

part in the ceremony began to assemble in Charlotte Square, where as they successively arrived, they were ranged in due order by Grand Marshall Mackenzie and his assistants. Apart from the Lodge banners, some of which were resplendent in new silk or velvet, while others bore traces of having seen service on many similar occasions, the most notable feature of the display consisted in the strange costumes of the Tylers. In the parade dress of those functionaries some Lodges indulge a playful humour; others seek to commemorate circumstances connected with their early history. Thus the Lodge Trafalgar, rejoicing in a Tyler who fought under Nelson, presented the old salt in the uniform of our naval heroes. A similar costume not inappropriately distinguished the Tyler of the Neptune. The Edinburgh Defensive Band, which dates its origin from the days of Paul Jones, offered a curious historical study in the shape of a Royal Edinburgh Volunteer of that period. A light blue coat with yellow epaulets and facings, white corduroy breeches and black gaiters, formed the costume, which was crowned by a cocked hat with cockade of black, white and yellow, and set off with white cross belts, bearing a large badge engraved with the city arms and the name of the redoubtable corps. The worthy citizen thus transformed into the similitude of his grandsire, seemed quite alive to the picturesqueness of his appearance; and no one could deny him the palm in that respect over a modern volunteer, albeit his old flint-lock would make a poor figure besides the Snider. Hardly less curious than its Tyler was the banner of this Lodge, a piece of elaborate embroidery on crimson velvet, bearing date 1782. The Lodge Kirkealdie, mindful of old commercial relations with the Saltmarket, had its champion rigged out as Bailie Nicol Jarvie. Attired in blue coat with white facings, plush breeches over red stockings, and three-cornered hat, the Bailie brandished a formidable claymore, which was said to have done duty at Culloden. Still more interesting was a beautifully-carved horn, which the Kirkealdie brethren facetiously declared to have been at the siege of Jericho, and for which, as well as Breeches Bible now in their possession, the Lodge was indebted to the late Captain Wemyss. Only less notable than the Kirkealdie horn was one borne by a Leith Lodge, and which displayed on five-and-twenty silver rings with which it was encircled the names of the Masters, since 1806. The Roman Eagle had its emblem carried by a stalwart trooper of the Scots Greys, in strange contrast to whom was the Tyler, mounted on horse back and encased in mail and visored helmet, after the fashions of the middle ages."

Died,

At his residence, Baillieboro' Ont., on Monday, 25th Nov., 1872, Bro. James Eakins Senr., aged 60 years.

The deceased was well and favorably known in Baillieboro', and his funeral was very largely attended. His remains were interred with Masonic Ceremonies, the service being conducted by W. Bro. Wm. Staples, W. M., of J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, of which our deceased brother was a member.