

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC

Soient Free and Accepted Masons,

AT ITS

SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT THE CITY OF MONTREAL,

ON THE

27th and 28th days of September, A.D. 1876, A.L. 5876.

ALSO OF AN

EMERGENT MEETING,

Held at Montreal on the 15th day of July, A.D. 1876, A.L. 5876.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM, RICHMOND, P. Q.,
GRAND MASTER.

JOHN H. ISAACSON, MONTREAL. P. Q.,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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Grand Lodge of Quebec

A. F. & A. M.

A Funeral Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Montreal, at Masonic Chambers, Place d'Armes, on the fifteenth day of July, 1876, A. L. 5876, for the special purpose of the funeral of M. W. Bro. Aldis Bernard, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and of this Grand Lodge. There were present thereat the following named Grand Officers:—

M. W. Bro. John H. Graham, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. James O'Halloran,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Samuel Johnson,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " " J. B. Charleson,	" Junior Warden.
" " " Rev. H. W. Nye,	" Chaplain.
" " " H. M. Alexander,	" Treasurer.
" " " J. H. Isaacson,	" Secretary.
" " " M. Lesser,	as " Senior Deacon.
" " " J. F. Raymore,	" " Junior Deacon.
" " " T. P. Butler,	" Director of Ceremonies.
" " " S. E. Moss,	" Organist.
" " " J. Forester,	as " Pursuivant.
" " " M. Burnie,	" " Steward.
" " " L. W. Decker,	" " "

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson,	P. G. M.
" " " W. B. Simpson,	"
R. " " C. Staveley,	P. D. D. G. M.
" " " J. H. Stearns,	"
" " " Frank Edgar,	"
" " " John Turner,	"

R. W. Bro.	John Urquhart, Jr.,	P. D. D. G. M.
" " "	Wm. Mackenzie,	"
" " "	J. T. McMinn,	P. G. S. W.
" " "	Thos. Milton,	P. G. J. W.
" " "	S. Johnston,	"
" " "	John McLean,	P. G. R.
V. " "	H. M. Alexander,	P. G. S. D.
" " "	C. Staveley,	P. G. J. D.
" " "	M. Burnie,	P. G. S.
" " "	M. Lesser,	"
" " "	Geo. C. Bown,	"

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R. W. Bro.	C. Staveley.	W. Bro.	L. W. Decker.
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V. " "	S. E. Moss.	V. " "	M. Burnie.
R. " "	J. H. Stearns.	R. " "	E. M. Copeland.
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V. " "	G. C. Bown.	V. " "	T. P. Butler.
" " "	G. J. Bowles.	R. " "	J. B. Charleson.
" " "	P. S. Cowan.	" " "	P. Cowan, Jr.
V. " "	A. Boisseau.	" " "	H. W. Nye.
R. " "	Jno. Urquhart.	V. " "	M. Lesser.
" " "	W. Mackenzie.	" " "	Robt. Irwin.
" " "	John McLean.	" " "	A. H. Holland.
" " "	McTavish.	" " "	D. Ferguson.

The following Brethren, members of Grand Lodge, were reported as being present and duly qualified to take part in the proceedings at this Special Communication:—

No. 0.	<i>Albion Lodge.</i>
	Joseph Fielding, W.M.
	C. J. Dalziel, J.W.
No. 1.	<i>St. John.</i>
	Christopher Staveley, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
No. 3.	<i>Nelson.</i>
	L. W. Decker, P.M.

- No. 6. *St. George.*
C. W. Brown, W.M.
J. F. Raymore, P.M.
- No. 7. *Zetland.*
J. H. Isaacson, P.M.
S. E. Moss, P.M.
- No. 10. *St. Francis.*
M. Burnie, P. M.
- No. 11. *Victoria.*
G. H. Presby, W.M.
- No. 13. *Montreal Kilwinning.*
J. H. Stearns, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
- No. 16. *Royal Albert.*
E. Holton, W.M.
E. M. Copeland, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.,
F. Edgar, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
Saml. Johnston, P.M., G.S.W.
Thomas Simpson, J.W.
- No. 17. *Victoria.*
W. M. LeMesurier, W.M.
J. T. McMinn, P.M., P.G.S.W.
Geo. C. Bown, P.M.
T. P. Butler, P.M.
G. J. Bowles, P.M.
Saml. Mathewson, J.W.
- No. 18. *Milton Lodge.*
R. J. Scott, J.W.
- No. 19. *Tuscan.*
J. B. Charleson, P.M.
- No. 20. *Ascott.*
Arthur F. Simpson, W.M.

No. 25.

Shawenegan.

John Turner, P.D.D.G.M.
James Baxter, J.W.

No. 27.

Corner Stone.

P. L. Cowan, P.M.
P. Cowan, Jr., P.M.

No. 29.

St. Charles.

John Forrester, W.M.

No. 30.

Cœurs Unis.

J. Edmond, W.M.
A. Boisseau, P.M.

No. 32.

Excelsior.

Henry W. Nye, P.M.

No. 41.

St. John.

J. H. Isaacson, W. M.

Antiquity.

John Urquhart, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
E. Eaves, S.W.

St. George (late No. 19).

H. A. Earle, W.M.
A. A. Stevenson, P.M., P.G.M.
M. Lesser, P.M., P.G.S.
W. Mackenzie, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
Robert Irwin, P.M.

Royal Canadian (late 107).

James O'Halloran, P.M., P.G.M.
H. W. Nye, G.C.

Mount Moriah (late No. 226).

W. McCauliff, W.M.
John McLean, P.M., P.G.R.
Arthur H. Holland, P.M.

Eddy (late 298).

W. Warren, S.W.

FUNERAL EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

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Mount Royal (late No. 202).

W. S. Walker, W.M.

Nelson, J.W.

McTavish, P.M.

Zetland (late No. 21).

John A. Mackie, W.M.

D. Ferguson, P.M.

Hochelega, U. D.

D. Anderson, W.M.

Geo. G. Howard, J.W.

Montarville, U. D.

T. P. Butler, P.M.

VISITORS.

Orlando P. Bloss, No. 213, Potsdam, N.Y.

T. B. Muir, No. 122, C.R., W.M.,

James G. Cooper, D.D.G.M., Huron District, R.C.

Charles Esplin, Doric, No. 158, P.M.

James Bain, St. Andrew, No. 16, P.G.S.W., G.L. of C.

A. Ansell, Pembroke, No. 128, P.M.

B. Reed, Mount Royal.

J. H. Kerr, Grand Master, G.L. of C.

Andrew Ritchie, Victoria, No. 17.

W. P. Weir, " "

John Thompson, " "

Henry McVittie, Zetland, No. 7.

Walter M. Rice.

Henry Robertson, P.D.D.G.M., G.L. of C.

Edwin Plant, Zetland.

D. McNaughton, Durham, No. 66, G.L. of C., W.M.

W. J. Manuel, Zetland.

D. D. Mann.

T. P. Powell, Victoria, No. 17, Q.R.

Matthew G. Mitchell, Clinton Lodge, Clinton.

James Yuill, Victoria, No. 17.

James Seymour, P.G.M., G.L. of C.

A. C. Beach, Antiquity Lodge.

Chas. S. Cotton, Prevest Lodge, No. 2.

Wm. Franklin, St. George, No. 19.
 J. T. Deseve, Antiquity.
 James Mitchell, Victoria, No. 17.
 F. Montagu Sowden, St. John, No. 41.
 Joseph Mitchell, Zetland (late 21).
 A. S. Hart, Mount Royal.

At one of the clock, p.m. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master took his seat on the Throne, and prayer having been offered by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

A telegram received yesterday from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada which body was then in session at Ottawa City, was communicated to Grand Lodge, expressing sorrow for the decease of M. W. Bro. Bernard, and stating that it was the intention of M. W. Bro. Kerr, Grand Master of that G. L. and several of the Grand Officers to attend his funeral, if possible, this day.

Several letters from Grand Officers of this G. L. were read, expressing regret at their unavoidable absence.

Grand Lodge then proceeded in a body to an adjoining chamber where the mortal remains of the late P. G. M. were deposited, and the usual solemn masonic funeral ceremony was performed, after which Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, was formed into procession and being joined by a great number of the Craft and many citizens, and following the body proceeded to the Dorchester Street Methodist Church, where the religious services were performed.

Afterwards the procession of Masons was re-formed and proceeded to Mount Royal Cemetery, where, the concluding Masonic Funeral ceremony having been performed under the directions of M. W. the G. M. and M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., the members of Grand Lodge returned to Masonic Hall, and the following business was there transacted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. O'Halloran seconded by V. W. Bro. John Shaw, Jr. Junior Deacon, and

Resolved—That the actual expenses of this Grand Lodge incurred in connection with the present meeting be defrayed so soon as ascertained.

E. W. Bro. O'Halloran then moved seconded by R. W. Bro. Nye, Grand Chaplain.

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. Penton, Chief of Police of this City, and to the officers and men under his command who were on duty at the funeral of the late M. W. Bro. Bernard, for their exemplary conduct.

The motion was carried.

The M. W. the Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

Officers and Brethren:—It is peculiarly due to you that I should commend you for the alacrity with which you have obeyed the summons to attend this emergent communication of the Grand Lodge, to attend the funeral of our late M. W. Bro. Bernard whose mortal remains you have just now accompanied to their last resting place, with masonic honors befitting his exalted rank in the Craft.

Our late M. W. Brother was devotedly attached to our Order; and more especially in connection with the organization and upbuilding of the Grand Lodge of Canada of which he was elected Deputy Grand Master, his zeal was most remarkable and his labors most abundant, for all which he was most suitably rewarded by having conferred upon him by that Grand Body, the honorary rank of Past Grand Master.

It was our fortune to differ from him very considerably, in regard to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but as he, with others who shared his opinions, had fully accepted and recognised our Grand Body as an accomplished fact,—it had long since become our duty and our privilege to overlook and treat as by-gones, all past differences; and when death summoned him hence, "to cast around his foibles whatever they may have been, the broad mantle of a mason's charity and cheerfully to render to his memory the praise to which his virtues" and his unusual abilities displayed in so many departments of a long and active public life, "have entitled him." "His meritorious actions, it is our duty to imitate, and from his "weakness we ought to derive instruction."

I am sure that you all will heartily join with me in expressing our deep sympathy for the bereaved wife and children in their sad affliction, and unite in the prayer that an All-wise Providence may sanctify it to their present and everlasting welfare.

My Brethren, I need hardly, in closing, admonish you that by the death of our late Brother, we are all forcibly reminded of our own inevitable destiny, and that it behoves us all to improve our brief remaining period of our existence here, that we may be duly and truly prepared when summoned hence, to be welcome into the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the Universe for ever presides. So mote it be.

The address was listened to with the utmost attention, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes, and the Grand Chaplain having offered a closing prayer, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at about 6 p.m., and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Quebec,

A. F. & A. M.

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The Seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Montreal, on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of September, A.D. 1876, A.L. 5876, and following day, at Masonic Chambers, Place d'Armes. The following were present thereat :—

	M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham,	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro.	James O'Halloran,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " "	Thomas Milton, as	Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	J. B. Charleson,	" Junior Warden.
" " "	Rev. H. W. Nye,	" Chaplain.
" " "	H. M. Alexander,	" Treasurer.
" " "	S. R. Whitman,	" Registrar.
" " "	John H. Isaacson,	" Secretary.
V. " "	W. Young,	as " Senior Deacon.
" " "	A. Simpson,	" " Junior Deacon.
" " "	T. P. Butler,	" Director of Ceremonies.
" " "	S. E. Moss,	" Organist.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC

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V. W. Bro. George Crawford, " Pursuivant.
 " " McGregor, as " Steward.
 " " Johnson, " " "

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R. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland, Montreal District.
 " " " C. A. Rice, Bedford "

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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 " " " Christopher Staveley, "
 " " " Thomas Wood, "
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 " " " John Urquhart, "
 " " " Richard Bull, "
 " " " T. Leet, "
 " " " Wm. Mackenzie, "
 " " " James Addie, "
 " " " J. T. McMin, P.G.S.W.
 " " " B. Burland, "
 " " " Alex. Chisholm, "
 " " " John Renshaw, P.G.J.W.
 " " " H. J. Gear, P.G.T.
 " " " John McLean, P.G.R.
 " " " C. P. Taber, "
 V. " " William Young, P.G.S.D.
 " " " J. J. Barnard, P.G.J.D.
 " " " J. Addie, P.G.O.
 " " " David Wright, P.G.P.
 " " " Joseph Tees, "
 " " " James Cleghorn, "
 " " " W. Johnston, P.G.S.
 " " " M. Lesser, "

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V. W. Bro. G. F. Shufelt,

P.G.S.

PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	William Miller.	R. W. Bro.	C. Staveley.
" "	Thomas Wood.	" "	T. F. Wood.
V. "	G. F. Shufelt.	" "	J. B. Gibson.
" "	F. H. Throop.	M. "	James Dunbar.
" "	J. F. Raymore.	V. "	S. E. Moss.
V. "	James G. Cleghorn.	" "	William Johnston.
" "	M. Burnie.	M. "	J. H. Graham.
" "	Hobart Butler.	" "	C. E. Blain.
" "	A. M. Stone.	" "	Horatio Hoskins.
R. "	C. A. Rice.	R. "	J. H. Stearns.
V. "	David Wright.	" "	John Renshaw.
R. "	C. P. Taber.	" "	Frank Edgar.
" "	H. M. Alexander.	V. "	J. J. Barnard.
" "	M. M. Tait.	R. "	Richard White.
" "	J. T. McMinn.	" "	Alex. Murray.
V. "	T. P. Butler.	V. "	George C. Bown.
R. "	Thomas Milton.	R. "	J. B. Charleson.
" "	James Addie.	" "	S. R. Whitman.
" "	Cowhard,	" "	T. Leet.
" "	S. M. Sansum.	" "	W. R. Philbrick.
" "	M. Lynch.	" "	R. F. Hamilton.
" "	John Turner.	" "	P. L. Cowan.
" "	H. L. Jaquays,	V. "	William Young.
V. "	George Crawford.	R. "	H. W. Nye.
" "	A. Boisseau.	" "	C. Boon.
" "	M. Winn.	V. "	Joseph Tees.
" "	Daniel Rose.	R. "	Alexander Murray.
R. "	J. H. Isaacson.	" "	John Urquhart.
" "	Alexander Chisholm.	" "	R. Bull.
" "	A. McGregor.	V. "	Mona Lesser.
" "	G. H. Kemp.	" "	John H. Jones.
" "	D. Ferguson.	R. "	James O'Halloran.
" "	E. Lusher.	" "	Fred. England.
" "	H. P. Newell.	" "	John P. Noyes.
R. "	John McLean.	" "	

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R. W. Bro. H. J. Gear. R. W. Bro. W. Mackenzie.
 " " E. M. Myers.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented in Grand Lodge, the R. W. the Grand Chaplain offered prayer to T. G. A. O. T. U., and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., was declared at high twelve opened in *ample form*.

The Committee on Credentials, which had been named by the Board of General Purposes, made their report, declaring the following named members of Grand Lodge as being present and duly qualified to take part in the business and proceedings of Grand Lodge at its present session:—

- No. 0. *Albion Lodge.*
 Joseph Fielding, W.M.
 William Miller, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
- No. 1. *St. John—Quebec City.*
 C. Staveley, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
 W. J. Stanley, S.W.
- No. 2. *Prevost—Dunham.*
 Thomas Wood, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
 T. F. Wood, P.M.
 G. F. Shufelt, P.M.
 J. B. Gibson, P.M.
- No. 3. *Nelson Lodge—St. Armand Station.*
 A. H. Bradley, W.M.
 F. H. Throop, P.M.
- No. 4. *Golden Rule—Stanstead*
 D. Mellhiny, W.M.
- No. 5. *St. Andrews Lodge—Quebec City.*
 J. Bowen, Jr., W.M.
 J. Dunbar, P.M., P.G.M.
- No. 6. *St. George Lodge—Montreal.*
 J. F. Raymore, P.M.

- G. E. Jaques, Jr., S.W.
W. L. Perego, J.W.
- No. 7. *Zetland Lodge—Montreal.*
Richard Tyler, W.M.
Thomas Goodwin, S.W.
S. E. Moss, P.M.
Jas. G. Cleghorn, P.M.
Wm. Johnson, P.M.
- No. 8. *Harrington Lodge—Quebec City.*
William Jacques, W.M.
- No. 9. *Hoyle Lodge—Lacolle.*
Thomas Milton, Proxy.
- No. 10. *St. Francis Lodge—Richmond.*
Geo. Boswell, W.M.
Wm. Barnwell, S.W.
Chas. W. Carpenter, J.W.
M. Burnie, P.M.
J. H. Graham, P.M., P.G.M.
- No. 11. *Victoria Lodge—Sherbrooke.*
G. H. Presby, W.M.
- No. 12. *Stanbridge Lodge—Stanbridge.*
C. A. Rice, P.M., D.D.G.M.
Hobart Butler, P.M.
C. E. Blain, P.M., Proxy.
A. M. Stone, P.M.
Horatio Hoskins, P.M.
- No. 13. *Montreal Kilwinning Lodge.*
James Cleland, W.M.
J. H. Stearns, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
David Wright, P.M., P.G.Pur.
John Renshaw, P.M., P.G.J.W.
J. W. Woodcock, S.W.

