

the Halifax Lodges, to know whether he could proceed under a warrant, which he held, granted by Dermott as Grand Master of Ireland? This was denied but a dispensation was issued by Lodges Nos. 155 and 211, to Betts and his associates. This Lodge in 1792 became No. 22 on the N. S. Registry and is now No. 6, R. N. B.

Hiram Lodge, St. John, N. B. The activities of Lodges 155 and 211, in New Brunswick, were not confined to this one Lodge, for we find that in 1784 they granted a dispensation to Brethren in St. John, N. B., to establish Hiram Lodge. This Lodge was afterwards No. 17 on the N. S. Registry, but in 1795 it "rebelled" against the authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and its warrant was withdrawn and its members, twenty-two in number, "expelled for apostacy."

It will be seen from the foregoing, that Lodge 155 was the original source of Masonry in the three Maritime Provinces and that seven subordinate lodges derived their authority from it, prior to 1784.

Halifax About 1780. It may be of interest to conclude this chapter with a description of the town of Halifax as it was during the first half century of its settlement. The following account is taken from the Rev Dr. Hill's Biography of Sir Brenton Haliburton, published in 1864:

The private dwellings were usually small, covering a very limited area, and seldom more than one story in height, finished above with an attic. Although the town was laid out in squares, each containing sixteen lots, of forty feet in width and sixty feet in depth, each individual obtained, if he could, except in the central part, more lots than one. Thus the residences of many were quite detached, and ample scope afforded for gardens, which were assiduously cultivated by the proprietors. Great value was set upon these pieces of ground, for necessity laid it upon each one to be his own market gardener, notwithstanding the existence of the public gardens; and being deprived of many other luxuries which could be obtained in older countries, the inhabitants diligently cultivated vegetables and fruit-trees, in order that they might have some variety on their tables. Not a few planted trees before their doors, under the shade of which the dairy cow loved to ruminate during the hot days of