

Together with a large number of brethren hailing from the various lodges of the District.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *form* at half past two o'clock, in the Town Hall.

R. W. Bro. Arthur McGinnis stated that he had been deputed by the M. W. the Grand Master to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the monument about to be erected to the memory of the United Empire Loyalists, on this centennial of their landing in Canada.

A procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and headed by the Band of the 15th Battalion, marched to the old cemetery.

The front of the procession having reached the site, the ranks opened and faced inwards, allowing the Acting Grand Master to pass through, supported by the Grand Officers.

The Acting Grand Master then delivered the following address :

*Men, Women and Children here assembled :*

From time immemorial it has been the custom to lay the corner stones of public buildings and monuments in a public manner.

Now know ye, that we appear before you to-day under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, clothed with the mystic emblems of our order. Professing to fear God, the G. A. O. T. U., declaring our loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, (whom God preserve), our obedience to the laws of the country, and our submission to those in authority ; to confer benefits, and enlighten our brethren, and to practice benevolence and charity towards all mankind. Men of every class and rank are to be found enrolled under our banners, and the most learned and exalted monarchs of the Old World deem it a privilege to participate in our mysteries. To accomplish this our Order must be good and our calling honorable. Our posi-