GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. d: A. M. of

Canada, held in **the Masonic Hall, in the Village of Marmora**, on

Tuesday, 13th day of June, A.D. 1899, A. L. 5899.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. H. G. Stafford, D. D. G. M., as Deputy Grand Master.

V. W. Bro. Alex. Gibson as Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Henrv Rush ......... Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. Bro the Rev. W. T. Wilkins as Grand Chaplain.

W. Bro. H. S. Ferguson as Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason Grand Secretary.

**W. Bro. G. B. Bleecker** as Grand Senior Deacon.

W. Bro. T. Mawson as Grand Junior Deacon.

**Bro. Sir Mackenzie Bowell** as Grand Supt. of Works.

W. Bro. R. B. Proutt as Grand Dir. of Cer.

W. Bro. J. R. Orr as Asst. Grand Secretary.

W. Bro. B. Lott . . as Grand Sword Bearer.

W. Bro. A. H. Watson as Grand Organist.

W. Bro. W. C. Boardman as Asst. Grand Organist.

W. Bro. G. Bedford as Grand Pursuivant.

W. Bro B. C. Becker v

as Grand Stewards.

W. Bro. J. Dorricott

W. Bro. A. K. McLeod

Bro. A. Carscallen, M. P

W. Bro. John Mc Williams

W. Bro. S. Simmons

W. Bro. T. H. Cummings '

Bro. A. Kennedy as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and Brethren hailing

from various lodges.

The constitutional number of lodges being represented. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 1 o'clock forenoon, in the Masonic Hall, by the M. W. the

Grand Master, who announced that **this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Presbyterian Church in Marmora.**

The Reeve of the township of Marmora and members

of the Township Council were announced and introduced and the Reeve read the following

To E. T. Malone, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and

Accepted Masons :

Most Worshipful Sir, —

It is with feelings of the sincerest pleasure and pride that

I, as Reeve of the Townships of Marmora and Lake, on behalf

of the Council and citizens, extend to you now a most hearty

welcome to the village of Marmora.

Our village until a few years ago was the center of one of

the most extensive lumbering districts in the Province of On-

tario. Now, however, the supply of timber is almost ex-

hausted. At present the mining industry is nourishing, the

iron mines are beginning to work in consequence of the boom

in the iron trade; and at least two of our gold mining com-

panies are working day and night turning out regularly fine

bricks of the precious metal. I hope you will have the privi-

lege of inspecting them while here.

Our village may seem small to you coming from the city

of Toronto; but when I mention a small bit of Masonic his-

tory you will see that when Marmora village was founded

Toronto was not very extensive. At the time Morgan was cre-

ating some excitement, I cannot tell the exact date, some sev-

enty-five or eighty years ago, there was a meeting of the

craft called at New York for the purpose of taking his case

in consideration. A delegate attended that meeting from Mar-

mora. He recommended that Morgan be kept on a farm in

the back woods of Canada — the farm I now occupy — not a

very hard sentence if it had been carried out.

As a member of the craft myself, it gives me great pleas-

ure to have you with us to-day to assist in laying the corner-

stone of this nice little church, and if at some future time you

would like to spend a few weeks on our magnificent rivers

and lakes, you may depend on a warm reception from the citi-

zens of Marmora.

WILLIAM HILTON, Reeve.

WILLIAM BONTER,

JAS. H. WARREN.

An address was also presented to the M. W. the Grand

Master by the W. M. and officers of Marmora Lodge, No. 222.

To both addresses the M. W. the Grand Master made suitable responses.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession formed under the direction of W. Bro. R. B. Proutt, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

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R. W. Bro. the Rev. W. T. Wilkins, acting Grand

Chaplain, then asked a blessing, and Bro. Sir Macken-

zie Bowell, acting Grand Superintendent of Works, read

the following scroll :

In the name and by the Great Architect of the Universe,

On the **Thirteenth Day of June, A.D. 1899**, A.L. 5899, the Sixty-

Second year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and

Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia,

Dominion of Canada, etc.

His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR GILBERT JOHN ELLIOTT MURRAY-KYNNYNMOND, Earl of Minto, etc., being Governor-General of Canada.

The Honorable SIR OLIVER MOWAT, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable ARTHUR S. HARDY, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

**A. W. CARSCALLEN, M. P.,** and W. J. ALLEN, M. P. P., being Representatives for North Hastings.

**Reverend JOHN C. INKSTER, B. A., being Pastor in charge.**

Reverend ROBERT TORRANCE, D. D., being Moderator of the General Assembly.

ROBERT MITCHELL, JAMES PARKER, B. A., GEORGE

MACQUEEN, THOMAS THOMPSON.

Building Committee.

JAMES ENGLISH, being Warden of the County of Hastings.

WILLIAM HILTON, being Reeve of Municipality of Marmora and Lake.

M. W. BRO. E. T. MALONE, Grand Master of the Grand

Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. BRO. H. G. STAFFORD, D. D. G. M. of the Thirteenth

Masonic District.

**This Corner Stone, of the Presbyterian Church of Marmora.**

**was laid by M. W. E. T. Malone, Grand Master, assisted by**

**the Grand Officers, and in presence of a large concourse of**

**brethren and citizens of the County of Hastings.**

A handsome silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the M. W. the Grand Master, by the Rev. John G. Inkster, B. A., Pastor of the church.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it :

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

The procession was then reformed, the brethren re- turned to the Masonic Hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.