

The Sir Knights being called to order and arranged under their respective banners, the Right Eminent the Deputy Grand Master directed the escort to be formed for the reception of the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master. On returning, the Arch of Steel being formed, the Supreme Grand Master, attended by his Banner Bearer and the Grand Chancellor, was received by the Deputy Grand Master, conducted to the dais, and saluted by the Sir Knights. Having taken his seat, he directed the muster roll to be called, and having ascertained that a constitutional number of Preceptories were represented, the Fifteenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was then opened in **ample form** at 10.30 a. m., the Acting Grand Chaplain having imploréd a blessing from the Most High upon the proceedings.

WELCOME FROM GODFREY DE BOUILLON
PRECEPTORY.

Immediately after the opening, Eminent Sir Knight John Hooper, Presiding Preceptor of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, advanced and read an address of welcome:

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

I have the honor of representing the Frates of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory No. 3, and of expressing their gratification in having the honor of receiving the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada on this occasion, and of extending to you, Sir, and through you to the officers and members of Great Priory, a sincere and courteous welcome. We venture to express the hope that your deliberations will redound to the honor, dignity and interest of our beloved Order, and that your sojourn amongst us will be of such an enjoyable nature as to enable you to carry away with you pleasant memories of your brief visit to the Ambitious City.

By the programmes distributed this morning you will find an outline of to-day's as well as to-morrow's proceedings, which we trust will meet with your approbation, and receive your hearty co-operation, more particularly as we have been disappointed in the non-attendance of several Preceptories whom we expected would participate. We therefore trust that every Sir Knight will remain over to-morrow and assist us to form as large a parade as possible, if only to demonstrate the fact that Canadian Knights Templar have that *esprit de corps* which is the life of any institution of this nature, and which has for