

With regard to the recent action of our Brethren in Quebec, we, in this number, have expressed our views so clearly, that "he who runs can read," and under these circumstances, we deem it advisable not to enter into any discussion in this place upon such an important subject.

In conclusion, we ask our Brethren throughout the Dominion to support us in our efforts to advance, as we believe, the interests of Freemasonry on this continent, and give us that material assistance by which alone we shall be able to carry on our present enterprise.

OUR QUEBEC BRETHREN.

We approach the subject of our Quebec Brethren with mingled feelings of delicacy and hesitation. As a Freemason, acknowledging the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Canada, we hesitate in opposing what are supposed to be the sentiments of the majority of the members of the same, and on the other hand, it may appear to many of the readers of the *GAVEL*, presumptuous on our part to interfere upon a subject, that according to the vote of the representatives assembled in Grand Lodge, last month at Montreal, should remain in abeyance until the regular session of that august assemblage, in Toronto, next July. However, as many members of the Craft have urged us to commence this publication, we propose at once to express our views relative to the present position of our seceding Masonic Brethren in the Province of Quebec. The following, then, we hold to be the actual position of affairs in our sister Province:

1st. We take it for granted that since the confederation of the Provinces and the consequent separation of the legislative union that had, previously, for many years existed, the majority of the Freemasons of Ontario have known that their brethren in the Province of Quebec were desirous of seceding from the so-called Grand Lodge of Canada.

2nd. It is also an admitted fact that a secession (or rather a friendly separation of the Lodges in the Province of Quebec) was expected at the past two sessions of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and with all due respect to the present M. W., the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, he was elected not only on account of his energy and enthusiasm in all matters concerning the Craft, but also because he was a member of a Quebec Lodge.

3rd. It cannot be denied that officials, high in the confidence of Canadian Masons, saw, as soon as the Confederation of the Provinces was accomplished, the anomalous position in which the Grand Lodge of Canada was placed, and urged upon the Craft, the importance of either a Supreme Grand Lodge for the whole Dominion of Canada, or Independent Grand Lodges for each individual Province.