

## FIRST DAY.

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ORANGE HALL, OTTAWA, ONT.,

Tuesday, May 31st, 1898.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Orange Lodge of British America assembled this day in its sixty-ninth meeting, in the Orange Hall, City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Companion, Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, Grand Master and Sovereign, took the chair at 2 o'clock p.m., M.W. Companion, Major A. J. Armstrong, Deputy Grand Master, in the Deputy Chair.

The M.W. the Grand Master having called the Companions to order, appointed Companion Jno. Boyce as Inside Herald and Companion Wm. Chitty as Outside Herald, and instructed them in their duties.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed Companions John Scarlett, County Master, South Huron; R. D. Reveller, County Master, Dundas; Robert Burns, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies; A. Harris, District Master, Centre Toronto; J. W. Holmes, County Proxy, Monck, and Thos Boyce, District Master Carleton, to take up the test in the Orange and the Illustrious Degree of Royal Scarlet.

The M.W. the Deputy Grand Master reported the Companions correct and entitled to sit in the M.W. Grand Chapter.

All the preliminary ceremonies having been completed, the M.W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Companion W. F. Wilson, read a portion of Scripture and conducted devotional services in accordance with the usages of our Illustrious Order, after which the M.W. Grand Master declared the M.W. Grand Chapter opened in proper and acceptable form for the transaction of business in the Royal Scarlet Degree.