

men in one common bond of brotherhood, worshipping and serving the one God and Father of all.

The Grand Master next addressed the Mayor, the other Municipal officers, and the large concourse of people assembled, as follows :

GENTLEMEN,—Mayors and Municipal Councillors of Shipton and Danville: In compliance with your very kind and unanimous request, I have now had the honor, with the assistance of my Brethren, and in the presence of this large concourse, to lay the Corner Stone of your Town Hall, in accordance with the ancient customs of our Fraternity.

The highest commendation is due to you and your predecessors, for the inception of this grand undertaking; and if this superstructure is completed according to your designs, it will be a monument of your wise forethought, and an ornament to your beautiful village, as well as a great public benefit and lasting good to all this people. The spirit of union and harmony which has characterized your efforts, is worthy of great praise and general imitation, and I pray that it may be the will of the Great Architect of the Universe, to spare you to see the completion, and long to enjoy the benefits of this public enterprise, which in all probability will be the best of its kind in the rural portions of the Province of Quebec.

Inhabitants of Danville and Shipton—it affords me peculiar satisfaction to address you on this auspicious occasion. This indeed is, for you a memorable day. These inauguration ceremonies will be long remembered. History will record them, and your posterity will bless you for your benefactions. You are the possessors of a goodly portion of the rich, fertile District of St. Francis, and by your thrift and industry, you are making these hills and valleys to bud and blossom as the rose. Yours, although not the greatest in area, is, in population, the banner Township in Richmond County, and it must be obvious to the most casual observer, that a great and prosperous future is before you and your children. You owe much to your fathers and mothers, who, through many trials and hardships, laid the foundations of your material, social, educational and religious prosperity. Nor can I allow myself to omit congratulating and heartily thanking the many gentlemen of all professions and callings, who in such numbers honor this memorable occasion; and more than thanks should be tendered to the mothers, the sisters, and the sweethearts who, by their

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