

SHIP CARPENTERS.

Grand Union Banner,
Carried by four Standard Bearers, in Uniform,
followed by

- No. 1. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from James Smith & Son's Yard, with Banners, and model of the *Marco Polo*, drawn by horses.
2. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from F. & J. Ruddick's Yard, with Banners.
3. Foremen and Operatives, in Uniform, from W. & R. Wright's Yard, with Banners, and *A Ship the Model of the Guiding Star*, drawn by four horses.
4. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from Storms & King's Yard, with Banners.
5. Foreman and Operatives in Uniform, from M'Laughlan & Stackhouse's Yard, with banners, and *Model Ship*, drawn by four horses.
6. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from Alexander Sime's Yard, with Banners.
7. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from John Fisher's Yard, with Banners.
8. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from J. McDonald & Co.'s Yard, with Banners, and a *Ship on the Stocks ready for Launching*, drawn by four horses.
9. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from W. & J. Olive's Yard, with Banners.
10. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from James Nevin's Yard, with Banners, and *A Full Rigged Ship*, drawn by four horses.
11. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from W. Potts & Son's Yard, with Banners, and a *Ship on Stocks, in course of Construction*, with Operatives at work, drawn by four horses.
12. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from John Thomson's Yard, with Banners, and a *Ship on Stocks in course of Construction*, drawn by four horses.
13. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from Ruddick & Hilyard's Yard, with banners.
14. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from Thompson & Stackhouse's Yard, with banners.
15. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from Brown & Anderson's Yard, with banners, and *A Ship on Stocks, in Frame*, drawn by four horses.
16. Foreman and Operatives, in Uniform, from J. Sulis & Son's Yard, with Banners.

BLACKSMITHS AND FOUNDERS,

with Banner.
A Blacksmith's Car,
A Moulder's Car,
An Engineer's Car,
A Steam Engine,
drawn by horses,
all in full operation.

Uniform—In full dress, with rosettes and badges.

PAINTERS.

with Banners.
Uniform—In full dress, with rosettes of the primitive colours.
Gold palette, suspended from neck.

MASONS AND STONE CUTTERS.

with Banner,
A Brick Press
A Stone Cutter's Yard,
drawn by horses,
with workmen in full operation.

Uniform—In full dress, with emblems of trade, white apron trimmed with blue.

BAKERS.

with Banners.
Uniform—Black coat, white vest and trousers, drab hat, white gloves, and white aprons trimmed with blue.

PRINTERS.

with Banner.
A Printing Press in operation, drawn by horses, printing and distributing Celebration Song.

CORDWAINERS.

with Banner, and a
Representation of King Crispin and Queen Crispian, on carriage drawn by horses.
Uniform—Full dress, white gloves, drab apron, trimmed with blue.

TAILORS.

with Banners, and a
Representation of Adam and Eve in the Garden, on carriage, drawn by horses.
Uniform—Full dress with blue scarf.

MILLERS.

with Banner.
A Flour Mill in full operation, on a carriage drawn by horses.

RIGGERS AND SAILMAKERS.

with Banner.
CABINET MAKERS,
with Banner and
A work bench, with workmen in full operation, a carriage with furniture, drawn by horses.
Uniform—Full dress, carrying Mahogany staff.
Mayor and Corporation of Fredericton.

Mayor and Corporation of St. John.

Executive Committee of Portland Convention.
Engineers of E. & N. A. Railway.
President and Directors of European and North American Railway.

BAND.

PORTLAND FIRE COMPANIES.

Asst. Gd. Marshal.
No. 1 Portland Engine Company,
with Engine and Hose Cart.
Uniform—Blue shirt, trimmed white, black trousers, glazed hat, with gold band.

Portland Engine Company
of Messrs. R. Rankin & Co.,
with Engine and Hose Cart.
Uniform—White shirt, blue trousers, glazed hat.

CITY FIRE BRIGADE.

Chief Engineer, on Horseback.
No. 1 "Wellington" Engine Company,
with Engine and Hose Cart.
Uniform—Blue shirt, trimmed white and red, black trousers, glazed hat, with name of engine.

No. 3 Engine Company,
with Engine and Hose Cart.
Uniform—Blue shirt, trimmed with white, black trousers, red hat, with motto "No. 3."

BAND.

No. 4 Engine Company,
with Engine and Hose Cart.
Uniform—Blue jacket, trimmed with scarlet, white trousers, black hat, with gold band and motto "Phoenix, No. 4."

BAND.

No. 5 Engine Company,
with Engine, Hose Carriage, Tender, &c.,
drawn by horses.
Uniform—Blue shirt, trimmed with white, white trousers, black glazed hat, with number.

No. 6 Engine Company,
with Engine and Hose Carriage.
Uniform—Green shirt, trimmed with gold, black trousers, gilt helmet hat, white belt.

