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MASONIC INSTALLATION AND RECEPTION TO RETURNED BRETHREN

New Officers of Moira, The Belleville and Eureka Lodges—Unique Function at Banquet at City Hall—Masonic Ex-Service Men Responded to Toast in Their Honor.

The Masonic Temple was the scene of the annual installation of officers on Monday afternoon. The Deputy Grand Master of the order, R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, was the installing officer and was assisted by R. W. Bro. J. Newton, a senior warden, and R. W. Bro. C. J. Symons, district deputy, as junior wardens. Those taking part in the ceremonies were V. W. Bro. W. O. Adams, V. W. Bro. John McIntosh, R. W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, Bro. W. J. Diamond, Wor. Bro. James Peck, W. Bro. Barragar and others. R. W. Bro. H. J. Clarke conferred the past master's degree.

A pleasing feature of the installation was the presentation of past master's jewels to the retiring masters of Moira and the Belleville Lodges—Wor. Bro. Wm. Cook and Wor. Bro. A. E. Thrasher.

The newly installed officers are as follows:

Moira Lodge, No. 11.

W. M.—J. W. Kinnear.
I. P. M.—Wm. Cook.
S. W.—F. W. Frost.
J. W.—W. G. Swayne.
Chaplain—David Price.
Treasurer—Wm. McGie.
Sec'y—R. Wor. Bro. John Newton.
Senior Deacon—A. J. Boyes.
Junior Deacon—M. J. Hall.
Organist—F. Robinson.
B. of C.—Wor. Bro. John McIntosh.
Inside Guard—A. E. Barlow.
Senior Steward—C. A. Payne.
Junior Steward—L. R. Butchay.
Tyler—C. F. Cochrane.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123.

W. M.—J. O. R. McCurdy.
I. P. M.—A. E. Thrasher.
S. W.—W. J. Hume.
J. W.—Allan Schryver.
Chaplain—T. D. Ruston.
Treasurer—A. McGie.
Secretary—D. Barragar.
S. D.—M. Mackey.
J. D.—I. Stephenson.
Organist—Ernest Wheatley.
D. of C.—W. O. Adams.
L. G.—F. H. Chesher.
S. S.—A. Boyes.
J. S.—H. B. Clarke.
Tyler—W. D. Embury.

Eureka Lodge, No. 285.

W. M.—J. O. Herby.
I. P. M.—Dr. Morley A. Day.
S. W.—Leon E. Walmesley.
J. W.—H. O. Stewart.
Chaplain—Dr. C. T. Scott.
Treas.—H. W. Ackerman.
Sec'y.—W. J. Diamond.
S. D.—Ernest T. Thompson.
J. D.—Samuel F. McGuire.
Organist—W. B. Riggs.
D. of C.—Richard McCrudden.
L. G.—E. M. Fisk.
S. S.—Wm. B. Doolittle.
J. S.—Ronald S. Lewis.
Tyler—E. E. O. Bonisteel.

Banquet at City Hall.

At seven o'clock last evening a unique function took place at the city hall, the occasion being the annual St. John's Day banquet, which was this year in honor of the returned Freemasons from France and Belgium. A large number of soldier craftsmen were present as guests.

R. W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson was chairman of the proceedings. With him at the head table sat the representatives of Grand Lodge and the new and past masters of the three lodges. The accommodation had been made for over four hundred and it was entirely taken up. The tables were decorated with ferns and Masonic emblems, while on the walls hung flags.

The tables were heavily laden with cold meats and salads, cakes, pies, fruit, cheese, olives and many other edibles.

The orchestra was led by Mr. Ernest Wheatley at the piano and furnished music during the banquet.

Mr. Wheatley played the accompaniments to the vocal numbers.

The assembly drank the toast to "The King" in right royal fashion, and over four hundred loyal Freemasons sang the "National Anthem."

Bro. Stephen Burrows sang "Rule Britannia" and led in the chorus.

56 Years a Mason.

R. W. Bro. Col. E. S. Lazier for 56 years a member of the craft had the honor of proposing the pledge, "The Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada." R. W. Bro. Lazier referred to the honor that had fallen to Belleville in the election of R. W. Bro. Col. W. N. Ponton to the office of Deputy Grand Master.

