

alderman of the city of Montreal, where they had twenty-seven aldermen and no common councilmen. Bro. Col. Stevenson had also the proud honor of firing the salute when their Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, visited Canada.

"Col. Stevenson, in responding, referred to the universality of the Craft, stating that it was really the most important body, and had more influence on the government of the world than perhaps many of the so-called Governments really had. It was based on good-will towards all men, and, and he was proud to say that there were no material differences existing between any of the Grand Lodges, and certainly none which should separate the Grand Lodges of Canada. They were striving to build up that territory on the same principles as governed that of Great Britain, and were determined to demonstrate, without question of cavil, that even by the side of one of the greatest republics this world had ever seen, how a people could enjoy as much civil and religious liberty under a limited monarchy as existed in a great Republic itself. At present the Government of Canada cost Great Britain not a single sixpence, but they were pleased to enjoy the great privilege and satisfaction of having at their head a nobleman, the Marquis of Lorne, and the Princess Louise. At the same time Canada enjoyed the protection of the British army, and if Great Britain continued as true to Canada as Canada was true to Great Britain, Great Britain would find on the shores of America a nation which would be a source of strength to the British Empire."

In conclusion, we might add that the present Lord Mayor is also a member of the Craft, and the two senior aldermen, who will probably succeed him in rotation, are also Masons.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The attempt at union between the Grand Lodge Symbolique, of France, and the symbolic lodges under the Grand Orient has fallen through.

The Sov. Sanct. of the A. & P. Rite, 33-96°, presided over by M. W. Bro. Geo. C. Longley, 33°, 96°, 90°, has been formally recognized by the Sov. Sanct. of Italy, presided over by M. Ill. Bro. Pessence, 33°, 96°, 90°.

M. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, 33 96°, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and P. G. Z. Grand Chapter of Canada, has affiliated with the S. S. of the A. and A. Egyptian Rite of Memphis, and accepted a Past Grand Mastership in the same.

A correspondent of the London *Freemason* wants to know in case of one lodge visiting another, and in the entertaining lodge, the Worshipful Master being absent, who should be spokesman, if there were an I. P. M., an S. W. and a Secretary, who was also a P. M. Surely, the presiding officer at the time, but the difficulty in England as to the status of a P. M., complicates the most simple questions.

The *Masonic Reporter* of Aberdeen, Scotland, says:—"We recently sent our "Amateur Detective" through every street and lane of Aberdeen (Scotland), to make up a list of those who publicly displayed the square and