

This Proclamation and Edict to be in full force, virtue and effect until revoked by the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Furthermore, I do hereby order and direct, that due proclamation of these presents be made to all brethren in obedience to this Grand Lodge, of all which they are commanded to take due notice, and to govern themselves accordingly. And I further order that the same be communicated to all regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this fifth day of July, A. L. 5886, A. D. 1886.

J. FRED. WALKER,

GRAND MASTER.

(Attest)

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

GRAND SECRETARY, G. L. OF Q.

This ends the controversy between England and ourselves. The printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge shew a continued and persistent attempt to solve the difficulty by peaceful means, which has failed. The addresses of my predecessors demonstrated, in the clearest manner, that the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction was not only held by all the American Grand Lodges and Scotland, but by England also. Their arguments have been unanswered, for they were unanswerable. We would be unworthy the name of Freemasons did we, because comparatively small in numbers, fear to do that which was right, on account of the power and strength of the Grand Lodge perpetrating a gross injustice. We shall be glad of the support of our Sister Grand Lodges, but whether such support is received or not, can make no difference in the stand we have taken in defence of our position as a sovereign Grand Lodge. We can rest assured that in the end right must prevail.

MASONIC HOME.

At last annual communication it was resolved that the M. W. Grand Master, elect, appoint a committee to be composed of one from each masonic district, in this jurisdiction, to report, at this communication, on the question of a Masonic Home.

I appointed on this committee R. W. Bros. A. F. Simpson, Edson Fitch, Wth H. O'Regan, H. W. Nye, Arthur Lyon and Wor. Bro. Jas. Fyfe. I hope that this committee will be able to present a matured scheme to carry out this laudable object.

I also issued a circular asking the lodges, if they concurred in the idea, to collect one dollar from each member willing to subscribe and forward the same to the Grand Treasurer, so that we should at least have made a commencement in the accumulation of funds. Several of the lodges have complied with the request, a report of which will be made by the R. W. Grand Treasurer,