Col. Lazier paid feeling reference to those Masons who sleep the last sleep that of heroes, in France having given their lives in the war against brute force. To the brethren returned from overseas the speaker said it would be a proud time for them to look back on their years of service.

Col. Lazier alluded to some length on the history of Masonry its associations and teachings. Special reference was made in the brotherhood. The pledge was honored with musical honors.

Deputy Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., was received with rounds of applause. He said R. W. Bro. Lazier's record in Masonry was unequalled perhaps. The happiness of the attendance showed that Masons could marry merry be, and could turn the night into day.

The Deputy Grand Master referred to the heroic response of the youth. It is not enough to win the war, we must consolidate our gains. We want to hear not only our guests but also those who came from the old freemasonry. We want to give way for them, and we want you to believe that we formed a strong hinter line while you were on the front line battling with the foe. Teach us our duty.

R. W. Bro. Ponton repeated "The Soldiers' Song" with the refrain—"The bravest are the tenderest, the loving are the daring."

Led by Bro. Prof. Wheatley the vast assembly sang "Annie Laurie."

Bro. Ernie Mouck sang with deep fervor and emotion—"The Death of Nelson." Bro. Wheatley accompanying on the piano in a most dramatic manner.

Virtue of Brotherly Love.

R. W. Bro. C. J. Symons, district deputy grand master, was received with warm applause. He referred to the power of Masonry, particularly to the virtues of brotherly love and benevolence and truth. His address was very fine and was roundly applauded.

Bro. Fred W. Sprague sang "Heroes and Gentlemen" in such fine style that he had to render the song "Dear Old Pal of Mine."

Tribute to Returned Men.

At this juncture the banquet took a unique turn, being given over to the returned brethren who had fought in Belgium or France. "No city, no country, in this Dominion sent as large a group overseas as our city of Belleville and our County of Hastings. I want to say that no greater service was given than by our men. Every decoration from the Victoria Cross down has been won by Hastings and Belleville boys" said the chairman.

To W. Bro. Nelson—Parliament M.P.P. for Prince Edward County and the new speaker of the Legislature told the honor of proposing the

toast "To Our Returned Brethren From Overseas." W. Bro. FitzGerald was the speaker of the evening and he was received with musical honors and cheers, which shook the building.

Mr. FitzGerald said this was the proudest moment of his life. The best in Masonry had been called out and was cemented in the most beautiful music and song.

He opened with a patriotic line of thought, telling of Britain's sacrifice and heroic spirit and that of the Dominion. Canada's citizen soldiers nobly upheld the honor of the land as the best soldiers of the world. We did not know the herculean tasks they could perform and little realized the deep love of country that impelled them. Every message across the cables brought news of added stories to Canadian arms. Fifteen thousand Freemasons went overseas from Ontario and three hundred from this district. Eighteen of these noble three hundred sleep across the sea. What an honor it was to be represented in the greatest war in history for the protection of the home and friends.

Our duty is not done until every returned soldier is re-established in civil life.

New Era Dawns.

Have not the returned men changed our view point? The new era has dawned. We have missed the lessons of the war if we do not inculcate the principles of sacrifice and service. Time may destroy bronze monuments, but the monument erected by our soldiers shall never be destroyed. We do not pay our 50,000 fallen a true tribute unless we make this a greater and better Canada. It is ours to develop this country and build up a citizenship in this part of North America that will be a bulwark of British institutions and principles against the next great day. Let us see that the proper type of immigrant who is allowed in.

Woman's Service.

Mr. FitzGerald paid a compliment to the heroic service of the women in the war by giving up their sons and brothers for service. A nation that puts its women on a high plane need not fear the future.

The pledge of the returned men was received with the song, "Soldiers of the King."

Bro. Harry McKay sang with much feeling, "Little Mother of Mine."

There were a very large representation of returned soldier Masons present. The chairman selected twelve to respond.

Major Ponton Speaks.

Major R. D. Ponton declared the honor done the returned boys would long live in their memory. British veterans in the past had not been treated justly. The G.W.V.A. is striving to merge the returned men into the citizen. There are in Belleville over 1,100 returned men. They have been steady and law-abiding. He thought the presidency of the G.W.V.A. equal to any honor that could be conferred.

