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OLD CURRENCIES IN NOVA SCOTIA

WHEN British authority was once firmly established throughout North America by the settlement of Lord Cornwallis in Halifax in 1749, Nova Scotia rapidly grew to be a centre of Imperial and commercial activity. The spacious and magnificent harbor of Halifax offered a safe rendezvous for the fleet, and the hill on which the city was situated afforded a site on which works of a defensive character could be made to command every approach of a hostile character, whether by land or sea; while throughout the entire province the shores were indented with bays and harbors which afforded every facility for fishing and trading. Under such conditions Halifax rose to be a place of great importance, and it was not long before it was found necessary that some steps should be taken to place the currency in circulation on an established basis.

In the earlier days of the province, down to 1758, the affairs of the country had been managed by decrees of the Governor and his council. We find that in 1757, at a council held at Annapolis (then the headquarters of Government), an order was issued fixing the value of the French coins then in circulation,