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The annual communication of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec was opened January 24th, in the Masonic Chambers, Phillips' Square, Montreal, with the following officers:

R E Comp W H Whyte, Grand H Acting Grand Z; M E Comp H L Robinson, P G Z Acting Grand H; R E Comp H E Channell, Grand J; R E Comp Albert D Nelson, Grand Treasurer; R E Comp Jos Mitchell, Grand S E; R E Comp C A Humphrey, Grand S W; V E Comp S J Foss, Acting G P Soj; V E Comp C B Greaves, Acting G Ass Soj; V E Comp Geo W Lovejoy, Acting G Junior Soj; V E Comp H T Blanchard, Grand Steward; R E Comp Chas Knowles, Acting G Pursuivant; Comp Thos Highmore, Grand Janitor; M E Comp J H Graham, LL D, Past Grand Z.

There were present the following representatives of subordinate chapters:—

Golden Rule Chapter, No. 1, Sherbrooke, H S Blanchard, Z; S J Jones, H; J H Graham, P Z and P G Z; H E Channell, P Z and P G S.

Stadacona, No 2, Quebec, Chas Knowles, H Griffith, G D S; E H Herbeson, P S.

Prevost, No 3, Dunham, A D Stevens, Z; G R Longeway, H.

Dorchester, No 4, Waterloo, J Woham, J; H L Robinson, Pas Gd Z; G J Raymond, P Z; A E Mills, Z.

Carnarvon, No 5, Montreal, John Tressider, Z; W E Cooper, H; C P O'Connor, J; W H Whyte, Grd H; David Seath, P Z and P G Scribe E; J E Hersey, P H.

Mount Horeb, No. 6, Montreal, George O Tyler, P Z; C B Greaves, I P Z; Thos Nichol, P Z.

Montreal, No 7, Montreal, Wm Hill, Z; C A Humphrey, I P Z V G S V; Joseph Mitchell, P Z and G S E; Joseph Martin, P Z and P G J.

Royal Albert, No 8, Montreal, Charles W R Fraser, Z; G A Miller, H; Albert D Nelson, P Z and Grand Treas; George W Lovejoy, I P Z and G T S.

Bedford, No 10, Bedford, G W Gilman, Z. Shawenegan, No 11, Three Rivers, Geo O Tyler.

Visitor—John B Terry, R A, Mount Horeb, No 6.

The morning's session was devoted to the reading of the G. Z's address, receiving reports, appointments of committees and routine business generally. In the afternoon the

committees met to consider reports, etc. In the evening the following officers were elected:—

M E Comp Will H Whyte, Montreal, Grand Z; R E Comp H E Channell, Stanstead, Grand H; R E Comp H Russell, M D, Quebec, Grand J, re-elected; R E Comp A D Nelson, Montreal, Grand Treas, re-elected; R E Comp Jos Mitchell, Montreal, Grand Scribe E; R E Comp Geo W Lovejoy, M D, Montreal, Grand Scribe N; R E Comp Edwin Hall, Dunham, Grand Prin Soj.

Grand Superintendents of Districts:—R E Comp H S Couper, Montreal, Montreal District; R E Comp A D Stevens, M D, Dunham, Eastern Townships District; R E Comp H J Miller, Quebec, Stadacona District.

### MASONIC ARCHITECTURE.

Michelet, in his "History of France," touching on Gothic architecture remarks on the wonderful self-denial of the Masonic artists, the extent of which can only be fully appreciated by following them into the most retired and inaccessible parts of their labors. All that we know of them, he says, is that they belonged to that obscure and vast association spread over the world. They had their Lodges at Strasburg and Cologne. Their sign, as old as Germany, was the Hammer of Thor. Armed with the pagan hammer, sanctified in his Masonic hands, the Mason continued throughout the world the work of the New Temple, renewed from the Temple of Solomon. With what care he worked, though obscure and lost in the association! With what self-denial, which can only be known by exploring the most retired, the most inaccessible parts of cathedrals and churches! Mount up to those airy solitudes, to the highest points of those spires, which the tyler ascends but with fear and trembling; and often you shall find, solitary under the eye of God, exposed to eternal storms, some delicate workmanship, some masterpiece of art, of sculpture, to which the pious workman has devoted his life. No name, no mark, no letter; he would have been afraid of robbing God of His glory!