

Together with a large number of brethren, hailing from the following Lodges, viz: Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal; Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton; True Briton's Lodge, No. 14, Perth; St. George's Lodge, No. 19, Montreal; Zetland Lodge, No. 21, Montreal; Montreal Kilwinning, No. 124, Montreal; Royal Albert, No. 167, Montreal; Victoria Lodge, No. 173, Montreal; Mount Royal Lodge, U. D., Montreal.

The following Lodges, hailing from other jurisdictions, were also largely represented, and took part in the ceremonies, viz: St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 440, E. R., Montreal; One and All Lodge, No. 413, E. R.; Greenock St. John's Lodge, No. 176, R. S., Greenock, Scotland; Elgin Lodge, No. 348, R. S., Montreal; Franklin Lodge, No. 216, Register New York; Aurora Lodge, No. 383, Register New York.

The Grand Lodge was opened in **due form**.

The Acting Grand Secretary read the summons issued by command of the M. W. the Grand Master, calling this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge. The Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies was then instructed to form the procession in the order laid down in the Book of Constitution. On arriving at the site of the new building, the procession opened out, and the Grand Officers marched through to the spot where the stone was to be laid. The Acting G. M. and the other Grand Officers then ascended the platform, when the Acting G. M. spoke as follows:

"Men, women and children, assembled here to behold this ceremony, know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and professing to fear God, who is the Great Architect of the Universe: to honor the Queen: to confer benefits upon our brethren: and to practice universal benevolence towards all mankind.

"We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all other men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but those secrets are lawful and honorable, and are placed in the custody of Masons, who alone have the keeping of them to the end of time.