

*Dec. 8th.* Albert Lodge, No. 30, Shelburne, having been well advised of our visit, gave us (Bro. Lawson and the G. M.), a right royal welcome. Masons were present from long distances; Taylor Lodge being represented among those present. I found this Lodge in excellent order, enjoying the advantage of the assistance and encouragement of old members of the Craft. An evening of rare Masonic interest was participated in by all present. The Grand Master felt repaid for his visit, in observing the genuine satisfaction with which it was received, and in observing the praiseworthy determination of the Lodge to strive for Masonic success.

At the conclusion of the visitation a banquet was tendered the G. M., the D. D. G. M. Lawson, and the visiting brethren, by Albert Lodge, at the Atlantic House. This repast and the accompanying toasts and speeches afforded a physical and intellectual treat long to be remembered.

Albert Lodge, though not large in members, contains splendid Masonic material, and has done good work in the past. I earnestly hope that its future may be as brilliant as its ambition and true Masonic spirit deserves.

*June 5th, 1898.* Owing to my parliamentary duties, which removed me from active work in this Jurisdiction for the past four months, I was not able to visit other Lodges, with the exception of a most enjoyable, if somewhat unexpected visit to Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 6, Halifax, on the evening of June 2nd. Arriving in Halifax only the evening before, there was no time to formally notify the W. M. or Secretary of my visit, but even on a short verbal announcement, I found quite a number of the officers of Grand Lodge residing in the city, including D. G. M. Mahon, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, prepared to accompany me. We were received with due honor and welcomed to the Lodge. This fine Lodge requires no praise at my hand. It has long deservedly occupied a high place in Masonic regard in Halifax and throughout this Jurisdiction. It is ably officered and holds a strong financial position. Everything found in first-class order.

#### THE DEDICATION OF MASONIC HALL, OTTAWA.

I cannot close my record of visitation without referring to a most agreeable Masonic event which took place in the city of Ottawa on the 17th of May last, the occasion being the formal dedication of the new Masonic Hall in that city.

As Grand Master of Nova Scotia I was accorded distinguished honors. The Grand Master of Canada (in Ontario) presided and directed the beautiful and imposing ceremonies of dedication. Past Grand Masters D. C. Fraser, of Nova Scotia, John V. Ellis, of New Brunswick, and John Yeo, of Prince Edward Island, were among the distinguished brethren present. Almost every province of Canada was represented. After the ceremony a superb banquet was tendered the guests at the Russel House, and addresses of great ability and brilliancy were a feature of the occasion.