A Chance to Make Good.

Major J. McCorkell said the pal got no sympathy when his comrade fell when he returned. This is the kind of man who is returning. He does not want sympathy and doesn't ask for it. The major told how the boys were making good in civilian life. "Give them a chance to make good. I'll stake my life on any chap that ever served in France that he will make good," said Major McCorkell in closing, amid applause.

Bro. John McIntosh, Jr., thanked the Masons for the fine social evening and the compliments paid the returned men.

Bro. James Booth sang, "Tommy Lads" and "The Floral Dance" as encore.

Bro. Lieut. Chas. Payne said that he felt the government was doing everything possible to assist returned men. It is hard to satisfy every one. It is well to leave this matter to the Dominion Government. Mr. Payne expressed the appreciation of overseas Masons for what their lodges had done for them.

Other Addresses.

Bro. Major C. F. Wallbridge made a happy speech telling of his experience in British lodges.

Bro. Harry A. Thompson gave two trombone solos with orchestral accompaniment.

Bro. Harry Dawkins spoke a few words as did Bro. Sergt-Instructor

Chas. Thompson, Bro. Jim Marshall, M.M., Bro. Vernon Clarke and Bro. E. H. Eddals, secretary of the G.W.V.A. Bro. Lieut. Will Wallace, Bro. Chris Lewis and Bro. Lieut. D. V. Ketcheson, M.C. Lieut. Ketcheson called on the assembly to drink the health of Generalissimo Foch.

Newly Installed Masters.

The toast of "The Newly Installed Masters" was proposed by R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier and responded to by W. Bro. J. W. Kinnear, of Moira Lodge, W. Bro. J. O. R. McCurdy of The Belleville Lodge and W. Bro. J. O. Herby, of Eureka Lodge, with short addresses, promising faithful performance of duty in their office.

R. W. Bro. Ponton pledged the health of the chairman and those who took part in the program. Sir Mackenzie Bower, Henry Pringle, W. H. Hudson and J. W. Johnson, who presided over the last banquet in Dec. 1919.

The assembly sang the following choruses: "Lock Lomond," "Mother Machree," "The Camp," "Bro. Percy Cook sang, "Invictus," Bro. Stephen Burrows, "Love at Home" and Bro. Malmes, "Boys of the Old Brigade."

The banquet was furnished by Mr. E. T. Thompson.

After the junior warden's toast the assembly joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," the traditional parting song.

The orchestra was composed of: B. Whistley, piano; F. Ellis, violin; A. Wainwright, cornet; H. A. Thompson, trombone; W. Kesteven, drum and traps and W. Wainwright, clarinet.

The chairman in charge of the function were R. W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, chairman of St. John's Day Committee; W. Bro. L. Col. D. Barragar, secretary of St. John's Day Committee and musical director Bro. Ernest Wheatley, Mus. Dir.

Ranney's Falls To Be Developed.

Work is being done on the site of Ranney's Falls.

City Clerk Holmes today received the following communication relating to the development of Ranney's Falls on the Trent River which the city council urged:

Belleville, Dec. 29th, 1919.
J. Wilfred Holmes,
City Clerk,
Belleville, Ont.

Dear Sir—

With further reference to your letter of Dec. 19th re resolution of the city council we beg to advise that the matter was laid before the chief engineer and we have received the following advice from him:

"An order-in-council has been approved authorizing the expenditure of the necessary funds to develop Ranney's Falls. Instructions have been issued by the Commission to the engineering departments to prepare designs, specifications and to call for tenders and the necessary equipment at the earliest possible date so as to be able to commence development in the spring."

The engineer further advises that this action was taken by the Commission some time ago.

Yours very respectfully,
Signed—
Hydro Electric Power Com. Ontario
Oswald H. Scott,
Local Manager

Those Who Have Filed Qualifications.

Those who have qualified up to 2 o'clock this afternoon for civic office are:

For Mayor
William Bates Riggs, Automobile Dealer.
W. C. Mikel, barrister-at-law.
For Alderman
Jameson Bone, Manager
Alfred Hunter, Inspector
J. Harry DeMarsh, Plumber
Robert David Adams, G.T.R. clerk
William Rufus Tobias, Wensley, C. T. R. Engineer
Daniel Vincent Doyle, Contractor
R. D. Ponton, barrister-at-law
Ed. A. Kellaway, Grocer
Mr. Mack Robertson has declined to stand as candidate for Trustee for Sanson Ward.

