

11th ult., when a class of novitiates were received, and the consistory degrees conferred.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Supreme Council of the Dominion of Canada was held in Montreal on the 24th ult. Bro. J. V. Ellis, M. P., the Sovereign Grand Commander, occupied the chair, and the following were also present: Bros. Col. Hutton, First Grand Commander; J. W. Murton, Lieut. Grand Commander; Hugh Murray, Secretary-general; H. A. McKay, Treasurer; I. H. Stearns, Grand Marshal; David McLellan, Grand Master of Ceremonies; Eugene Copeland, Grand Captain of the Guard; Judge L. P. Peters, Daniel Spry, J. M. Gibson, and a number of brethren from the United States.

The reports from the deputies from various provinces of the Dominion were received, showing that the progress of the Rite was most satisfactory, and that the Supreme Council of the Dominion was in fraternal communication with all the legitimate supreme councils of the world.

The past Sovereign Grand Commander, Brother Hutton, who has just returned from a visit to England, said that he had had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Supreme Council of England, and was able to report that he had been received as a representative of this Supreme Council in the most fraternal manner. It was hoped that the late meeting of the Rose Croix chapter, in Brussels, would have a beneficial effect upon the order here and elsewhere.

Royal Arch Masons.

PASSING THE VEILS.

Bro. J. Ramsden Riley says the ceremony known as "passing the veils" is not an American institution, but was originally Atholl working, and that it has been worked in Yorkshire Chapters never connected with the "Ancients or Atholl masons" up to 1840 or 1850.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The election of officers for the ensuing year, for Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 120, Grand Register of Scotland, took place at the Masonic Temple, Victoria, Sept. 24th. The meeting was well attended, there being a good sprinkling of ancient and tried members present.

After receiving the financial report, which showed a very satisfactory status, the meeting proceeded to the business for which the meeting had been convoked, —the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—

M. E. Comp.	G. S. Russell, Z.
"	" A. McKeown, W.
"	" B. Williams, J.
"	" W. J. Quinlan, S. E., re-elected.
"	" W. H. Pennock, Scribe N.
"	" W. W. Northcote, 1st S.
"	" J. E. Philips, 2nd S.
"	" T. B. Pearson, 3rd S.
"	" E. J. Salmon, Treas. re-elected.
"	" J. Nicholles, D. of C.
"	" H. S. Sharpe, Organist.
"	" Wm. Trickey, Jan'r, re-elected.

This duty being performed, the meeting adjourned until the evening, when the ceremony of the installation of the newly-elected officers was performed by M. E. Companion Fred Williams, assisted by M. E. Companion Piercy.

This being satisfactorily accomplished, the members and guests partook of an excellent repast or rather banquet provided for them, and to which ample justice was done; and was succeeded by a pleasant evening's recreation, in which conversation was varied by songs, toasts and speeches.

Columbia Chapter completed its minority, it having been inaugurated just twenty-one years; and with its entrance into the dignity of its majority we can but wish it the continuation of the strong and healthy growth that has signalized its youth. Many changes have taken place during the years of its existence, and those who remain of its first Companions are but few. But though the older branches may decay and fall off, the growth of new ones is ever taking place, and adding to its strength and beauty. Long may it flourish.

Thus writes a wise brother: "If any man joins the Craft with a view of obtaining pecuniary benefit from it, either at once or prospectively, he takes a very low view of Masonry, and one which ought to be discouraged and discredited." We commend this to those brethren who "hang out the sign" in many ways.—*Masonic Journal.*