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CENTENARY OF MASONRY IN NOVA SCOTIA.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Grand Registry of Nova Scotia, celebrated its one hundredth anniversary on the 30th June last, at Halifax. The Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, and afterwards adjourned to the Halifax Hotel, where, in company with a large number of invited guests, they sat down to a sumptuous dinner. The dining room was beautifully and appropriately decorated. The chair was filled by W. Bro. Duncan Robertson, Master of the Lodge, and the vice-chairs by Bro. Fielding, S.W.; Rev. Bro. R. Morrison, J. W. Among the guests present were M. W. Grand Master Crowe; R. W. Bro. Curren, Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. Col. Laurie, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Cosman, D. D. G. M.; James Hudson, P. D. D. G. M.; Judge Smith, Judge Johnson, W. Bro. Col. Poynty, and others.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honored, M. W. Bro. Crowe proposed the toast "St. John's Lodge: may it be as influential and prosperous in the coming century as in the past one hundred years." In proposing this toast Bro. Crowe presented to the Lodge a Masonic relic that came into his possession many years ago, and he read a letter from Bro. John McGregor, of Virgin Lodge, tendering to the Lodge an old picture of Sir

John Moore, who had, while Captain Moore, been made a Mason in St. John's Lodge. Bro. McGregor stated that from information he was able to say that Sir John Moore resided in the house formerly occupied by him (Mr. McG.) in Hollis street, now owned by Mr. W. F. Knight, saddler. Bro. Crowe also read a bill which had been rendered to Cornwallis for drinks supplied on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of St. Paul's Church; also, another bill in connection with the same event, the fragrant details of which are Masonic secrets. The toast was received with Grand Honors, and responded to by W. M. Robertson, who, in conclusion, referred to an historical paper prepared by Bro. Fitzgerald Cochran, assisted by Bros. Barnaby and Vose. Bro. Barnaby read extracts from this paper, which we here print in full:—

"A bridge across a hundred years,
Composed of Warriors, Statesmen, Peers,
Comprise our roll of Masonry."

A century of time, an epoch in the world's history, pregnant with momentous events of more than ordinary interest, has passed away since the 30th day of June, A. D. 1780, one hundred years ago to-day, when nine true and lawful Master Masons met at what was then called the "Golden Ball," in this good city of Halifax, and inaugurated the Lodge of St. John, under whose banner we now meet, and whose centenary we celebrate to-night.