- No. 14. *Clarenceville Lodge.*
(Not represented.)
- No. 15. *Browne Lodge.*
C. P. Taber, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 16. *Royal Albert Lodge.*
E. Holton, W.M. *
Thos. Simpson, S.W.
F. Edgar, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
H. M. Alexander, P.M., Grand Treasurer.
J. J. Barnard, P.M., P.G.J.D.
M. M. Tait, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
Richard Bull, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
- No. 17. *Victoria Lodge.*
W. M. Lemesurier, W.M.
J. T. McMinn, P.M., P.G.S.W.
T. P. Butler, P.M.
Geo. C. Bown, P.M., P.G.S.
Alex. Murray, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
- No. 18. *Milton Lodge.*
R. S. Scott, W.M.
R. J. Scott, J.W.
Thos. Milton, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
- No. 19. *Tuscan Lodge.*
Edson Fitch, W.M.
J. B. Charleson, P.M.
- No. 20. *Ascot Lodge.*
Arthur F. Simpson, W.M.
Jas. Addie, P.M.
Wm. Lane, P.M.
J. H. Stearns, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
- No. 21. *Ashlar Lodge.*
W. H. Cowhard, P.M., Proxy.

- No. 22. *Freligsbury Lodge.*
S. R. Whitman, P.M., Proxy.
S. M. Sansum, P.M.
- No. 23. *Doric Lodge.*
M. Lynch, W.M.
W. R. Philbrick, P.M.
T. Leet, P.M.
J. H. Stearns, P.M.
- No. 24. *Chateauguay Lodge*
Peter McFarlane, W.M.
- No. 25. *Shawenegan Lodge.*
R. S. Scott, W.M.
John Turner, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
- No. 26. *Abercorn Lodge.*
R. F. Hamilton, P.M.
H. L. Jacquays, P.M.
- No. 27. *Corner Stone Lodge.*
Geo. W. Webb, W.M.
P. W. Cowan, P.M.
- No. 29. *St. Charles Lodge.*
Geo. Crawford, W.M.
J. G. Burns, S.W.
Thos. Milton, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
Wm. Young, P.M., P.G.S.D.
- No. 30. *La Loge des Cœurs Unis.*
J. Edmond, W.M.
G. E. A. Belle, S.W.
A. Boisseau, P.M.
A. Felize, J.W.
- No. 31. *Graham Lodge.*
A. A. Mooney, W.M.
- No. 32. *Excelsior Lodge.*
H. W. Nye, P.M., G.C.
Joseph Pilon, S.W.

- No. 34. *Mount Oxford Lodge.*
(Not represented.)
- No. 35. *St. George Lodge.*
E. A. Pfeiffer, W.M.
M. Winn, P.M.
- No. 36.) *Burland Lodge.*
B. Burland, P.M.
W. M. Ryder, J.W.
- No. 37. *Prince Consort Lodge.*
Hugh Brodie, W.M.
Henry Goodrick, S.W.
C. Boon, P.M.
- No. 38. *St. Andrew Lodge.*
Daniel Rose, P.M.
David Newton, S.W.
- No. 39. *Ionic Lodge.*
C. W. Woodford, W.M.
Joseph Tees, P.M.
- No. 40. *Lake Magog Lodge.*
G. O. Somers, J.W.
- No. 41. *St. John Lodge.*
J. H. Isaacson, W.M.
Alex. Murray, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
T. B. Warren, S.W.
- Antiquity Lodge, No. 0.*
Alex. Chisholm, W.M.
J. J. Olsen, J.W.
John Urquhart, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
A. McGregor, P.M.
R. Bull, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.

SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

Prevoist Lodge, late No. 1, C. R.

E. H. Kemp, P.M.

N. O. Lewis, J.W.

Dorchester, late No. 4, C. R.

(Not represented.)

St. George Lodge, late No. 19, C. R.

H. A. Earle, W.M.

M. Lesser, P.M.

Zetland Lodge, late No. 21 C. R.

D. Ferguson, P.M.

John H. Jones, P.M.

E. Lusher, P.M.

C. M. Putney, S.W.

George Maybank, J.W.

Aylmer Lodge, late No. 138, C. R.

T. B. Prentiss, W.M.

Evening Star Lodge, late No. 163, C. R.

(Not represented.)

Royal Canadian Lodge, late No. 187 C. R.

James O'Halloran, P.M., D.G.M.

H. P. Newell, P.M.

A. E. Mitchell, J.W.

Sutton Lodge, late No. 227 R. C.

(Not represented.)

Brome Lake Lodge, late No. 211 R. C.

R. E. Phelps, W.M.

Fred. England, P.M.

Olive Branch Lodge, late No. —, R. C.

C. A. Hill, W.M.

Mount Moriah Lodge, late No. —, R. C.

John Urquhart, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.

John McLean, P.M., P.G.R.

A. G. Adams, S.W.

Mount Royal Lodge, late No. 202 R. C.

W. Simpson Walker, W.M.

Wolfred Nelson, J.W.

Shefford Lodge, late No. 53 R. C.

John P. Noyes, P.M.

D. Darby, S.W.

J. S. Wallace, J.W.

St. John Lodge, late No. 175 R. C.

L. C. Moore, W.M.

Yamaska Lodge, late No. 130 R. C.

George Vittie, W.M.

Eddy Lodge, late No. 298 R. C.

W. Warren, S.W.

Pontiac Lodge, late No. 275 R. C.

(Not represented.)

St. George Lodge, late No. 19 R. C.

W. Mackenzie, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.

E. M. Myers, P.M.

Hochelega Lodge, U. D.

D. Anderson, W.M.

Montarville Lodge, U. D.

H. J. Gear, W.M.

G. G. Macpherson, J.W.

Bedford Lodge, U. D.

Hobart Butler, W.M.

David A. Hart, S.W.

St Francis Lodge, U. D.
(Not represented.)

VISITING BRETHREN.

Tim Hinman, Golden Rule Lodge, No. 4.
R. W. Williams, Milton Lodge, No. 18.
Ira Scott.
W. V. Bryan, Stanbridge Lodge, No. 12.
Charles Cameron, Eddy Lodge.
H. H. Scott, late Victoria, No. 17, Q. R.
G. C. Cooper, " " " "
C. Knowlton, Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, Maine.
Charles F. Blondin, Meridian Lodge, Natick, Mass.
G. Carslake, Zetland Lodge, No. 21, Q. R.
W. L. Cooper.
William Greig, Montreal Kilwinning, No. 13, Q. R.
S. E. Cochran, " " " "
C. Cuiskelly, Prince Consort Lodge, No. 37, Q. R.
D. Mackenzie, St. George Lodge, late No. 19, C. R.
R. M. Paterson, St. Francis Lodge, No. 10, Q. R.
James Strachan, St. George Lodge, late No. 19, C. R.
B. Baker, Mount Royal Lodge, late No. 202, C. R.
H. J. Roswell, Antiquity, No. 0.
James Monter, Lodge 640, E. R.
John Nelson, St. Charles Lodge, No. 29, Q. R.
John Ferguson, Zetland Lodge, No. 7, Q. R.
W. W. Gardner, Royal Albert Lodge, No. 16, Q. R.
Robert Heron, St. George Lodge.
J. D. L. Ambrose, Blair Lodge, No. 393, Chicago, Ill.
John Fairbairn, Excelsior Lodge, No. 32, Q. R.
A. W. Smith, Royal Albert Lodge, No. 16, Q. R.
George Robinson, " " "
Brock Willett, " " "
John Ion, Victoria Lodge, No. 17, Q. R.
John H. Cathrae, Harbor Grace, No. 476.

By instructions from the M.W. the G.M. all brethren being M.
M's. in good standing and properly clothed were permitted to enter
G.L. as visitors, taking their seats apart.

The printed forms of the order of business to be submitted to G. L. were distributed by the Grand Deacons to the members of the Grand Lodge.

The Rules and Regulations for the Government of G. L. were read by the Grand Secretary. After which that officer read the minutes of the Emergent meeting of the 15th day of July last, which were duly confirmed.

The Grand Secretary was then proceeding to read the minutes of the last annual communication, 22nd and 23rd September, 1875, when it was, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander seconded by V. W. Bro. T. J. Butler,

Resolved,—That the minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, held in the month of September, 1875, having been printed and distributed amongst the different subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, the same be held as read, and they are hereby confirmed.

Letters from the D.G.M. and G.S.W., from the Grand Organist, G.S.D. and G.J.D. offering their respective reasons for inability to be present during the first day of the session, were read and placed on file.

Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 2.30 this day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2.30 p.m. this 27th day of September, 1876, Grand Lodge resumed labor, there being present as before.

The Board of General purposes by R. W. Bro. J. H. Stearns, vice-president, thereof reported for the information of Grand Lodge that the following committees from its members had been formed, viz :

On Credentials.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller.

“ “ “ Wm. McKenzie.

V. “ “ M. Burnie.

“ “ Hobart Butler.

Charity.

Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Bro. Charleson.

“ “ “ Rice.

Finance.

- R. W. Bro. Thos. Milton.
 " " " Wm. Miller.
 " " " S. R. Whitman.

Grand Master's Address.

- M. W. Bro. Dunbar.
 R. " " Tait.
 " " " Milton.

Grievances and Appeal.

- R. W. Bro. Milton.
 " " " Tait.
 " " " Stearns.

State of Masonry.

- R. W. Bro. Borlase.
 " " " Chisholm.
 V. " " Burney.

Jurisprudence.

- M. W. Bro. Dunbar.
 R. " " Chisholm.
 " " " Charleson.

Charters.

- R. W. Bro. Stearns.
 " " " Chisholm.
 " " " Rice.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following Report:

On the applications to this Grand Lodge by Mrs. Galer and her daughter for assistance to the extent of Fifty dollars, and by Bro. Wm. Elder for Twenty-five dollars, both recommended by R. W. Bros. O'Halloran and Pickle. After careful investigation into the circumstances of each case, the Board cannot recommend the granting of either sum without obtaining fuller particulars as to the necessities of the applicants.

The Board avails itself of the present opportunity to suggest that, in the future, all applications for charity should be made through and re-

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commended by the lodge nearest the residence of the applicant, and in all cases the Board should be furnished with information as to the amount of aid, if any, furnished to applicant by such lodge.

On the application of Mrs. Stenhouse, widow of the late W. Bro. Henry Stenhouse, P.M., Albion Lodge, No. 0, the Board finds that the applicant has already been assisted by grants from several of the Quebec City Lodges, and also by individual brothers, yet deems it proper under the peculiar circumstances of the case, to recommend to Grand Lodge to grant to the applicant a further sum of Thirty dollars, this amount to be handed to W. Bro. Fielding, W.M. of Albion Lodge for disposition as he may see necessary.

On the application of Bro. Strothers, the Board advises that the sum of Twenty dollars be granted to him, to be paid to the Grand Secretary for disposition as in his judgment occasion shall demand.

The last application is recommended by each of the various lodges for which Bro. Strothers is tyler, also by the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and R. W. Bro. Chisholm.

M. M. TAIT, *Chairman.*

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Stearns and seconded by R.W. Bro. Whitman,

That the report of the B. G. P. just read be received and adopted.

W. Bro. Rose moved, seconded by R.W. Bro. Wood.

That the report be referred back to the Board for reconsideration.

The amendment was carried.

The following report from the Grand Treasurer was read :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

I beg to submit this my report as Grand Treasurer.

Balance on hand last communication.....	\$1711 83
Received from the Grand Secretary to the 13rd instant, date of closing my books for Dues, Certificates, &c.....	2338 50

\$4050 33

I have disbursed by order a total sum as per detailed statement with Vouchers submitted to the Board, examined, audited and found correct this day, 27th Sept. 1876.....	\$2865 44
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Balance this day, Cr. Grand Lodge..... \$1184 89

The expenditure during the last year has been unusually heavy, the sum of \$1135 96 paid for Grand Lodge Regalia. Expended for Charitable purposes amount in total to \$325 00, leaving at Credit of Benevolent Fund the sum of \$3891 03, this amount is drawing interest at the rate of 5 p.c. interest in the Exchange Bank of Canada here.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. ALEXANDER,

Grand Treasurer.

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The report of Grand Treasurer was referred to the B. G. P., who presented the following report thereon :

The Board has carefully examined the report of the Grand Treasurer, also his books, accounts, vouchers, &c., &c., and finds them regular and correct in every respect.

M. M. TAIT,
Chairman.

It was moved by Bro. Fitch, seconded by R. W. Bro. Miller :

That the report of the B. G. P. anent the Grand Treasurer's statement, books, accounts and vouchers, be received and adopted ;

That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The Grand Secretary then presented his report, as follows :

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec :

In making this my report I have to observe that as nothing of unusual interest or importance has transpired during the past year in immediate connection with the duties of my office, I have only to lay before you the following information :

I have received since the last annual communication, on account of Grand Lodge, the sum of two thousand three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$2,338.50), all of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts given for same.

Further sums to a considerable amount have been handed to me since 23rd September instant, the date of closing the books of Grand Lodge, and this in persistency of the reprehensible practice of paying dues after the time fixed by the Constitution.

I have issued from this office during the last twelve months four dispensations for the establishment of new lodges, viz. : for Hochelaga Lodge at Hochelaga, Bedford Lodge at Bedford, Montarville Lodge at Longueuil and St. Francis Lodge at Sorel ; and, pursuant to instructions given at the last annual communication I have written to the late W. M. of Clarke Lodge, now defunct, demanding that the warrant and property be surrendered to Grand Lodge. Up to the present it has not been transmitted.

In view of the importance of the subject, and that the same may be more readily understood, I have caused to be printed and circulated in Grand Lodge the whole of the correspondence had between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England in reference to the question of recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

A new edition of the Book of Constitution has been issued by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, the publisher, under my superintendence, and there is now no reason why any lodge should be without it.

I respectfully ask from Grand Lodge a vote of sufficient money to enable me to cause to be properly bound the printed proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, which are now fast accumulating in this office.

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The issue of Grand Lodge certificates has been heretofore from time to time considerably delayed by reason of the difficulty of at all times obtaining proper parchment; I have, however, made such arrangements as will, I trust, in the future remove all delays.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Whitman, seconded by R. W. Bro. Stearns, the report of the Grand Secretary was received, and ordered to be placed on file and published in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

On the motion of R. W. Bro. Murray seconded by R. W. Bro. Renshaw,

The B. G. P. was requested to make special report to Grand Lodge on the subject of arrears of dues to G. L. by subordinate lodges.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address:

Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec:

It is with devout thankfulness to the Great Architect of the Universe that, as your chief executive officer, I am again privileged to meet you in this our annual assembly, to render an account of my stewardship; to preside over your important deliberations, and to aid you in drafting your designs on the trestle-board, for the guidance of the craftsmen during the coming year. May our labors thus begun in order, be conducted in peace and closed in harmony.

The year just closed has, in general, been one of peace, harmony and prosperity within our borders and throughout the Masonic world. The workmen in our temples have, with commendable zeal and fidelity, devoted themselves to their allotted tasks, so that their overseers have had but little of which to complain and much to praise; and thus we trust it may always be, so that peace may ever be within our walls and prosperity within our palaces, and that at last each one, having finished his labors, may receive the welcome plaudit from the Great Master Workman, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

AT REST.

You are already aware of the death of M. W. Brother Aldis Bernard and his burial with due respect under the auspices of Grand Lodge, and of the death of R. W. Bro. George Thompson, of Quebec, one of the best of men and most zealous masons within our jurisdiction. I have now to communicate to you the sad intelligence of the death of our illustrious and R. W. Brother A. T. de Oliveira, 33°, of the city of Rio Janeiro, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Brazil; and also the death of our zealous and talented R. W. Brother James B. Scot, of New Orleans, the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, than whom the Grand Lodge of Quebec had no better friend or more faithful Representative abroad. These illustrious Brethren will be sadly

missed and long lamented in their respective jurisdictions, I have also to report the early death of our able and promising W. Bro. J. B. Colson, LL.D., of the city of Quebec. In token of our sorrow on account of the decease of these and other Brethren, I propose that this Lodge Room be draped in mourning during the present communication.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed R. W. Bro. Joseph P. Hornor of New Orleans, as Grand Representative, at the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in the place of our late R. W. Bro. J. B. Scot, and R. W. Bro. McKelvie, near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, and V. W. Bro. David A. Manson, of Mansonville, has been duly commissioned as Representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which appointments will doubtless be acceptable to this Grand Body.

NEW LODGES.

I have also to report that I have granted Dispensations for the establishment of the four following new Lodges, viz.: Bedford Lodge, at Bedford; Hochelaga Lodge, at Hochelaga; Montarville Lodge, at Longueuil; and Richelieu Lodge at Sorel, and I trust their affairs will be found in such a satisfactory condition that Grand Lodge will be pleased to grant to them Warrants of Constitution.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY. &c.

I beg to submit also for the consideration and action of Grand Lodge the important subject of making a beginning of a Grand Lodge Library. Doubtless the B. O. G. P. will submit a report to Grand Lodge on the matter, as also anent recompensing Bro. Smithers for his arduous labors in preparing the Report on Foreign Correspondence, which I trust will be found eminently satisfactory to Grand Lodge, and I would also request the Board to consider and report on the recommendation of the Grand Master submitted last year anent the subdivision of the large District of Montreal, I trust also that the Committee on re-numbering the Lodges will be prepared with their report during the present session.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES.

