

organization of a Consistory, I empowered Ill. Bro. LAWSON to confer upon Most Worshipful Grand Master ELI HARRISON, Sen., the Degrees 19° to 32°, as an honorarium—a course also suggested by Ill. Brother PIKE. Brother HARRISON was represented to me to be a Freemason of high standing, much influence, and one who has contributed largely of his time and means to place the Craft of British Columbia on its present pedestal of excellence. As regards remuneration, &c., to Ill. Bro. LAWSON, I adopted the course followed in respect to Manitoba, and I trust the Supreme Council will endorse my acts, and approve of what I have done. I would further recommend that the two Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Brothers BELL (Manitoba) and HARRISON (British Columbia) be at once elected Deputies for their respective Provinces, and that power be conferred upon them to take all necessary steps for the establishment of a Consistory, as soon as the Brethren express a desire for such a body, and are ready and prepared to receive a Warrant from the Supreme Council.

It will not, indeed, be here out of place to invite your consideration to the advisability of a general increase to the number of active 33rds. We are now limited to twenty-seven, and of these we have at this time eighteen. If Consistories are established, as it is to be hoped they will be, in the several provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and British Columbia, it will be necessary to appoint three active Sovereign Grand Inspectors General in each. There would, in such case, be thirty. Would it not be preferable at once to increase the whole number to thirty-three or more? I presume that the existing Statute is not to be considered like the laws of the Medes and Persians—unchangeable. This course, if agreed upon, would require a Notice of Motion, as an Amendment to our Constitution.

My Brethren, you will be pleased to understand that as regards the foregoing I introduce the subject matter simply as a suggestion occurring to my own mind and thoughts, and to be practically dealt with by the Supreme Council, as it, in its wisdom, may determine.

Our Foreign Relations, I am happy to say, continue to be in a very satisfactory condition; but, as to this, the Report of the Committee will more fully show particulars. I will refer only to one or two points. The Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States again sent me a kind invitation to attend the recent annual meeting at Boston, but, to my sincere regret, I could not accept, my health not being satisfactory.

The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States sent the Bulletin of 1880, which is interesting, as everything is that emanates from our Ill. Brother PIKE.

Both Jurisdictions denounce and prohibit recognition, in any way, of a Body known as the "Cerneau Council" in New York, and, of course, we will follow their example. The Chief of the Spurious Body is HARRY J. SEYMOUR, and they pretend to confer the degrees of our Rite up to and including the 32° for a nominal fee, thereby deluding worthy but uninformed Brethren.