

of Canada met at Montreal in 1873, he was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary, and the following year, at the Annual Communication at Toronto, he was elected Grand Junior Warden. In 1877, at St. Catharines, and again at Toronto in 1878, he was nominated and duly elected D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District. After the election of M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry to "the throne" at the session at London, 1882, Bro. Hugh Murray was elected to the important position of Deputy Grand Master, and after serving his year with great fidelity and conspicuous executive ability, was re-elected at Ottawa the following year to the same exalted position. He, in the mean time, was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

This year, however, the craft in Ontario determined to prove their unquestionable faith in the Masonic integrity, and the Masonic ability, of the distinguished President of the Board of General Purposes, by electing him to the throne of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The attendance at Grand Lodge last July, at Toronto, was one of the largest ever witnessed, and M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, having positively announced that he would not allow his name to be brought forward for re-election, there was an almost unanimity of opinion as to the propriety of electing as his successor a brother who had so faithfully served in the ranks; who had so long and earnestly devoted himself to the interests of the craft; who had so thoroughly filled the various offices in Grand Lodge to which he had been elected, and who had ruled with such

impartiality and fairness as the executive chief of the Board of General Purposes. This feeling seemed to steadily increase till the hour of election, when the ballots being counted, Bro. Murray was declared elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada by the overwhelming majority of over seven hundred, and amidst a continuous round of applause the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Spry, rose and declared Bro. Hugh Murray, of Hamilton, elected "Permanent Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the space of one year."

We have thus, in a very imperfect manner, given a brief sketch of the Masonic career of the distinguished brother who now occupies the throne of the Grand Lodge of Canada. We regret the material furnished us was so crude, and that we are also unable this month to furnish our readers with a wood cut of our chieftain. We can only say that Bro. Murray is a man well qualified for the exalted position in which the fraternity of Canada have placed him. He is a Mason of broad and liberal views, of a kindly disposition, of a generous nature, and yet firm and decided in his opinions. As Ruler of the craft he does not recognize any "Ritism," but simply Ancient Craft Masonry in all its purity. It is this freedom from all tendency to sectarian Freemasonry that has so endeared him to the members of Grand Lodge, and which gave him the largest majority ever accorded in the Grand Lodge of Canada to the nominee to the Grand East. That his rulings will be sound, and that he will guide the affairs of Grand Lodge with a sure but steady