

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:



PROCEEDING to the business of this, the Twenty-second Annual Communication, it is now my duty to present to you the report of my actions during the past year, while presiding over the Craft as Grand Master of Masons of Quebec, to which distinguished office I was elected, invested and installed by this Grand Lodge, at its Twenty-first Annual Communication.

I regret that a serious illness, by which I was prostrated shortly after assuming the office of Grand Master, has prevented me from giving my personal attention to some of the duties of the office, but, by the kind and able assistance of my predecessors, and of the Brethren filling the several offices in the Grand Lodge, I am able to report that all the business which usually claims the attention of the presiding officer of the Craft has been faithfully performed.

CONSTITUTION OF VICTORIA LODGE, No. 73.

The first duty the Grand Master was called upon to perform was that of constituting Victoria Lodge, at Lachine, which Lodge had been granted a warrant at our last Annual Communication, under No. 73. I was unable to perform this duty at the time required, but M. W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns, Past Grand Master, kindly consented to act in my place, and, duly commissioned by me for the purpose, and ably assisted by the D. D. G. M. of the Montreal District and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, did, on the 29th day of June last, constitute and dedicate Victoria Lodge in due and ancient form. You will be pleased to learn that the new Lodge has been doing good work, and is a credit to the Craft in the Montreal District.