TO HOLD ON AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—There will be no Dominion general election before 1922 or possibly 1923 is the decision of Dominion Government.

Stole Cheque and Cashed it

New Cheque Dodge By Stranger—Youth Lands in Tots.

The police answered a call to Mr. Sine's barber shop on Front Street yesterday afternoon and arrested Robert Allan Williams, aged 20 years, who could not give a good account of himself. Williams was suspected of having stolen a \$50 cheque belonging to Mr. M. V. North and a pair of gloves from Mr. J. Watts' barber shop. It seems Williams, who is an American, went to Watts' shop and was believed to have stolen a cheque from a pocket of Mr. North's coat and a pair of Mr. Watts' gloves. He made efforts to cash the cheque and finally succeeded. A clerk in Mr. Henry Stewart's shop cashed it, giving Williams the change after his purchase of some socks. Williams then went to Mr. Sine's shop and made an effort to change some of his clothes. This led to his arrest.

Williams this morning pleaded guilty to stealing the cheque and gloves and to forgery of Mr. North's name. He was remanded for judgment and sentence until Jan. 13th, 1920.

Frederick W. Mooney Gets Out On Bail

Magistrate Takes Lenient View of Manslaughter Charge in Connection with Death of Wesley Hoffman.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—After a brief preliminary hearing of the evidence, Frederick W. Mooney, 41 Concord street, Ottawa, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Wesley Clayton of Hodgson township of Belleville, was bound over to the Police Court today to appear on Jan. 13th at 10 o'clock for the grand jury at the winter sessions opening here on January 13, bring in a true bill against Mooney, he will have to stand trial.

The evidence adduced at today's hearing was in effect the same as the inquest a week ago when the coroner's jury found that Mooney did not shoot with intent to kill.

Mr. John Patton was the first witness called. To Crown Attorney Ritchie, prosecuting, he told the story of having received the telephone message from Mooney to the effect that someone was trying to enter his cleaning and dyeing plant at the corner of Concord street and Greenfield avenue on the night of December 12. He had gone there immediately and had seen one man running away. His effort to catch the man proved futile. Mr. Mooney had informed him that another man was in the yard. He saw Clayton on the gate and seized him by the foot. Clayton jerked his foot loose and at that moment Mr. Patton heard the report of a rifle shot. Clayton fell to the ground. Witness went to telephone for the police and when he returned the injured man had been carried to a neighboring house and first aid rendered.

Alex Mooney, son of the accused, told of hearing his father say that someone was breaking into the Clayton plant. He went to the front door of the house and saw two men trying the windows.

Dr. Herbert Moffatt, who attended Clayton in St. Luke's Hospital, from the time he was injured till his death explained the cause of death. He also stated that Clayton's father had absolutely refused to allow any surgical operation to be performed on the youth, and that it was only through persistent entreaty that he allowed surgical work that was absolutely necessary to be performed.

To Dr. Gordon Henderson, Dr. Moffatt said that he had seen the contents of Clayton's pockets and they included a screw driver, an empty bottle that had contained oil, and other small tools.

Sergt. Cunningham, of the Ottawa police, told of being called to the scene of the shooting and of applying first aid to Clayton's wound.

Dr. Gordon Henderson, defending Mooney, in summing up the evidence said that he did not think it of a nature to warrant a criminal and asked in lieu of a dismissal of the charge that Magistrate Askwith charge that Mooney bound over on bail \$5,000 each. Mr. Patton stood bondsman for one surety.

Crown Attorney Ritchie contended in this view, stating that the affair was very unfortunate and that the only question was whether Mooney had gone to too great an extent in upholding law and order.

Magistrate Askwith said that he did not think that the circumstances justified committing Mooney for trial. He bound him over to appear when called on, in two sureties of \$5,000 each. Mr. Patton stood bondsman for one surety.

C. P. R. to Receive One of German Liners

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—The Str. "Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm," one of the seven German liners handed over to the British government by the U. S. is to be transferred to the Canadian Pacific ocean service, according to announcement today.

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