

honor to St. John's day, and to contribute their quota in aid of the funds of the church. The brethren formed at the hall about 2 o'clock and marched in procession to the grove, headed by the Belleville Brass Band. The turnout was very large, numbering not less than two hundred Masons. After arriving at the grove, dinner was served up, and a most sumptuous repast it was. Plates were laid for four hundred persons, and when these had finished their places were filled again, and it was feared by some of the ladies that the supplies would run out. But fortunately the generosity of those who had provided the dinner knew no bounds, and there was food enough and to spare. It may be mentioned here, parenthetically, that the dinner was furnished gratuitously by twenty-one families, the majority of whom were connected with the congregation. Every possible attention was paid to the visitors by those in attendance, and no one went away dissatisfied. After dinner, brief speeches were delivered by R. W. Bros. S. S. Lazier, E. B. Fraleck, A. Robertson, Dr. Boulter, M.P.P., M. Bowell, M.P., Rev. Mr. Stephenson, and others. We did not learn the exact amount realized from the festival, but probably the net proceeds will reach \$400.

At a quarter past five o'clock the Belleville party left Stirling, amidst the cheers of a large number of the villagers, arriving home in good season, all well pleased with the day's proceedings.

Presentation.

On Tuesday evening, July 24th, the officers and members of Mount Royal Lodge, No. 82, P. Q., A. F. & A. M., at St. John's Hall, St. Catherine Street, Montreal, availed themselves of the occasion of his marriage to present their Master, Very Worshipful Brother W. Simpson Walker, B.C.L., with a very handsome and

massive silver tea set. The presentation was made by Brother Fred. Massey, S.W., and was accompanied by the following address:—

"VERY WORSHIPFUL SIR,—The recent interesting event, in which you have taken so prominent a part, affords us an opportunity, which cannot be allowed to pass, of manifesting our sincere respect for you, as Master of Mount Royal Lodge, our warm regard and esteem for you as a friend and brother, and our earnest wishes for your future happiness.

"Looking back to the time when you first assumed the responsibilities of Master of this Lodge, we can only mark with feelings of greatest pleasure, the success which has attended your constant endeavors for its welfare, and to these efforts Wor. Sir, largely, if not entirely, we owe the extremely satisfactory position we occupy to-day, one of, perhaps, hitherto unknown prosperity, a steadily increasing membership, an interest in our work which bids fair to place us, if it has not already done so, foremost in the ranks of Masonry in this city, and we doubt not, Wor. Sir, under your continued care and guidance that we shall still go on and prosper.

"We extend you, Wor. Sir, and your good lady, our hearty congratulations, wishing you every prosperity and happiness, with the fervent hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may ever bless and guide you throughout all your undertakings.

"I have now much pleasure, on behalf of the members of your Lodge, in requesting your acceptance of these, which to us seem but slight tokens of our wishes on the happy occasion of your marriage, and in doing so my only regret is that the absence from town of many of our prominent members has prevented us from making our testimonial as substantial as we could wish.

"It may be gratifying to you to know, dear sir, that the Committee entrusted with the carrying out of