No. 7. Carleton Engine Company,
Engine and Hose Cart.
Uniform—Red shirt, trimmed with blue, white trousers, glazed hat.

No. 8. Carleton Engine Company,
Engine and Hose Cart.
Uniform—Blue shirt, black trousers, with red stripes, black hat.

Hook and Ladder company
Banner,
drawn by horses,
Uniform—Blue jacket, black trousers, trimmed with red,
black glazed hat, with gold band.

No. 9. Carleton Boys' Engine Company,
with Engine and Hose Cart.
Uniform—Yellow shirt, trimmed with red, black trousers.

Portland and city
Juvenile Engine Companies with Engines.
Police Magistrates of St. John and Portland.

Magistrates of City and County.
Farmers from Parish of Westfield, King's Co.

Asst. Gd. Marshal.
MILLMEN.
with Banner.

Uniform—White shirts, black trousers, black belts, and glazed hats.

Messrs. Reed's and Wright's
Black Ball Line,
of St. John and Liverpool Packets,
with Banner, and a

Full Rigged Clipper Ship,
with a
Screw Propeller Steamer,
following in the rear,
drawn by horses.

BRANCH PILOTS.
of Port of St. John,
Uniform—Full dress, band on hat, with motto,
carrying spy glasses, and speaking trumpets.

Asst. Gd. Marshal.
BAND.

FREE MASONS,
in full costume,
with banners and Paraphernalia.

Asst. Gd. Marshal.

The Procession reached the celebration ground at one o'clock, where a large space had been enclosed by a wire fence. Within this was erected a large Pavilion for the reception of the Governor and Lady Head, the members of both branches of

the Legislature and distinguished guests. This was from the design of Stead, and looked very well standing as it did, on a mound in the centre of the ground. The Pavilion bore the inscription—The E. & N. A. Railway, surmounted by the City Arms, and on either side floated the English and the American flags. In the centre, where the Governor and Suite were to take their stand, the Union Jack was suspended. A number of Railway shovels were very ingeniously used to form a palisade on top, and were grouped in various ornamented figures. To the right of the Pavilion were a number of tents for various bodies; to the left, and a little to the rear, a large ladies' gallery, capable of holding 1000 ladies, and in front were the stands for the Directors of the Company, the Engineers of the Railway, and the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute. Near this was a little platform on which the magic first sod was to be wheeled, on it stood the beautiful wheelbarrow of richly covered walnut and Bird-eye-Maple, made by the Messrs. Lawrence for the occasion, and in this lay a shovel richly burnished and the handle mounted with silver to be used on the occasion. Near these also, a large stone was suspended ready to be laid in its place, as was to be done by the Grand Master with the assistance of his brother Masons with all Masonic honours.

The President and Directors of the Railway Company first approached and presented His Excellency the following Address, which was read by the President, R. Jardine, Esq.:

May it please your Excellency,—

The President and Directors of the E. and N. A. Railway in New Brunswick thank your Excellency, for so promptly accepting their invitation to aid in celebrating the commencement of the great work entrusted to their charge—a work not simply of local or colonial but, we venture to add, of national interest.

It will form a link in the mighty chain which is to bind Great Britain more closely to her Colonies, and perpetuate feelings of amity with the Great Republic of the Western World.—The thousands who crowd the hills around us, the deep enthusiasm pervading every class, the exulting feelings of hope and pride which animate every face, proclaim to all that results are anticipated from this work, which language is powerless to convey. From Lake Huron to the Atlantic the course for the iron horse is laid, and the wealth which is to enable ourselves and our children to develop the rich resources of our Province, and to spread civilization throughout our broad lands, comes from the home of our fathers. Though we cannot claim the balmy air of other climes, yet Providence has placed around us in rich abundance, all that can stimulate to industry and reward enterprise; exhaustless forests, rich mines, invaluable fisheries, productive fields, wide spreading rivers, and a climate healthy and invigorating. The plague and the pestilence which at periods decimate the fairest portions of the earth; the convulsions which rock mighty cities from their foundations, to us are unknown. Our winters are severe, but they retard not our labours; and we may fairly call the attention of your Excellency to the success which has attended the exertions of our artisans and mechanics. Our ships now hold a proud position in the mercantile marine of England, and may vie with the foremost specimens of naval architecture the world has hitherto produced; our agricultural capabilities are daily becoming more apparent, and when by means of that great work, the commencement of which we have now met to celebrate, our facilities of intercourse shall have been increased, and the tide of emigration directed to our shores; we may safely ensure to the industrious emigrant a home which will leave him no cause to regret the land of his nativity.

