

that were deposited in the foundation stone of the former Court House, dated 12th April, 1829; *Colonial Advocate*, December 8th, 1825, York, U. C; *Gore Gazette*, March 3rd, 1827, Ancaster, U. C; *Upper Canada Gazette*, January 6th, 1827, York, U. C; *U. E. Loyalist*, January 6th, 1827, York, U. C; *Canadian Freeman*, November 2nd, 1826, York, U. C; *Observer of the Times*, London, Eng., July 21st, 1821; one-dollar Dominion Bank note, Canada paper; twenty-five cent scrip; coins—fifty cents, twenty-five cents, twenty, ten, and five cent pieces, all silver; one cent, copper; sample of wheat, Diehl, growth of 1877, grown upon the farm of Wm. Luck, in this township; bird's-eye view of the City of Hamilton, presented by the Fire and Marine Insurance Co. of Hamilton; atlas of County of Wentworth and City of Hamilton, containing the autographs of all the members of the City and County Council present.

MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge met at 12.30 in the Masonic Hall, the following officers being present:—

M. W. Bro.	James Seymour,	as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro.	R. Brierley,	as Deputy Grand Master.
" "	A. E. Irving,	P. D. D. G. M.
" "	R. Kemp,	P. D. D. G. M.
" "	Otto Klotz,	as Grand Senior Warden.
" "	C. Bennet,	as Grand Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. W. R. Ross,	Grand Chaplain.
" "	E. Mitchell,	Grand Treasurer.
" "	Isaac Waterman,	Grand Registrar.
" "	J. J. Mason,	Grand Secretary.
W.	J. I. Mackenzie,	as Grand Senior Deacon.
" "	T. Miller,	as Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W.	H. Walker,	Grand Supt. of Works.
W.	J. Henery,	as Director of Ceremonies.
V. W.	J. M. Gibson,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
" "	C. R. Smith,	as Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies.
" "	Wm. Forbes,	as Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	Wm. Reid,	as Grand Organist.
R. W.	W. H. Fraser,	as Asst. Grand Organist.
W.	P. Bish,	as Grand Pursuivant.
" "	R. Radcliffe,	Grand Tyler.
V. W.	George Walker,	Grand Steward.
" "	W. L. P. Eager,	do
W.	D. McMillan,	do
" "	Alfred Jones,	do
" "	John Ireland,	do
V. W.	Gavin Stewart,	do
" "	R. A. Barton,	do
" "	Donald McPhio,	do
" "	R. A. Hutchison,	do
" "	Wm. Gibson,	do

Together with the Masters and Past-Masters, and about 200 brethren from the following Lodges:—

Barton No. 6; Strict Observance, No. 27; St. John's, No. 40; Acacia, No. 61; and Temple, No. 324, Hamilton; Union, No. 7, Grimsby; Clinton, No. 84, Clinton; Valley, No. 100, Dundas; Dufferin, No. 291, West Flamboro'; Speed, No. 180, Guelph; Ivy, No. 115, Beamsville; St. Clair No. 135, Milton; Preston, No. 297, Preston; Norfolk, No. 10, Simcoe; Walsingham, No. 174, Port Rowan; St. George's, No. 15, St. Catharines; St. George's, No. 42, London; Brant, No. 45, Brantford; Harmony, No.

57, Binbrook; St. Andrew's, No. 62, Caledonia; Maple Leaf, No. 103, St. Catharines; Doric, No. 121, Brantford; Burlington, No. 165, Burlington; Wentworth, No. 166, Soney Creek; Credit, No. 219, Georgetown; Mountain, 221, Thorold; St. George's, No. 243, St. George; Seymour, No. 272, Ancaster; Hiram, No. 317, Dundas; Walker, No. 321, Acton West; Waterdown, U. D., Waterdown; Corinthian, No. 51, Grahamville; White Oak, 198, Oakville; Clifton, 254, Clifton.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened, and the M. W. Grand Master announced that he had caused the Grand Secretary to issue a circular convening this Special Communication for the purpose of laying, with full Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of the new Court House to be erected for the County of Wentworth and City of Hamilton.

THE PROCESSION.

Shortly after one o'clock W. Bro. John Henery, Grand Marshal, with V. W. Bro. C. R. Smith, Assistant Grand Marshal, formed a procession outside the Masonic Hall. At the head was a band and the Union Jack, and the banners of Barton, Strict Observance, St. John's, and Acacia Lodges were also in the procession. The route of march was up James to King, along King to John, and along John to the eastern entrance of Prince's Square. Here the procession halted and opened out the ranks to allow the Grand Master and Grand Lodge to pass through. At the gate the Grand Master was met by the county and city officials, including the Warden, the Mayor, the Sheriff, and others, and conducted by them to the platform which had been erected for the occasion. By this time a large crowd had assembled and there must have been over 1,000 people present. On the platform we noticed the Hon. Adam Hope, Hon. Isaac Buchanan, Colonel Aikman, John Winer, Esq., Adam Brown, Esq., Thomas Robertson, Esq., Q. C., Dundas; F. Mackelcan, Esq., Q. C., Rev. D. H. Fletcher, John Wilson, Esq., Winona, and many others. Order having been called, the Grand Master called on Bro. W. Bruce to read the following poem, which had been composed by Bro. John Glasgow, of Strict Observance Lodge, for the occasion:

Ye Craftsmen of old with your time honored
Ensigns,
Those Emblems of Peace and of Love and of Good-
will,

You meet here to-day in the garb of your fathers,
With light that illumines the Universe still.

No tyrant's command calls thee forth unto labor,
Those fond words will come unto the as thine
own,

The circle itself is held true by the cable,
That cable so dear to the Craftsman alone,

While strength as at first gives the right to establish,
Some temple beneath the bright gem that we see,