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The **Fifty-sixth** Annual Convocation was held in Toronto, Wednesday, the Twenty-fifth day of February, 1914, and the **Fifty-seventh** in London on Wednesday, the Twenty-fourth day of February, 1915, the Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion Daniel F. McWatt, presiding.

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The formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta on the Twenty-ninth day of May, 1914, was declared by the Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion D. F. MacWatt, to be irregular, spurious and clandestine, and he suspended all Chapters and Companions that gave adhesion to, or continued to support the irregular organization. (Space will not permit the printing of the enormous number of circulars and letters issued, but for the information of the reader, the whole situation was cleared and the Grand Chapter of Alberta was finally recognized and received as a Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Canada on the Twelfth day of September, 1916, when fraternal relationship was established). At a later date a grant of \$1,000.00 was made as a token of fraternal goodwill to assist in establishing the new Sovereign Grand Body.

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The **Fifty-eighth**, an Emergent, and the **Fifty-ninth** Convocations were held in Toronto on Wednesday, the Twenty-third day of February, 1916, Tuesday, the Twelfth day of September, 1916, and Wednesday, the Twenty-eighth day of February, 1917, the Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion W. S. R. Murch, presiding.

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The most important matter in the 1917 address of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. was the glad intelligence that the much vexed Alberta question had been adjusted and was now a closed incident.

A resolution submitted and adopted gave authority for the formation of a Grand Body in any province as soon as proper memorial had been received from a majority of the Companions and Chapters of a Province, expressing their well-considered desire to establish a Provincial Grand Body.