

occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Brant Monument, Brantford, August 11th, 1886." Beneath was engraved a beaver, a Canadian emblem. The instrument was constructed by Mr. Thos. Aston, of this city, and is a credit to the workman.

Chief Hill interpreted Mr. Cleghorn's remarks to the Indians, after which the ceremonial was proceeded with.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE.—Chief Clench deposited the two jars in the receptacle, ran the silver trowel through the mortar that was placed upon the stone, another stone was lowered upon it and the deed was done. During the operation Chief Smoke Johnson, father of the late Chief G. H. M. Johnson, and now 94 years of age, was present and occupied a chair close by the corner stone, where he could witness the ceremony. He most attentively observed every movement, perfectly unconscious of the fact that he was probably more of an object of interest to the white people, as a man who had known Brant, than was the performance of laying the stone. The old chief was afterwards given a more elevated seat where he was photographed by rival photographers, who also secured a number of views of the site and throng.

THE STONE AND DEPOSITS.—The corner stone will occupy a position beneath the northeast corner of the monument and is a block of Ohio freestone about thirty inches square having a round hole cut entirely through the centre, corresponding with an excavation of a similar diameter 15 inches in the earth beneath, into which the jar containing the documentary deposits were placed. One jar contained a copy of the Canadian Almanac of 1886; the Brantford Colonial Pamphlet; Minutes and Proceedings of the Brant County Council, for 1885-86; Act of Incorporation of the Brant Memorial Association; copy of an address to the Six Nation Indians to H. R. H., the Duke of Connaught; a circular issued by the Brant Memorial Association with names of the local committees formed in 1876; a list of the patrons and directors of the Brant Memorial Association for 1886, and date of laying of the corner stone; a copy of the Memoirs of Capt. Joseph Brant; a copy of the rules and regulations of the John H. Stratford Hospital; coins of the realm, 1 cent, 5 cent, 10 cent, 25 cent, and 50 cent pieces; copies of the *Expositor*, *Telegram* and *Courier*, *Globe* and *Mail*, Toronto, *The Indian*; copy of the Brantford Young Ladies College calendar; and excellent photos of President Cleghorn and Mr. Wood the artist. The other jar contained four strings of wampum, with interpretation; a copy of the grant of lands made by Governor Haldimand, dated 25th October 1784; a copy of a deed confirming that grant, signed by Governor Simcoe, dated January 14th, 1793; a report of the visit of the Earl of Dufferin, Governor General of Canada to the Six Nation Reserve, on the 25th of August, 1874; and a copy of the Report of the Superintendent-General of Indian affairs, the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, for 1885.

THE SPEECHES.—After the photographers had secured all they desired, Mr. Alex. Robertson mounted a large stone and proposed three rousing cheers for the aged Chief Johnson, "the father" he said, "of the late respected Chief G. H. M. Johnson, whose death before this monument