



HARRY A. COLLINS, IMPERIAL POTENTATE OF THE A. A. O. N. M. S.

Harry A. Collins is the best known fraternalist in America. He belongs to many societies, has the smoothest of smooth ways, and "has them all beat" when it comes to "warming up the heart of the order" in an after-dinner's peech.

Gossip of the French Capital

PARIS.—Alphonse de Rothschild always made it a point to consult him when the beggar was honest enough to say that the donor had made a mistake, the Baron would hand him another gold piece, and say that he was not mistaken, and to keep both gold pieces, Baron Alphonse and his brothers had organized charity bureaus in all the poor quarters of Paris. There was a corps of men employed to examine all calls for aid, and to go to their houses to see if the requests were just, and if

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THE SIGNAL CORPS AT NIAGARA CAMP.

of silver mine, no wonderful speculation, suddenly makes them rich. Their talent lies in brain work and the deep study of the world's finances. Alphonse de Rothschild was born in Paris in 1837. His father, Baron James, was the high son of the celebrated founder of the bank at Frankfurt-am-Main, Mayer Anselme de Rothschild. Alphonse de Rothschild was young when he became secretary of the council of administration of the Northern Railroad Company of France. In 1854 he was called to the important position of regent of the Bank of France, and finally, on the death of his father, he took the direction of the bank in the Rue La Fayette, in Paris, with his two brothers, the Barons Edmond and Gustave, as partners. The bank in the Rue La Fayette was founded in 1812 by the Baron James, who was the chief financier of the following important French loans: Five million dollars in 1828, \$24,000,000 in 1831, \$20,000,000 in 1833 and \$41,000,000 in 1844. After the Franco-Prussian War, Baron James became the head of the syndicate of bankers who went security for the 5,000,000,000 francs imposed by Germany, and he and his brothers subscribed \$50,000,000, and it was he who, with Leon Say, the minister of finance, converted the French into German money, in order to save the percentage when the gold was deposited in the German coffers. The business of this bank decreased when Baron Alphonse refused to submit it to the fiscal establishment which controlled the reception of taxes on speculations at the Bourse—that is, the privilege of examining the books of those who deal in the buying and selling of real estate for a third party. However, he continued to control the great financial operations of the country, and the minister of finance, in critical moments,

so, aid was always given to them. I rounded by her grandchildren, in one of the dining-rooms, cutting bread and butter for the boys and girls who had come in from play and who seemed to enjoy their daily bread quite as much as the poor families whom the Rothschilds oftentimes saved from starvation.

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AT DINNER WITH THE MEN OF THE 37TH HALDIMAND BATTALION.

brothers, owned important horses in Maury, and won the Grand Prix in the Paris Derby of 1899. He was also a great hunter. A few years ago he met with an accident which resulted in the loss of an eye. His generosity and charity were proverbial. At times, when a beggar held out his hand to him, he

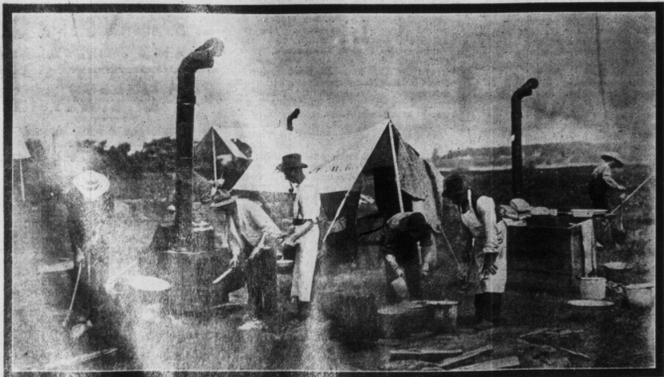
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The Pictorial Side

ANADIAN Shriners had a great time at the International convention held in Niagara Falls on Tuesday and Wednesday. They tell interesting tales of the warm welcome extended by the great American army of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a hundred thousand strong, to the Canadian contingent. They speak rapturously of the impression made in the convention by the new Imperial Potentate, Harry A. Collins, of Ramesses Temple, Toronto. His brother nobles declare him to be the most popular Mason in all Canada, his election to the highest office in the gift of the international body is a com-

ing of business men of the town was for the purpose of arousing a new enthusiasm in commercial circles and discussing methods of improving existing business conditions. The banquet was very largely attended. Those having it in charge provided good speakers, among them the Hon. J. G. Jenkins, agent general to England of South Australia and former premier, F. D. Monk, K. C., M. P., J. D. Allen, president of the Toronto Board of Trade, Watson Griffin, Toronto, and several others. The dinner is to be an annual affair. The world's picture is from an exceptionally successful flashlight photograph and shows the array of more or less distinguished guests standing at "attention," while the photographer took a shot at them.

