

of Canada. The kickers may as well chime in with the independence procession inaugurated by the members of Great Priory. The fact that they received distinctions from the Great Prior does not assist them in any argument against the complete independence of Great Priory, but on the contrary detracts from the opinions advanced by them in bolstering up an effete quasi-monarchy in Canada, which young Canadians will not under any circumstances submit to."

This is the most arrant humbug we ever heard. The Great Prior has written "home," and to the Great Chancellor of Canada, and the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, urging the claims of the sovereignty and independence of the Great Priory of Canada. Sir Knight Ramsay has, to our certain knowledge, written several editorials and communications on the same since the declaration of sovereignty in July last, and we have never heard anyone saying that Sir Knight Moffat had declined to bow to the decision of Great Priory in severing its connection with Great Britain. Our sovereignty and independence is a *settled fact*, and there can now be no back step taken.

Our thanks are due to R. W. Bro. H. D. Brown, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Liberia, for an excellent photograph of himself in full Masonic regalia.

We are pleased to note that the *Masonic Review*, of Cincinnati, Ohio, thoroughly endorses our criticism regarding the Grand Commandery of Ohio legislating upon the legitimacy or illegitimacy of the various branches

of the Scottish Rite. THE CRAFTSMAN maintains that no Masonic governing body has the right or power to legislate with regard to the degrees of any other Masonic rite. Many a Knight Templar never was a member of the Scotch Rite, and *vice versa*. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by interfering with the higher grades, stultified her former record and threw a firebrand that may yet cause a dangerous conflagration.

CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

The *Hebrew Standard* is again received. We wish it would devote a little more space to its masonic items.

W. Bro. A. McMillan, of Cataragui Lodge, has been elected Secretary of the Kingston Masonic Benevolent Association.

FOR SALE.—A complete set of "THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN,"—nicely bound. Price, \$65.00. Address "Craftsman" office, Port Hope, Ont.

The *Victorian Freemason* has our thanks for back numbers. We wish it every success in its battle for the rights of the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Thorne Lodge, No. 281, since its removal to Orillia, has met with the most flattering and gratifying success, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of R.W. Bro. Dr. Ramsay.

King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, has presented W. Bro. Wm. Thompson with a handsome P. M.'s jewel, in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge.

Our thanks are due to R.W. Bro. J.S. Dewar, the editor of the Lodge column in the *London Free Press*, for copies of the same. Bro. Dewar edits the best masonic column of any secular paper in the Dominion. Long life to the Grand Junior Warden!