

stitution, that by the exertions of this committee, at the end of the month of Jan. 1821, a sufficient part of the amount was raised to justify the directors in making contracts for the building. The Honble. John Richardson, the Rev. John Bethune, Dr. William Robertson, John Molson, Sen. David Ross, John Try and Alexander Skakel, Esquires, were elected as a committee for this duty; and Mr. Thomas Phillips was appointed to superintend the building as architect; for which duty 50% were allowed him—which he relinquished as his subscription to the institution.

Contracts were entered into with Masons and Carpenters for the building; materials were prepared for commencing the work as early in the spring as the climate would allow, and on the 6th of June. the foundation stone was laid with Masonic ceremonies, of which event the following account was published in the news-papers of the day.

MASONIC CEREMONY,

On laying the Chief Corner Stone of the Montreal General Hospital.

By the Right Worshipful Sir John Johnson, Knight and Baronet, Acting Provincial Grand Master, assisted by F. X. Perrault, Esq. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. E. Thompson, Esq. Provincial Grand Senior Warden, John Molson, Esquire, acting Provincial Grand Junior Warden, Francis Coulson, Esq. Provincial Deputy Grand Master, Simon McGillivray, Esq. Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and several other Brethren distinguished in Masonry, the whole amounting to about 200.

The Craft assembled at the City Tavern at eleven o'clock. After the completion of the preparations usual on such occasions, and the arrival of the Building Committee and Directors of the Institution, together with the Officers, band, and a guard of the 60th Regiment, the procession set out, moved up St. Paul Street, and passed through McGill, Notre Dame and St. Gabriel Streets, to the sound of a Masonic march, towards the Scotch Presbyterian Church in the following order:

A Military Guard;
Grand Pursuivant,
Military Band.
Committee for the Building,
Tyler of the Junior Lodge, No. 20:
Entered Apprentices, two and two,
Fellow Crafts, the same,
Master Masons, same,
Steward, Standard, Steward,
Secretary and Treasurer,
Senior and Junior Wardens,
Past Masters,
Junior Deacon, Master, Senior Deacon,
Two Stewards,
Lodge No. 12, in the same order,
Lodge No. 8, in the same order,
Three Past Masters, bearing corn, wine and oil,
Architect with Plan,