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It may interest many members of the Rite to state that the oldest Mason of the Rite believed to be living in Canada, resides at Carleton in the city of St. John. Brother JOSEPH B. WHIPPLE, a land surveyor, and a very excellent citizen, who was born in Yarmouth, N. S., on December, 29th, 1794, and who is still possessor of all his faculties, was made a Mason in Digby Lodge No. 6, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, held at Digby in July, 1816, and took the Master's Degree in the same Lodge on the 25th April, 1817. In June, 1817, whilst Brother Whipple was on a visit to the city of Norwich, Conn., the Degrees of Secret and Perfect Master were conferred upon him by the Ineffable Lodge at that place, and which was then attached to the Harmony Lodge. The Degrees were conferred at an emergency meeting called for the purpose. Our venerable brother has a very fair recollection, after the lapse of sixty-four years, of the spirit and work of the Degrees.

Whilst the statement of such a fact as this does not come within the scope of my official duty as Deputy, I think that it will be none the less acceptable to the Supreme Council and to the Brethren throughout its jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS, 33°.

*Deputy for Province of New Brunswick.*

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY

FOR THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

St. JOHN, N. B., October 17, 1881.

*To the Sov.: Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Dominion of Canada.*

ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN,—

In presenting my Report on the condition of the Rite in the Province of Nova Scotia, I regret that it is not more full and satisfactory. I visited Halifax in September for the purpose of meeting the members of Keith Chapter, the only one in the Province; but, owing to the engagements of the Most Wise Sovereign and the difficulty of getting the members together just then, no meeting was held. The Chapter is composed of sixteen active members; but, owing to the present lack of interest in the Rite, the meetings have not been regularly held and no accession to the membership has taken place during the year. A Return of the names and places of residence of the members is sent herewith.

My business has occupied so much of my time this year that I have not been able to give the attention to the duties of my office which I should have done. I hope this will not be the case in the future.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,

ROBERT T. CLINCH, 33°.

*Deputy for Province of Nova Scotia.*