In view of the cases which not infrequently occur, of candidates otherwise well qualified, but having some physical defect, and as to whose acceptance doubts arise, it seems necessary to remind the brethren that no person should be initiated into Freemasonry who has any maim or defect of body, which would render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his master's lord, and of being made a brother, and in due time a fellow craft, and a Master Mason.

All doubtful cases of applicants should be referred by the Master to the District Deputy, who should carefully inquire into, and if practicable personally, make examination of the case, and fully report the same to the Grand Master, who will then render a decision thereon.

MASONIC HISTORY.

The recent publication of the History of Masonry in the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion should remind us of the duty to which I have heretofore called the attention of the Grand Lodge, namely, the preparation for the publication of the interesting history of the craft in the Province of Quebec. I beg to advise the Grand Lodge to appoint a permanent committee

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for the collection and preparation of material, for such a history, and I would request that each private lodge will forthwith do the same thing, and that reports from each be submitted at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge. Let not this important matter be longer delayed.

LODGE INCOMES AND OUTLAYS.

It seems particularly necessary that I should call the especial attention of the representatives of lodges, in Grand Lodge assembled, to the very important subjects of lodge incomes and expenditures. All funds of the lodge should safely and profitably be invested or deposited in savings or other banks by the proper officers as frequently as even a small amount is on hand; and a semi-annual or annual official report of the same be made to the lodge; and monies should be drawn from its funds only as needed for the relief of urgent distress, except after due consideration by the lodge or by its officers, as prescribed by the by-laws. I fear that some lodges are too remiss in regard to this important matter. It appears to me also that some lodges need admonition in regard to their various expenditures. Over frequent, after-labor refreshment ought not to be indulged in at the expense of the lodge, perhaps not oftener than quarterly, and should then be governed by a rigid but generous economy, and the strictest regard for the best possible promotion of social intercourse. I fear also that some lodges are too fond of mere display in fitting up their lodge-rooms, and are sometimes actuated by a desire to emulate or outdo their older and perhaps wealthier neighbors, while something less expensive would be amply sufficient, and would leave more funds for the great purpose of true benevolence and the more abundant relief of our brethren or their widows or orphans in distress. My brethren think of these things.

MASONIC MAGAZINE.

It is deeply to be regretted that the excellent Masonic magazine, the *News*, started and ably conducted by our Rev. Bro. Myers, should have died but one year old, of that fell destroyer of Masonic journals, want of adequate support; and our good brother could hardly be expected to continue it at a loss, or distribute it gratuitously for the benefit of the Craft.

It appears very desirable that there should be some Masonic paper published within our own jurisdiction. We could not as yet expect to maintain a magazine equal to the "*Craftsman*," in Ontario, but could not a small "*Quarterly*" be published at a very reasonable price and wholly devoted to information of what is transpiring at home and abroad in the Masonic world, and the brief presentation and discussion of matters of special importance to the Craft? Perhaps some satisfactory arrangement may be made with the Grand Secretary, aided by the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to issue such as the recognized organ of the Grand Lodge. I would suggest the advisability of appointing a committee to consider the matter.

DISPENSATIONS, ETC.

It is exceedingly important that officers of Lodges should bear in mind the inadvisability of asking for Dispensations to Pass and Raise Masons in less time than that prescribed by the Constitution, except in most urgent cases. Every Apprentice should faithfully serve his allotted time, in order that he may be fully instructed, and no Worshipful Master should on any account omit the lectures and charges in the several degrees; and I have reason to fear that the spirit of "office seeking" is unfortunately manifest-

ing itself on the part of some who have not the requisite qualifications for the high and responsible duties of Masters of Lodges and rulers in the Craft. It is generally better by far for lodges to elect old and efficient officers than to elect those not well qualified, as it will too often happen that over-ambitious and ill-qualified candidates for office will, after election, fail to prepare themselves to perform their important duties as they ought, and most of the labors of the lodge will have to be performed by past officers. This should not be; and I must admonish you effectually to suppress the reprehensible and unmasonic practice sometimes occurring of "canvassing" for office. Nothing is farther from the spirit and principles of Freemasonry, or more subversive of the best interests of the Craft, than "canvassing" for office personally or through others either in private lodges or in Grand Lodge. It ought to be an impassible barrier to advancement in office among Freemasons. The great principles of our Order, and the laws laid down in our ancient constitutions in regard to these things are so well known and understood, especially by the older and more experienced brethren, that there is need only of calling your attention to them in order that they may be fully realized and faithfully practiced by the Craft.

THE DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The requirements of the constitution and the interest of the craft demand at least one annual official visit to each lodge from the District Deputy, for the purpose of counsel, instruction and inspection. To perform these duties satisfactorily, requires, in most of the rural districts, a very considerable amount of time and outlay of money, and therefore, in the absence of any constitutional regulation, it seems in most instances to be asking too much of these officers to necessitate their bearing the whole of the expense of these official visits, and I beg to advise each lodge to pay to the Deputy, the actual expense of at least one official visit made per year.

In this way these worthy officers will be materially aided and encouraged in the discharge of their important duties.

GRAND LODGE SOVEREIGNTY.

The exclusive sovereignty of each Grand Lodge within its own territory must be maintained. It is the foundation and keystone of our Grand Lodge existence and the principal source of our unity, harmony and prosperity. The irregular interference of certain European Grand Orientes or assemblages, in certain jurisdictions on this continent, the establishment of a clandestine lodge by one of these in the city of London, England, and the intermeddling of officious innovators with the "body" and established "order" of Freemasonry, under the pretended guise of reform and progress, deserve and should receive the severest condemnation.

ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, I appointed a committee consisting of R. W. Brothers O'Halloran, Stearns, Copeland, Tait and Isaacson, to confer with delegates (if appointed) from the Lodges, four in number, in the city of Montreal, still continuing in allegiance to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. I exceedingly regret to report that no conference has been held, chiefly on account of the non-co-operation of said private Lodges. It did not appear to me that the resolution referred to as passed at last session in restricting the action of the Grand Master in the matter to one particular course of action, was well calculated to facilitate the consummation so

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earnestly desired by many leading members of the craft in England, Scotland and Quebec.

I cannot, for many obvious and important reasons, recommend the acceptance by Grand Lodge of the conditional recognition proffered by the Grand Lodge of England.

The present, however, seems to me to be an auspicious time for the final adjustment of our relations with these mother Grand Lodges and their excellent daughter lodges here, and thus secure that perfect unity within our Grand Lodge jurisdiction without which complete harmony and the highest welfare of the craft cannot be fully secured.

The happy condition of Masonic affairs in England under the benign rule of their Royal Grand Master, and a similarly fortunate state of things existing in Scotland under the wise control of talented and exalted brethren there; the prudence, ability and the present fraternal spirit of the officers and members of the several private lodges of these jurisdictions here, as also the well-known and anxious desires of this Grand Lodge, all seem to indicate that another year ought not to be numbered with the past before all causes of separation shall, by mutual concession and co-operation be happily removed, and a new era of more perfect and indissoluble union be established between these mother Grand Lodges, their daughter Lodges here, and this Grand Body, and that the whole Masonic world will with rejoicing have just cause to exclaim:—"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI.

I beg to inform Grand Lodge that there has been received by me a very kind, fraternal letter from R. W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Gr. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, enclosing a commission from G. M. of that Grand Body to me, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and also an admirably prepared copy of their proceedings for 1875, and a copy of their constitution, &c., for all which I desire to return especial thanks; and although I had declined while in the office of Grand Master to accept the Representativenesship of many of the leading Grand Lodges of the world, which had been kindly tendered me by the Grand Masters of their respective Grand Bodies, preferring to honor others by recommending them for such appointments instead of retaining so many of such honors and privileges for myself, yet I confess that from past considerations, well understood by most of you, it would have pleased me to have made an exception in the case of Missouri, could I have consistently done so. Yet under the circumstances I deemed it my duty to decline the proffered honor, nor can I recommend this Grand Lodge to accept the recognition tendered her by the said Grand Lodge.

At the Annual Communication in 1875 the Grand Lodge of Missouri passed the following preamble and resolutions, namely:—

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Quebec has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Missouri hereby recognize the Grand Lodge of Quebec A. F. and A. M., having jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec as at present defined, said recognition not to interfere with the vested rights of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland over such of their daughter Lodges as may prefer to remain under their original charters.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Missouri extends to the Grand Lodge of Quebec her best wishes for peace and prosperity.

And while grateful for and heartily reciprocating the good wishes expressed in the last resolution, I cannot recommend this Grand Lodge to accept recognition from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, or from any other Grand Lodge, on any such conditions as are contained in the preamble and the first resolution.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec will cheerfully accept fraternal recognition from the Grand Lodge of Missouri on the condition that this Grand Lodge has the same right of exclusive sovereign jurisdiction within this Province of our Dominion that the Grand Lodge of Missouri claims and exercises within that State of the American Union.

CANADA AND ONTARIO.

It is my painful duty to report for your consideration and action the existence of a much to be lamented schism amongst our brethren in the sister Province of Ontario. It has always appeared to me to be most unfortunate that the "Grand Lodge of Canada," when all her relations to this Grand Lodge had been adjusted and recognition accorded, that she did not then at least constitute and declare herself to be the Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario. Her name "The Grand Lodge of Canada," has, since Confederation, become synonymous with "The Grand Lodge of the Dominion of Canada," and seems to involve what some may consider a menace to, or a claim to superiority over, the other Grand Lodges of the Dominion, any one of which is as much a "Grand Lodge of Canada," as she is. Had she thus reconstituted and renamed herself "The Grand Lodge of Ontario," it would have wholly prevented any claim being put forward that there existed no such Grand Body.

From an examination of the papers forwarded to me from London, Ont., it does not clearly appear to me what were the real causes of the existing schism—or that the proceedings had in the formation and incorporation of what is called "The Grand Lodge of Ontario," were in accordance with the well-known and generally accepted principles governing the formation of Grand Lodges of Freemasons, such as those on which this, and other regularly constituted Grand Lodges have been duly founded and recognized. I cannot therefore recommend Grand Lodge to extend fraternal recognition to the Body now claiming to be the Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario, notwithstanding she may bring to the support of her claims some exceptional circumstances as precedents; or the non-performance of an evident duty on the part of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which should have followed as a sequence to the disseverment of the old Provinces of Canada into Ontario and Quebec.

Having received no official Communications from the "Grand Lodge of Canada," ament this schism or her action regarding the same, I am therefore not in a position to advise Grand Lodge with certainty, as to what ought to be done under the circumstances, and hence it seems to me better to defer action upon the matter, hoping, as I think we justly may, that a peaceful and fraternal solution of existing difficulties may yet be had.

It appears to me from the information I have of the many excellent Brethren who are involved in this unfortunate affair, that a proper spirit of conciliation and a prudent exercise of authority might have prevented the difficulty from assuming such proportions; but if not, I cannot com-

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mend for your approval the reported numerous "suspensions by edit," nor any action of "expulsion" of more than doubtful legality—and hence it appears to me that there are good reasons to hope that if there is further opportunity given, the second, sober thought of so many good brethren on either side, will lead ere long to a happy solution of existing difficulties, and so avoid what otherwise may be a permanent alienation of those who ought to be one in spirit and action.

Brethren from without the jurisdiction of Ontario may also be able to counsel and co-operate, with our good Brethren there, in healing existing troubles. In olden time under somewhat like circumstances the good example of *Old London* and *Old York*, in the motherland, may not be wholly lost among their loyal children in this land of the setting sun.

COLORED LODGES.

Among the many incidents peculiar to this *Centennial* year of our good Brethren and neighbors of the great Republic on our Southern boundary, has been the thrusting into what I cannot otherwise than consider, the undue and unwise prominence of the subject of the colored private and Grand Lodges, so-called, reported to exist there, and likewise to call attention to those claiming existence in the Province of Ontario, whose application for recognition has heretofore been laid before me.

It appears to me to be far better for the colored people themselves, for us patiently to await the more full development of their destiny on this continent. The gravest possible doubts exist in my own mind as to the regularity of any of those so-called lodges of colored Freemasons, either in the United States or Canada, and hence if they are irregular as I believe, no proposals for their recognition can be entertained by this or any other duly constituted Grand Lodge; the more especially as these so-called colored Grand Lodges claim to exist where regular and duly constituted and recognized Grand Lodges of Freemasons exist already. "Freemasons are of all nations, tongues, kindreds, and languages," but all regular private Lodges alone have the initial and final right to decide who shall or shall not become regular members of our Fraternity, and no new regular private lodges can be created except in the manner prescribed by the constitution, and no proposition for the recognition of any Grand Lodge should be entertained except on the basis of exclusive jurisdiction of each Grand Lodge within its prescribed and lawful territory.

Our constitutions do not require any "fifteenth" or other amendments to meet the wants of all people, or to conserve the just rights of all regular lodges of Freemasons of every color.

MUTUAL AND SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

It has often appeared to me that the various lodges do not arrange so systematically as they might the matter of assessments and disbursements for the purposes of benevolence and depend too much on the ordinary disbursements from the funds of the lodge for the aid of needy brethren, or their widows and orphans in distress. I would not advise any decrease, but wherever practicable, rather an increase of the contributions or appropriations to the ordinary fund of benevolence, and I would also recommend for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the advisability of allowing the members of the several lodges either by themselves or conjointly with the members of other lodges in the several cities and districts to form themselves, under approved regulations, into some form of associ-

ation, as an extension of, or as supplementary to the ordinary existing methods of benevolence, and I further advise that the B. O. G. P. consider the matter and afford an opportunity for brethren to appear before them and express their views in relation thereto, and that the Board make report thereon at this session of Grand Lodge.

MASONRY AND OTHER BODIES.

It is very generally acknowledged that Masonry is a "peculiar" fraternity. It is indeed unique in this our world. Its real origin is lost in the mists of time. It is a growth and development of the ages, and it will remain permanent as human society. It exists as a necessity of human desires and human necessities. It has given much to like and more modern organizations, but needs and takes but little in return. It is not a system of religion, but the fundamental principles of true religion are its full embodiment. It is not a mere benefit society, yet among its prominent tenets are true and genuine benevolence and fraternal aid in distress. It is not a temperance organization, but one of its cardinal virtues is the due restraint of all our appetites and passions. Language would fail to give it a full definition. Off-shoots from Masonry or other organizations somewhat modelled upon it, and wherever seeking to accomplish a good work, we wish them God-Speed, but let none be called by its name or taken under its wing. Let it ever exist, as it ever has existed, separate and independent, unique in its origin and being, and ever seeking to fulfil its sublime mission among the sons of men.

MASONRY—NON-POLITICAL, &C.

For various reasons it now seems particularly fitting to re-annunciate to the world the great fact that *Freemasonry is a non-political, non-sectarian, and non-proselyting fraternity.*

Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believes in the glorious Architect of Heaven and earth, and practices the sacred duties of morality. Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

A Mason is a peaceable subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority, to uphold on every occasion the interests of the community, and always to promote the prosperity of his own country; and wise rulers in every age have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty. Differences of opinion and quarrels about religion, or nations, or state, or church policy, must never be brought within the Lodge. We are only as Masons of the Universal Religion above mentioned, and we are also of all nations, tongues, kindred, and languages, and are resolved against all politics and sectarianism as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will. All others practising other principles, and claiming to be Freemasons, are "stealing the livery of heaven to serve the devil in."

STATE OF MASONRY.

It is with lively satisfaction that I am enabled to report to you at this annual communication, that the craft is generally enjoying peace and healthy progress throughout the Dominion, and from the reports constantly

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received, the same is true to a gratifying extent in the United States, South America, Great Britain, on the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa, and on the Isles of the Sea. There are trials which our brethren in a few portions of the world are still subjected to, on account of the unwise interference of ecclesiasticism, from which we are now so happily free, and which happy state of affairs amongst us, it is to be hoped, may ever continue. Let our brethren, wherever situated, faithfully adhere to and carry out at all times and under all circumstances, the great and unchanging principles of our ancient constitutions, and it will soon appear that only temporary inconvenience and trouble will arise from the assaults of their enemies, and that permanent good to them and to the craft universal, will be the glorious and final result.

Enlightened civil and ecclesiastical rulers are fast learning that our world-wide Fraternity, is the loyal friend of man, of religion, and of the commonwealth. It is a false policy which alienates the best of friends, and which makes an enemy of the best of neighbors. No wise, civil, or ecclesiastical authority will long pursue it. The true light is shining and will yet fill the whole earth.

TEMPLE BUILDERS.

Brethren, never forget that ye are to be temple-builders in this wide world of ours, and I fervently beseech you to be more and more careful in the selection of material for your great work. Faulty stones deface and permanently injure the superstructure. In the very superabundance of offered material lies one of your chiefest dangers. Let the master-builders and the chief rulers of the craftsmen be alone selected from among the best skilled, most prudent, and wisest of the brethren, else a year, or a day even, may undo what an age is needed to accomplish. Lay the foundations firmly upon the everlasting rock of truth, raise the superstructure on the level and by the plumb and square; in wisdom, strength and beauty, and in faith, hope and charity carry on your good work as for all times and for the aeons beyond, and without fail, and as sure as his promise stands, the blessings of the Great Architect of earth and heavens, will forever abide with you and yours.