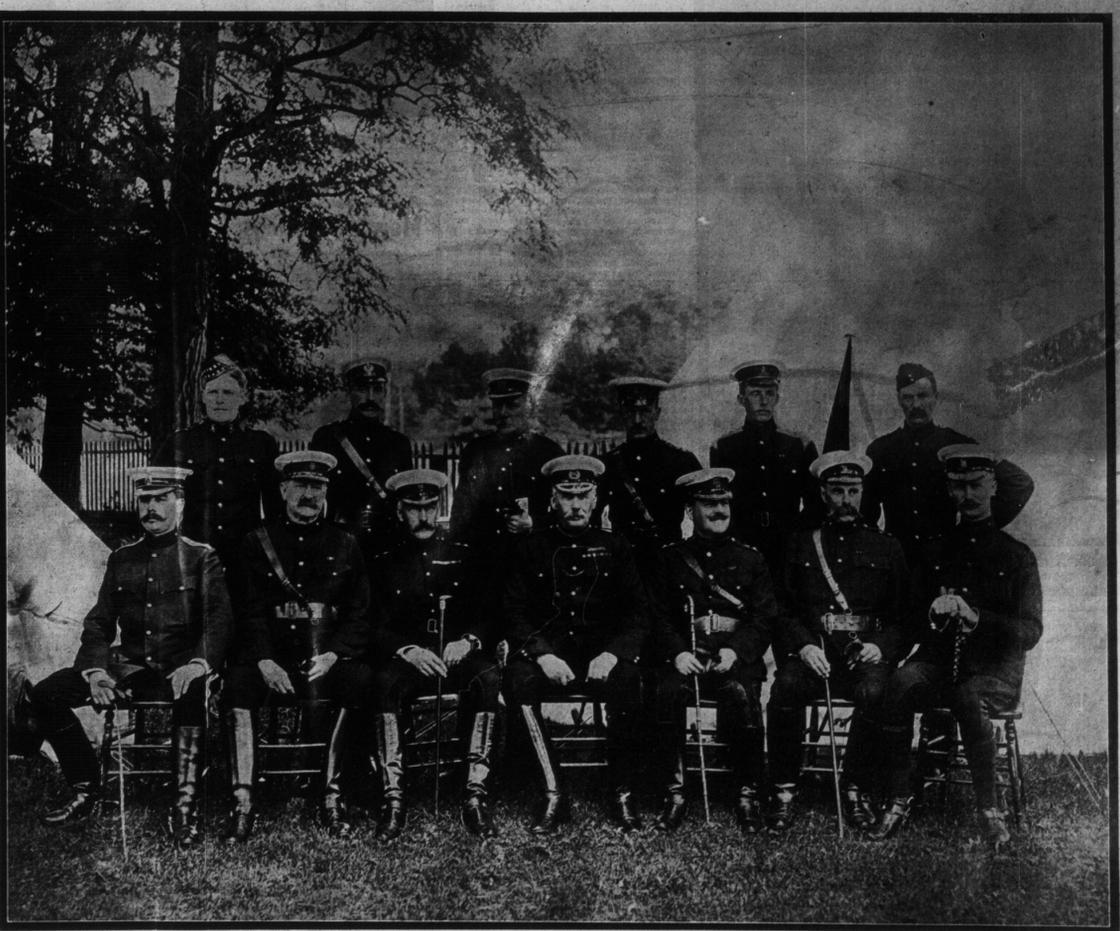
The Temeraire, Mr. Frederic Nicholls' handsome challenger for the Canada's cup, has been launched and is



THE CHEFS OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S BODY GUARD AT NIAGARA CAMP.

spontaneous compliment to Canada, and especially to Toronto. There are some 2,000 Shriners in the Dominion. That the Imperial Potentate has been chosen from the small minority speaks volumes for the ability and popularity of the candidate. Mr. Collins is an inveterate "joker," as well as a distinguished Shriner. He is a graceful and effective orator, and his popularity extends throughout the jurisdiction of the order in Canada and the United States. He has won his way up to his new office by sheer ability and he is the first Canadian upon whom this honor has been conferred. He is the present Illustrious Potentate of Ramesses Tem-

ple, and his staff consists of Illustrious Chief Rabban James Glanville, Illustrious Assistant Rabban W. P. Ryrie, Illustrious High Priest and Prophet C. W. Postlethwaite, Illustrious Oriental Guide J. W. St. John, Illustrious Treasurer J. H. McKinnon, Illustrious Recorder J. A. Cowan. The representatives from Ramesses Temple to the Imperial Council are H. A. Collins, James Glanville, W. P. Ryrie and William Roaf, K. C. The convention at Niagara Falls was the 31st annual gathering of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Toronto should have had this meeting. It would have meant hun-



Lieut. Young, Capt. Harbottle, Major Lang, Lieut. Hughes, Lieut. Perry, Lieut.-Col. Fotheringham, Lieut.-Col. Hall, Lieut.-Col. Denison, Brig.-Gen. Otter, Lieut.-Col. Galloway, Lieut.-Col. Greville Hazton, Major Langton, GEN. OTTER AND THE STAFF OF THE LAST BRIGADE CAMP AT NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE.

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