

Masonic Hall about being erected by the fraternity in the city of Hamilton.

Arrangements had been made on a large scale, for an extensive gathering of the fraternity, and by about eleven o'clock the brethren were being formed in procession in front of the Mechanic Institute. R. W. Bro. Hon. H. B. Bull, being Grand Marshall, and was assisted by V. W. Bros. Richard Brierley, J. J. Mason, C. R. Smith and Bro. J. H. Bartindale who had charge of the Blue Lodges; E. Frater H. A. Mackay, of the Royal Arch and Knights Templar. The procession was preceded by the band of the 18th Battalion, V. M., and in the centre of the procession was the Cooksville band, which accompanied the brethren of the Toronto Lodges, and marched to the Masonic Hall on John Street, where it was joined by the Grand Lodge, and proceeded from thence to the site of the new building on the corner of James and Gore streets, the following being a description of the contemplated new hall.

The dimensions of the hall are:

81 feet 6 inches on James Street; 100 feet 6 inches on Gore Street; height of building from sidewalk to cornice, 56 feet; total height from cellar to dock roof 78 feet. The style is romanesque, and the structure will be finished in September 1874. On the ground floor there will be four stores on James Street, and one on Gore Street, 14 feet in height; two stores will be 19 feet 6 inches wide and 60 feet long; two other will be 13 feet wide and 60 feet long; the one on Gore Street will be 23 feet wide and 64 ft. long; on the second floor will be a Masonic Hall 64x34; Encampment, Priory of Kt. Templars, &c., 36x31, with their several ante and preparation rooms; reception room, 33x14; wash rooms, &c., &c.; committee and deal rooms; offices for the Grand Secretary; fire-proof vault and bank room. On the third floor will be the Royal