

for two years to the entire satisfaction of his employers and the large staff then engaged in the office. Finding his strength at this time unequal to the increasing labors required at his hands, he resigned the foremanship amidst general regrets, and removed to this city, when he entered the *Gazette* office, then owned by R. W. Bros. R. & H. B. Bull, in whose service he continued till 1853, when he purchased the St. Catharines *Constitutional* newspaper, the publication of which he has continued from that date till now.

R. W. Bro. Seymour has always retained in a high degree the esteem and respect of his fellow-townsmen, and a few months ago he received the honorable appointment of Collector of Inland Revenue for the St. Catharines Division—a position which he now holds with advantage to the country, and we hope with pleasure and profit to himself.

In Masonry, R. W. Bro. Seymour was first brought to light in Barton Lodge, No. 6, of this city, in the year 1849. He was also one of the Charter Members of St. John's Lodge, No. 231, soon afterwards instituted under the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

On his removal to St. Catharines, he affiliated with St. George's Lodge, No. 15, of that place, of which he is still an honorary member. On the formation of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, in 1858, R. W. Bro. Seymour was one of its charter members and its first J. W., from which chair he was, in the following year, unanimously elected to that of its second Worshipful Master. Our R. W. Bro. has not only been an active and zealous worker in the various Subordinate Lodges with which he has been connected; but also in our Grand Governing Bodies. He was appointed G. J. D. of Grand Lodge, at Ottawa in 1860, and elected G. J. W. at St. Catharines in 1862; while at Montreal in 1866, he was unanimously elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Hamilton District, the duties of which office he discharged with great credit for the space of two years, notwithstanding that his health at that period was such as to render the visitation of the twenty-two Lodges under his charge a task that one less zealous or enthusiastic would readily have shrunk from performing. In recognition of his ability and worth as a member of the Board of General Purposes, he was in 1867 elected Vice-President; and he was still further elected to the distinguished position of Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held at London in 1868, to which high office he was successively re-elected in 1869 and 1870.

In Capitular Masonry, R. F. Comp. Seymour was exalted to the R. A. Degree in St. John's Chapter, No. 6, of this city, in 1860: and so active a part did he take in the establishment of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, at St. Catharines, in the following year, that he was unanimously chosen and installed as its First Principal Z. In Grand Chapter, R. E. Comp. Seymour has held various positions, from Grand Steward in 1861, Grand Organist in 1862, Grand District Superintendent of the