CLOSING WORDS.

In returning to you the supreme authority in the craft with which you have so long entrusted me, I beg, most heartily, to request your kindly acceptance of my sincere fraternal thanks for the many honors and other substantial tokens of favor which I have so frequently and gratefully received from this Grand Lodge, and also from so many of the brethren in different parts of our jurisdiction, and at the same time I desire formally to communicate to you my desire and purpose to withdraw from active official duties in connection with the craft at the close of this session of Grand Lodge. Of the results of about fifteen years of Masonic official labor in the Grand Lodge of Canada, and in aiding to establish and upbuild this Grand Lodge, I must leave you and others to judge. About one-third of my life thus devoted to the craft will, I am sure, in your opinion, entitle me to put off the harness and withdraw from active labor into that quiet retirement from official duty which in *otium cum dignitate*, one is wont to look forward to, with sincere satisfaction.

And may the blessing of the Most High rest upon you and your labors, world without end. So mote it be.

J. H. GRAHAM,
Grand Master.

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The address of the Grand Master was listened to with the utmost attention, and it was then moved by R. W. Bro. Tait, seconded by R. W. Bro. Miller, and

Resolved, That the very able address of the M. W. the Grand Master, just delivered be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon as speedily as possible.

Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment.

EVENING SESSION.

27th September, 1876.

Grand Lodge was called to order for labor at 7 o'clock p.m., the M. W. the Grand Master on the Throne.

The following reports from District Deputy Grand Masters were read and referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Quebec.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I have to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Montreal District.

There are twenty-one lodges in this district, working under warrants from this Grand Lodge, and three under Dispensation. There are also three under the Grand Lodge of England, and one under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

I have been unable to visit all the Lodges in the District, and regret that my business engagements have prevented me from attending to my Masonic duties as well as I could wish. However, it affords me much pleasure to report that the Lodges I have visited are in a prosperous condition, and from the fact that no Masonic complaint has been brought to my notice during the past year, I am led to believe that harmony prevails in all the Lodges.

Since my appointment as D. D. G. M. I have had the honor of constituting St. John's Lodge in this city, and installing its officers. I have also forwarded to the M. W. Grand Master petitions from the requisite number of brethren, requesting permission to open the following new Lodges:—

Hochelaga at Hochelaga.
Montarville at Longueuil.
St. Francis at Sorel.

The M. W. Grand Master having granted his Dispensation to open these Lodges, I have, with the assistance of Brethren from Montreal who kindly lent their time, formally presented their Dispensations and installed their officers. As all these Lodges will probably apply for warrants of confirmation, I would heartily recommend the Grand Lodge to grant them, believing that they are for the best interests of our order. The St. Francis Lodge, at Sorel, will also petition the Grand Lodge to change its name to that of Richelieu Lodge, which I also recommend the Grand Lodge to grant.

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The members of Union of Strict Observance Lodge having by regular order united themselves with Zetland Lodge, "late Canada Register," surrendered to me their warrant, which I have returned to this Grand Lodge, through the Grand Secretary.

It is my painful duty to report that the hand of death has removed from our midst M. W. Bro. Aldis Bernard, Past Grand Master. The M. W. the Grand Master convened the Grand Lodge, and the remains of Bro. Bernard were deposited in their last resting-place with Masonic honors.

I have also to report that death has removed from the Kilwinning Lodge Bros. John Glennon and James Sommerville, and from St. George, No. 6, Bro. George Hunter.

In conclusion I beg to thank the Brethren of Montreal District for their many courtesies and kindness during my term of office.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

E. M. COPELAND,

D. D. G. M. Montreal District,

Sept. 26, 1876.

QUEBEC & THREE RIVERS DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Quebec:

I sincerely regret that during my term of office circumstances purely personal to myself have prevented me from visiting the whole of the lodges in my jurisdiction.

Milton and Shawenegan I have visited frequently, and am happy to state that both are working harmoniously.

I have received communications from St. John, Harrington and St. Andrew Lodges, and have much pleasure in informing you that they are steadily increasing in numbers and working in that harmony which distinguishes all good Masons, and I have every reason to believe I may say the same of St. George, Albion and Tuscan Lodges.

During the past year Shawenegan Lodge has had to deplore the loss by death of two Past Masters, its Senior Warden and Inner Guard. The other lodges in my District have been more highly favored, but comparatively few deaths occurring in the whole of them.

No business of sufficient importance to trespass on the time of Grand Lodge has come under my notice during the past twelve months.

In conclusion I beg to thank you for the honor conferred in appointing me D. D. G. M.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. MITCHELL,

D. D. G. M. for the District of Three Rivers and Quebec.

Sept. 26, 1876.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec:

M. W. Sir, Officers and Brethren,

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution I herewith submit my annual report upon the condition of the Craft in the Bedford District.

During the year I have visited a large number of the lodges in the District and corresponded with all, and found them working very harmoniously and taking a general interest in Masonry, excepting Clarenceville Lodge, which has had no meeting for the last two years, and is completely demoralized and broken up; I would therefore recommend the erasure of it.

I have granted four dispensations for Masonic festivals, of which all have passed off without jar and to the credit of the several lodges under whose auspices they were granted.

I have much pleasure in reporting the amalgamation of the two "Nelson" Lodges, which was harmoniously effected, also a contemplated union of the two "Prevost" Lodges, and Burland and Dorchester Lodges, which when effected, I trust, will clear up the Masonic horizon of the Province.

In the month of October last I had the pleasure of forwarding to the M. W. the Grand Master a petition from certain Brethren to open a new lodge in the Village of Bedford, called Bedford Lodge. The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and accordingly issued a Dispensation to them, and Bedford Lodge was formally opened by me in January last, V. W. Bro. Hobart Butler being the first W. M., Bro. D. A. Hart, M.D., the first Senior Warden, and Bro. H. F. Parker the first Junior Warden. Under the able management of these Brethren this Lodge has made great and healthy progress. I have much pleasure in recommending that a Warrant of Constitution be granted by the Grand Lodge at its present session to Bedford Lodge.

During the present month I received a petition from several Brethren of Rougemont asking for a Dispensation for a lodge there, which I sent to the M. W. the Grand Master, with my approval endorsed thereon.

I would recommend to the Grand Lodge that the Masonic District of Bedford be divided into two Districts. As now formed it embraces too much territory—too many lodges, rendering it expensive for one D. D. G. M. to preside over and do justice to the Craft.

It is my painful duty to report the deaths within the past year of Brethren

Henry Martin, Nelson Lodge,
Warren Lay, Shefford Lodge.

The whole is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. A. RICE,

D. D. G. M. Bedford District.

Bedford, Sept. 26th, 1876.

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The Grand Chaplain then delivered his discourse, as follows :

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren :

In addressing you once more at our great annual gathering, I propose to found my remarks on words which are familiar to you all, and which, although originally written for the guidance of a Christian community, as such, may well be employed to describe the duties of a Mason to the Great Architect of the Universe, to his fellow-men at large, and to the members of his own Fraternity. "Honor all men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King." I wish to treat those often-quoted words, as containing within themselves a short but comprehensive homily on the duty of Reverence,—a duty which our own ritual can hardly fail to impress on the least reflecting mind. This subject is presented in what, for convenience sake, I may call my text, under four aspects. 1st, Generally : "Honor all men ;" 2nd, In its closer and more tender relations : "Love the Brotherhood ;" 3rd, In its most sublime and yet most lordly aspect ; profound, but not abject ; complete, yet not servile ; of fear, though not of terror ; not cowering or cringing, but nevertheless prostrate and utterly dependent ; reverence of the creature and the sinner, yet the child, before the Lord God Almighty : "Fear God." 4th. In its civil and political aspect, the reverence of submission, of obedience, of fidelity, towards him, or her, or those, who hold their power by the ordinance and at the will of the one source of power, God Omnipotent : "Honor the King." To put it still more shortly, we are taught under the four heads of this truly Masonic injunction, concerning the following truths and duties :—1. Universal charity. 2. Especial loving regard for those who are bound to us by special ties of brotherhood. 3. Complete submission to and dependence upon God. 4. The recognition of the divine right of properly-constituted human authority. The subject thus opened out to us is a great and important one, and ought to be of paramount interest to us, upon whom its varied lessons have been impressed at every step of our Masonic progress. There can be no question, my brethren, that the general tendency of thought and inclination and opinion in the world around us, at the present day, is in the direction of irreverence, and self-assertion, and insubordination, and one part, and by no means the least important, of our mission as Masons is to stem the rising torrent which menaces all that is best and most valuable in the social and political world, by a steadfast adherence to those time-honored principles, which have been handed down to us from the forefathers of our Order. Independent! This is one of the favorite watchwords of the day. There is a good sense in which the expression may be used, but most often it is only another name for pride, insubordination, self-will, self-conceit,—national social or individual. "Be independent," cries the active spirit of irreverence, using the covering of a plausible term. "Be independent." And so we have questionings of the love and wisdom and even the existence of God ; so we have denials of the revelation of God. So again, we have impatience of constituted authority,—in nations, rebellions ; in cities, outbreaks and seditions, or the dictation of turbulent crowds ; and, in families, the disobedience of children and servants, who are quick in catching the contagion from those who should set them a better example. So, again, we have the presence here, there and everywhere of the spirit of mockery and discontent and murmuring ; a captious and censorious spirit so prevails that it seems as if fault must be found with all kinds of rule and management, and the result is an uncomfortable sense of restlessness and disgust, and an inaptitude for the calm, orderly and persevering fulfilment of daily duties towards God and man. That we may do what we can to amend

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this condition of things, let us reflect, for a moment, how entirely it is opposed to the cardinal principles of our Order, as contained in the ancient "Charges of a Freemason."

"A Mason" (we are taught) is a peaceable subject to the "civic powers; wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior Magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold, on every occasion, the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country."

The passage I have just quoted enforces our duty to external authorities; that which I am about to read is no less decisive as to our demeanor towards those who bear rule within the Fraternity:—"The ruler and governors, supreme and subordinate, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the ancient charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity." A few additional words may be said upon each of the four sentences which form the motto of my remarks. 1. What is our special duty as Masons, in reverence towards all men, indicated by the words, "Honor all men?" It is simply a fulfilling of that golden rule, which deserves to be inscribed over the portals of every Masonic temple, as it ought to be deeply graven in every Mason's heart, "Do unto all men as you would they should do unto you." We may say specially that thus we are taught to avoid that habit of ill-natured talk and hasty judging, one concerning another, which is so common; that so we are bidden to recognize God's image in every one of our fellow creatures, and to try and discover the good in him, instead of holding up the evil to reproach and scorn; bidden to be fondest of imputing good motives instead of ill; in short, in all our intercourse with all men to practise that universal charity which "thinketh no evil," and "hopeth all things." 2. "Love the Brothe hood," is an injunction which concerns a closer tie, a tenderer, holier bond of reverence, even than that of our common nature and creation. Love all those who are your brethren of the mystic tie; love them in the Brotherhood; love them in the individual members. As regards the Brotherhood, not only do not be disorderly and self-willed and self-seeking within the Order, but give it your love; a filial, loyal and true-hearted love. And, as regards the individual members, revere and love them as men who are pledged, with you, to the prosecution of the highest aims, and the cultivation of the noblest virtues. 3. "Fear God." Obedience to this command, according to the royal Solomon, "is the beginning of wisdom," the wisdom which is from above, "pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." In truth, this fear is love. Our great patron, St. John the Evangelist, says: "There is no fear in love," but that is not *this* fear. *That* fear hath torment," but *this* is a fear of holy joy and humble confidence, for none can so truly rejoice in God, or so wholly trust Him, as those who, leaning not on their own understanding and will, mingle reverence with their affection, lowly adoration with their clinging confidence. May this fear be always with us, ruling and influencing thought and word and deed; making us more humble and watchful in our conduct, more devout in prayer, more reverent in our language and manner, when, in any way, we deal with sacred subjects, names and things. 4. Lastly, "Honor the King." Upon this last injunction it is not necessary to say more than this. Properly to obey it will, perhaps, sometimes bring us under the contempt of those around us in our generation. Let it be considered by us a small thing to be judged by the temper of an irreverent time. Let all with whom we are

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thrown know from our manner and our conversation that of the four injunctions before us, we are brave enough and true enough to obey the last as well as the other three. "HONOR ALL MEN; LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD; FEAR GOD; HONOR THE KING."

V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Murray,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye, Grand Chaplain, for the very able and excellent discourse just delivered.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander,

That the Grand Chaplain be requested to permit his Address to be published under the authority of this Grand Lodge.

The motion was carried.

R. W. Bro. Tait, on behalf of the B. G. P., made the following reports:

(No. 1.)

The Board having reconsidered their report on applications for relief, now beg further to report that they have heard evidence for and against the application of Mrs. Galer and daughters, and the Board is still of opinion that the application should not be granted.

The Board having also heard evidence upon the application of Bro. Wm. Elder, are of opinion that \$20 should be granted to him.

The Board have further to report that three new applications have been laid before it.

One is made by Mrs Wiswell, widow of our late Bro. Wiswell of Sherbrooke a P. M. of Victoria Lodge, it is recommended by Bro. Addie, P. M., and by the present W. M. of that Lodge, and the Board recommend that \$25 be placed in the hands of Bro. Addie, for his disposition according to the necessities of the case.

The second application is by Bro. Weldon, of Hoyle Lodge, and is recommended by the W. M. of that Lodge, through R. W. Bro. Milton. The Board recommend that \$15 be supplemented to the \$25 already granted to this applicant.

The third application is by Mrs. Campbell, and is recommended by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson and Bro. Grand Secretary, and the Board recommend \$10 be given to Mrs Campbell.

M. M. TAIT,
Chairman.

(No. 2.)

The Board of General Purposes, after due enquiry, recommend that Warrants of Constitution be granted to the following Lodges, now working under Dispensations viz.:

Bedford Lodge, Bedford.
Hochelaga Lodge, Hochelaga.
Montarville Lodge, Longueuil.

The Board would further recommend that permission be granted to change the name of St. Francis Lodge, Sorel (under Dispensation) to that of Richelieu Lodge.

M. M. TAIT,
Chairman.

(No. 3.)

The Board having duly considered the question of the arrears due by certain Lodges to the Grand Lodge, recommend that representatives of Lodges in arrears for more than one year be not allowed to vote at this communication of Grand Lodge.

M. M. TAIT,
Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Tait, seconded by Bro. Fitch, Report No. 1 was received and adopted.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Tait, seconded by W. Bro. Cleghorn, Report No. 2 was adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Tait, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander,

That Report No. 3 be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. Murray, seconded by M. W. Bro. Dunbar,

That the Report of the B. G. P. now presented in regard to Lodges in arrears be not now confirmed, but that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to notify said Lodges of the provisions of the Constitution there anent, that they govern themselves accordingly.

The amendment being put from the Throne was declared carried.

R. W. Bro. Tait, on behalf of the B. G. P., made the following report on

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board on the subject of Grievances and Appeals beg to report on the matter of the complaint of W. Bro. Hugh Brodie, W. M. of Prince-Consort Lodge, No. 37, against W. Bro. Charles Boon, P. M. of same Lodge as follows :

The Board finds the following facts established, as well by the minutes of the Lodge as by the admissions of Bro. Boon himself to the Board, viz. :

That at the regular communication of Prince Consort Lodge, held 23rd May, 1876, W. Bro. Boon occupied the chair as W. M. in consequence of the absence of Bro. Brodie.

That the Committee, duly appointed at the regular communication of the previous month, on the application of Mr. Joseph Ward, a candidate for initiation, reported favorably, and W. Bro. Boon directed the ballot to be passed, which being done was found unfavorable to the candidate; and that the ballot was thereupon passed a second and a third time, and was

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on each occasion found unfavorable; and that after the result of the third ballot was ascertained, W. Bro. Boon declared from the chair that the candidate was rejected, and an entry of such declaration was recorded by the Secretary.

That at 9 p.m. the business of the Lodge was suspended for the purpose of receiving dues, and was again resumed at 9.30 p.m., when several communications were read and accounts passed; and that it was then moved by Bro. Byrd, seconded by Bro. H. Goodrick, S. W., and carried unanimously, that the ballot on the application of Mr. Ward should again be passed, which was done and found to be in favor of the candidate, who was thereupon initiated into the first degree by W. Bro. Boon.

That at the regular communication of said Lodge held 22nd August, 1876, W. Bro. Boon was again in the chair as W. M.; and upon Mr. Ward being called to the East to be examined as to his proficiency, the Secretary notified the Lodge that it was the W. M.'s orders that Mr. Ward should not receive his second degree until the meeting of Grand Lodge in September, but W. Bro. Boon ruled that as there were no documents on the table relating to the subject the Bro. was entitled to receive his second degree, which he accordingly conferred upon him.

That between the regular communication of May and the conferring of the second degree as above, it had been intimated to W. Bro. Boon that he had acted irregularly and unconstitutionally in initiating Mr. Ward; and that he was aware when he conferred the second degree that W. Bro. Brodie considered his action unconstitutional, and was desirous that the second degree should not be conferred until the meeting of Grand Lodge.

