

could better serve the interests of Cryptic Masonry (Vide enclosed report of proceedings).

Such being the case, the Most Puissant Grand Master of Ontario desires that Our Mother Grand Council of New Brunswick should at once extend recognition to us by exchanging Representatives and issuing such an encyclical letter to the Grand Councils of the world, as will prove to them that you concur in our recent movement, and that we in the Dominion of Canada, who belong to the Cryptic Rite, are on the most amicable and friendly terms.

By Command of the M. P. G. M., I have the honor to remain,
Most Puissant Sir,

Fraternally yours in the Mysteries of the Secret Vault,

ROBERT RAMSAY,

Grand Recorder of Ontario.

In answer to our request, we were officially notified of recognition in the following friendly terms:—

Ill. Bro. ROBERT RAMSAY, Esq.,

Grand Recorder of the Grand Council
Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, Orillia, Ont. }

Ill. Bro. AND DEAR SIR :

At our Annual Assembly held in the Masonic Hall in this City, 31st Oct. 1871, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.—

Resolved, That the Grand Council hereby extend a cordial welcome to our Sister Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, and appoint M. P. Grand Master Illustrious Bro. T. D. Harington, 33°, our Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario.

In the bonds of the Order,

Fraternally yours,

A. D. GOODWIN,

Grand Recorder.

Although the proceedings of the Grand Council of New Brunswick have not officially reached us, we learn from their published proceedings, which we have received from another source, that the following resolution was passed:—

Whereas, the Councils in the Province of Ontario, heretofore holding Warrants from this Grand Council, have with our full approval, established a Grand Council in that Province, designated the "Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario."

And *Whereas*, Article No. 10 of the Constitution of this Grand Council, page 61, reads as follows, viz: "That this Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of Councils of R. and S. Masters and appendant Orders within the Province of New Brunswick, &c., &c., &c. It shall also have power to constitute, govern and superintend new Councils within the Province of New Brunswick, as well as any portion of the Dominion of Canada, or other of the British Provinces, where there is no Grand Council, and grant charters and dispensations for the same, &c., &c., and

Whereas, Notwithstanding the above provision made by the Grand Council of the Province of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada, it being the ardent desire of Grand Council to grant our daughter, now sister, Grand Council of Ontario every privilege which the true interests of our Cryptic Rite seem to suggest:

Therefore *Resolved*, that while anxious to work in harmony with the Grand Council of Ontario, *this Grand Council is unable to grant exclusive jurisdiction to the Grand Council of Ontario over Cryptic Masonry in Quebec*, that part of the Dominion being unoccupied masonic territory.

By reference to the printed proceedings of the Convention, page 21, it will be observed that the following resolution was adopted:

"That in the event of *no objection* being made by the Grand Council of New Brunswick, this Grand Council also claims jurisdiction over the Province of Quebec."

It is therefore apparent that we did not desire to deprive our mother Grand Council of any of her rights and privileges; but as there appears to have been some objection to conceding what was asked, it seems to me only proper that I should explain that this resolution was not among those originally prepared for the organization of Grand Council, but was adopted at the earnest request of Royal and Select Masters from Quebec present at the Convention, who desired to extend our beautiful rite with a