

the pleasure and satisfaction he had experienced in witnessing the work, which had been excellently rendered, and after alluding to many points of interest to the Craft, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet awaiting them at the British hotel.

The banquet at the British was of a first-class character, and the tables, round which were seated some forty or fifty hungry guests, fairly groaned under the delicacies provided by "Mine Hostess," Mrs. Wood. The *menu* was printed on elegant cards, and full justice done to the viands. V. W. Bro. McNaughton presided, being supported on his right by the District Deputy, V. W. Bro. E. H. D. Hall, and W. Bros. Wood and Mason, and on his left by Rt. W. Bro. R. Ramsay, and Rt. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, W. Bros. Morrow and H. C. Winch. The cloth being figuratively removed, the grand old toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was duly honored, followed by "God Save the Queen." "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England," was next given. The chairman then in a neat speech proposed "The Grand Lodge of Canada," coupling with it the names of Rt. W. Bros. Hall and Trayes. Rt. W. Bro. Hall on rising was greeted with loud applause; he briefly referred to the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the large amount of her assets being about \$70,000; her liberality to those in need being last year over ten thousand dollars; he pointed with pride to her four hundred lodges working in harmony and good will, with over seventeen thousand Masons on their rolls, and concluded

with a beautiful peroration on Masonry in general. Rt. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes followed, alluding in glowing terms to the officers and members of St. John's Lodge, the warm interest he always took in Craft Masonry, etc. The Vice-Chairman, V. W. Bro. W. H. Floyd, then gave "The Higher Grades in Masonry in Canada," associated with the name of Rt. W. Bro. Ramsay. The toast having been heartily received, that brother, after thanking the brethren for the honor, and the pleasure he experienced in meeting them, gave a brief but rapid *resumé* of the history of some of the Rites, especially alluding to the Rites of Mizraim and Memphis, maintaining that the former was the oldest in the world. The next toast was "Our Visiting Brethren," responded to by W. Bros. Wood, W. M. of Corinthian, No. 101, G. R. C., and John Mason, W. M. of North Star, No. 365, briefly expressing the gratification they experienced in meeting so many enthusiastic brethren. Bro. Wood in his remarks laid particular stress upon the happy results following these social Masonic reunions, which he thought were not fully appreciated in Craft Masonry. The health of the Rev. J. C. Bell was then proposed, to which that brother briefly replied. Rt. W. Bro. Hall proposed the Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 101, V. W. Bro. McNaughton, who briefly responded. Rt. W. Bro. Ramsay proposed "The Officers and Members of St. John's," which was duly honored. W. Bro. R. E. Wood gave "The Past Masters of St. John's," coupled with the names of W. Bros. Winch and VanIngen, to which these brothers