But there are some events, your Excellency, foreshadowed on this occasion, which we cannot pass over in silence. At present our Sister Colonies and ourselves, though under the same flag and enjoying the same free institutions, are comparatively strangers to each other; our interests disunited, our feelings estranged, our objects divided. From this work, from this time, these differences must pass away; a more intimate union, a more lasting intercourse must now arise, and the Provinces become a powerful and united portion of the British Empire.

For the attainments of these great ends, the Legislatures of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have wisely passed most important measures, which, preserving unfettered their Revenues and without burdening their people, have nevertheless induced the eminent capitalists of England to make these Provinces the field of their great railway operations, and we can not but congratulate your Excellency that an undertaking so auspicious of our future welfare, should have been projected, fostered and matured, during your Excellency's administration of the Government of the Province.

In conclusion we beg to express our sincere wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, Lady Head and family and to request that your Excellency do now proceed to turn the first sod of the European and North American Railway.

By order of the Board,
R. JARDINE, President.

To which his Excellency replied as follows:—

Mr. President and Gentlemen,—
I can assure you that it is with the most sincere pleasure and satisfaction that I have accepted your invitation to take part in the ceremonies of this day. However unworthy I may be to represent our Sovereign on this occasion, I feel sure of one thing—I can utter no wish for the prosperity of New Brunswick which is not heartily concurred in by our gracious Queen.

I am fully conscious, Sir, of the vast importance of the undertaking this day commenced. I see around us a vast multitude of men who fix their eyes on this spot as the centre from which they hope that the results of successful industry and intelligence may spread, as in increasing circles throughout the length and breadth of your country.

You speak of the resources of this country I have, during my stay among you, seen something of these resources. I have traversed many of your forests and tracked many of your rivers; I sympathise fully with the anticipations of future prosperity which you express.

I believe that under the blessing of a gracious Providence, a great future awaits these Provinces.

I earnestly pray that this Railway may be one of the means for promoting so grand an object—that it may draw closer and closer the tie of common allegiance which makes all these Provinces part and parcel of the British Empire—that it may teach the people of Canada, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, the great fact that their interests are identical, and inspire them with a desire of unity of purpose and unity of action such as has not yet existed.

If these sentiments prevail I have no fears for the future greatness of British North America.

You have justly said, therefore, that our meeting this day is one not of a mere local character. But there is, Sir, another point in your address which requires to be more specially noticed.

We have now the pleasure of welcoming among us a distinguished officer of the United States Navy. I rejoice in this opportunity of assuring him, as the representative of his country, that we hope to find in this Railway an additional pledge of perpetual friendship and mutual intercourse between two great nations.—The more we know one another the more sure we are to cherish these feelings and to appreciate the benefits of commercial interchange. Our blood and our language are one, and I heartily trust, Sir, that the harmony and good feeling which now exist between us may never be broken.

It will always be a source of pleasure to me to think that I have during my Administration of this Province been concerned in the commencement of this Railway. It will, moreover, be a further source of gratification to recollect the kindly welcome which you have this day given to myself and Lady Head, and for this I desire, Sir, again heartily to thank you.

They then proceeded to the ceremony of turning the first sod. Lady Head, near whom we stood, raised the first and deposited it in the wheelbarrow; then the Governor dug a sod and deposited it by the other; the President of the Railway Company, the Mayor, the President of the Mechanics' Institute, all performed a similar ceremony. Then His Excellency rolled the barrow along the platform and emptied his load, amidst the cheers of the spectators. The Band played the old psalm tune, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;" and the New-Brunswick Regiment of Artillery, posted on the heights, fired a salute of 70 guns.

The Governor, Lady Head and the others then returned to the pavilion, and the Mayor and Common Council of the City presented the following address to His Excellency, which the Mayor read:—

May it please Your Excellency.

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of St. John have much gratification in meeting your Excellency on this interesting occasion—one full of so much hope for the future to the people of this Province. We do most sincerely congratulate your Excellency that this great scheme of Railway has been commenced and so far progressed under your administration of the Government of this Province; and we most sincerely hope that your Excellency may be permitted to witness as our Lieut.-Governor the full completion of the work, and the beneficial results that we have a right to expect will follow the introduction of this modern mode of locomotion;—results which have been realised from the adoption of similar works in other places.

We also respectfully request, through your Excellency, to be allowed to congratulate our fellow subjects in this Province on our present flattering prospects, and our great hope of future benefit by the extension of Railways in directions not now contemplated, and which will connect us in iron bands with our neighbours on every side. The effect of such communication and facilities of transport will enhance the value of our productions in places where, but for such facilities they would be but of little worth, and cheapen that which we require to import, and to distribute through the interior of our own Province. We also believe that with such facilities for moving people and transporting goods, intelligence will follow in the train and be extensively diffused through the length and breadth of the land, and be a greater benefit by far than the mere mercantile profit which is so generally looked for as the grand result to be desired.

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