

also thirty Sir Knights from the London Preceptory. The trip of the Detroit Commandery was a marvelous one. Joseph S. Hall, Michigan passenger agent of the Michigan Central, promised a fast ride, and he more than fulfilled his promise. Pulling out of Windsor the train of three coaches and two Wagners was drawn by engine No. 440, with E. Tyler at the throttle, J. Currie on the fireman's box, John Noonan as conductor, and Richard Hindlay and John Grantham, brakemen. Tremendous speed was shown, the first sixty-two miles being covered in one hour flat and the 111 miles to St. Thomas in one hour and fifty-one minutes, nearly record time. The time for the total run was five minutes short of three hours, very nearly beating out the two trains that left Windsor two hours before. The reception was a grand one, and crowds lined the streets and were liberal in applause.

After being dismissed at the Tecumseh House the Sir Knights had supper, and in a downpour of rain sought the asylum of the Sovereign Great Priory in the Masonic Temple. The temple, as large as the old asylum of Detroit Commandery, was crowded to suffocation, and at that many of the Detroit and Windsor Sir Knights stayed away out of courtesy that the Canadian fraters might have room. The Commandery was opened in full form and the beautiful Order of the Temple conferred in full on John F. Cody, of Detroit, a member of the Commandery and who had taken his previous degrees in Detroit.

Rain interfered with the programme outlined for the entertainment of the visiting Sir Knights and their ladies in the evening, but the banquet with which the day closed made amends for anything the visitors missed, for it gave them an opportunity to wonder at the generous hospitality of their hosts. Headquarters were at the Tecumseh House, so ably presided over by mine host Sir Knight George C. Davis. The banquet was an elaborate affair and took place at the Tecumseh.

Thursday morning was spent at ease, but at 1 o'clock the Detroit Commandery turned out ninety-four strong and marched to the Western Fair Grounds. The conditions for drilling on these grounds were anything but promising. The rain of the previous day had left track a mass of sticky clay ankle deep. In spite of these conditions the Commandery went through its evolutions to the applause of the 20,000 spectators who had assembled. After the drill was over Lord Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, solicited the honor of a more intimate acquaintance of the Sir Knights who had done so well and accompanied Eminent Commander Burt on his tour of inspection and review. After this was over the Governor-General expressed himself as highly delighted with the exhibition of the afternoon, and told how glad he was to meet the pioneer commandery of the world and the first in point of excellence as regards drilling. He said he could easily see how the excellence was attained from the fact that they had an Aberdeenshire man as Captain-General, and he congratulated Captain-General Findlater on the efficiency of his men. After the drill and dress parade were over, Lord Aberdeen personally inspected the lines of the Commandery, and then made an address to the Sir Knights which elicited as much applause as the excellent drilling had done. Just previous to departing from the grounds the Sir Knights were marched through the machinery exhibit of the fair and an especial reception was given them at the display of the American Harrow Co., of which O. R. Baldwin, a Sir Knight of Detroit Commandery, is a leading officer. Detroit Commandery was escorted to the train at 8.30 by the Windsor Preceptory and other uniformed battalions of Ontario, and reached home shortly before midnight, after one of the most successful and potential pilgrimages in its history. Arriving at the temple here, the Sir Knights were dismissed and the pilgrimage was over. One of the great features of the day was Lord Aber-