

DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL OF PEMBROKE LODGE, A. F. & A. M. No. 128.

This new and very elegant Lodge Room was dedicated by the M. W. the Grand Master, at a special communication of Grand Lodge, held at Pembroke on the 19th day of March, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, LL. D. Grand Master; V. W. Bro. William R. White, as Deputy Grand Master; W. Bros. J. Graham Cormack as Grand Senior Warden; A. Forbes, as Grand Junior Warden; Bros. Rev. E. H. Jenkyns, as Grand Chaplain; John Cockburn, as Grand Treasurer; Alex. Moffat jr. as Grand Secretary; W. Bro. Henry Sinton, as Grand Senior Deacon; Bro. William Moffat, as Grand Junior Deacon; W. Bro. S. E. Mitchell, as Grand Supt. of Works; Bros. Ascher Ansell, as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies; R. George Scott, as Grand Pursuivant; William Beamish, as Grand Sword Bearer; Robert Morgan, as Grand Organist; Bros. Antonis Joseph, D. B. Warren, John P. Millar, John Cuzner, Thomas Knight, as Grand Stewards.

A special Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* at 2 p. m. in the large refreshment room adjoining the Lodge Room, and the M. W. the Grand Master having informed the brethren assembled, that this special communication had been called for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall, of Pembroke Lodge, a procession was formed and entered the Lodge Room, when the W. M. officers, and a large concourse of the brethren together with a number of invited guests, had assembled.

Immediately on the entrance of the Grand Master, the W. M. called up the Lodge, and the brethren remained standing while the Grand Honors were given. The procession then moved three times around the room, and opening right and left the Grand Master passed through and ascended the dais, where he was welcomed by W. Bro. Supple, the W. M. who after resigning to the G. M. his chair and gavel, read the following address:—

"To William Mercer Wilson, Esq., LL. D. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

"MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR:—"We, the Brethren of Pembroke Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 128, desire to extend to you a most sincere hearty and fraternal welcome on this your first official visit to our Lodge, sensible as we are of the many other urgent demands upon your time and of the difficulties you must have encountered in reaching us in our remote and isolated position we the better recognize the honor you have conferred upon us in being present to dedicate this Lodge to the purposes of freemasonry.

"The exalted position you now occupy, and have for so many years occupied in the Craft, and for which your high social position and great attainments so admirably qualify you, renders it peculiarly pleasing to us to recognize and greet you to-day as the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge to which we owe Masonic allegiance, and we sincerely hope that our feeble efforts towards the advancement of freemasonry in this community, may meet with your high approval. Though we are happy to be able to inform you that Masonry is flourishing among us to a very remarkable extent, yet we feel confident that the presence on this occasion of so distinguished a Mason as yourself,