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CELEBRATION
OF THE
CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY
OF THE

SETTLEMENT OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

JUNE 8th, 1849.

[The following compilation has been kindly prepared by a friend, at whose suggestion it is published, for the accommodation of those who may wish to preserve a Record of the proceedings on the memorable occasion to which it relates.]—PUBLISHER.

THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY of the day on which the expedition under Governor Cornwallis, destined to establish a Colony on the Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia, arrived in the harbour of Chebucto, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and rejoicing by the citizens of Halifax, many of whose forefathers then first placed foot on that soil which has since afforded to their descendants in the third and fourth generations a happy and contented home.

The fleet, consisting of 13 transports and a vessel of war, left Portsmouth early in May, 1749. They had a short and pleasant passage, and the Sloop of War Sphinx, with the Hon. Edward Cornwallis, M. P., the Governor, was the first to arrive. She entered the Bay of Chebucto on the 8th June, and His Excellency and suite immediately landed on George's Island. This day was consequently selected* by the Nova Scotia Charitable Society as the anniversary of the settlement, and has for many years been celebrated by that Society.

A universal feeling appeared to pervade the community that this anniversary should be marked by some general demonstration on the part of the whole population. A Committee of Citizens was, in consequence, formed for the purpose of managing the pageant and obtaining funds to defray the expenses of the day. This Committee comprized all ranks and grades in the community; all political and personal animosities were buried—all heartily united in the festivity,—and the celebration passed off without a single unpleasant occurrence to disturb the harmony.

The Committee of Management was composed of the following persons—

Nova Scotia Society.—Dr. Dewolf, G. G. Gray, F. McLean, T. Wesley, J. Fielding.

St. George's Society.—J. A. Moren, H. Pryor, W. Caldwell.

Irish Society.—Hon. E. Kenny, P. Mojriscsey, R. Nugent.

Highland Society.—A. Primrose, R. Noble, J. Munro, J. Richardson, J. Doull.

North British Society.—Hon. W. Young, J. McDougall, Geo. Es-
son, Wm. Grant, Jr.

Carpenters' Society.—T. Clonston, R. Richardson, Mr. Williams.

* By a Committee of the Nova Scotia Society consisting of T. D. Atkins, Scott Tremain and others, in 1838.