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To the Supreme Council of the A.: & A.: S.: R.: for the Dominion of Canada.

GREETING :—

Although neither the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, nor the Consistory of this Jurisdiction have done a large amount of work during the past year, I am gratified to be enabled to record the fact that very material progress has been made in the true interests of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Province of New Brunswick. As regards the Lodge of Perfection, I may say that the fourth and fifth Degrees have been worked in extenso and that the other Degrees which have been conferred in the Lodge of Perfection as well as in the Chapter of Rose Croix and in the Consistory have been conferred in full, and that notwithstanding the disadvantages which we labor under, in consequence of the great fire of 1877, marked progress has been made by the respective officers in acquiring an accurate knowledge of our Ritual.

The meetings during the past year have alternated between the Masonic Hall in Carleton, on the western side of the harbor, and the new Masonic Temple recently erected by the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company upon the spacious site owned by the said Company upon Germain Street in this City. This building when completed will cost about \$80,000, and provision is being made for ample accommodation for the several Bodies of our Order; indeed, I may say that when fully completed, our new building for adaptability to the requirements of our brotherhood will not be second to any Masonic Temple in this Dominion.

In closing this brief report, allow me to express my deep regret that circumstances over which I have no control, present my being at the Grand East during this communication of our Supreme Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Deputy for the Province of N. B.,
and Lieut. Gr.: Com.:*

On motion made by Ill.: Bro.: STEARNS, seconded by Ill.: Bro.: MACKAY, the above reports were referred to the committee on the doings of Special Deputies.

The Ill.: Grand Chancellor presented his report, as follows :—