

Kingston Installations.

Following the usual custom, the brethren of the three Kingston Lodges celebrated St. John the Evangelist's Day by installing and investing the officers elected at the annual meetings of the Lodges in the early part of the past month. St. John's Lodge had the ceremony performed at noon, as it was the intention of the brethren to dine together in the evening. The officers of Minden Lodge were simply invested, as the installation had previously taken place. The list we have already published. The ceremony was performed by R. W. Bro. George M. Wilkinson, P.D. D.G.M. There was no entertainment after the installation.

CATARAQUI LODGE, No. 92.—W. Bro. McMillan was the installing officer:

W.M.—Bro. J. K. Oliver, M.D.

I.P.M.—W. Bro. F. Rowland.

S.W.—Bro. R. Bunt, jr.

J.W.—Bro. A. Shaw.

Treas.—Bro. James Shannon.

Secretary.—Bro. J. H. Birkett.

Chaplain.—W. Bro. Rev. J. Gallaher.

S.D.—Bro. Edward Law.

J.D.—Bro. Wm. S. Smyth.

Stewards.—Bros. Martin O'Brien and E. Rose.

Organist.—Bro. T. H. McGurl.

D. of C.—Bro. Robert Bell.

I.G.—Bro. Samuel Angrove.

Tyler.—Bro. E. Ball.

Room Committee.—W. Bro. Dumble, with R. W. Bro. Hendry and the W.M.

Board of General Purposes.—The W. M. S.W., J.W., and Bros. Wm. Waddington and G. W. Leslie.

Board of Relief.—The W.M., V. W. Bro. Oldreive, and W. Bro. A. McMillan.

A deputation from Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, consisting of W. Bros. Walken and Morsey, and from Minden Lodge, No. 253, of Bros. R. W. Barker and A. Strachan, attended to convey the fraternal greetings of those Lodges, which, of course were cordially reciprocated.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE DINNER.

At eight o'clock about fifty of the brethren sat down to dinner at the British American Hotel, when a splendid repast was partaken of. The bill of fare was a very tempting one, and was prepared with Mr. Davis' usual care. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. H. Nuttall, presided, supported right and left by the more prominent members of the Lodge. After dinner the following toast list was gone through: "The Queen and the Craft;" "The Grand Master and Grand Lodges of Canada;" "The Governor-General, the Marquis of Lorne;" "The Grand Masters and Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland;" "The Grand Masters and Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia,

New Brunswick and Quebec;" "The Grand Masters of the several Grand Lodges of the United States of America and their respective Grand Lodges, and with those we fraternize;" "Our sister Lodges, Cataraqui and Minden;" "The W.M. and other officers of Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, who have this day resigned their chairs;" "Our Visiting Brethren;" "Masons in all quarters of the globe, and speedy relief to every distressed brother;" "Masons' wives and Masons' bairns;" "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again." During the evening several excellent speeches were made and songs sung. A very pleasant time was spent.

Belleville.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist, says the *Intelligencer*, "was a high day for the Masons of Belleville," for in addition to the installation of officers there was a grand procession in the afternoon, a sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. Clarke, which should have been heard by every Mason in the land, a social re-union at the Lodge rooms, and a superb banquet in the evening. The turnout in the afternoon was probably the largest and most respectable assemblage of Masons ever seen in Belleville, and with their rich regalia presented a very fine appearance. Headed by the 15th Battalion band, they proceeded to Christ Church, where a sermon was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Clarke, Rector. The theme of the Rev. gentleman's discourse was "Perfection," which, we need hardly say, was ably and eloquently discussed. In fact during the time of its delivery he held his audience spell-bound. As a Mason of nearly twenty years' standing, and occupying the highest positions in the gift of his brethren, he knew something of the mysteries of the Order, and in his treatment of the subject he showed an intimate knowledge of the ancient landmarks, and proved that he had quarried in the Masonic mine to some purpose. No man could become a member who was physically, mentally or morally imperfect, and the whole teaching of Masonry, which was the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of Man, was to make men better, purer, and fit for the companionship of Saints. No atheist could become a Mason, for the Bible was the Mason's chart. Through the dark ages the Holy Scriptures had been cared for by bands of the brotherhood who read it together in their secret chambers, and preserved it to the days of the Reformation, and although in those days and in later times Masons were persecuted by men in high places, still they triumphed over all their foes, and to-day Kings and Emperors were proud to enroll themselves as mem-