duty to acknowledge the many acts of kindness from the Brethren extended to me upon all occasions.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

C. P. TABER,

D. D. G. M. Bedford District.