

illegal, and unmasonic. And they are fully convinced that the Masons of Ontario will at once, and without delay, take such action as will tend to an amicable settlement of the present unfortunate state of affairs, as it is for the interest of the craft that the Masons of Ontario and Quebec should work together in peace and harmony.

The different Lodges which have met since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have in every instance confirmed the action of their delegates, and the subscribers beg to assure the Masons of Ontario, to a large number of whom they are personally known, that the Masons of the Province of Quebec are unanimous (with a few exceptions) in their approval of the action of the Convention which formed the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

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NOTE, No. 10.—Regarding the two concluding paragraphs, it need only be observed, that if it be desirable, as it most unquestionably is, “that the Masons of Ontario and Quebec should work together in peace and harmony,” these Brethren have adopted a most singular method of manifesting their attachment to, and affection for their Ontario Brethren, by rudely, rashly, and recklessly attempting to sever the Grand Lodge of Canada, in which both are united, and which has proved of such incalculable benefit to the Fraternity in both Provinces. Respecting the averments of the last sentence of this most impotent production, Grand Lodge will have already perceived that several Lodges named in a preceding portion of this address, have *not* “confirmed,” but on the contrary have repudiated “the action of their delegates,” and that several others also named have taken the necessary steps to maintain their allegiance to this Grand Lodge.

Having thus placed before you such facts as appeared to me to be necessary to a clear understanding of the true position of affairs, it yet remains for me to submit as briefly as possible the views I entertain, after most anxious and careful consideration, in reference to the legality or expediency of the recent secession. When the Confederation Act came into operation in 1867, a very general feeling prevailed among the fraternity within this jurisdiction, that the political changes then made, would to a greater or less degree affect our position as a Grand Lodge, and that a corresponding change would be necessary to adapt ourselves to the new state of affairs. This feeling gave rise to the discussion at Kingston, which has already been sufficiently alluded to. Many brethren, who, at that time, held the opinion that we ought to make some change, were yet unable to adduce reasons sufficient to satisfy their own minds, on what ground such changes were rendered necessary. There were no precedents, so far as known, either in the Old World or on this Continent, and thus the solution of the problem was rendered