

The Brethren assembled in the Lodge Room of Doric Lodge, No. 23, in the Village of Danville, and M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master, announced that this Especial Communication had been called on the invitation of the Municipal Authorities of Danville and Shipton, and of Doric Lodge, to lay with Masonic honors the foundation stone of the new Town Hall about to be erected at Danville.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*.

The R. W. Bro. Grand Chaplain offered a suitable prayer to the G.A.O.T.U., imploring His aid on this lawful undertaking.

R. W. Bro. Colby announced the order of procession to be had on the occasion, and this having been formed as nearly as practicable in accordance with the Rules laid down in the Book of Constitution, the Grand Lodge was called off, and the procession led by the Danville Brass Band, proceeded to the site of the new building, where the Municipal Authorities of Danville and Shipton were awaiting the Craft. A large number of residents of the neighborhood were present to witness the proceedings.

The procession on arriving at the building halted, and opening to the right and left, faced inwards, the M. W. the Grand Master passed up the centre, being preceded by the standard of Grand Lodge, and his Sword Bearer. The Grand Officers and Brethren followed in succession from the rear so as to invert the order of procession.

The M. W. the Grand Master having arrived at his station on a platform, the Band played a national air, "Rule Britannia."

The Mayor, James Boutelle, Esq., addressed the Grand Master as follows :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,

In behalf of the Municipal Councils of the Town of Shipton, and of the Village of Danville, I heartily thank you for accepting our invitation to lay the Corner Stone of our Town Hall, in accordance with the ancient usages of your Order; and I beg to extend a cordial welcome to you and all the other officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec, and to all the other members of your Fraternity, who have assembled here to day, to assist you in these ceremonies.