

British liberties and endeavouring to keep undimmed and untarnished the splendor of British traditions. I might mention here that that now famous engineer, Lt.-Col. Girouard, was a graduate of the Royal Military College. There are other things connected with the Limestone City which may prove of interest to you, its traditions and history, its picturesqueness and natural beauty situated as we are at the foot of Lake Ontario and at the entrance to the Thousand Islands, and Eminent Sir, while, as I said before, we are not great commercially, yet sir, our foundation is sure, built as we are on the limestone.

I congratulate our local Preceptory on this the celebration of their centenary. This city is rich in Masonic history. In 1894 the Ancient Saint John's Lodge No. 3 celebrated its centenary; in 1897 the Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter its centenary, and to-day my best wishes go out to the Preceptory on attaining its hundredth year. May the Great Architect of the Universe pour his blessings on your Order and may it continue to prosper. I again bid you welcome Most Eminent Sir and Frates. I have given orders to the Chief of Police to have the entire force shackled, so the freedom of the city is yours. May your visit be a pleasant one indeed. I thank you most sincerely for your kindly welcome to your Conclave.

The address was received with much applause by the Frates, and the Supreme Grand Master in reply stated that he found it quite impossible to answer the eloquent and admirable speech of Mayor Minnes. He heartily accepted on behalf of the members of Sovereign Great Priory the very kind words and assurances of welcome to the Limestone City. He was sure that every member present would be pleased to see that the Masonic Fraternity in Kingston cherished the memory of the late Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, who had years ago been a member and an officer in Hugh de Payens Preceptory No. 1. He had no doubt the Frates would all carry away many kindly remembrances of Kingston, not as a limestone city, but as a very hospitable and historic city, where man's lot is a happy one. He was certain every one would retain many happy recollections of a pleasant and enjoyable visit.

His Worship the Mayor having retired, the Supreme Grand Master declared the duties of the Sovereign Great Priory resumed.