

pentering, George Stevens & Son, \$2,975; plastering, Wm. Day, \$1,600; smith and founders' work, Inglis & Hunter, \$358; painting and glazing, Jacomb & Taylor, \$465; tinsmithing, George Howard, \$897; the total cost of the building to be \$12,000, including plate glass and other extras. The work was pushed forward by the contractors with the greatest possible speed, so that by July 1st the corner stone of the costly and magnificent pile was ready for laying. At the request of the Company, M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, convened a special communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying with the appropriate rites and ceremonies of the order, the corner stone of the Masonic Hall. The following are the names of the gentlemen who officiated as Grand Officers on the occasion:—R. W. Bro. John Glavers, as G. M.; V. W. Bro. W. D. Hepburn, as G. S. W.; W. Bro. C. Hendry, as G. J. W.; V. W. Bro. W. Hindry, as G. Chap.; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, G. Sec.; W. Bro. J. H. Moore, as G. S. D.; W. Bro. C. Pettiford, as G. J. D.; V. W. Bro. Hugh Walker, as G. S. of W.; V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe, as G. D. of C.; W. Bro. W. Tytler, as Asst. G. S.; W. Bro. S. R. Moffatt, as Asst. G. D. of C.; W. Bro. H. Hunt, as G. S. B.; W. Bro. C. Chase, as G. Organist; W. Bro. P. Bish, as G. Pur.; W. Bro. John McDonald, as G. Tyler; W. Bros. F. W. Forbes and J. Worsfold as G. Stewards.

After the Grand Lodge had been escorted by a procession of about 500 Masons from the old Lodge room, over the Bank of Commerce, to the site of the new building, the ceremonies adapted to the occasion by the Masons, were proceeded with in the presence of a very large concourse of spectators. The following is a list of documents, publications, and coins placed in the casket deposited in the stone:—"Constitution of G. L. of Canada; Constitution of Royal Arch Chapter; By-laws Speed Lodge 190; By-laws Guelph Lodge 258; By-laws Guelph Chapter 43; copy Grand Lodge report for 1875; copy *Craftsman, Globe, Mail, Herald, Mercury*; Coins—50c, 25c, 20c, 10c, 5c, 1c.; Canadian Almanac for 1876." Also a scroll, of which the following is a copy:—"In the name and by the favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven, and Earth, on this first day July, A. D. MDCCCLXXVI, and of the era of Freemasonry Anno Lucis 5876, and in the fortieth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, and the dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Dominion of Canada, Australia, &c., &c. Empress of India, &c., &c. The Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, K. B., K. C. B., &c., &c., being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada; the Hon. D. A. Macdonald being Lieut-Gov. of the Province of Ontario; the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada; the Hon. Oliver Mowat being Attorney-General of Ontario; Robert Melvin, Esq., Mayor of the Town of Guelph; Alex. Bain Petrie, Esq., President; J. Inglis, Esq., Hugh Walker, Esq., David Kennedy Esq., Thomas Young Greet, Esq., Samuel R. Moffatt, Esq., Charles Pettiford, Esq., being Directors; Wm. H. Jacomb, Esq., Treasurer; J. Mimmack, Esq., Secretary, and H. W. Peterson, Esq., Solicitor of the Guelph Masonic Hall Company. This corner stone of the Masonic Hall, erected by the Masonic fraternity of Guelph, was laid by M. W. Bro. James Kirkpatrick Kerr, Esq., Q. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Canada, assisted by the grand officers and a large concourse of brethren, in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of the Order, which may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper. Masonic bodies in the town: Speed Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 180, S. R. Moffatt, Esq., W. M.; Guelph Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 258, John H. Moore, Esq., W. M.; Guelph Royal Arch Chapter No. 40, G. R. C., H. K. Maitland, Esq., 1st Principal Z. Contractors: Masonry,