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Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia.

DECLARATION.

Whereas, Free Masonry was in the year 1859, A. D., inaugurated in the Colony of Vancouver Island, and in the year 1861, A. D., in the Colony of British Columbia, by the M. W. the Grand Lodge of England:

And whereas, the said Colonies were united as one Colony with the name of British Columbia, and such Act of Union was proclaimed on the 17th day of November, A. D., 1866:

And whereas, on the 20th day of July, A. D., 1871, the Colony of British Columbia was admitted into and became part of the Dominion of Canada, as the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas, Free Masonry from the time of its inauguration was perpetuated and practised by the establishment from time to time of Lodges in the said Colonies, and after the Confederation of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada, by the estab-