And upon the foregoing facts the Board are of opinion:

1. That W. Bro. Boon in allowing the ballot to be passed a fourth time, after he had declared the candidate rejected and the Lodge had proceeded with other business, acted in direct violation of the constitution of Grand Lodge and the by-laws of his own Lodge; and that the initiation of Mr. Ward was irregular.
2. That although W. Bro. Boon stated to the Board that he could not see that the constitution prohibited him in allowing the ballot to be passed a fourth time, the Board consider the constitution is clearly against the pretensions of W. Bro. Boon, and consider that he should not have been ignorant of the law of Masonry upon so important a point.
3. That W. Bro. Boon, even if he erred in the first place from ignorance, was clearly wrong in conferring the second degree upon Mr. Ward, after the unconstitutionality of the former action, as well as the desire of W. Bro. Brodie respecting the matter, had been intimated to him.
4. That Bro. Byrd, who moved the resolution to have the ballot passed a fourth time, and Bro. Goodrick, S. W., are deserving of censure, more particularly the latter, who is presumed to be, and who ought to be, sufficiently acquainted with the constitution of Masonry to be enabled to govern the Lodge in the absence of the W. M.

It is well known to the Board that W. Bro. Boon has ever since his admission to the Order been one of its most zealous and active members, and has by his attention and zeal gained a high place in a comparatively short space of time; but the Board cannot but feel that if such proceedings in private Lodges are allowed to pass unnoticed, the ancient landmarks and constitutions of Masonry, which every Mason is bound to

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uphold and maintain intact, are indeed in danger; and, painful as their task is, they cannot conscientiously report otherwise than they have done, and leave the matter in the hands of the Grand Lodge, to be dealt with as it may be deemed best for the interests of the Order, and recommend that Bro. Boon be suspended from all Masonic privileges for the space of six months, and Bro. Goodrick for three months from this date.

The whole respectfully submitted,

M. M. TAIT,
Chairman.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Chisholm,

That the report on Grievances and Appeals just read be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by W. Bro. Rose, seconded by W. Bro. Vittie,

That the latter part of the report be amended by striking therefrom the words "six months" and "three months," and inserting in lieu thereof a clause to the effect that W. Bro. Boon and Bro. Goodrick be censured.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

The original motion was then put and declared "carried."

NOTICES OF MOTION.

V. W. Bro. Rose gave notice that he would at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge move thereat the following resolution:

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be altered by striking therefrom, at page 40, clause 24, the words "and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was suspended."

V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler gave notice that he would at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge move thereat the following resolution:

That such amendments be made to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge as will provide for the establishing of the office of Grand Lecturer and the providing of an adequate salary to be paid to such officer for the performance of his duties in that capacity.

R. W. Bro. Tait gave notice that he would, at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, move the following resolution:

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be altered by striking therefrom at page 26, sec. 1, of Grand Chaplain, the words "The Grand Chaplain," and substituting therefor the words "Two Grand Chaplains."

R. W. Bro. Addie, seconded by W. Bro. Simpson, then moved the following resolution, which was put to Grand Lodge and carried.

That it is expedient that so far as practicable the same ritual should be followed in the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge,

and to that end the M. W. the Grand Master is hereby respectfully requested to appoint a special committee to enquire into the matter and report thereon to this Grand Lodge at its next regular communication.

R. W. Bro. Tait, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report :

That the B. of G. P. having had its attention drawn to the special services rendered to this Grand Lodge by R. W. Bro. Murray during the absence from this country of the Grand Secretary in the year 1874, recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be paid out of the general funds as an acknowledgment of and remuneration for such services.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Tait, seconded by M. W. Bro. Dunbar, and

Resolved,—That the report now read be received and adopted.

The motion being put was carried.

The Board of General Purposes, through R. W. Bro. Tait, then presented the following report :

That it having been represented to this Board that Dorchester Lodge, late No. 4, C. R., and now under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, has recently sustained great and heavy loss by the late calamitous fire at St. Johns, where the Lodge meets, this Board recommend to Grand Lodge to remit all arrears of dues this day owing to Grand Lodge by said Dorchester Lodge.

And also it having been shewn to this Board that Graham Lodge, No. 31, has suffered great loss through the dishonesty of some of its officers who have fled from this country and are now residing across the lines, but who refuse to pay back the monies of the Lodge now in their hands, the Board also recommend that the two years of arrears of dues to this Grand Lodge, now owing by said Graham Lodge, No. 31, be remitted.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Tait, seconded by R. W. Bro. Stearns, and

Resolved,—That the report just read be received and adopted, and the recommendations therein contained be carried into effect.

The following motion was then made by M. W. Bro. Dunbar, P. G. M., seconded by R. W. Bro. Wood, P. D. D. G. M. :

That this Grand Lodge has received with feelings of deep regret the intelligence of the decease of R. W. Bro. George Thompson, of Quebec City, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Quebec and Three Rivers, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge of the Grand Orient of Brazil, an old and trusty member of the Craft, whose Masonic information, constant readiness to impart it to others, and upright conduct made him respected by all whom he met ; and whose zealous and unremitting exertions to promote and extend the interests and welfare of the fraternity merited and secured general appreciation ; and that a page in *memoriam* be dedicated to the deceased worthy brother in the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the present year.

The motion was carried, the members of Grand Lodge all rising on the taking of the vote.

It being ten o'clock, p. m., after prayer from the Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, with instructions to be within sound of the gavel at 10 a. m. on the morrow.

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MORNING SESSION.

28th September, 1876.

Grand Lodge resumed labor this 28th day of September, 1876, at ten o'clock, a. m., the M. W. the Grand Master on the Throne.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

R. W. Bro. Staveley (in the absence of M. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr.) seconded by R. W. Bro. Milton, in pursuance of a notice of motion given at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, offered the following resolution,

That Article 17 of the book of Constitution, relating to the place of meeting of Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the words "at Montreal," in the third line, and substituting therefor the words "alternately at the cities of Montreal and Quebec."

It was proposed in amendment by W. Bro. Presby, seconded by R. W. Bro. Burnie,

That the words "and Sherbrooke" be added to the original motion.

The amendment was ruled out of order, and the following one moved by R. W. Bro. Staveley, seconded by W. Bro. Jaques, was substituted,

That the motion of M. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., now offered to Grand Lodge by R. W. Bros. Murray and Milton, be postponed until next regular meeting of Grand Lodge.

This amendment was carried.

R. W. Bro. Murray, in accordance with his notice given at last annual communication, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander,

That a clause be added to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, restricting the rites of Masonic burial to Officers of Grand Lodge, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters and actual Masters and Officers of Masonic Lodges only, except by special dispensation from the District Deputy Grand Master, previously obtained.

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The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

W. Bro. Woodford, in accordance with his notice given at the last annual communication, moved, seconded by Bro. McMinn,

That no Mason shall belong to more than one Lodge at the same time (except he be an honorary member, as provided for by the Constitution). This, however, not to apply to brethren who are members of more than one Lodge at the time of passing this resolution.

Any member of a Lodge wishing to affiliate with another Lodge must present his application in the usual form, and if his application be accepted in said Lodge, his membership shall remain in abeyance until his demit from the former Lodge to which he belonged is surrendered to the last mentioned Lodge, when he shall become a full member.

W. Bro. Woodford's motion having been submitted to Grand Lodge and declared "lost," the mover asked for a ballot, and the Grand Master having decided this request, W. Bro. Woodford demanded the motion be submitted for the consideration of Grand Lodge, under the provision of the Book of Constitution, page 19, sec. 2, under heading "Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business." A vote was taken and the motion lost, there being

Against the motion.....42
For the motion.....33

R. W. Bro. Nye, in accordance with his notice of motion given at the last regular annual communication, moved, seconded by V. W. Bro. Cleghorn,

That Art. 10, page 16, of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "present" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "cast."

On this motion being put it was declared "carried."

The following motion, of which notice was given by W. Bro. Lecapellain that he would offer the same at the present session of Grand Lodge, finding no mover, was, in the absence of W. Bro. Lecapellain, dropped.

W. Bro. Hamilton moved, seconded by W. Bro. Hoskins,

That in view of important circumstances well known to exist, affecting the well-being and general prosperity of the Craft in the vicinity of the Lodges referred to, and that the full efficiency of Craft work will best be promoted by the abolishment of concurrent jurisdiction of rural lodges,

Therefore, The Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to transmit to Abercorn Lodge, No. 26, Q. R., and to Sutton Lodge, late No. 227, C. R., now under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the fraternal recommendation of this Grand Body, kindly and earnestly advising such an arrangement as may eventuate in the fusion of these two Lodges.

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M. W. Bro. Dunbar moved in amendment, seconded by R. W. Bro. Renshaw,

That the matter referred to in the motion now before Grand Lodge be referred to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to report thereon to this Grand Lodge during the present session.

The amendment was carried.

The Board of General Purposes, through its President, presented the following

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the annual address from the Throne, beg leave most respectfully to report, that having carefully considered this very able and lengthy communication from the M. W. the G. M., they join in thankfulness to the G. A. of the U. that the M. W. the G. M., who has so efficiently presided for so many years over this Grand Lodge, and to whom this Grand Lodge is so deeply indebted for the great zeal and ability displayed by him as its chief executive officer, has been spared to occupy once more that Throne which he has always filled with so much credit to himself and usefulness to the Craft, and devoutly prays he may be long spared to render that assistance to the Grand Lodge which his great experience and deep research in Masonic matters render him so well able to impart.

The Board has great pleasure in congratulating this Grand Lodge upon the general harmony and prosperity which has attended Masonry during the past Masonic year, while at the same time they cannot but regret the loss of several distinguished and zealous brethren within the jurisdiction of and connected with this Grand Lodge, and feel with the M. W. the G. M. that they will be sadly missed and long lamented. May the tokens of mourning which now surround us, while they remind us of the removal of our late esteemed brethren, also remind us of our inevitable destiny, and teach us so to live that when we depart hence our names may be revered, as are those of our distinguished brethren who have gone before us.

The Board regard the appointments of Grand Representatives, mentioned in the Grand Master's address, as being most judicious.

The Board has already had the honor of reporting to this Grand Lodge the dispensations granted to new Lodges during the past year.

There can be no doubt but that the establishment of a Grand Lodge Library would be highly beneficial to the Craft, and would suggest the appointment of a committee to consider and report upon the best means of carrying the suggestion of the Grand Master into effect. The thanks of this Grand Lodge, and some more substantial recognition, are due to Bro. Smithers for his services in preparing the report on Foreign Correspondence and the Board recommend that the sum of \$50, in anticipation of the completion of the report, be now paid over to Bro. Smithers.

The Board are led to believe that the Committee on re-numbering of Lodges will be able to present its report at the present session of Grand Lodge.

With regard to the division of the Jevge District of Montreal, the Board suggests that the section of this Province situated north of the Island of

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Montreal, not already forming part of any District, should be formed into a new District, to be called the Ottawa District.

The Board would strongly recommend the appointment of a permanent committee for the preparation and collection of materials for a history of the Craft in this Province.

In addition to the important suggestions of the M. W. the G. M. as to Lodges' incomes and outlays, the Board feel it an imperative duty to call the attention of private Lodges to the expediency and importance of keeping Lodge property fully insured.

The Board suggest the appointment of a committee with a view to arrange, if possible, for the publication of a Masonic Magazine in connection with this Grand Lodge.

The Board recommend that a provision should be made by the Lodges of each District for the payment of the necessary expenses of the D. D. G. Ms. incurred in visiting the various Lodges in their respective Districts.

With regard to the all important question of Grand Lodge Sovereignty, the Board feel that it is a matter requiring the most careful and thoughtful consideration of this Grand Lodge. While the Board cannot do otherwise than heartily agree with the principles of Grand Lodge Sovereignty, as enunciated in the address of the M. W. the G. M., and heartily agree with his observation that this Grand Lodge cannot accept conditional recognition from any Grand Body, such as proffered by the Grand Lodge of England, yet the peculiar circumstances under which Lodges under the jurisdictions of England and Scotland have existed in this Province, even from a time prior to the existence of the Grand Lodge of Canada, should not be lost sight of; and the Board cannot but suggest that this circumstance, as well as others well known to the Grand Lodge, render the connection of these Grand Bodies with this Province of a very exceptional character. With these observations, the Board confidently leave the decision of this weighty matter to the consideration of Grand Lodge.

The remarks of the M. W. the Grand Master, in the sense that this Grand Lodge should not recognize so-called Colored Lodges claiming to exist where regular and duly constituted and recognized Grand Lodges of Masons exist, meet with the hearty approval of the Board.

The Board have not had sufficient time during the present communication to mature any plan to recommend to this Grand Lodge upon the question of systematic and mutual benevolence, brought before it in the Grand Master's address; but the Board hope that any suggestions which the members of Grand Lodge can make upon this important matter may be handed in to the Grand Secretary prior to the semi-annual meeting of the Board in March next, when the Board will have more time to give the matter the consideration it deserves.

Although no special prominence has been given in the present address of the Grand Master to the question of a Masonic Temple, the question has frequently heretofore been brought before it, and the Board having had occasion to feel, especially at this Communication, the inconvenience of the present arrangements for the accommodation of the Board and of the Grand Lodge, desire to bring the matter prominently before Grand Lodge. The Board consider that the time has now arrived, when this Grand Lodge would be fully justified in taking active measures towards the erection of a Masonic Temple, with suitable accommodation for Board and Committee purposes; and the Board would recommend the appoint-

ment of a committee to consider and report to Grand Lodge at its next regular communication some plan for carrying this important matter into effect.

The Board cannot close its report without expressing its regret that the M. W. the G. M. should have intimated his desire and purpose to retire from active and official labors in this Grand Lodge.

The Board have already expressed their deep sense of the obligations this Grand Lodge is under to M. W. Bro. Graham, and, in conclusion, pray that the G. A. of the U. may bless and prosper him and all those dear to him, and when his labors here are over may receive him into the Grand Lodge above.

M. M. TAIT,
Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. O'Halloran, D. G. M., seconded by R. W. Bro. Miller, it was

Resolved,—That the report on the Grand Master's address, as now read, be received and adopted.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and Grand Lodge, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., was called from labor to refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1.30 p.m., this 28th day of September, 1876, Grand Lodge was called to labor, the M. W. the Grand Master occupying the Throne.

The Board of General Purposes made the following

REPORT ON THE DUALITY OF LODGES IN BEDFORD DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

The Board of General Purposes beg leave respectfully to report,

That the attention of the Board having been called to the fact that, for reasons not now necessary to state, a duality of Lodges exists in certain rural districts in this Province, both exercising jurisdiction over the same territory, particularly in the Townships of Sutton and Dunham, the villages of Sweetsburg and Cowansville and the town of St. Johns, where profitably only one Lodge should exist in each of those territories.

Your Board respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to address said Lodges in most fraternal terms, beseeching them if possible, to harmonize and coalesce so as to form but one Lodge in each of those territories respectively, provided it can be done on fair and honorable terms to all parties, and to merge their differences in such manner as becomes true and enlightened Masons.

The whole respectfully submitted,

JAS. O'HALLORAN,
Chairman.

The Grand Secretary read to the Grand Lodge the following correspondence had on the subject of the recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Montreal, 17th Feb. 1875.

To HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS,

ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES,

Most Worshipful Grand Master

United Grand Lodge of England, A. F. & A. M.

Royal Sir & M. W. Bro.—I have the honor, by command of the M. W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, to call your attention to former communications addressed by M. W. Bro. John H. Graham, P. G. M. of this Grand Lodge, and by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, under dates 12th Dec. 1869, 21st June, 1872, and 11th April, 1875, to the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of England, asking fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; to all of which communications no formal or official reply has ever yet been received.

I beg respectfully to state for the information of Your Royal Highness, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, that the difficulties heretofore existing between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have been fully, finally and satisfactorily terminated by the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and by the unconditional withdrawal on the part of this latter body of all claim to jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec, and by the admission on the roll of lodges under the Grand Lodge of Quebec of all subordinate lodges in this Province formerly under the protection of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I have further to state that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is now recognized by, and is in fraternal communication with nearly every Grand Lodge on the continent of America, (north and south) and several in Europe.

In view of the above, I am directed to state that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, now occupying the same masonic status as the Grand Lodges of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick,—prays for formal recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, and the M. W. the Grand Master ventures to hope that Your Royal Highness, with the consent of your Grand Lodge, in your capacity of Grand Master, will issue forthwith such directions in the premises as to cause the Grand Lodge of Quebec to be recognized as a sister Grand Lodge, with all the privileges of such a body.

Soliciting the honor of a reply to this communication,

I have the honor to be,

Your Royal Highness's humble brother.

(Signed)

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Sec'y G. L. of Q.

Montreal, 17th Feb. 1875.

JOHN HERVEY, Esq.,

Grand Secretary,

Grand Lodge of England.

R. W. Sir & dear Bro. — I enclose herewith a communication to the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, asking recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and request you will see it delivered ; at the same time asking pardon if in it I am deficient as to language or style, for the fact is I am quite unaccustomed to correspond with Royalty. You will remember my conversation had with you during my visit last summer to England, upon the subject of the recognition of Quebec by England, and you will recollect also that it was understood that so soon as the differences between Canada and Quebec were settled, and your Grand Lodge officially notified thereof, that the necessary steps should be taken to obtain such formal recognition.

