

About two hundred Brethren, hailing from the following Lodges, viz.: Moria Lodge, No. 11; The Belleville Lodge, No. 123; Prince Edward's Lodge, No. 18; Stirling Lodge, No. 69; Trent Lodge, No. 38; Madoc Lodge, No. 48; and other Lodges.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in *ample form*, the Grand Master explained the object of this Special Communication, and regretted that it had not been possible for a larger number of the Grand Officers to be present, but was highly pleased at the good attendance of the Brethren. The acting Grand Director of Ceremonies was then instructed to form the procession, in the order laid down in the Book of Constitution. When the procession reached Pinnacle street, it was joined by the Firemen of Belleville and Oswego, accompanied by the Band of the Royal Canadian Rifles and the Band of the 15th Battalion.

On arriving at the site of the new building, the procession opened out, and the Grand Officers marched through to the spot where the stone was to be laid. The Grand Master and other Grand Officers then ascended the platform, when an ode suitable to the occasion was performed by the Band of the Royal Canadian Rifles.

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

Men, women, and children, assembled here to behold this ceremony: Know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and professing to fear God—who is the Great Architect of the Universe,—to honor the Queen: to confer benefits upon our brethren: and to practice universal benevolence towards all mankind. We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all other men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but those secrets are lawful and honorable, and

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