

laying the corner stone of an edifice which will not only be a memorial of the zeal, enterprise and architectural taste of the brethren of this flourishing city of the Western peninsula—"the Garden of Canada"—but which will prove to be one, if not the finest, of the buildings in your city. As the Grand Master of an Order venerated for its antiquity and respected for its history and good works, I am proud to be in a position to show my esteem for the brethren of this city, and to mark my approbation of the commendable efforts of a body of Free Masons who have the courage and self-reliance to enter on the erection of so noble a Masonic Temple. The full representation here to-day of the Grand Lodge, and the goodly array of brethren clothed in "purple and blue," show that the occasion of laying the corner stone with the ceremonial peculiar to our craft has called forth the general feeling of good will, sympathy and encouragement. The large assembly proves that the laying of the corner stone of a building like the one in progress ought to be celebrated by due ceremonial. Dignity and importance are added to the occasion, and the public see that there are legitimate authorities on whom a call may be made for the discharge of such duties. The ceremonies of this day convey to the brethren a meaning appropriate to the occasion, and awaken in the heart of the most stolid and indifferent person feelings of respect and veneration. Indeed to those who are not Masons this day's proceedings must create a regard for an Order which justly claims the Bible for its guide, and takes care that every ceremony has a meaning and a tendency to impress on the mind the many excellencies which adorn our profession. From the elevation and plans of the intended structure produced to me, I am enabled to judge of the handsome appearance the Masonic Temple will have when reared in your midst, and I consider this day's celebration an event not only in Masonic, but in architectural history. Custom, time-honored, has enjoined that on auspicious occasions like the present, a few short and general remarks should be made respecting the ancient and honorable fraternity of Freemasons; an Order which is defined as a science which includes all other sciences, but more especially that which teaches a knowledge of ourselves, and the duties we owe to God and man. It awakens in our minds feelings of brotherly love and universal benevolence, and it endeavors to promote peace in raising the structure of moral duties, and in refraining from allowing differences of opinion to disturb good feeling. In a word, it is calculated to produce the greatest public good and private blessing. Hence it is impossible to practice the science of Freemasonry without becoming better men. It is an institution which

binds together those who have no other bond of union, and enforces the practice of universal benevolence on those whose differences of religious and perhaps political opinions, would, were it not for the Order, make them regard one another as enemies and not as brethren. It places all Masons on a level. It teaches us to promote the same great end, without offending each other in word or action. Freemasonry inculcates due obedience to the laws of the country in which we reside. On our entrance into the Brotherhood, on the very threshold of the Order, we are instructed to conform with cheerfulness to the Government of the country in which we live. Let us, then, as Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, testify our respect and love for the Sovereign of these happy realms by giving three hearty cheers for the Queen—God bless her!

Three cheers having been given for the Queen, the National Anthem having been sung, and cheers for the Grand Master, the procession reformed and returned to the Drill Shed. The visiting brethren were then escorted to the City Hall, where a luncheon had been prepared.

In the evening, a dinner was given to the Grand Master and Grand Officers, at the London Club House, by the Directors of the Masonic Temple Company, when a very pleasant time was spent.

The new Temple, the foundation stone of which was so auspiciously laid, is situate on the corner of Richmond and King streets, with a frontage on the former street of 148 feet, and on King street, of 110 feet. The building will be three stories in height, with mansard roof. The ground floor, on both streets, will be occupied as stores, with the exception of the main entrance; the materials of this floor will be iron and sand-stone, while the remainder will be built of red pressed brick and Ohio stone. The Masonic apartments will extend over the greater portion of the second floor and will consist of Lodge-room with four ante-rooms, besides rooms for the Chapter, Rose Croix, Knights Templar, &c. In the mansard roof will be banquetting rooms, with kitchen, and hall for Templars drill. Part of the building will be laid out