I send, by mail of to-day for England, a copy of proceedings of Grand Lodge of Canada, and refer you to page 665, showing the action of that Grand Body ; and I now forward on another page a resolution of this Grand Lodge adopted at its regular communication held last September.

I know that in a great measure, owing to your promptness and decision, Grand Lodge certificates, issued by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have been honored and recognized in England ; yet it is desirable that full, formal and complete friendly relations between England and Quebec should be established. And to that end the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge desires me to say that he will gladly receive the name of any Brother here whom you and your Royal Grand Master may wish to be appointed as Grand Representative of England near Quebec, and will also, without delay, after recognition, with same approbation, name a Brother in England as Grand Representative there of Quebec.

I gladly avail myself of the present opportunity to express to you my warm thanks and high appreciation of the fraternal kindness, politeness and hospitality extended to me by you on each occasion when I visited you during the past year. Be assured, R. W. Bro. I shall always remember your goodness with gratitude and pleasure.

With assurance of esteem believe me,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed,)

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Sec'y G. L. of Q.

Fremasons' Hall, London, W. C.

31st March, 1875.

Dear Sir & V. W. Brother.—I am duly in receipt of your communication of the 17th ultimo, and am happy to say that the request contained therein had been anticipated by this Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on the 3rd instant, when, on the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, the following Resolution was unanimously passed :

"The M. W. Grand Master has received official information from the Honorable Sir John Macdonald, K.C.B. the Representative of this Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Canada, that the difficulties subsisting between the latter and the newly formed Grand Lodge of Quebec, have been happily adjusted, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The M. W. Grand Master, therefore, having in view the various applications from the Grand Lodge of Quebec for recognition, and interchange of Representatives, which could not be entertained until the above mentioned difficulties were settled, now recommend Grand Lodge to accede to the wishes of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on the same conditions as were agreed to by the Grand Lodge of Canada, viz: that the Grand Lodge of England agrees not to grant any new Warrants within the Province of Quebec, but that the three lodges still working under English Warrants, in that Province, shall continue to do so as long as they desire to retain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England."

Resolved.—"That the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master be adopted, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec acknowledged on the conditions referred to, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

It is therefore with great pleasure that I transmit copy of the above Resolution to you for communication to your Grand Lodge, and assuming that the conditions therein set forth will be assented to, I beg to recommend as Representative from your Grand Lodge W. Brother Brackstone Baker, Past Grand Deacon, and shall be pleased to receive the name of some Brother agreeable to your Grand Lodge as the Representative of England at Quebec.

I trust the fraternal intercourse now about to be established between the two Grand Lodges may be of long continuance, and hope that the time may not be far distant before I may again greet you on this side of the Atlantic.

I am, Dear Sir & V. W. Brother,
Yours fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY, G. S.

To the V. W. Brother

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Montreal, 5th June, 1875.

JOHN HERVEY, Esq.,

Grand Sec'y Grand Lodge of England, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir & R. W. Bro.—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your important letter announcing the conditional recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of England, which I shall cause to be laid before this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication to be holden in this city in Sept. next.

With assurance of continued esteem,

I am yours fraternally,

(Signed),

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Sec'y G. L. of Q.

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Montreal, 23rd June, 1876.

To Wor. Bro. FRANK BOND,

Wor. Master of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, E. R. A. F. & A. M.

Wor. Sir & dear Bro.—I beg to state for your information that at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in this city of the 22nd and 23rd September last, 1875, a correspondence had between the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England and the writer on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on the subject of the recognition of the latter named body by the former, was read and laid before this Grand Lodge, and the following resolution was adopted:

“ That the consideration of the acceptance by this Grand Lodge of recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, on the terms as proposed by the latter as set forth in the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, be postponed until the next communication of this Grand Lodge, and that a Committee be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master to confer with the lodges now existing in this Province under warrants from other jurisdictions, with a view to effect, if possible, the amicable junction of said lodges with this Grand Lodge, and that said Committee report progress to the M. W. the Grand Master from time to time, in order that such report may be submitted for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, whose decision in the matter shall be final.”

That subsequently, with the view to give effect to the above quoted resolution, a Committee was named by the M. W. the Grand Master of the G. L. of Q., consisting of the following:—

R. W. Bro. James O'Halloran.....	D. G. M.
“ “ “ E. M. Copeland.....	D. D. G. M.
“ “ “ M. M. Taft.....	P. D. D. G. M.
“ “ “ I. H. Stearns.....	P. D. D. G. M.
“ “ “ J. H. Isaacson.....	Grand Secretary.

That the above named, in pursuance of the duty involving upon them as such Committee, have decided to respectfully and fraternally invite a conference with representatives of lodges in this Province holding charters under the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, to consider the important subject referred to in the above mentioned resolution.

I am therefore directed to invite your lodge, as being one under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, to at an early period depute one or more of its members to take part in such conference, and I shall be happy to hear from you at an early date in reply to this communication.

I am, Wor. Sir & Bro.

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

(Signed,) JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary.

A communication similar to the above was sent to each of the following lodges:—

St. George, No. 440, E. R.
St. Lawrence, No. 424, E. R.
Elgin, No. 348, S. R.

I am directed to state, that I shall be happy to hear from you at an early date in reply to this communication.

Bro. Moffatt

Montreal, 30th May, 1876.

Hon. Wm. BADGLEY.

R. W. Sir & Bro.—For your information I send herewith copy of a letter sent to each of the following lodges :—

St. Paul, No. 374, E. R.
St. George, No. 440, E. R.
St. Lawrence, No. 424, E. R.
Elgin, No. 348, S. R.

I am, yours respectfully and fraternally,

(Signed.)

JOHN H. ISAACSON.

Grand Secretary.

Montreal, 6th June, 1876.

R. W. Bro. J. H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary,

Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Sir & dear Brother,—I am directed by the W. M. of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, R. E., to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 23rd, and to state that agreeably with the request therein conveyed, he has appointed W. Bros. Ogilvy Moffatt and W. H. Hutton as a Committee to confer with the Committee named by the M. W. the Grand Master of the G. L. of Q. in regard to the matter referred to in the above mentioned communication.

I am, yours respectfully,

(Signed.)

W. W. WATSON,

Secretary,

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, R. E.

Montreal, 14th June, 1876.

W. H. HUTTON, Esq., 33^o

Wor. Sir and Dear Bro.—By a letter from Bro. W. W. Watson, Secretary of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, R. E., I am officially informed that you, with Wor. Bro. Ogilvie Moffatt, have been named on behalf of St. Paul's Lodge to confer with the committee named by this Grand Lodge with view to effect, if possible, the amicable union of all the Lodges in this Province with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

For your information I have to say that the committee from this Grand Lodge is composed as follows :

R. W. Bro. James O'Halloran, D. G. M.
" " " G. H. Borlase, P. D. D. G. M.
" " " E. M. Copeland, D. D. G. M.
" I. H. Stearns, P. D. D. G. M.
" J. H. Isaacson, Grand Sec'y.

I am directed by the above named, and by the M. W. the Grand Master, to state, that no selection by St. Paul's Lodge, other than that made, could have been more acceptable to them.

I shall be glad to hear what time will be convenient to yourself and W. Bro. Moffatt to meet our Committee, and will arrange accordingly. If I

may venture to suggest a day, I would say any day after the 24th June inst.

I send a duplicate copy of this letter to Bro. Moffatt.

With assurance of continued fraternal regard and esteem, I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed,) JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Sec'y G. L. of Q.

37 Victoria Street,
Montreal, 17th June, 1876.

Wor. Sir & Bro.—I have to acknowledge the receipt yesterday afternoon of your letter of the 14th inst., as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in reference to my nomination as one of a Committee to represent St. Paul's Lodge in a conference having in view the amicable union of that Lodge with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

It is, to me, a matter of great regret that the revocation of that committee nominated during the recess of the Lodge, and under a misapprehension, should not have been notified to you in sufficient season to have prevented both you and myself from being placed in a false position.

As you have addressed me under an erroneous impression, I should be wanting in courtesy to you, as a Brother Mason, if I did not at once acknowledge receipt of your communication, and set you right. The existing state of the correspondence and negotiation between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, gathered from your own communication to the Worshipful Master of St. Paul's Lodge, a copy of which was sent to me, not only left me no option but to decline a nomination which was made under a misapprehension of facts, but it precludes me from taking any part in any conference proposed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec so long as its official recognition by the Grand Lodge of England is in abeyance.

While this will explain the reason of my addressing you as between individual members of the craft, and not officially, it does not preclude me from asking you to accept the expression of my regard for you as a Brother Mason. I beg to remain,

Yours truly and fraternally,

(Signed,) OGLVY MOFFATT,
P. M. St. Paul's Lodge,

No. 374, E. R.

Wor. Bro. John H. Isaacson.

Montreal, 19th June, 1876.

R. W. BRO. J. H. ISAACSON,
Grand Sec'y G. L. of Q.

Dear Sir & R. W. Bro.—I am in due receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. and I am directed by the W. M. of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, R. E., to express to you his regret that being unable to appoint a Committee to represent the Lodge in a proposed conference with a Committee of the

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Grand Lodge of Quebec, he is now compelled to revoke the nomination referred to in my letter of the 5th inst.

I am, dear Sir & R. W. Bro.

Yours fraternally,
(Signed,) W. W. WATSON,
Sec'y St. Paul's Lodge, 374, R. E.

St. George's Lodge, No. 440, E. R.
A. F. & A. M.

Montreal, 26th May, 1876.

R. W. BRO. J. H. ISAACSON,
Grand Sec'y Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Dear Sir & R. W. Bro.—I am directed by the Worshipful Master of St. George's Lodge, 440, E. R., to inform you that it will give him great pleasure to meet the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec to confer with the English Lodges; for which purpose he has been pleased to appoint Wor. Bro. S. J. Thomson and himself as representatives of St. George's Lodge.

I am, Dear Sir & R. W. Bro,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,
(Signed,) JAMES S. MCCONNELL,
Sec'y St. George Lodge, 440, E. R.

Elgin Lodge, F. & A. M.

Montreal, June 15th, 1876.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Sec'y Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Dear Sir & R. W. Bro.—I am instructed by the R. W. M. of Elgin Lodge, A. E. Cohen, Esq., to acknowledge receipt of your communication addressed to him on the 26th ultimo, and in reply to send you the following copy of a resolution passed at a special meeting of the Lodge held on the 2nd instant, at which your letter and invitation therein contained were duly considered, viz:—

“That this Lodge after having considered the communication from the “Grand Lodge of Quebec, at a special meeting called for that purpose on “the 2nd June inst. have unanimously resolved to continue their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and that the Secretary be, and he “is hereby instructed to communicate with the Grand Secretary of the “Grand Lodge of Quebec to that effect.”

After passing such a resolution as the foregoing it was deemed hardly necessary to name a delegation to attend the proposed conference. But knowing the feeling of the Lodge in the matter, and should you still desire it to be represented at your meeting I shall be happy to again lay your wishes before the brethren at their Regular Communication upon hearing from you.

I am, Yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed,) W. A. SALSBURY,
Secretary.

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Montreal, 17th June, 1876.

R. W. Bro. J. H. ISAACSON,
Grand Sec'y Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Dear Sir & R. W. Bro.—Your letter of the 26th of May, embodying a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Quebec at their annual communication held on the 22nd and 23rd Sept. 1875, in reference to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by the Grand Lodge of England, and appointing a Committee to confer with the Lodges working under the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland in Montreal, and, if possible, to induce them to come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and requesting us to appoint a Committee to confer with the Committee from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, for the purpose of settling the above question, if possible, was only laid before the Lodge at the regular communication held on the 6th instant, and after due consideration it was

Resolved,—"That this Lodge do acknowledge the receipt of the communication received from the Grand Lodge of Quebec in a courteous manner, and at the same time do decline sending a delegation to take part in the said conference."

Therefore my letter of the 24th May, stating that the Worshipful Master had appointed Wor. Brother S. J. Thomson and himself to act as a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, is nullified, and you will kindly communicate this letter to the Grand Lodge of Quebec as our reply to yours of the 26th of May, 1876.

I am, dear Sir & R. W. Bro.,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed,) JAS. S. McCONNELL,

Secretary.

After reading the foregoing correspondence, the Grand Secretary called the attention of the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge to the fact that St. Lawrence Lodge No. 424 E. R. had refused or neglected to return any reply to the communication addressed to its officers on the above subject.

The Special Committee named by the M. W. the Grand Master in the month of April last, to confer with Lodges in this city under the jurisdictions of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, with a view, &c., &c., then made the following report,

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec,

Your Committee appointed in pursuance of a resolution passed at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of "conferring with the Lodges now existing in this Province under Warrants from other jurisdictions, with a view to effect, if possible, the amicable junction of said Lodges with this Grand Lodge," beg respectfully to report:

That, having assumed the duties of their appointment, they put themselves in communication with the Lodges referred to in said resolution,

both by formal written communication and by personal interviews with leading members of said Lodges, the result of which will be seen by the printed copy of the correspondence now read and in the hands of members of this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee are pained to be compelled to report that the reasonable hope that an amicable arrangement might be effected, by which a union of said Lodges with this Grand Lodge would be accomplished, has proved unfounded, and that at present they see no ground for any expectation that such a desirable consummation can at present be realized.

Having, therefore, taken into consideration the communication of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, of the 31st of March, 1875, tendering to this Grand Lodge conditional recognition on the terms therein proposed, and having duly considered the same, as well as the attitude assumed by the Lodges in this Province working under foreign Warrants, your Committee respectfully recommend to this Grand Lodge the following resolutions:

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Quebec respectfully declines to accept conditional recognition from any Grand Lodge, and that more especially it is pained to be compelled to decline the recognition tendered by the Grand Lodge of England on the terms in which it is offered.

Resolved,—That deeply deploring everything calculated to create discord or want of harmony among those who should be brethren dwelling together in unity, yet, this Grand Lodge being the equal, within its own jurisdiction, of any Grand Lodge in the universe within its jurisdiction, cannot in justice to itself recognize the Masonic authority of any foreign Grand Lodge within the limits of the Province of Quebec.

Resolved,—That in view of the unsuccessful efforts made by this Grand Lodge to bring about an amicable solution of the anomaly, unfortunately now existing, of Lodges working in this jurisdiction under Warrants from foreign Grand Lodges, if after the expiration of six months from this date any such Lodge be found working in this Province, all Masonic privileges be withdrawn from said Lodges and all connected with them in this Province.

The whole respectfully submitted,

JAS. O'HALLORAN,
I. H. STEARNS,
JOHN H. ISAACSON,
M. M. TAIT.

Montreal, Sept 28th, 1876.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. O'Halloran, seconded by R. W. Bro. Teit,

That the report just read be received.

And the motion was carried. It was moved by R. W. Bro. O'Halloran, seconded by R. W. Bro. Stearns,

That the report now received be adopted.

V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler moved in a amendment seconded by M. W. Bro. Dunbar,

That the motion now before Grand Lodge be amended by adding thereto the words "omitting the last resolution thereto appended."

A long and very earnest debate followed this motion, participated in by the following members of Grand Lodge: M. W. Bro. Dunbar, R. W. Bros. O'Halloran, Miller, Renshaw, Stavelly, Murray, Tait, Nye, Isaacson and V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler.

The amendment was carried in the following vote:—For the amendment 55, against 20.

R. W. Bro. Staveley, as Chairman and on behalf of the Special Committee named by the Grand Master on numbering the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, stated to Grand Lodge,

That owing to incomplete information on the subject of numbering Lodges furnished to this Committee, they have been unable as yet to present their report, and ask for an extension of time to complete their labors.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Stearns, seconded by R. W. Bro. O'Halloran,

That the Committee on Numbering Lodges, shall remain constituted as it now exists, and that it be requested to make its report to the B. of G. P., at the semi-annual meeting, in March next, of that Board.

V. W. Bro. Lesser moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Charleson,

That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and instructed to withdraw from the General Fund of Grand Lodge the sum of five hundred dollars, and to place the same in bank, to the credit of Benevolent Fund.

The motion was carried.

At four o'clock, p.m., Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to resume labor at five o'clock, p.m.

At five o'clock, p.m., on this 28th day of September, 1876, Grand Lodge was again called on to duty, the M. W. the Grand Master on the Throne.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—FOR GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. McMinn nominated M. W. Bro. John Hamilton Graham, of Richmond.

R. W. Bro. T. P. Butler nominated M. W. Bro. James Dunbar, of Quebec City.

W. Bro. J. H. Kemp nominated R. W. Bro. James O'Halloran, of Cowansville.

The ballot was taken, resulting in the election of M. W. Bro. James Dunbar, and he was declared duly elected.

M. W. Bro. Dunbar briefly returned thanks for the high honor conferred upon him, and resumed his seat amidst great applause.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Murray nominated R. W. Bro. Tait.

R. W. Bro. Shufelt nominated R. W. Bro. Hon. Thos. Wood.

R. W. Bro. Copeland nominated R. W. Bro. O'Halloran.

A ballot was taken, resulting in favour of R. W. Bro. Tait, and he was declared elected Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Tait suitably returned thanks.

It being seven o'clock, p.m., and the Grand Chaplain having offered prayer, Grand Lodge was again called from labor to refreshment, for the space of half an hour, and to keep within hail of the gavel.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 p.m., Grand Lodge resumed labor, the M. W. the Grand Master on the Throne.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following named brethren were, by the members of Grand Lodge from their several Districts, recommended to the M. W. the Grand Master to be appointed as District Deputy Grand Masters, viz.:

For Montreal District, R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, Montreal.

