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The Grand Lodge of Quebec held its annual meeting at the Masonic Chambers, on Place d'Armes, on the 25th ult., the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. F. Walker, calling the meeting to order at ten o'clock in the morning. The chief business of the morning session was the reception of reports from Grand Lodge and District officers. These were most satisfactory. The Grand Master's address fully reviewed many questions of interest to the Masonic world. The following is the address in full:—

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:—

The Great Architect of the Universe has permitted us once more to assemble, that we may deliberate how best to advance the interests of Freemasonry in this Province.

My message to you on this occasion will be very brief.

My business engagements have been such during the latter half of this year that I could not spare even my evenings to the interests of the Craft.

The energy displayed by the several District Deputy Grand Masters, has, however, I hope, atoned for my deficiencies.

At the February meeting of King Solomon Lodge, I installed R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson as Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Rev. J. Smith as one of the Grand Chaplains; the other elected Grand Lodge

Officers, who were not installed at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in January last, received that ceremony from the hands of either R. W. Bro. A. F. Simpson, R. W. Bro. John Shaw, or R. W. Bro. L. A. Farmer, whom I had deputed to act for me in their several localities.

I have paid very few visits to subordinate lodges during the year just closed. This is a source of great regret to me.

In May last I had the honor of being present at the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which took place in the city of Baltimore. Representatives of a large number of Grand Lodges had assembled to join with the Maryland brethren in their rejoicing. The imposing ceremonies, the hospitable treatment and general character of the commemoration, are things never to be forgotten.

I had arranged to be present with our staunch friends in Vermont at their annual communication in June last, but pressing business engagements prevented me, and from the same cause I was compelled to forego a proposed visit to the Grand Lodge of Canada in July.

On May 3rd, I deputed R. W. Bro. Arthur Lyon to constitute Portage du Fort Lodge, and subsequently received a report from him that he had done so.

A petition from Manchester, England, for a warrant to open a lodge in that city, was forwarded to me through the Grand Secretary in April.