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St. John, N. B., 29th December, 1894.

To Sir Kt. John Alex. Watson, M. E. Commander, Encampment of St. John, Registry of Scotland, St. John, N. B.

M. E. Sir KNIGHT:—At the Annual Assembly of the De Molay Preceptory, No. 11, Registry of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That Sir Knights Robert Marshall, William Henry Thorne and Robert William Crookshank, be and are hereby appointed a committee with plenary powers, to confer with and make arrangements with authorized Frateres of the Encampment of St. John as to a union of both bodies of Knights Templar in this city under a united warrant, to be obtained from the Sovereign great Priory of Canada.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours courteously and fraternally,

H. D. McLEOD,
Registrar.

I submit a copy of a circular issued by the Encampment of St. John, which, if deemed expedient, may as a matter of history, be published in the Appendix, marked "A."

For the past decade, I may say, the Encampment of St. John, with its large, influential and representative membership has practically dominated the Chivalric Order in this city of St. John.

The Chapter General of Scotland, as I understand the position, has permitted the said Encampment to be a law unto itself, so that qualified Companions Royal Arch Masons of this city, and of the adjoining Province of Nova Scotia and elsewhere, have been duly created Knights of the Order of the Temple and Malta and Knights of the Red Cross and Babylon Pass; and to-day the Encampment of St. John under the beforementioned authority, is claimed and recognized to be, relatively, the peer of any other body of the Order in Canada, either financially or otherwise.

As you are aware, every legitimate effort has recently been made to induce, not only the Encampment of St. John, but that of St. Stephen as well, to come under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and I have pleasure now in confirming the propositions made by my predecessor, R. E. Sir Kt. R. W. Crookshank, as published in his report for the District of New Brunswick in 1893; and repeated by myself, in my report published in the Proceedings of 1894.