" Quebec and Three Rivers District, V. W. Bro. C. Judge, Quebec City.

" Bedford District, W. Bro. Herbert B. Newell, Cowansville.

" St. Francis District, V. W. Bro. Addie, Lennoxville.

" Ottawa District, W. Bro. E. B. Eddy, Hull.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to approve of each of the above recommendations; and they were confirmed.

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

W. Bro. G. H. Kemp nominated W. Bro. Percival L. Cowan.

W. Bro. A. F. Simpson nominated W. Bro. Burnie.

A ballot was taken, resulting in the choice of W. Bro. P. L. Cowan who was declared duly elected.

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

R. W. Bro. Addie nominated W. Bro. A. F. Simpson.

W. Bro. Young nominated W. Bro. Burnie, and a ballot being taken, W. Bro. Burnie was elected.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

R. W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye was unanimously re-elected.

GRAND TREASURER.

R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander was unanimously re-elected.

GRAND REGISTRAR.

The following named brethren were nominated, viz.:

V. W. Bro. Young	by R. W. Bro. Milton.
" " " Cleghorn	" V. " " Wm. Johnson.
R. " " A. Chisholm	" R. " " Murray.
V. " " David Wright	" " " J. T. McMinn.
" " Hobart Butler	" " " I. H. Stearns.

Several ballots were taken; ultimately one resulted in the choice of R. W. Bro. Alexander Chisholm, and he was declared duly elected.

GRAND SECRETARY.

R. W. Bro. John Helder Isaacson was unanimously re-elected.

GRAND TYLER.

On the motion of R. W. Bro. Milton, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander, Bro. John Strothers was unanimously re-elected Grand Tyler.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

R. W. Bros. O'Halloran and Thos. Wood presented M. W. Bro. Dunbar to the Grand Master, by whom he was graciously received and regularly obligated and installed in the oriental chair, and proclaimed in the E, W. and S. in due and antient form as duly elected, invested and installed.

The newly elected Grand Master was saluted with Grand Honors.

The Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Masters, in person or by proxy, were duly installed.

The Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were severally regularly installed.

On the motion of R. W. Bro. Tait, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander, V. W. Bro. Samuel E. Moss was elected a member of the Board of General Purposes, in place of R. W. Bro. Tait. D. G. M., for the unexpired term for which the latter would have served.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following were duly elected as members of B. G. P. :

R. W. Bro. F. Edgar, of Montreal.

" " " S. R. Whitman, of Freligsburg.

" " " Thos. Milton, of Montreal.

" " " Hobart Butler, of Bedford.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Scrutineers.

R. W. Bro. Edgar moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Murray,

That in recognition of the very valuable services rendered to the Craft in this Province by M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham and his labors for the welfare of this Grand Lodge, a suitable testimonial be tendered to him on behalf of this G. L., and that the M. W. G. M., the D. G. M. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be a committee to carry into effect this resolution.

The resolution was carried unanimously with evidences of general satisfaction.

R. W. Bro. Murray moved seconded by R. W. Bro. Edgar,

That, with the permission of the R. W. Grand Chaplain, that officer's discourse, as yesterday delivered to the G. L., be printed in the daily papers of this City.

The motion was carried.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, seconded by R. W. Bro. Stearns, and

Resolved.—That this Grand Lodge desires to place on record its sense of the valuable services rendered to the Craft during the past two years, by R. W. Bro. James O'Halloran, P. D. G. M., whilst acting as D. G. M. of this Grand Lodge, and President of its Board of General Purposes, and that this resolution be communicated to the R. W. Brother by the Grand Secretary.

The Board of General Purposes through R. W. Bro. Tait, made the following report :

The Board having considered the subject before it in relation to Clarke Lodge, No. 28, beg to report that inasmuch as said Lodge has not held any

meetings or paid any dues for upwards of two years, and the late D. D. G. M., for Montreal District, after visiting the Lodge, recommended that its Charter should be withdrawn, the Board is of opinion that the charter be withdrawn accordingly.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander,

That the report just read be received and adopted, and that the Grand Lodge, and Dis. Dep. Grand Master for Montreal District are hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to recover the charter and property of Clarke Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Isaacson moved seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander,

That the thanks of this G. L. are due and are hereby tendered to James Tasker, Esq., Principal of the Business College, in this City for the use of one of his rooms for the purposes of the business of Grand Lodge.

The motion was unanimously carried and the Grand Secretary desired to carry it into effect.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co., Ottawa River Navigation Co., and to each of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, The Central Vermont Railway Company and The South Eastern Railway Company, who had carried delegates and visitors to the present meeting of Grand Lodge to and from Montreal at reduced fare.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Edgar, seconded by V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler,

That the thanks of this G. L. are due and hereby tendered to the room Committee of Masonic Hall, for the use of their premises for the purposes of the present communication.

The motion was carried.

R. W. Bro. M. W. Tait moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Stearns,

That this Grand Lodge instruct the Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master of the Montreal District to attend at a regular meeting of Prince Consort Lodge, No. 37, and there to obligate Mr. Joseph Ward in the first and second degrees, and that whatever irregularity exists in the initiation and passing of Mr. Joseph Ward be thereby healed and that then he be considered regularly passed to the second degree in Freemasonry.

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Whitman,

That all the words in the motion now before Grand Lodge after "Prince Consort Lodge No. 37" be struck out and the following substituted:—
"And declare, that notwithstanding the irregularity of the proceedings in the initiation and passing of Mr. Joseph Ward in said lodge, yet in con-

consideration of all the circumstances, he is hereby declared to be an un-affiliated F. C. Freemason in good standing and Prince Consort Lodge is cordially recommended to accept him as such without further fees and complete his affiliation by conferring on him the M. M. degree."

The amendment having been put to Grand Lodge was lost and the original motion was carried.

There being no further business before Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary read the rough minutes of the proceedings to the close which were approved.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer and the seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was closed in ample form.

JOHN. H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary.

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IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, WITH
THE NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

Alabama	D. Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.
Argentine Republic.....	Carlos Urien.....	Buenos Ayres.
Belgium	Gustav Washer.....	Brussels.
Brazil.....	Dr. A. Freire de Amaral...	Rio Janeiro.
British Columbia.....	C. M. Chambers.....	Victoria.
California.....	Alex. G. Abel.....	San Francisco.
Columbia, District of.....	W. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Canada.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Dakota.....	Mark W. Bailey..	Canton.
Georgia	J. Emmett Blackshear....	Macon.
Hungary	Antoine Richter.....	Pesth.
Idaho.....	Ohas. Hemrod	Boise City.
Illinois.....	John F. Burrell.....	Springfield.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis..
Iowa.....	Theodore S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Ireland	S. B. Oldham.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Leavenworth.
Louisiana.....	Jas C. Batchelor.....	New Orleans.
Manitoba.....	John H. Bell.....	Winnipeg.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Michigan.....	E. S. Garfield	Detroit.
Minnesota ..	A. T. C. Pierson.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Montana.....	C. Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska	W. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
New Brunswick.....	W. F. Bunting.....	St. Johns.
New Hampshire.....	John A. Harris	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Joseph H. Hough.....	Trenton.
New York.....	James M. Austin, M. D....	New York..

Nevada	S. B. Chubbuck.....	Gold Hill.
Nova Scotia.....	Benj. Curren, B. C. L. . .	Halifax.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Prince Edward Island....	B. Wilson Higgs.....	Charlottetown.
Rhode Island.....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	Charles Inglesby.....	Charleston.
Texas	Geo. H. Bringham.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry Clarke.....	Rutland.
West Virginia.....	O. S. Long.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Woodhull.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	W. G. Tonn.....	Evanstown.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

1. District of Columbia—W. Bro. H. J. Martin, Washington, D. of C.
R. W. Bro. W. B. Colby, Stanstead, Que.
2. Maine—M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, Portland, Me.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Montreal, Que.
3. New Hampshire—R. W. Bro. Wm. Barrett, Nashua, N. H.
R. W. Bro. I. H. Starnes, Montreal, Que.
4. Iowa—M. W. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, Dubuque, Iowa.
R. W. Bro. Samuel Johnson, Montreal, Que.
5. Wisconsin—R. W. Bro. S. Cadwallader, Milwaukee, Wis.
6. Texas—M. W. Bro. Peter W. Gray, Houston, Texas.
R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, Montreal, Que.
7. Nebraska—R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise, Omaha, Neb.
R. W. Bro. H. P. Leggatt, Quebec, P. Q.
8. Nova Scotia—R. W. Bro. Geo. T. Smithers, Halifax, N. S.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Wood, Dunham, Que.
9. Nevada—R. W. Bro. R. H. Taylor, Virginia City, Nev.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, Montreal, Que.
10. Kansas—M. W. Bro. J. H. Brown, Leavenworth, Kan.
R. W. Bro. C. Judge, Quebec, P. Q.
11. Illinois—R. W. Bro. D. C. Cregier, Chicago, Ill.
R. W. Bro. G. H. Borlase, Montreal, Que.
12. Ohio—R. W. Bro. C. A. Woodward, Cleveland, O.
M. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Quebec, P. Q.
13. Michigan—R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, Detroit, Mich.
K. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, Montreal, Que.
14. Georgia—R. W. Bro. J. E. Blackshear, Macon, Ga.
R. W. Bro. George O. Tyler, Three Rivers, Que.
15. Mississippi—R. W. Bro. T. L. Power, Jackson, Miss.
R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss, Sherbrooke, Que.

16. Arkansas—
V. W. Bro. C. A. Rice, Bedford, Que.
17. North Carolina—R. W. Bro. D. W. Bain, Raleigh, N. C.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Pratten, Quebec, P. Q.
18. Connecticut—R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, Conn.
R. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland, Berthier, *en haut*, Que.
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R. W. Bro. William Miller, Quebec, Que.
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R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, Montreal, Que.
21. Vermont—M. W. Bro. L. Englesby, Burlington, Vt.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Montreal, Que.
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R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, Sherbrooke, Que.
23. Rhode Island—R. W. Bro. C. D. Green, Providence, R. I.
V. W. Bro. E. H. Goff, Montreal, Que.
24. West Virginia—R. W. Bro. O. S. Long, Wheeling, W. V.
R. W. Bro. H. W. Wood, Knowlton, Que.
25. Alabama—R. W. Bro. D. Sayer, Montgomery, Ala.
R. W. Bro. D. Thomas, Sherbrooke, Que.
26. Brazil—R. W. Bro., Rio Janeiro.
27. Idaho—R. W. Bro. H. E. Puckett, Boise City, Id.
R. W. Bro. John Renshaw, Montreal, Que.
28. Argentine Republic—R. W. Bro., Buenos Ayres.
R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, Montreal, Que.
29. Peru—R. W. Bro., Lima, Peru.
Rev. R. W. Bro. H. W. Nye, Iron Hill, Que.
30. Lusitano, Lisbon, R. W. Bro., Lisbon, Portugal.
31. Louisiana—R. W. Bro. Joseph P. Hornor, New Orleans, La.
R. W. Bro. Thos. Wood, Dunham, Que.
32. South Carolina—R. W. Bro. R. B. Campbell, Laurens, S. C.
33. California—V. W. Bro. A. G. Abell, San Francisco, Cal.
R. W. Bro. C. Stavely, Quebec, P. Q.
34. Utah—R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Montreal, Que.
35. Hungary—R. W. Bro. Jules Kleinrath.
Rev. Bro. R. W. Norman, Montreal, Que.
36. British Columbia—R. W. Bro.
R. W. Bro. T. Leet, Danville, Que.
37. New Brunswick—R. W. Bro. E. Willis, St. John, N. B.
R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, Montreal.
38. Ireland—R. W. Bro. George Hill Major, Dublin.
R. W. Bro. B. Burland, Stottville, Que.
39. Maryland—R. W. Bro. — Tyson, Baltimore.
R. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland, Berthier, *en haut*, Que.
40. Minnesota—R. W. Bro. E. D. Porter, St. Paul, Minn.
R. W. Bro. W. Nivin, Montreal, Que.
41. New Jersey—R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Edwards, Jersey City Heights.
42. Dakota—R. W. Bro. Calvin G. Shaw.
R. W. Bro. Frank Montagu, Sowden.
43. Prince Edward Island—R. W. Bro. — McKelvie.
V. W. Bro. David A. Manson, Mansonsville.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEARS 1876-77.

PRESIDENT :

R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, Deputy Grand Master, Montreal.

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(By virtue of their Office.)

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" " " C. Judge,	Quebec,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " " P. L. Cowan,	Cowansville,	Grand Junior Warden.
" " " H. M. Alexander,	Montreal,	Grand Treasurer.

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" " " C. Judge,	Quebec,	Quebec and Three Rivers District.
" " " Jas. Addie,	Lennoxville,	St. Francis District.
" " " H. P. Newell,	Cowansville,	Bedford District.
" " " E. B. Eddy	Hull,	Ottawa District.

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R. W. Bro. F. Edgar,	Montreal.
" " " S. R. Whitman,	Frelighsburg.
" " " Thos. Milton,	Montreal.
" " " Hobart Butler,	Bedford.

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V. W. Bro. J. B. Charlton,	South Quebec.
" " " T. Butler,	Montreal.
M. " " Thos. White, Jr.,	"
" " " C. Staveley,	Quebec.

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" " " I. H. Stearnes,	"
" " " T. J. Foss,	Sherbrooke.
" " " Alex. Chisholm,	Montreal.
" " " Ernest Raciot,	Sweetsburg.
" " " J. B. Robertson,	Point Levis.
" " " S. E. Moss,	Montreal.
" " " Samuel Kennedy,	Quebec,

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1876-77.

	M. W. Bro. JAMES DUNBAR, Quebec,	Grand Master.
	R. W. Bro. M. M. TAIT, Montreal,	Deputy Grand Master.
	" " " C. JUDGE, Quebec, }	D. D. G. M. Quebec and Three Rivers District.
ARD-	" " " J. T. McMINN, Montreal,	D.D.G.M. Montreal Dist.
	" " " H.P. NEWELL, Cow'nsv'le, "	" " Bedford Dist.
	" " " JAMES ADDIE, Lennoxville, "	" " St Francis Dist.
	" " " E. B. EDDY, Hull,	" " Ottawa Dist.
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	" " " M. BURNIE, Richmond,	Grand Junior Warden.
strict-	" " " REV. H. W. NYE,	Ironhill, Grand Chaplain.
	" " " H. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal,	Grand Treasurer.
	" " " ALEX. CHISHOLM, Montreal,	Grand Registrar.
	" " " J. H. ISAACSON, Montreal,	Grand Secretary.
	V. " " A. BOISSEAU, Montreal,	Grand Senior Deacon.
	" " " W. SIMPSON WALKER, Montreal }	Grand Junior Deacon.
	" " " GEO. PRESBY, Sherbrooke, }	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
	" " " HUGH BRODIE, Montreal,	Grand Organist.
	" " " G. L. KEMP, Dunham,	Grand Pursuivant.
	" " " E. A. PFEIFFER, Quebec,	Grand Steward.
	" " " W. M. LEMESURIER, Montreal,	" "
	" " " A. WILCOCKS, Richmond,	" "
R-	" " " GEORGE HENRY MILLER, Hull,	" "

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

STATEMENT OF MONIES RECEIVED BY GRAND SECRETARY DURING
THE YEAR, FROM 24TH SEPT., 1875, TO 24TH SEPT., 1876.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	\$	CTS.
0	Albion.....	11	50
1	St. John.....	43	50
2	Prevost.....	31	00
3	Nelson.....	29	75
4	Golden Rule.....	95	75
5	St. Andrew.....	106	75
6	St. George.....	53	50
7	Zetland.....	57	00
8	Harrington.....	44	75
9	Hoyle.....	15	50
10	St. Francis.....	32	50
11	Victoria.....	141	50
12	Stanbridge.....	33	50
13	Mon. Kilwinning.....	118	50
14	Clarenceville.....
15	Browne.....	9	75
16	Royal Albert.....	70	25
17	Victoria.....	47	50
18	Milton.....	30	75
19	Tuscan.....	16	00
20	Ascot.....	49	50
22	Freligsburg.....
23	Doric.....	49	50
24	Chateauguay.....	15	75
25	Shawenegan.....	44	25
26	Abercorn.....
27	Corner Stone.....
29	St. Charles.....	79	00
30	Cœurs Unis.....	46	75
32	Excelsior.....	11	75
34	Mount Orford.....	31	25
35	St. George.....	43	00
36	Burland.....	46	75
37	Prince Consort.....	78	00
38	St. Andrew.....	51	75
39	Ionic.....	59	00
40	Lake Magog.....	10	50
41	St. John.....	12	75
U. D.	Bedford.....	72	75
U. D.	Hochelaga.....	37	75
U. D.	Montarville.....	10	00
U. D.	Richelieu.....	14	75
LATE	Antiquity.....	37	75
"	Prevost.....	38	50
"	Dorchester.....	12	50
"	Nelson.....	17	25
		\$1860	50

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	\$	CTS.
	Brought forward.....	1860	50
LATE 19	St. George	76	00
" 21	Zetland	21	50
" 138	Aylmer	3	50
" 163	Evening Star.....	4	00
" 187	Royal Canadian.....	27	00
.. ..	Mount Moriah.....	30	00
.. ..	Union of Striet Observance.....	6	00
" 53	Shefford	38	25
" 175	St. Johns (Mansonville).....	24	00
" 130	Yamaska	33	25
" 298	Eddy.....	56	25
" 275	Pontiac	33	75
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	Proceeds of sale of safe.....	125	00
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SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1876.

