The Maple Leaf Forever

In Days of yore, From Britain's shore Wolfe the dauntless hero came And planted firm Britannia's flag On Canada's fair domain.

Here may it wave, Our boast, our pride And joined in love together, The thistle, shamrock, rose entwined, The Maple Leaf Forever.

CHORUS

The Maple Leaf, Our Emblem Dear, The Maple Leaf Forever. God save our Queen and heaven bless, The Maple Leaf Forever.

At Queenston Heights and Lundy's Lane, Our brave fathers side by side For freedom's home and loved ones dear, Firmly stood and nobly died.

And so their rights which they maintained, We swear to yield them never. Our watchword ever more shall be The Maple Leaf Forever

CHORUS

Our fair Dominion now extends From Cape Race to Nootka Sound May peace forever be our lot And plenty a store abound

And may those ties of love be ours Which discord cannot sever And flourish green for freedom's home The Maple Leaf Forever

CHORUS

God Save the Queen

God save our gracious Queen, Long live our noble Queen, God save the Queen: Send her victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us: God save the Queen.

O Lord, our God, arise, Scatter her enemies, And make them fall. Confound their politics, Frustrate their knavish tricks, On thee our hopes we fix: God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store, On her be pleased to pour; Long may she reign: May she defend our laws, And ever give us cause To sing with heart and voice God save the Queen

From every latent foe, From the assassins blow, God save the Queen! O'er her thine arm extend, For Britain's sake defend, Our mother, prince, and friend, God save the Queen!



History

On May 2nd 1912 the Masonic Grand Lodge preformed the ceremonial laying of the cornerstone. Within the cavity of the stone rest copies of the Masonic Grand Lodge proceedings for 1911, the May 1st , 1912 issue of the Revelstoke Mail Herald, a list of the B.C Grand Lodge members who helped lay the stone, four Canadian silver coins, a list of B.C Cabinet Ministers for 1912, Courthouse staff and City Officials and finally, a copy of the ceremony program.

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The procession began with Revelstoke school students, the Community Band, and the Rocky Mountain Rangers marching along 6th to McArthur , Fourth, and then to City where the Magistrates, Civil Officers, Press, and fraternal Societies joined the procession. Along the way the Masonic Grand Lodge members joined in and proceeded to the Court House grounds where the marching line then separated to the right and left to allow the passage of the officials of the ceremony to take their place.

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At approximately 4:00 pm, on these exact grounds, on this day in 1912, the Ceremony of Laying the Corner Stone took place.



In Attendance

Magistrates and Civil Officers

of the Province and City

The Masonic Lodge Kootenay No.15

Fraternal Societies

Rocky Mountain Rangers

Revelstoke Community Band

Elementary School Children

Representatives of the Press

Ceremony

Introductions and Acknowledgements by Meghan MacIsaac Opening song: Maple Leaf Forever Preformed by Sharon Shook and the Revelstoke Community Band Raising of the flag: Rocky Mountain Ranger Cadets Mayors Address History of the Stone and the days events 100 years ago by Meghan MacIsaac Open invitation to the microphone Closing song: God Save the Queen