

## Foreign Chapter on Canadian territory

Companion Louis Levoy's report on Correspondence is pleasant and instructive reading. He is as generous as usual with Canada, and misses little of value. Noting a foreign Chapter on Canadian territory, he says:

"Persuasion seems to have no effect, and Scotland in common decency should withdraw its charter; failing that, our private opinion publicly expressed, would be an interdiction of its members from the Chapters of Canada, which we think would soon bring them to time. A divided house must fall, and we do not understand why a powerful Grand Chapter such as Canada will permit its territorial jurisdiction divided; it should be supreme or is not entitled to be the peer of the several Grand Chapters on this continent."

Companion Levoy might reasonably assume that there was good and sufficient reason why Canada was not worrying in the matter. The Chapter referred to was one of several in existence before the territory was claimed by this Grand Chapter. It is neither a question of Scotland nor Canada, as it is not one of "decency" or otherwise. It is the sweet prerogative of the Chapter in question to elect under which regime she serves. If she chooses to abide by her filial allegiance there is no power to gainsay her. If on the other hand, she inclines to the view that the interests of the Royal Craft will be better served by home rule, it is her privilege to so apply. Meanwhile the issue rests with her, and the amenities are not likely to be adversely affected by unwise interference.

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