P.C.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspended.	Reinstated.	Members.
0	Albion	Quebec	3	3	3	6	4	4	1	0	31
1	St. John	Quebec	6	3	3	2	3	1	1	0	50
2	Prevost	Dunham	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	52
3	Nelson	St. Armand	2	2	2	3	1	2	0	0	42
4	Golden Rule	Stanstead	10	10	9	2	2	1	0	0	136
5	St. Andrew	Quebec	3	1	1	2	7	1	0	0	76
6	St. George	Montreal	5	5	2	1	7	2	7	1	78
7	Zetland	Montreal	8	7	5	2	4	1	4	2	75
8	Harington	Quebec	9	8	6	1	0	0	2	0	43
9	Hoyle	Lacolle	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	16
10	St. Francis	Richmond	5	9	9	2	6	1	0	0	40
11	Victoria	Shebrooke	13	12	11	6	2	3	1	1	86
12	Stanbridge	Stanbridge	1	1	1	1	13	1	0	4	60
13	Mon. Kilwinning	Montreal	11	9	9	2	6	3	0	2	150
14	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	No	Ret	urns						
15	Browne	West Farnham	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	23
16	Royal Albert	Montreal	15	15	15	3	13	1	0	0	144
17	Victoria	Montreal	3	2	2	1	10	0	0	0	62
18	Milton	Three Rivers	5	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	41
19	Tuscan	Levis	No	Ret	urns						
20	Ascot	Lennoxville	8	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	52
21	Ashlar	Coaticoke	No	Ret	urns						
22	Freligsburg	Freligsburg	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	31
23	Doric	Danville	4	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	67
24	Chateauguay	Huntingdon	4	4	4	2	4	1	0	0	39
25	Shawenegan	Three Rivers	2	9	6	0	0	4	3	0	29
26	Abercorn	Abercorn	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	25
27	Corner Stone	Cowansville	6	6	6	1	2	0	0	0	44
28	Clarke	Ormstown	No	Ret	urns						
29	St. Charles	Point St. Charles	16	14	13	1	8	1	0	0	55
30	Cours Unis	Montreal	11	5	8	0	5	0	5	0	59
31	Graham	Bolton Centre	No	Ret	urns						
32	Excelsior	Upton	8	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	39
33	Canadian	Granby	War	rant	Can	ce	ll	ed			
34	Mount Orford	Georgeville	7	7	7	0	3	0	0	0	35
35	St. George	Quebec	7	7	7	0	1	0	4	0	31
36	Burland	St. Johns	4	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	58
37	Prince Consort	Montreal	12	12	10	1	3	0	4	0	84
38	St. Andrew	Montreal	7	6	5	3	6	0	3	0	72
39	Ionic	Montreal	6	8	8	0	3	0	4	0	66
40	Lake Magog	Magog	5	4	4	0	3	0	0	0	28
41	St. John	Montreal	3	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	17
			211	205	188	49	125	30	39	11	2036

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SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1876—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspended.	Reinstated.	Members.
	Brought forward.....		211	205	188	49	125	30	39	1	2036
U. D.	Bedford	Bedford	15	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	51
U. D.	Hochelaga	Hochelaga	8	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	23
U. D.	Montarville	Longueuil.....	No	Ret	urns						
U. D.	Richelieu	Sorel.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
LATE											
No.											
0	Antiquity.....	Montreal	3	3	3	1	7	2	2	1	57
1	Prevost.....	Dunham.....	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	43
4	Dorchester.....	St. Johns	No	Ret	urns						
8	*Nelson	Phillipsburg.....									
19	St. George.....	Montreal.....	No	Ret	urns						
21	Zetland.....	Montreal.....	7	6	5	25	16	0	8	3	40
53	Shefford	Waterloo.....	0	0	3	0	1	1	4	0	64
130	Yamaska.....	Granby.....	4	4	4	1	6	0	0	0	28
138	Aylmer.....	Avlmer.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
227	Sutton.....	Sutton Flats.....	3	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	20
163	Evening Star.....	Brigham.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
187	Royal Canadian.....	Sweetsburgh.....	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	46
202	Mount Royal.....	Montreal.....	17	17	18	3	14	0	0	0	48
175	St. John.....	Mansonville.....	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	48
211	Brome Lake.....	Knowlton.....	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	29
273	Olive Branch.....	West Shefford.....	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	24
275	Pontiac.....	Shawville.....	7	7	7	0	0	3	1	28	
298	Eddy.....	Hull.....	12	12	10	4	1	1	2	0	51
	Mount Moriah.....	Montreal.....	9	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	40
	†Union of Strict Ob servance.....	Montreal.....									
			306	295	276	88	172	35	58	16	2716

* Amalgamated with Nelson Lodge No. 3, Q. R.

† Amalgamated with Zetland, late 21, C. R.

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RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1876.

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
0	Albion	Quebec City	Second Friday of every month.
1	St. Johns	Quebec City	Second Wednesday "
2	Prevost	Dunham	Tuesday on or preceding full moon.
3	Nelson	St. Armands	Thursday " "
4	Golden Rule	Stanstead	Tuesday " "
5	St. Andrew	Quebec City	First Wednesday.
6	St. George	Montreal	Third Tuesday.
7	Zetland	Montreal	Second Thursday.
8	Harington	Quebec City	Third Thursday.
9	Boyle	Lacolle	First and Third Tuesday.
10	St. Francis	Richmond	First Thursday.
11	Victoria	Sherbrooke	Second Tuesday.
12	Stanbridge	Stanbridge	Wednesday on or preceding full m.
13	Kilwinning	Montreal	Second Monday.
14	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Third Thursday.
15	Brown	West Farnham	Friday on or preceding full moon.
16	Royal Albert	Montreal	First Wednesday.
17	Victoria	Montreal	Fourth Monday.
18	Milton	Three Rivers	First Wednesday.
19	Tuscan	Levis	First Thursday.
20	Ascot	Lennoxville	Monday on or preceding full moon.
21	Ashlar	Coaticooke	First Wednesday.
22	Freligsburg	Freligsburg	Monday on or preceding full moon.
23	Doric	Danville	Wednesday " "
24	Chateaugay	Huntingdon	Second Tuesday.
25	Shawenegan	Three Rivers	Second Wednesday.
26	Abercorn	Abercorn	First Thursday after full moon.
27	Corner Stone	Cowansville	Wed. on or preceding full moon.
28	Clarke	Ormstown	Second Wednesday.
29	St. Charles	Point St. Charles	Fourth Tuesday.
30	Cœurs Unis	Montreal	Fourth Wednesday.
31	Graham	Bolton Centre	Tuesday on or preceding full moon.
32	Excelsior	Upton	" " "
33	Canadian	Granby	Warrant Cancelled.
34	Mount Orford	Georgeville	Tuesday after full moon.
35	St. George	Quebec City	Second Saturday.
36	Burland	St. Johns	First Monday.
37	Prince Consort	Montreal	Fourth Tuesday.
38	St. Andrew	Montreal	Second Tuesday.
39	Ionic	Montreal	First Thursday.
40	Lake Magog	Magog	
41	St. John	Montreal	First Friday.

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1876.—*Continued.*

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
U. D.	Bedford	Bedford	Monday on or preceding f. m.
U. D.	Hochelaga	Hochelaga	First Tuesday.
U. D.	Montarville	Longueuil	Second Tuesday.
U. D.	Richelieu	Sorel	First Thursday.
LATE No.			
0	Antiquity	Montreal	First Thursday.
1	Prevost	Dunham	Tuesday preceding full moon.
4	Dorchester	St. Johns	First Thursday.
19	St. George	Montreal	Third Tuesday.
21	Zetland	Montreal	Second Thursday.
138	Aylmer	Aylmer	Second Thursday.
163	Evening Star	Brigham	Friday preceding full moon.
187	Royal Canadian	Sweetsburg	Second Wednesday.
227	Sutton	Sutton Flats	Third Wednesday.
211	Brome Lake	Knowlton	First Wednesday.
273	Olive Branch	West Shefford	First Wednesday after f. moon
226	Mount Moriah	Montreal	First Friday.
202	Mount Royal	Montreal	Second Tuesday.
53	Shefford	Waterloo	First Monday.
175	St. John	Mansonville	Wedn'sday preceding f. moon
130	Yamaska	Granby	" " "
298	Eddy	Hull	Second Thursday.
275	Pontiac	Shawville	Second Tuesday.

RECAPITULATION

of Returns of Lodges for the year ending September, 1876.

Lodges working under warrants.....	59
“ “ dispensation.....	4
“ represented in Grand Lodge.....	56
“ organized	63
“ working.....	61
Initiations reported.....	306
Passings “	294
Raisings “	276
Joinings “	88
Resignations “	167
Deaths “	35
Suspended	58
Restorations.....	16
Members in good standing.....	2716

S U S P E N D E D .

FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 0.—Albion.

John S. Hutchinson.

No. 1.—St. John.

William Flanagan.

No. 6.—St. George.

Samuel Wood, William Anderson, Robt. Anderson, Austin D. Cable, John C. Ford, Thomas Hacking, John Davis Grange.

No. 7.—Zetland.

Geo. I. Hubbard, Philip Rudman, John F. Robertson, Thomas I. Corrigan.

No. 8.—Harrington.

George Thompson, David Tyon.

No. 11.—Victoria.

Robt. Booth.

No. 25.—Shawenegan.

W. B. Noyes, Robt. Kerr, J. W. Stanton.

No. 30.—Cours Unis.

L. C. Bruneau, J. D. Porcheron, Zotique Perreault.

No. 35.—St. George.

Thomas Edwards, M. Pierce, John McLaren, M. J. Maguire.

No. 37.—Prince Consort.

David Brady, Samuel Paxton, Chas. A. Aulberg, Henry Stafford.

No. 38.—St. Andrew.

R. E. Hughes, G. Lockerby, R. G. Lafrenaye.

No. 39.—Ionic.

John Hendricks, Wm. Hutchinson, Wm. Mason, J. C. Thurston.

Antiquity—Late No. 0.

Gideon Swain, Alfred Elliott.

Zetland—Late No. 21.

John James Browne, Alex. Holmes, A. H. Lowden, J. L. Marcou, Robert Marsh, Robert Dunkin, James Henderson, George Black.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

SUSPENDED.—*Continued.*

FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Shefford—Late No. 53.

John Erskine, M. D. S. V. Eastman, V. Nutting, C. A. Nutting.

Pontiac—Late. No. 275.

A. Pratt, W. H. McKay, F. D. Astley.

Eddy—Late No. 298.

Wm. Cowen. A. A. Cooke.

FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

No. 30.—Coeurs Unis.

Jean B. Dumouchel, Arsene Bernier.

Zetland—Late No. 21.

Joseph G. A. Leblanc.

R E S T O R A T I O N S .

No. 6.—St. George.

Wm. Geen.

No. 7.—Zetland.

F. C. Elliott, J. C. Irvine.

No. 11.—Victoria.

S. A. Stevens.

No. 12.—Stanbridge.

Charles Lappin, John C. Corey, Joseph A. Slack, Samuel J. Thayer.

No. 13.—Mon. Kilwinning.

John W. McDowall, Wm. Jenkins.

No. 15.—Browne.

Darwin Mosher.

Antiquity—Late No. 0.

Samuel Lettau.

Zetland—Late No. 21.

John James Browne, Alex. Holmes, J. L. Marcou.

Pontiac—Late No. 275.

Wm. H. McKay.

DEATHS.

No. 0.—*Albion*—James Thom, John Thompson, Geo. Thompson,
John Machell.

“ 1—*St. John*—George Thompson.

“ 2—*Prevoost*—William Burke.

“ 3—*Nelson*—Lewis Strite, Wm. Arthur Moore.

“ 4—*Golden Rule*—Charles G. Daggett.

“ 5—*St. Andrew*—George Thompson.

“ 6—*St. George*—George Hunter, Stephen B. Spencer.

“ 7—*Zetland*—C. J. Johnson.

“ 9—*Hoyle*—H. Wilson.

“ 10—*St. Francis*—Andrew G. Hamilton.

“ 11—*Victoria*—John E. Hallowell, Edmund F. Walker, S. C.
Rhodes, sr.

“ 12—*Stanbridge*—John C. Corey.

“ 13—*Mont. Kilwinning*—John Clennon, Jas. Somerville, Robt.
Webster.

“ 15—*Browne*—Henry Chillingworth.

“ 16—*Royal Albert*—E. J. Joseph.

“ 24—*Chateauguay*—James Tulley.

“ 25—*Shawenegan*—W. H. Symmes, H. McKelvie, W. G.
Hamilton, J. P. McPherson.

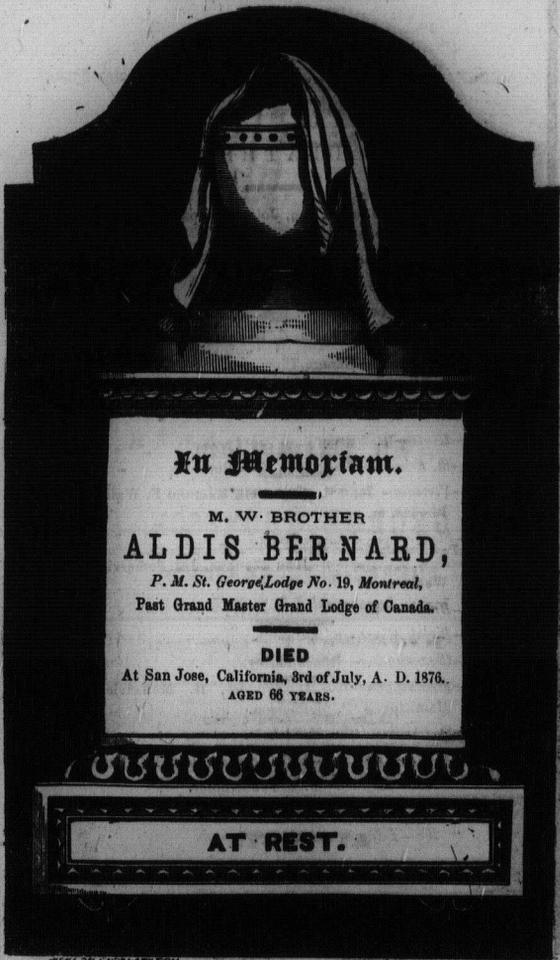
“ 29—*St. Charles*—Geo. McNichols.

LATE No. 0.—*Antiquity*—Aldis Bernard, John G. Blackmore.

“ “ 53.—*Shefford*—F. E. Foudrinnier.

“ “ 175.—*St. John*—Joseph Larnard.

“ “ 298—*Eddy*—John Munro.



In Memoriam.

M. W. BROTHER

ALDIS BERNARD,

P. M. St. George, Lodge No. 19, Montreal,
Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada.

DIED

At San Jose, California, 3rd of July, A. D. 1976.
AGED 66 YEARS.

AT REST.

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W. E. & O. L. H. HAMILTON

An Memoriam.

R. W. BROTHER

GEORGE THOMPSON,

Past Deputy Grand Master of Pro. Grand Lodge of

QUEBEC and THREE RIVERS,

English Registrar and P. D. G. M., Quebec Reg.

**He was six times W. M. of Alston Lodge,
No. 9, Q. R.**

DIED

7th Dec., 1876. Aged 64 years.

AT REST.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
 Q U E B E C.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M. W. Bro.	John Hamilton Graham,	Richmond.
" "	" Wm. B. Simpson,	Montreal.
" "	" A. A. Stevenson,	"
" "	" Thos. White, jr.,	"
" "	" James Dunbar,	Quebec.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	John S. Bowen,	Quebec.
" "	" Henry J. Pratten,	"
" "	" James Dunbar,	"
" "	" James O'Halloran.	Nelsonville.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	John H. Isaacson,	Montreal.
" "	" Frank Edgar,	"
" "	" W. B. Colby,	Stanstead.
" "	" H. P. Leggett,	Quebec.
" "	" Hon. Thos. Wood,	Dunham.
" "	" Wm. Miller,	Quebec.
" "	" I. H. Stearns,	Montreal.
" "	" S. J. Foss,	Sherbrooke.
" "	" M. M. Tait,	Montreal.
" "	" Christopher Staveley,	Quebec.
" "	" Timothy Lest,	Danville.
" "	" Thomas Milton,	Montreal.
" "	" Stevens Baker,	Dunham.
" "	" Geo. O. Tyler,	Three Rivers.
" "	" W. W. Lynch,	Knowlton.
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The Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., will be holden at the City of Montreal, on Wednesday, the 26th day of September, A. D., 1877, at 12 o'clock noon.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary regrets to announce that owing to the removal from Montreal of Bro. Smithers, to whom was entrusted the task of preparing the report on Foreign Correspondence, he has been unable to obtain that report in its complete form in time to publish with the proceedings of Grand Lodge for this year, 1876.