

dity with which we, as a people are advancing in intellectual knowledge, and in the development of the agricultural and mineral wealth of this noble province. Under these considerations I repeat that the object which brought together this large assemblage, possesses peculiar interest and importance.

The day selected for the performance of this ceremony, is also peculiarly appropriate, and adds another interest to the occasion.—The Birthday of our Queen, God bless her! will ever be hailed with pleasure and commemorated with delight by her loyal and devoted Canadian people. The promised visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to this country, is but another instance of the many evidences we have, of the lively interest felt by our Sovereign and the great men and people of England, in our happiness and prosperity. And England may well look with pride to this Colony, as one of the brightest gems in her diadem, and she can rejoice in the lofty and cheering consciousness that she has here laid the foundation of a great nation, where all before was a wilderness, and her's has been the wand which struck the waters from the rock, and filled the desert with fertility and rejoicing.

Let us rejoice, too, in the thought that we form an integral part of that great empire, and exert ourselves to the utmost in riveting still more closely the link which binds us to the land of our forefathers, and by our steady and persevering industry, by our unswerving and devoted loyalty, convince our fellow-subjects in Great Britain that we earnestly desire to preserve the closest and most intimate connection with those who are already united to us in the bonds of affection and interest.

May the Great Architect of the universe bless all our efforts in the cause of social progress. May He pour down His choicest blessings upon our Queen and country, and may Canada be as widely distinguished for the intelligence and intellectual superiority of the inhabitants as it now is for its fertility of soil, its magnificent water communication, and its inexhaustible supply of valuable timber, metals and minerals.

G. M.—We will now proceed to lay the foundation stone according to ancient custom, and our Rev. Brother the acting Grand Chaplain will implore a blessing from Heaven on the undertaking.

The Grand Chaplain then offered up the following prayer:

Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all worlds, design from thy celestial Temple, from Realms of light and glory to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, Oh! thou Author of life and light, great source of love and happiness, to erect this building, so that hereafter it may be useful for the important purposes for which it is intended.

GLORY TO GOD ON HIGH.

RESPONSE—As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be.

The Stone was then raised and Scott's Band performed the National Anthem.

The Grand Secretary then read the following inscription, which was beautifully engrossed on parchment:

By the grace of Almighty God
On the Twenty-fourth day of May, A. D., 1860,
Of the era of Masonry, 5860,
And in the Twenty-third Year of the reign of our
Gracious and much Beloved Sovereign,

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, India
and Her

Dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa,
America and Australasia;

The Right Honorable Sir Edmund Walker Head,
Baronet,
Governor General of British North America;
Henry McKinstry, Esquire, Mayor of the
City of Hamilton.

THE CORNER STONE

of the
Hamilton Crystal Palace,
Erected by the Mayor and Corporation
of the
City of Hamilton,
Sanctioned by a Vote of the Ratepayers,
was laid by

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, Esquire,
Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Attended by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and
Accepted Masons of Canada,
According to the Ancient usages of Masonry;
Which may God prosper!

MEMBERS OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF HAMILTON,
1860.

HENRY MCKINSTRY, MAYOR
St. George's Ward:
James Walker, John Mitchell, Aldermen.
George Murison, Anthony Copp, Councillors.
St. Andrew's Ward:
Michael W. Browne, Lawrence Devany, Alder'm.
Owen Nowlan, Henry McDowell, Councillors.
St. Mary's Ward:
Thomas Gray, William Edgar, Aldermen.
John Waugh, John W. Rosebrugh, Councillors.

St. Patrick's Ward:
John Patterson, James Mullin, Aldermen.
George Ryall, Alexander Alexander, Councillors.
St. Lawrence Ward:
Edwd. McGivern, Chas. W. Meakins, Aldermen.
John F. McCuaig, James Mathews, Councillors.

OFFICERS:
George H. Armstrong, Police Magistrate.
Robert W. Kerr, Chamberlain.
Thomas Beasley, City Clerk.
William Haskins, City Engineer.
James McCracken, High Bailiff.
Members of the

BOARD OF COMMON SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Of the City of Hamilton, 1860.
W. L. BILLINGS, Chairman,
St. George's Ward:
James Osborne, William Bellhouse.
St. Andrew's Ward:
Thomas Duggan, Joseph Lister.
St. Mary's Ward:
George McKay, W. L. Billings.
St. Patrick's Ward:
James Cummings, Ebenezer Stinson.
St. Lawrence Ward:
George Coombs, Charles W. Meakins.

