

members subscribed £100, "to be appropriated towards erecting a Masonic building whenever Grand Lodge may think proper to carry the same into effect."

In 1798 the square bounded by Barrington, Salter, Granville and Blowers Streets was owned by the Imperial Government and used as a Main Guard. In that year it was sold at auction by order of H. R. H. the Duke of Kent with a view of obtaining more suitable premises for military purposes. The selling price was £650 and was made up by the Provincial Grand Lodge and the various Lodges in Halifax at the time as follows,—

Provincial Grand Lodge	£176 0 10—13 shares
St. Andrew's Lodge No. 155	108 6 8—8 do
St. John Lodge, No. 211	54 3 4—4 do
Cornwallis Lodge, No. 15	108 6 8—8 do
Royal Navy Lodge, No. 18	176 0 10—13 do
Artillery (now Virgin) No. 2	27 1 8—2 do
	£650 0 0 48

This contribution of St. Andrew's to the cost of the ground and a later contribution became the basis of a claim of the Lodge of which we shall hear again in later years.

Each Lodge appointed trustees to represent them and the patent from the Crown, July 28th, 1798 vested the square in these trustees. St. Andrew's appointed John King, P. M. John Clark, S. G. W., and John Bremner, J. G. W., of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and representing that body in the grant were also members of St. Andrew's.

On June 8th, 1800, the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall was laid by H. R. H. the Duke of Kent, G. M. of Lower Canada. The building was erected with the proceeds of the sale of the portion of the Square now occupied by the Y. M. C. A. building and others to the north of it for £800, a loan from Charles Hill of £200 and contributions from the various Lodges, of which St. Andrew's subscribed £53 11 8. This was not sufficient however and in 1801 we find a resolution authorizing the trustees to borrow £1500 on mortgage to discharge the outstanding debts and for the completion of the building. Three members (John Bremner, John Hay and Stephen Dupuy) of the Lodge lent one-third of this amount. In 1808, the furnishing of two rooms and repairs to the building called for contributions from the Lodges, St. Andrew's responding with £22.10.10. Later in 1814 the