

M. Bro. Hugh Murray; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. W. Murton, P. G. S. W.; V. W. O. R. Smith and many other distinguished members from the city were present, as well as Past Masters E. W. Klotz, W. C. Morton, Thos. Irwin, F. F. Dalley, Wm. Carey, Charles Lemon, B. J. Morgan and R. A. Hutchinson, of Lodge of Strict Observance. The work of the third degree was exemplified in the Irish ritual by W. Bro. Cooper, W. M. and officers of St. John's Lodge, London, which is the only lodge in Canada using that ritual exclusively. When the meeting was closed the brethren were invited to a banquet which had been prepared in honor of the visitors. A large number of those present accepted the invitation, about 200 sitting down around a magnificent repast, spread in the most delicate manner. W. Bro. W. F. McGiverin, W. M. of Lodge of Strict Observance, presided, and occupying seats on his right and left respectively were W. Bro. Cooper, of St. John's Lodge, London, and M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. The first toast proposed was that of "The Queen and the Craft." The national anthem was sung in chorus. The toast of "The Grand Lodge of Canada" was given, after which the Masonic Glee Club sang "Ye Shepherds Tell Me," Prof. James Johnston and W. Bro. W. C. Morton taking solo parts. M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray responded to the toast. He said that in no Grand Lodge of any country in the world was better work done than in the Grand Lodge of Canada. That lodge was composed of the best merchants, doctors, lawyers and ministers of the country, and other Grand Lodges were vying with each other to see which could equal Canada. He knew this from the reports he had received while Grand Master. He alluded to Bro. Col. Charles Magill as having been Chairman of the first committee appointed for the purpose of forming a

Grand Lodge of Canada. The late M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson was the first Grand Master and the late R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris first Grand Secretary. In M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, the present Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, he said, had a very fine officer, and in R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, both of Hamilton, the Grand Lodge had two as efficient and careful officers as it was possible to find the world over. He had been delighted with the manner in which the officers of St. John's Lodge had worked the third degree in the Irish ritual. After complimenting the officers and members of Lodge of Strict Observance, he resumed his seat amid applause. Bro. Alex. Calder sang "The Land Where the Shamrock Grows" and was encored. The toast of "Our Sister Grand Lodges" was responded to by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, of London; that of "The Officers and Members of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London," called for a hearty reception. After "The Old Oaken Bucket" had been sung by Bros. J. Johnson, E. Hodgkiss, W. C. Morton and T. M. Davis, W. Bro. Cooper responded, thanking the officers and members of Lodge of Strict Observance for the kindness they had shown the members of his lodge. R. W. Bro. Simpson, of King Solomon's Lodge, London, also replied. Mr. Cooper then proposed the toast of "The Officers and Members of Lodge of Strict Observance," which the St. John's Lodge members received royally. W. Bro. McGiverin, W. M., responded. The toast of "Our Visitors" was responded to by W. Bro. McKay and Bro. O'Brien, and Mr. Morton sang "Drinking." Other toasts were given, speeches made and songs sung until the hour of departure, when all expressed sorrow at parting and a desire to meet again.

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