

I would strongly advise the amalgamation of two or more of the City Lodges, as the scarcity of material suitable for the erection of masonic edifices and doubtless the financial depression which has been so very generally felt has materially affected them. Altho' it may probably be unpalatable to some to hear me say so, yet, I am firmly convinced that there are too many Masonic Lodges in the City of Quebec.

I would also wish the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to advise all Lodges within its jurisdiction in framing their By-Laws to do so in such way as not to conflict with the Constitution of Grand Lodge. I am induced to make this remark as I notice the By-Laws of one Lodge in my district require three black balls to reject, this should not be the case, as in small Lodges when there are not more than seven members present, and not always that number at work, in my opinion, three black balls are too many as necessary to reject. I would therefore, strongly invite an expression of opinion in this matter from the members of Grand Lodge.

I have to report the removal, by death, of the following brethren : Bro. Golden, of Albion Lodge, No. 2 ; Bro. Poulin, St. John's Lodge No. 3 ; Bro. Stevenson, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 6 ; and Bro. Chas. Knowles, Sr., Harington Lodge, No. 17.

I am happy to say that there have been no questions of importance brought before me in my capacity of D.D.G.M. during the year, and I know of nothing in my district to disturb the peace and harmony of the Institution.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

J. B. CHARLESON,

*D. D. G. M., Quebec and Three Rivers District.*

R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, District Deputy Grand Master for the Montreal District, presented the following report :—

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge.*

I have much pleasure in being able to report that peace and harmony prevail among the Lodges in this District ; and that the work of the Craft is carried on in accordance with the custom and landmarks of the Order and the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge.

I have granted no Dispensations, nor rendered any decision on disputed questions or complaints, as in my opinion, these matters do not come within the powers and privileges of a District Deputy Grand Master in this Grand Lodge. I have sent all communications having reference to these subjects, that were received by me, to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I regret to have to report the continued existence in this District, of three Lodges working under Warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, and three Lodges working under Warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the latter organized as a Provincial Grand Lodge. Intercourse with the G. L. of Scotland has been prohibited by edict of this G. Lodge, and there is not any intercourse of a fraternal character between the Lodges under England and our Brethren. I hope that at this communication of the Grand Lodge, such steps will be taken as will secure the withdrawal of the claims of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England to any jurisdiction over Freemasonry in this District.

I beg to call the attention of Grand Lodge to the position of Montarville Lodge, in its relation to the Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction in the City of Montreal. Montarville Lodge is located at Longueuil, in the County of Chambly, on the south side of the St. Lawrence. Its members consist principally of Brethren whose business or occupation is in the City of Montreal, and most of them reside only during the summer season in Longueuil ;