Officers:
Archibald McCallum, Principal
William Ormiston, Superintendent
Thomas Beasley, Secretary.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF HAMILTON.

Adam Brown, Chairman.
St. George's Ward:
Adam Brown.
St. Mary's Ward:
Peter Balfour.
St. Lawrence Ward:
William Davidson.
St. Patrick's Ward:
Robert Walker.
St. Andrew's Ward:
Joseph Lister.

James E. Day, Secretary.
Thomas C. Keefer, Chief Engineer.
T. W. Harrington, } Assistant Engineers.
John Kennedy, }
A. B. Pratt, Chief Clerk.
Charles Robb, Mechanical Engineer.

THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

List of Grand Officers for 1859-60.
M. W. Br. W. Mercer Wilson, Grand Master.
" " T. D. Harrington, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Br. Frederick W. Barron, Grand Senior
Warden.
" " A. A. Stevenson, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Rev. Joseph Scott, Grand Chaplain.
" " Henry Giff, Grand Treasurer.
" " Samuel B. Harman, Grand Registrar.
" " Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary.
" " Thompson Wilson, D.D.G.M., London
District.
" " George W. Whitehead, D.D.G.M., Wil-
son.
" " Æmilus Irving, D.D.G.M., Huron.
" " Richard Bull, D.D.G.M., Hamilton.
" " Francis Richardson, D.D.G.M., Toronto.
" " William H. Weller, D.D.G.M., Ontario.
" " John C. Franck, D.D.G.M., Prince Ed-
ward District.
" " Geo. F. La Serre, D.D.G.M., Central
Division.
" " Edwin Morris, D.D.G.M., Montreal.
" " H. L. Robinson, D.D.G.M., Eastern
Townships.
V. " Stedman B. Campbell, Grand Senior
Deacon.
V. W. Br. F. Wolferstan Thomas, Grand Junior
Deacon.
" " Wm. G. Storns, Grand Superintendent
of Works.
" " L. L. Levey, G. and Director of Cere-
monies.
" " Thos. McCracken, Assistant Grand Se-
cretary.
" " George Masson, Grand Sword Bearer.
" " Thos. Ridout, Assistant Grand Director
of Ceremonies.
" " H. G. R. Frapp, Grand Organist.
" " Stanislaus Blondheim, G. and Pursuivant.
" " John Morrison, Grand Tyler.
" " J. J. Burrows,
" " Frederick Parsons.
" " Angus McKay,
" " William Keely, } Grand Stewards.
" " John Boyd,
" " Edward Himes,
" " Thomas Mackie,
" " William Fitch,

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COM-
MITTEE.—Charles Magill, Chairman, Sir A. N.
Macnab, W. L. Billings, M. D., R. Benner, Peter
Grant, Adam Brown, G. H. Mills, J. F. Mc-
Cuaig, Thos. Gray, R. Eaton, S. Sharp, Thos.
Collins, J. Heath, T. B. Harris, James Cum-
mings, Alfred Booker, J. T. Gilkison, Geo.
Roach, W. Gillespy, Secretary

These, with copies of the Daily and Weekly
Spectator of the 24th inst., the Evening Times of
the 23rd, the Weekly Christian Advocate of the
23rd, the Weekly Commercial Advertiser of the
22nd, the Monthly Canada Evangelist for May,
and the following coins, a cent, a five cent, ten
cent and twenty cent piece of Canada currency,
and a fifty cent gold piece of California coinage of
1858. (This was put in at the request of an Ameri-
can gentleman present. A copy of the Grand
Lodge of Canada was also enclosed in a glass jar,
the stopper of which was closed with cement, and
then the Grand Treasurer deposited it in the cavity
in the Stone, where it was entirely covered with
hot Pitch and sand. The cement was then laid
on the Stone.

The Chairman of the Celebration Committee
here came forward and handed to the acting Mayor
a beautiful Silver Trowel, bearing the following
inscription: