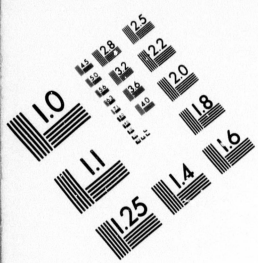

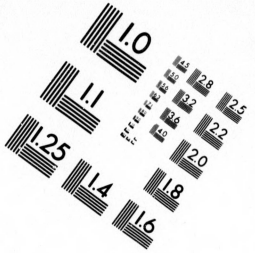

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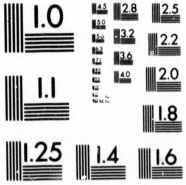

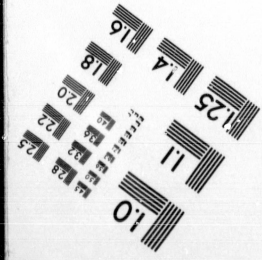

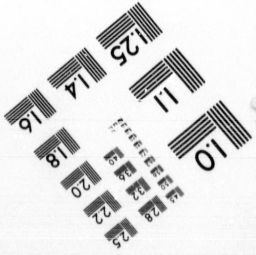

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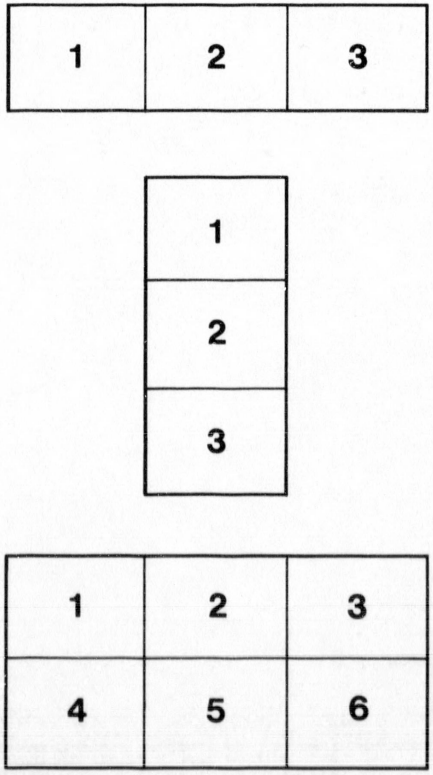

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MY EARLY FRIEND AND COUNSELLOR,

AND

IN TESTIMONY OF HIS STERLING WORTH AS A PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZEN AND A BRIGHT AND ZEALOUS CRAFTSMAN,

THIS VOLUME

IS

GRATEFULLY DEDICATED.

INTRODUCTION.

The following pages are offered to the masonic fraternity in the hope that the various matters embodied in them may be the means of affording opportunity to brethren of gathering information relating to the craft in New Brunswick heretofore beyond their reach.

The references to masonic bodies, other than St. John's Lodge, are necessarily abbreviated, in order to conform as nearly as possible to the design and limit of the compilation. Had I enlarged upon this division of my work—and there was much of absorbing interest in connection with these bodies which came under my notice—the size of the volume would have exceeded prudential limits; and, notwithstanding my efforts to be concise in this and other particulars, the number of pages has exceeded my original intention.

I have been more explicit in transcribing from the early pages of the records of St. John's Lodge—the exact wording of the original is given—as I felt that they would be more interesting to the reader than excerpts of later dates.

From April 2, 1802, the day on which the lodge was constituted, the original chartered name "St. John's" has been continued without change or variation; and, in like manner, there has been no alteration in the time of holding the regular communications, *i. e.*, the first Tuesday in each calendar month.

The many serious fires by which large portions of the city of Saint John were, from time to time, laid waste, destroyed large accumulations of books and documents, public and private, of great value for historic and other purposes. In consequence of these losses the historian and compiler are oftentimes perplexed in their efforts to obtain data to enable them to furnish important details. Files of old local newspapers are exceedingly rare.

The reader will no doubt observe the frequent mention of the compiler's name in the excerpts of St. John's Lodge records, since the year 1852. Having since that year been a regular attendant at the meetings and an active participator in all the concerns of the lodge, and having had a large share of the work cast upon my shoulders, this obtrusion could not be very well avoided. For prudential reasons I have, in many instances, suppressed my personality.

In the prosecution of this work, undertaken as a labor of love and to fill up an occasional hour not devoted to official duty (I did not intend

originally to publish it, but have been perhaps overpersuaded by indiscreet friends), I have experienced a large measure of satisfaction in the perusal and deciphering of ancient books and documents, particularly those stored in the archives of the grand lodge of Nova Scotia.

Brethren and others to whom I have been obliged to apply, either personally or by letter, for information affecting the various matters embodied in this volume, have readily responded to my calls to the extent of their ability. To all who have thus courteously rendered me signal aid, I beg respectfully to tender my most grateful acknowledgments.

I have great pleasure in making special mention of valuable assistance received from the late R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, grand secretary, Halifax, Nova Scotia; the late Joseph W. Lawrence, Esquire, Saint John; W. Bro. R. Freke Gould, masonic historian, London, England; the late V. W. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, grand secretary, London, England; the late Bro. Gilbert Murdoch, Saint John; the late Bro. Geo. James Chubb, Saint John; the late R. W. Bro. David Brown, St. Stephen; George E. Fenety, Esq., queen's printer, Fredericton; and R. W. Bro. Hon. William Ross, grand secretary, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

In conclusion, I freely acknowledge that I lay no claim to authorship in this work. It is offered to the masonic brotherhood as a compilation, and from them I fraternally request a charitable criticism.

W. F. B.

Saint John, April, 1894.

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EARLY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

AN account of the origin of Freemasonry in New Brunswick, especially in the City of Saint John, would be incomplete without reference to the body which started the craft here into existence.

Previous to November 22nd, 1781, there were in Halifax, Nova Scotia, two lodges holding warrants from the grand lodge in England, known as the *Ancients*, of which Laurence Dermot was the leading spirit. These lodges were St. Andrews, No. 155, and St. John, No. 211.

The *Dermot* or *Ancients* Grand Lodge was erected into a governing body about the year 1751, by a number of schismatics from the mother grand Lodge of England. In order to render it popular and acceptable, and to extend its jurisdiction in every possible direction, Dermot was not at all scrupulous in granting extraordinary privileges or allowing the utmost latitude to the subordinate bodies holding under his grand lodge.[1] Taking advantage of this "free and easy" mode of government, the aforementioned lodges, Nos. 155 and 211, assumed such unwonted authority that, by granting dispensations, they started not less than five other lodges into existence. One of these was Hiram, No. 17, the pioneer lodge of New Brunswick.

On the 22nd November, 1781, the three lodges at Halifax addressed a petition or memorial to the grand master of the *Ancients*, of which the following is a copy:

To the Right Worshipful and Most Noble John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, etc., Grand Master of Ancient Masons, and to the Right Worshipful the Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

The memorial of all the regular lodges of free and accepted Masons in and adjacent to the town of Halifax, in the province of Nova Scotia; that is to say, the lodges No. 155 and No. 211, together with the lodge called Union, in the town of Halifax aforesaid, and the lodge called St. George's, in His Majesty's independent

1 Bro. W. J. Hughan of England, in a letter to the Canadian Craftsman, remarked — "It is very confusing to any one not versed in the vagaries of the Atholl Grand Lodge (or Ancients), started as a secession from the premier grand lodge of England in 1750-'51, who seeks to unravel the history of the origin and growth of Atholl Freemasonry in North America or indeed any where. The custom was to sell extinct warrants to the highest bidders; new charters being then issued, but preserving the original numbers, so that three distinct lodges may be represented under the same number."

companies on St. John's Island[1] (which will be here at Halifax in the spring), under dispensations from the two first regular warranted lodges, in due form assembled,

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH: That your memorialists see with great concern the present unsettled state of the craft in many instances, in and about this town, as well as some more remote parts of the province, for the want of a provincial grand lodge to be constituted here, without which it is impossible the many evils attending the same can be prevented or redressed. We are surrounded with clandestine work almost on all sides, and no doubt by some who would wish for proper authority or lawful constitution, did they but know how, or were they in a situation to make proper application. And not only this, but your memorialists are also apprehensive of great danger, particularly of having modern masonry propagated and spread through this town and province, should the people who are called a lodge here under the Duke of Beaufort obtain a provincial grand warrant from that quarter, which we, your memorialists, have no room to doubt they will receive in case they make application for the same.

That there are many other reasons which might be offered to enforce the utility of a provincial grand lodge being constituted in this place, might be drawn from the single consideration of the great distance between us and the grand lodge; but it is needless to enumerate those, because they will be readily conceived by this right worshipful grand lodge.

That your memorialists, having sedately and maturely deliberated every circumstance relative to this matter, as well as all those things that might be consequent thereupon, have unanimously agreed that the same is of urgent necessity for the general as well as particular good of the craft, and more especially so in the present situation of affairs. And therefore your memorialists most humbly beg leave to recommend to your right worshipful grand lodge, as a person every way qualified to fill the important office of grand master, our worthy brother past master John George Pyke, Esquire; our worthy brother past master John Cody as senior grand warden; and our worthy brother past master Ephraim Wiston as junior grand warden, they having ever approved themselves worthy members of our society, and zealous in the cause of masonry.

Your memorialists therefore most humbly pray that your right worshipful grand lodge will be pleased to take their case into consideration, and in humble hopes that their prayer will be granted, your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

BENJAMIN SMITH, M. No. 155.
JOHN WRIGHT, S. W. No. 155.
HENRY WICKHAM, M. Union Lodge.
GEORGE JONES, S. W. Union Lodge.
JAMES KELLY, J. W. Union Lodge.
JOHN FILLIS, M. No. 211.
SAMUEL KING, S. W. No. 211.
JOHN BOYD, J. W. No. 211.
GEORGE WHETMORE, } Committee of
J. WHEATON, } St. George's Lodge.

By order of the Worshipful Masters.

JOHN RATTRIE, Secretary 155.
J. PETERS, Secretary 211.
WM. BLENKINSOP, Secretary Union.

1 Prince Edward Island.

This memorial was forwarded to the grand secretary at London, Worshipful Brother Charles Bearblock, No. 53 Old Bailey.

In consequence of delay in granting the prayer of the petitioners, caused, as was surmised, by private letters of an unfriendly nature, addressed to the grand lodge, a second memorial was despatched under date October 24th, 1782, viz.:

To the Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John (the third), Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, etc., etc., Grand Master of Ancient Masons, and to the Right Worshipful the Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

The memorial of the regular lodges of free and accepted ancient masons in the province of Nova Scotia, in America, viz., the lodges No. 155 and No. 211, together with the lodges called Union, of the inhabitants of the town of Halifax, and St. George's in His Majesty's regiment of Loyal Nova Scotia Volunteers, part of which were late independent companies on the island of St. John (for which two last mentioned lodges warrants have been applied for but not received), the Virgin Lodge, so called here in His Majesty's Royal Artillery, and Thistle Lodge in His Majesty's 82nd Regiment of Foot, under dispensation from the warranted lodges Nos. 155 and 211, in this town, in due form assembled,

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH, That whereas application hath been made to your right worshipful grand lodge, by a memorial under date 22nd of November, 1781, setting forth the reasons for, and praying that a provincial grand lodge might be constituted in this place by a warrant from your right worshipful grand lodge, which your memorialists have found from credible information (though not official) could not be honored with the wished for attention, by reason of objections having been made by a number of private brethren; but your memorialists are now happy in the liberty and freedom of assuring your right worshipful grand lodge that all those difficulties and objections are removed; and still deeply impressed with the sense of the utility and great advantage to the craft which must arise from a provincial grand warrant here, we think it needless to enumerate the reasons before given, as well as many others which might be assigned, and therefore beg leave on this head to refer your right worshipful grand lodge to our former memorial. And being fully convinced that such a constitution will be for the general as well as particular good of the craft on this side of the Atlantic ocean, and more especially so in the present situation of public affairs, on which account the same appears to us to be of urgent necessity, we beg leave humbly to recommend to your right worshipful grand lodge, as a person every way qualified to fill the important office of provincial grand master, our worthy brother past master John George Pyke, Esquire; for deputy grand master, our worthy brother past master Charles Adams; our worthy brother George Jones as senior grand warden; and our worthy brother past master Ephraim Whiston as junior grand warden, they having ever approved themselves as worthy members of our society, and zealous in the cause of masonry. Your memorialists therefore most humbly pray that this right worshipful grand lodge will be pleased to take their request into consideration, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

This memorial was signed by the masters and wardens of the lodges aforenamed, viz.: No. 155, No. 211, Union, St. George's, Virgin, and Thistle.

Considerable correspondence took place after this document was sent forward, necessarily causing delay, all of which was brought about to a great extent by a change in the grand secretaryship at London, Brother Bearblock having been displaced from the office and Brother Robert Leslie having been appointed thereto. The long expected and wished for warrant came at last, however, and as it became an important document in relation to the craft in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, I have copied it *in extenso*, as follows:

GRAND MASTER—ANTRIM.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER—LAU. DERMOT.

JAMES READ, SEN. GRAND WARDEN; PETER FEHR, JUN. GRAND WARDEN.

To all whom it may concern, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That we, the grand lodge of the most ancient and honourable fraternity of free and accepted masons (according to the old constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York, anno domini nine hundred and twenty-six, by the year of masonry 4926), viz.: the Most Potent and Puissant Lord, the Right Honourable William Randall MacDonnell, Earl of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Knight Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor of the County of Antrim, and Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in that part of Great Britain called England, and masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging; the Right Worshipful Laurence Dermot, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master; the Right Worshipful James Read, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden; and the Right Worshipful Peter Fehr, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden (together with the masters, wardens, and past masters of the warranted lodges held within the cities and suburbs of London and Westminster),

Do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well beloved brethren, who are now or who may hereafter become inhabitants of Halifax, in the province of Nova Scotia, in North America, to congregate, form and hold a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE in the town of Halifax aforesaid, or elsewhere within the masonical jurisdiction of the provincial grand lodge aforesaid, upon the 24th day of June and upon the 27th day of December annually, and upon all other seasonable times and lawful occasions, independent of any former warrant or constitution granted by us or any of our predecessors former grand masters of England, to any mason or masons residing within the masonical jurisdiction aforesaid.

No. LXV.

And we hereby nominate, constitute and appoint our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brother JOHN GEORGE PYKE, Esquire, to be our PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER within the masonical jurisdiction of Nova Scotia aforesaid; our right trusty and well-beloved brother Jona. Snelling, Esquire, to be our Senior Provincial Grand Warden; and our right trusty and well-beloved brother Daniel Wood, Junior, Esquire, to be our Junior Provincial Grand Warden within the masonical jurisdiction aforesaid: Who, together with the aforesaid provincial grand master and deputy grand master, when appointed and duly installed, and senior and junior provincial grand wardens, being also duly installed with their provincial grand master aforesaid, shall all and every of them be addressed by the title Right Worshipful, according to ancient custom.

And we do hereby further authorize and empower our said trusty and right worshipful provincial grand master, John George Pyke, Esquire, his deputy and grand wardens, and his and their lawful successors, to grant, and they are hereby authorized to grant, dispensations, warrants and constitutions, according to ancient custom, for congregating and making freemasons, and forming and holding lodges within the jurisdiction aforesaid, according to the most ancient and honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and well governed nations throughout the known world.

And we do by these presents further authorize and empower our said trusty and right worshipful brethren, John George Pyke, Esquire, Jona. Snelling Esquire, and Daniel Wood, Junior, Esquire, together with their lawful assistants, that is to say, the regular masters, wardens and past masters only within their masonical jurisdiction aforesaid, in grand lodge duly summoned, assembled and formed, to nominate, choose and instal their successors, whom they are hereby empowered to invest with the masonical honors, powers and dignities, according to ancient custom, etc., etc. And such successors shall, in like manner, nominate, choose and instal their successors, etc., etc. Such installations to be upon or near every St. John the Evangelist's day, or twenty-seventh day of December, during the continuance of this provincial grand lodge forever.

Provided, that the aforesaid John George Pyke, Esquire, Jona. Snelling, Esquire, and Daniel Wood, Junior, Esquire, and all their lawful successors, shall and do pay all due respect, according to the ancient custom of the craft, to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons, by whom these presents are granted, otherwise this warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our hands and seal of the most ancient grand lodge in London, the second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and in the year of masonry 5784; being the second year of the grand mastership of the Right Worshipful William Randall MacDonnell, Earl of Antrim, and in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc., etc.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

The foregoing is a most important document to freemasonry in New Brunswick, for under its authority St. John's and all other lodges in the province were constituted, and under it they worked nearly fifty years. Previous to its promulgation, however, Lodges No. 155 and No. 211 at Halifax, assumed all the functions of a deputy grand lodge, by issuing dispensations for opening and working several lodges at Halifax and one in Saint John: the latter being Hiram Lodge, No. 17.

Up to within a short period very little was known by members of the craft in the present day in this locality, of the history or antecedents of freemasonry in New Brunswick prior to the organization of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, at Saint John, in the year 1802. It was known that there had been a lodge at Maugerville, another at Fredericton, and a third at Kingston. The first reliable intimation I had of the existence of any

lodge in Saint John at that early period, was obtained from the records of the Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, in which the following entry was made April 10th, 1805: "Brother John Sinnott, past master of Lodge No. 17, called Hiram, formerly of this city, referred to an old application made in writing on the 9th June, 1790, to the grand chapter then held in this city, for admission to the degrees of Most Excellent and Royal Arch."

The grand chapter here referred to was, no doubt, a chapter held under the warrant of Hiram Lodge, according to the custom prevailing in those days.

At the time I undertook the work of making a compilation of freemasonry in the province of New Brunswick, especially in reference to St. John's Lodge, I found the materials within my reach so meagre and so unsatisfactory that I almost despaired of successfully attaining the object in view. Having learned, in a correspondence with R. W. Brother Benjamin Curren, grand secretary of the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, that he had in his possession many valuable and important documents, comprising records, registers, files of papers, etc., of the old provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, which would throw light upon the early doings of the craft in New Brunswick, at my request he very courteously granted me the privilege of examining those ancient documents. Acting upon his invitation, I made two trips to Halifax and spent considerable time in examining these books and papers, and in making copious extracts therefrom bearing upon my compilation. The documents which came under my review covered a period of more than fifty years, say from the year 1781 to 1835. They included the records, unbroken and complete, for that time, the register of members of all the lodges in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick up to 1820—the register of subsequent years was not forthcoming and must have been lost—a book containing copies of the original warrants issued to all lodges, the files of papers comprising annual returns, letters of correspondence, copies of dispensations, memorials, etc. Many of these papers bear the impress of cultivated minds, finished scholarship, and extensive masonic knowledge. R. W. Bro. Joseph Peters, who was the first grand secretary, and no doubt "the power behind the throne" in the provincial grand lodge, was a most careful and painstaking officer, and apparently a well educated man. His letters of correspondence—of which he kept full copies—exhibit a thorough knowledge of diplomacy, and establish a reputation for him as a graceful and polished letter writer. His papers are neatly folded and arranged in files, with such explicit endorsements thereon that one is easily enabled to comprehend their contents without the necessity of unfolding or reading them.

This ancient and valuable collection contains many documents calculated to interest and instruct the masonic historian and antiquary. Old warrants, quaint dispensations, curious certificates, interesting letters of correspondence, etc., some of them authenticated by immense wax seals, and bearing the signatures of royal personages, titled peers, colonial governors, distinguished naval and military officers, and others, whose names are identified with the government and progress of freemasonry in England, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick during the latter portion of the eighteenth and the commencement of the nineteenth century. The old seals are quaint and ponderous, and the styles of chirography very curious, while the paper used in the production of the documents is the rough and coarse kind prevalent in those days. There were no steel pens in vogue then, the inditing being done with "the old grey goose quill," and without the guide of feint ruled lines. Among other distinguished signatures I saw that of Governor John Parr, in whose honor our good city was named previous to receiving, in the year 1785, its chartered title of Saint John. It was Parr Town when Hiram Lodge, No. 17, was opened under dispensation.

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 17, SAINT JOHN.

The application for authority to organize Hiram Lodge was made at Halifax, March 6th, 1784, by Bro. Elias Hardy,[1] who signed himself as a master mason of Lodge No. 169,[2] in a letter addressed to R. W. Bro. John G. Pyke, provincial grand master, of which the following is a copy:

I am desired by a considerable number of respectable ancient York masons at Parr Town, in this province,[3] to represent to your worship that they labor under many inconveniences from the want of a regularly constituted lodge in that place, and that such an establishment would not only confer a very sensible obligation on them, but contribute, in their opinion, to the benefit of the craft in general. It is their request that, until a warrant can be obtained from home, your worship will be pleased to favor them with a dispensation, wherein the Rev. John Beardsley shall be nominated master, Captain Oliver Bourdett senior warden, and Mr. John Grinley junior warden. I shall do myself the honor to wait on your worship this evening, and am with respect, sir, your worship's most obedient servant and brother.

As the name of Bro. Grinley does not appear in the warrant or on the roll of the lodge members, some unexplained cause must have arisen whereby his name was omitted and that of Bro. John Paul substituted in

1 Elias Hardy was a barrister who held a seat in the house of assembly, and was common clerk of Saint John from 1790 to 1799.

2 A lodge working in New York, to which some of the old loyalists belonged previous to coming to New Brunswick.

3 New Brunswick was at that time a portion of the province of Nova Scotia, under the designation of Sunbury County.

the office of junior warden, when the lodge was set to work under the dispensation.

In answer to the request of Bro. Hardy, a dispensation was granted the latter part of March or the early part of April by the lodges No. 155 and No. 211, at Halifax, William Hogg being master of No. 155, and John George Pyke master of No. 211, who reported the circumstance to W. Bro. Charles Bearblock, grand secretary, London, in a letter under date April 19th, 1784, to the effect that "we take this opportunity of acquainting you, for the information of the right worshipful grand lodge, that we have granted a dispensation to the Rev. Bro. John Beardsley, late junior grand warden of the provincial grand lodge of New York, to congregate and hold a lodge at the river Saint John, and am in daily expectation of a number of similar applications, and hope for the approbation of the right worshipful grand lodge therein."

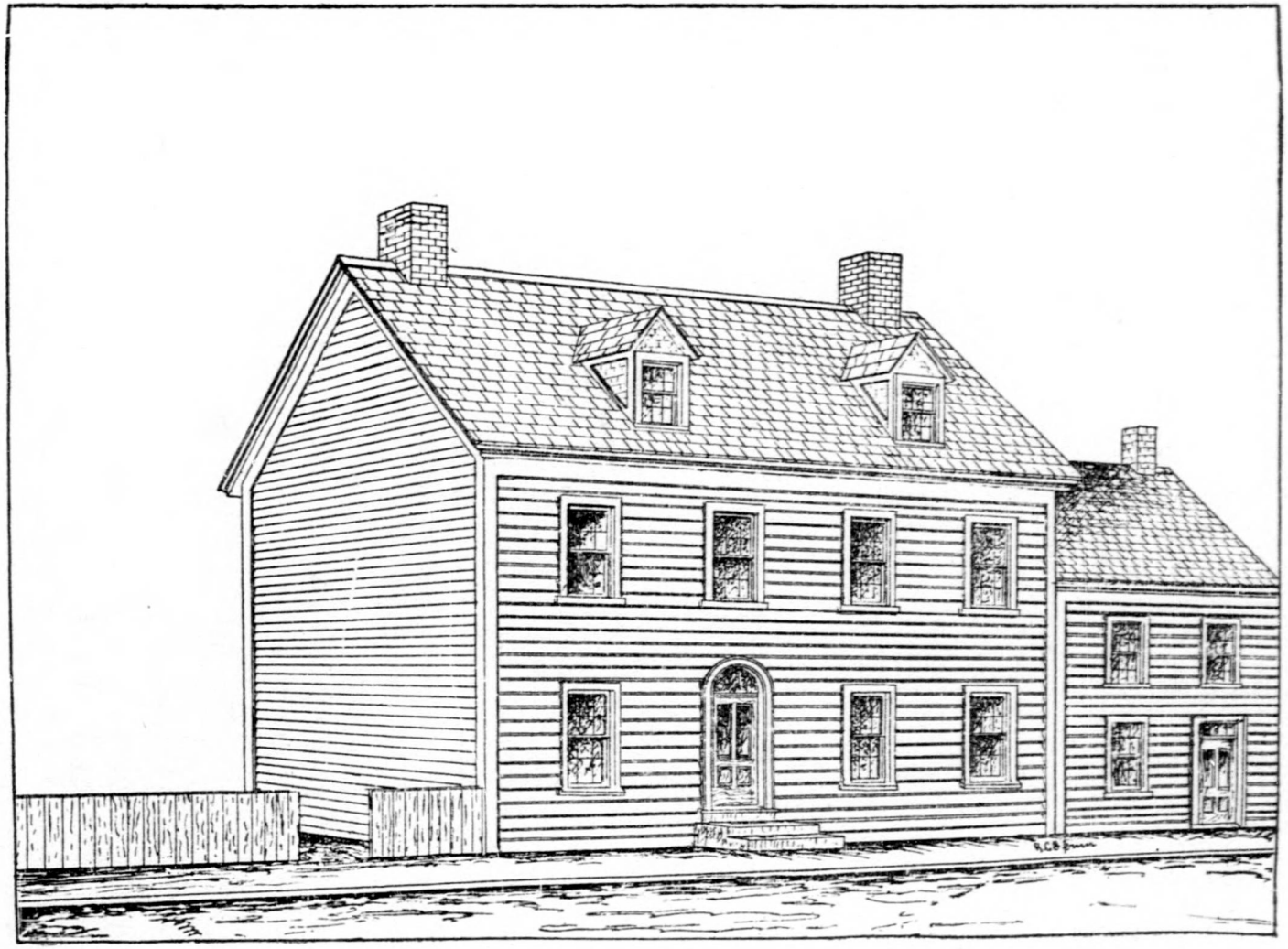
It will be borne in mind that at this time the warrant for the erection of the provincial grand lodge at Halifax had not been issued.

Under this dispensation the lodge was opened, being the first duly authorized assemblage of freemasons in New Brunswick—at that time the county of Sunbury—and the officers installed September 1st, 1784, by Worshipful Brother Dr. Azor Betts, as set forth in the official report made by him to the grand secretary at Halifax, as follows:

A List of Old Masons who First Constituted Hiram Lodge, New Brunswick, then called Parr Town, now Saint John's.

A. M. 5784.	Names Installed by Bro. Azor Betts, Sept. 1st.	Occupations.	Residence.	Officers, &c.
Sept. 1	Rev. John Beardsley	Doctor Divinity	St. John's.	W. Master.
	Oliver Bourdett	Gentleman	"	S. W.
	John Paul	Artillery Sergeant	"	J. W.
	David Melville	Tavern Keeper	"	Secretary.
	Richard Bonsall	Merchant	"	Treasurer.
	Peter G. Waldron	Bricklayer	"	S. D.
	William Perrino	Carpenter	"	J. D.
	Richard Lightfoot	Merchant	"	P. M.
	James McNeale	Taylor	"	Stewards.
	James Bell	Merchant	"	
	William Loraine	Stone Cutter	"	
	Joseph Green	Taylor	"	
	Edward Erwine	Carpenter	"	
	William Lewis	Printer	"	
	Francis Young	Watchmaker	"	
	John Boggs	Merchant	"	
	John Kirk	Tavern Keeper	"	
	David McLure	Stone Cutter	"	

The lodge was opened in the house owned and occupied as an inn or tavern by Bro. John Kirk, one of the founders, whose name appears on the foregoing list. This building was located on the north side of Brittain



KIRK'S INN.

street, near the intersection of Germain street, in Sidney ward,[1] on lot No. 1,234, granted to Bro. Kirk, when the allotments were made to the loyalists who founded Saint John.

The foregoing list establishes two important facts; first, that W. Bro. Azor Betts[2] was the installing officer, and secondly, that freemasonry was inaugurated in New Brunswick, by the formal opening of Hiram Lodge, No. 17, on the first day of September, A. D. 1784, consequently we have reliable authority to fix the starting point of the history of the craft in this province.

Apropos of the formation of this lodge, the following notice is taken from a copy of *The Royal St. John's Gazette and Nova Scotia Intelligencer* of Thursday, September 9th, 1784, "printed at St. John's by Lewis & Ryan, at their printing office, No. 59 Prince William street," viz.:

At a meeting of a respectable body of Ancient Brethren, the 7th instant, it was agreed to give this notice to every Ancient Brother Mason on the river Saint John, that on Tuesday, the 21st instant, will be held at Bro. Kirk's, a meeting of Ancient Masons at his new lodge room, Lower Cove, for the purpose of preparing and installing the proper officers for constituting a lodge, when the attendance of every Ancient Brother is earnestly requested.

Parr, September 8th, 1784.

From this notice, which has no name appended to it, I infer that, although the foregoing return of W. Bro. Betts states that the brethren were installed September 1, the organization of the lodge was not completed, and that this meeting was called to finish the work.

The following is a copy of the second return of Hiram Lodge to the provincial grand secretary:

A List of Old Masons admitted as Members of this Lodge, with the Number and Names of the different Lodges they belonged to.

Date.	Names.	Occupation.	Ancient Lodges belonged to.
5784			
Nov. 2	John Morton	Seaman	A. Y. M., No. 210.
5785			
Jan. 3	David Prentice	Merchant	Bathgate, Scotland (no number).
	Elias Hardy	Attorney	No. 169, New York.
" 18	Thomas Jennings	Smith	No. 2, "
	Arthur Maddox	Gentleman	St. George's Lodge (Military).
	Capt. Wm. Wattleworth	Seaman	A. Y. M., No. 210.
Feb. 1	James Cuthbirt	Merchant	Montrose Lodge, Scotland.
	Capt. Peter McPherson	Gentleman	No. 169, New York.
Mar 1	Benjamin Burgess	Seaman	No. 1, Martha's Vineyard.
	Richard Finnamore	Tanner	A. Y. M., No. 210.

Admitted 10 Old Masons, who were duly examined.

1 In the original grant the location is named as "St. Andrew's street, in Queen's ward." The change to Brittain street, Sidney ward was made by the common council in 1803, by a revision of the city charter.

2 W. Bro. Azor Betts was a physician and surgeon, formerly of New York. He received the degree of freemasonry previous to coming to New Brunswick with the loyalists. The wife of W. Bro. George B. Hegan, a past master of St. John's Lodge, is a great-granddaughter of Bro. Betts.

This return and the preceding one were forwarded to Halifax, July 8th, 1785, accompanied by a letter of that date addressed to the worshipful masters of lodges No. 155 and No. 211, signed by Oliver Bourdett, master; Richard Bonsall, senior warden; and Peter G. Waldron, junior warden. The letter sets forth that "we send our fees by the hands of Bro. Bouthe; and we have the strongest confidence in your fidelity and friendship to us, that you will not construe our long silence into neglect or disrespect. Be assured that the officers and brethren of Hiram Lodge, impressed with the warmest gratitude, return the officers and brethren of lodges No. 155 and No. 211, *from whom they hold their dispensation*, every degree of respect and esteem. Please observe enclosed herewith a letter we penned soon after our installation, with returns, which contains an account of our proceedings until that time."

Especial attention is directed to the words italicized in this letter—"from whom they hold their dispensation." Freemasons of the present day wonder how two lodges could act in concert in such an important matter, or by what authority they could be clothed with the prerogative appertaining to a grand master or a grand lodge. The doings of private lodges in the early days in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick seem inexplicable to brethren under the government which now prevails in the various grand jurisdictions, especially when we scan the acts committed at that time under the guise of what was termed masonic constitutional authority and usage—acts which would not now be tolerated for a moment, and would be done at the risk of forfeiting the warrant or charter.

Laurence Dermot, the head and front of the Atholl Grand Lodge (Ancients), ambitious of holding the reins of government, jealous of the mother grand lodge, from which they seceded, and aspiring to extend the jurisdiction and increase the authority of his grand lodge as widely and as universally as possible, was not particular as to the means employed or the measures promulgated, so long as the end in view was attained. The creation and increase of lodges in every direction, and the establishment of his authority in new fields, were his watchwords. Influenced by these motives, he granted to the lodges opened by his grand lodge in America unlimited powers and privileges in the conduct of their affairs; or if not actually granted, the exercise of these functions was allowed or winked at; hence we find two lodges, as in the case under review, issuing a dispensation authorizing the creation of a body coordinate with themselves. And we also find a provincial grand lodge empowered, under a written patent or charter, to issue warrants to private lodges and to exercise all the prerogatives vested in a sovereign grand lodge. We find that the lodges constituted by this provincial grand lodge carried on their labors independently of the parent grand body, and

never for a moment considered that they were required to make returns and payments, or otherwise to acknowledge allegiance to it. Their warrants of constitution were issued, numbered and registered without reference to it. Those issued in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were numbered from number one upwards, and were designated as in obedience to "the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia and the masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

Hiram Lodge worked under dispensation upwards of two years, when application was made for a warrant. This request was granted, as appears by the following minute of the provincial grand lodge:

> At a grand lodge held in ample form at the Golden Ball, Halifax, 6th December, 1786, read a memorial from a number of brethren at the city of Saint John, New Brunswick, for a warrant of constitution. Said brethren being recommended by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master William Campbell, and the same being duly considered, it was resolved by a great majority that the prayer of the memorialists be granted.

The warrant was issued in accordance with this resolution under the designation of Hiram Lodge, No. 17. It was signed by John Parr, grand master; William Campbell, deputy grand master; Richard Buckley, senior grand warden; D. Wood, Jr. (in the absence of George DeBlois, Esquire), junior grand warden; and Joseph Peters, grand secretary, authorizing Richard Bonsall as worshipful master, David Melville as senior warden, and John Stoddard as junior warden, to form and open a lodge of freemasons at the house of Brother John Kirk, or elsewhere in the city of Saint John, and to meet upon the first Tuesday in each calendar month. It was dated at Halifax, the 6th day of December, 1786.

Hiram Lodge had an existence of only twelve years, during which time, if the sparse population of Saint John be considered, it increased quite rapidly in membership, as shown by the returns made to the provincial grand lodge. The total additions during that period by initiation and affiliation numbered seventy-six.

The unfortunate troubles which arose in the lodge, and eventually caused its extinction, are taken from the provincial grand lodge records and files of papers. They had their origin during the time W. Brother John Sinnott occupied the East. It appears that he was a clerk in the office of Samuel Hake, a brother mason and commissary of stores of war and provisions. Hake, unfortunately for his reputation as a mason and an official of the imperial government, was in the habit of secreting or misappropriating the stores and provisions in his department. His pernicious practices were discovered by a cooper in the employ of the department and reported to the military authorities. Upon the information

laid by this man, a court of enquiry was summoned by order of His Excellency Brigadier General Carleton, to which Bro. Sinnott, who was also cognizant of the embezzlement, was notified to attend and give evidence. Previous to the hearing, Hake, who was a member of the lodge, obtained the appointment of a committee of brethren to bring influence to bear upon Sinnott to keep him away from the court, and, if possible, dissuade him from giving his testimony. Sinnott, while acknowledging that his personal feelings prompted him not to appear as a witness, stated that it was impossible for him to disobey the summons, as, if he did so, he would be court-martialled, and eventually lose his situation and be deprived of the means of providing for himself and family.

Upon the hearing of the case, and the finding of the court of enquiry, Hake was adjudged guilty of fraud and embezzlement, and dismissed from the service. He subsequently brought his case before the lodge, under the plea that Bro. Sinnott, as a mason, and especially as master of the lodge, was bound by his masonic ties to conceal the acts of a brother mason, no matter how flagrant their character; that, instead of acting a brotherly part, he had betrayed his (Hake's) secrets, and in this manner had done him a grievous wrong. The members of the lodge generally sided with Hake. Considerable ill feeling was engendered, eventually culminating in the suspension of Sinnott, his deposition from the office of worshipful master, and the presentation of a memorial to the provincial grand lodge asking for his expulsion from freemasonry.

This high-handed and unmasonic treatment of a brother while occupying the chair of the lodge was reported to R. W. Brother John Selby, grand secretary, by letter signed by the past masters of the lodge under date August 1st, 1793, in the following words:

> We are requested by the body of Hiram Lodge, No. 17, to acquaint the right worshipful the grand lodge of the suspension of our Bro. John Sinnott from the duties of his office as master, and that he is excluded from the benefits of communication with any of the members of this, or those of our sister lodges in this province, for the most vile and unprecedented violation of every masonic duty, which has not only been already fatal in its consequences to an aged, infirm and deserving brother, but also tends in every possible degree to become more so to the craft in general.

Upon this report considerable correspondence ensued between the provincial grand lodge, Hiram Lodge, and Bro. Sinnott. The letters of the latter were explicit and well written; he stated his case fairly and in good temper, and throughout the discussion, which was protracted and lengthy, he exhibited a becoming and proper masonic spirit.

Having heard the statements of each party in the controversy, and having made a careful investigation of the whole question, the provincial grand lodge decided, first, that the lodge went beyond its powers in

arraigning and suspending its master; secondly, that even if it possessed such authority, there was no just cause why Bro. Sinnott should be subject to masonic judgment and discipline for appearing and giving evidence in a court of law, under a summons which he was bound to obey, against a brother who had unfortunately betrayed a public trust; and, thirdly, had Bro. Sinnott refused to do so, he would have laid himself liable to be court-martialled and dismissed from the imperial service, and would likewise have violated his masonic engagements, which required him to be subject to the higher powers and to cheerfully conform to every lawful authority. Grand lodge having so decided, directed the lodge to restore him to membership and all other masonic privileges.

The lodge disobeyed the mandate of grand lodge and declined to reinstate him, giving as a reason "that they had just cause to deal with Sinnott as they did, because they were unwilling to sit with him in lodge or to consider him worthy of the privileges and benefits of masonry."

For this perverseness the provincial grand lodge, at a communication held March 4th, 1795, adopted the following order:

Resolved, That unless Hiram Lodge, No. 17, do make such ample apology to this right worshipful body, as may be to the entire satisfaction thereof, their warrant to continue no longer in force, and the same to be reported to all grand lodges in communication with us."

The lodge addressed a letter to the provincial grand secretary, of date June 2nd, 1795, setting forth "that in consequence of having come under the censure of the grand lodge, Hiram Lodge have unanimously agreed to suspend all masonic labors as a body, and deposited[1] their warrant until the right worshipful the grand lodge shall direct the further disposal of it."

To this the grand secretary, R. W. Bro. John Selby, replied by letter dated January 18th, 1796, addressed to Brothers James Hayt, Robert Laidley, William Jennison, Richard Bonsall, George Symmer, Oliver Bourdett, and William Simmonds, in which he stated "that the grand lodge, at their communication in September, 1795, were unanimously of the opinion that, instead of an ample apology which they expected to receive from Hiram Lodge for the impropriety of their former conduct, they had in further contempt proceeded to put in execution the threat mentioned in their letter under date October 23rd, 1794,[2] an act highly unconstitutional and in open violation of the laws of masonry; we mean the ceasing to work, and depositing their warrant, etc., in the ark, with-

1 By the term "deposited," they meant that the warrant was placed in the *ark; i. e.*, the trunk or chest in which the movable paraphernalia of the lodge was kept.

2 The letter here referred to was not found among the papers on file in the office of the grand secretary at Halifax.

out the sanction and approbation of the grand lodge." This letter, in continuation, "earnestly recommended the lodge to meet and revoke their objectionable acts and words, and by an ample apology save themselves from the inevitable consequences;" *i. e.*, expulsion.

The ruling spirits of the lodge were evidently formed of stern and unyielding material; they believed that, under any and all circumstances, a brother mason should screen the acts, no matter how unjustifiable, of another brother, and that the peremptory mandates of civil or military tribunals, with even the ulterior alternative of loss of employment and dismissal from the service, should not force him to break through, what they considered, a binding obligation. The fraternal remonstrance conveyed in the letter of the grand secretary, just quoted, did not produce the desired effect. The members of the lodge had taken a decided, though false, stand, and turned a deaf ear to the reasonable request of the provincial grand lodge. All fraternal advice and expostulation having failed to impress the recalcitrants with the unjustifiable and unmasonic course they were pursuing, the provincial grand lodge, at a communication held September 7th, 1796, adopted the following order:

Resolved unanimously, That the warrant of Hiram Lodge, No. 17, held at Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick, be forthwith recalled, and that the members thereof, agreeably to the last return transmitted, be expelled for apostasy, and the same be reported to all the private lodges in the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia, and likewise to all the grand lodges of Ancient York Masons throughout the known world, agreeably to the undermentioned form, viz.:

To all Masters, Wardens, and Members of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, GREETING:

Be it remembered, that in the fifth year of the grand mastership of the Right Worshipful and Honorable Richard Bulkley, a member of His Majesty's council, etc., etc., grand master of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of free and accepted masons in Nova Scotia, and the masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging James Hayt, William Jennison, George Symmers, William Simonds, Oliver Bourdett, Robert Laidley, Richard Bonsall, Thomas Jennings, Charles McPherson, William Lorraine, David Beveridge, John Tool, Benjamin Burgess, Stephen Bourdett, Thomas Featherby, George Matthew, Titus Knapp, Robert Moore, Samuel Wiggins, Craven Calverley, John Ryan, and Thomas Mullin, late members of Hiram Lodge, No. 17, held in the city of Saint John, New Brunswick, British North America, were all and every one of them expelled for apostasy, and in grand lodge, held the 7th day of September, 1796, unanimously declared unworthy of admittance into any regular lodge, or holding any masonic conversation with any of the free and accepted fraternity. Therefore we commend you, brethren, in the name of the Lord, etc, that you will withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he hath received from us.

On the 25th September, 1796, the grand secretary reported the decision of the provincial grand lodge to R. W. Bro. William Campbell, deputy

grand master at Saint John, and furnished him with a list of the expelled brethren. The report stated that "the members expelled are agreeable to the last return made by the lodge, nevertheless, as it is probable that some of the persons above named might not have coincided in sentiment with those who proceeded to those rash and unjustifiable measures which has caused this severe sentence, and as it would be hard that the innocent should be punished with the guilty, the right worshipful grand lodge are willing, upon application made, and testifying their disapprobation of said conduct, to take off the censure of any brother or brothers who shall require it."

At a communication of the grand lodge,[1] held at Halifax, March 1st, 1797, a report was received from R. W. Bro. Campbell, setting forth that Bro. James Hayt, late master of the late Hiram Lodge, No. 17, had refused to deliver the warrant of the said lodge to him.

From the record of subsequent meetings of the provincial grand lodge it appeared that several of the expelled brethren were, upon their application, restored to their former masonic standing; and finally the grand officers were empowered to consider all further applications for reinstatement, with authority to deal with each case as they (the officers) "might deem just and proper."

The warrant of the lodge was eventually surrendered to the provincial grand lodge, and all, or nearly all, the members reinstated to masonic fellowship. There is no evidence to show that any attempt was afterward made to resuscitate Hiram Lodge. The warrant was retained in the office of the grand secretary at Halifax.

In the twelve years of its masonic life, Hiram Lodge enrolled on its register seventy-four members by initiation and affiliation. Considering the sparse population of our infant city, this was a creditable shewing. The following is a full list of them, arranged alphabetically:

Anderson, William	Burgess, Benjamin	Hake, Samuel
Barton, Edward	Calverley, Craven	Hanford, Thomas, Junior
Beardsley, Rev. John	Cole, William	Hardy, Elias
Bell, James	Cuthbirt, James	Harvey, John
Bennison, George	Erwine, Edward	Hayt, James
Betts, Azor	Fanning, David	Holmes, Absalom
Beveridge, David	Featherby, Thomas	Husted, Jabez
Boggs, John	Finnemore, Richard	Jennings, Thomas
Bonsall, Richard	Goodwin, Lushington	Jennison, William
Bourdett, Oliver	Graham, John	Keefe, David
Bourdett, Stephen	Green, Joseph	Kirk, John
Bowden, Thomas	Grim, Peter, Junior	Knapp, Titus

1 The body was *de facto* a provincial grand lodge, although repeatedly styled a *grand lodge*, and the officers *grand officers*.

Laidley, Robert
Lewis, William
Lightfoot, Richard
Lorraine, William
Maddox, Arthur
Mallery, John N.
Marshall, John
Matthew, George
Melville, David
Moore, Robert
Morton, Alexander
Morton, John
Mullin, Thomas
McClure, David
McNeale, James
McPherson, Alexander
McPherson, Charles
McPherson, James
McPherson, Peter
Oliver, William S.
Paul, John
Perrino, William
Piercey, James
Prentice, David
Rodgers, Patrick
Ryan, John
Simonds, William
Sinnott, John[1]
Stoddard, John
Symmers, George
Sutor, James
Toole, John
Waldron, Peter G.
Wattleworth, William
Wells, Henry
Wiggins, Samuel
Young, Francis
Younghusband, George

Of the foregoing, only about five or six subsequently joined other lodges in the province; the great majority of them seemingly preferred to remain disassociated with the craft.

The following notices, gleaned from the *Royal Gazette* newspaper of the period, are interesting as being cotemporary with the old Hiram Lodge:

"GAZETTE" EDITORIAL OF JANUARY 9TH, 1787.

Now in the press, and will be published on Saturday next, "The Pleasures and Advantages of Brotherly Unity," a sermon preached before the right worshipful master, wardens and brethren of the 54th Regimental Lodge of free and accepted masons, in the Parish Church of Saint John, December 26th, 1786, by George Bissett, A. M., rector of Saint John.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST,

Being Sunday, the 24th instant, will be observed by the members of Hiram Lodge, Ancient Masons, on Monday, the 25th instant, at Brother McPherson's Coffee House. Such brothers who wish to join are requested to make application for tickets before the 23rd instant. N. B.— Divine service will begin at one o'clock, and dinner on the table precisely at three o'clock.

June 19th, 1787.

MASONIC NOTICE.

The Festival of Saint John the Evangelist will be observed in the usual form on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at Brother McPherson's Long Room, by Hiram Lodge. Such Ancient Masons as will join in the celebration will please leave their names at the bar of the Coffee House.

St. John, December 13th, 1791.

There were five lodges in New Brunswick contemporaneous with Hiram Lodge, viz.: New Brunswick, No. 541, constituted at Fredericton, A. D. 1789; St. George's, No. 19, at Maugerville, 1789; Sion, No. 21, at Kingston, Kings County, 1792; Solomon's, No. 22, at Fredericton, 1792; and Hiram York, No. 23, at Fredericton, 1793. The first of these lodges

1 John Sinnott was the first brother initiated into freemasonry in New Brunswick.

was chartered by the mother grand lodge of England, and the others by the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia. All of them ceased to exist many years ago.

It is not my desire to criticize the doings of the brethren of Hiram Lodge in the course they pursued in the unfortunate proceedings which finally resulted in the extinction of their lodge. It must be borne in mind that the state of society, the condition of the craft, the methods of masonic government and discipline, the estimate of masonic obligations, the code regulating public and private sentiment, and the scant knowledge of constitutional masonic law, usage and landmarks prevailing in the ranks of the craft in those days, were widely different from the condition of things existing at the present time. Possibly there may have been a *hidden hand* in the original trouble, known and understood by the members of the lodge, whose evil machinations did not come to the knowledge of the provincial grand lodge. That the brethren were sincere in their contention, and that they believed right and justice were on their side, would seem to be a fair inference. They surely would not have allowed themselves to suffer the severe penalty of a deprivation of the rights and privileges of freemasonry if they were not so influenced. I have merely acted as a chronicler of the events which led up to the final act in the drama, collected from the documents placed at my disposal, and shall leave the question to the just discrimination of the reader, venturing a suggestion, however, that he exercise the golden virtues of silence and charity. Finally, I feel that all will join with me in expressing regret, a sincere sorrow, that the pioneer masonic body of this province should, in so short a space of time, have ceased from its labors, and under such regrettable circumstances.

HISTORY OF SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, F. & A. M.,

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS, WITH NOTES AND COMMENTS THEREON.

THE founders of St. John's Lodge, with one or two exceptions, came to New Brunswick in A. D. 1783, with the Loyalists. They were actuated, no doubt, by a desire to unite together into an organization for social, friendly, and fraternal intercourse, such as the guarded door of a lodge of free and accepted masons offers to all entitled to enter therein. Hiram Lodge had ceased its labors in the year 1796, consequently at the time of the formation of St. John's Lodge six years had elapsed during which no masonic altar had been erected in their midst. They had experienced the hardships and privations attending the opening up and settlement of a new country, and had been many years deprived of the privilege of meeting "in lodge assembled." With the many advantages we possess in our day, we can scarcely realize the great pleasure they experienced when the lodge was opened and in working order. The deprivation of such a pleasure must have been a source of regret to them, particularly in the chaotic condition of public and private affairs during the early years of the city of Saint John; we may therefore assume that the inauguration of the lodge, and the coming together of the brethren at the regular or emergent communications, were a source of unalloyed enjoyment, and that in their gatherings they fully realized "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The majority of the original members of the lodge were citizens of distinction, occupying prominent social and public positions in the judicial, municipal, professional and mercantile departments of the community, all meeting on the common level of the society, and actuated, we trust, by the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth. Their former lodges are not set forth in the records, an omission which unfortunately prevailed in the case of joining members during all the years the lodge remained under the jurisdiction of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia. Any particulars which I have been enabled to set forth in this respect were gathered from other sources. Some of these brethren received the degrees previous to their arrival in New Brunswick, while others were initiated in one or the other of the five old lodges established in the province previous to the formation of St. John's Lodge. One only

—Bro. John Sinnott—hailed from Hiram Lodge, No. 17. That other brethren of Hiram Lodge, residents of Saint John at the time, did not join in the establishment of St. John's Lodge, may have emanated from a repugnance to affiliate under the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, in consequence of receiving from that body what they conceived to be harsh and unjust treatment.

Since commencing the compilation of this work, I have been forcibly impressed with the conviction that it should have been started at an earlier period—at least previous to the conflagration in Saint John of 20th June, 1877. That destructive fire swept out of existence in a few hours valuable written and printed matter relating to the persons and things in connection with masonry in the past, which can never be replaced or supplemented. The loss alone of important books and documents in the grand secretary's office was a serious catastrophe. In that office was gathered and carefully husbanded, through persevering efforts of many years, a valuable collection of works on masonic and kindred subjects, which would have been of inestimable worth to the searcher after knowledge; gone, and alas forever, by a decree unfathomable and inscrutable.

During the past few years several old and experienced craftsmen—walking masonic encyclopedias—have gone "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns," and with them has passed away an important store of the unrecorded sayings and doings of the craft of by-gone days. The older members of the fraternity in this jurisdiction remember with feelings of genuine affection the late venerable and worshipful brother, William W. Emslie. His name was a household word throughout the province; he belonged to the whole body of the craft. His pleasant smile and genial manner gave him a welcome to all our masonic circles. In him the Great Giver of all good had centred the best attributes of humanity. His life was a continual round of self-denial, of benefaction, and good works generally. His purse strings were always loosened, and the contents freely given to the hungry and the suffering; and when his own limited store fell short of the demand, he would lay his numerous and more wealthy friends under tribute. Thus he was ever and always a good Samaritan. Unpretentious and retiring in his manner, possessing but a limited education, and obliged to toil daily to supply the needs of himself and family, he was a man of rare natural ability, a promoter of various measures for the public good, and an ornament to the community in which he moved. He was in the widest sense one of nature's noblemen. Bro. Emslie was initiated into freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, 7th November, 1823, but subsequently withdrew therefrom and affiliated in Albion Lodge, retaining his membership in

the latter until his death, which occurred 19th June, 1878, in the eighty-second year of his age. His active interest in the society during a long membership of fifty-five years, an intimate connection with all the degrees and grades established in Saint John during his lifetime, and his perseverance and success in gaining a thorough knowledge of the esoteric and exoteric portions of the various bodies, combined with an exceptionally retentive memory, had stored his mind with an almost inexhaustible fund of information, which he freely communicated to the aspirant after masonic knowledge.

R. W. Bro. Robert Gowan, of Fredericton, who died 30th January, 1879, at the age of seventy-six years, was another craftsman whose loss was much felt by the whole fraternity. He received masonic light in Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Fredericton, 14th August, 1821. Grand Master Marshall, in his address delivered before grand lodge April, 1879, paid a merited tribute to the worth of this distinguished brother in the following words:

> Bro. Gowan was no ordinary man. When able to do his duty, whether civil, social or masonic, no man could do it better. Our grand lodge honored him with the highest honorary rank, that of a past grand master, when the last Scottish lodges over which he ruled as provincial grand master, united with us. Long before there was a central authority of any kind in the province, Bro. Gowan's views and opinions had all the force of authority, and what he thought on any particular matter largely influenced the decision upon that matter. A diligent student, and strong in his own individuality, he never failed to have a decided view upon every question that came before him, and to any courteously expressed application for information or instruction, he never failed to cheerfully respond. Social, kind, charitable and genial; honorable in all his dealings, the good that he did will live after him, and the remembrance of his many virtues will long linger in the grand lodge.

In this connection I may mention the names of R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, past grand master and past master of Union Lodge of Portland, who died 3rd February, 1870, aged seventy years; R. W. Bro. William H. A. Keans, deputy grand master and past master of St. John's Lodge, whose death occurred 30th September, 1876, aged seventy-two years; and Bro. John Boyer (uncle John), the popular and worthy tyler of all the bodies in Saint John, who, after a membership of fifty-six years in the craft, died 26th February, 1871, at an advanced age.

These, with other notable brethren, whose deaths have recently taken place, were the connecting links between the past and the present. Their removal has deprived the craftsman of the existing generation of many things concerning the unwritten and unpublished doings of by-gone years.

Had the secretaries of former years been more careful in noting the transactions of the lodge, and entered in their records a full account of all proper to be written, much more interesting matter might have been

presented to the reader. These officials seemed to have indited for the time being, without any thought of the future. Commencing with the first brother who held the important office of secretary, and following his successors through the many changes, for fifty years at least, the idea seemed to have possessed each and every one of them, that the perfection of secretaryship centred in the ability to commit to writing the most meagre synopsis of the lodge doings, and that the secretary who could write the most abbreviated record was entitled to the largest share of commendation. The first record is searched in vain to ascertain the names of the brethren concerned in originating the lodge; the preliminary steps taken in the movement; who did the corresponding, and with whom the correspondence was held; the grand body which issued the warrant, and the grand master who granted the deputation to the brother authorized to constitute the lodge; neither does it set forth whether the lodge was started under a warrant or a dispensation. These particulars were gathered from the archives of the present grand lodge of Nova Scotia, the successor of the provincial grand lodge by whose authority the original warrant of the lodge was issued, 18th December, 1801, and the custodian of all the books and papers of the old provincial grand lodge.

It would be an interesting addition to this work if the first code of by-laws adopted by the lodge could have formed a portion of it. In this respect also the record is wanting, and we are left in the dark as to the nature of the laws enacted by our predecessors for their government when in lodge congregated. The record tersely states that "the committee brought forward the by-laws and they were approved of by the lodge." No doubt they were divested of unnecessary verbiage, and were as practical as the requirements of those days would permit. In one respect, however, they differed from the regulations of the present day, in that they provided liberally, judging from subsequent entries in the minutes, for the infliction of fines for any short-coming or offence requiring lodge discipline, and the fines were enforced with impartiality and vigor.

The entries in the records of recent years are more extended. In this respect an acknowledged improvement upon former times. While on this subject I venture earnestly to impress upon secretaries of all our masonic bodies the importance of keeping full and explicit minutes of all transactions proper to be recorded, bearing in mind that loose papers are liable to be lost or destroyed, while the record books are more likely to be cared for and preserved, and to bear in mind also that the record is intended for future reference. During many years the secretaries omitted to make mention of the lodges to which joining brethren formerly belonged, or from which they hailed; the ages and occupations of candidates

were also omitted. These failures in completing their records have prevented the identification of some of the old members.

In receiving the petitions of candidates, and in balloting for and conferring the degrees upon them in the early days of the lodge, an extended latitude was exercised, which, to the freemasons of the present time, seems strange and incomprehensible. Instances are recorded where a petition was received, the ballot taken, and the three degrees conferred upon an aspirant on the same evening. The conferring of two degrees upon a candidate at the same communication was a common occurrence. These irregularities were, no doubt, the outcome of the lax system of government prevailing among the provincial grand authorities at Halifax, winked at, and probably encouraged by the "Dermot" grand lodge in London.

"From labor to refreshment" was a regular entry in the minutes; but it was not a mere perfunctory practice or observance. When the lodge was "called off," the stewards performed their special functions by supplying refreshments to the congregated brethren. In times past this feature of lodge gatherings abounded everywhere, and was considered an important item in its existence. It has not been in vogue for more than forty years in the lodges in Saint John, and with no prospect of its resuscitation.

The regular communications were invariably opened and the ordinary business of the lodge transacted on the entered apprentice degree; and although occasionally the master may have departed from that practice of late years, it is still quite strictly observed and followed.

From its foundation up to the present time prayer has invariably formed a portion of the opening ceremonial. "The masonic custom of invoking the blessing of the Great Architect of the universe at the opening of a lodge, or as a preliminary to any of the observances of the craft, is a very old one. The lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, Scotland, possesses manuscript prayers bearing date A. D. 1669. Prayer to the Almighty formed part of the ancient ceremony of *fencing*[1] a lodge preparatory to the commencement of business."

Until the year 1858 it was a uniform practice with the secretaries, at the commencement of the record of each meeting, to use the expression "After prayer proceeded to business." Since then, for some unexplained reason, this particular wording has been omitted.

The peculiar construction of the closing portion of the record of each communication varied, seemingly, in accordance with the whim or fancy of the respective secretaries. The first incumbent of that office, Bro.

1 *Fencing a lodge:* Guarding or placing it in a state of defence. A term synonymous with tyling.

William Fayerweather, who did not append his signature, wrote: "Closed in due form." The second, Bro. Francis Watson, neither signed his name nor made any minute of the closing of the lodge. The third, Bro. Wm. Donaldson, an exceedingly elegant penman, signed his name to the record but seldom noted the closing of the lodge. The fourth, Bro. Samuel Nichols, finished his record with "Closed," "Closed in form," and "Closed in due form." Subsequently the expressions, in addition to the foregoing, were: "Closed in friendship and brotherly love"; "Adjourned"; "Adjourned (or closed) in harmony and brotherly love;" "Closed in due form with order, harmony and brotherly love;" "Closed in perfect harmony and brotherly love, combined with the tenderest ties of masonry;" "Closed after a peaceful and harmonious meeting," etc.

The history of St. John's Lodge embraces, to a large extent, the history of freemasonry in the city of Saint John during the first fifty years of the city's existence. It is true that two other old lodges were chartered, and for a portion of the time met and worked in the city, viz.: Hiram, No. 17, and Union, No. 38, both on the roll of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, but as their records and other documents are not forthcoming, the information regarding them is quite meagre. Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, constituted A. D. 1805, under authority of St. John's Lodge warrant, has been its cotemporary and co-worker during all the years until now. To its records, which are complete and in good preservation, I have been indebted for valuable information, and without which some of my notes would have been incomplete. They enabled me to remedy omissions and to make a more complete and better digested narrative than would otherwise have been attainable. The histories, therefore, of this chapter and the lodge are contemporaneous, and embrace almost all that is known of freemasonry in Saint John up to the year 1829. Let us indulge in the hope that both bodies may continue to prosecute their labors for all time to come, and that they may always exemplify, through their memberships, the pure and exalted tenets of the royal craft.

The abiding places of the lodge possess so much interest that a recital of their localities, and other particulars connected with them, are deserving mention in this compilation. I have been enabled to glean the desired information from the records, as follows: The lodge was constituted 5th April, 1802, in the Mallard House, situated on the north side of King street, a short distance west of Germain street, and continued to meet there until May, 1805; from May, 1805, until May, 1808, it met in Bro. Jotham Hitchcock's house, which stood on the south side of King street, and near the west line of Cross (now Canterbury) street; from May, 1808, until March, 1813, the meetings were held in Cody's Coffee

House, south-east corner King and Prince William streets; from March, 1813, until May, 1814, in the Mallard House a second time—at this period kept by a Mrs. Cock; from May, 1814, until May, 1818, in a building on the north side of Horsfield street, owned by Bro. Joseph E. Morse; from May, 1818, until May, 1822, on the north-east corner of Union and Smyth streets, in a building owned by Bro. Levi Lockhart; from May, 1822, until May, 1824, in Bro. Charles MacPherson's house, corner King and Cross (now Canterbury) streets; from May, 1824, until September, 1842, in the masonic hall owned by Bro. Israel Lawson, south-west corner King and Charlotte streets; from September, 1842, until May, 1846, in the union hall, west side of Dock street, a brick building owned by Richard Nowlan; from May, 1846, until February, 1851, in the St. John hotel, formerly the masonic hall, corner King and Charlotte streets; from February, 1851, until August, 1856, on the south-west corner Princess and Sidney streets, in Bro. David S. Marshall's building; from August, 1856, until the fire of 20th June, 1877, in Judge Ritchie's stone building, south side Princess street, corner Canterbury street; through the courtesy of Carleton Union Lodge, the communication of 3rd July, 1877, was held in the masonic hall, Carleton; from July, 1877, until January, 1878, in Horton's hall, south-west corner Charlotte and Union streets; from January, 1878, until May, 1879, in Magee's hall, east side Germain street, a short distance south of King street; from May, 1879, to the present time, in the masonic temple, east side Germain street, where it is hoped the lodge will have a permanent abiding place. An extended description of some of these buildings is given in another portion of this volume.

During the whole period of its existence, covering a space of ninety-two years, the lodge has rarely failed to meet and transact its lawful business. Although in its early years the records were sometimes lacking particulars necessary for reference and information, they have been kept and written up with commendable regularity, and there is only one instance of an omission in holding the annual or semi-annual elections. Such an exhibit of vigor and regularity during so many years is rarely to be found in the life of any organized society.

The privilege of access to the books and documents in the office of the grand secretary at Halifax, and the valuable particulars I have been enabled to cull from them in connection with the preliminaries antecedent to the formation of the lodge, afforded me a fair start in the compilation of this work, undertaken under many misgivings, and bristling at the outset with an unpromising and formidable front.

The first document bearing upon the subject is the petition for the warrant, of which the following is a copy.

To the right worshipful grand master, worshipful deputy grand master, grand wardens, etc., etc., etc., of the right worshipful grand lodge of Nova Scotia:

The representation of the undersigned citizens of Saint John most humbly sheweth: That we, as men and masons, often lament the decline of masonry in this city, and judging that it might answer valuable purposes to have a lodge once more established, do for ourselves and others of undeniable characters most earnestly pray that a warrant may be granted to us, under the title of ST. JOHN,[1] to be held in the house of Mrs. Ann Mallard, in the city of St. John, on the first Tuesday of every month. We trust that this our request, being laid before the right worshipful grand lodge at their quarterly communication, it will be approved of, and the resolve in our favor made known to us, and all dues, etc., we will most cheerfully pay, and every command most promptly obey. That the above may be considered, approved of, and granted, is the earnest desire of many. And we, as in duty bound, for the honor and prosperity of the right worshipful grand lodge and all its dependencies, will ever pray.

GEORGE SMITH.
CHAPMAN JUDSON.
DAVID WATERBURY.

St. John, Sept. 22nd, 5801.

The petition was fortified by certificates of recommendation from the three lodges then working in the province, over the signatures of their proper officers, as follows:

The undersigned W. M., Senior and Junior Wardens of Sion Lodge, No. 21, do recommend the above memorialists to the right worshipful grand master and grand senior and junior wardens of the grand lodge as worthy of notice.

GEORGE LEONARD, W. M.
C. HOWE, S. W.
GEORGE PITFIELD, J. W.

SAMUEL HALLETT, *Secretary.*

The undersigned W. M., Senior and Junior Wardens of St. George's Lodge, No. 19, do recommend the above memorialists, with sentiments of respect, to the right worshipful grand master and grand senior and junior wardens of the grand lodge, as worthy of the favor they request.

ANDREW MERSEREAU, W. M.
THOMAS PERLEY, S. W.
CORWIN BROWN, J. W.

SHADRACK HOLLY, *Secretary.*

We, the undersigned worshipful master and wardens of Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, at Fredericton, do recommend the within memorialists as worthy of notice to the right worshipful grand lodge of Nova Scotia.

GABRIEL VANHORNE, W. M.
JACOB D. BLAICHER, S. W.
THOMAS LINCOLN, J. W.

1 Although the petitioners suggested *St. John* as the name of the lodge, the provincial grand lodge officials, in issuing the warrant, made it *St. John's.*

The applicants for the warrant transmitted the following letter, in conjunction with the petition and recommendations, viz.:

ST. JOHN, Nov. 26th, 5801.

Worshipful Sir and Brother:

We take the liberty to write you and to inclose the within memorial to the right worshipful grand lodge, etc., with the approbation of three lodges, for obtaining our request. We trust, sir, that it will meet with the full approbation of all, and we hope you will send us the earliest notice of the resolve, after the first quarterly communication. We are already provided with every jewel and working tool from a lodge[1] which was broken up. We have nothing to add but our joint prayers for the prosperity and honor of the right worshipful grand master, etc., etc., etc., and every member of the right worshipful body.

GEORGE SMITH.
CHAPMAN JUDSON.
DAVID WATERBURY.

JOHN SELBY, ESQ., *Grand Sec'y, Halifax.*

The petition and accompanying documents were laid before the provincial grand lodge at a special communication held 18th December, 1801, and received a favorable consideration, as appears by the record of that date, viz.:

Read a memorial from Brothers George Smith, Chapman Judson, and David Waterbury, of the city of Saint John, New Brunswick, for themselves and other brethren of the same place, praying that this right worshipful grand lodge would grant them a warrant for constituting and holding a lodge of free and accepted masons in the city of Saint John, under the name of "St. John's Lodge," to be held at the house of Mrs. Ann Mallard, upon the first Tuesday of every calendar month. The same being taken into mature deliberation, and it appearing that the said memorial was strongly recommended by the three respective lodges now holden at New Brunswick, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the said memorial be granted, and that the grand secretary is hereby directed to do the needful, so that the warrant may be transmitted as early as possible.

The warrant was issued in due course, and is herewith copied in full, as follows:

DUNCAN CLARK, GRAND MASTER.

JOHN BREMNER, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

JAMES CLARKE, S. G. W.; CHARLES MORRIS, JUNR., J. G. W.

To all whom it may concern:

In virtue of the powers and authorities given and granted by a warrant under the hand and seal of the Most Puissant and Noble Lord, The Right Honorable and Right Worshipful William Randall MacDonnell, Earl of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the County of Antrim, Grand Master, and the Right Worshipful the other officers of the grand lodge of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of free and accepted masons as established on conformity to the ancient constitutions (as granted by His

1 Hiram Lodge, No. 17.

Royal Highness Prince Edward, at York, anno Domini nine hundred and twenty-six, being the year of masonry 4926), in that part of Great Britain called England, and masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, bearing date at London, the second day of June, anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, for constituting a grand lodge within the masonical jurisdiction of the province of Nova Scotia, in North America: We, the grand officers of the said grand lodge, viz.: The Right Worshipful Duncan Clark, Esquire, Grand Master; The Right Worshipful John Bremner, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master; The Right Worshipful James Clarke, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden; and The Right Worshipful Charles Morris, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden, by and with the consent and approbation of the warranted lodges assembled in ample form, at Halifax, within the said jurisdiction, do by these

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 29.

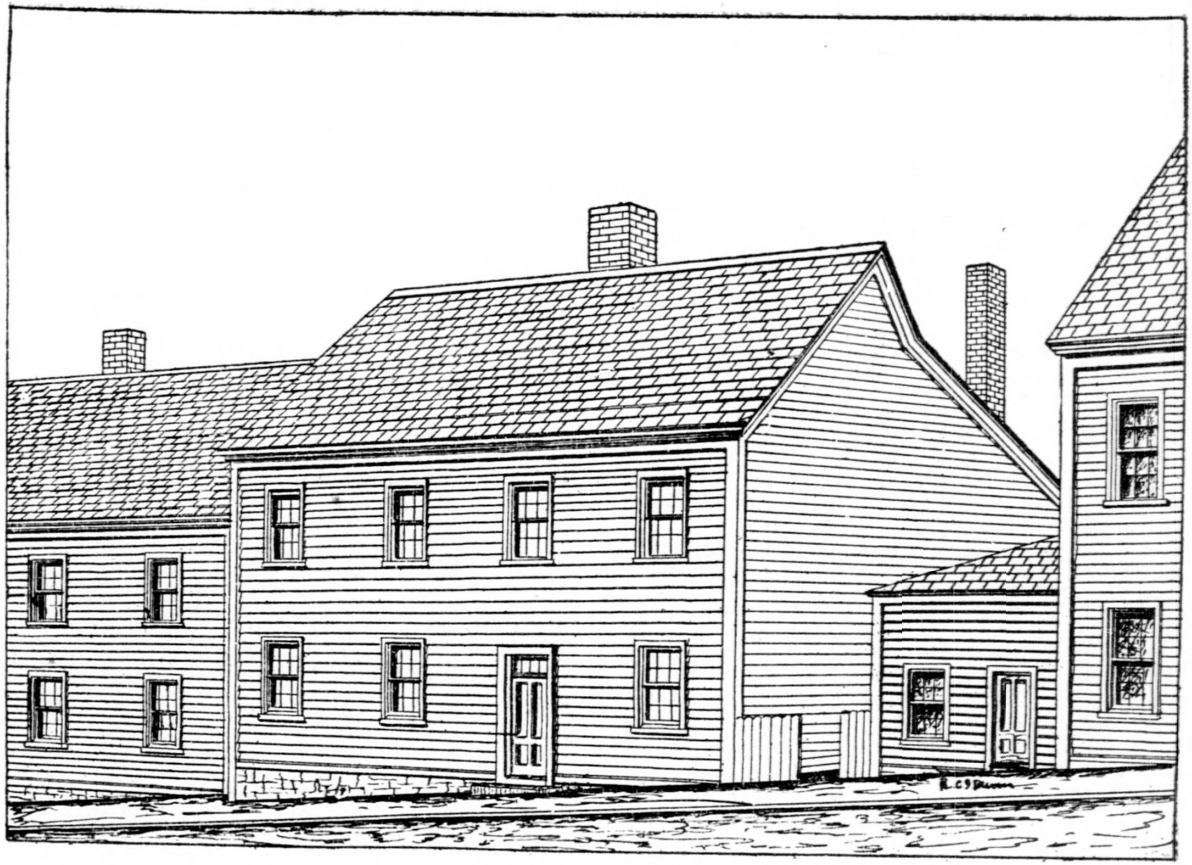
presents authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren, viz.: The Worshipful George Smith, one of our master masons; The Worshipful David Waterbury, his senior warden; and The Worshipful John Dean, his junior warden, to form and hold a lodge of free and accepted masons aforesaid, at the house of Mrs. Ann Mallard (or elsewhere), in the city of Saint John, in the said province of New Brunswick, upon the first Tuesday in each calendar month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, in the said lodge (when duly congregated), to admit and make freemasons, according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world; and we do further authorize and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, George Smith, David Waterbury and John Dean (with the consent of the members of the lodge) to nominate, chuse and instal their successors, to whom they shall deliver this warrant, and invest them with the powers and dignities as freemasons, etc.; and such successors shall, in like manner, nominate, chuse and instal their successors, etc., etc., etc., such installation to be upon or near every St. John's day during the continuance of this lodge forever; provided the above named brethren, and all their successors, do always pay due respect to this right worshipful grand lodge, otherwise this warrant to be of no force or value.

Given under our hands and the seal of the grand lodge at Halifax aforesaid, the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord 1801, and in the year of masonry 5801.

JOHN SELBY, *Grand Secretary.* [L. S.]

The name of Bro. Chapman Judson, one of the petitioners, does not appear in the warrant; instead, that of Bro. John Dean was substituted, and there was no paper on file nor any entry in the records of the provincial grand lodge in explanation of the change. In further mystification of the matter, and without any reason being given, Bro. Dean was not installed into the office of junior warden at the constitution of the lodge; and to render the proceedings more unaccountable, Bro. Chapman Judson became the senior warden, Bro. Waterbury junior warden, and Bro. Dean senior deacon.

The warrant and accompanying papers were transmitted by the grand secretary to R. W. Bro. William Campbell, Esquire, deputy provincial grand master at Saint John, with instructions to constitute the lodge in



MALLARD BUILDING.

the usual form. The right worshipful brother, who was also one of the founders of the lodge, having performed the allotted duty, made a report thereafter, which report is noted in the records of the provincial grand lodge of 2nd June, 1802, in the following words:

Read a letter from R. W. Bro. William Campbell, Esquire, of Saint John, N. B., dated May 13th last, transmitting a report of the proceedings of a grand lodge *pro tem.*, held at Saint John, New Brunswick, on the 5th April last, for the purpose of constituting a lodge of free and accepted masons, by the name of "St. John's Lodge, No. 29," to be held in said city, and for installing the officers of said lodge; which, appearing to be regular and correct, met with the approbation of this right worshipful grand lodge.

Bro. William Fayerweather, the secretary of the lodge at its formation, having failed to copy or even allude to these important documents, started his record in an unbusinesslike and unsatisfactory manner. Their production here supplies all that is needed to start a foundation for the future superstructure.

A. D. 1802.

The first record book of the lodge contains about one quire of coarse unruled paper, foolscap size, and bound in a stiff paper cover. The ink and paper are in a good state of preservation. The first record is dated 5th April, 1802, the day on which the lodge was constituted and consecrated. The meeting was held and the ceremonial performed in a building owned by Mrs. Ann Mallard, situate on the north side of King street, west of and near Germain street, in the city of Saint John. The record states that the lodge was installed by the R. W. Bro. William Campbell, Esquire, grand master, assisted by Bro. William S. Oliver, Esquire, D. G. M.; Hor. Bro. Geo. Leonard, S. G. W.; Bro. Andrew Kinnear, J. G.W.; Bro. John Sinnot, G. Sec'y; Bro. Charles Agar, G. Tyler; Bros. George Smith, Chapman Judson, David Waterbury, John Woolhaupter, William Fayerweather, John Dean, Caleb Merritt, George Blackwood, John Scott, Nehemiah Merritt,[1] Thomas Wetmore, R. A., Hon. Joshua Upham, Hugh Johnston, R. A., John Paul, R. A., George McColl, and Edward Sands. Also the following visiting brethren: D. Campbell, R. A., Joseph Eccles, R. A., William Robertson, Thomas Jennings, Alexander Umphries, Joseph Allen, R. A., Peter Blair, and John Tool.

The lodge was constituted, and the following officers installed:

W. Bro. George Smith, Worshipful Master.

Bro. Chapman Judson, S. W.	Bro. John Woolhaupter, Treas.
Bro. David Waterbury, J. W.	Bro. John Dean, S. D.
Bro. William Fayerweather, Sec'y.	Bro. Caleb Merritt, J. D.

1 Bro. Nehemiah Merritt's name does not appear in the original record. At the next regular meeting, however, it is included in the list of members then in attendance, and as there is no minute of his being proposed or balloted for, I assume that he was one of the original members.

The record goes on to state that the grand lodge was closed precisely at seven o'clock and a master's lodge opened. The brethren were then called to refreshment, and subsequently to labor, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

April 6—The first regular communication, "when an E. A. lodge was opened at seven o'clock, and after prayers proceeded to business." Bro. Charles Agar was proposed for membership, and "Bro. Francis Watson petitioned to be raised to the sublime degree of a master mason, he having received the E. A. and F. C. degrees in another lodge." Bro. William Rogers was proposed for membership "by himself in person" Bros. George Blackwood, John Scott and Caleb Merritt "were appointed a committee to form a code of by-laws for the body, and also to provide implements for the same."

May 4—The record of this meeting states that "the committee brought forward the by-laws, and they were approved of by the body." There is no entry of these by-laws and no way of ascertaining their provisions.[1]

Of five candidates balloted for at this meeting, four were not "approved," a discrimination shewing that at this early stage of their proceedings the brethren guarded against the admission of improper material.

June 1—"Bro. George Smith was elected to fill the chair for the ensuing six months by the unanimous consent of the brethren," and all the other officers were elected to continue in their several stations for the same period. This method of electing all the officers of the lodge continued up to A. D. 1837, the date of obtaining the warrant from the united grand lodge of England. Semi-annual elections were held in June and December, 1802 and 1803, and thenceforward annually in December.

Charles Wells was the first candidate initiated in St. John's Lodge. His petition was received, the ballot taken, and the E. A. degree conferred upon him at this meeting, the record setting forth that it was "a case of emergency, as he expected to sail before the next lodge night."

The worshipful master, with Bros. John Dean and Nehemiah Merritt,

1 The brother who filled the office of secretary in 1857, seemingly prompted by a vandalism the outcome of unaccountable ignorance, burned and utterly destroyed all the files of papers, reports, by-laws, certificates, and other documents, gathered by the lodge during all the years of its existence. When charged with the commission of this flagrant act, he displayed his wanton stupidity by replying that "they were only trash and in the way." Even the old record books were thrown aside and scattered here and there, and would probably have been lost beyond recovery, but that the writer made diligent search and fortunately secured all except one small volume containing the transactions of 1809–1811.

were appointed a committee "to wait on Dr. Byles,[1] and to regulate some other business relative to the festival of St. John the Baptist." The committee, with commendable alacrity, had so arranged the preliminaries of the forthcoming festival that, on the 8th June, a notice was published in the *Royal Gazette and New Brunswick Advertiser*, as follows:

The master, wardens and brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, lately formed in this city, beg leave hereby to respectfully inform the brethren who are not members of the lodge, that they propose to celebrate the festival of St. John on the 24th instant. They will meet in the lodge room on said day, at ten o'clock in the morning, and from thence attend church for the benefit of prayer, after which will be a sermon suitable to the occasion. The members of the lodge will be happy to see such of their brethren as may be disposed to join them, and those who conclude to attend are requested to send their names, by the 16th instant, to Mrs. Mallard, who is to provide the dinner.

June 24—The brethren assembled in the lodge room at nine o'clock a. m. The lodge was opened on the E. A. degree, and the newly elected officers installed, viz.:

W. Bro. George Smith, W. M.

Bro. David Waterbury, S. W.	Bro. William Fayerweather, Sec'y.
" John Dean, J. W.	" Caleb Merritt, S. D.
" Nehemiah Merritt, Treas.	" Francis Watson, J. D.

No mention is made of any other officers.

The following members and visitors were present, and joined in the ceremonies of the occasion:

R. W. Bro. William Campbell, D. G. M.

Bro. William S. Oliver,	Bro. Rev. John Beardsley,
" Edward Sands,	" A. Read,
" Hugh Johnston,	" S. Storm, Sion Lodge, No. 21,
" John Sinnot,	" Hugh McMaster,
" Joshua Upham,	" Alexander Umphrey,
" Daniel Bliss,	" Linus Seely,
" Robert Laidley,	" J. Vail,
" Thomas Jennings,	" Mitchell, Hiram Lo., No. 7, N. Y.
" James Hendricks,	" C. Harris,
" Peter Wade,	" Segee,
" J. Forrester,	" Peter Blair,
" D. Beveridge,	" J. Riley, tyler.

The number present may be considered a good representation of the craft, considering the small population of Saint John at that early date. After the installation of the officers, "the brethren walked in procession

1 Rev. Mather Byles, D. D., was one of the early rectors of Trinity church, and chaplain of the district of Saint John. He graduated from Harvard university in the year 1751, and was rector of Christ's church, Boston, Massachusetts, prior to the emigration of the Loyalists. His death occurred at Saint John, 12th March, 1814, in the 81st year of his age.

to the church, and received the benefit of a sermon delivered by the Rev. Bro. Beardsley.[1] After divine service they returned to the lodge room, were called to refreshment, afterward to labor, and then the lodge was closed in due form." While at refreshment they no doubt enjoyed themselves heartily. Pledged the king, freemasonry, and the fair sisterhood, and otherwise did honor to their first festive gathering.

July 6—"Bros. Francis Watson and John Dean were appointed a committee to wait on Mrs. Mallard and, if possible, to agree with her for the use of the room, including fire and candles, at a certain sum per night."

An entry, October 6, states that "Bro. David Waterbury applied for a certificate to go to the royal arch, and obtained a vote of the lodge for the same."

In those days royal arch chapters were attached to and worked under the warrant of a craft lodge, and no brother could receive the chapter degrees except upon a certificate of recommendation from the lodge to which he belonged. As there was no chapter then in Saint John, it is probable that the brother intended to apply to the body at Kingston, Kings county, working under the warrant of Sion Lodge, No. 21.

November 2—"Bro. Jeremiah Pecker produced a certificate from Lodge, No. 242, of New Providence, Bahama Island, in which he is recommended as a master mason, and, as he wished to become a member of this lodge, he was proposed and unanimously admitted."

"Visiting brethren being all duly sworn, Bros. William Fraser, Daniel McAlpine, Oliver Shad, Joseph Prince, and Jacob Blaicker."

"Members absent—Bros. William Fayerweather, John Woolhaupter, Nehemiah Merritt, Caleb Merritt, Charles Wells, R. Whelpley, George Blackwood, and John Scott." I make this extract to shew that the practice prevailed at that time of noting in the record the names of members absent at regular communications. Similar entries were made many years subsequently.

December 7—W. Bro. George Smith was re-elected worshipful master for the next six months. Bros. Watson, Dean and McLeod were appointed a committee "to transact business respecting the feast on St. John's day."

December 27—The record states that "the members of the lodge and visiting brethren assembled at the lodge room at eleven o'clock in the morning, the entered apprentice lodge was opened at twelve o'clock,

1 Bro. the Rev. John Beardsley, A. M., who came to New Brunswick at the close of the American revolutionary war, was the first Episcopal clergyman to officiate in St. John. He was junior grand warden of the provincial grand lodge of New York, and, during the early years of freemasonry in this province, took an active interest in its progress.

walked in procession to the church to receive the benefit of prayers delivered by the Rev. Dr. Byles, from thence returned in order to the lodge room, and then called to refreshment. After dinner the lodge was called from refreshment to labor by the W. M., and then closed in due form."

Up to the close of 1802 the lodge held fourteen meetings; five candidates were initiated, and six brethren became joining members; these, with the original members, made a total of thirty-two on the roll. The officers elected on the seventh instant for the ensuing six months, and installed this day, were:

W. Bro. George Smith, W. M.

Bro. David Waterbury, S. W.	Bro. Francis Watson, Sec'y.
" John Dean, J. W.	" Caleb Merritt, J. D.
" Nehemiah Merritt, Treas.	" John McLeod, S. D.

The record does not allude to the installation of stewards, tyler, etc.

In the same volume as the minutes of the craft lodge, and in regular sequence, there is a record of two mark master's lodges, held November 2 and 3, 5802. The meeting of November 2 took place the same evening as the craft meeting. From this circumstance it may be inferred that the mark degree was given under the authority of the craft warrant, although the two bodies were not conducted by the same officers.

The following is a copy of the record: "Minutes of two mark lodges not being in my hands, they were mislaid, and I did not find them to insert them in their proper place, but by the date you may find them. November 2, 1802—Opened a mark master's lodge and proceeded to business. Names of brethren present: Bros. Daniel McAlpine, David Waterbury, John Dean, Jeremiah Pecker and Chapman Judson. Marked Worshipful Bro. George Smith then closed in due form."

"St. John, Nov. 3, 5802—Being a lodge of emergency. A mark master's lodge was opened at seven o'clock, then proceeded to business. Names of brethren present: Bros. Daniel McAlpine, W'l George Smith, David Waterbury, John Dean and Chapman Judson. Bro. Francis Watson took the fourth step in masonry. Bros. Oliver Shad and Joseph Prince, both of Eastport lodge, also took the fourth step, Eastport lodge being under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of Massachusetts.[1] Lodge closed in due form."

The four brethren who received the mark degree at these meetings selected and recorded their marks, as follows: Bro. George Smith, a griffin's head; Bro. Francis Watson, the same; Bro. Oliver Shad, a plumb line; and Bro. Joseph Prince, a bee-hive.

1 At that period the lodges in the State of Maine were on the roll of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, and continued so until the year 1820, when the State of Maine became a separate masonic jurisdiction, with an independent grand lodge.

A. D. 1803.

March 1—"Noah Disbrow petitioned for degrees, and as he was going to sea, he asked to be admitted this night; when, considering it a case of emergency, he was balloted for, admitted, and took the first step."

March 3—"An extra lodge called to forward our business, as we had more than we could do on the regular night. The W. M. was authorized to procure a draft on Halifax for grand lodge fees."

April 5—"It was resolved, that the members who were first at the expense of installing the lodge should be repaid out of the funds."

June 7—"It was proposed and unanimously passed, that we should keep St. John's day with the usual solemnity; and the W. M. and wardens were appointed a committee to transact the business of St. John's day."

June 24—The lodge met this day according to resolution, "when there was a good attendance of the brethren." No further record was made of the proceedings, except that "Bros. Jeremiah Pecker and Nehemiah Merritt were appointed a committee to procure a copy of Bro. Beardsley's sermon to lay before the body next night." At the regular communication held July 5, it was "resolved, that the sermon preached by Bro. Beardsley on St. John's day be printed."[1]

July 12—"Extra lodge called to settle the books." Previous to closing, it was "resolved to remove the lodge to the Coffee House, and Bros. John Woodward, Benjamin Wiggins and John Dean were appointed a committee to transact the business of the same." No removal took place under this resolution.

August 2—"Resolved, that forty shillings be given out of the lodge funds to relieve Bro. ———, as he is in a strange place and has no money to carry him home."

October 4—A supply of aprons was ordered for the use of the lodge, and Bros. Wiggins and Dean were authorized "to lay out twenty shillings in necessaries for the family of Bro. ———, in destitute circumstances."

November 1—"It was proposed by the W. M. that a mark master's lodge should be called on Tuesday, the eighth instant, for those who desire to take that degree." At the appointed meeting the following received the degree and selected their marks: John Woodward, I. W.; James Holly, an anchor; John McLeod, Hope; James Hendricks, a heart with

1 W. Bro. Robert B. Humphrey, of Saint John, has in his possession a copy of the pamphlet containing the sermon. It was preached in Trinity church by R. W. Bro. the Rev. John Beardsley, M.A., from the text Hebrews xiii, 1: "Let brotherly love continue." The pamphlet was printed at Saint John by Jacob S. Mott.

a sword on it; Benjamin Wiggins, Jacob's ladder; and David Merritt, a heart.

December 4—The following brethren were elected to office for the ensuing year:

Bro. George Smith, W. M.

Bro. David Waterbury, S. W.	Bro. Benjamin Wiggins, S. D.
" John Dean, J. W.	" John McLeod, J. D.
" Nehemiah Merritt, Treas.	" James Hendricks, 1st Steward.
" William Donaldson, Sec'y.	" Peter Blair, 2nd Steward.

Bro. Peter McCaliff, Tyler.

Up to this date the elections had been held semi-annually, in June and December; thenceforward annually, in December. This is the first minute of the election of stewards and tyler. It will be observed that the former are styled first and second stewards. Bro. Peter McCaliff was admitted to membership without payment of fees in consideration of his services as tyler.

Eighteen meetings were held during the year 1803; thirteen candidates were initiated and seven brethren affiliated.

This completes the first volume of the records, and the second year of the lodge's history.

A. D. 1804.

The second volume is a counterpart of the first, and embraces the proceedings of the lodge from the beginning of the year 1804 until the end of 1808. The minutes of 1804 and 1805 are written in a neat and clerkly hand, reflecting much credit upon Bro. William Donaldson, the secretary of those years. They are clearly transcribed and more explicit than those of his predecessors.

February 7—The following fines and penalties were enacted: "Any member absent ten minutes after the opening of the lodge, sevenpence half-penny; and if absent the whole evening, one shilling. Any member leaving his seat without permission of the master, sixpence; and any officer leaving his chair, one shilling. Any brother interrupting another while addressing the master, fourpence."

Subsequent entries in the records prove that the brethren were loyal in their submission to the enforcement of these penalties. As the years rolled on the feeling in the lodge became opposed to these enactments, and eventually they were abolished. At the present day such coercive measures could obtain no foothold in the craft, the lodges, as now constituted, desiring to fulfil their masonic engagements more by a sense of duty than of coercion. Certainly the genius of freemasonry is now opposed to such laws.

"Bro. John McLeod delivered into the lodge a seal, the property of the late Bro. William Lorain, to remain in and become the property of the lodge until it should be demanded by the relatives of the said Bro. Lorain."

"The committee appointed at the last regular meeting to inquire into the nature of the dispute existing between the W. M. and Bro. John Toole having given in their award, the same was read to the body, when, Bro. Toole having confessed his fault and made a satisfactory acknowledgment, he was forgiven." "Confessed his fault and was forgiven," are expressions worthy of being recorded in letters of gold. They convey a full measure of true nobility of mind, and embody bright masonic virtues.

March 6—"It was ordered that in future no bread, cheese, etc., shall be introduced into the lodge room on a regular night." The cost of refreshments was defrayed by the voluntary contributions of the brethren in attendance, and thus the entries in the records of "contributions to the box," "expenses of the evening," and "refreshments," were quite regularly made up to the year 1830. After that date the practice of having refreshments in the lodge seems to have been discontinued.

April 3—"Bro. David Waterbury, S. W., took the chair till next election in December, in room of our late W. M., Bro. George Smith, deceased. Bro. John Toole was appointed J. W., in room of Bro. John Dean, promoted to the senior warden's chair."

The late worshipful master was in attendance and presided at the February meeting, and although not present in March, presumably by reason of sickness, no reference is made to his absence or sickness, and no minute made of his death except what is contained in the foregoing paragraph. He was one of the petitioners for the warrant of the lodge, and was named in it as the first master. He continued to rule over the body from its formation until his death. His remains were no doubt buried with masonic ceremonial, as the record states that the treasurer was authorized to settle some expenses in connection therewith. The most diligent inquiry has failed to produce any particulars as to his personal history.

May 1—"Bros. John Toole and Nehemiah Merritt were appointed a committee to wait upon the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and request him to preside as master of this body until next election." A second grant of twenty shillings was voted to Bro. ——— "to assist him in his necessities," and the secretary was ordered "to make out and forward a certificate to Bro. John Woolhaupter at New York."

May 3—An emergent communication, over which R.W. Bro. William Campbell, D. G. M., presided.

"Bros. Nehemiah Merritt, James Hendricks and William Donaldson were appointed "a standing committee to inquire into the character of candidates wishing to become members of the lodge." This was the first appointment of such a committee in St. John's Lodge.

June 5—"It was put to vote whether Bro. ——— should not be suspended, in consequence of his unmasonic behaviour on last lodge night. The voice of the body being against his suspension, it was agreed that he should be reprimanded on a future night."

The lodge decided to dine together on the approaching St. John's day, and to that end appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. In consequence of St. John's day falling on Sunday, it was agreed, at an emergent communication held June 19th, to attend divine service on Sunday, the brethren to meet in the lodge room at ten o'clock in the forenoon. On Monday, June 25th, after auditing the accounts and transacting other business, "the lodge was called to refreshment, and at three o'clock the brethren dined together agreeably to a resolve made the fifth instant."

August 7—"Bro. Woodward delivered into the lodge a certificate granted by St. Clement's Lodge, No. 269, at Ricarton, Scotland, 1st May, 1801, to Bro. David Lawson. Bro. Lawson was lately lost in the Falls."

"Bro. ——— having transgressed the ninth and tenth rules of our bye-laws, it was proposed and agreed upon, that he be fined five shillings for breaking the ninth rule and one shilling for the tenth; and if he refuse to pay the same, to be dealt with at the discretion of the body at the next meeting. It was further agreed that he stand suspended for three months from this date."

September 4—The brother alluded to in the foregoing paragraph was at this meeting "expelled for contempt of repeated summonses, nonpayment of dues, and for talking in a disrespectful manner of the fraternity; and he was ordered to be reported to the grand lodge for their concurrence."

October 2—"It was ordered that Bro. ——— be allowed a cord of wood and a loaf of bread weekly, during the space of six months, commencing from this date. Bro. Wiggins was appointed to issue it to the distressed brother."

November 6—"Bro. ———, who was expelled September 4th last, having made a satisfactory concession to the body, and having paid the fines inflicted on him August 7th, for his misconduct, was reinstated in this lodge."

December 27—The officers elected at last regular meeting were installed, as follows:

Bro. David Waterbury, W. M.

Bro. Francis Watson, S. W.	Bro. John McLeod, S. D.
" Jacob S. Mott, J. W.	" Samuel Nichols, J. D.
" James Hendricks, Treas.	" John Woodward, S. S.
" William Donaldson, Sec'y.	" David Merritt, J. S.

Bro. Robert Laidley, Tyler.

During the past year the lodge held nineteen meetings; three candidates were initiated and one brother affiliated; seven ceased to be members, including one death.

A. D. 1805.

January 1—"Bro. ——— having been notified to attend this evening in order to make a concession to the body for his conduct on the evening of the fourth ultimo, but having neglected to attend, he was sent for by the worshipful master, and accordingly appeared. The question being put to him—whether he would pay his fines and make a satisfactory acknowledgment to the body—he refused to do so. He was therefore expelled, and ordered to be reported to the grand lodge."

At the next regular meeting—the brother having in the meantime cooled off and allowed his better judgment to assert itself—"came forward and made an apology to the satisfaction of the body and paid his fine; when it was unanimously agreed that, in consideration of his former good conduct, he be reinstated and not reported to the grand lodge."

"Bros. John Dean, Nehemiah Merritt and John Toole were appointed a permanent committee to inquire into and adjust all disputes that may occur in this body."

February 5—Application was made by a number of brethren desiring the formation of a lodge at Kingston, Kings county, to be called "Midian Lodge," and asking St. John's Lodge to recommend their petition to the provincial grand lodge; "whereupon, it was agreed that if the worshipful master and wardens approve of Bros. Silas Raymond, Thomas Fairweather and Joseph Baxter to be the officers of the lodge intended to be established at Kingston, they shall have liberty from the members of this body to recommend the said brethren to the grand lodge for a warrant."

March 5—"It was unanimously agreed that Bros. Caleb Merritt, John Woodward, John Toole and Thomas Jennings receive a recommendation to the royal arch."

May 7—"Bro. Fairfield, a member of the Portland and Saco lodges, in the United States, also of Temple, No. 5, city of Albany, and of the

Knight Templar Encampment, city of New York, presented the body with two books, entitled 'The Vocal Companion' and 'The Masonic Register,' for which he received our hearty thanks."

"Bros. James Hendricks and Robert Menzies applied for a recommendation to become members of the royal arch, when Bro. Hendricks was rejected and Bro. Menzies ordered to be recommended." It would appear from this that the lodge exercised discrimination in granting its favors, and, in consequence, the laudable ambition of Bro. Hendricks to ascend the masonic ladder in search of further knowledge was summarily nipped in the bud. The brother must have received this adverse vote with proper masonic submission, for I find that the lodge relented of its act at the succeeding communication by granting the required recommendation, and sent the aspiring brother on his way rejoicing.

June 7 — "It having been suggested that a room in Bro. Hitchcock's house would be a more proper place for holding our meetings than the room at present occupied by the body, it was put to vote — whether the said room should be engaged or not — when a majority of the body gave it in the affirmative. The rent to be twelve pounds per annum, one-sixth of which sum is to be defrayed by the members of the royal arch lodge,[1] and the remainder by the members of this body. The room to be rented for three years, and the partition to be taken down at the expense of this body. The grand lodge to be informed of the foregoing resolution to remove the lodge."

June 24 — The record does not set forth the purport of this meeting. Quite a large number of brethren was present, probably with the intention of dining together in honor of the festival day of St. John the Baptist. The following resolution was proposed and adopted:

Resolved, That Bro. Samuel Nichols furnish the lodge with liquors and candles until next St. John's day, provided it be done as cheap as any other member of the body will do it, and the liquors to be of good quality.

"The fourth, or table degree," as it is sometimes facetiously termed, entered largely into the monthly routine of our predecessors. From the foregoing resolution we learn that they exhibited a business-like forethought in preparing for this "degree"; for, in addition to stipulating that they be supplied with liquors "at a moderate rate," they also enjoined that they "be of good quality."

August 6 — "It was agreed that when, in future, a certificate shall be granted to any member of this body, the brother receiving the same shall be charged seven shillings and sixpence, to be put into the general fund

1 Carleton Royal Arch Chapter.

of the society; and that when any member of this body shall take the step of a mark mason, he shall pay ten shillings for the same, to be put into the general fund of the society."

December 27 — The officers elected at the regular meeting held third instant were installed this day, viz.:

Bro. David Waterbury, W. M.

Bro. Francis Watson, S. W.	Bro. John Woodward, S. D.
" Jacob S. Mott, J. W.	" David Merritt, J. D.
" James Hendricks, Treas.	" Robert Laidley, S. S.
" Samuel Nichols, Sec'y.	" Richard Sands, J. S.

Bro. Peter McCaliff, Tyler.

The brethren dined together at three o'clock in the afternoon.

A. D. 1806.

January 7 — "It was unanimously agreed that the W. M. should call upon Bro. Sutherland and apologize for our conduct to him on St. John's day." As the "head and front" of the offence is not stated, I am at a loss to account for the passage of this resolution. Bro. Sutherland was not a member of the lodge; but being probably a stranger, his presence may have been overlooked, and no invitation extended to him to join in the festivities of the occasion.

February 4 — "The W. M. moved that, from this time forward, any member who shall be absent the whole evening shall pay a fine of two shillings to the evening dues; which motion was put to vote and carried."

March 4 — "It was on motion ordered that, from this time forward, any officer of the lodge who does not attend at the regular hour for opening the lodge, shall pay a fine of one shilling and threepence, and if absent the whole evening, shall be fined four shillings for the use of the body."

August 5 — "The committee appointed to settle the dispute between Bros. Samuel Nichols and Caleb Merritt report and say: That Bro. Merritt shall make such an acknowledgment to Bro. Nichols as the lodge shall think proper, and the same be made to the lodge; that Bro. Nichols shall apologize to the body in consequence of its being on Sunday. The committee also report that Bro. Nichols shall apologize to Bro. Nehemiah Merritt and to the lodge." This committee was appointed at the July meeting, but no reference is made to the nature of the offence or the place of its occurrence.

September 2 — "The report of the committee presented last meeting being read to Bro. Nichols, he made such acknowledgment to the body

as they were satisfied with, on the first charge of Bro. Caleb Merritt's, for transgressing the rule of masonry on Sunday. Bro. Nichols objected to the judgment of the committee respecting the business with Bro. Nehemiah Merritt, and stated that he will make an appeal to the body."

September 6—"The report of the committee being read to Bro. Caleb Merritt, he submitted and made an apology to the body such as was satisfactory. It was the opinion of the brethren that Bro. Nichols should say he was sorry that any words between him and Bro. Nehemiah Merritt should have given them so much trouble, which he accordingly did, and was reinstated to his office of secretary."

November 4—"Bros. Hendricks and Nichols were appointed a committee to call on Bro. ——— for the sum due the body, and if he does not make payment or give his note to the treasurer, he is to be expelled and reported to the grand lodge."

The practice of accepting notes on account of indebtedness to the lodge prevailed many years after its formation, and led to unpleasant complications. The lodge set its face against the evil and stamped it out about forty years ago.

December 27—Bro. Hendricks was appointed a committee to order a jewel for the past master of the lodge, and to procure a new set of ribbons for the officers.

"It was ordered that any brother who shall in future want a book from the lodge must apply to the secretary for the same, who is required to make a note of the name of the borrower in the proceedings." Several entries of this kind are subsequently noted.

The officers elected on the second instant were installed, as follows:

Bro. George Ironside, W. M.

Bro. Francis Watson, S. W.	Bro. Samuel Nichols, Sec'y.
" Nehemiah Merritt, J W.	" John Woodward, S. D.
" James Hendricks, Treas.	" John Dean, J. D.

Bro. Peter McCaliff, Tyler.

A. D. 1807.

January 6—"A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Sutherland for his attendance on all occasions. Bros. Ironside, W. M., and Waterbury, P. M., were appointed to wait on Bro. Sutherland and convey to him the sense of the lodge." This was the brother to whom the lodge apologized 7th January, 1806.

January 12—At this special meeting the W. M. reported "that he had advertised respecting Bro. Chapman Judson, and had offered a reward of five guineas; which act of the W. M. was unanimously approved."

The record leaves us in the dark as to the reason for advertising and offering a reward for the brother. No doubt he was missing and his whereabouts unknown to the brethren. He, however, turned up subsequently, as he was present in the lodge March 21st.

"It was put to vote and carried, that there be an altar erected in the lodge in place of the desk now in use, and that Bro. Francis Watson be authorized to get the same done."

April 7—"It was unanimously agreed that any working brother belonging to any working body be admitted to visit this lodge by paying for the evening the same expenses as any member."

June 2—"Bro. Durant was ordered to print in his newspaper an invitation to the brethren in town to dine with St. John's Lodge, at the Coffee House, on St. John's day (24th instant), for which he is to be paid seven shillings and sixpence." Bro. William Durant published at that time *The Times and True Briton*, a weekly newspaper. He afterwards printed *The City Gazette*.

July 7—"It was proposed that no business be done after being once called to refreshment, which was carried, so far as to be recommended to all the brethren."

November 3—"The widow of our late Bro. ——— made application for assistance, when the treasurer was authorized to send her a cord of wood."

December 27—The officers elected at the regular communication, held first instant, were installed, viz.:

Bro. Nehemiah Merritt, W. M.

Bro. Francis Watson, S. W.	Bro. John Grant, S. D.
" John Dean, J. W.	" Robert Laidley, J. D.
" James Hendricks, Treas.	" George Holmes, S. S.
" William Durant, Sec'y.	" Peter Blair, J. S.

Bro. Peter McCaliff, Tyler.

The brethren celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist by dining together at three o'clock. About thirty brethren were present.

A. D. 1808.

February 2—At this communication three officers of His Majesty's ship-of-war "Cleopatra," then in the port of Saint John, were visitors—Bros. Reilly, Clarkson and Ballentine.

It was decided to remove on the first day of May ensuing, and a committee was appointed to secure another place of meeting. In accordance

with this decision a removal was made to the Coffee House, corner of King street and Market square, kept by William G. Cody. At the June meeting the secretary was ordered to inform the grand lodge of the change.

August 2—The lodge was visited by several brethren holding commissions in the Twenty-sixth (Cameronians) and the Eighty-ninth regiments of the line. These visitors hailed principally from lodges under the grand lodge of Ireland.

September 6—"Bro. ——— being disguised in liquor, and coming into the lodge in that state, was reprimanded by the W. M., it being the first offence."

December 6—The annual election was held, at which the following chief officers were elected, viz.:

Bro. Francis Watson, W. M.
Bro. John Grant, S. W. Bro. William Durant, J. W.

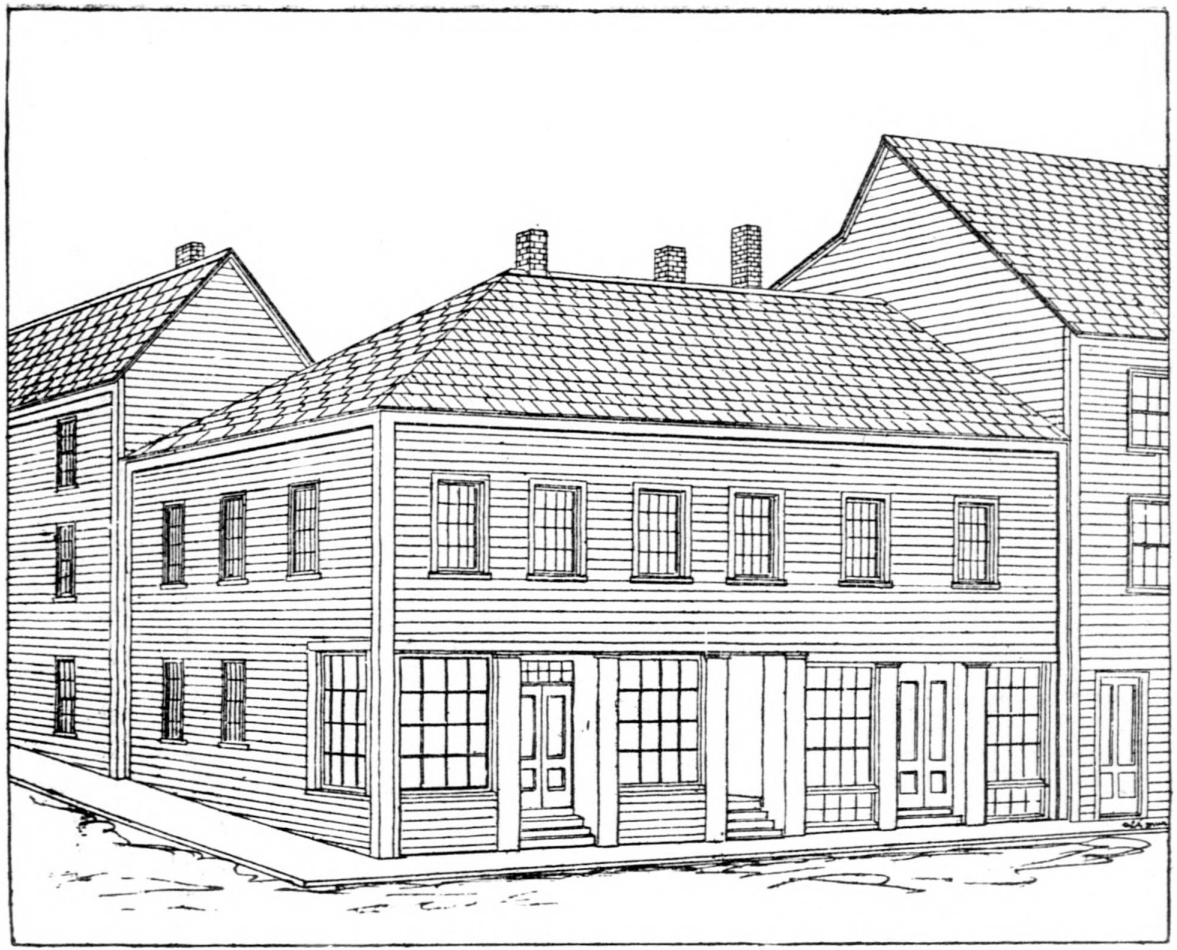
Portions of the records of this date and of the 27th December are missing.

MARK MASTER'S LODGE.

As previously stated, a mark master's lodge was held under the warrant of St. John's Lodge, and, as its meetings were convened irregularly, and sometimes at long intervals, I have deemed it advisable to dispose of the extracts from the minutes of its proceedings in consecutive order. From them the names of the brethren upon whom this degree was conferred will be preserved, and the craftsmen of the present day will have a description of the marks chosen at that early date. The record is contained in the first volume of the regular lodge transactions.

November 7, 1807—"The following took the fourth step and selected the marks against their names: John Dick, an anchor; Charles Johnston, a herring." The record states further that "the lodge was closed on the fourth step, and the third or master's lodge opened, when the W. M., Bro. George Ironside, took a farewell of this lodge, and the brethren gave him their hearty thanks for his administration since he has been in the chair."

May 9, 1811—"The following brethren received the fourth degree and chose their marks, viz.: George Price, royal artillery, a mortar; Charles Doucett, marlin spike; Elisha Johnston, Orphans' Friend Lodge, sprig of C.; Asa Porter, Corinthian Lodge, Mass., urn; Cornelius Van Horne, anvil and hammer; James Hetherington, cannon; Henry Trephager, compasses; Alexander Lemery, English ensign; Lot Hosmer wine glass; Andrew Russell, American ensign.



THE COFFEE HOUSE.

January 13, 1812—Two brethren received the degree and selected their marks, viz.: Samuel Dunham, 104th regiment, cross daggers; Robert Shaw, royal artillery, shell with a fuse.

"It was ordered that Bro. McKenzie be paid nine shillings and sixpence for cutting a stone for mark degree."

November 10, 1812—Three brethren were advanced: Farnim Chickering, charity; Daniel Pettingall, hope; Robert Collins, faith.

October 11, 1813—Four brethren received the degree: James Henderson, level and square; Levi Ring, Solomon's temple; William Fraser, vise; Solomon Harford, axe.

October 8, 1816—"This being a lodge of emergency, the fourth step was given to the following master masons: Joseph Hamm, royal standard; David S. Marshall, square; Charles Herring, ink stand and pens;[1] Abner Smith, cog wheel; Henry Sawyer, neptune.

"It being the opinion of the mark masters belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 29, that it is expedient to form a regular mark lodge, working under the said warrant, it was moved and carried that four meetings be held in every year, being on the second Tuesday of this October, and to continue to January, April and July, and that all bye-laws which apply to masonry in general shall be in force."

The officers of the mark lodge for the ensuing year were then chosen, viz.:

Bro. William J. Gaynor, W. M.

Bro. Levi Lockhart, S. W.	Bro. Charles Herring, Sec'y.
" Henry Chubb, J. W.	" John Thomas, S. D.
" David S. Marshall, Treas.	" William Hughson, J. D.

Bro. Joseph Morse, Tyler.

December 26, 1816—"An extra lodge," at which Bros. John Wood and Isaac Hobbs received the mark degree, but there is no entry of the marks chosen by them.

January 14, 1817—"Bro. Benjamin M. Stymest received the fourth step in masonry, and selected for his mark the *Blazin* Star."

April 8, 1817—Three brethren were marked, viz.: James Grundy, bale of cotton; John Boyer, currier's knife and steel; John Farnham, compasses and rule.

1 This mark came into my possession some years ago. It is made of solid silver, diamond or rhomboidal in shape, with a raised circle in the centre, also of solid silver. On the circle is engraved the mark (inkstand and pens), surrounded by the usual initial letters. The sun, moon, square, rule, plumb, and chisel are engraved on the four angles of the rhomboid; and on the reverse, "Charles Herring, St. John's Lodge, No. 29, A. D. 1816." W. F. B.

"It was resolved that the expenses of the evening for the mark master's lodge shall in future be paid out of the fees collected from the candidates taking the fourth step." The fee was twelve shillings and sixpence.

The following resolution was also adopted:

It being the opinion of this body that it is expedient to have a fine affixed on every mark master belonging thereto, for non-attendance;

Resolved, That each mark master mason belonging to this body shall pay a fine of one shilling and three pence in case of non-attendance in fifteen minutes after the regular hour appointed for the meeting, unless some reasonable excuse can be made to clear the said member.

July 8, 1817—The mark degree was conferred on Bros. John McClure, William Joyce and William Roberts. One only of these chose a mark—Bro. William Roberts, lamb with a shining blaze.

Bros. Henry Chubb and Charles Herring were appointed a committee "to amend such sections of the bye-laws that regulate and govern the master's body which they may think necessary, so that they shall more particularly apply to this mark master's body."

In September and October, 1817, the following received the degree and selected marks: Robert Payne, moon; Benjamin Wade, the sign of Mercury; William Branscombe, schooner; John Mount, sickle. James Watson also received the degree but did not choose a mark.

October 14, 1817—The following officers were elected for the incoming year, viz.:

Bro. Levi Lockhart, W. M.

Bro. Henry Chubb, S. W.	Bro. John Thomas, S. D.
" Warren Bibber, J. W.	" John Boyer, J. D.
" David S. Marshall, Treas.	" James Grundy, S. S.
" Charles Herring, Sec'y.	" Robert Payne, J. S.

Bro. Joseph Morse, Tyler.

January 13, 1818—Bro. William Pecker received the degree, but did not select a mark.

"It was resolved that the time of meeting of St. John's Mark Master's Lodge, No. 29, be published in one of the city newspapers, provided the expense does not exceed two shillings and sixpence each time."

April 14, 1818—"Bro. Henry Long received the sublime degree of mark master, and selected as his mark square, compass, crown and star."

In July, August and October, 1818, Bros. Jeremiah Gove, John Harrison, Alexander Morrison, James Dimsdale, James Reed and Robert Welch received the degree, but did not select marks.

October 13, 1818—"It was ordered that a statement be presented to the master's body of our funds, which are subject to their order."

The date of the regular meetings was changed from the second to the third Tuesday in each quarter.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected, viz.:

Bro. John Dean, W. M.

Bro. Richard Mott, S. W.	Bro. Jeremiah Gove, S. D.
" David S. Marshall, J. W.	" Joseph Morse, J. D.
" Charles Herring, Treas.	" Henry Long, S. S.
" John McClure, Sec'y.	" Robert Welch, J. S.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

January 9, 1819—Bros. Timothy La Frisbee, Paul Giles, David Perse and Thomas Whittier received the degree, but did not select their marks.

January 19, 1819—Three brethren, whose christian names are not given, were marked, as follows: Bro. Silsby, figure of liberty and the cap; Bro. Seymour, hand grasping a trowel; Bro. Bentley, harp and crown.

April 20, 1819—The degree was conferred on Bros. Samuel Garrison, Thomas Leavitt, James Fowler, James Godsoe, Peter Yeomans, and Daniel McLean, of whom three chose marks, viz.: Thomas Leavitt, two cross darts; James Godsoe, square and compass; and Daniel McLean, flag and crown.

July 2, 1819—The following received the degree, viz.: Bros. John Haws, three lesser lights; Robert C. Minette, shamrock, with the initials of faith, hope and charity in the leaves; Lewis Carvill and William Hoyt. The two latter did not select marks.

August 7, 1819—Bros. Alexander Lawrence, Thomas Bell and Sylvester Hughes were admitted to the degree without choosing marks.

The foregoing minutes of the mark master's lodge are entered in the first volume of the records of St. John's Lodge. There is at the end of the volume a list of the brethren who received the degree, in which three names appear which are not found in the regular minutes, viz.: Bros. Henry Chubb, James Oman and John Campbell, of whom Bro. Chubb only selected a mark, "hand in hand grasping the sprig."

Six lines of poetry are written on the last page of the volume, the production of the secretary or some other brother, whose muse seems to have deserted him at a critical point:

"In history we read of a freemason king,
The monarch of Israel, whose praises we sing;
He built a fine fabric, as we understand,
On the Mount Moriah, near to Jerusalem.
Says David to Solomon, with his heart full of love,
Since we are appointed by the Powers above—"

It was really too bad on the part of the poet or the transcriber to leave us in the dark as to the particular results of the appointment of David and Solomon "by the Powers above."

In resuming the history of the craft lodge, I regret that I am unable to furnish a continuous narrative of its transactions, on account of the loss of the volume of the records embracing the years 1809, 1810 and 1811. Search and inquiry in every possible direction failed to bring it to light. I am therefore obliged to take up the fourth volume, a book similar in every respect to volumes one and two.

From the files of papers in the office of the grand secretary at Halifax, containing reports of the initiations, passings, raisings and joinings in the lodge during these years, I have been enabled to make up a complete roll of members from the commencement, so that the information gathered from these reports compensate, in a measure, the loss of the minute book.

A. D. 1812.

The volume opens with the minute of the regular communication held January 7th, containing a report of the audit committee on the accounts of the past year. The committee say that they "had examined the books and accounts of the lodge and found them correct; that there remained in the treasurer's hands the sum of £9 19s. 4½d.; in the hands of Bro. Durant, £2 5s. 0d.; and that the total funds of the lodge amounted to £53 14s. 4½d., including moneys at interest."

February 5—Among the items of receipts this evening was one of "twenty-five shillings for a late mark master's lodge."

March 3—"It was resolved that the moneys now out at interest be paid into the hands of the treasurer on or before the twenty-fourth day of June next, and that Bros. William Durant and John Dean be a committee, in conjunction with the Bro. Treasurer, to collect the same."

April 7—"This evening Bro. Durant presented a letter from the grand lodge respecting a new lodge to be installed in the town of St. Andrews, doubting the eligibility of the applicants to constitute one, and requesting our opinion on the subject; when it was ordered that the secretary send forward our opinions in the affirmative."

It appears that upon the request of the brethren desirous of opening this lodge at St. Andrews—Eastern Star, No. 37—a recommendation had been previously forwarded to the provincial grand secretary at Halifax favoring the issue of a warrant to them, but the provincial grand lodge hesitated granting it until further explanation was had from St. John's Lodge; hence the vote of the lodge above recited. This vote of

St. John's Lodge was deemed satisfactory, and on June 3, 1812, an order passed in provincial grand lodge to grant the warrant to the applicants. In consequence, however, of the war then waging between England and the United States, the warrant was not issued until August 29, 1814, under which Eastern Star Lodge, No. 37, was formally constituted at St. Andrews, November 22nd of the same year.

May 5—"Bros. Dunham, Hillsgrove and Lemery, belonging to the 104th regiment of foot, quartered at this place, and Bros. Hetherington, Price and Shaw, of the royal artillery, quartered here likewise, wishing certificates, it was agreed by this body to execute them, to be kept with the secretary for their reception."

Bro. Hillsgrove's certificate came into the hands of Bro. Myshrall, of Fredericton, and by him handed to me.

June 2—"Bro. ——— came forward for the purpose of taking the third degree this evening, but on account of some report with regard to his character, it was ordered that he stand over till some further inquiry should be made, and that Bros. Grant, Durant and Clark be a committee to investigate the same."

"Bro. William Durant, who was appointed last regular night to furnish candlesticks for this body, brought forward six complete ones this evening."

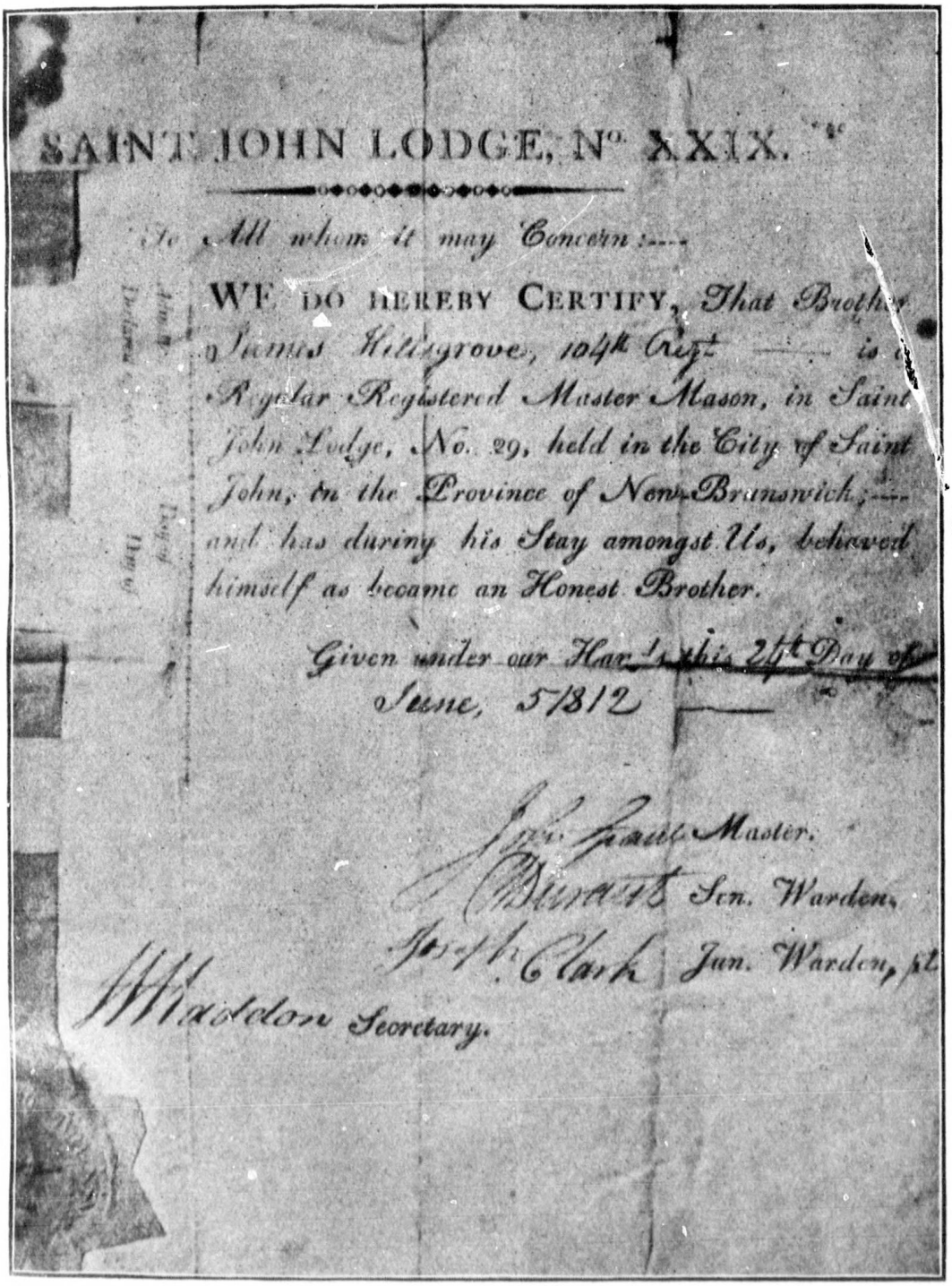
June 5—"The committee appointed the second instant to inquire into the character of Bro. ———, reported that they could find nothing against him." The brother was then "admitted to the sublime degree of a master mason."

June 24—According to their usual custom, the brethren celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist by dining together.

A postcript appended to the regular record states that "the arch masons belonging to this body were ordered to assemble on Saturday evening next for business."

August 4—The beneficence of freemasonry is contained in the following extract: "*Resolved*, That Bros. William Durant, John Dean and James Holly be a committee to wait on the American prisoners now confined in our gaol, and if any of them belong to our ancient order, to see if we can render them any assistance."

Although there were no freemasons among the prisoners, and thus the charitable impulses of the brethren were not then practically brought forth, the intention was illustrative of freemasonry in its humane and universal characteristics; and it became specially marked in this instance, as the three brethren appointed to visit the gaol had, a few years previ-



SAINT JOHN LODGE, N° XXIX.

To All whom it may Concern:—

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, *That Brother James Hillsgrove, 104th Regt —— is a Regular Registered Master Mason, in Saint John Lodge, No. 29, held in the City of Saint John, in the Province of New-Brunswick;—— and has during his Stay amongst Us, behaved himself as became an Honest Brother.*

Given under our Hands this 24th Day of June, 5812

John Hazen Master.

Sen. Warden.

Jun. Warden, pt

Secretary.

FAC-SIMILE OF CERTIFICATE.

ously, been driven forth from their homes, to seek shelter in New Brunswick, by the inexorable outcome of the American revolutionary war. The feelings of humanity and of brotherhood overtopped all others under the benign sway of "brotherly love, relief and truth."

Scarcely a meeting was held without an entry in the record shewing that money, provisions or fuel were granted to some deserving brother, widow or orphan.

December 1—This being the annual communication, the officers for the ensuing year were elected, viz.:

Bro. William Durant, W. M.

Bro. Joseph Clarke, S. W.	Bro. William Haddon, Sec'y.
" Cornelius Van Horne, J. W.	" William Fraser, S. D.
" Robert McKenzie, Treas.	" James Hetherington, J. D.

Bro. Peter McCaliff, Tyler.

They were installed the following St. John's day.

The bye-laws of the lodge provided that no brother should be entitled to vote in the election of officers whose dues were unpaid.

A. D. 1813.

January 5—The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the treasurer and secretary reported that the balance on hand amounted to £75 10s. 1d., of which £64 15s. 1d. were due by members who had borrowed different sums and given their notes in security.

March 2—During the past month the lodge removed from the Coffee House to the building on King street, formerly the Mallard House, occupied by a Mrs. Cock. There was a goodly attendance, and several candidates initiated. The rent of the premises was fixed at ten pounds for one year.

April 6—It was reported that a copy of "The Freemasons' Monitor" was purchased at a cost of six shillings and three pence, and "Harris' Masonic Lectures" for fifteen shillings.

The lodge was visited by an officer of His Majesty's ship-of-war "Rattler," then lying in port.

May 11—A new code of bye-laws was adopted, and Bro. Durant authorized to print two hundred copies. The laws were not copied into the record.

June 24—The secretary was allowed three pounds for his services for the past year; the first entry of any such payment.

December 27—The following officers were installed, viz.:

Bro. Joseph Clarke, W. M.

Bro. Cornelius Van Horne, S. W.	Bro. William Haddon, Sec'y.
" William Fraser, J. W.	" Alexander Kirk, S. D.
" Robert McKenzie, Treas.	" Solomon Hopkins, J. D.

Bro. Peter McCaliff, Tyler.

At five o'clock in the afternoon the brethren and guests celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist by dining together in the lodge room.

A. D. 1814.

February 1—Bros. Grant, Clarke and Durant were authorized "to look out for a lodge room for the ensuing year." At the next regular communication they recommended the premises of Bro. Joseph E. Morse, Horsfield street. The recommendation was accepted, and on the first day of May ensuing the lodge was removed to Bro. Morse's, where it continued until May, 1818.

February 25—The lodge assembled and buried with masonic ceremony the remains of W. Bro. Richard Bonsall, who died on the 22nd instant, aged seventy-four years. Bro. Bonsall received the degrees of fresmasonry in New York previous to coming to New Brunswick with the loyalists. He was one of the charter members and a worshipful master of old Hiram Lodge, No. 17, and one of the founders of Carleton Royal Arch Chapter. Bro. James Sydney Kaye, a great grandson, is now a member and past senior warden of St. John's Lodge.

April 5—A letter was received from Midian Lodge, No. 31, Kingston, complaining that a member of Midian Lodge had been refused to join in the procession and take part in the funeral obsequies of the late Bro. Richard Bonsall. An explanation was requested, with the "wish that the mistake may be amicably adjusted."

The secretary of St. John's Lodge was directed to state, in his reply, that the brother in question should never have been made a mason, as some time previously he had been "implicated in a crime of the most heinous character, and warded off the penalty by turning evidence for the crown. Upon these grounds he was rejected, they think very justly. They, however, join their hearty wishes with yours, that it may be amicably adjusted to the honor and credit of the society."

The record does not shew any further correspondence in the matter. The case, however, illustrates the evil arising from admitting candidates without strict inquiry into their antecedents.

June 7—The lodge gave its consent to the erection of a new lodge in the city of Saint John, under the name of "Union Lodge," and authorized

the master and wardens to forward a certificate of recommendation to the provincial grand lodge at Halifax.

The provincial grand lodge, having issued a warrant for the erection of Union Lodge, No. 38, it was formally constituted September 27, 1814, in the lodge room of St. John's Lodge. W. Bro. William Durant, P.M. of St. John's Lodge, conducted the installation ceremonies under a special authority issued by the provincial grand master of Nova Scotia. W. Bro. David Waterbury was the first master, Bro. William Charlton the first senior warden, and Bro. James Hay, Jr., the first junior warden of the new lodge.

July 5—"The committee appointed to investigate the charge made by Bro. Akerley against Bro. ———, reported that the said brother is clear of injuring Bro. Akerley by any report to his prejudice." The lodge deeming the charge "to be inconsiderate," cited Bro. Akerley before it and admonished him. Bro. Akerley was not a member of the lodge.

July 25—The lodge assembled and buried, with masonic ceremony, the remains of Bro. Peter Lugrin, who was not a member.

August 2—It was ordered that the lodge room be rented to Bro. Jonathan Mitchell, of Virgin Lodge, No. 2, Halifax, Nova Scotia, for a dancing school.

Bro. William Durant was authorized to print twenty-five certificates on parchment.

August 13—By direction of the W. M., the secretary addressed a letter to the provincial grand master, as follows: "As several *modern* masons have lately presented themselves to this lodge for admittance, claiming that privilege upon the principle of the consolidation of the ancient and modern masons, which is said to have recently taken place at London, they pray the right worshipful grand lodge to advise them, as soon as convenient, how and in what manner they are to treat these brethren, as without sufficient authority they do not consider themselves at liberty to commune with them."

The provincial grand secretary replied, in effect, "that until other regulations arrive from England, *modern* masons are to be admitted, after first taking before the master in the chair the usual obligation, and receiving the signs and grips according to the *ancient* custom."

The tenor of this correspondence reveals to us the almost impassable barrier which separated the brethren of that day hailing from the rival grand lodges, termed the *moderns* and *ancients*. The latter body, from which St. John's Lodge held its original warrant, were schismatics from the parent grand body. They were undoubtedly aggressive and in some

respects unscrupulous. They assumed the title of *ancients*, to which they had not a shadow of a claim, hoping thereby to occupy in the eyes of the masonic world a pre-eminence over the lawful and old established grand lodge. Having, by the formation of a large number of lodges, obtained a strong foothold in America, they attempted the role of autocrats, and treated the brethren of the regular grand body in the light of masonic pariahs, evidently for the purpose of preventing the erection or growth of any rivals on this side of the Atlantic. This contention is confirmed by the practice prevailing in the *ancient* lodges of requiring all brethren hailing from the *moderns* to be *healed* before being allowed to take part in their assemblies, and it is further confirmed by the closing portion of the foregoing letter of the lodge secretary—"they do not consider themselves at liberty to commune with them."

While my strictures may seem to bear heavily on the early members of my lodge, I feel that they were not responsible for the objectionable custom then prevailing in the lodge. They were merely the inheritors of a system inaugurated by Laurence Dermot and his confreres, a system handed down, in regular succession, with all the force and authority of masonic custom and usage.

These letters also reveal to us that although the rival grand lodges had joined hands, and had more than a year been united into one harmonious governing body, under the title of "The United Grand Lodge of England," the brethren of St. John's Lodge had not been officially informed of the auspicious circumstance, but were still working as though their parent grand lodge held the reins of government. This was probably the fault of the provincial grand lodge authorities at Halifax.

December 6—At this annual communication the following were elected to office for the incoming year:

Bro. William Durant, W. M.

Bro. John Dean, S. W.	Bro. William Fraser, Sec'y.
" William Haddon, J. W.	" Solomon Hopkins, S. D.
" Robert Robertson, Treas.	" Alexander Kirk, J. D.

Bro. Joseph E. Morse, Tyler.

A. D. 1815.

January 8—Sunday. The lodge, conjointly with Union Lodge, attended in a body and buried the remains of Bro. Benjamin Wiggins with masonic ceremony. The funeral took place at half-past two o'clock.

February 7—"The W. M. reported that he had relieved an indigent and unfortunate brother, a shipwrecked mariner belonging to the brig "Mary Ann Richards," when it was ordered that he continue to relieve

the said brother from time to time, as he in his discretion shall think proper."

The case of another distressed brother, a member of a sister lodge in the province, was ordered to be attended to.

March 7—A committee, consisting of Bros. Joseph Clarke, Robert Ray and William Fraser, was appointed "to visit Union Lodge for three months from this night."

April 10—"The lodge was visited by a Bro. Stephano Arratall, a gentleman who formerly resided in Russia, humbly requesting to be relieved under the following circumstances: He stated that he, with five relatives, two of whom were females, had been taken in 1812 and carried into captivity by an Algerine corsair and detained in slavery at Tripoli, for the release of whom the enormous sum of twelve thousand ducats had been demanded as a ransom; that he, the said Bro. Arratall, accompanied by Bro. Lazarato Rebalo, having been furnished with the most respectable and incontestable recommendations from gentlemen in London, as well as from several masonic bodies in the United States and England, and this lodge having taken their case in mature consideration, unanimously voted them the sum of three pounds, to be paid them by the treasurer."

July 12—The remains of the late Bro. Robert McKenzie were b ıried by the lodge with masonic ceremonial. The deceased brother, who was fifty-four years of age, joined the lodge October 2, 1810, and filled the office of treasurer three years, 1812–1814.

August 1—"Bro. John Downey having appeared at this lodge as a modern mason, was *healed* by the W. M. according to the direction of the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, and admitted a visiting brother."

"Ordered, that a mark lodge, under the warrant of St. John's Lodge, be held on Thursday evening next, for the *marking* of such brethren as may appear for that purpose."

September 1—"Bro. John Downey personally proposed himself to become a member of this lodge." Similar propositions were made on several other occasions, previous to and after this date.

The lodge assembled to-day, formed in funeral procession, and proceeded to the burial ground near King's square, where the remains of Bro. Peter McCaliff were interred, with the ceremonies usual to the craft. The deceased brother joined the lodge December 4, 1803, and at the time of his death was very aged. He was tyler of the lodge several years.

December 5—"The initiation fee was increased from £3 15s. 0d. to £5 0s. 0d., with five shillings extra to the tyler; and the joining fee reduced from twelve shillings and sixpence to seven shillings and sixpence.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows:

Bro. John Dean, W. M.

Bro. Robert Ray, S. W.	Bro. Solomon Hopkins, S. D.
" Robert Robertson, J. W.	" William Gaynor, J. D.
" Joseph Clarke, Treas.	" Thomas Parker, S. S.
" Henry Chubb, Sec'y.	" Israel Decker, J. S.

Bro. Joseph E. Morse, Tyler.

A. D. 1816.

January 2—"The following brethren were recommended to the higher degrees: Bros. Henry Chubb, William Gaynor, Levi Lockhart, Joseph E. Morse and Martin Stennicks."

April 2—"The lodge agreed to subscribe for two shares of stock in the masonic hall, contemplated to be built on the corner of King and Studholm[1] streets.

Apri 8—"It was resolved that the W. M. and wardens for the time being be a committee to attend as stockholders in the name of this lodge in the contemplated masonic hall; and further resolved, that the sum of ten pounds be paid as the first instalment towards the said building."

A further sum of twenty pounds was ordered to be paid the following October.

William Robson, paymaster, and John Campbell, quartermaster of the 102nd regiment of foot, were initiated.

May 6—"Bro. William Taylor, attended as a deputation from Union Lodge, No. 38, and conveyed the thanks of that body for the use of the jewels and paraphernalia of St. John's Lodge."

September 3—"Bro. Morse's bill, for providing the *ark* with three locks, was ordered to be paid." This ark remained in the possession of the lodge up to the fire of June 20, 1877.

Bros. Robert Ray, Levi Lockhart and William Haddon were appointed to act in conjunction with a committee of Union Lodge, No. 38, in arranging details in connection with the ceremonial of laying the corner stone of the proposed masonic hall.

In the record, and in regular order, the following entry is made: "Wednesday evening, 18th September, 1816. Extra lodge. Past Master's Lodge was opened with the following brethren present: William Haddon, W. M.; Robert Ray, S. W.; William Gaynor, J. W.; Thomas Hunter, Joseph Clark, Levi Lockhart and Joseph E. Morse. Bros. Robert Robertson, Caleb Haskill and Richard Mott received the degree of past master. Past Master's Lodge was closed, and Most Excellent

1 Now Charlotte street.

Master's Lodge opened, when Bros. Robertson, Haskill and Mott received the degree of most excellent master. The lodge was closed in harmony. Levi Lockhart, secretary *pro tem.*"

The brethren who officiated as master and junior warden at this communication were not the regular officers of the craft lodge, although all present were members of it. One finds it difficult to account for this mode of conferring these degrees, except upon the supposition that the brethren assumed the prerogative, and, as there was no resident authority to take exception to it, they simply did it, as some other things were done, under the wide *latitude* allowed lodges chartered by the *ancients.*

MASONIC HALL.

As the first early attempt to erect a building for purely masonic purposes in Saint John must possess historic interest, I venture no apology for making extended remarks in connection with its inception and progress. I am enabled to do this from information gleaned from the records of the provincial grand lodge and from the columns of the *Courier* newspaper of contemporary date. The records of St. John's Lodge are devoid of details of the matter.

The first item is an advertisement in the *Courier* of February 24, 1816, viz.: "Masonic Notice. It being contemplated by the members of the masonic fraternity in this city, to erect a building for the accommodation of the society, a general meeting of all the brethren in Saint John and vicinity, as well transient as resident, is particularly requested at Mrs. Cock's, on Wednesday evening next, the 28th instant, at seven o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the most efficient measures for carrying the same into effect." This notice had no name appended to it.

At the meeting held at the time and place specified, it was decided to proceed with the work, and a committee of six brethren, three from St. John's and three from Union Lodge, was appointed to obtain information, and report at a subsequent meeting. The committee entered so promptly into the work, that on the 30th March the following notice was published in the *Courier:* "The members of the fraternity of free and accepted masons within this city and vicinity, are requested to attend at Mrs. Cock's on Monday evening next, precisely at seven o'clock, to receive the report of the committee appointed at the meeting of February 28th relative to the erection of a masonic hall."

The result of this meeting is alluded to in the editorial columns of the *Courier*, as follows: "Pursuant to advertisement, a meeting of the members of the fraternity of F. & A. M. was held at Mrs. Cock's, April 1st, for the purpose of receiving the report of a committee appointed on the 28th

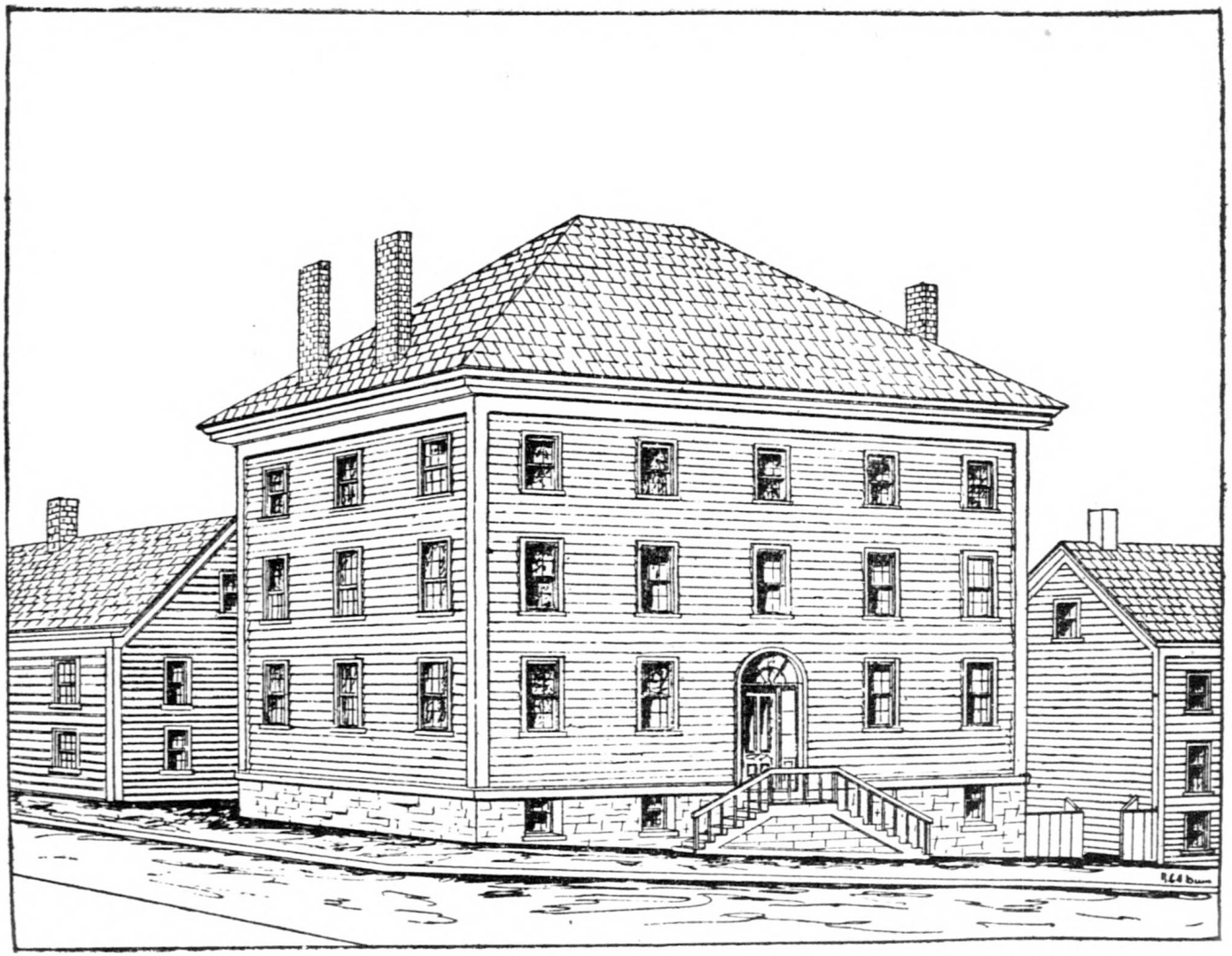
February last, relative to building a masonic hall. Nehemiah Merritt, Esq., being called to the chair, the report of the committee was read as follows: 'The committee appointed 28th February last to ascertain where a site could be procured for the purpose of erecting thereon a building for a masonic hall, report, that a lot of ground at the head of King street, now under lease to Mr. John Currie, appears in their opinion to be the most eligible situation. The lot situated as above, containing fifty feet on King street and running one hundred feet on Studholm[1] street, with the exception of 28 x 30 feet in the rear, whereon the stable of Mr. John Currie now stands, can be leased for the sum of twenty-five pounds per annum. That the building contemplated to be erected thereon will, in the estimation of the committee, cost about two thousand pounds. That it is the opinion of the committee that the most advisable plan for raising the sum required will be to invest it in a joint stock concern, to consist of eighty shares at twenty-five pounds each share. That each share be made transferrable; and should more money be required than the above mentioned sum, that the number of shares be increased. That it is the opinion of the committee that every lodge of master masons, say St. John's Lodge, No. 29, and Union Lodge, No. 38, or any other that may hereafter occupy the said hall, shall pay the sum of twenty pounds each as rent annually; and that the sum of ten pounds be paid annually by each royal arch chapter holding communications within the same.'" The report was signed by Nehemiah Merritt, chairman, Robert Robertson and William Durant on behalf of St. John's Lodge, and Benjamin L. Peters, John Currie and James Hendricks on behalf of Union Lodge.

"The foregoing report being read, it was resolved that the said report be received, and that a committee of three persons be appointed to receive subscriptions for shares, and that Nehemiah Merritt, Esq., Mr. James Hendricks and Mr. B. L. Peters be the said committee. That all subscribers pay into the hands of persons hereafter to be appointed by the stockholders the sum of five pounds in part payment of each share the first day of May next; the sum of ten pounds on the first day of September; and the remaining sum of ten pounds on the first day of January following. That, provided subscriptions sufficient be obtained to carry these resolutions into effect, any person not paying the amount of his subscription in one month after either of the said days of payment, the amount he may have paid shall be forfeited. That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the different public prints in this city.

"William Taylor, Secretary to the meeting."

"Persons wishing to subscribe will apply to Messrs. Merritt, Hendricks and Peters."

1 Now Charlotte street.



OLD MASONIC HALL.

The building committee, consisting of Bros. Hendricks, Peters and Taylor, advertised in the *Courier* of July 24th "for tenders for excavating the cellar of the building according to plan and specification to be seen at the store of Bro. Hendricks."

The same committee advertised in the *Courier* of July 31st for tenders "for furnishing framing materials, and for raising the frame of the hall, 60 x 50 feet, with posts 51 feet in length, to be raised on the foundation wall by November 1st. Payment to be made in cash."

The work had so far progressed that, on September 21st, the following notice appeared in the *Courier:*

MASONIC NOTICE.

The fraternity of free and accepted masons are hereby informed that, on Saturday next, the foundation stone of the masonic hall, in this city, will be laid *in form.* All the brethren throughout the province, who can make it convenient to attend at the ceremony, are hereby particularly requested to meet at the lodge room, in Mr. Morse's house, Horsfield street, on Saturday, the 28th instant, precisely at 12 o'clock noon.

The particulars of the ceremonial of laying the corner stone are copied from the records of the provincial grand lodge at a quarterly communication held in Halifax, March 5, 1817, as follows:

The grand secretary laid before grand lodge the minutes of a temporary grand lodge held at Saint John, N. B., which was read, viz.:

By virtue of a warrant under the hand and seal of the R. W. John George Pyke, grand master of the ancient society of freemasons in Nova Scotia and the masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, dated at Halifax the 14th day of September, in the year of our Lord 1816, and of masonry 5816, a grand lodge assembled at the Exchange Coffee House, in the city of Saint John, in New Brunswick, on the 28th day of September, in the same year, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant.

PRESENT:

The R. W. Thomas Wetmore, Esquire, Grand Master.
" Garret Clopper, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master.
" David Waterbury, Senior Grand Warden.
" William Wykely, Junior Grand Warden.
" James Hendricks, Grand Secretary.

Together with a number of other brethren, some of whom were appointed to the following offices, viz.:

Bro. William Durant, Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas L. Nicholson, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Charles Whitney, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Peter Hatfield, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Robert Ray, Grand Marshal.
" John Wood, Grand Standard Bearer.

The lodge was opened in due form and solemnity, being attended by St. John's and Union Lodges, and moved in procession to the foundation of the masonic hall, corner of King and Charlotte streets, in the following order:

Two Bugles.
Union Lodge, No. 38, two and two.
St. John's Lodge, No. 29, two and two.
Band of Music.
The Grand Lodge, as follows:
The Tyler.
Two Stewards.
Two Deacons.

Bro. Judson, with the golden square. Bro. Edmond, with the gold level.
Bro. Merritt, with the gold plumb. Bro. Paddock, with the gold mallet.
Bro. Rawleigh, with wine. Bro. Clark, with oil.

Bro. Pagan, cornucopia with corn.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Two Wardens.
The Bible, borne by Bro. Paul, supported by two Stewards.
The Grand Master, supported by the D. G. M. and Bro. Sinnot.
The Grand Sword Bearer.
The Society of Carpenters, in their proper dress, with standard, closed the procession.

When the head of the procession reached the place, the whole halted; the grand lodge moved through the line formed in front, and took its station in the theatre erected for the occasion in the east of the foundation, and the grand master having taken his seat, the ceremony of laying the stone commenced.

The stone was let down by direction of the D. G. M., the music playing an anthem, when the grand master and his deputy proceeded to the stone, and the deputy, having deposited in the stone some coins of the present reign, and medals prepared for the purpose, they were covered by a plate bearing the following inscription: "This stone of the masonic hall was laid on the 28th September, A. D. 1816, of the era of masonry 5816, and of the reign of George the Third, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the fifty-sixth; in the mayoralty of John Robinson, Esquire, by Thomas Wetmore, Esquire, attorney-general for this province, as grand master substitute of John George Pyke, Esquire, grand master of the society of masons in Nova Scotia and the masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

The deputy grand master having retired, the grand master was then attended by two operative masons, who assisted in laying the stone. The golden square, plumb, level and mallet were handed in succession to the grand master, and, after being used, were returned to the respective officers. Upon using the mallet, the grand master said: "In the name of the R. W. John George Pyke, Esquire, grand master of masons in Nova Scotia and the masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, I now lay this stone, and may the Great Architect of the Universe, of His Kind Providence, grant a blessing on this foundation, and enable us to carry on and finish what we have now begun." Upon which three huzzas were given and an anthem played.

The corn, wine and oil were then brought and delivered to the deputy grand master, who poured them on the stone, saying: "May the bountiful hand of Heaven bless this city with an abundance of corn, wine and oil, and with all the necessary

conveniences and comforts of life, and preserve it from ruin and decay to the latest posterity." Upon which three huzzas were again given and an anthem played.

The procession then formed again and returned in the same order to the place where the grand lodge was opened, when it was closed in solemn form.

By order of the grand master.

JAMES HENDRICKS, *Grand Secretary.*

The *Courier*, in its issue of October 5th, made the following comment upon the demonstration:

On Saturday last, the corner stone of the spacious and elegant building intended to be erected at the head of King street for a masonic hall, was laid with the usual formalities on such occasions, by the society of freemasons in this city. A grand lodge *pro tempore* was formed by dispensation from the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, Thomas Wetmore, Esquire, His Majesty's attorney-general, acting as grand master. They were joined by the St. John's and Union Lodges, and many respectable brethren from the adjacent counties, etc., which, together with the carpenter's society (a respectable body recently instituted in this city), formed a handsome procession. The day was uncommonly fine, and the number of people gathered together on the occasion were innumerable.

As R. W. Bro. William Campbell, was deputy grand master in New Brunswick, and officially entitled to conduct the ceremonial of laying the corner stone, the cause of his absence is explained in a letter written by a committee of St. John's and Union Lodges to the provincial grand secretary, viz.: "R. W. Bro. William Campbell, D. G. M., in consequence of his advanced years, is unable to conduct the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the contemplated masonic hall, we therefore ask that Bro. Thomas Wetmore, Past High Priest of Carleton R. A. Chapter, be authorized to open a deputy grand lodge, and act on the occasion."

R. W. Bro. Campbell, stated in a note appended to this letter, that he "heartily concurred with the brethren in their laudable design, and sanctioned their petition."

At the conclusion of the ceremonial a handsome collection was made and placed upon the stone by the fraternity, which was subsequently handed to a committee "to be dispensed among proper objects of relief."

Further details of this building, together with a sketch of its subsequent history, are given in another portion of this volume.

October 1—"Bros. John Dean, Wm. Durant and Levi Lockhart were appointed a committee, to act with a committee of Union Lodge, to settle the expense attending the recent procession *in form*, for laying the foundation stone of the masonic hall."

The secretary supplemented this evening's record by the following entry: "The business of the evening was concluded by an address to the Throne of Grace, and we are happy to say that our meeting was pleasant, that the highest degree of harmony and brotherly love prevailed among

the brethren, and that such was our parting, we think we are warranted to say that the best wine was kept until the last."

October 6—The remains of Bro. Micah Yeamans, of St. George's Lodge, No. 19, Maugerville, were buried by the lodge with masonic ceremony. The deceased was thirty-seven years of age, and master of a vessel then in port.

November 5—The following is a copy of a petition presented to the lodge, which is produced to show the conciseness of such documents in the early days, viz.: "To the master and wardens of Lodge, No. 29: Wishing to become a member of your honorable society of F. & A. M., I therefore offer myself a candidate. "S. T. BURROWS.

"Saint John, November 4th, 1816."

The petitioner was balloted for and accepted at the next communication, but never came forward for initiation.

December 3—Officers were elected as follows:

Bro. Robert Robertson, W. M.

Bro. Robert Ray, S. W.	Bro. Caleb Haskill, S. D.
" William J. Gaynor, J. W.	" Warren Bibber, J. D.
" Joseph Clark, Treas.	" Richard Mott, S. S.
" Henry Chubb, Sec'y.	" Charles Herring, J. S.

Bro. Joseph E. Morse, Tyler.

A. D. 1817.

July 1—"W. Bro. Bugbee favored the lodge with a lecture."

August 5—"Bros. Robertson, Durant and Mott were appointed a standing committee to relieve distressed brethren who may make application, and they finding them worthy."

September 16—"Bros. Charles Herring and John Thomas, having been unanimously recommended to the royal arch, regularly passed the chair for that purpose." This was an emergency meeting, and the degree was conferred in a master's lodge.

October 20—"The lodge attended in a body and paid the last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Robert Laidley, by consigning his mortal remains to the tomb with masonic honors." Bro. Laidley died October 16th, aged seventy-three years. He joined the lodge December 27th, 1804, and was tyler one year.

December 27—Officers were installed, as follows:

Bro. Robert Ray, W. M.

Bro. Henry Chubb, S. W.	Bro. Warren Bibber, S. D.
" Levi Lockhart, J. W.	" David S. Marshall, J. D.
" Robert Robertson, Treas.	" John McClure, S. S.
" Charles Herring, Sec'y.	" James Grundy, J. S.

Bro. Joseph E. Morse, Tyler.

"The lodge, in connection with Union Lodge, dined together at the Coffee House at 5 o'clock, when the usual toasts pertinent to such an occasion were severally proposed and answered. There was a good gathering of the brethren, who spent a few hours in a brotherly and social manner. The tickets, including wines, were twenty shillings."

A. D. 1818.

March 3—The treasurer was directed to hand sixty-five shillings to a brother to enable him to return to his home in New York, and a committee was appointed to administer to the wants of another brother, a shipwrecked mariner.

A committee appointed at the February meeting to make inquiry for premises suitable for lodge purposes, reported that Bro. Levi Lockhart offered a commodious hall, with two preparation rooms adjoining, together with the use of sufficient stoves and fuel, for £12 10s. 0d. per year, when it was agreed to accept Bro. Lockhart's offer, and to remove thereto May first ensuing.

July 7—"It was ordered that there be an elevation in the East for the chairs of past masters, placing them one step lower than the worshipful master."

December 1—Officers were elected, as follows:

Bro. Henry Chubb, W. M.

Bro. William Durant, S. W.	Bro. David S. Marshall, S. D.
" Richard Mott, J. W.	" Jeremiah Gove, J. D.
" Robert Robertson, Treas.	" Henry Long, S. S.
" Charles Herring, Sec'y.	" William Joice, J. S.

Bro. Solomon Hopkins, Tyler.

A. D. 1819.

March 2—The secretary was directed to acknowledge the reception of a circular from the grand lodge of Canada containing a list of grand lodge officers and a roll of lodges in Canada.

June 2—"A *passed* master's lodge was opened, when Bros. Henry Long and Jeremiah Gove received the sublime degree of a master in the chair." This entry is copied verbatim.

June 8—An emergent communication "for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to, and burying with masonic honors, the remains of the late Bro. Alexander McPherson, who died on the fifth instant, aged sixty four years." Bro. McPherson joined the lodge August 1, 1815.

August 31—The lodge buried the remains of the late Bro. Peters Merritt, who died August 28th, aged twenty-five years. He was initiated December 23, 1817.

September 7—The following bye-law was adopted: "Every person previous to being admitted into this lodge shall pay the sum of £5 5s. 0d. *in the box*,[1] which shall entitle him to the three degrees."

October 5—A letter was received from the provincial grand secretary, stating that a book of constitutions had been published, and the lodge was called upon to procure a copy.

December 7—At the annual election the following officers were chosen:

Bro. William Durant, W. M.

Bro. Robert Ray, S. W.	Bro. Jeremiah Gove, S. D.
" John McClure, J. W.	" Henry Long, J. D.
" Henry Chubb, Treas.	" Robert C. Minette, S. S.
" Thomas Leavitt, Sec'y.	" Phares Martin, J. S.

Bro. Levi Lockhart, Tyler.

December 27—"After the installation of officers, and agreeably to arrangements made on our last meeting, the body in conjunction with our sister lodge, Union No. 38, proceeded in regular form from the lodge rooms in Bro. Lockhart's house to St. Andrew's church, where a sermon adapted to the occasion was preached by the Rev. Dr. Burns,[2] from 2 Peter, 1st chapter, 5–7 verses: 'Giving all diligence; add to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity.' They then returned to their respective lodge rooms, and afterwards to Cody's Coffee House, where they sat down to a sumptuous dinner, and spent the remainder of the day in the greatest hilarity and brotherly love. Subsequently they returned to their lodge room, where, after voting that the sum of five pounds be added to the collection made in the church this day (£41 3s. 9d.), the lodge was closed in peace, social harmony and brotherly love."

A. D. 1820.

January 4—"Bros. McClure, Minette and Martin were appointed a committee to procure a new outfit of furniture, etc., for the lodge."

The audit committee, in a report submitted to the lodge, exposed an unbusinesslike method of conducting its financial affairs, a method which appears to have commenced in its early days, and to have continued with increased volume as the years advanced. I allude to the vicious practice of loaning the funds to sundry members, and the retention of moneys by some of the officers. The committee shewed that the sum of

1 Equivalent to paying it into the funds of the lodge.

2 The Rev. George Burns, D. D., was pastor of St. Andrew's church (Presbyterian), in Saint John, about fourteen years, commencing May, 1817. He was a native of Scotland, to which country he returned after leaving New Brunswick, and died there February, 1878 aged 85 years. He was not a member of the masonic fraternity.

£155 7s. 8d. was due to the lodge, of which amount £84 0s. 0d. was in the hands of nine members. Vigorous steps were taken to enforce payment from these delinquents.

April 4—"Bros. Dean, Lockhart and Minette were appointed a committee, to act in conjunction with a committee of Union Lodge, to investigate the legality of a lodge held in the parish of Portland."

May 2—"On motion made and seconded, it was resolved unanimously that, in consequence of the death of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, past grand master of the united grand lodge of England, this lodge go into decent mourning."[1]

July 4—"Read a petition from Corporal Gibson, of the 74th regiment of foot, who was entered, passed and raised in a self-created lodge held in the parish of Portland, by a Mr. Campbell and others, praying that he be accepted by and receive a certificate from this body. Ordered, that Bros. Townsend, Payne and Martin be a committee to call on Corporal Gibson and inform him that he cannot be acknowledged by or receive a certificate from this body without first obtaining a vote for his admission and afterwards going through all the regular forms and ceremonies of being *healed over*, and paying such fees as the body may think proper." At a meeting held July 7th, it was decided, on the ballot, that Gibson be accepted and *healed over*.

July 28—"This special lodge having been convened for the purpose of taking into consideration a circular letter from the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, dated the 21st February last, transmitting a copy of communication from the grand lodge of England of March 31, 1819, when a series of resolutions were read, which had been previously drawn up by a committee from this lodge and our sister lodge, Union, No. 38. On motion made and seconded, it was resolved that the said resolutions do pass, and the same be transmitted to the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, with such amendments in form as a committee consisting of Bros. Durant, Ray and Leavitt may think meet."

The following is a copy of the resolutions above mentioned:

1. That it is the unqualified opinion of this assembly that they owe implicit obedience to the orders of the R. W. grand lodge, from whom they have received their privileges, while there is an apparent possibility of complying with them.

1 H. R. H. Prince Edward Augustus, Duke of Kent and Strathearn, and Earl of Dublin, the fourth son of King George the Third, was born November 2, 1767, and died January 23, 1820. He was the father of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Initiated into freemasonry at Geneva, Switzerland, A. D. 1790, and elected grand master of the Athol grand lodge, A. D. 1813. Through his exertions, seconded by his brother the Duke of Sussex, grand master of the mother grand lodge, the reconciliation of these two branches of the English masonic family was accomplished, and their union effected December, 1813, under the title of "The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England." His Royal Highness paid a hurried visit to Saint John in the month of June, 1794. He came from Halifax by way of Annapolis.

2. That from the great distance between this place and Halifax, these lodges find it next to an impossibility to be regularly represented in the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, in consequence of which they are deprived of any voice there, and in a great measure prevented from making it acquainted with any particular necessity arising from their particular situation.

3. That the local situation of the lodges, established, as they are, in the seaport town of this province, subjects them to the necessity of making very considerable contributions to poor and distressed brethren, who are continually arriving here from all parts of the world, under circumstances which, in many cases, render it necessary for these lodges to be at their entire expense for affording them relief; the general fund of the grand lodge of Nova Scotia being at too great a distance to be called upon for transient objects of masonic benevolence in this province, and the other lodges of this province being so remote, preclude the possibility of any assistance from them without a tedious and uncertain correspondence.

4. That from the facts which appear in the foregoing resolution, the funds of these two bodies have, on many occasions, been wholly inadequate to answer the demands of charity made upon them; in consequence of which, it has been necessary, in order to afford the desired assistance, to resort to voluntary contributions from the brethren, which have often been of considerable amount and always extremely burdensome.

5. That the more to enable them to meet these demands, these lodges have increased their fees of initiation and have also abstained from all refreshments at their meetings, and appropriated the money heretofore paid for this purpose to the use of the fund of charity, which arrangements, though of great benefit, have not yet enabled them to meet all the pressing expenses that occur.

6. That there is every reason to believe, the number of distressed brethren from all parts of the British empire who are relieved by these lodges, is beyond comparison greater than the number of members belonging to these bodies, who have received assistance from the funds of the lodges in England or elsewhere.

7. That the large sums before alluded to, disbursed by these lodges to alleviate the distress of transient members of our fraternity, have in a great measure incapacitated them from paying due attention to the necessities of their own indigent brethren, thereby obliging them to resign one of the most essential local advantages of the institution.

8. That from all the foregoing considerations, it is evident that a compliance with the present orders of the grand lodge, or any augmentation of the fees of the masonic institution in this place, would have an injurious tendency to the establishment here altogether, as it must not only prevent any new candidates from being initiated, but also compel many valuable members to declare off from the working bodies the present burdens of which they are but ill able to bear.

9. That it is the anxious hope of the brethren of these lodges, that the grand lodge will be kindly pleased to take their case into serious consideration, and that some arrangement may (if possible) be made to remove the serious difficulty they must labor under if these are to be rigorously enforced.

10. That the associated brethren now convened trust their cause entirely to the decision of the grand lodge and await its determination, which, if unfavorable, and a strict compliance with its regulations be still insisted upon, with all deference and humility they will abide by the order of the grand lodge, and return their warrants to be disposed of as it may think proper, considering it better for the general char-

acter of the fraternity in this part of the world that these lodges should at once honorably close their flourishing career before they become involved by these new and increased charges, than linger a few years under such accumulated burdens as must inevitably reduce them to an unhappy termination.

11. That these resolutions be signed by the masters and wardens of these lodges, and countersigned by the secretaries, and a copy of them transmitted through the R. W. deputy grand master of this province to the grand secretary of the R. W. grand lodge in Nova Scotia, together with the united and sincere thanks of the brethren now assembled for the many favors it has heretofore conferred upon them, which they are as grateful to acknowledge as they have been happy to receive.

St. John's Lodge, No. 29:	*Union Lodge, No.* 38:
Wm. Durant, W. M.	Benj. L. Peters, W. M.
Robert Ray, S. W.	Alex. Edmond, S. W.
John McClure J. W.	Thos. L. Nicholson, J. W.
Thos. Leavitt, Sec'y.	Lionel Anderson, Sec'y.

As no entry is made of these letters from Nova Scotia and England, it can only be surmised, from the purport of the foregoing resolutions, that an order had passed to increase the fees exacted from the respective lodges in New Brunswick.

The provincial grand secretary reported that he had received the resolutions, and had, by command of the provincial grand master, transmitted them to the grand lodge of England. Subsequent extracts from the records will shew that further and important action was taken by the local lodges in regard to this demand of the grand lodge.

September 8—"The members of the lodge, with brethren of Union Lodge and transient masons, met at the lodge room at half-past three o'clock, to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of the late Bro. David Webb." The deceased was initiated in St. John's Lodge, July 7, 1818, and was thirty years of age.

October 3—"It was resolved unanimously, that Bro. John Clark, a sufferer by a recent fire in Nova Scotia, receive £9 1s. 0d. from the funds of the lodge."

November 7—"It was resolved that Bro. ——— be suspended from this lodge for six months from this date, in consequence of his late misconduct in being frequently in a state of intoxication; and further, that the secretary furnish him with a copy of this resolution."

"Agreeably to summons (see entry April 4th last), the officers presiding under warrant No. 977 from the grand lodge of Ireland, viz.: Samuel Campbell, master; Charles Campbell, S. W.; Robert Forsyth, J. W.; and William Brown, secretary, were admitted, when a letter from the grand secretary of the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, transmitting a letter from the grand secretary of the grand lodge of Ireland, together with an

extract from the minutes, were read to them, declaring said warrant No. 977 to be null and void and of no effect, the same being clandestine in having been taken from the town in Ireland where it was granted to be held, and that Samuel Campbell, the master, be expelled from the rights and privileges of freemasonry. The above mentioned officers of the aforesaid warrant No. 977 then withdrew. Whereupon it was ordered that the secretary furnish Samuel Campbell with copies of the above mentioned documents."

Further particulars of this body will be found under the head of "A Clandestine Lodge."

A letter was received from the provincial grand secretary informing the lodge that Corporal Gibson might be "*healed* according to the ancient custom of the craft," and at the succeeding communication he was *healed* accordingly.

December 27—St. John's and Union Lodges celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist by attending divine service and dining together. The brethren assembled at their respective lodge rooms at half-past nine o'clock a. m., when a procession was formed, and, after moving through several of the principal streets, reached Trinity church at eleven o'clock. A large number of the fraternity and many prominent citizens attended the church, where they listened to an instructive and appropriate sermon on "Brotherly Love," delivered by the Rev. Bro. James Cookson.[1] A collection was taken up for the benefit of the poor of the city, which amounted to £29 0s. 0d. In the afternoon, at four o'clock, the brethren sat down to a dinner provided at Cody's Coffee House. After the usual loyal, masonic and sentimental toasts, and the enjoyment of rational and fraternal sentiment, they separated at an early hour in the evening.

By vote of the lodge, the sum of £5 0s. 0d. was taken from the funds and added to the church collection.

A. D. 1821.

The officers for 1821, elected and installed in December, were:

Bro. Robert Ray, W. M.

Bro. John McClure, S. W.	Bro. Robert C. Minette, S. D.
" Charles Herring, J. W.	" Nathan Godsoe, J. D.
" Henry Chubb, Treas.	" William McDonald, S. S.
" Thomas Leavitt, Sec'y.	" H. N. H. Lugrin, J. S.

Bro. William Hoyt, Junr., Tyler.

April 26—"It was resolved that the W. M. be authorized to distribute a sum not exceeding twenty shillings to any one object of charity he may think proper, without calling the lodge together."

1 Rev. Bro. James Cookson was rector of Hampton, Kings county, from A. D. 1819 to 1829. He received the degrees of freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, his initiation taking place August 1, 1820.

"It was further resolved that Bros. Ray, McClure and Herring be a standing committee to distribute a sum not exceeding forty shillings to any one object of charity that they may think proper."

October 4—Sunday. The brethren assembled under the authority of the lodge and buried the remains of the late Bro. Thomas Miller with masonic ceremony. The deceased, who was not a member of St. John's Lodge, was a native of North Britain. He died October 12th, in the thirty-fifth year of his age.

A. D. 1822.

The officers of the current year were:

Bro. George Bonnell, W. M.

Bro. Richard Mott, S. W.	Bro. Nathan Godsoe, S. D.
" Robert C. Minette, J. W.	" James Crispin, J. D.
" Henry Chubb, Treas.	" David Armstrong, S. S.
" Robert Payne, Sec'y.	" William Hutchinson, J. S.

Bro. Lewis Carvill, Tyler.

February 11—The lodge decided to remove on the first day of May from the present quarters in Bro. Levi Lockhart's building to rooms on King street owned by Bro. Charles Macpherson, agreeing to pay him the annual rent of £18 0s. 0d., "to include two stoves and fuel for the same, and exclusive of candle light." The removal took place accordingly.

March 5—"The committee appointed to regulate the time and place in which the members of this lodge, and the brethren in general, may convene for further instruction in the mysteries of freemasonry, reported that they had arranged to hold meetings in the lodge room each Monday evening, which report and arrangement received the sanction of the lodge." This is the first mention of the establishment of a lodge of instruction in Saint John.

April 2—"Received a committee from Carleton R. A. Chapter requesting that they may have the use of our warrant for the better convening of their body, which request was granted by the lodge."

Carleton Chapter continued from the date of its organization—January 19, 1805—up to October 2, 1815, to work under authority of St. John's Lodge warrant. At the latter date, without any known reason, it came under the warrant of Union Lodge, No. 38, and continued under such warrant until the above application.

The following is copied from the record of Carleton Chapter of April 17, 1822: "At a regular convocation held this day at the chapter hall, Bro. Levi Lockhart's building, it was resolved that a vote of thanks be passed to St. John's Lodge, No. 29, for allowing the chapter to work

under its warrant up to the present date; the chapter, having now received a regular charter from the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland, has no further need of the warrant of St. John's Lodge."

June 14—"On motion of the W. M., it was resolved that Bros. Durant, Chubb, Mott, Ray and Marshall be a committee to wait upon Union Lodge, and likewise to correspond with the sister lodges throughout the province, as to the expediency of establishing a grand lodge in the province."

The bald motion is entered in the minutes without any reason assigned for the movement.

June 27—The lodge interred the remains of the late Bro. Alexander Crookshank with the ceremonial of the craft. The deceased, who was not a member of the lodge, was a non-commissioned officer in the royal artillery, aged forty years, who died on the passage from Halifax to Saint John. The funeral took place at half-past one o'clock from the artillery barracks, Lower Cove, to the burial ground near King's square.

October 1—The lodge having by resolution expressed dissatisfaction at the non-attention of the committee appointed June 14 preceding, in regard to the expedience of establishing a grand lodge for the province, dismissed the committee and appointed another, consisting of Bros. Bonnell, Townsend, Ray and Leavitt.

November 5—The above committee reported in favor of the formation of a grand lodge, and, upon the unanimous acceptance of the recommendation, Bros. Townsend, Ray, Mott and Lugrin "were appointed a committee to ascertain the ways and means of carrying the same into effect as soon as possible."

As the committee of "ways and means" never submitted a report, and as no further mention is made of this movement, it is probable that the craft at that time did not possess sufficient energy or did not receive encouragement enough to make it a success.

December 27—The officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows:

Bro. Robert Ray, W. M.

Bro. Robert C. Minette, S. W.	Bro. William Hutchinson, S. D.
" Thomas Leavitt, J. W.	" Samuel Cobb, J. D.
" Henry Chubb, Treas.	" David Armstrong, S. S.
" H. N. H. Lugrin, Sec'y.	" Solomon Knight, J. S.

Bro. George Moore, Tyler.

After the installation, which took place in the morning, the lodge, with Union Lodge and Carleton R. A. Chapter, formed a procession and

marched to Trinity church, where an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Robert Willis, rector,[1] from the 13th chapter of St. John, 34th verse—"A new commandment I give you, that ye love one another. As I have loved you, that ye also love one another." At the close of the service a collection was taken up for the benefit of the poor of the city.

At five o'clock the brethren of the lodge, with invited guests, dined together in Cody's Coffee House, "spending the evening in the usual pleasant and brotherly manner."

A. D. 1823.

January 7—An order passed "to procure suitable banners for a master's lodge."

February 8—The lodge formed a procession and attended the funeral of the late Bro. Cornelius Van Horne, over whose remains the masonic burial service was read. The deceased, who was thirty-five years of age, was initiated in St. John's Lodge March 5, 1811, and filled the chairs of junior and senior wardens

February 14—The rite of masonic sepulture was conducted by the lodge, assisted by the members of Union Lodge and Carleton R. A. Chapter, over the remains of the late R. W. Bro. William Campbell, Esquire. There was a large attendance of the craft to manifest the great respect and esteem in which the memory of the deceased was held. The cortege was headed by a band of music, a display quite unusual at funerals in those days. Bro. Campbell was deputy grand master, one of the founders of and constituted the lodge under its warrant from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia. A memoir of this distinguished craftsman will be found in another part of this volume.

March 4—"The committee appointed at the February meeting to provide a suitable room for the convening of the lodge for the ensuing year, reported that Bro. Charles Macpherson, the present landlord, would provide one for twenty pounds, and Bro. Israel Lawson one for twenty-five pounds a year. The lodge decided to remain in Bro. Macpherson's building, although at an advance of two pounds over the present rental."

April 1—The secretary acknowledged the reception of a list of the officers of the grand lodge of Quebec for 1823, and of the lodges under its jurisdiction.

1 The Rev. Robert Willis, D. D., succeeded to the rectorship of Trinity church, Saint John, November, 1818; continuing in charge of the parish until A. D. 1825, when he removed to Halifax, N. S. His death occurred at the latter place April 21, 1865, at the age of 80 years. He was a native of Durham, England.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Robert W. Nowlin and Laurence Stivers, residents of this city, who have been initiated into the mysteries of freemasonry in Midian Lodge, held at Kingston, be not allowed to visit this lodge until otherwise resolved; that the lodge has it in view, by adopting this measure, however unconstitutional it may appear, to prevent persons residing in this city, and whose characters are better known here than elsewhere, from being initiated into the mysteries of masonry in other parts of this province, and then recoiling on us to the great disparagement of the fraternity at large and the lodges in this city in particular; that this lodge will take the earliest method of communicating the circumstance to the grand lodge at Halifax, and petition them to prevent a recurrence of these evils, in which we sincerely hope Union Lodge will join, as the brethren of St. John's Lodge humbly conceive it will tend to advance the credit and respectability of the masonic institution.

The secretary was directed to furnish Midian and Union Lodges with a copy of the foregoing resolution.

"It was ordered that special summonses be sent to those members of the lodge who have neglected to pay their dues, with the injunction that unless the same be paid on or before the next regular night, they will be reported to the grand lodge for expulsion."

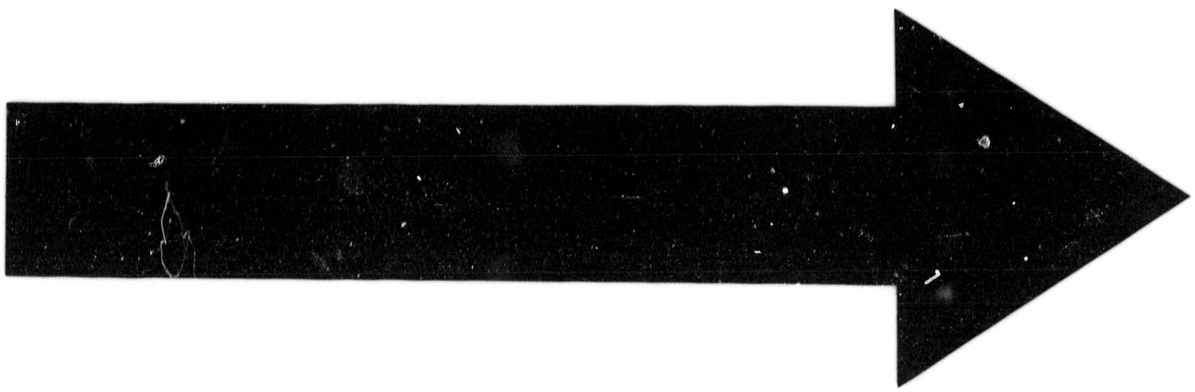
May 12—A letter was received from Union Lodge "to the effect that they will join this body in a remonstrance against the late proceedings of Midian Lodge in initiating residents of this city."

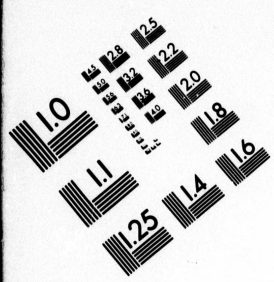
A resolution was adopted by which Bro. Levi Lockhart—who, it appears, was present in Midian Lodge when Bros. Nowlin and Stivers were accepted and initiated—received a reprimand from the W. M. "for conniving at their admission, knowing, as he did, that they had been rejected in St. John's Lodge."

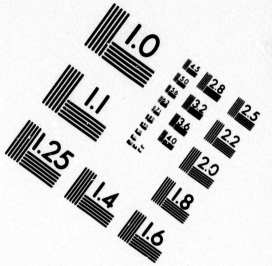
In view of the passage of the foregoing stringent measures, one is at a loss to account for the adoption of the following resolution, at all events until instructions should be received from the provincial grand lodge: "On motion made and seconded, it was ordered that the resolution prohibiting Bros. Nowlin and Stivers from visiting this lodge be rescinded."

June 3—"On motion made and seconded, it was resolved that a letter be sent to Midian Lodge, held at Kingston, remonstrating against their recent proceedings, and requesting them in future to desist initiating into their lodge any individuals from this city, unless they be strongly and respectably recommended."

According to the custom in lodges under the grand lodge of England, even up to the present time, persons were and are eligible to admission into any lodge without limitation of residence. The limitation of residence, or "territorial jurisdiction," whereby candidates are obliged to petition lodges nearest their places of residence, is purely of American origin. Possibly, if St. John's Lodge had notified Midian and the other







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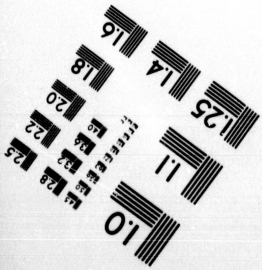
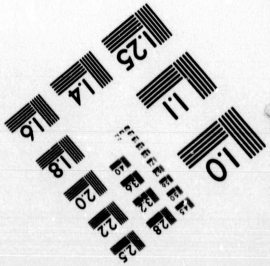




lodges in the province of the rejection of these candidates, the unpleasantness here recorded might have been obviated.

The minutes do not shew that any instructions or orders bearing on the case ever came from the provincial grand lodge.

July 9—The remains of the late Bro. Charles Macpherson were accompanied to the grave and buried with the usual masonic ritual, there being a large and respectable attendance. The deceased was seventy years of age, and one of the early settlers of the city of Saint John. At the apportionment of lots to the loyalists, under the first survey of the city, he was granted Lot 402, corner of King street and Market square, upon which he erected the building celebrated as "The Coffee House," where St. John's Lodge held its meetings from May, 1808, until March, 1813. He was also the owner of the "Arnold House," corner of King and Cross streets, in which the lodge assembled from May, 1822, until May, 1824. Bro. Macpherson received the degrees of freemasonry in New York previous to the evacuation of that city by the British troops and the departure of the loyalists in 1783. He was a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 17, and affiliated in St. John's Lodge April 2, 1823.

October 6—Bro. James White, an officer of His Majesty's 52nd regiment of foot, then stationed in Saint John, is recorded as a visitor.

A. D. 1824.

The officers of the current year were:

Bro. Robert C. Minette, W. M.

Bro. Robert Payne, S. W.	Bro. George Day, S. D.
" William Hutchinson, J. W.	" Patrick Fuller, J. D.
" Benjamin F. Marsh, Treas.	" Solomon Knight, S. S.
" David Armstrong, Sec'y.	" Jacob Noyes, J. S.

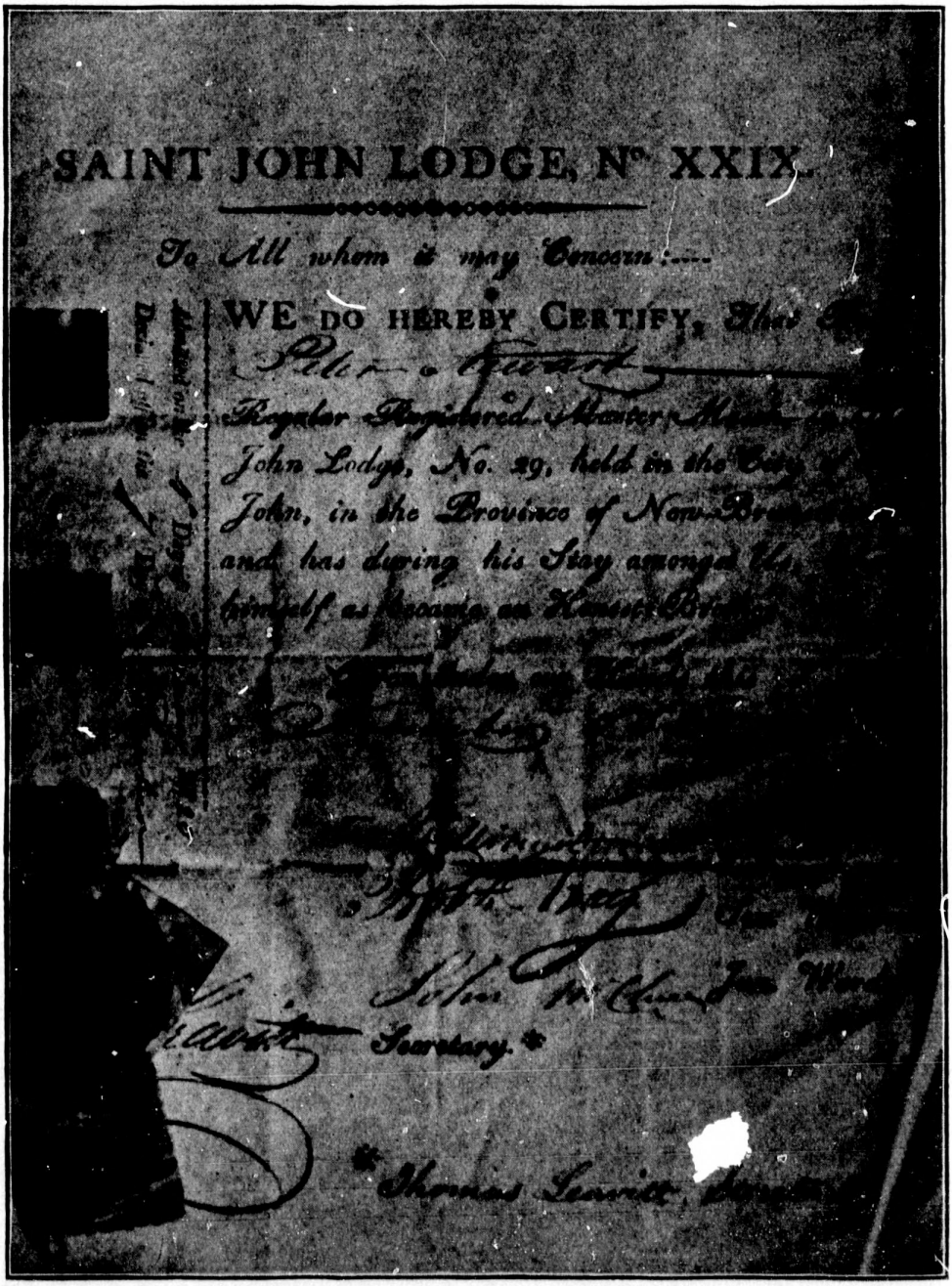
Bro. Charles Whiting, Tyler.

February 4—A committee, previously appointed, reported that "they had procured a convenient room in the masonic hall for twenty pounds per year from the first day of May next."

The audit committee stated that they had been unable to perform their duty, "because the secretary's books were withheld from them." This committee was empowered to demand payment of sundry notes of hand held by the lodge, and the secretary was directed "to summon all delinquent brethren to pay their dues before the next regular night, otherwise they would be reported to the grand lodge for expulsion."

The lodge was evidently awakening to the necessity of enforcing stringent measures for securing payments of debts due it.

May 1—The lodge was removed to the masonic hall, corner of King and Charlotte streets.


SAINT JOHN LODGE, N° XXIX.

To All whom it may Concern:—

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That

Regular Registered Master Mason

John Lodge, No. 29, held in the City

John, in the Province of New Brunswick

and has during his Stay amongst Us

himself as became an Honest Brother

Secretary.

Thomas Leavitt, Deputy

FAC-SIMILE OF CERTIFICATE.

June 7—The W. M. was authorized to purchase a bible for the use of the lodge, "the present one being scarcely suited to our requirements."

August 19—The lodge assembled and buried with masonic ceremony the remains of the late Bro. Paul Prince, aged thirty-three years. He joined the lodge March 7, 1815.

A. D. 1825.

The officers of the current year were:

Bro. Robert Payne, W. M.

Bro. William Hutchinson, S. W.	Bro. Patrick Fuller, S. D.
" Solomon Knight, J. W.	" John F. Payne, J. D.
" Benjamin F. Marsh, Treas.	" William W. Emslie, S. S.
" James P. Payne, Sec'y.	" James G. Lester, J. S.

Bro. Henry Long, Tyler.

January 4—"Bro. ———, who was expelled from this lodge for non-payment of dues, on the 24th June, 1817, and reported to the grand lodge, humbly solicited the lodge to report his case to that right worshipful body, that he may obtain the favor of being restored to the privileges of masonry by paying his arrearages, as his default was consequent upon having met losses which reduced him to extreme indigence."

There is no mention of what was done with this application.

January 6—"Captain William Gray, a candidate for initiation, did not come forward this night, in consequence of his ship having broken adrift."

January 17—"The lodge met for the purpose of paying the last token of respect and interring with masonic honors the remains of our late Bro. George Moore, who died on the 15th instant, aged thirty-four years." He joined the lodge May 1, 1821. The body was buried in the north-east angle of the burial ground, near King's square. A wooden tablet was placed at the head of the grave, and is still standing in a good state of preservation.

January 25—"The remains of the late Bro. Peter Stewart, who died on the 23rd instant, aged 32 years, were buried with the usual ceremonial of the craft." He was initiated in St. John's Lodge January 4, 1820.

May 2—Bros. Robert Payne, Marsh, Minette and Hutchinson were appointed a committee to revise the bye-laws of the lodge.

June 24—A committee, consisting of Bros. Hutchinson, Payne, Marsh, Emslie and Condle, having been appointed at the meeting in May, "to wait on Union Lodge and Carleton R. A. Chapter to advise with them and

ascertain whether it will be expedient for the three bodies to meet and celebrate St. John's day," the joint committee made arrangements for a procession, divine service and dinner. The record states that "the three bodies formed in procession at the masonic hall, and, moving through some of the principal streets, reached Trinity church at 12 o'clock, noon, where a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Bro. Oliver Arnold, and a substantial collection made for distribution among the poor of the city."

The services of the day are alluded to in eloquent terms in the columns of the *Courier* of June 25th, as follows:

> After the church service the body returned to their lodge room, in a style pleasing to the numerous spectators assembled to witness the glorious display. The necessary arrangements being made, the brethren sat down at six o'clock to a most splendid dinner. The wines were exquisite, and the brotherly affection of all present added, if possible, to the innocent tranquility naturally pertaining to so momentous a day. Very many appropriate and sentimental toasts were given, and it affords us heartfelt satisfaction to say that our worthy brother, the Rev. O. Arnold, expressed himself highly delighted by the steady demeanour of his brethren in general.

July 5—The lodge voted to procure "a new certificate stamp." This must have been a seal.

November 29—Expediency and haste. At an emergency communication this evening, a petition was received from John Anderson, who was balloted for, accepted, and had the three degrees conferred upon him, the record stating, as a reason for this haste, "that we could not have another meeting before the brother would sail for Great Britain." The brother's knowledge of freemasonry must have been exceedingly limited before he sailed, and his recollection of the ceremonies too much confused to be of practical utility to him.[1]

1 When, as grand secretary, I had frequent calls for assistance, information, etc., the case of a brother who had been hurried through the degrees came under my notice. A young man who had received the three degrees in one evening, in a lodge at Dundee, Scotland, left the following day for America. Arriving in the United States at the time of the war between the North and South, he enlisted in the federal army, was wounded and sent into hospital. When convalescent he deserted and eventually made his way to Saint John in straitened circumstances. Announcing himself a freemason and in want, he was referred to me. Upon attempting to test him, I found he had not the slightest recollection of any of the points necessary to establish his masonic standing; he could not answer, with the slightest approach to intelligence, the most simple question. Although his honest and ingenuous countenance led me to believe his story was true, I was reluctantly debarred from assisting him as a freemason. After giving him a small sum in a friendly way, to minister to his immediate necessities, I handed him a note addressed to the president of the St. Andrew's Friendly Society, through whom he was enabled to secure help and employment. The lodge which initiated this young man took, no doubt, his hard earned money in payment of fees, hurried him through the degrees at railroad speed, and turned him adrift utterly ignorant and helpless. He might as well have never entered the portals of a lodge, for everything of a masonic nature was a *terra incognita* to him. W. F. B.

December 27—Officers for the incoming year were installed, viz.:

Bro. Robert Payne, W. M.

Bro. Benjamin F. Marsh, S. W.	Bro. John F. Payne, S. D.
" Francis B. Perley, J. W.	" James G. Lester, J. D.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" Joseph Lingley, S. S.
" James P. Payne, Sec'y.	" William McArthur, J. S.

Bro. Hugh McDermott, Tyler.

"Bros. Minette, Payne and Marsh were appointed a committee to regulate and furnish the lodge with a complete set of banners."

"It was resolved unanimously that this lodge do way with the former manner of refreshments, and each member pay eight pence towards the lodge funds each night of his attendance." Formerly the refreshments were paid for out of the ordinary lodge fund.

The members of the lodge, with brethren of Union Lodge and Carleton R. A. Chapter, celebrated the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist by dining together in the masonic hall, W. Bro. Nehemiah Merritt presiding. "A number of patriotic, masonic and other toasts were offered. There were some good speeches and excellent songs by several prominent craftsmen, and the evening was spent in the utmost cordiality and social pleasure."

A. D. 1826.

January 23—The lodge assisted in the consecration and constitution of Albion Lodge, No. 52, of Saint John, under warrant of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia. The ceremonies were presided over by R. W. Bro. Benjamin L. Peters, acting as grand master.

March 8—Dr. Kendall, a visiting brother, "favored the lodge with a lecture for the good of freemasonry."

May 6—"At a meeting held this day of the masters and wardens of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, Union Lodge, No. 38, and Albion Lodge, No. 52, R. W. Bro. Benjamin L. Peters was chosen to be recommended to the grand lodge at Halifax for appointment to the office of district deputy grand master for Saint John and Saint Andrews." The recommendation, approved by R. W. Bro. Thomas Wetmore, D. G. M. for the province, whose residence at Fredericton prevented him from giving full attention to the wants of the craft in distant places, was forwarded to Halifax for the sanction of the provincial grand lodge.

At the quarterly communication of the provincial grand lodge, held at Halifax June 7th, the recommendation was agreed to, and R. W. Bro. Peters duly appointed to the office. R. W. Bro. Edmund Ward, D. G. M. of the provincial grand lodge, was authorized to proceed to Saint John

to instal Bro. Peters, and to inspect and report upon the state of the lodges in any locality he might visit.

May 18—"Bro. B. F. Marsh proposed that the lodge should be furnished with branch candlesticks, observing that they could be purchased at a low rate. It was unanimously agreed to, and Bros. Marsh and Hutchinson were appointed a committee to view them and make report accordingly." This pair of candlesticks purchased by the lodge were silver-plated, and each had three branches for as many candles. They remained in the possession of the lodge up to the fire of June 20, 1877.

June 20—"An emergency, called for the purpose of receiving a visit from R. W. Bro. Edmund Ward, Esquire, D. G. M., made by command of the R. W. Grand Master, to examine the records and inspect the mode of working. The R. W. Brother, upon his entry, was received in due form and took the chair. Immediately after, the records from last St. John's day up to the present time were read in his hearing, when he was pleased to express himself highly gratified with the state in which he found the lodge, and gave his approval of the proceedings."

June 24—"The worshipful master, wardens and brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, having assembled at the masonic hall, the R. W. Bro. Edmund Ward, Esquire, D. G. M., was received in due form and assumed the chair, when a grand lodge was opened, with the following acting grand officers:

Bro. Robert Payne, S. G. W.	Bro. Jacob Townsend, S. G. D.
" James Robertson, J. G. W.	" Francis B. Perley, J. G. D.
" Rev. Benj. G. Gray, G. Chap.	" Thomas Whitlock, G. Marshal.
" James P. Payne, G. Sec'y.	" Thomas Smith, G. Pursuivant.

Bro. Hugh McDermott, G. Tyler.

"There were also present the masters, wardens and brethren of Union Lodge, No. 38, and Albion Lodge, No. 52, under their respective banners; each lodge having been notified to attend the installation of W. Past Master, Benjamin L. Peters, Esquire."

"Read a circular communication from R. W. Bro. Thomas Wetmore, Esq., D. P. G. M., to the masters and wardens of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, Union Lodge, No. 38, and Albion Lodge, No. 52, requesting them to assemble at the masonic hall, in the city of Saint John, on Saturday, the 4th day of May, then and there, under the presidency of the W. M. of St. John's Lodge, to nominate and recommend a proper and fit person, being a past master and a resident of this city, to preside over the lodges in this district as deputy grand master."

"Read the proceedings of a convention in pursuance of the above order, wherein the W. Past Master, Bro. Benjamin L. Peters, Esquire,

had been chosen and recommended to the deputy provincial grand master as a proper and fit person to fill that important position."

"Read also a circular letter from the grand lodge, confirming and supporting W. Bro. Peters as district deputy grand master for Saint John and St. Andrews."

"The warrant appointing him having been read by the acting grand secretary, the ceremony of installation then took place according to the ancient usages of the fraternity."

"The brethren then moved in procession to Trinity church, where an appropriate and impressive sermon was preached by the acting grand chaplain, Rev. Bro. Benjamin Gerrish Gray, rector of Saint John, from 1st John, chap. 5, verse 2: 'By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.'"

"Afterward the brethren returned to the masonic hall, when the R.W. Deputy Grand Master delivered an impressive address suitable to the occasion. He then took an affectionate farewell of the brethren, and committed the care of the craft into the hands of the newly installed deputy for the district."

"The grand lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired under their respective banners to their lodge rooms."

The proceedings of this communication are given verbatim from the records. It was an important event to the craft, as it gave them, which they no doubt had heretofore needed, a semi-independent position, and placed the control of masonic matters in the district in charge of an esteemed and distinguished craftsman. R. W. Bro. Benjamin L. Peters, Dt. D. G. M., was a member of Union Lodge, No. 38.

July 4—"Bro. Thomas Smith, by leave, handed to the lodge, to be deposited in the ark, the grand lodge certificate of our late Bro. William Smith."[1]

"R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, Esq., D. D. G. M., having honored us this evening with his presence, ordered that the constitution issued by the grand lodge of Nova Scotia be read, which was accordingly done. The R. W. Bro. then delivered a few observations relative to the constitution, and requested the attention of the brethren to several particular points."

August 15—A new code of bye-laws was adopted and ordered to be printed.

"It was ordered that the lodge have aprons provided for the office-bearers, and that the emblems of their office be painted on each severally."

1 It appears to have been a common practice in those days to place the certificates of deceased brethren in charge of the lodge. In my early masonic days I remember to have seen quite a number of them in the lodge *ark*. W. F. B.

September 25—"Bro. Laurence Warren's bill for lettering and cleaning the sword was ordered to be paid."

"Bro. Fitzgerald, a visiting brother, delivered a lecture for the good of masonry."

October 16—"Lodge of Emergency called for the purpose of interring the remains of our late highly respected junior warden, Bro. Francis B. Perley, who was removed from this transitory scene by the will of the Most High, on the 13th instant, in the 32nd year of his age. In the death of Bro. Perley, the members of the fraternity, this lodge particularly, sympathize with the family and friends of the deceased. As a mason, if it had been the will of the Host High to have spared him a few months longer, he would have been a candidate for the honor of having the highest badge to wear in this lodge."

"The emergency was also summoned to pay the last offices to the remains of the late Bro. Edward Hall, of Lodge No. 79[1] on the registry of the grand lodge of England, as per his certificate bearing date 8th May, 1811. He was master of the ship 'Deodalus,' and died at sea about the first instant."

"The procession was numerously and respectably attended; R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, Esq., D. D. G. M., took an active part in directing the proceedings of the day."

November 7—"Read a letter from R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, D. D. G. M., stating that the grand lodge of Nova Scotia had been pleased to reinstate Bro. Samuel Campbell to his former good standing among masons." The record of this brother's expulsion will be found in the minute of November 7, 1820.

At this meeting the lodge elected a master, treasurer and tyler for the ensuing year. In all previous years, except 1802 and 1803, when they took place semi-annually, the elections were held at the regular communication in December, and all the officers were elected. Although there is no reason given for the change, it probably arose from the new condition of things, consequent upon the appointment of a resident district deputy grand master, who no doubt required a strict observance of the grand lodge laws. Heretofore an occasional looseness characterized the business transactions and work of the lodge; many things being done which would not have been sanctioned if there had been a resident official clothed with proper authority. The isolation of the lodge, the distance from headquarters, the absence of a resident authority, and the extreme difficulty of transmitting mails between Saint John and Halifax led to these irregularities.

1 Prince George Lodge of Plymouth, England.

The announcement was made at this communication that Bro. Samuel Kidder, a lecturer from the United States, was expected to visit Saint John shortly, when it was decided to engage him to lecture and instruct the brethren. For that purpose a committee of arrangements was appointed, consisting of Bros. Marsh, Hutchinson and Lawrence.

December 5—There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, including the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, to meet Bro. Kidder, and receive instruction from him in the work and lectures of craft masonry.

I have heard several of the older brethren, particularly the late W. Bro. Wm. W. Emslie, speak in the highest terms of the knowledge and proficiency of Bro. Kidder, and the great benefit the members of the lodge received from his able tuition. Bro. Emslie informed me that the work and lectures were identical with the system recognized by the craft in New Brunswick at the present time.

December 27—The following resolutions, adopted by the provincial grand lodge at a quarterly communication held on the sixth instant, were directed to the lodge for its guidance, viz.:

Resolved, That if the lodges at Saint John, N. B., should at any time hereafter wish to celebrate either of the festivals of the Saints John, they shall apply to the district deputy grand master for his approbation; and that no lodge at said place shall form any procession or celebrate a festival without his permission.

Resolved, That in the absence of the district deputy grand master at Saint John, the master of the oldest lodge shall preside at all masonic festivals and processions.

Resolved, That the application of any individual to be admitted into the fraternity in Saint John, N. B., shall be presented to the district deputy grand master for his approbation, and no person shall be admitted in any lodge in that city without such sanction.

The latter was a most high-handed, arbitrary and unmasonic piece of legislation. No such enactment would be proposed in any grand lodge at the present day.

The officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows:

Bro. Benjamin F. Marsh, W. M.

Bro. Alexander Lawrence, S. W.	Bro. William W. Emslie, S. D.
" James P. Payne, J. W.	" James G. Lester, J. D.
" Rev. James Cookson, Chaplain.[1]	" Joseph Lingley, S. S.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" Laurence Warren, J. S.
" George A. Garrison, Sec'y.	" Patrick Fuller, Marshal.[1]

Bro. Hugh McDermott, Tyler.

A standing committee of five was appointed "for the investigation of candidates and the relief of distressed masons."

1 The first mention of chaplain or marshal in the lodge.

"The master and wardens were authorized to act as a visiting committee upon all occasions of intercourse with sister lodges."

"It was ordered that those brethren who, for some time past, have neglected attending the lodge, be sent a special summons requesting them to appear at our first regular night, and shew cause, if any they have, why they do not attend when regularly summoned."

"The thanks of the meeting were given to W. Bro. Robert Payne, P. M., for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has filled the chair for the two last years."

"It was proposed and carried that Mr. Cunningham receive the thanks of the lodge for the assistance rendered in completing the pillars."

These columns were about seven feet six inches high, representing the Ionic and Corinthian orders, made of mahogany, and elegantly carved, fluted, etc. They stood on massive pedestals, and were surmounted by the celestial and terrestrial globes. The capitals were ornamented in regular style "with lily work, net work and pomegranates." They continued in the possession of the lodge up to June 20, 1877, when they were consumed with the other paraphernalia in the destructive conflagration of that day.

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January 2—"Bros. Warren and Lingley were appointed a committee to collect dues from the brethren in arrears, and as a remuneration for their trouble to receive at the rate of six per cent on all moneys collected."

"It was ordered that the standing committee be authorized to present our R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, Esq., D. D. G. M., with a mallet, as a mark of respect from the master, wardens and brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 29."

February 20—The secretary concludes his record with the following entry: "The business of the lodge having ended, it was closed in peace and harmony. Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethren; be pitiful, be courteous, knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing."

March 5—Under a resolution of the lodge, Bros. Marsh, Lawrence, Garrick and Garrison were appointed a committee "to petition the grand lodge of Nova Scotia for a remission of our grand lodge dues for the last year, in consequence of the extreme distress of the times and the low state of our funds."

The following suggestive and significant resolution was also adopted: "Unanimously resolved, That Bros. Marsh, Chubb, Garrick, Lawrence and Garrison be appointed a committee to consult with our sister lodges throughout the province in respect to petitioning the grand lodge of Nova

Scotia as to the propriety as well as to solicit their assistance in furthering our object of forming a grand lodge in this city."

The steps taken under this resolution and the result thereon will be found in the chapter headed, "Early Grand Lodge in New Brunswick."

May 1—Bro. John Boyer was elected tyler of the lodge.

June 5—"A petition was received from Bro. ——— craving assistance from this body. In consequence, however, of an unfavorable report as to his character, it was proposed he receive five shillings from the funds of the lodge to provide him with bread, and that our worthy brother, the Rev. Mr. Johnston, be requested to send him the bread and with it a word of admonition, as may best suit his circumstances, hoping that it may have the desired effect of producing a reformation in his moral character, and bring him to reflect upon his duty to God and to his neighbor."

July 3—"It was unanimously resolved, that in consequence of the little opportunity our respected Bro. John Ferguson has of being in our province, and of his paying dues to a lodge in Great Britain, he be considered an honorary member." This is the first election of an honorary member in the lodge.

"It was ordered that Bro. Lawrence be paid his account for his furnishing the lodge with candlesticks and colored candles."

September 22—An emergency communication summoned by request of R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, D. D. G. M., for the purpose of laying before the lodge certain letters of correspondence relating to the suspension of Albion Lodge, No 52, as follows:

The first was a note dated September 4, 1827, from R. W. Bro. Peters to the W. M. of St. John's Lodge, viz.:

I have to acquaint you, for the information of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, that I have been under the necessity of suspending Albion Lodge, No. 52, for gross unmasonic conduct, and have reported their proceedings to the grand lodge of Nova Scotia; you are, therefore, required to hold no further communication with them as masons until the pleasure of the grand lodge be known.

The next is a letter dated at Halifax, September 11, from the provincial grand secretary to R. W. Bro. Peters, as follows:

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th ultimo, and to communicate to you the proceedings of the grand lodge on the subject of the improper conduct of Albion Lodge and Bro. ———, which you will have the goodness to make known to all concerned.

"Extract of grand lodge minutes, held in ample form at Halifax, September 11, 1827: The grand lodge, viewing with regret and concern the recent proceedings at Saint John, in New Brunswick, whereby a

brother violated the constitution of freemasonry by making a complaint adduced against him a subject of public investigation, and thereby betrayed the secret proceedings of the lodge to which he belonged, and bringing great discredit and scandal on the craft, have unanimously come to the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That the conduct of ———, a member of Albion Lodge, No. 52, held in Saint John, in New Brunswick, in refusing to comply with the customs and usages of the fraternity, as directed by the book of constitutions in all cases when complaints are brought by one mason against another, was an act highly disrespectful and improper in itself; but his subsequent act of bringing the proceedings of the lodge before the public, thus betraying that which has always been held secret among masons, is one which calls for the marked displeasure of the grand lodge.

Resolved, That any mason who refuses to comply with these ancient rules and charges, which have been laid down for the benefit of the craft and to promote the honor and welfare thereof, is not worthy to be considered as a mason, nor entitled to any masonic privilege or advantage, and therefore to visit with proper chastisement the offender who has thus violated his masonic obligation, this grand lodge hereby expels the said ——— from the masonic fraternity, and the grand secretary is hereby directed to notify the same accordingly, in order that the said ——— shall not be received into any lodge in correspondence with this grand lodge.

"The grand lodge have also attentively considered the statement of the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master at Saint John in reference to the proceedings of Albion Lodge on the evening when they were visited by the said deputy; and as the offering an insult to a grand officer of his rank is one of rare occurrence, and hitherto unknown in these colonies; and further, as it has a tendency to destroy the harmony of the craft and to reduce it in the public estimation, they have come to the following determination:

Resolved, That the suspension of Albion Lodge, No. 52, by D. D. G. M. Peters, is confirmed by this grand lodge, and that Bro. ———, master of the said lodge, and Bros. ———, members of said lodge, who were present on that night aiding and abetting the master in his unlawful course, be also suspended from all masonic privileges and advantages, and that the said master and members of the aforesaid lodge be required to transmit immediately to the grand secretary, for the information of this grand lodge, good and sufficient testimony or reasons why the warrant of the said lodge should not be cancelled and returned, and the members so offending be expelled from the masonic fraternity.

The third is a letter dated at Halifax, September 14, from Provincial Grand Secretary Vieth to the D. D. G. M., confirming and ratifying the foregoing expulsion and suspensions.

Further correspondence on this question was placed before the lodge at the regular communication of December 4, 1827, which, from the peculiar nature of the case, I give in full, viz.:

(Copy of letter from Bro. Vieth to R. W. Bro. Peters, dated November 11, 1827).

In reply to the several communications received from you respecting the transaction of Albion Lodge, I have the honor of enclosing herewith the proceedings and decision of the grand lodge on that subject, which I hope will be satisfactory to you. The decision is mild, but the grand lodge, actuated by feelings of forbearance, considered mildness more likely to recall brethren to that straight path of masonry from which they have strayed than vigorous measures, although deservedly inflicted. The committee have minutely investigated and given their opinion on every point of the transaction, which must prove satisfactory to all parties. I shall feel greatly obliged to you to communicate these proceedings to St. John's Lodge, No. 29, and Union Lodge, No. 38. I should recommend to have them read at their next regular meetings, as they contain several explanations on articles of the constitution. Albion Lodge has this day been supplied with a copy of the documents.

In grand lodge November 7, 1827: Report of the committee appointed by the grand lodge to investigate and report upon the proceedings of Albion Lodge, No. 52, held at Saint John, N. B.

The committee to whom were referred the proceedings of Albion Lodge, No. 52, have perused the papers relating to the same, and beg leave to submit the following report: The committee do not consider themselves called upon to allude to the merits of the dispute between Messrs. ———, which led to those unpleasant results that called for the marked disapprobation of the grand lodge, any further than to observe that the cause of the complaint of the former was of the nature rather to call for the interference of the judges of the law than of a body of masons, necessarily ignorant of the forms and niceties of law, in which the simplest proceedings are often involved; nor ought Albion Lodge to have received any written communication on the subject, as the constitution only permits charges that may be adduced by one brother against another, to be committed in writing, when the difference cannot be settled in a private lodge; and then it must be done solely for the purpose of being transmitted to the grand secretary for the information of the grand lodge. Besides, the charges in this instance were of an unnecessary and improper length, and the reply which they elicited contained many harsh and intemperate expressions, and was framed in a style and manner which the principles of masonry do not inculcate. With respect to the statement transmitted by ——— to the grand secretary, the committee will merely observe that, having submitted to the decision of his lodge, and that decision being in his favor, he ought to have been satisfied with it. And had he subsequently ascertained that ——— made public the proceedings of a lodge, either as they related to himself or any other person, a complaint to that effect would have produced an investigation, and had he been found guilty, he must have met with the punishment which so flagrant an offence deserves.

With reference to the complaint of ———, that he ought to have been heard in his defence previous to grand lodge having come to any decision upon his case, it appears to your committee that such a course would have been pursued, could no doubt have existed, whether he had carried the proceedings into an open court and made them the subject of public investigation. Nor does it appear that the grand lodge, in coming to the decision consequent thereon, for a moment entered into the merits of the dispute between the parties, but confined itself to a subsequent transaction on the part of ———, at once unprecedented and destructive of the masonic institution if suffered to pass unpunished, and which therefore required the most prompt and vigorous visitation.

Your committee have also had under consideration the letter from the master of Albion Lodge, and in reporting thereon feel the utmost sorrow; first, that a lodge comprised of respectable individuals and highly respectable as a body, should have shewn that disrespect towards a grand officer, which was in itself a breach of that decorum which as a gentleman he had a right to expect, and was moreover a violation of that order and good conduct which ought ever to prevail among masons. A very slight acquaintance with the constitution ought to have informed the master and members of Albion Lodge that, when a deputy grand master takes the chair, he may either retain the wardens of the lodge or appoint others; and R. W. Bro. Peters might have appointed either of the brethren who accompanied him to fill these stations during his presiding over the lodge. His refraining from doing so and continuing the wardens in their chairs was not only complimentary, but proves that his object in visiting Albion Lodge, if a doubt could arise on the subject, was purely conciliatory and ought to have been met by a similar feeling.

Your committee also report that the master of Albion Lodge was bound by the constitution to furnish the district deputy grand master, who is the representative of the grand master, with any books or papers he might require, nor can your committee see any reason for refusing to comply with such a request, unless it was founded in a desire to retain them with a view to their subsequent production in a court of justice. The proceedings of Albion Lodge on the night they were visited by the district deputy grand master require a most minute and comprehensive review. It appears that that officer, on entering the lodge, very properly took the chair, and while so situated had the entire control of the lodge, the master's authority being for the time merged in his. And it is in vain to allege that a resolve had been entered into before his arrival which precluded the admission of visitors. The lodge was called by the express command of the district deputy grand master, and common courtesy, and regard to which is constitutional, should have prevented its members from entering any such resolution on the books of the lodge. Nor, indeed, should they have proceeded to any business after opening, previous to his arrival; nor even afterwards could any have been transacted than that which was contemplated in the lodge summons. The conduct of the master of Albion Lodge in interfering with the government of it while the D. D. G. M. was in the chair, is so destructive of harmony and subordination that your committee cannot but report his conduct as requiring the serious consideration of the grand lodge. His consultation with the officers of the lodge as to what course should be pursued while a grand officer was in the chair, and his subsequently closing the lodge without the sanction or permission of that officer, were acts highly insulting and disrespectful, not only to the officer then present, but to the grand master whom he represented. And with respect to what took place after the lodge was closed, your committee only express their regret that the brethren did not immediately separate; as, after such scenes as had previously occurred, no friendly feeling could be expected to exist.

Although there is nothing in the statement of the master of Albion Lodge which differs materially from that which was transmitted by the D. D. G. M., and although the conduct of the lodge has been marked with impropriety already referred to, still in consideration for these errors and defects, to all of which we are liable, and particularly as the members of said lodge, through their master, have expressed their contrition for the occurrence, and promise in future to avoid any line of conduct which might disturb the harmony which ought to exist among masons, your committee recommend that the temporary suspension with which Albion Lodge has

justly been visited may be deemed a sufficient punishment for their fault, and that the members be restored to their masonic privileges, with the exception of those officers who, instead of violating, ought to have set an example of subordination to those over whom they were originally placed. Your committee, therefore, recommend that Bro. ——— be suspended from all masonic rights and privileges for the space of twelve calendar months, and that Bro. ——— be suspended from his masonic privileges and rights for the space of six calendar months, such periods of time to commence from the 11th day of September last past, when the grand lodge was convened to investigate the charges alleged against Albion Lodge. And further, that the remaining members, upon the receipt of the decision of the grand lodge upon this subject, be directed to assemble at their lodge room and then and there choose a master, who shall be installed by Past Master Durant on or previous to St. John's day next ensuing; which said master shall afterwards choose his officers in the manner prescribed in the book of constitutions. And also that, at the said meeting, a resolution shall be entered on the books of Albion Lodge expressive of regret at the insult offered to D. D. G. M. Peters, and apologizing for the same. A copy of which resolution must be transmitted to the grand secretary, with a return of the members of Albion Lodge, previous to next St. John's day.

With regard to ———, however, motives of a kindlier nature, arising from personal knowledge on the part of any member of this committee, might urge them to a more lenient course, still his carrying the proceedings of a lodge before the bar of the public, and more especially when these proceedings had terminated favorably as respects himself, require, as has already been observed, a rigorous visitation; your committee, therefore, regret that they cannot recommend any remission of the penalty which has been imposed.

Finally, your committee hope that the mixture of mercy with severity will extend among the members of the fraternity in Saint John those feelings of brotherly attachment and mutual forbearance, which not only form the brighest characters in the masonic edifice, but which cheer and sweeten life. The occurrences to which this report alludes are deeply to be deplored, not only by every member of the institution, but also by the well-meaning part of mankind, and the only cause of satisfaction which your committee can conceive, arises from the reflection that all the difficulties which have arisen in Saint John are to be attributed to a deviation from the excellent rules which the constitutions prescribe. Had they been attended to, confusion and disorder could not have arisen.

The report was received, and the recommendations of the committee adopted by grand lodge.

In connection with the foregoing, St. John's Lodge adopted the following resolution, December 18, 1827:

Resolved, That one-half of the costs imposed upon Bro. Samuel Stephen, a member of Union Lodge, No. 38, in consequence of an improper suit having been brought against him by H. N. H. Lugrin, then a member of Albion Lodge, No. 52, be paid out of the funds of this lodge.

The outcome of this resolution, which appears to have been joined in by Union Lodge, is found in the subjoined letters published in the *City Gazette*,[1] by request of a committee of St. John's and Union Lodges, and

1 The *City Gazette* was a weekly newspaper published in Saint John by W. Bro. William Durant, a member and past master of St. John's Lodge.

which I reproduce as the finale of this peculiar and unfortunate occurrence, viz.:

St. John, N. B., 19th December, 1827.

Mr. Samuel Stephen:

Sir: The members of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, and Union Lodge, No. 38, as well as other masonic brethren, view with regret the occurrence of the late misunderstanding which took place between yourself and one of the members of Albion Lodge, No. 52. Being aware of its nature, they feel convinced that the matter ought to have been settled within the walls of the lodge room. Finding, however, that you have been forced into a public court of justice — contrary to the spirit and constitution of freemasonry — in which the jury awarded damages against you, the above mentioned lodges have appointed us a joint committee to present you with the sum of £57 7s. 7d., being the amount of expenses incurred by you in defending the action. The members of St. John's and Union Lodges wish it to be understood that their interference in this matter arises from their regard to the regulations of masonry, which they conceive to be, when properly attended to, fully competent to direct the fraternity in deciding such disputes as may occur between individual members. We have to beg, therefore, your acceptance of the above amount, to be applied for the purposes referred to.

We are, sir, your most obedient servants,

Benjamin F. Marsh,
James Robertson, Jr.

St. John, N. B., December 24, 1827.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note dated the 19th instant, enclosing the sum of £57 7s. 7d. To receive from so numerous and respectable a body of my fellow-citizens such a marked proof of their approval of my conduct in the case to which it refers is very gratifying. I request that they will receive my sincere thanks, and believe that while I live and have the honor to belong to such a venerable institution, it will ever afford me pleasure to aid its benevolent designs and to know that its members keep within the line so clearly prescribed by its rules. May harmony ever prevail and every virtue cement them. It may not be improper on this occasion to state that, immediately after the case to which you refer had been tried, a committee of the special jury waited upon me, stating that that body had unanimousiy resolved to present me with the amount (three pounds) of their fees as jurors. They at the same time expressed their regret that the law, in its definition of this and similar cases, prevented them from awarding the costs of the court to be paid by the plaintiff. The following is a statement of the costs and consequent expenses incurred in the case, viz.:

H. N. H. Lugrin *versus* Samuel Stephen.

Costs of court as per bill,....	£32	1s.	7d.
Retaining and other fees,....	14	0	0
Expenses procuring evidence, etc.,....	10	5	0
Costs of defence,....	4	0	11
Damages claimed, £1,000; damages awarded,....	0	0	1
	£60	7s.	7d.
Cash received from the jury,....	3	0	0
	£57	7s.	7d.

To you, gentlemen of the committee, I tender my best wishes, and, with sentiments of respect, subscribe myself,

Your very obedient servant,

SAMUEL STEPHEN.

To Messrs. B. F. Marsh and Jas. Robertson, Jr.

December 27—The officers, including the master, treasurer and tyler, elected at the November meeting, were installed as follows:

Bro. Benjamin F. Marsh, W. M.

Bro. Alexander Lawrence, S. W.	Bro. Jesse M. Stymest, S. D.
" George A. Garrison, J. W.	" William Stout, J. D.
" Rev. James Cookson, Chap.	" Laurence Warren, S. S.
" Daniel Smith, Treas.	" James Rankine, J. S.
" Hiram Smith, Sec'y.	" James G. Lester, Marshal.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

"After the installation the lodge, with sister lodges and the royal arch chapter, formed in procession, and, after marching through some of the principal streets, proceeded to Trinity church at eleven o'clock, when our R. W. Bro. Rev. Benjamin G. Gray, grand chaplain, delivered a very appropriate discourse, much to the comfort and satisfaction of the brethren, from Genesis, 45th chap., 24th verse: 'So he sent his brethren away and they departed; and he said unto them, see that ye fall not out by the way.' After the sermon a collection was taken up for the benefit of the poor of the city."

"On returning to the lodge room, it was unanimously resolved that Bros. Lawrence and Stephen be a committee to wait on the Rev. Bro. Gray and respectfully solicit him to furnish us with a copy of his sermon preached this day, to be published for the benefit of freemasonry, the expenses attending the same to be paid from the funds of the lodge."

At five o'clock in the afternoon the brethren sat down to a dinner furnished by Bro. Robert Welch, at his hostelry on Church street.

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February 19—The lodge received an official visit from R. W. Bro. Benjamin L. Peters, D. D. G. M., at whose request the records of the preceding year were read. "They were approved by him in terms very gratifying."

August 5—"Bros. Benjamin Smith, Thomas L. Nicholson, Jesse M. Stymest, Alexander Lawrence, Nathan Godsoe and Samuel Watts, committee appointed at the July meeting to consider the expediency of providing appropriate robes or dresses for the three chief officers of the lodge, and also a seat for the master and past masters, reported that they estimated the cost of the robes at about fourteen pounds, and the seat for

the master and past masters at eighteen pounds; and, although they were of opinion that such furniture would be an ornament which would add much to the appearance of the lodge, still from the low state of the funds they thought it not expedient to withdraw so large a sum at the present time, and recommended that it be postponed; which recommendation was agreed to."

August 15—"Bro. Louis Montano, formerly of Mediterranean Lodge, No. 22, held at Valencia in Spain, and lately from the United States, presented a petition craving assistance from this body. The circumstances that gave rise to his travelling from lodge to lodge for assistance was owing to his being obliged to flee from Spain in consequence of the persecution towards freemasonry, and he being what is termed 'a constitutionalist.' He left behind a wife, two children, a father and mother, all of whom he was anxious to have with him in America, and to this end was obtaining means from the brotherhood to enable him to defray the expenses of their passage to the land of liberty. From the respectable documents, letters of recommendation, etc., relating to his case, and necessary on such occasions of charity, the lodge took his peculiar case into consideration; and, notwithstanding the low state of the funds, voted him the sum of three pounds to assist him in accomplishing his object."

August 21—The following correspondence, found in the record of this date, contains so much of historical interest that I have transcribed it in full.

The first is a letter written by the provincial grand secretary at Halifax to the W. M. of St. John's Lodge, under date July 26, 1828, viz.:

I have it in command to transmit to you a copy of a communication received from the M. W. Grand Master of England, together with the resolution of the provincial grand lodge[1] of Nova Scotia relative thereto, which you will be pleased to lay before your lodge with the earliest convenience, and report to me their proceedings thereon for the information of the grand lodge. I have also to call your attention to the sixth article of the enclosed communication and request you to inform me when these despatches were received. All letters from the lodges to the grand secretary must be sent post-paid,[2] as otherwise they will not be received; and lodges in arrears for grand lodge dues must settle them before they will be recommended for new warrants.

Circular addressed to R. W. Bro. John Albro, provincial grand master of Nova Scotia, by V. W. Bro. H. R. Lewis, president of the board of general purposes of the united grand lodge of England, dated at London, March 31, 1828, viz.:

1 In all the correspondence and other intercourse between the masonic authorities at Halifax and the craft in Saint John, this is the first instance in which the grand body in Nova Scotia is designated the "*provincial* grand lodge." It was invariably styled "the grand lodge."

2 In those days it was optional whether or not postage on a letter should be prepaid.

First. I have received the commands of H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex, the M. W. grand master, to acknowledge the receipt of a memorial with its enclosures from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, and to make the following communication to you.

Second. In consequence of the re-union of masons in England in 1813, a code of laws was, after mature and solemn deliberation, established for the general regulation of the craft. In the formation, the old laws existing before the separation were assumed as the basis, it being impossible to continue many regulations which had been made by the separate grand lodges, to answer particular objects, suited only to a state of disunion. And although the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, acting under warrant, a copy of which is annexed to the memorial, had by that document the power to elect its own provincial grand master, yet from the period when the new constitutions were promulgated, the appointment of a provincial grand master was a prerogative of the M. W. G. M. alone; nor does he possess the authority to delegate the nomination to any other person or body of masons. This was the law from the first institution of the office of provincial grand master in the year 1726 until the separation above mentioned, and had so continued under one of the grand lodges without variation; but, in the other, some warrants were granted similar to that held by the P. G. L. of Nova Scotia. Under these circumstances, you will at once perceive that it is impossible for His Royal Highness to grant that part of the prayer of the memorial which requests "adherence to the method heretofore adopted" in the election of a provincial grand master, especially as the appointment is not annual, but exists during the pleasure of the grand master of England.

Third. Provincial grand lodges have, under the sanction of His Royal Highness, been established with considerable benefit and advantage to the craft, not only in North America, but also in the East and West Indies, as well as on the continent of Europe and in the Mediterranean; and, with a view to prevent any inconvenience arising from the distance of foreign district grand lodges and the consequent delay in their communicating with the authorities in England, the powers granted them are more extensive than those given to provincial grand lodges here.

Fourth. In regard to the fees payable by provincial grand lodge officers, His Royal Highness observes that the memorialists are under mistake, as those quoted are applicable (with the exception of the provincial grand master) to persons appointed to hold offices in the grand lodge of England; and as a power is given to each provincial grand lodge to regulate the payments to be made by their provincial grand officers (the restriction as to the sum being applicable only to the payment to be made by the individual members of the private lodges), it is apprehended that no difficulty will be found in selecting eventually proper persons to fill the subordinate but important situations, the nomination to which, excepting that of the treasurer, rests with the provincial grand master.

Fifth. In the memorial it is stated that, with the single exception of electing a provincial grand master, the provincial grand lodge has universally adopted the new constitution as their guide. His Royal Highness, however, observes that, notwithstanding a period of fourteen years has elapsed since the union, and of eleven years since the receipt at Nova Scotia of the book of constitutions, no account has yet been received of their proceedings, nor any return made from the lodges to whom warrants have been granted by the provincial grand lodge, though a very considerable number are reported to be in existence; nor have any of their members been registered as required in the books of the grand lodge of England.

Sixth. It is absolutely necessary that every lodge should possess a warrant, for which five guineas are demanded, and every member must be registered here, for which ten shillings and sixpence must be paid. Adverting to the peculiar circumstances of the case, and in order to evince his paternal regard and affection for the lodges in Nova Scotia, H. R. H. intends to recommend to the grand lodge, that the lodges that have received warrants from the grand lodge of Nova Scotia shall have new ones from England and their present members registered free of all charge. This indulgence to be granted only to such lodges as shall, within a period of three months from the date of this being made known to them, express in writing their desire to be enrolled on the register of the grand lodge of England.

Seventh. His Royal Highness will also relieve them from the annual contribution of two shillings for each subscribing member without at all affecting their claim to the lodge of benevolence; and he has likewise determined that the registering fee shall eventually be, for a mason made in any lodge, the sum of ten shillings current money of your province, or two Spanish milled dollars; and for a mason previously registered in one lodge joining another lodge, the sum of five shillings current money or one such milled dollar, such fees to entitle masons to the benefit of registry in the books of the grand lodge. But these payments shall not entitle the brethren to receive grand lodge certificates without an additional payment from each brother requiring such certificate the sum of six shillings and sixpence sterling.

Eighth. His Royal Highness has never for a moment conceived that the provincial grand lodge would question the powers nor the authority of the grand master of England, and he regrets extremely the delay that, from peculiar circumstances, has taken place in making the necessary communications to them; but, firmly relying on their zeal, fidelity and attachment to the grand master, His Royal Highness proposes, at an early opportunity, to select a proper person for the high and important office of provincial grand master of Nova Scotia, etc. In the meantime I have received his commands to request that you will, as soon as possible, assemble the provincial grand lodge and place before them this despatch, and will also without delay transmit a copy of it to the several lodges for their information and guidance.

Ninth. A revised edition of the book of constitutions has been recently published under the sanction of H. R. H., which may be had at the office of the grand secretaries at the low price of three shillings. No master can perform his duties properly without being fully acquainted with the laws and regulations of the craft, a knowledge of which can only be acquired by a frequent perusal of them; and no lodge should proceed to business without having a copy of the constitutions before them, not only for reference but for the general information of the brethren.

Tenth. His Royal Highness regrets extremely that any difference should have taken place between the grand lodge and Bro. Ward, but H. R. H. observes that, as the circumstances which obliged him in the year 1822 to remove the suspension of St. John Lodge, No. 265, still exist, it is quite impossible for him to enter into an investigation of the case, or to pass any order in regard to it.

Eleventh. His Royal Highness desires that you will acknowledge this letter at your earliest convenience, and that with the least possible delay you will forward to me in detail for his information an account of your proceedings.

Extract of the proceedings of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, held at Halifax July 23, 1828:

Resolved, That the provincial grand lodge feels grateful to H. R. H. the M. W. Grand Master of England for his early attention to the subject of their memorial,

and although H. R. H. did not think himself authorized to assent to all the propositions transmitted to him, yet as it is most desirable that the fraternity within this jurisdiction should be placed under the protection of the parent grand lodge, whose authority they always have acknowledged and conceived themselves to have acted under, this provincial grand lodge will take immediate measures for carrying into effect the wishes and commands of His Royal Highness.

Resolved, That a copy of the letter received from the grand lodge of England, dated March 31, 1828, be immediately transmitted to each lodge within the jurisdiction of this provincial grand lodge.

There is no entry in the minutes of this or any subsequent communication of the lodge to show that the brethren of St. John's Lodge expressed any opinion upon the contents of this letter from the grand lodge of England. Possibly the movement towards the erection of an independent grand lodge in the Province of New Brunswick, in the year 1829, may have originated from it.

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The officers for this year were:

Bro. Alexander Lawrence, W. M.

Bro. George A. Garrison, S. W.	Bro. Jesse M. Stymest, S. D.
" Hiram Smith, J. W.	" William Stout, J. D.
" Daniel Smith, Treas.	" Andrew Garrison, S. S.
" Samuel Watts, Sec'y.	" Stinson Patten, J. S.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

January 28—St. John's Lodge, assisted by Union Lodge, No. 38, gave a ball in the masonic hall, corner of King and Charlotte streets. It was the first entertainment of the kind given under the banners of the lodge, and was reported to be a very successful affair, "largely and respectably patronized."

March 3—"On motion of W. Bro. Robert Payne, it was resolved that the lodge, deeply lamenting the melancholy death of their late worthy and much respected Bro. Jesse M. Stymest, who was lost on his passage from this city to Liverpool, England, in the ship "Jane," do go into mourning for the space of three months."

May 19—"It was moved by W. Bro. Alex. Lawrence, and resolved, that the sum of five pounds be given to Bro. George Keith to assist him in defraying the expenses of recovering his two daughters, supposed to be amongst the Indians."

These girls were taken by the Indians (Micmacs) to the eastern part of the province, where they remained in captivity many years. They grew to womanhood, and became so much attached to the tribe of their captors that they married among them and raised families. After the

lapse of a number of years their whereabouts was discovered, and one of them was induced to return to the home of her childhood; but Indian life and ways had become so attractive to her that civilization had lost its charms, and she went back to the forest and the wigwam.

July 7—"Read a communication from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, bearing date May 29, 1829, accompanying despatches from the grand lodge of England, dated at freemason's hall, London, March 10, 1829, and April 2, 1829, copies of which are as follows:

HALIFAX, May 29, 1829.

W. Brother: I have the pleasure to announce to you, for the information of your lodge, that H. R. H. the M. W. Grand Master of England, has been graciously pleased to appoint the R. W. John Albro, Esquire, provincial grand master for Nova Scotia, and that he has accordingly taken charge of the fraternity in this country from the 25th instant. All communications of a masonic nature are in future to be made to the provincial grand secretary, and to be sent postage paid. Agreeably to the directions of the R. W. provincial grand master, copies of several despatches which have been received from the grand secretaries of the grand lodge of England are herewith subjoined, and I have to request that, in obedience to the M. W. grand master's directions, contained in the despatch of March 31, 1828, your lodge will immediately provide itself with the new book of constitutions, and in future strictly conform to the rules laid down therein.

I am, etc., etc., ADOLPHUS VIETH, P. G. S.

To the Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 29,
at Saint John, N. B.

[COPY.]

FREEMASONS' HALL, London, March 10, 1829.

R. W. Brother: It has long afforded H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex the greatest satisfaction to learn, by several communications which have been recently received from the lodges at Nova Scotia, that the brethren there truly appreciate the fraternal regard and affection which H. R. H. have ever borne towards the craft in general, and which in a particular degree dictate the sentiments conveyed in the despatch of March 31, 1828; and we are now commanded to acquaint you that warrants have been granted by H. R. H. to a number of lodges, and that the brethren, according to the lists received from Nova Scotia, have been registered in the grand lodge books here. The absence of H. R. H. from London for some time past on account of his health, and the important public business which now naturally occupies his time, have prevented him from selecting a proper person for the situation of provincial grand master; but H. R. H. will direct his attention to this point at the earliest possible period. As, however, considerable apprehension appears to be entertained at Nova Scotia from delay, we are directed to observe that any of the past provincial grand masters are fully competent to preside at provincial grand lodge. As regularity of proceeding is essential in the craft, we are directed to acquaint you that a list of the brethren requiring a warrant for a new lodge must accompany every petition, specifying the lodges in which the brethren were initiated, etc.; and the registering fee must at the same time be forwarded to us, viz.: for each

brother not already registered in the books of the grand lodge, ten shillings current money of your province, or two Spanish milled dollars; for a mason previously registered, the sum of two shillings and sixpence current money, or half a Spanish milled dollar. You will of course be careful that the sum of five guineas be remitted with every such petition. Enclosed you will receive a copy of a letter which has this day been addressed to each of the several lodges at Nova Scotia recently acknowledged by the grand lodge of England.

With every sentiment of fraternal regard we remain, R. W. Brother,

Your obedient servants and brothers,

WILLIAM H. WHITE,
EDWARDS HARPER, } G. S.

To V. W. Adolphus Vieth, Provincial G. Secretary, Nova Scotia.

[COPY.]

FREEMASONS' HALL, London, March 10, 1829.

W. Master: In transmitting to you the accompanying warrant for your lodge, we are commanded by H. R. H. the M. W. Grand master, to call to your notice that part of the book of constitutions which directs that no lodge shall, on any pretence whatever, give more than one degree to a brother on the same day, nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree. A strict observance of this rule being of the utmost importance to the credit and interest of the craft, you will perceive that it is enjoined under the severest penalty, namely, that of the forfeiture of the warrant, as no emergency can justify a violation of it. Your particular attention is likewise required to Art. 22, page 65, and Art. 2, page 72.

Enclosed you will receive a copy of the form in which the returns are to be annually made to the grand lodge and to your provincial grand lodge respectively. You will, of course, understand that for any brother made in or joining your lodge since the return received from you with the application for the warrant which is now granted, the fees noticed in the seventh paragraph of the despatch of March 31, 1828, must be transmitted to the grand secretaries here, and to whom all communications for the grand lodge must be addressed jointly, and the postage paid.

His Royal Highness trusts that the regularity of the proceedings and conduct of your lodge in future will be such as to shew that the consideration which H. R. H. has evinced in so particular a manner towards the brethren at Nova Scotia has not been improperly bestowed, and is duly appreciated by the craft.

We are, W. M., your obedient servants,

WILLIAM H. WHITE,
EDWARDS HARPER, } G. S.

To the W. Master of —— Lodge.

[COPY.]

FREEMASONS' HALL, London, April 2, 1829.

V. W. Brother: I have received the commands of the M. W. grand master, the Duke of Sussex, to acquaint, for the information of the R. W. Bro. John Albro, Esquire, and of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, that H. R. H. having taken into consideration the memorial of the provincial grand lodge, under date the

3rd December last, and from the inquiries made, being fully satisfied of the high character and masonic zeal of the R. W. Bro. Albro, H. R. H. has much pleasure in appointing him to the important office of provincial grand master for Nova Scotia, relying with confidence upon his continued exertions to promote the interests and uphold the principles of the order, and the regularity of the lodges committed to his charge. In the letter of the tenth ultimo you were informed of the lodges for which the M. W. grand master had directed warrants to be prepared. By yesterday's post some other applications arrived; these I shall have the honor to lay before H. R. H. in the course of a few days, and the warrants of all shall be forwarded by the very first opportunity, as well as the grand master's patent for the R. W. Bro. Albro, the fees payable upon which will be twenty-three guineas sterling.

I beg to subscribe myself, V. W. Brother, your obedient servant and faithful brother, for myself and Bro. Harper.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, G. S.

V. W. Bro. Adolphus Vieth, Provincial G. Secretary, Nova Scotia.

At this meeting the "sub-committee of correspondence" for establishing a grand lodge in the province of New Brunswick submitted a circular letter, copies of which had been addressed to all lodges in the province, as follows:

[COPY.]

SAINT JOHN, N. B., July 2, 1829.

Worshipful Brother: We are directed by the committee appointed to manage the arrangements for having a grand lodge established in this province to acquaint you that they have taken into serious consideration the circular of the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, dated the 29th May last, together with the despatches which it had received from the grand lodge of England, under dates March 10 and April 2 last, of all of which we suppose you have received copies.

In reference to these we have, in addition thereto, received a communication from the provincial grand secretary, respecting the matter above referred to, from which, when taken into consideration with the other documents, it appears evident that if the fraternity here are to trust to the recommendation of the grand lodge of Nova Scotia for obtaining the early appointment of a grand master for this province, they will be disappointed; for there appears to be on its part a reluctance to grant the said recommendation until the lodges shall have paid up their arrears, and this, it is well known, would be at the present moment, in the present state of the country and from other circumstances, next to an impossibility.

But another, and, in point of principle, a stronger objection presents itself. According to the constitutions under which all the lodges in the province work, and which was sent them by the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, from whom they hold their warrants, eleven shillings and sixpence was to be paid at the making of every new mason. Now it is clearly pointed out in one of the letters of March 10 last that the master of every lodge must, on his applying to the grand lodge of England for a warrant, forward with his petition five guineas for the warrant itself, and two dollars for every member of his lodge whose name has not been previously registered in its books, and he must also remit two dollars hereafter for every new made brother.

If these charges and rules are to be enforced by the grand lodge of England and submitted to by the lodges here, who remain still accountable to the grand lodge of

Nova Scotia for the payment of their regular dues, to say the least of their situation, it would surely be considered a hard one; for it is a well known fact that the grand lodge of Nova Scotia has not made any return to the grand lodge of England since the year 1813, so that, of course, no masons in this province since that date have obtained their registration.

Let a calculation on these principes be made of the amount of money which each lodge would be required to remit (including the expense of a patent for a provincial grand master), and it will be found that nearly five hundred pounds would go out of the province at once in order to place the craft upon the footing which has been contemplated.

Freemasonry we all acknowledge to be a charitable institution, expressly founded on the principles of benevolence, and every worthy brother cheerfully submits to its precepts and injunctions, for the purpose of promoting its designs by aiding its funds when regularly called upon to do so. One question, then, arises on this broad basis: Have the dues of our lodges to the grand lodge of Nova Scotia been applied to charitable purposes? This has never been made known to us. It can, however, it is believed, be asserted with truth that few, if any of them, were ever expended in this country. But a new question now exists, and pretty much on the same grounds, in consequence of the demands of the grand lodge of England. If the lodges here should go to the expense of obtaining new warrants, and the paying of initiation fees for those members whose names now stand on their books, as of those also who may in future be admitted, what is to become of all that money? Can they ever expect to receive an account of its expenditure from the grand lodge of England?

It is not urged that in part it may not be applied to charitable purposes; but, from the difficulty which would exist in corresponding with the grand lodge of England, it is natural to think that they could not, through it, have it in their power to assist objects of charity coming under their own notice from the funds of the lodges, a very great proportion of them being swallowed up in grand lodge dues, over which they can never have any control.

From these and many other considerations which might be brought into notice, a new feeling not only among members of the committee, but also among many members of the craft here, has been excited on the subject, and it is now very generally considered that the establishment of a provincial grand lodge, under the regulations laid down by the grand lodge of England, would operate as a detriment rather than as an advantage to the general interests of the fraternity. It would not possess the power of granting warrants to private lodges; while, at the same time, private lodges would be under the necessity of making returns to it and also to the grand lodge of England, the expense of which, together with the payment of fees for new masons, would tend to depress the masonic funds of charity in this country to such a degree that the main object of the institution would in a great measure be defeated.

The committee, therefore, under these impressions and after having weighed to the best of their ability all the matters connected with the circumstances of the case, have directed us to inform you that, as a measure both of propriety and necessity, they would recommend to the officers and members of the different lodges of this province the returning of their warrants to the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, and to form themselves into a GRAND LODGE entirely unconnected with that of England or any other place.

As to the right of the lodges to do so there can be no question. They have the example of England, Scotland and Ireland before them as precedents. In each of

these countries there existed at no very remote date two grand lodges, separate and distinct from each other in their operation and authority.[1] In England and Scotland a union has taken place between them, but it was by mutual consent; not by either claiming jurisdiction over the other, or by the use of any compulsory measures to effect it.

With regard to the utility of such a step, what has been stated respecting the control and expenditure of funds must be conclusive, it is believed, in the breast of every man who, upon benevolent principles, becomes a mason.

The committee have, in conclusion, to request that, if not inconvenient, you will take the earliest opportunity of bringing this subject before a meeting of your lodge, in order that as little delay as possible may take place in bringing the affair to a close. Have the goodness, then, to send an early answer, as it is the intention of the committee, should the general feeling be favorable to the above mentioned proposition, to call a meeting of the delegates of the different lodges, to elect office-bearers for the proposed grand lodge, to frame a constitution for its government, and to attend to the concerns of the business generally.

We remain, W. Brother, yours fraternally,

JAMES ROBERTSON, JR.,
HENRY CHUBB,
Sub-committee of Correspondence.

To the W. Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 29.

"It was moved by Bro. Wm. W. Emslie, seconded by Bro. Hiram Smith, and carried: That the sentiments expressed in the circular letter of the sub-committee of correspondence be adopted as the sentiments of this lodge; and further resolved, that the worshipful master intimate the same to the sub-committee as early as possible."

August 4—The lodge having at a previous communication agreed to present an honorary certificate to W. Bro. Benjamin F. Marsh, the formal presentation took place this evening, the scope and purport of which are contained in the address of W. Bro. Alex. Lawrence, W. M. of the lodge, and the reply of Bro. Marsh. The W. M. said:

In presenting you with this certificate in behalf of the officers and members of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, as a memorial of their grateful feelings for your long, zealous and useful services in the same, it affords me much pleasure to say that, in the discharge of the duties of the various offices which you have been called on to fill, they feel satisfied that your sole aim has been to raise the lodge to the high standing to which it has arrived. I am happy to have the opportunity of presenting you with this diploma, more especially as I am confident you have the warmest wishes of every member of this lodge for your future happiness and welfare.

To which Bro. Marsh replied:

Your very affectionate address, and the honorary testimony of your regard which accompanies it, call forth my grateful acknowledgments. Were I capable of doing justice to the feelings excited by your approbation of my past services, and your fraternal wishes for my future happiness, I would endeavour to thank you; but to

1 The committee were evidently unacquainted with the history of masonry in all of these countries.

minds disposed as yours are, it will suffice to observe that your address meets a most grateful reception, and is reciprocated in all its wishes with unfeigned sincerity. That St. John's Lodge may continue in its present highly respected state is my ardent wish.

September 1—A letter was received from the provincial grand secretary of Nova Scotia summoning the master, past masters and wardens of the lodge "to attend a provincial grand lodge at Halifax, on the first Wednesday in November ensuing, to instal the R. W. provincial grand master, and frame such bye-laws and regulations as may be necessary for the future government of the craft in the masonic district, in conformity to the new constitutions published by authority of the united grand lodge of England in the year 1827."

December 28—The lodge met at five o'clock in the afternoon and installed the officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Bro. Benjamin F. Marsh, W. M.

Bro. Hiram Smith, S. W.	Bro. Joseph Lingley, S. D.
" Samuel Watts, J. W.	" David Hogg, J. D.
" Daniel Smith, Treas.	" Silas DeForest, S. S.
" Andrew Garrison, Sec'y.	" George Broadbrook, J. S.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

A letter was received from W. Bro. James Robertson, Junr., grand secretary, informing the lodge that, on the 4th day of November ultimo, at a convention of delegates representing several lodges in the province, a grand lodge in and for the province of New Brunswick had been formally constituted, and the following brethren chosen office bearers thereof, viz.:

M. W. Bro. The Rev. Benjamin G. Gray, D. D., Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. David B. Wetmore, Esq., Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Bro. Samuel Frye, M. D., Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. and Rev. Bro. Oliver Arnold, } Grand Chaplains.
R. W. and Rev. Bro. Jerome Alley, }
R. W. Bro. Henry Chubb, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. James Robertson, Junr., Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Thomas L. Nicholson, Grand Marshal.
W. Bro. Alexander Lawrence, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Bro. Thomas Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. Archibald Dougherty, Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. John Boyer, Grand Tyler.

The full particulars of this grand lodge will be found under the heading "EARLY GRAND LODGE."

By request of the grand secretary, conveyed in the letter announcing the formation of this grand lodge, "it was ordered that the sum of five pounds be appropriated to assist in defraying the expenses in promoting the object in view, of forming a grand lodge in New Brunswick."

A. D. 1830.

March 2—A committee appointed at the previous meeting of the lodge to call upon the landlord for a reduction in the rent of the hall, and, in the event of his refusal, to engage another place of meeting, "reported that they had agreed with Bro. Lawson, the landlord, to continue in the present premises at the sum of twenty shillings per night."

December 27—The following officers were installed:

Bro. Hiram Smith, W. M.

Bro. Benjamin F. Marsh, S. W.	Bro. Samuel Watts, Sec'y.
" Andrew Garrison, J. W.	" Joseph Lingley, S. D.
" Daniel Smith, Treas.	" George Broadbrook, J. D.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

A. D. 1831.

January 4—Bros. Hiram Smith, Benj. F. Marsh and Wm. Hutchinson were appointed a committee "to obtain information as to the probable expense of erecting a tomb for the reception of deceased masons and their families."

March 1—A committee was appointed "to arrange and file the papers of the lodge."

There was no meeting of the lodge held between March 1 and November 2 of this year.

December 6—Seven widows and two brethren received assistance from the lodge funds in sums ranging from three pounds to five pounds each.

December 27—The following officers were installed:

Bro. Robert Payne, W. M.

Bro. John Haws, S. W.	Bro. Israel Merritt, Sec'y.
" Joseph Lingley, J. W.	" James G. Lester, S. D.
" Nathan Godsoe, Treas.	" Robert Cunard, J. D.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

A. D. 1832.

May 1—The initiation fee was reduced from five pounds five shillings to three pounds ten shillings, "as that was the amount established by Albion Lodge."

December 27—Officers were installed as follows:

Bro. James Reed, W. M.

Bro. John Haws, S. W.	Bro. James G. Lester, S. D.
" Joseph Lingley, J. W.	" Robert Cunard, J. D.
" Nathan Godsoe, Treas.	" John Murray, S. S.
Israel Merritt, Sec'y.	" Israel Lawson, J. S.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

The members of the lodge dined together this day, but no particulars of the affair are given in the records.

The meetings of the lodge were held regularly this year; they were sparsely attended, and no business of special importance transacted.

A. D. 1833.

The meetings of this year and the business transacted were devoid of interest.

October 3—The lodge attended the funeral of the late Bro. James Grundy, aged 46 years, who was initiated January 7, 1817. "The impressive ritual in honor of the dead was impressively performed by the W. M., assisted by a large assemblage of the craft, who testified their sorrow in the most marked manner."

And on December 1, according to the record, "the brethren assembled at the lodge room, formed in procession and proceeded to the old burial ground east of King square, and buried the remains of the late W. Bro. David Waterbury with the usual masonic honors. The brethren turned out in large numbers and exhibited profound sorrow and respect for the memory of the deceased, who had filled the chair of the lodge and was an honored and active member for many years."

The biography of Bro. Waterbury is included in this volume among other past masters of the lodge.

December 27—The following were installed into office, viz.:

Bro. James Reed, W. M.

Bro. Joseph Lingley, S. W.	Bro. Robert Cunard, S. D.,
" Israel Merritt, J. W.	" John Murray, J. D.
" Nathan Godsoe, Treas.	" Israel Lawson, S. S.
" James G. Lester, Sec'y.	" Joshua B. Williams, J. S.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

A. D. 1834.

January 7—The affiliation fee was reduced from fifteen shillings to ten shillings, "that being the sum charged by Albion Lodge."

June 24—"The lodge was convened, according to resolution of the joint committee of this and Albion Lodge, for the purpose of celebrating St. John's day. The brethren attended divine service at Trinity church, and listened to a most excellent and appropriate discourse delivered by the Rev. Bro. Benjamin G. Gray, rector, from 25th chapter of Matthew, 35th and part of 40th verses, viz.: 'For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in.' * * * 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the

least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' The reverend brother was pleased to return his thanks to the craft generally for their orderly and serious conduct during the services."

A collection was taken up for the benefit of the poor of the city.

October 25—"The lodge was convened at one o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late worthy Bro. Edward Lockhart, which duty was duly performed by the brethren, together with a number of the members of our sister lodges, Union and Albion, for which kind attention the officers and members of this lodge returned their grateful thanks." Bro. Lockhart joined the lodge May 1, 1832.

November 18—"In consequence of our W. M., Bro. James Reed, being about to leave this province for England, the lodge was convened for the purpose of petitioning the grand lodge of England to take into consideration the present state of our warrant (some doubt having arisen as to the regularity of the same), and abide by their decision; whether to grant us leave to obtain a new warrant or to allow us to serve under our present one. It being unanimously decided to petition the grand lodge of England on the subject, the following committee was appointed to draw up the petition, to wit: Bros. Thomas L. Nicholson, Henry Chubb, Nathan Godsoe, James Reed, and James G. Lester."

December 9—The lodge having failed to choose officers at the regular communication in November, elected the following at this meeting:

Bro. Robert Payne, W. M.

Bro. Joseph Lingley, S. W.	Bro. Robert Cunard, S. D.
" Israel Merritt, J. W.	" John Murray, J. D.
" Nathan Godsoe, Treas.	" Israel Lawson, S. S.
" James G. Lester, Sec'y.	" James Hinds, J. S.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

There is no record of any installation ceremony December 27.

A. D. 1835.

September 25—"The lodge assembled at one o'clock, when a funeral procession was formed and marched to the grave, where the remains of the late W. Bro. James Reed, past master of the lodge, were buried with the customary ceremonial of the craft."

December 1—Only nine brethren, including the tyler, were present at this meeting. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Bros. Robert Payne, Israel Merritt and William Hutchinson be a committee to communicate forthwith with the grand lodge of England, requesting that body to grant us a new warrant (if the present warrant be not renewed), and that they embody a petition in due form to that effect.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following result:

Bro. James G. Lester, W. M.

Bro. Israel Merritt, S. W.	Bro. Francis McKenna, Sec'y.
" James Hinds, J. W.	" John Murray, S. D.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" John Boyer, Tyler.

The reason for failing to elect a full complement is not stated. Evidently there was a lack of interest on the part of the members, nd a strong tendency to cease working the lodge. During the year 1835 only two regular and two emergent communications were held, at each of which there was only a limited attendance.

From the year 1826, the date of the appointment of a district deputy grand master in Saint John, up to the year 1835, the election of officers had been held at the regular communication in November, and the installation on the 27th December following.

The grand lodge, formed November 4, 1829, had no doubt ceased to exist on the day of its inauguration or very shortly afterward, as no record or other document appeared to show that it fulfilled any of the functions of its organization. Union Lodge ceased working about the year 1831. Albion Lodge had surrendered the warrant held from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia and received a substitute from the united grand lodge of England, and now St. John's Lodge was seeking to obtain one from the same body.

A marked falling off had taken place in the attendance at the stated meetings of the lodge; but few candidates presented themselves for initiation, and there appeared to be a want of zeal and interest in its welfare and prosperity. This unfortunate state of affairs seemed to arise from two sources. In the first place, the united grand lodge of England had made a demand upon the lodge for a return of all the members on the roll and the payment of registration fees for all, a demand impossible for the lodge to meet. And in the second place, the "Morgan" excitement had created such a bitter anti-masonic feeling in the community, especially in church circles, that many brethren were compelled or induced to withdraw. Under these circumstances the membership of the lodge became very much reduced, rendering it difficult to hold meetings or to obtain sufficient support to carry on the work and meet ordinary expenses.

A. D. 1836.

January 14—This was an emergent communication, with the following members in attendance: James G. Lester, W. M.; Israel Merritt, S. W.; James Hinds, J. W.; William Hutchinson, Treas.; Francis McKenna, Sec'y; John Murray; Angus McAfee; Israel Lawson; Joseph Lingley; John Richardson; and John Boyer, Tyler.

"The W. M. presented a petition for the consideration of the members present, under the title of 'the collection petition of St. John's Lodge,' which was accepted by a show of hands."

"It was proposed by the W. M., and accepted, that all members in good standing, and also all members in arrears of dues to the lodge, who shall sign their names to the petition for a new warrant, shall continue their membership under the new warrant."

These entries are written on a slip of paper found lying loose in the record book, and are vague and indefinite. The *collection petition* would seem to refer to a petition or agreement to raise funds among the members to liquidate the indebtedness of the lodge and provide means to procure a warrant from the united grand lodge of England.

There is no record or memorandum of any meeting being held between January 14, 1836, and May 19, 1837. From this it may be reasonably surmised that the lodge failed for the first time in its history to hold an election of office bearers.

Although seemingly unable to obtain sufficient attendance to carry on the regular work of the lodge, the members did not debar themselves the pleasures of the table, as appears from the following extract taken from a local newspaper:

St. John's Lodge and guests, to the number of forty, celebrated the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist (December 27, 1836), by dining together at Bro. James Nethery's, Church street. W. Bro. Nehemiah Merritt presided, assisted by W. Bro. James G. Lester, W. M., and Bro. Wm. Hutchinson, treasurer. A full list of toasts was honored, followed by music, in addition to which a number of songs added greatly to the pleasures of the evening. Among the toasts were:

1. The memory of St John the Evangelist, the eminent patron of freemasonry, whose anniversary we celebrate.
2. His Majesty the King, grand patron of the society.
3. His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, grand master of England, and the other members of the royal family who are members of the craft.
4. The Queen, and the female branches of the royal family.
5. The United Grand Lodge of England, and the grand lodges of Ireland and Scotland.
6. The Clergy: all workmen at the same temple. May the sound of axe, hammer, or other iron tool of sectarian animosity never disturb the harmony of their operations.
7. The Royal Arch Chapter of Saint John, New Brunswick.[1]
8. The Albion Lodge of Saint John, New Brunswick. Tune — *Should auld acquaintance be forgot?*
9. Our Fair Sisters: may they always keep their hearts securely tyled by virtue.
10. The Third Degree: the grave in which we should bury the corruption of our nature, and the womb from which springs the best tenets of our society.
11. Masonic Charity: the sons and daughters of affliction know best how to appreciate it.

1 Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 47.

12. The memory of Robert Burns, the bard and the mason. Tune—*Burns' Farewell.*

Volunteered by Bro. Haws—The Masonic Ship, laden with virtue, benevolence and charity; may she wave her banners on the broad sea of creation and find a hearty welcome in every port.

These toasts afford a good idea of the sentiments prevailing at masonic dinners fifty-seven years ago.

A. D. 1837.

May 19—The final entry in the record of the lodge as St. John's Lodge, No. 29, on the roll of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, is dated May 19, 1837. It was an emergency communication, at which the following brethren were present: James G. Lester, W. M.; John Haws, P. M.; Nathan Godsoe as S. W.; James Hinds, J. W.; Israel Lawson as treasurer; Edmund A. Price as secretary; John Richardson as S. D.; Angus McAfee as J. D.; and John Boyer, tyler.

The following is a full transcript of the record:

The lodge having by resolution carried on December 1, 1835, resolved to petition the grand lodge of England for a new warrant, and the grand master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, having been pleased to comply with the request, and the warrant having been received as ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 632, this communication was summoned for the purpose of closing the books of the old lodge and disposing of the paraphernalia belonging thereto.

Proposed by Bro. Nathan Godsoe, and seconded by Bro. Israel Lawson, that the property and paraphernalia belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 29, on the registry of Nova Scotia, be transferred to St. John's Lodge, No. 632, under the registry of England, for the use of the latter, in consideration that the lodge under the new warrant shall pay all the debts due by the lodge under the old warrant. Which resolution was carried unanimously.

Resolved unanimously, That the W. M. enclose the old warrant forthwith to the grand or deputy grand master of Nova Scotia, by some good private conveyance, and inform him that we have no further use for it, owing to our lodge having received a new warrant from the grand lodge of England.

We agree to the foregoing resolutions.

JAMES G. LESTER, W. M.
NATHAN GODSOE, S. W. *pro tem.*
JAMES HINDS, J. W.
EDMUND A. PRICE, Secretary *pro tem.*

Nothing further offering for the good of masonry, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, forever, under the present warrant.

EDMUND A. PRICE, Secretary *pro tem.*

A copy of the first resolution carried this evening was handed by the secretary to W. Bro. John Haws.

EDMUND A. PRICE, Secretary *pro tem.*

This closes the first era in the history of the lodge, a period extending over a space of thirty-five years. The number and names of members at

the time of surrendering the Nova Scotia warrant cannot be given, as I failed to find any book or entry to afford such information. The total number added to the roll during those thirty-five years was three hundred and thirty-five—one hundred and eighteen by affiliation and two hundred and seventeen by initiation. This gives an average of nearly ten each year; a very fair showing for a town containing a circumscribed number of adult inhabitants, and proving that the lodge had a good share of work. The total number of meetings held in the whole period was five hundred and ninety-six. From 1802 to 1831 inclusive the average each year was nineteen, and from 1832 to 1837 inclusive, the small number of seven. The cause of this falling off has already been explained. Up to 1831, however, the communications were held with remarkable regularity and with a good attendance of members and visitors.

The masonic contemporaries of St. John's Lodge, in the city of Saint John, were Union Lodge, No. 38, constituted in the year 1814, and Albion Lodge, No. 52, constituted A. D. 1825. It seems unaccountable that no reference is made in the records of the lodge to the formation of these lodges, especially as both of them *swarmed* from St. John's Lodge. One would readily suppose that such important occurrences would have received at least a passing notice.

Carleton Chapter, another and the oldest contemporary, was organized A. D. 1805, under authority of the warrant of St. John's Lodge. The history and labors of this body are closely interwoven with those of the lodge. Union Lodge apparently ceased operations about the year 1831. Albion Lodge exchanged the warrant it received from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia for one issued by the united grand lodge of England, some eight years prior to a similar exchange on the part of St. John's Lodge, and Carleton Chapter, having in the year 1822 obtained a warrant from the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland, had under such warrant a continuous career until 1887, when it came under the jurisdiction of the grand chapter of New Brunswick.

The provincial grand lo ge of Nova Scotia, under the unlimited authority granted to it by the *Atholl* Grand Lodge, issued in all fifteen warrants for the erection of lodges in New Brunswick, as follows:

Hiram, No. 17, Saint John, opened under dispensation, 1784, and under warrant, 1786.		
St. George's, No. 19, Maugerville,.....	warrant dated	1789.
Sion, No. 21, Kingston,..	"	1792.
Solomon's, No. 22, Fredericton,.....	"	1792.
Hiram York, No. 23, Frederiction,.....	"	1793.
St. John's, No. 29, Saint John,.....	"	1801.
Midian, No. 31, Kingston,.....	"	1805.
Orphans' Friend, No. 34, St. Stephen,..	"	1809.

Eastern Star, No. 37, St. Andrew's,.....	warrant dated	1814.
Union, No. 38, Saint John,.....	"	1814.
Fortitude, No. 42, Miramichi,.....	"	1819.
St. Lawrence, No. 43, Richibucto,.....	"	1820.
Morning Star, No. 46, Woodstock,.....	"	1822.
Golden Rule, No. 50, Hopewell,.....	"	1824.
Albion, No. 52, Saint John,.....	"	1825.

In addition to these, New Brunswick, No. 541, was constituted at Fredericton, A. D. 1789, under a warrant from the mother grand lodge of England.

At this date (1837) only three of these lodges were in existence—St. John's, Midian[1] and Albion. In nearly every case their extinction was caused by the "Morgan" excitement, and inability or unwillingness to meet the demand made by the united grand lodge for payment for a new warrant and also registration fees for all members on the rolls.

We learn from the records that during this period an attempt was made to erect New Brunswick into a separate masonic jurisdiction by the formation of an independent grand lodge; but through circumstances which remain unexplained, it had only an ephemeral existence, and the province remained as heretofore, subordinate to Nova Scotia.

The provincial grand lodge, chartered by the *ancients*, and exercising jurisdiction over Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, came into existence in the year 1784. After an imperious sway of forty-five years, during which it issued about fifty-six warrants for the creation of as many lodges in the two provinces, its independent career was brought to a close by mandate of the united grand lodge of England. Shorn of its illegally conferred and improperly assumed functions, it then descended from its high estate to the more modest plane of a provincial grand lodge pure and simple, and from that time forward exercised a delegated and circumscribed authority, regulated from time to time by the laws of the united grand lodge.

Although St. John's Lodge retained its Nova Scotia warrant, and continued to meet and work under it nearly eight years after the unsuccessful attempt to form an independent grand lodge, very little business was transacted, and at times there were long intervals between the meetings. Only one candidate was initiated and seven brethren affiliated.

Notwithstanding these adverse circumstances, the few remaining members, inspired seemingly by a determined and hopeful spirit, resolved to stand by the ship and navigate her to safe and secure mooring grounds; and despite the many obstacles, rendered doubly formidable by the intense anti-masonic crusade then swaying the community, they succeeded

1 Midian Lodge ceased operations four years later (A. D. 1841).

in accomplishing their undertaking. The reception of the new warrant from England infused them with renewed life and fresh vigor, and, under the changed order of things, they commenced the second era of the lodge's existence with increased zeal and hopefulness. The progress of the lodge from 1837 to the present year (1894) has been characterized by steady advancement, and has realized the most sanguine expectations.

Copy of the Warrant issued by the United Grand Lodge of England, under which St. John's Lodge commenced and continued the second period of its existence:

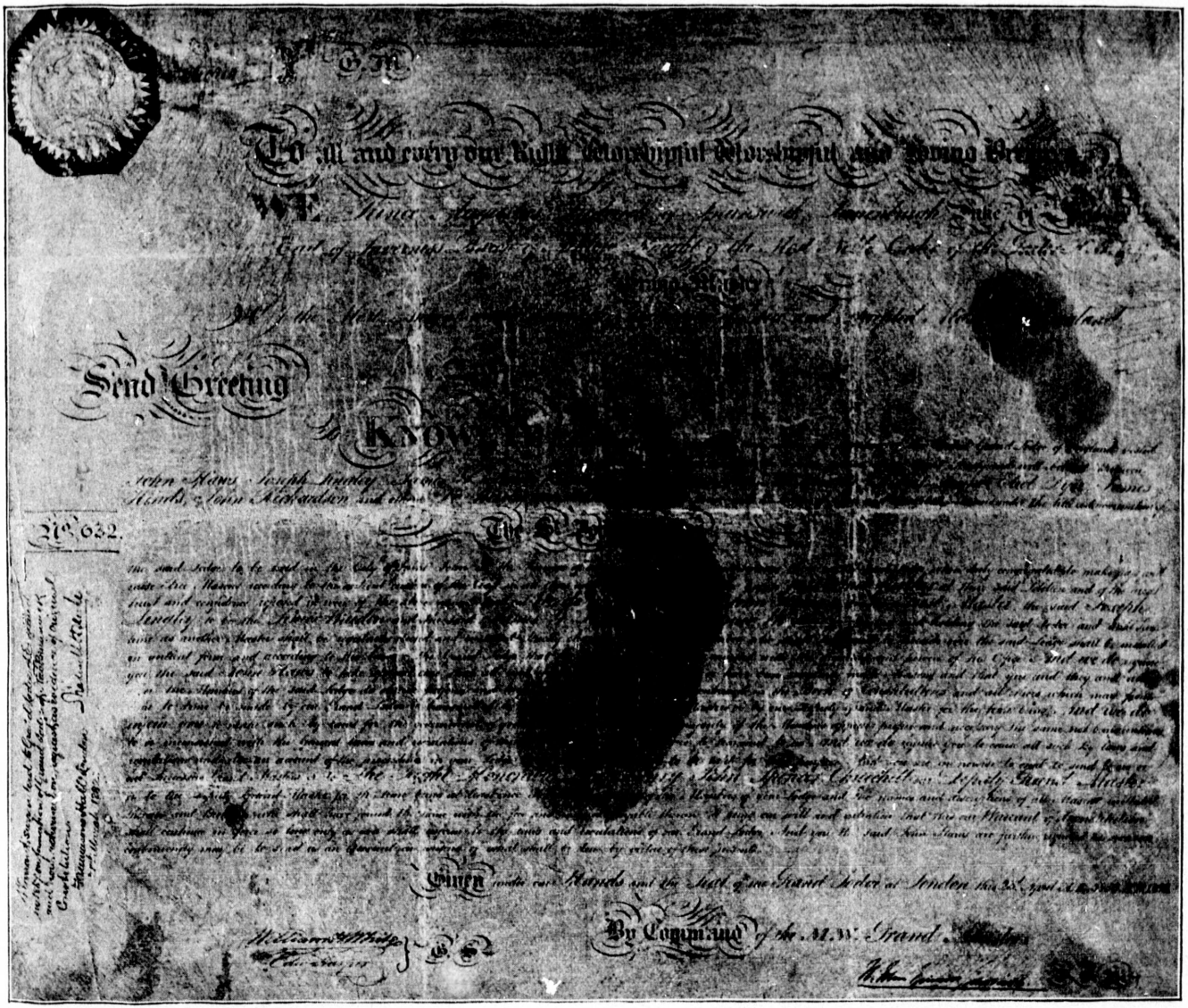
[L. S.] SUSSEX, P.: G. M.

To All and Every our Right-Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren;

We, Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick Lunenburgh, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, K. T., &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the Most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England

SEND GREETING:

Know ye, that we, by the authority and under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England vested in us for that purpose, and at the humble petition of our Right Trusty and well-beloved Brethren, John Haws, Joseph Lingley, James G. Lester, James P. Payne, John McCready, Robert Payne, Eliot Dyer, James Hinds, John Richardson and others, Do hereby Constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title or denomination of The St. John's Lodge, No. 632, the said Lodge to be held in the City of Saint John in the Province of New Brunswick, and empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated, to make, pass and raise Freemasons according to the Antient Custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world; And Further, at their said petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in Every of the above-named brethren, We do Appoint the said John Haws to be the First Master, the said Joseph Lingley to be the Senior Warden and James G. Lester to be the Junior Warden for opening and holding the said Lodge, and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed; strictly charging that Every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in Antient Form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office; And we do require you, the said John Haws, to take special care that all and Every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the laws, rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being; And we do enjoin you to make such By-laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us; And we do require you to cause all such By-laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose; And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors, Grand Masters, or to the



FAC-SIMILE OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE WARRANT, ENGLISH REGISTRY.

Right Honorable Lord Henry John Spencer Churchill, our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of the Members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and of Brethren who shall have joined the same, with the fees and moneys payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall contiuue in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our Grand Lodge; And you, the said John Haws, are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 23rd April A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

By command of the M. W. Grand Master,

H. JOHN SPENCER CHURCHILL,
D. G. M.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, } G. S.
EDWARDS HARPER, }

The following brethren formed the membership of the lodge at the time of starting under the foregoing warrant: John Haws, Joseph Lingley, James G. Lester, William Hutchinson, Israel Merritt, John Murray, John Boyer, Henry Chubb, Israel Lawson, James Hinds, David Hogg, William Bookwood, William Ross, Angus McAfee, Joseph Bell, John Richardson, James A. Parnell, William J. Corbitt, Joseph Wetmore, Lewis Fairweather, Nehemiah Merritt, William Hughson, William Warwick, James Bell, John McCready, Henry Swymmer, Hugh McPherson, Hugh McDermott, Robert Barbour, William P. Scott, A. D. McKenzie, Nathan Godsoe, Robert Payne, James P. Payne, John Sinclair, John Reed, Robert Foulis, and Elliot Dyer.

A. D. 1837.

May 23—The first communication under the new warrant was held this evening in the lodge room, St. John Hotel, with the following members present: John Haws, W. M.; Joseph Lingley, S. W.; Jas. G. Lester, J. W.; William Hutchinson, treas.; Israel Merritt, sec'y; John Boyer, tyler; Henry Chubb, P. M.; Israel Lawson, James Hinds, David Hogg, William Bookwood, William Ross, Angus McAfee, Joseph Bell, John Richardson, Joseph Wetmore, William J. Corbitt and J. S. Parnell, together with a large number of visiting brethren.

The record states: "The members of this lodge having petitioned the grand lodge of England to grant a warrant under its registry, and H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex, grand master, having been pleased to issue the same as No. 632, the members met this evening for the first time under such warrant, W. Bro. John Haws in the chair.

"The warrant having been read, the lodge was opened in due form as St. John's Lodge, No. 632.

"It was unanimously resolved that Bros. Henry Chubb, John Haws, Joseph Lingley and William Hutchinson be a committee to form a code of bye-laws for the government of this lodge, and submit the same for consideration as soon as practicable; and also that they be a committee to get a frame for the protection of the warrant, books for the use of the lodge, and to ascertain where a room can be obtained to hold our meetings."

A copy of the resolution adopted May 19, proposing the transfer of the property of the lodge from the old to the new registry upon payment of outstanding debts, was received and "unanimously adopted with thanks."

The lodge proceeded to the election and appointment of the officers, other than those named in the warrant, after which all were installed, as follows:

Bro. John Haws, W. M.

Bro. Joseph Lingley, S. W.	Bro. Joseph Bell, S. D.
" James G. Lester, J. W.	" John Murray, J. D.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" William Bookwood, S. S.
" Israel Merritt, Sec'y.	" Angus McAfee, J. S.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

"It was resolved that this lodge celebrate St. John's day next by attending divine service, and that a committee consisting of the worshipful master and wardens do wait upon Albion Lodge to request them to celebrate the day with us, and to appoint a committee to join this lodge committee, whose duty it shall be to wait upon the Rev. Bro. B. G. Gray, soliciting him to preach a sermon for charitable purposes."

The initiation fee was fixed at four pounds, and the joining fee at one pound.

June 6—Upon report of the committee appointed at the previous communication, a code of laws was adopted and a copy ordered to be transmitted to the grand secretaries at London for approval.

A standing committee of three was appointed to make inquiry into the character of persons petitioning to be initiated and of brethren wishing to join.

July 4—Richard Calvert, initiated this evening, was the first candidate received under the new warrant.

November 8—The W. M. reported that he had called the attention of the grand secretaries at London to the article in the book of constitutions headed *public processions*, and had stated to them that "as the lodge

was situated in a remote part of Her Majesty's[1] dominions where there is no provincial grand master, he requested to know if the lodge could be allowed to attend funerals and hold public processions without a dispensation, as he believed it would redound much to the respectability of the craft should such a favor be granted, and that he had pledged himself that, as good masons, they would never in any way abuse the privilege."

As no further reference was made to their request, it could not have been granted.

December 5—"It was unanimously resolved that all visiting brethren, not known to be masons, must attest that they have been regularly entered, passed and raised."

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a dinner on St. John's day ensuing, "with power to engage music for the occasion." At the January meeting two pounds ten shillings was ordered to be paid for the music.

The dinner took place at six o'clock, in the lodge room at the St. John hotel, and the record says "the evening was spent in the usual good fellowship and brotherly love."

December 27—A register book, in which visiting brethren were required to inscribe their signatures, was first introduced at this communication.

A. D. 1838.

The officers for this year were:

Bro. John Haws, W. M.

Bro. Joseph Lingley, S. W.	Bro. Joseph Bell, S. D.
" James G. Lester, J. W.	" William Ross, J D.
" Wm. Hutchinson, Treas.	" David Edgar, S. S.
" Wm. Milligan, Sec'y.	" John J. Hogan, J. S.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

March 6—Upon proceeding to ballot for a candidate, it was found that *beans* heretofore used were not in conformity with the grand lodge laws; it was, therefore, ordered to postpone the ballot. At the succeeding meeting it was reported that one hundred and sixty-three white and black balls had been procured.

May 11—The record states: "It having pleased Almighty God to remove by death our brother, Joseph Bell; at the request of the deceased, the lodge assembled to inter his remains with masonic honors. A large number responded to the summons of the W. M., likewise several brethren of Albion, Hibernia and other lodges. The lodge set out in full pro-

1 Queen Victoria ascended the throne June 20, 1837.

cession, and, after consigning the body to the grave with proper masonic respect and ritual, returned to the lodge room in a circumspect and solemn manner."

June 5—"Bros. Wm. H. Swymmer, Robert Payne and Robert Foulis were appointed a committee to draw up an address to be presented to the Earl of Durham[1] on his arrival into the province of Lower Canada."

July 18—The lodge assisted in the ceremonial of laying the corner stone of the Commercial Bank.[2] Albion Lodge had charge of the arrangements. The other bodies taking part were Hibernia Lodge and Carleton R. A. Chapter. The masonic bodies assembled in the common council chamber, county court house, King's square, which was placed at their disposal for the occasion by the city corporation. The day was remarkably fine, which, with the unusual spectacle in those times of a masonic parade, called out a large concourse of citizens to witness the proceedings. After marching through some of the principal streets, headed by the splendid band of the 11th regiment of foot, the bodies halted at the site of the building, when the corner stone was laid with the customary masonic ceremonial by W. Bro. Oliver Goldsmith,[3] W. M. of Albion Lodge, followed by an oration suitable to the occasion delivered by the Rev. Bro. Benjamin G. Gray, D. D. The report states that "all the arrangements were admirably prepared and were carried out with regularity and satisfaction."

Copy of masonic document placed in the stone:

City of Saint John, New Brunswick, 18th July, A. L. 5838.

The corner stone of this building was laid on the north-east, with the usual masonic ceremonies, by Albion Lodge, No. 841, under the registry of the grand lodge of freemasons of England, assisted by the several lodges of the city above mentioned.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH, Worshipful Master.
THOMAS B. MILLIDGE, Senior Warden.
ALEXANDER BALLOCH, Junior Warden.
THOMAS NISBET, Jr., Secretary.

1 The Earl of Durham was appointed by the British government governor general of all the North American provinces, and high commissioner for the adjustment of questions arising out of the Canadian rebellion of 1837-'38. He did not remain many months in Canada. Some of his measures having been disapproved of by the home government, he resigned and returned to England before the close of the year.

2 The Commercial Bank building was situated on the south-east corner of Prince William and Princess streets, and was the first granite structure erected in Saint John. Through imprudent and unbusinesslike management, the bank collapsed in November, 1868, and closed its doors. In 1871 the building became the property of the city corporation, and was occupied by the principal civic officers up to June 20, 1877, when it was destroyed in the great fire of that date.

3 Oliver Goldsmith belonged to a branch of the family of the author of "The Deserted Village." He was a commissary general in Her Majesty's service during his sojourn in New Brunswick. A popular and much esteemed gentleman, and an enthusiastic and zealous mason.

Copy of bank document deposited in the cavity of the stone:

Banking house erected by the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick.

This corner stone was laid on the 18th day of July, A. D. 1838, in the second year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

CHARLES WARD, *President.*

John Hammond, Ralph M. Jarvis, William Leavitt, Daniel J. McLaughlin, Ambrose S. Perkins, Robert Rankin, Charles Simonds, William O. Smith, Stephen Wiggins, James Whitney, John M. Wilmot, and John Wishart, *Directors.*

ALEXANDER BALLOCH, *Cashier.*
MOSES H. PERLEY, *Solicitor.*
GEORGE C. PARTELOW, *Paying Teller.*
GEORGE MURRAY, *Receiving Teller.*
THOMAS B. MILLIDGE, *Accountant.*
WILLIAM MCARTHUR, *Messenger.*

CHARLES WARD, WILLIAM LEAVITT, and DANIEL J. MCLAUGHLIN, *Building Committee.*

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, *Architect.*
JOHN FISHER, *Contractor and Builder.*

October 2—"It was resolved that no brother be allowed to visit this lodge who has received two degrees at a less interval than one month, within this province, according to the constitution, page 92."

This resolution was adopted to prevent the visit of a brother who had been rejected by the lodge, and who had subsequently received the degrees in a very short space of time in a lodge under Ireland.

The evil of conferring degrees at short periods by Irish and Scotch lodges in the colonies so militated against the English lodges, by the facilities offered to candidates to become full-fledged masons in a rapid manner, that the grand lodge of England, upon the representation of colonial lodges, relaxed the rule requiring at least one month to elapse between the degrees, and gave authority to provincial grand masters in the colonies to grant dispensations, in cases of emergency, to confer the fellow craft and master's degrees respectively at intervals of not less than seven days from the date of the preceding degree.

November 6—"A letter was received from the grand lodge, dated at London, March 7th last, setting forth that the Lodge of Concord, No. 231, and St. Cuthbert's Lodge, No. 530, were erased from the roll of lodges and their warrants declared forfeited."

December 27—At the installation of officers at this meeting, the worshipful master was installed by proxy. In this, as in other matters, our predecessors seemed to possess a ready faculty for circumventing constitutional enactments, or surmounting unexpected exigencies.

A. D. 1839.

The officers for this year were:

Bro. Israel Merritt, W. M.

Bro. George Johnston, S. W.	Bro. William Milligan, Sec'y.
" John McCready, J. W.	" Alexander Johnston, S. D.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" William B. Pigeon, J. D.

There is no mention of stewards or tyler.

January 22—From the record of this communication, it would appear that an infraction of masonic law or usage had taken place, the particulars of which are not given, resulting in the appointment of a committee "to enquire into certain charges made by some members of the lodge against other members, including the immediate past master."

At the regular communication of February, the committee submitted a report, the purport of which is not set forth in the minutes. It appears, however, that several brethren had been guilty of publishing some of the proceedings of the lodge, and had also advised the secretary to withhold the books in order to prevent the returns being made to the grand lodge. For these grave breaches of masonic faith several members were suspended.

At the March meeting a resolution was adopted exonerating the immediate past master (W. Bro. John Haws) from the imputations made against him at the meeting held January 22nd, and expressing the utmost confidence in him at that time and during the year he occupied the East.

From the entries in the record of July 19th, it appears that the disaffected brethren above alluded to had made certain complaints or representations (not specified) to grand lodge, and that grand lodge had adjudicated upon these *ex parte* statements to the prejudice of the lodge and W. Bro. Haws; whereupon the lodge adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved unanimously, That the members of St. John's Lodge have learned, with extreme regret, that the grand lodge has occupied its time in entertaining a petition containing charges unsupported by any proof, and without furnishing the accused with a copy of the same;

And further resolved, That this lodge is humbly of the opinion that if such unconstitutional proceedings are countenanced by the grand lodge, the evil-disposed members of the fraternity will soon gain the ascendancy in this community, to the prejudice of the best interests of freemasonry;

And further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the worshipful master to the grand lodge at London.

December 27—"After the installation service the members of the lodge, with a number of guests, sat down to dinner in the lodge room. There was a goodly attendance of the brotherhood, who spent the evening in discussing a capital bill of fare, followed by toasts, sentiments, songs, etc.; the whole seasoned with the utmost good-fellowship."

A. D. 1840.

The officers for this year were:

Bro. John Haws, W. M.

Bro. Angus McAfee, S. W. — Bro. William Hutchinson, Treas.
" William Ross, J. W. — " John Thomas, Sec'y.

Bro. William Bookwood, Tyler.

Deacons and stewards are not mentioned.

March 3—The thanks of the lodge were voted to the worshipful master "for the independent spirit he had displayed in refusing to accept two complimentary tickets, tendered to him by the managers of the recent masonic ball, inviting him and his partner to attend, while no invitation was extended to the body at large."

March 25—A ball in honor of the marriage of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert was given under the banners of St. John's Lodge in the long room of the "friary" building, Horsfield street, the company consisting wholly of masons, their wives, daughters and sisters. The report states that "at eight o'clock the sets were formed and the dancing kept up with great spirit until twelve o'clock, when the brethren formed a circle and drank 'The Queen and Prince Albert' with honors and three times three, after which the new version of the national anthem was sung in full chorus. In the course of the evening a substantial collation was supplemented by fruit and *queen's cake*.[1] Harmony and good feeling and the pleasures of the evening so wholly absorbed the large company that it was not until the 'rosy goddess' had unbarred the portals of the east that they discovered the hour for separation was at hand. The caterer, James Sorlie, was on hand and at home, as usual, in serving up the best solids and liquids that the city afforded."

A. D. 1841.

The officers for this year were:

Bro. John Haws, W. M.

Bro. John Thomas, S. W. — Bro. Wm. H. A. Keans, Sec'y.
" George Johnston, J. W. — " John Hooper, S. D.
" Wm. Hutchinson, Treas. — " John S. Hawksworth, J. D.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

December 7—A letter was received from the grand secretary enclosing a series of resolutions of grand lodge, as follows:

At a quarterly communication of the united grand lodge, held at freemasons'

1 *Queen's cake* was a mammoth affair supported on a platform on wheels. At the hour of twelve it was rolled into the ball room and cut up and distributed to the assembled guests. At that date such an affair was in advance of the usual ceremonials at balls.

hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd March, 1841, H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex, M. W. Grand Master, on the throne, it was

Resolved—First. That it is the primary duty of grand lodge to view with the greatest jealousy any breach of the privileges secured to the masonic body by the legislature.

Second. That one of the most valuable of those privileges, and that which constitutes the very essence and spirit of the order, is the secrecy with respect to the proceedings and concerns of masonry, which is enjoined in the ancient charges, inculcated by the strongest obligations in every stage of masonic degree, and rigidly laid down by the laws and constitutions.

Third. That the publication by masons of the proceedings and concerns of masonry, or furnishing the materials for such publication, are traitorous violations of the most important privileges, and deserving of the highest punishment denounced against such offences by the laws and constitutions; as such publications, if not discouraged and suppressed, must ultimately destroy the respectability and may even hazard the existence of the craft.

Fourth. That, with a view of checking this evil, the grand lodge calls on all masonic authorities and masters of lodges, on their masonic allegiance, to use their utmost endeavors to cause all brethren who may violate the privilege by engaging in any such publication as the late *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, or by furnishing materials for such publication by any disclosure, without due sanction, of the proceedings or concerns of masonry, to be brought before the proper tribunal to be dealt with according to the laws and constitutions of the order.

Fifth. That these resolutions be forthwith transmitted by the grand secretary to all the constituted authorities of the order and the masters of all lodges under the jurisdiction of the united grand lodge of England.

Sixth. That the M. W. grand master be requested to communicate the same, in whatever manner he may deem fit, to the grand masters of masonry in Scotland and Ireland and of other grand lodges.

Seventh. That the masters of every lodge under the jurisdiction of the united grand lodge of England shall cause these resolutions to be read in open lodge at the next meeting after the receipt thereof, and to be entered on the minutes of such lodge, and that he shall immediately after such meeting report to the grand secretary the compliance with this resolution.

Extracted from the minutes,

WILLIAM H. WHITE, G. S.

The foregoing resolutions, with the following letter of the grand secretary accompanying them, were ordered to be entered in full on the records, viz.:

FREEMASONS' HALL, London, 8th March, 1841.

W. MASTER:

I am commanded by the M. W. grand master to forward for your instruction and guidance certain resolutions which, on the proposition of the R. W. deputy grand master, were passed nearly unanimously; and I am particularly enjoined to call your attention to the directions contained in those resolutions, that they be read in open lodge at your first meeting after the receipt of this communication, and then entered upon your minutes; and, this having been done, that you forthwith make a report

of the fact to the grand secretary for the satisfaction of the grand lodge and the information of the grand master.

The M. W. grand master further commands me to refer you to the book of constitutions, page 78, sec. 3, and page 84, sec. 6. By the first of these you will see that the master of the lodge is solemnly pledged to observe the laws and regulations of the craft and the ancient charges and regulations to be found at the commencement of the book of constitutions. By these, as well as by the laws referred to at page 84,[1] you will perceive how careful the grand lodge and the ancient craft have at all times been to guard against the interior concerns of the lodge being betrayed or disclosed out of doors, or even circulated amongst its members by means of printed publications, except by vote of the grand lodge, or by permission of the grand master in the discharge of his duty.

Every candidate at his initiation promises to abide by the ancient usages and established customs of the order, and the master on his installation solemnly pledges on the Book of the Sacred Law to observe and enforce them; hence it is not only desirable, but essentially necessary that all should be conversant with them; consequently it becomes the duty of the master to cause a portion of the ancient charges and regulations to be read at each meeting of the lodge, and to be explained to the brethren, that they may not be ignorant of matters so important to be known and observed by them, that the integrity and honor of the ancient craft may be upheld and secured.[2]

By command of the M. W. grand master,

WILLIAM H. WHITE, G. S.

December 27—The lodge, as was its custom from the beginning, celebrated the festival day of St. John the Evangelist by dining together. The report states that "the members of the lodge, with a number of visiting brethren, surrounded a well-appointed table in the St. John hotel, and enjoyed themselves in the usual manner on such occasions."

A. D. 1842.

The officers for 1842, elected, appointed and installed in December, were:

Bro. John Thomas, W. M.

Bro. Charles Johnston, S. W.	Bro. Samuel Holman, Sec'y.
" William Ross, J. W.	" Benjamin Herrington, S. D.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" John S. Clarke, J. D.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

May 3—The brethren present made a voluntary subscription of money to defray the passage of the family of a brother to the West Indies.

1 The law here referred to was substantially as follows: "No brother shall presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed and published, the proceedings of any lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the consent of the grand master, or provincial grand master, under pain of being suspended or expelled from the order."

2 Under the laws of the present grand lodge of New Brunswick every candidate is presented with a copy of the constitutions, in addition to a copy of the lodge bye-laws.

September 6—The master and wardens were authorized "to loan the paraphernalia of the lodge to the Mark Lodge."

September 14—The brethren decided to remove the lodge from the St. John hotel, where the meetings had been held since May, 1824, "in consequence of a feeling of insecurity of the place, the want of courtesy on the part of the proprietors of the house, and their inattention to the comfort of the body."

Quarters were secured in a brick building known as "the union hall," situate west side of Dock street, and owned by Bro. Richard Nowlan. The regular communication in October ensuing was held there.

October 4—Carleton R. A. Chapter was allowed the use of the new hall for holding lectures, and a committee was appointed to ascertain if Hibernia Lodge would be willing to become occupants of the new quarters.

December 27—The brethren dined together in the union hall, Dock street, at seven o'clock. "A large company of members and guests gathered around the tables and spent a few hours pleasantly and fraternally."

A. D. 1843.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. Charles Johnston, W. M.

Bro. William Ross, S. W.	Bro. Samuel Holman, Sec'y.
" John Cassidy, J. W.	" John Clarke, Jr., S. D.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" William Causey, J. D.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

March 7—"Bro. Edward W. Greenwood, on behalf of the officers and members of Albion Lodge, returned thanks to St. John's Lodge for the use of the paraphernalia at the ball held in the St. John hotel, February 14th ultimo."

June 6—"On motion it was unanimously resolved that the lodge be placed in mourning one year, in consequence of the death of our late grand master, H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex."[1]

1 Prince Augustus Frederick, the sixth son of George the Third, was born January 27, 1773. He was initiated in 1798 at a lodge in Berlin. In 1805 the honorary rank of past grand master was conferred on him by the grand lodge of England. May 13, 1812, he was appointed deputy grand master; and April 13, 1813, the Prince Regent, afterwards King George the Fourth, having declined a re-election to the office of grand master, the Duke of Sussex was unanimously chosen. He was instrumental, aided by his brother, the Duke of Kent, in cementing the divided grand lodges in England, by their union into one body, in December, 1813, under the title of "The United Grand Lodge of England," over which His Royal Highness was called to preside. He continued to rule the craft until his death, April 21, 1843, in the 71st year of his age, after an administration of upwards of thirty years. The Earl of Zetland succeeded the Duke of Sussex as grand master.

"Resolved, that Bros. Charles Johnston, W. M., John Haws, P. M., and William Hutchinson, treas., be a committee to wait upon Bro. George Bond and offer the sympathetic condolence of this lodge on the event of the late severe accident, from which he so narrowly escaped with life."

September 5—The Carleton Mark Master's Lodge was a sub-tenant in the premises occupied by St. John's Lodge, the record containing an entry of the payment of five pounds for one year's rent due by the Mark lodge.

A. D. 1844.

The officers for the current year were:

Bro. John Thomas, W. M.

Bro. Wm. H. A. Keans, S. W.	Bro. Daniel W. Clark, S. D.
" John Clark, Jr., J. W.	" Richard Nowlan, J. D.
" Wm. Hutchinson, Treas.	" Robert Wylie, S. S.
" John Hooper, Sec'y.	" John J. Hogan, J. S.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

March 5—An order passed to loan the banners of the lodge to Bro. Michael Thompson to assist him in painting a pair for the Portland Union Lodge.

May 7—The master and wardens were authorized "to draw up and present an address to W. Bro. Oliver Goldsmith on his departure from this province."

December 3—It appears from the record that Carleton R. A. Chapter was a tenant of the lodge at this time.

December 27—A vote of thanks was recorded to W. Bro. W. H. A. Keans "for the pains taken by him in fitting up the lodge room for the services of this day."

The services consisted of the installation of officers at high twelve and a dinner in the evening.

A. D. 1845.

The officers for this year were:

Bro. Wm. H. A. Keans, W. M.

Bro. John Cassidy, S. W.	Bro. Daniel W. Clark, S. D.
" John Clarke, Jr., J. W.	" William Causey, J. D.
" Wm. Hutchinson, Treas.	" Vernon Hanson, S. S.
" Andrew McKenna, Sec'y.	" Samuel Holman, J. S.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

March 4—A committee was appointed "to make arrangements for a ball to be given under the banners of the lodge, after the close of the

lenten season." Another committee was appointed "to wait upon the sister lodges and request their co-operation in the contemplated ball."[1]

This ball was held as announced, but no particulars are given in the minutes.

The transactions of the lodge for the year 1845 were confined to ordinary routine and contain nothing worth transcribing.

A. D. 1846.

The officers recorded for this year were:

Bro. Wm. H. A. Keans, W. M.

Bro. James G. Lester, S. W.	Bro. J. Boyd Quinton, Sec'y.
" John Quinton, J. W.	" James Stockford, S. D.
" Wm. Hutchinson, Treas.	" Hartwell B. Crosby, J. D.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

May 5—Agreeably to resolution adopted at a meeting held January 27, the lodge removed from union hall, Dock street, and met this evening in their old quarters in the St. John hotel, where rooms had been rented from Messrs. J. & W. Scammell, the new proprietors.

A deputation from Hibernia Lodge, consisting of Bros. John McLardy, Peter Stubbs and William H. Needham, waited upon the lodge "for the purpose of soliciting their co-operation in the formation of a lodge of instruction."

"Whereupon it was ordered that the lodge unite with Hibernia Lodge in the organization of such lodge of instruction."

December 1—"Bro. Samuel Holman's bill for painting a master's carpet, amounting to forty shillings, was ordered to be paid."

"On motion of W. Bro. Haws, it was resolved that St. John's Lodge do not join in any festivity on St. John's day, in consequence of the execution which is to take place on the 29th instant."[2]

The lodge, by vote, expressed its "warmest thanks to W. Bro. W. H. A. Keans for the zeal and ability with which he discharged the duties of worshipful master of the lodge during the past two years."

December 28—The installation services were held this day, in consequence of the 27th falling on Sunday.

1 The sister lodges in St. John at that time were Albion, registry of England, and Hibernia and Portland Union, under Ireland.

2 Charles Redburn, a Swedish seaman, was hung in the county jail yard on the morning of December 29, 1846, for the murder of a shipmate named Patrick Kerley. The weather on the morning of the execution was bitterly cold.

A. D. 1847.

The officers for this year were:

Bro. John Thomas, W. M.

Bro. John Quinton, S. W.	Bro. Christopher Smiler, Sec'y.
" James Stockford, J. W.	" Joseph W. Roberts, S. D.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" Daniel Green, Jr., J. D.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

February 2—A committee was appointed "to wait upon the sister lodges for their co-operation in getting up a general masonic ball, to raise a fund to assist in relieving the poor of Ireland and Scotland."

"Bro. George Bond presented the lodge with a copy of a poem, of which he was the author, entitled "Solomon's Temple Rebuilt," together with a number of elegies on the death of the Rev. John Hawker, vicar of Plymouth, England, for which he received the thanks of the lodge."

March 2—A committee was appointed to procure a full set of jewels for the officers of the lodge.

April 6—"A letter was received from V. W. Bro. A. G. Blair, provincial grand secretary at Halifax, announcing the appointment of R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith of Halifax, N. S., to the position of provincial grand master of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; also a letter dated at London, February 1, 1847, from V. W. Bro. Wm. H. White in confirmation of the same."[1]

June 24—The corner stone of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, situated on the west side of the river St. John, near the Falls, was laid with masonic ceremony, in which the brethren of St. John's and other lodges in the city and vicinity took part.

A provincial grand lodge was opened in the lodge room, St. John hotel, under the presidency of the Hon. and R. W. Bro. Alexander Keith, P. G. M., who came from Halifax, N. S., for the special purpose.

The masonic bodies proceeded to King square, where they were joined by the provincial and civic authorities, and then all were formed in order of procession as follows:

New Brunswick Regiment of Artillery.
Two Tylers with Drawn Swords.
Midian Lodge, No. 770, E. R., Kingston, King's County.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 767, E. R., Carleton, Saint John.
Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, I. R., Saint John.
City Amateur Band.
St. John's Lodge, No. 632, E. R., Saint John.
Albion Lodge, No. 570, E. R., Saint John.
Carleton Royal Arch Chapter.

1 R. W. Bro. Keith succeeded R. W. Bro. John Albro as provincial grand master.

Commissioners for building the Asylum.
City Marshal.
High Sheriff and Coroner.
Mayor and Recorder.
Common Clerk and Chamberlain.
Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen.
County Magistrates.
Provincial Treasurer, Collector of Customs, and Postmaster General.
Members of the House of Assembly.
Members of Her Majesty's Council.
Band of the Queen's New Brunswick Rangers.
Architect, with plans.
Steward, with white rod. { Corn, Wine, and Oil, Borne by three Past Masters. } Steward, with white rod.
Grand Secretary, with Book of Constitutions.
Grand Treasurer, with Bag.
Grand Superintendent of Works.
Corinthian Light, borne by a Past Master.
Column of Junior Grand Warden, borne by a Past Master.
Junior Grand Warden, with Plumb and Rule.
The Banner of Grand Lodge, supported on either side by a Grand Steward.
Doric Light, borne by a Past Master.
Column of Senior Grand Warden, borne by a Past Master.
Senior Grand Warden, with Level.
Holy Bible on a cushion, borne by a Past Master.
Grand Chaplain and Grand Orator.
Past Deputy Grand Master.
Deputy Grand Master, with Square.
Ionic Light, borne by a Past Master.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Staff of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.
The R. W. Provincial Grand Master, supported on either side by a Grand Steward.
Grand Deacons, with Rods.
Grand Tyler.

The procession went by way of the harbor ferry, through Carleton, and thence to the site of the building on the Carleton Heights, in the parish of Lancaster. The bodies halted and opened right and left to allow the Lieutenant Governor and Provincial Grand Master to pass through to the platform erected for the purpose, when, having taken their positions, the New Brunswick artillery fired a royal salute, and the band played the national anthem.

After prayer by the grand chaplain, the Rev. Bro. B. G. Gray, D. D., the corner stone was laid with masonic ceremonial.

The following inscription was engraved on the plate in the stone:

This Stone, the corner stone of a building to be erected at the public expense for a Provincial Lunatic Asylum, was, on the twenty-fourth day of June, in the year of

our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in the eleventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, and in the seventh year of the administration of His Excellency Sir William MacBean George Colebrooke, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, laid with due solemnity by his excellency, assisted by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Honorable Alexander Keith, and the Albion and other masonic lodges. Commissioners: George P. Peters, Esquire, M. D.; William Jack, Esquire; John Ward, Esquire; John R. Partelow, Esquire, M. P. P., Mayor of the City of Saint John; Architect, Matthew Stead; Builder, Otis Small.

This inscription, with some coins and local newspapers, and also the New Brunswick Almanac for 1847, were deposited in the stone by the provincial grand master.

The silver trowel used at laying the stone, and presented to the provincial grand master by Dr. Geo. P. Peters, chairman of the commissioners, bore the following inscription:

Presented by the commissioners for building the Provincial Lunatic Asylum to the Right Worshipful the Honorable Alexander Keith, Provincial Grand Master, on the occasion of laying the Foundation Stone of that institution, the 24th June, being St. John's day, A. D. 1847, and A. L. 5847.

At the close of the ceremonies His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor favored the immense assemblage with an address, after which an eloquent and appropriate oration was delivered by the Rev. and W. Bro. Jerome Alley, D. D.; the whole concluding with prayer by the grand chaplain.

A collation, provided by the commissioners and served up on the grounds, was partaken by the Lt. Governor, Prov. Grand Master and a number of other guests.

The bodies subsequently re-formed in procession and returned to the city. The masonic portion repaired to the lodge room, where, after an address by the R. W. Provincial Grand Master, the provincial grand lodge was closed "in due and ample form." The masters of the several lodges, the mayor, the commissioners and others were entertained at dinner by the provincial grand master, in the St. John hotel at seven o'clock.

A report in a local newspaper concluded as follows:

The assemblage of the brethren of the mystic tie on this important occasion was greater than was ever before collected in this city. The day was delightfully fine, and the proceedings were witnessed by a vast concourse of people, who availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the most agreeable and interesting portion of the western side of the river St. John contiguous to the city.

June 28—"The lodge was visited by the R. W. provincial grand master, who was received with the usual masonic honors. After examin-

ing the records and hearing a report of the condition of the lodge, he addressed the brethren in suitable terms, and concluded by assuring the master that, at this his first visit in an official capacity, he felt gratified in learning that the affairs of the lodge were so prosperous and satisfactory."

August 3—The following letter, addressed to the master under date London, May 17, 1847, explains itself:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 27, with a bill for fifty pounds, to be applied towards the relief of our suffering brethren in Ireland and Scotland. I am most happy in being the medium of communication with our sister grand lodges in those countries, of the truly fraternal and liberal manifestations thus evinced by the brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 632. Our M. W. grand master, the Earl of Zetland, commands me to convey to the brethren of your lodge the expression of his gratification at their generous conduct.

I have the honor to be, with fraternal regard, worshipful master,

Your obedient servant and brother,

WILLIAM H. WHITE, G. S.

"Patrick Cuff, on behalf of the city amateur band, acknowledged the receipt f a gift by the lodge of a splendid clarionet."

A. D. 1848.

The officers for this year were:

Bro. John Thomas, W. M.

Bro. Samuel Holman, S. W.	Bro. Hezekiah S. Scribner, Sec'y.
" John Murray, J. W.	" Charles E. Potter, S. D.
" Wm. Hutchinson, Treas.	" William Craig, J. D.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

July 21—The master mason's degree was conferred upon a candidate under a dispensation dated at Halifax, N. S., July 15th, addressed to the W. M. by V. W. Bro. Adam G. Blair, provincial grand secretary, as follows: "As business of importance will prevent the R. W. the P. G. M. from proceeding to New Brunswick until next week, I am directed to convey to you his authority for conferring, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the degrees of F. C. and M. M. upon Bro. Sophian Neustadter, an interval of one week to elapse between the several degrees respectively."

I have copied this dispensation in full, as it is the first of which any entry or reference is made in the records. The reader is referred to the entry under date October 2, 1838.

August 1—The W. M. and wardens were authorized "to confer with the other lodges in the city on the subject of renting a lodge room in the custom house." This projected movement came to naught.

A. D. 1849.

The officers for this year were:

Bro. Samuel Holman, W. M.

Bro. R. Sands Armstrong, S. W.	Bro. Hezekiah S. Scribner, Sec'y.
" Henry P. Sancton, J W.	" John Murray, S. D.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" Daniel Jones, Jr., J. D.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

January 2—Two hundred and fifty copies of the bye-laws of the lodge were ordered to be printed.

February 6—The provincial grand secretary stated in a note to the W. M. that "honorary members should pay dues of some description. In Nova Scotia they pay one shilling per month, but the lodge can make it sixpence a month, if the members think that sum sufficient. Some monthly dues, however, must be paid to entitle the honorary member to have his name kept on the lodge books."

A. D. 1850.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. John Thomas, W. M.

Bro. James Stockford, S. W.	Bro. Jacob D. McDonald, Sec'y.
" Charles E. Potter, J. W.	" Daniel Jones, Jr., S. D.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" Patrick Comerford, J. D.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

A. D. 1851.

The officers for 1851 were:

Bro. R. Sands Armstrong, W. M.

Bro. Charles E. Potter, S. W	Bro. Christopher Smiler, Sec'y.
" William Hutchinson, Jr., J. W.	" Daniel Jones, Jr., S. D.
" William Hutchinson, Treas.	" John Purvis, J. D.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

January 17—The lodge decided to remove to Bro. D. S. Marshall's hall, and a committee, consisting of Bros. Potter, Murray, Smiler, Thomas and McGourty, was appointed to have the paraphernalia removed.

February 4—The lodge met this evening in the new quarters in Bro. Marshall's building, southwest corner Princess and Sidney streets.

"The brethren were requested to visit Bro. Henry P. Sancton, confined to his house through severe illness."

March 4—"Bro. James Robertson, of Albion Lodge, thanked the brethren of St. John's Lodge for the donation in aid of a distressed widow."

The following charge was remitted to a committee of five members for investigation: "I, John Murray, do charge Bro. John Hooper, a member of St. John's Lodge, with vilifying brethren of the said lodge, in the *Chronicle* newspaper, under the signature of "Punch," he being the writer of said article."

At the regular communication in April the committee reported "the charge against Bro. Hooper not substantiated, and they considered the said charge frivolous and vexatious, and ought not to have been brought before the lodge." And this ended the matter.

May 6 — A committee appointed at the April meeting to confer with a committee of the Carleton R. A. Chapter, relative to the use of the pillars and other paraphernalia of the lodge, reported that they had agreed to allow the chapter the use of these articles for the sum of one pound per year; which report and agreement were adopted.

June 3 — An invitation received from New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou, N. S., to unite in celebrating the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, was declined.

A. D. 1852.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. Wm. H. A. Keans, W. M.

Bro. Charles E. Potter, S. W.	Bro. Christopher Smiler, Sec'y.
" Joseph Mercer, J. W.	" John Murray, S. D.
" Wm. Hutchinson, Treas.	" John B. Andrews, J. D.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

The election and installation of W. Bro. Keans to the government of the lodge inaugurated a brighter and more prosperous era in its existence. For several years the attendance had been small, the members having in a great measure lost heart and interest in its well-being. The accessions to its roll had been exceedingly limited, the funds in the treasury were quite low, and the very life of the lodge appeared to have been imperilled. The earnestness and zeal so characteristic of Bro. Keans, together with his incumbency in the chair for three successive years, resulted in placing the lodge on a solid foundation and starting it on a prosperous career.

February 3 — William Franklin Bunting, whose petition was presented at the January communication, was balloted for, accepted and initiated. He was the first candidate received since August, 1850.

During the year 1852 the lodge had a large number of additions to its membership, and a corresponding increase in the treasury. The transactions consisted wholly of routine business and the conferring of degrees on candidates.

A. D. 1853.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. Wm. H. A. Keans, W. M.

Bro. Charles E. Potter, S. W.	Bro. John B. Andrews, S. D.
" Joseph Mercer, J. W.	" Wm. C. Leonard, J. D.
" Wm. Hutchinson, Treas.	" Charles Eagles, S. S.
" Wm. F. Bunting, Sec'y.	" George Lynam, J. S.

Bro. John McGourty, Tyler.

March 1—The state of the funds enabled the lodge to determine on procuring a new pair of banners, and to that end a committee was appointed to procure them at a cost not to exceed thirty pounds sterling.

June 7—A committee was appointed to order a new set of jewels, collars and aprons for the officers of the lodge.

September 6—The lodge accepted an invitation from the directors of the European and North American Railway Company to join in the ceremony of turning the first sod and laying the foundation stone of the projected line of railway from Saint John to Shediac.

September 14—The celebration attending the turning of the first sod of the European and North American railway, and in which the masonic bodies throughout the province occupied a prominent position and took an important part, was one of the most imposing public pageants ever witnessed in Saint John. All classes of citizens and all descriptions of societies, including trades, civic, county and provincial bodies, fire department, freemasons, etc., were represented in the display. The masonic portion, numbering about four hundred, with banners, regalia, badges, and other paraphernalia, closed the procession. R. W. and Hon. Bro. Alexander Keith, provincial grand master, had charge, assisted by his provincial grand officers. In the line of procession, and under their respective banners, were Albion, St. John's, Hibernia, and Union of Portland Lodges, of Saint John; Carleton Union Lodge, of Carleton; Midian Lodge, of Kingston; Corinthian Lodge, of Hampton; Carleton R. A. Chapter, of Saint John, and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Chandler's brass band, of Portland, Maine, a celebrated musical organization, headed the masonic contingent.

The first sod was turned by Lady Head, and the second by His Excellency Sir Edmund Head, Lieutenant Governor of the province. Afterward the foundation stone was laid with masonic ceremony by the provincial grand master.

During the masonic ceremonial Chandler's band rendered the Doxology in a manner that fairly electrified the immense assemblage.

A. D. 1854.

The officers elected at the regular communication in December and installed on St. John's day, were:

Bro. Wm. H. A. Keans, W. M.

Bro. Joseph Mercer, S. W.	Bro. Charles E. Potter, S. D.
" Wm. C. Leonard, J. W.	" George Lynam, J. D.
" Wm. Hutchinson, Treas.	" James Gerow, S. S.
" Wm. F. Bunting, Sec'y.	" Robert G. Crozier, J. S.

Bro. John McGourty, T ler.

Under the then laws of the grand lodge of England, a brother was permitted to occupy the chair of a lodge not more than two consecutive years, unless by special authority. The lodge had prospered so greatly during the years 1852 and 1853, under the mastership of W. Bro. Keans, that application was made to and a dispensation received from the provincial grand master, authorizing the lodge to elect him for a third year.

February 7—"It was ordered that the members of St. John's Lodge pay a fraternal visit to Albion Lodge on the first Friday in March next, and that the secretary give due notice."

A committee, consisting of Bros. W. H. A. Keans, W. F. Bunting and Wm. Hutchinson, jr., was appointed "to communicate with sister lodges in the province on the roll of the grand lodge of England, upon the desirability of presenting a memorial to the R. W. provincial grand master, praying for the establishment of a provincial grand lodge in New Brunswick."

March 7—"Received a fraternal visit from the officers and members of Albion Lodge, No. 570, who were welcomed with due honors. After an interchange of friendly and masonic sentiment, with remarks by Bros. Robertson, Drake and Jarvis of Albion Lodge, and Bro. Keans and others of St. John's lodge, the visiting brethren withdrew."

At that time Albion Lodge held its meetings in St. Stephen hall, north side of King square. This visit was a return to one made by St. John's Lodge to Albion Lodge on the third day of March.

March 14—The W. M. and members of St. John's Lodge, as per resolution, paid a fraternal visit to Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, registry of Ireland, and in return the brethren of Hibernia Lodge visited St. John's Lodge at the regular communication in April following.

April 6—St. John's Lodge paid a fraternal visit to Union Lodge of Portland, No. 780.

June 5—"An invitation was received from Eastern Lodge, No. 7, Eastport, Maine, asking St. John's Lodge to join in the celebration of

their anniversary on June 24th instant; which invitation was accepted and the secretary directed to make a suitable reply." Several members joined in this celebration, but the lodge did not attend as a body.

October 3—"The W. M. and wardens were authorized to confer with the other lodges in the city on the propriety of having masonic lectures delivered during the ensuing winter."

December 5—At the annual election, this evening, Bro. William Hutchinson declined re-election to the office of treasurer, in consequence of his advanced age. He had filled the position almost uninterruptedly from the year 1826. A vote of thanks was tendered him "for his long and faithful services, and for the great interest he had continuously evinced in the welfare of the lodge."

December 27—The following address and presentation were made to W. Bro. Keans on retiring from the chair of the lodge:

To the Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. A. KEANS, ESQUIRE, *Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No.* 632, *on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England:*

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—The brethren of St. John's Lodge have great cause for congratulation when contemplating its present position and prospects. At a time when its horizon was dark and unpromising, when threatening clouds hung over and around it, and when its future seemed in a hopeless condition, you were induced to accept the responsibility of guiding its affairs. By your zealous and persevering efforts, as worshipful master, a radical and happy change followed your induction; fresh life and renewed vigor were infused, and the lodge became once more the St. John's Lodge of former days. During the three years you have occupied the East, the ancient usages and landmarks of the craft have been maintained and enforced; good judgment and propriety have guided you in the exercise of your prerogative; unanimity and fraternity have prevailed in all our doings, and peace and harmony have been the characteristics of our gatherings. The brethren of the lodge, conscious of their deep indebtedness to you for its present prosperous and promising condition, and desirous of marking in some degree the occasion of your retirement from the chair of the lodge and placing the gavel in other hands, herewith present you with a past master's apron, collar and jewels, as a testimonial of their gratitude and esteem, and with them their earnest hope that your life may long be spared to enjoy fresh laurels and worthy honors, and that the Great Architect of the Universe may vouchsafe to you uninterrupted health, happiness and prosperity.

Bro. Keans made a suitable and feeling reply to this address.

A. D. 1855.

The officers for this year were:

Bro. Joseph Mercer, W. M.

Bro. William F. Bunting, S. W.	Bro. Charles E. Potter, S. D.
" William C. Leonard, J. W.	" Joseph Sullivan, J. D.
" James Gerow, Treas.	" John Hastings, S. S.
" Robert G. Crozier, Sec'y.	" James W. Montgomery, J. S.

Bro. David S. Marshall, Tyler.

January 2—W. Bro. Robert Payne, P. M., was elected an honorary member of the lodge "in token of their esteem, and fraternal acknowledgment for his long masonic services and general worth."

January 25—This was a special communication "to consider the advisability of opening a subscription list among the members of the lodge in aid of the *patriotic fund* for the benefit of freemasons disabled and the widows and orphans of freemasons killed in the Crimea." The lodge agreed unanimously to contribute and appointed a committee to open a list and receive subscriptions. The sum of ninety-one pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence was raised and placed in the hands of the lieutenant governor of the province, who forwarded the amount to the proper authority in England.

The following is a list of subscribing members:

Joseph Mercer, W. M.	£	4	0	0	James Olson	£	3	0	0
John Haws, P. M.		20	0	0	William Brown		1	5	0
John Thomas, P. M.		3	10	0	Christopher Smiler		1	5	0
Wm. H. A. Keans, P. M.		3	10	0	Jacob D. McDonald		1	0	0
Israel Merritt, P. M.		2	0	0	Wm. E. Stronach		1	0	0
R. Sands Armstrong, P. M.		3	10	0	James Stockford		5	0	0
Henry Chubb, P. M.		1	0	0	Patrick Gallagher		1	0	0
Wm. F. Bunting, S. W.		2	10	0	Thos. H. Ellison		1	0	0
Wm. C. Leonard, J. W.		2	0	0	Robert Scott		1	0	0
James Gerow, Treas.		5	0	0	J. Boyd Quinton		1	0	0
Robt. G. Crozier, Sec'y		2	10	0	John Quinton		2	0	0
Chas. E. Potter, S. D.		2	10	0	William Causey		1	0	0
Joseph Sullivan, J. D.		2	0	0	Charles Eagles		1	0	0
John Hastings, S. S.		2	10	0	John Purvis		1	0	0
Jas. W. Montgomery, J. S.		1	5	0	John Coleman		1	0	0
Wm. H. Hooper		1	5	0	John McGourty		1	0	0
James Portmore		3	10	0	George Lynam		1	3	4
John B. Andrews		1	5	0					
David Johnston		2	0	0	Total	£	91	13	4
Francis E. Ketchum		1	5	0					

June 24—Upon invitation of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 759, of St. Andrews, a deputation from the lodge took part in a celebration of the festival of St. John the Baptist at that town. R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, provincial grand master, was present and in charge of the proceedings. The lodges in Saint John chartered the steamer "Creole" for the occasion and took a band of music with them. There were also lodges from Fredericton, Woodstock, Eastport, Calais, St. Stephen, Milltown, Lubec and St. George, numbering about four hundred masons. The assembled brethren formed a procession, and, after marching through the town, repaired to All Saints church and listened to an appropriate sermon preached by W. Bro. the Rev. Jerome Alley, D. D.

They afterward proceeded to a spacious hall and sat down to dinner, which was enlivened by toasts, songs, speeches and general good-fellowship. The day passed off pleasantly, and was considered one of the most enjoyable re-unions of the fraternity ever held in New Brunswick. W. Bro. Dr. Samuel T. Gove, P. M. of St. Mark's Lodge, acted as grand marshal on the occasion.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

At the regular communication held March 6, 1855, the committee appointed February 7, 1854, in reference to the formation of a provincial grand lodge in the province, were authorized to communicate direct to the provincial grand master at Halifax on the subject. In furtherance of this application a special provincial grand lodge was convened at Saint John, July 3, 1855, at which representatives of Albion, St. John's, Carleton Union and Union of Portland Lodges were present, with the R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alex. Keith, P. G. M., in the chair, who introduced the question of establishing a deputy provincial grand lodge in New Brunswick.

After hearing the views of the assembled delegates (all of whom favored the creation of a provincial grand lodge), the provincial grand master authorized the worshipful master of Albion Lodge to communicate with all the lodges in the province holding of the grand lodge of England, and summon a committee of each lodge to meet at an early day to take the matter into consideration, and, if deemed desirable, to select and recommend to him for his approval some worthy brother to be appointed deputy provincial grand master for the province of New Brunswick.

In conformity with this authorization, a meeting of representatives was held in Saint John, August 15, 1855, at which R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, P. M., of Union Lodge of Portland, No. 780, was nominated to the office. The provincial grand master confirmed this nomination and subsequently installed Bro. Balloch, who apprised the lodge of his appointment and installation in a letter addressed to the W. M., October 18, 1855, as follows:

I beg leave to acquaint you that the R. W. P. G. M., the Hon. Alexander Keith, having been pleased to approve of my unanimous election by delegates from ten lodges[1] in this province, assembled in this city (Saint John), on the fifteenth day of August last, has, by patent dated September 6, 1855, appointed me deputy provincial

1 Thirteen English lodges were working in New Brunswick at that time, viz.: Albion, No. 570, St. John; St. John's, No. 632, St. John; Sussex, No. 705, Dorchester; St. Mark's, No. 759, St. Andrews; Solomon's, No. 764, Fredericton; Carleton Union, No. 767, Carleton; Midian, No. 770, Kingston; Union of Portland, No. 780, St. John; Woodstock, No. 811, Woodstock; Union, No. 866, St. Stephen; St. George, No. 912, St. George; Corinthian, No. 918, Hampton; and Keith, No. 927, Moncton.

grand master for the province of New Brunswick, into which office I was duly installed on the tenth instant. I have therefore to request that you will in future address to me through my secretary, Bro. Robert Stubs, all your communications relating to the craft, excepting the annual returns of your lodge, and such other matters as are specially directed by the book of constitutions, to be made to the grand secretary in London.

I have further to request that you will, at the close of the current year, furnish me with a list of the members of your lodge, and of the officers elected and installed for the ensuing year.

With an assurance of my warmest wishes for the prosperity of your lodge, I am, worshipful master, with fraternal regard,

Your obedient servant and brother,

A. BALLOCH,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

December 4—A committee, consisting of Bros. James Gerow, W. H. A. Keans and Charles E. Potter, was appointed "to confer with committees of the other lodges in the city, for the purpose of selecting a suitable room for the future."

A. D. 1856.

The officers for the current year were:

Bro. Charles E. Potter, W. M.

Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, S. W.	Bro. Joseph Sullivan, S. D.
" Wm. C. Leonard, J. W.	" Jas. W. Montgomery, J. D.
" James Gerow, Treas.	" Geo. T. Leonard, S. S.
" Robert G. Crozier, Sec'y.	" John Hastings, J. S.

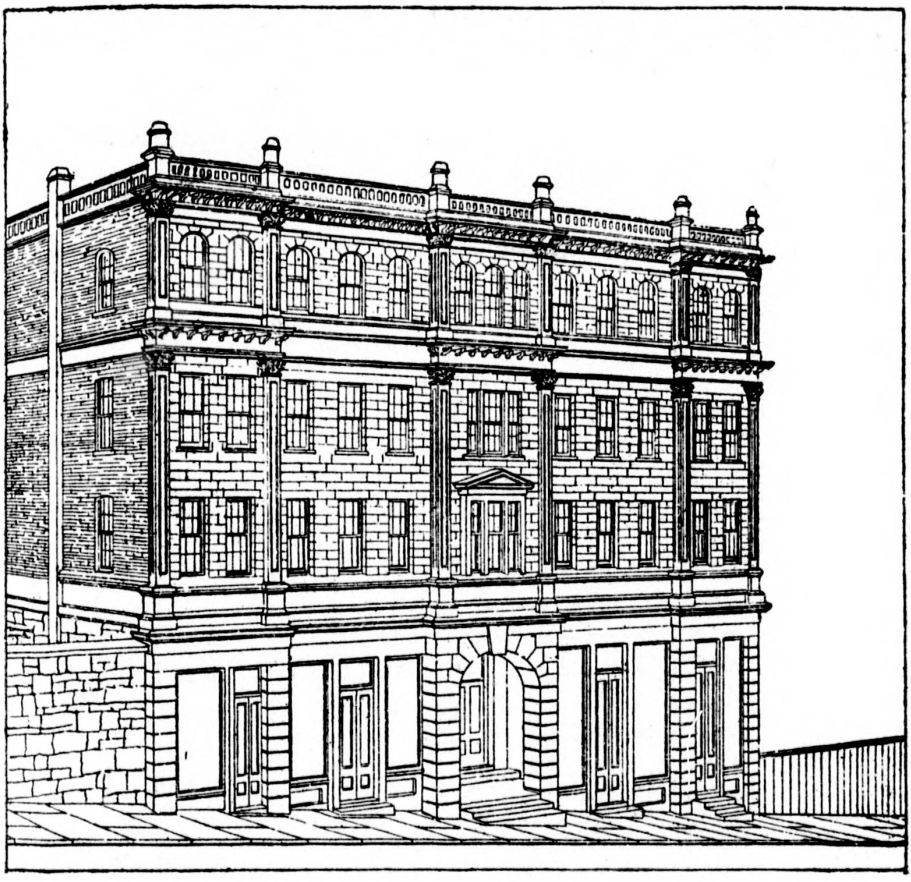
Bro. David S. Marshall, Tyler.

During the months of February and March, the master, wardens and members made fraternal visits to Albion, Hibernia, Carleton Union and Union of Portland Lodges; by this means promoting a true masonic feeling, and cementing a stronger bond of union, the results of which produced increased activity in the membership of the lodge and awakened renewed zeal in the masonic body generally.

August 5—Under resolution passed at the July communication, the lodge removed from Bro. David S. Marshall's hall, where the meetings had been held since February, 1851, to new quarters specially fitted and furnished for the accommodation of all the masonic bodies, in Judge Ritchie's building, south side of Princess street.

September 2—A fraternal visit was received from the officers and members of Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, registry of Ireland.

September 24—Large deputations from the lodges in the province, under English authority, assembled in the new hall in Ritchie's building, at nine o'clock, a. m., to assist in the consecration of the deputy provincial grand lodge of New Brunswick, and the dedication of the hall to



JUDGE RITCHIE'S BUILDING.

masonic purposes. The R. W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master presiding, opened a lodge of E. A. Immediately thereafter a deputation, appointed for the purpose, escorted the R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, P. G. M., and staff of officers, into the lodge, who were received with proper masonic ceremonial. On being seated in the *East*, the provincial grand master addressed the assembled brethren, and expressed to them his gratification in being present on such an important occasion. He congratulated them upon the respectable appearance of the hall and its appointments, and commended the zeal and enterprise manifested in the successful accomplishment of their designs.

A provincial grand lodge having been opened, the hall was dedicated to freemasonry. Subsequently the patent of appointment of R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch as deputy provincial grand master was read, and he and his staff of officers were formally installed, as follows:

R. W. Alexander Balloch, D. P. G. M.
R. W. Joel Reading, S. G. W.
R. W. Charles Ketchum, J. G. W.
V. W. Rev. Jerome Alley, D. D., Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Rev. Edmund A. Warneford, Asst. G. Chaplain.
V. W. Charles V. Forster, G. Treasurer.
V. W. Robert Stubs, G. Secretary.
W. Charles E. Potter, S. G. D.
W. Douglas B. Stevens, J. G. D.
W. Robert T. Clinch, G. D. C.
W. William F. Bunting, G. Sword Bearer.
W. William H. A. Keans, G. Pursuivant.
W. Thomas F. Raymond, G. Steward.
W. William Magee, "
W. Robert G. Crozier, "
W. William C. Leonard, "
W. Samuel L. Brittain, "
W. James Rosborough, "
Bro. John Boyer, G. Tyler.

At the conclusion of these ceremonies the brethren formed in order of procession and moved to Trinity church in the following order:

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 364, S. R., Fredericton.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 918, E. R., Hampton.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 780, E. R., Saint John.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 767, E. R., Carleton.
St. John's Lodge, No. 632, E. R., Saint John.
Albion Lodge, No. 570, E. R., Saint John.
Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, I. R., Saint John.
Carleton R. A. Chapter, No. 47, S. R., Saint John.
Encampment of St. John, K. T. & K. M., Saint John.
Officers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge.
R. W. Alexander Balloch, Esquire, D. P. G. M.
R. W. and Hon. Alexander Keith, P. G. M.

The choir of the church sang an anthem while the craft were entering and taking their seats, after which an impressive sermon was preached by the grand chaplain, Rev. Jerome Alley, D. D., from the text "Be kindly affectionate one to another in brotherly love," Romans, 12th chap., 10th verse. Rev. Bro. E. A. Warneford, assistant grand chaplain, and Rev. Bro. Charles P. Bliss, assisted in the church service.

At the close the several bodies again formed in procession and marched through some of the principal streets to the masonic hall, where the provincial grand lodge resumed its deliberations. After the adoption of resolutions conveying the thanks of the newly-formed body to the provincial grand master and his officers, and to the reverend brethren for their eminent services, the provincial grand lodge was closed.

At five o'clock in the afternoon the brethren of the city lodges, with the visiting brethren, dined together.

The interesting proceedings were closed by a grand masonic ball in the evening under the banners of all the city lodges. The Lieutenant Governor, His Excellency the Hon. H. T. Manners-Sutton, who honored the brethren with his presence during the evening, was received into the ball-room under an arch of steel, formed by the Knights Templars of the Encampment of Saint John.

The stewards of the ball were:

R. W. Alexander Balloch, D. P. G. M.

Charles V. Forster, E. C., John Willis, Lt. C., John Frost, H.,	Encampment of St. John.
Charles E. Raymond, Z., William H. A. Keans, H., Thomas Brass, J.,	Carleton R. A. Chapter.
James McNichol, Sr., W. M., Abraham Magee, S. W., Alphonzo G. Troop, J. W.	Hibernia Lodge.
Joel Reading, W. M., Thomas F. Raymond, S. W., Robert T. Clinch, J. W.,	Albion Lodge.
Charles E. Potter, W. M., William F. Bunting, S. W., William C. Leonard, J. W.,	St. John's Lodge.
Charles Ketchum, W. M. Edwin J. Wetmore, S. W., Sargent S. Littlehale, J. W.,	Carleton Union Lodge.
Douglas B. Stevens, W. M., James Rosborough, S. W., William H. Tuck, J. W.,	Union Lodge of Portland.

The parade and procession in the forenoon were marred by a downpour of rain accompanied by high wind, and many brethren were on that account prevented from taking part. The band of the seventy-sixth regiment came down from Fredericton and, with Price and Aitkins' local band, furnished music. Bro. Robert T. Clinch filled the position of grand marshal of the line of procession, while Bro. James Gerow was sub-marshal in charge of St. John's Lodge. A newspaper report states that "had the weather been fine there would have been a much more imposing display; there was, however, much enthusiasm on the occasion, and no doubt many strangers who visited the city returned to their homes pleased with their visit."

October 10—A new code of bye-laws was adopted by the lodge.

November 4—"The jewels were loaned to the brethren about forming New Brunswick Lodge, to be opened at Moncton under dispensation."

December 27—The R. W. Bro. Balloch, D. P. G. M., made an official visit this evening and installed the worshipful master, Bro. Charles E. Potter.

The year just closed was an important era in the history of the craft in Saint John, and a busy one in the annals of St. John's Lodge. The various bodies had removed from their old quarters to a commodious hall, expensively and elegantly furnished, in the stone edifice owned by Judge Ritchie, where, with extensive apartments suitably arranged and fitted, they were better enabled to perform the rites appertaining to the several grades, and to discharge all the duties devolving upon them.

The inauguration of a deputy provincial grand lodge, with a resident presiding officer, gave to the craft a local head for the regulation of many matters which had been previously relegated to the provincial grand master at Halifax, whereby delays, misunderstandings and vexations occurred, at times exceedingly annoying. It infused into the lodges throughout the province, on the roll of the grand lodge of England, additional zeal and activity, and, as under their changed condition, they were entitled to send delegates to the quarterly meetings of the new body, they had through these representatives a share in the business matters affecting their interests.

St. John's Lodge assumed a renewed lease of existence; the members were more regular and prompt in attending to their masonic duties; a largely increased number of candidates sought initiation; the regular and emergent communications were more frequent and better attended, and the general concerns of the lodge more prosperous than had been previously known in its history. A new and valuable pair of banners were ordered, a new code of bye-laws adopted, and other things procured to facilitate its business and labors.

A. D. 1857.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. Charles E. Potter, W. M.

Bro. Wm. C. Leonard, S. W.	Bro. Robert Collins, J. D.
" Robert G. Crozier, J. W.	" Jas. S. Partelow, S. S.
" Thomas Marter, Treas.	" Fredk. A. Nagel, J. S.
" Wm. H. Thain, Sec'y.	" Peter Dearness, I. G.[1]
" Joseph Sullivan, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

January 6—A letter was received from Albion Lodge recommending the formation of a lodge of instruction, and requesting St. John's Lodge to unite with the other city lodges in arranging the details. The lodge concurred in the movement and instructed the secretary to reply accordingly.

"Bro. Samuel T. Gove, Scribe E., Saint Andrews, in a circular addressed to the lodge, reported the organization of a provincial grand chapter of royal arch masons, English constitution, at Saint Andrews, together with a list of the officers."

"R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, D. P. G. M., accompanied by the officers of the provincial grand lodge, made an official visit."

It was decided to give a ball under the banners of the lodge, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. At the March communication the committee reported the ball a success. It was held at the Stubbs hotel on Wednesday evening, February 4th, under the patronage of R. W. Bro. Balloch, D. P. G. M.

February 7—"The sum of ten pounds was donated to Bro. ———, whose residence was lately destroyed by fire."

The lodge decided to procure a new outfit of jewels, collars and aprons, and appointed a committee to order them and also to dispose of those then in use.

April 7—A committee was appointed to act in conjunction with committees of sister lodges meeting in the hall to purchase an organ.

June 24—Upon invitation of Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, I. R., the lodge joined with sister lodges and other masonic bodies in Saint John in celebrating the festival of St. John the Baptist. A procession was formed at ten o'clock a. m., and after marching through some of the principal streets, proceeded to the Baptist church at Carleton, where they listened to an address upon freemasonry by the Rev. Bro. Edwin Clay, M. D.; after which they returned to the city and dispersed at the masonic hall.

1 This is the first record of the appointment of an Inner Guard in the lodge.

At nine o'clock in the evening the brethren sat down to dinner in the Stubbs hotel.

August 6—The lodge paid a fraternal visit to Carleton Union Lodge.

A. D. 1858.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. William F. Bunting, W. M.

Bro. Robert G. Crozier, S. W.	Bro. William Wedderburn, J. D.
" John H. Sheridan, J. W.	" William H. Austin, S. S.
" Thomas Marter, Treas.	" William B. Sancton, J. S.
" William H. Thain, Sec'y.	" Charles Pearce, I. G.
" James W. Montgomery, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

January 5—W. Bro. Charles E. Potter, I. P. M., presented the lodge with an ivory gavel, an apron for the W. M., and a set of working tools.

The sum of ten pounds was voted to the secretary as a recompense for his services for the past year. Since then the secretary for the time being has been paid regularly for his services.

January 14—A ball was given under the banners of the lodge at the Stubbs hotel.

April 6—An official visit was received from R. W. Bro. Alex. Balloch, D. P. G. M., accompanied by a staff of officers.

May 7—"The lodge paid the last tribute of respect to the remains of W. Bro. Charles Johnston, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, and late high sheriff of the city and county of Saint John. The funeral cortege, which was very large and respectable, proceeded to the rural cemetery, where the solemn service of the masonic ritual was held at the grave."

June 1—The secretary reported the destruction of the lodge seal by fire in February last, and that he had procured a new one.

During the month of July of this year the lodges in Saint John were favored with a course of instruction in the work and lectures of the three degrees, by W. Bro. Caleb Rand, P. M., a resident of Charlestown, Massachusetts. Bro. Rand, who was engaged by a committee of the provincial grand lodge, upon recommendation of M. W. Bro. John T. Hurd, grand master of Massachusetts, came to St. John previous to the first of July, accompanied by Bro. Daniel Grant, Jr., as an assistant. He remained four weeks, and during that time held three sessions each day in communicating the work authorized by the grand lodge of Massachusetts. For the better securing a thorough and correct knowledge of the information imparted by W. Bro. Rand, the worshipful masters of the three senior lodges of the city were detailed for that purpose: W. Bro. W. F.

Bunting, W. M. St. John's Lodge, being appointed to the work of the E. A. degree; W. Bro. Abraham Magee, W. M. Hibernia Lodge, to that of the F. C. degree; and W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, W. M. Albion Lodge, to that of the M. M. degree. Each of these three brethren devoted special attention to the working and details of the degree assigned to him during Bro. Rand's stay in Saint John, and after his departure they imparted the information thus gained, each to the others, and in this manner all three secured a correct knowledge of the whole work.

The advent of Bro. Rand, together with his admirable working, and the great interest created thereby, gave a fresh impetus to freemasonry in our midst, and left such an impress upon the brethren of the city lodges and of the province generally, that its beneficial effects are felt even to the present day. The survivors of the brethren who attended the lectures of W. Bro. Rand and received instruction from him, cherish pleasant memories of his acceptable visit, of his extended masonic knowledge, and of the admirable manner in which his labors were conducted. He was a bright ritualist, a competent instructor, a genial gentleman and an accomplished mason.[1]

September 1—St. John's Lodge, with other masonic bodies in Saint John, took part in the procession and demonstration in honor of the successful laying of the first electric telegraph cable across the Atlantic ocean—starting from Valentia Bay in Ireland and terminating at Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. The vessels engaged in the important work were the "Agamemnon" (English) and the "Niagara" (United States), assisted by four smaller British steamers.

The occasion was observed as a general holiday in all the principal cities and towns in British North America and the United States. In Saint John the day was ushered in with a salvo of artillery; at eleven o'clock a procession was formed on the breakwater grounds at the south of the city and marched through the principal streets. It consisted of the masonic fraternity, civic bodies, volunteer fire department, trades, etc. In the evening public buildings and private residences in the city generally were illuminated, the whole terminating with a ball, fireworks, etc.

The masonic bodies taking part in the procession were:

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 780, E. R.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 767, E. R.
Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, I. R.
St. John's Lodge, No. 632, E. R.

1 W. Bro. the Hon. Caleb Rand died at his residence, Charlestown, Massachusetts, September, 1887, at the age of 72 years. He was a printer and publisher, held a seat in the city council, and was a representative in the legislature and senate of Massachusetts.

Albion Lodge, No. 570, E. R.
Carleton Royal Arch Chapter.
Encampment of Saint John, K. T. and K M.
Deputy Provincial Grand Lodge, E. R.,
Under the control of W. Bro. R. T. Clinch, as grand marshal.

October 5—"The W. M. acknowledged reception of a copy of the bye-laws of King Solomon Lodge, of Charlestown, Massachusetts, presented by W. Bro. Caleb Rand, a past master of the lodge, for which a vote of thanks was passed."

A. D. 1859.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. William F. Bunting, W. M.

Bro. John H. Sheridan, S. W.	Bro. William H. Austin, J. D.
" George T. Leonard, J. W.	" Andrew Johnston, S. S.
" Thomas Marter, Treas.	" Isaac Campbell, J. S.
" William S. Berton, Sec'y.	" Hugh Hutchinson, I. G.
" William Wedderburn, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

March 1—An order passed to deposit the funds of the lodge in the bank of New Brunswick.

May 3—A circular was received from the deputy provincial grand lodge asking the acquiescence of the lodge in a memorial to the united grand lodge of England, praying for the erection of the English lodges in New Brunswick into a provincial grand lodge, with a resident provincial grand master. The lodge voted in favor of the movement.

June 7—"The grateful acknowledgment of the lodge was ordered to be conveyed to W. Bro. Caleb Rand, P. M., for the gift of a volume, compiled by him, containing the monitorial portion of the craft degrees."

September 6—"In a letter received from the grand secretary at London, notice was given of the formation of three irregular lodges at Smyrna, and of the subsequent erection of these lodges into a bogus grand lodge. The lodges under England were warned against holding masonic intercourse with persons hailing from these lodges."

A committee appointed some time previously to procure a pair of banners for the lodge, reported that they had fulfilled their trust, and were pleased to hand to the lodge a pair of banners equal to any in the province, and a credit to Mr. James Holman, the artist.

Some time in the year 1859 a slight ripple occurred in the craft in Saint John by the publication of a work entitled "The Craftsman's Guide," compiled by Bro. Robert Stubs. In the opinion of R. W. Bro. Balloch, D. P. G. M., the compiler had exceeded the limits of propriety in his publication, and, having brought the matter to the notice of the provincial grand lodge, it was adjudged an innovation and ordered to be

suppressed. Under the direction of a committee appointed by the deputy provincial grand master, all the unsold copies of the work were called in and destroyed.

A. D. 1860.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. John H. Sheridan, W. M.

Bro. William Wedderburn, S. W.	Bro. John D. Short, J. D.
" Joseph Sullivan, J. W.	" Isaac Campbell, S. S.
" Thomas Marter, Treas.	" George Bingham, J. S.
" M. Plummer Dole, Sec'y.	" Thomas D. Gard I. G.
" Albert Hartt, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

January 3—The funds of the lodge, over and above amount required for current expenses, were ordered to be deposited in the savings bank on interest.

February 7—A new bye-law was adopted providing for the payment to the secretary for his services of the sum of seven pounds ten shillings annually, and five per centum on all dues collected.

The W. M. reported that he had effected insurance on the property of the lodge to the amount of one hundred pounds at one per cent.

August 7—The lodge was closed at an early hour on account of a public demonstration, including torchlight procession, illumination, fireworks, etc., taking place in honor of the visit of His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales.

August 17—The East was occupied this evening and the F. C. degree conferred by W. Bro. Caleb Rand, who imparted instruction to the craft in this city in July, 1858.

October 2—The lodge received a fraternal visit from the W. M. and brethren of Albion Lodge. Upon invitation, the W. M. and officers of Albion Lodge occupied the several stations and conferred the M. M. degree upon a candidate.

A. D. 1861.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. John H. Sheridan, W. M.

Bro. George T. Leonard, S. W.	Bro. George Bigham, J. D.
" Wm. S. Berton, J. W.	" Robert R. Allan, S. S.
" Thomas Marter, Treas.	" Ebenezer McNichol, J. S.
" M. Plummer Dole, Sec'y.	" Jared Hepburn, I. G.
" Albert Hartt, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

February 7—R. W. Bro. Alex. Balloch, P. G. M., and officers of the provincial grand lodge, made an official visit to the lodge.

The secretary and treasurer were authorized to procure new books, to enable them to keep their accounts in the new decimal system of currency lately introduced into New Brunswick, whereby the old method of computation by pounds, shillings and pence was changed to dollars and cents.

November 5—A committee was appointed to act in conjunction with committees of sister lodges in Saint John, to report upon the advisability of organizing a general lodge of instruction.

Nothing practical resulted from the appointment of this committee on account of a want of unanimity among the lodges in furthering the object in view.

December 3—A new bye-law was adopted, having for its object the appointment annually of a standing committee of charity. It was deemed that this change would inaugurate a better system of dispensing aid to distressed brethren, their widows and orphans, and prevent delays and irregularities heretofore occurring and inimical to the lodge and to those who, through misfortune, became its wards.

Under this new regulation the first committee, consisting of Bros. W. F. Bunting, Wm. Wedderburn and Albert Hartt, was appointed January 2, 1862. From that time to the present a charity committee has been appointed annually, upon which Bro. Bunting has served uninterruptedly—a period of more than thirty-two years.

"The widow's tear, the orphan's cry;
All wants our ready hands supply,
As far as power is given.
The naked clothed, the prisoner free;
These are thy works, sweet Charity,
Revealed to us from Heaven."

A. D. 1862.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. William Wedderburn, W. M.

Bro. Henry F. Perley, S. W.	Bro. Charles H. Tucker, J. D.
" William P. Dole, J. W.	" John R. Smith, S. S.
" Thomas Marter, Treas.	" Guilford S. Reed, J. S.
" M. Plummer Dole, Sec'y.	" George Lord, I. G.
" John D. Short, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

February 4—The lodge was favored with an official visit from the provincial grand master and other officers.

March 11—The lodge formed a funeral procession and paid the last tribute of respect to the remains of the late Bro. George T. Leonard, past senior warden. Bro. Leonard was initiated in St. John's Lodge, April 3, 1855.

April 7—A new code of bye-laws was adopted, and five hundred copies ordered to be printed.

The worshipful master, with his officers and other members, made fraternal visits to the several sister lodges in the city in the months of November and December.

December 27—The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by a dinner, under the banner of the provincial grand lodge, at the Stubbs hotel, Prince William street, at which about sixty brethren, representing the provincial grand lodge and the various city lodges, sat down. R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, P. G. M., presided, supported on the right by W. Bro. William Wedderburn, W. M., St. John's Lodge, and on the left by W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. M., Leinster Lodge. R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Prov'l S. G. W., occupied the West, and R. W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, Prov'l J. G. W., the South. After removal of the cloth a full complement of toasts was given, interspersed with speeches and songs. A band of music was in attendance and added much to the evening's enjoyment.

A. D. 1863.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. William Wedderburn, W. M.

Bro. William S. Berton, S. W.	Bro. George A. L. Forest, J. D.
" John D. Short, J. W.	" Thomas Curtis, S. S.
" Charles E. Potter, Treas.	" William W. Ansley, J. S.
" M. Plummer Dole, Sec'y.	" Charles E. Burnham, I. G.
" J. Gordon Forbes, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

April 11—The remains of the late Bro. William W. Ansley, junior steward of the lodge, were buried with masonic ceremony. Bro. Ansley was initiated in St. John's Lodge, May 16, 1862.

June 24—Upon invitation of the mayor and corporation of the city of Saint John, the corner stone of the city hall in Carleton was laid with the ceremonial usual on such occasions, by R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, P. G. M., assisted by the officers of the provincial grand lodge, and the members of the various lodges and other masonic bodies in the city. The weather was charming, and there was a large gathering of the craft. Isaac Woodward, Esquire, mayor, with other civic dignitaries, occupied a prominent place in the procession. An elegant silver trowel, having an appropriate inscription thereon, used at the ceremonial, was presented by the city corporation to the provincial grand master.

September 1—The lodge was informed by a letter from V. W. Bro. Wm. Gray Clarke, grand secretary, London, that "in consequence of the vacancies which have occurred in the numbers of lodges on the registry

of the grand lodge of England, by voluntary surrender of warrants, and by the erasure of lodges, the numbers on the register had been re-arranged. The number of St. John's Lodge, heretofore 632, would henceforth stand on the register as No. 436."

To provide for this change, a committee was appointed to have the number on the warrant made to correspond with the new number, and also to procure a new seal.

Another committee was appointed to ascertain the cost of a new set of regalia.

The following is a list of the English lodges in New Brunswick at this time (eighteen in all), together with their old and new numbers, viz.:

Albion	Saint John,	changed from	570	to	400
Saint John's	do	"	632	"	436
Sussex	Dorchester,	"	705	"	480
St. Mark's	St. Andrews,	"	759	"	518
Solomon's	Fredericton,	"	764	"	522
Carleton Union	Carleton,	"	767	"	524
Midian	Clifton,	"	770	"	527
Union of Portland	Saint John,	"	780	"	535
Woodstock	Woodstock,	"	811	"	553
St. George	St. George,	"	912	"	629
Corinthian	Hampton,	"	918	"	635
Keith	Moncton,	"	927	"	644
Alley	Upper Mills,	"	962	"	664
Howard	Hillsborough,	"	966	"	668
Northumberland	Newcastle,	"	1003	"	701
Miramichi	Chatham,	"	1077	"	775
Salisbury	Salisbury,	"	1110	"	808
Zetland	Shediac,	"	1188	"	886

These changes were made at the quarterly communication of the grand lodge, held 3rd December, 1862.

A. D. 1864.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. Robert G. Crozier, W. M.

Bro. John D. Short, S. W.	Bro. Jacob D. Underhill, J. D.
" Thomas Marter, J. W.	" Richard Crumbie, S. S.
" Charles E. Potter, Treas.	" Thos. O. Sandall, J. S.
" J. Gordon Forbes, Sec'y.	" Henry Houle, I. G.
" Geo. A. DeForest, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

April 5—A letter from the provincial grand secretary announced that, at a quarterly communication of the provincial grand lodge held March 2, "a committee was appointed to enquire into the practicability of the erection of a masonic temple in this city, and report at the next

quarterly communication such information as to locality, description of building, ways and means of raising funds, etc., as said committee may deem desirable to carry out the object in view."

The letter contained a request for the appointment, by the lodge, of a committee to co-operate with the provincial grand lodge committee; and in compliance therewith Bros. Potter, Marter and Crozier were appointed.

Nothing practical resulted from the labors of this committee, arising principally from the unsettled condition of masonic affairs in the province from this date until the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick in October, 1867.

June 7—The committee appointed September 1, 1863, reported that they had procured a new set of aprons and collars for the use of the lodge.

December 6—R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, P. G. M. and officers visited the lodge.

A. D. 1865.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. John D. Short, W. M.

Bro. J. Gordon Forbes, S. W.	Bro. Jos. C. Hatheway, J. D.
" Jacob D. Underhill, J. W.	" Thos. O. Sandall, S. S.
" Robert G. Crozier, Treas.	" Henry Houle, J. S.
" Wm. F. Bunting, Sec'y.	" John White, I. G.
" Chas. H. Tucker, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

January 3—The general hall committee submitted a report, in which it was stated that "they had had under consideration the propriety of making provision for the future wants of Bro. John Boyer, who had always been an exemplary and zealous mason, and during many years the tyler of the various masonic bodies in this city, but whose advanced age and enfeebled health unfitted him for the performance of further duty. In view of these facts the committee had unanimously agreed to lay Bro. Boyer's case before the lodges, etc., and to request each to contribute an annual amount as a retiring allowance to him, as follows: Albion Lodge, $50; St. John's Lodge, $25; Union Lodge of Portland, $25; Hibernia Lodge, $25; and Carleton R. A. Chapter, $25; making a total of $150 annually."

The lodge adopted the recommendation of the hall committee, and agreed to pay twenty-five dollars annually towards the retiring allowance of their aged and faithful tyler.

February 7—A marshal or director of ceremonies was appointed and installed for the first time in St. John's Lodge, in the person of Bro. Samuel F. Matthews.

The lodge took the initiative in the formation of a general board of relief by the appointment of a committee to consider and report upon the question, and by directing the secretary to request sister lodges in Saint John to join in the movement.

As all the lodges were not favorable to the formation of such a board, the matter dropped for the time being.

October 3—W. Bro. William Wedderburn, P. M., gave notice that at the next regular communication he would move resolutions in favor of the erection of an Independent Grand Lodge, as follows:

Whereas, It is expedient and evidently calculated to increase the efficiency and general usefulness of the ancient and honorable fraternity of free and accepted masons in the province of New Brunswick to erect in this province a grand lodge of independent jurisdiction, and as far as possible gather in the different lodges holding charters or warrants from the grand lodges respectively of England, Scotland and Ireland, under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick; and

Whereas, In pursuance of this object, it is highly desirable that all steps tending thereto should be judiciously adopted, and governed by the fullest masonic love to the grand lodge of England, and every feeling of respect for it and the grand lodges of Scotland and Ireland; and

Whereas, Subject to the approval hereafter referred to, it is proper that the feelings of the craft in New Brunswick should be consulted;

Therefore resolved, That the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 436, E. R., are duly impressed with the conviction that the erection of a grand lodge of independent jurisdiction, for the province of New Brunswick, would greatly promote the interest, efficiency and general usefulness of the craft in this province, and is an object very desirable; and

Further resolved, That in the prosecution of this object, they desire in the most proper spirit to consult the feelings and obtain the approval of the grand lodge of England, and of their masonic brethren in New Brunswick, to the end that any separation from the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of England may be effected with the most sincere feelings of love and veneration on our own and their part, and confidence and affection on the part of the grand lodge; and

Further resolved, That all action in reference to lodges under the jurisdiction respectively of Scotland and Ireland, of right belongs, in the opinion of this lodge, exclusively to those grand and subordinate lodges, and on our part is left entirely to their wisdom and discretion; and

Further resolved, That in the event of the grand lodge of England graciously approving of this object, then in such case the M. W. the grand master of England be and he is hereby respectfully requested to authorize and require the R. W. provincial grand master, or his deputy, or some other eligible person in masonry, to summon a general convention of delegates from the subordinate lodges of New Brunswick to consider the wisdom and expediency of erecting such grand lodge of New Brunswick under the approval of the grand lodge of England; and

Further resolved, That these resolutions, in due form authenticated, be transmitted by the secretary to the grand lodge of England for its consideration, with a desire to learn therefrom how far the proposed object will secure its countenance, and for such suggestions in the premises as may seem wise.

At the regular communication in December following the worshipful master refused to allow these resolutions to be entertained or discussed by the lodge, for the reason "that any movement contemplating a severance from a grand lodge could not be legally introduced or discussed in a lodge holding its warrant from such grand lodge."

November 7—A letter was received from the provincial grand secretary setting forth that, in consequence of the protracted and distressing illness of R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, P. G. M., it was decided at the annual communication held September last to request the respective lodges in the province, under the grand lodge of England, to nominate a fit and proper brother to be recommended to the M. W., the grand master of England, for appointment to the office of provincial grand master.

The lodge, however, by a majority vote, declined to proceed to the nomination as requested, but expressed approval of the holding of a special communication of the provincial grand lodge to consider the matter, and declared that in the meantime it would "take the subject into its most serious consideration, and instruct its representatives to such special communication fully as to its wishes and views in the premises."

A. D. 1866.

The officers of this year were:

Bro John D. Short, W. M.

Bro. Jacob D. Underhill, S. W.	Bro. Thomas O. Sandall, J. D.
" Charles H. Tucker, J. W.	" John White, S. S.
" Rev. George J. Caie, Chap.[1]	" Robert Moore, J. S.
" William H. A. Keans, Treas.	" Samuel F. Matthews, D. C.
" William F. Bunting, Sec'y.	" S. Wright Golding, I. G.
" Joseph C. Hatheway, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

January 2—When the usual order for payment to the secretary of his salary and fees for the past year, amounting to forty-two dollars and eighty-five cents, had passed, the secretary stated that his intention had always been not to accept compensation for any service rendered by him to the lodge, and, in pursuance of such intention, he begged to be allowed to hand the amount just voted him to the charity committee of the lodge. Whereupon the donation was accepted and the thanks of the lodge tendered him.

A committee, consisting of Bros. John D Short, W. H. A. Keans, William Wedderburn and J. D. Underhill, was appointed, under resolution, "to procure a testimonial to be presented to past master William F. Bunting, in acknowledgment of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge during all the years of his membership."

1 Rev. Bro. Caie was the first regularly appointed and installed chaplain in the lodge.

February 6—The mental and physical prostration of the R. W. provincial grand master having remained in the same condition as reported to the lodge at the regular communication in November last, brought about the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas, In consequence of the severe illness, mental as well as bodily, of the R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, P. G. M., he has during the past year been unable to attend to his ordinary business, while his person and estate have been placed under the control and management of trustees, appointed by the lieutenant governor of the province, on commission of lunacy, issued under the great seal in June last, which commission is still in force, and no application has been made to revoke it;

Therefore resolved, That while recording its deep regret at the affliction with which the R. W. provincial grand master has been visited, and knowing that he is not responsible or accountable for himself, this lodge cannot recognize any act claimed to have been done by him or in his name as binding or authoritative, and cannot receive any communication bearing his signature.

The following resolution was also adopted:

That in the opinion of this lodge it is expedient that the present condition of the R. W. provincial grand master should be communicated to the M. W. the grand master of England, that he may take such steps for the relief of the craft in this province as he in his wisdom may deem proper, and that the W. M., wardens and secretary of the lodge be authorized to address him by memorial, with a view to revoke the patent granted to the R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch as provincial grand master of New Brunswick.

Subsequently the lodge proceeded under resolution "to nominate a fit and proper brother to be recommended to the M. W., the grand master, for appointment to the distinguished position of provincial grand master," when, with but one dissentient, W. Bro. Robert Thomson Clinch, past master of Albion Lodge, No. 400, and deputy provincial grand master, was nominated.

The decision of the lodge in relation to the office of provincial grand master was precipitated by the unmasonic conduct of a few members of the fraternity, who, influenced by unworthy motives, and determined, if possible, to obtain control of the craft in the province, took advantage of the mentally weak condition of the provincial grand master, and, through improper influences, prevailed upon him to sign documents and do other acts which in his sane moments he would have spurned doing. They induced him to attempt the displacement of the deputy provincial grand master and provincial grand secretary, by revoking the appointment of these officers and ordering them to hand to their successors, whom he named, the books, papers, seals, etc., of the provincial grand lodge. By getting these two brethren out of the way, who were stumbling blocks to their unmasonic purposes, the malcontents hoped to accomplish their designs. In this, however, they were thwarted, for these officers paid no

attention to the *orders* and *manifestoes* issued to them. They retained their positions and likewise the books, papers, etc., together with the loyal support of the lodges throughout the province.

Many years have elapsed since these misguided brethren entered into this conspiracy. With the lapse of time their motives were brought to light. It is to be hoped it produced reflection and repentance. The writer, who was cognizant of every act and movement in the disgraceful drama, actuated by that charity which hideth a multitude of sins, has suppressed the names of those who took part in it.

April 3—The lodge donated thirty dollars to Northumberland Lodge, of the town of Newcastle, to aid in rebuilding their hall destroyed by fire in September last.

May 2—The remains of the late Bro. John Murray, Jr., were interred, with masonic ceremony by the lodge, in the rural cemetery. There was a large attendance of the craft, headed by the band of the fifteenth regiment. Rev. Bro. William Donald, D. D., officiated at the grave in both the church and masonic rituals. The pall-bearers were Bros. B. L. Peters, W. F. Bunting, James Kirk, John McAllister, G. J. Chubb and Robert Shives. Bro. Murray was initiated in St. John's Lodge December 1, 1846, and filled the offices of senior deacon and junior warden.

July 3—Bro. John P. Bell, deputy provincial grand master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, England, addressed a letter to the lodge requesting subscriptions to a work recently published by him, entitled "The Stream of English Freemasonry."

September 6—A procession under the banners of the provincial grand lodge, in which St. John's and sister lodges joined, was formed at ten o'clock in the forenoon, thence marched to St. Andrew's Kirk, where the brethren were favored with an instructive and appropriate sermon by the Rev. Bro. William Donald, D. D., provincial grand chaplain. In the evening the brethren sat down to dinner in the Park hotel, King square. The divine service and dinner were the outcome of the annual communication of the provincial grand lodge, presided over by the recently appointed provincial grand master, R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch.

October 6—A committee, previously appointed, reported the purchase of an apron, jewel and collar for the chaplain of the lodge.

V. W. Bro. William Gray Clarke, grand secretary, London, informed the lodge by letter that the grand master had been pleased to appoint R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch district grand master[1] for New Brunswick,

1 By an order of the grand lodge, passed December, 1865, the title "provincial grand master" was changed to "district grand master in the colonies and foreign parts."

"to whom all future communications relating to the craft are to be addressed, excepting the returns of the lodge, applications for certificates, and other matters specially directed by the book of constitutions to be made to the grand secretary."

November 6—"The lodge voted twenty-five dollars to Bro. ———, of Solomon's Lodge, Fredericton, who had recently lost all his property by fire, on which there was no insurance."

R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, district grand master, accompanied by a staff of officers, made his first official visit. The warrant and books of the lodge were inspected, and friendly and fraternal sentiments exchanged. The district grand master and his officers occupied the respective stations in the lodge and initiated two candidates.

A. D. 1867.

The officers of this year, installed as usual December 27, were:

Bro. James Gordon Forbes, W. M.

Bro. Jos. C. Hatheway, S. W.	Bro. Robt. Thomson, Jr., J. D.
" Rev. Geo. J. Caie, J. W.	" Jos. L. Bunting, S. S.
" Rev. Neil McKay, Chap.	" John Sweet, J. S.
" Wm. H. A. Keans, Treas.	" Robert Finlay, D. C.
" Wm. F. Bunting, Sec'y.	" Robert Burns, I. G.
" John White, S. D.	" Henry Brown, Tyler.

January 1—An application was received from a brother residing at Grand Cay, Turk's Island, "for assistance to enable him to rebuild and replace his property destroyed by a hurricane September, 1866." The committee to whom this application was referred, subsequently reported against entertaining the petition, for the following reasons: "A large number of the fraternity were sufferers by the hurricane. An appeal on behalf of all the sufferers is now before the grand lodges of the mother country, and possibly this lodge may be called upon to join in the general contribution; therefore an application from a single individual among a community of sufferers should be backed by strong and urgent reasons to merit a separate consideration."

A new bye-law was adopted which provided for the appointment of a "property committee." The special duty of this committee was "to make annually an inventory of the property of the lodge; to compare it with the report of the preceding year; to note additions or losses, and to make a report in full at the regular communication in January."

"The secretary reported that Mr. ———, a petitioner for degrees, who was balloted for and accepted at the regular communication in July last, declined to come forward for initiation, on religious scruples, he being a Roman catholic."

An occurrence pleasantly remembered by the compiler took place in the lodge this evening, by the presentation to him of an address engrossed and illuminated on parchment, accompanied by a gold watch and chain. The address, reply, etc., are copied from the minutes, as follows:

To WILLIAM FRANKLIN BUNTING, ESQUIRE, *past master of St John's Lodge, No. 436, F. & A. M., on the registry of the grand lodge of England;*

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER:

For the period of nearly fifteen years, during which you have been a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 436, Free and Accepted Masons, you have not only filled many of its most important offices, including that of worshipful master, but you have endeared yourself to the lodge and, we believe, to the fraternity, by the frankness of your character and the sincerity of your actions, and by the ready performance of offices of attention and affection far beyond those of a merely official or routine nature. At all times and often at great personal sacrifice and inconvenience to yourself, you have been not only ready but anxious to afford cheerfully your valuable co-operation in all masonic "ways and works;" to assist in the deliberations, participate in the labors, perform the charities, and interchange the loftiest friendships of our lodge and institution — a faithful brother, a zealous mason, a judicious counsellor, a true man. Necessarily, therefore, you have contributed largely to the prosperity of this your mother lodge, and to the common well-being of our honorable and ancient fraternity. Stirred by memories of this character, the lodge expects us to convey to you some testimonial of their esteem and affection, not as an equivalent for your labors, but as a very trifling testimonial to your worth.

In the name, therefore, of St. John's Lodge, No. 436, and on behalf of the committee, we present you with this watch and chain, and add that which, after all, will be of more value than any intrinsic worth of any mere work of art — the assurance of the love and confidence of your brethren, and their prayer for your "health, wealth and prosperity" here, and for your perpetual happiness hereafter.

Fraternally and affectionately yours,

W. H. A. KEANS, P. M.,
WM. WEDDERBURN, P. M., } Committee.
JOHN D. SHORT, P. M.,

[L. S.] J. GORDON FORBES,
Worshipful Master.

REPLY.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

Rest assured that the proceedings of this evening will always be held in remembrance as one of the brightest and most cheering incidents in my masonic career, and that my heart will ever beat responsive to the fraternal sentiments so warmly expressed in the valuable address just read — according me more credit for what you are pleased to say I have done, than for what I would desire to have done.

It is difficult for me to find words to adequately express my grateful feelings to you for this valuable and handsome gift, and for the kind and affectionate address accompanying it, the remembrance of which will inspire me with renewed energy to follow out the grand principles of our society, which, when faithfully pursued, make masons better men, and men better members of society.

Since my induction into the fraternity it has been my endeavor, as far as lay in my power, to show that freemasonry, in its tenets and teachings, is of a more exalted nature than a mere plaything, and that its duties and claims as a charitable, moral and law-abiding institution are of paramount importance; and the flattering terms in which you have seen fit to allude to my exertions in its "ways and works," lead me to believe that you, my brethren, deem those efforts worthy of recognition.

I thank you sincerely, worshipful sir and brethren, for the assurance of your favor and confidence, and for the kind wishes for my health, prosperity and future happiness; and, in conclusion, allow me to express the hope that when our several journeys "on the level of time" shall have terminated, it may be our happiness to be re-united in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's "Great Architect lives and reigns supreme."

W. F. BUNTING.

February 5—"The general hall committee reported the adoption of a rule to prevent smoking in the ante-rooms; which rule was, by vote of the lodge, sustained."

A committee was detailed to instruct and prepare candidates for advancement to the F. C. and M. M. degrees.

An order passed by which every candidate hereafter should be presented at his initiation with a copy of the book of constitutions and a copy of Rand's Masonic Companion.

The W. M. reported the purchase, by the general hall committee, of a new organ for the use of the respective bodies, when the lodge voted payment of its share of the cost.

The secretary donated the amount of his salary and fees for the pa year to the charity fund of the lodge, and received a vote of thanks therefor.

March 5—The W. M. reported that the general hall committee had engaged Bro. Henry Card to officiate as organist to the bodies meeting in the hall at a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars for regular meetings, and one dollar each for emergent meetings; whereupon the lodge ratified the act of the committee, and agreed to pay its proportion of the salary—twenty dollars.

July 25—The lodge took part in the ceremonial of laying the corner stone of the St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, situate near the corner of Garden and Pond streets. R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, district grand master, officiated, with the assistance of the district grand lodge and deputations of lodges, chapters and encampments from various sections of the province, numbering about three hundred and fifty brethren.

August 6—R. W. Bro. William B. Simpson, past grand master of the grand lodge of Canada, honored the lodge with a visit.

September 3—A circular letter was received from the chairman and secretary of a meeting of masters and past masters of city lodges, held

August 16th ultimo, "for consultation upon the present position of freemasonry in this province, and for such action thereon as might be deemed necessary."

The letter stated that at such meeting it was decided to ask all the lodges in the province, under English, Irish and Scotch registries, to appoint their masters, past masters and wardens, delegates to a convention to be held in the city of Saint John on the second Wednesday in October next, to consider: "First, whether the exclusive right of constituting lodges in this province can, in the altered political position of the province as a part of the dominion of Canada, be preserved to the grand lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland; and, second, whether in the opinion of the lodges in this province, the interests of the fraternity and the general advancement and prosperity of our order would be best served by uniting in a general grand lodge for the whole dominion of Canada, or in the establishment of an independent grand lodge for the province of New Brunswick."

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the worshipful master, past masters and wardens of St. John's Lodge, No. 436, E. R., be and are hereby appointed representatives of the lodge at such convention, and they are hereby authorized to act as may be deemed most expedient for the interests of the craft in this province.[1]

November 5—By the unanimous adoption of the following resolutions the lodge confirmed the decision of the convention, viz.:

Whereas, At a convention of delegates, representing this and seventeen other lodges in this province, holding warrants from the grand lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, held on the ninth day of October ultimo, such delegates did, with a nearly unanimous voice, decide that the time had arrived when a grand lodge in and for the province of New Brunswick was imperatively demanded; and

Whereas, Sixteen of the lodges represented as above at such convention did solemnly erect themselves into an Independent Grand Lodge, under the name of "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick";

Therefore resolved, That this lodge, believing the act of such delegates to be just and proper, and also believing that the time and circumstances demanded the erection of such grand lodge, do now surrender the warrant under which it has been working for the past thirty-one years to the M. W. Grand Master of England, and

1 At the convention held in Saint John, October ninth and tenth, at which the grand lodge of New Brunswick was formally erected, St. John's Lodge was fully represented by the master, wardens and past masters, who took a prominent part in the important questions brought forward for consideration. They acted in harmony with the delegates from the sister lodges in the province taking part in the convention, sixteen in number out of the total of twenty-four in New Brunswick hailing from the grand lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, and voted in favor of the formation of the grand lodge. Of the seven principal officers elected and appointed, members of St. John's Lodge filled three of them, viz., those of the deputy grand master, grand treasurer, and grand secretary. The first grand master was M. W. Bro. Benjamin Lester Peters, who held the distinguished position until September, 1870. The grand secretary continued in office until April, 1882, when he resigned. Two members of St. John's Lodge have filled the office of grand master.

that it be placed in the hands of the R. W. District Grand Master, that he may transmit it to the V. W. Grand Secretary; and

Further resolved, That in thus severing the fraternal tie which has so long bound St. John's Lodge to the mother grand lodge, we, its members, do most cordially express our gratitude for the kind care and attention which have ever been extended to us by our mother grand lodge, and to assure the M. W. Grand Master that the name of the grand lodge of England will always be revered by us.

In accordance with the foregoing resolutions, St. John's Lodge, No. 436, on the registry of the grand lodge of England, ceased to work and act as such, and was thereupon closed in form.

St. John's Lodge was immediately opened again under authority of the following

DISPENSATION.

To All Whom it May Concern:

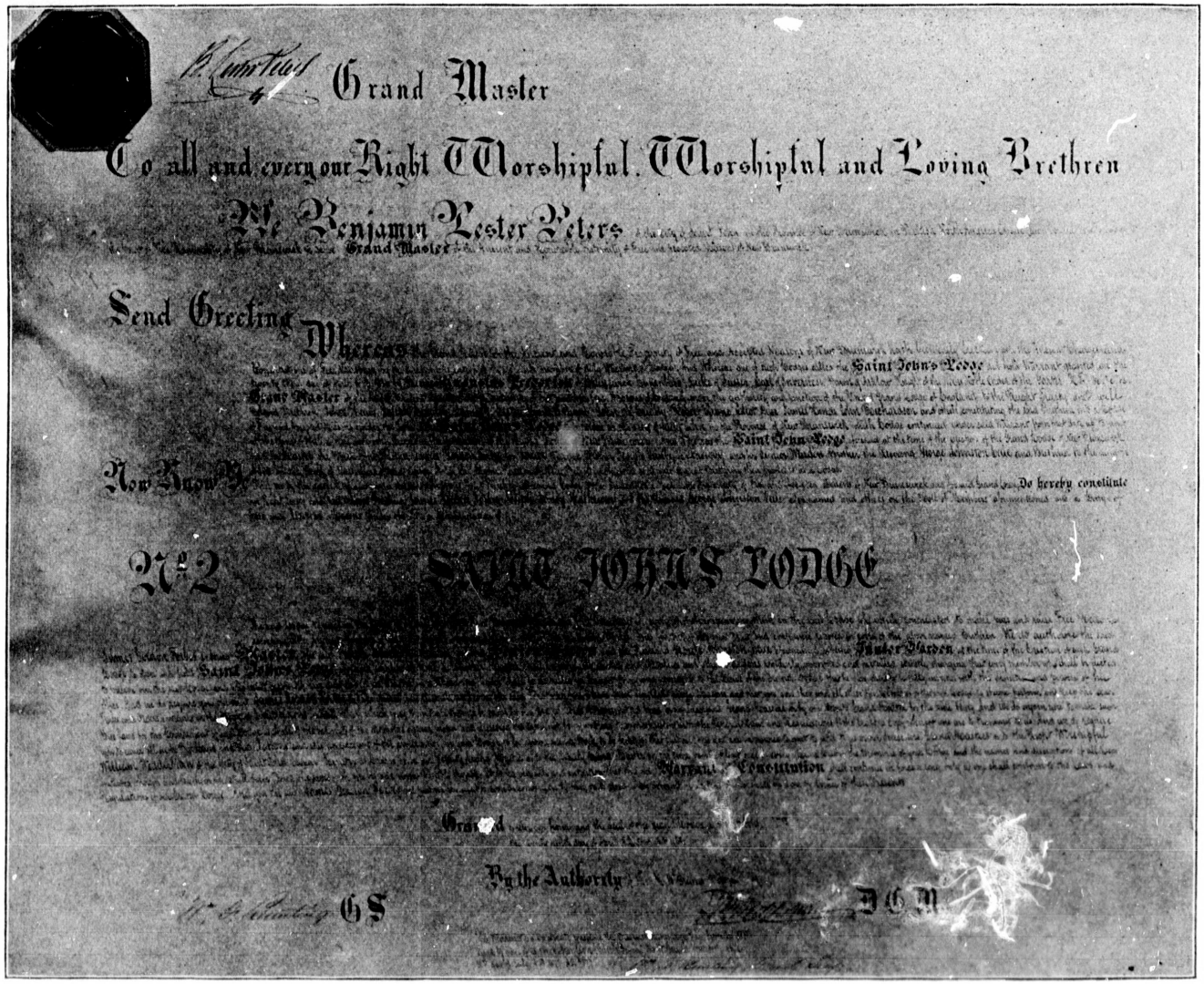
The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in and for the province of New Brunswick having been this day duly organized, and having elected me, Benjamin Lester Peters, of the city of Saint John, a past master on the registry of England, to the distinguished position of Grand Master for New Brunswick, and the masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, I do, by virtue of the powers in me vested, give and grant hereby unto the worshipful master, wardens and brethren of the lodge heretofore known as "St. John's Lodge, No. 436, on the registry of the united grand lodge of free and accepted masons of England," full power and authority to continue to hold their masonic meetings and to pursue their masonic work, until formal warrant be granted under the seal of the grand lodge of New Brunswick; and, until such formal warrant be granted, this dispensation shall be their sufficient authority. All things to be done in order, according to the constitutions of the united grand lodge of ancient free and accepted masons of England, the same so far as applicable having been adopted by the grand lodge of New Brunswick for the present government of the lodges under this jurisdiction.

Given under my hand at the city of Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick, the tenth day of October, A. L. 5867, A. D. 1867.

B. Lester Peters,
Grand Master for New Brunswick.

Under this interim warrant the lodge commenced the third era in its history. The first covered a period of thirty-five years, from 1802 to 1837, under warrant from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia; and the second extending over a period of upwards of thirty years, from 1837 to 1867, under warrant of the united grand lodge of England.

During the latter period two hundred and ninety-three candidates were initiated and thirty-eight brethren received as joining members, making a total of three hundred and thirty-one added to the roll in thirty years, an average of eleven each year. The last initiate under the English warrant was Bro. Edgar C. Baker, and the first under the New Brunswick authority, Bro. John Sandall, Jr.


Grand Master

To all and every our Right Worshipful Worshipful and Loving Brethren

We Benjamin Lester Peters

Grand Master

Send Greeting Whereas

Saint John's Lodge

Saint John Lodge

Now Know Ye

do hereby constitute

No 2 SAINT JOHN'S LODGE

Master Warden

Warrant Constitution

By the Authority

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FAC-SIMILE OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE WARRANT, NEW BRUNSWICK REGISTRY.

A. D. 1868.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, W. M.

Bro. Rev. George J. Caie, S. W.	Bro. Wm. J. Davidson, J. D.
" John White, J. W.	" Henry H. Gardner, S. S.
" Wm. H. A. Keans, Treas.	" Henry G. Hunt, J. S.
" Wm. F. Bunting, Sec'y.	" Robert D. Davis, D. C.
" Wm. H. Sinnott, S. D.	" James H. Robinson, I. G.

Bro. John Boyer, Tyler.

January 7—The secretary donated the amount of his salary and fees for 1867 to the lodge charity fund, and received the thanks of the lodge therefor.

May 15—M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, grand master, accompanied by the officers of the grand lodge, made an official visit this evening.

"The grand master having assumed the East, stated that his first official visit to the lodge had a two-fold object: first, to meet the brethren of St. John's Lodge in lodge assembled; and second, to commit to the charge of the lodge the new warrant of constitution issued under authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick. The warrant was thereupon read by the grand secretary, and then formally placed in the hands of the worshipful master."

COPY OF THE WARRANT.

B. Lester Peters, G. M.

[L. S.] *To All and Every our Right-Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.*

We, Benjamin Lester Peters, of the city of Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick, in British North America, Esquire, Deputy Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty of New Brunswick, etc., Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick,

Send Greeting:

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick hath been duly erected upon the ancient charges and constitutions of Freemasonry, by the unanimous consent of the requisite number of duly warranted lodges; and

Whereas, One of such lodges, called the "St. John's Lodge," did hold warrant, granted the twenty-ninth day of April, A. D. 1836, by Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick Lunenburgh, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, K. T., etc., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, under the authority and sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, to the right trusty and well-beloved Brethren, John Haws, Joseph Lingley, James G. Lester, James P. Payne, John McCready, Robert Payne, Elliot Dyer, James Hinds, John Richardson and others, constituting the said Brethren into a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title of "The St. John's Lodge," to be holden in the

city of Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick; which lodge continued under such warrant from that date up to and at the time of their acting with other lodges in the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The St. John's Lodge aforesaid, at the time of the erection of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, had for master the worshipful brother, James Gordon Forbes; for senior warden, brother Joseph Canby Hatheway; for junior warden, brother the Reverend George Johnstone Caie, and brethren to the number of one hundred on the roll of members of the said lodge, and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick doth continue to said brethren their privileges as a lodge.

Now know ye, That we, by the authority and under the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, and for said grand lodge, do hereby constitute our right trusty and well beloved brethren, James Gordon Forbes, Joseph Canby Hatheway, and the Reverend George Johnstone Caie, aforementioned, into a lodge of free and accepted masons, under the title or denomination of ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2, the said lodge to meet in the city of Saint John, in New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday in every month; empowering them in the said lodge, when duly congregated, to make, pass and raise freemasons according to the ancient custom of the craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world; and further, of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named brethren, we do authorize the said James Gordon Forbes, so being master, the said Joseph Canby Hatheway, so being senior warden, and the said Reverend George Johnstone Caie, so being junior warden, at the time of the erection of such grand lodge, to open and hold St. John's Lodge aforesaid, until such time as another master shall be duly elected and installed, and other wardens regularly appointed and installed; strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said lodge, and who must previously have duly served as warden in a warranted lodge, shall be installed in ancient form and accordlng to the laws of the grand lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. And we do require you, the said James Gordon Forbes, to take special care that all and every the said brethren are or have been regularly made masons, and that you and they, and all other the members of the said lodge, do observe, perform and keep the laws, rules and orders contained in the book of constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our grand lodge, or transmitted by us or our successors grand masters, or by our deputy grand master for the time being; and we do enjoin you to make such bye-laws for the government of your lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft, a copy of which you are to transmit to us; and we do require you to cause all such bye-laws and regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your lodge, to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors grand masters, or to the Right Worshipful William Wedderburn, of the city of Saint John, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, etc., our Deputy Grand Master, or to the deputy grand master for the time being, at least once in each year, a list of the members of your lodge, and the names and descriptions of all masons initiated therein, and brethren who shall have joined the same, with the fees and moneys payable thereon, It being our will and intention that this, our WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION, shall continue in force so long as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our grand lodge. And you,

the said James Gordon Forbes, are further required, so soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our hands and the seal of the grand lodge at Saint John, N. B., the twenty-ninth day of April, A. L. 5868, A. D. 1868.

WM. WEDDERBURN,
D. G. M.

WM. F. BUNTING, G. S.

"The M. W. the grand master directed the attention of the W. M. to the necessity of having the bye-laws of the lodge revised at an early day, to make them conformable to the constitutions of the grand lodge, and the changed conditions of the lodge."

At the succeeding communication a committee was appointed to carry out the above suggestion.

September 24—The lodge joined with the sister lodges in the city in a dinner at the Waverley House, King street, on the occasion of the first annual communication of the grand lodge. It was tendered by them as a compliment to the members of the grand lodge.

December 1—"Bros. Forbes, Estey and White were appointed a committee to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to past master, W. Bro. John D. Short, as a mark of the regard in which he is held by the lodge, and in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him during the time he filled the office of worshipful master, and at all times as a private member and past master."

December 28—The installation services were held this day on account of the 27th falling on Sunday. The M. W. the Grand Master honored the lodge with a visit. He occupied the East, and installed W. Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, worshipful master-elect into the oriental chair.

A. D. 1869.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, W. M.

Bro. W. Herbert Sinnott, S. W.	Bro. Canby Hatheway, J. D.
" Samuel F. Matthews, J. W.	" Charles A. Estey, S. S.
" Rev. George J. Caie, Chap.	" Edwd. L. Berteaux, J. S.
" Wm. H. A. Keans, Treas.	" John Sandall, Jr., D. C.
" Wm. J. Davidson, Sec'y.	" Fred. M. Berryman, I. G.
" Henry G. Hunt, S. D.	" John Boyer, Tyler.

February 2—The audit committee reported the funds of the lodge at the close of 1868 as follows: In the hands of the treasurer, $435.17; in the savings bank, $823.54; total, $1258.71; and indebtedness of the members for dues, $141.80.

April 29—Under a resolution passed April 15th instant, the lodge had a supper at the White House, Prince William street, Bro. Charles

Watts, proprietor, it being the first anniversary of the date of the warrant held from the grand lodge of New Brunswick. The brethren attended in regalia, under a dispensation issued by the grand master. The supper was restricted to the members of the lodge and a few guests, including the grand master and the masters of sister city lodges.

May 4—The lodge adopted a new code of bye-laws under a report of the committee appointed June last.

July 30—The corner stone of a masonic hall in course of erection by Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, Carleton, was laid with masonic ceremony by M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, G. M., assisted by a full deputation of grand lodge officers and the various masonic bodies in St. John. St. John's Lodge, under its worshipful master, Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, occupied its proper place in the procession and took part in the ceremony. The procession was formed at two o'clock in the afternoon, on Canterbury street, under Bro. James A. Harding, high sheriff of the city and county of Saint John, as grand director of ceremonies. The united body crossed the harbor by the ferry, and marched through the principal streets of Carleton to the site of the contemplated hall, where the grand lodge and other bodies formed in and about the foundation of the building. The corner stone was then laid with the customary masonic ceremonial, after which the brethren proceeded to the Carleton city hall and partook of a luncheon provided by the Carleton Union Lodge. At the conclusion of the lunch the several bodies formed again in order of procession and returned across the ferry to their quarters.

December 7—An official visit was received from the M. W. the grand master and officers of the grand lodge. During their visit the lecture of the E. A. degree was rehearsed.

December 27—Another official visit was made by the grand master, who installed the worshipful master-elect, W. Bro. W. Herbert Sinnott.

A. D. 1870.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. William Herbert Sinnott, W. M.

Bro. Wm. J. Davidson, S. W.	Bro. Charles A. Estey, J. D.
" Henry G. Hunt, J. W.	" Joseph Read, S. S.
" Rev. George J. Caie, Chap.	" Nathan Green, J. S.
" Wm. H. A. Keans, Treas.	" Abijah H. Eaton, D. C.
" Edward Manning, Sec'y.	" J. Newton Wilson, I. G.
" Canby Hatheway, S. D.	" John Boyer, Tyler.

March 1—"The trustees of the lodge funds reported that the sum of twelve hundred dollars was now in the Savings bank to the credit of the

lodge; and that, in consequence of the change in the register of the lodge, this amount had been re-deposited in the name of 'St. John's Lodge, No. 2, registry of New Brunswick.'"

"The committee appointed December 1, 1868, to procure a testimonial for presentation to W. Bro. John Davis Short, P. M., reported that they had ordered and received a past master's jewel of gold and enclosed in a morocco case. W. Bro. Short was then presented by the worshipful master with the jewel, accompanied by an appropriate address, to which the recipient returned a suitable reply."

April 5—A grant of one hundred dollars was voted to Carleton Union Lodge in aid of the building fund of their new hall.

August 2—At the request of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with committees of sister lodges in the city, to consider the feasibility of organizing a general board of charity.

September 28—St. John's Lodge, by invitation, joined the grand lodge and sister lodges in dedicating the new masonic hall erected in Carleton by the Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8. M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, G. M., officiated.

October 4—"W. Bro. W. F. Bunting stated that he had received a dispensation from the grand master, authorizing him to open and conduct a lodge of instruction under the name of the 'Emulation Lodge of Instruction,' and that such lodge would be organized on Saturday evening, the fifteenth day of the present month."

November 1—A circular letter was received from the grand secretary, setting forth that the Grand Orient of France had solicited contributions to an "International masonic subscription to be employed in the aid and relief of all freemasons of the army and navy of France, now engaged in the war with Prussia, and their families;" that the board of general purposes felt desirous of raising not less than one thousand francs (about two hundred dollars) for that purpose, and requested the lodge to assist in a movement so humane and fraternal. Whereupon the lodge voted unanimously to contribute thirty dollars.

Another circular was received from the grand secretary, requiring all lodges to forward to him impressions of their seals, and copies of their bye-laws and warrants of constitution.

The circular stated also that the board of general purposes, upon application of any lodge, would delegate a competent brother to give them instruction in the work and ritual, upon terms set forth in the letter.

"W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, past master of the lodge, stated that he had received authority and would shortly publish a masonic manual for

the use of the craft in New Brunswick. The lodge agreed to subscribe for one hundred copies."

The committee appointed August 2nd last, to consider the advisability of establishing a masonic board of relief, submitted an exhaustive report recommending the formation of such a board in connection with the city lodges on the east side of the harbor, the fund to be raised by an annual capita assessment of sixty cents for each member on the lodge roll; the board to be composed of two representatives from each lodge; such representatives to be empowered to elect semi-annually a president, vice-president and sub-committee, and annually a secretary-treasurer. Rules for the government of the board were embodied in the report, and a tabular statement to prove that under the new organization a saving would be effected by a systematic and judicious granting of relief.

A full discussion was had upon this report, and the following resolutions adopted in relation thereto:

Resolved, That St. John's Lodge approves of the formation of a masonic board of relief, to be composed of two representatives from each lodge in the city of Saint John, east side of the harbor, and agrees to the proposed plan for the organization and government of such board, and for providing it with funds, as embodied in the report of the committee appointed to take the subject into consideration; and

Further resolved, That the board of relief, when duly organized, shall have authority to adopt rules and regulations for the government thereof, a copy of which, as well as of all amendments and additions thereto, shall be furnished the lodge for its information and guidance.

W. Bros. W. F. Bunting and John D. Short, who were appointed to represent the lodge at the new board of charity, have continued in that capacity without cessation up to the present date, April, 1894.

December 27—M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, grand master, made an official visit and installed the worshipful master-elect, W. Bro. Henry G. Hunt.

A. D. 1871.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. Henry Gilbert Hunt, W. M.

Bro. Charles A. Estey, S. W.	Bro. Jas. H. Robinson, J. D.
" Thos. O. Sandall, J. W.	" Hiram G. Betts, S. S.
" Rev. Geo. J. Caie, Chap.	" Thomas H. Lynn, J. S.
" Wm. H. A. Keans, Treas.	" J. Newton Wilson, D. C.
" Jos. C. Hatheway, Sec'y.	" Geo. W. Fletcher, I. G.
" Augustus P. Rolph, S. D.	" Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

January 3—Consequent upon the formation of the board of relief, the following addition to the bye-laws was adopted:

At the regular communication in January of each year there shall be appointed two members of the lodge to act as representatives to the masonic board of relief. Such representatives shall, when required by the lodge or the worshipful master, make a report of the doings of said board of relief.

April 4—"Thirty dollars were contributed to Corinthian Lodge, No. 13, Hampton, to assist in rebuilding their hall destroyed while being removed from Hampton village to Hampton station."

August 29—A letter was received from the board of general purposes of grand lodge to the effect, that negotiations were in progress for the purchase of a site for a masonic temple in Saint John, and the lodge was requested to take stock in the proposed company. In reply to this request the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That St. John's Lodge become a subscriber in the capital stock to the extent of two thousand dollars; that one thousand dollars of this amount be paid upon the call of the board of general purposes, and payment of the remaining one thousand dollars be extended over a term of three years from the time of opening the stock subscription list.

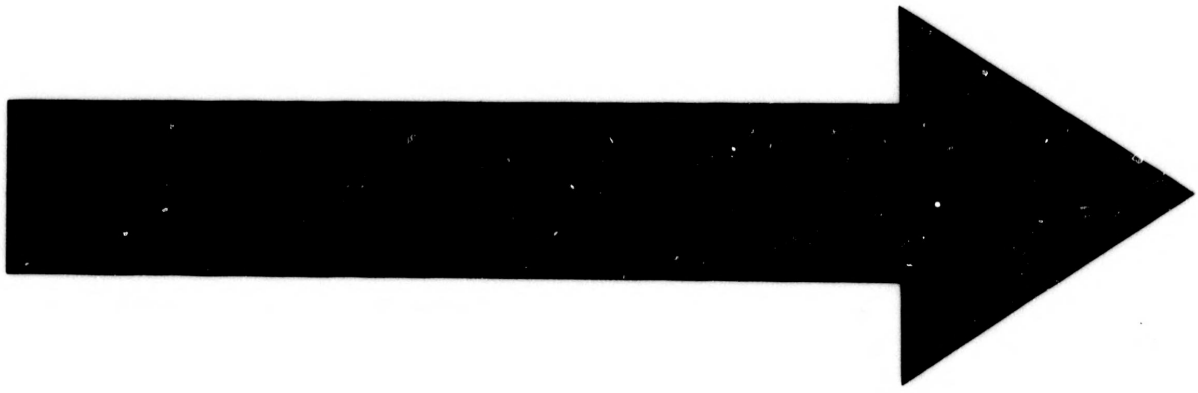
The New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, incorporated by act of assembly, was the outcome of this movement. The company purchased the site on Germain street whereon the present masonic temple now stands.

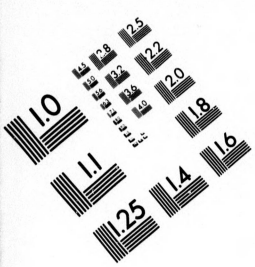
September 28—At the request of the grand master and by special arrangement, this communication was convened to exemplify the work of the fellow-craft degree before grand lodge at its annual session, and for the inspection of the officers and members thereof. The candidate—Bro. John J. Forrest—was advanced to the fellow-craft degree in due form. Upon the conclusion of the work, the officers of the lodge were complimented by the grand master upon the correct and impressive manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted.

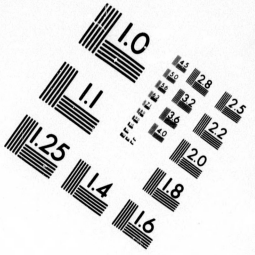
November 7—In consequence of the death of Bro. John Boyer, and the cessation of the annuity of one hundred and fifty dollars paid him by the several lodges in Saint John, since January, 1865, and in consideration that an aged and helpless widow survived him, the lodge agreed to contribute its proportion of an allowance of one hundred dollars per annum to her during the remainder of her life.

A new bye-law was adopted authorizing a change in the time of installing officers, as follows: "The master shall be installed according to ancient usage at the regular communication in January of each year; he shall then appoint his wardens and other officers, who, with the treasurer and tyler, shall be installed into their respective offices."

Up to this date all the lodges in the city had held their installation services on St. John's day (December 27th), but so much time was taken up that when the junior lodge was enabled to commence operations, the day (or night) was far advanced and but few remained to witness the ceremony. To obviate this difficulty the lodges mutually agreed, at the







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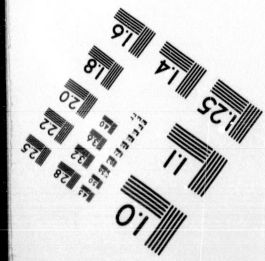

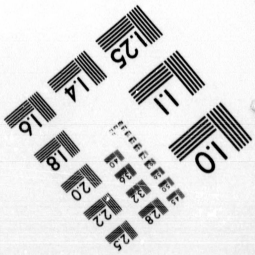

suggestion of the grand master, that all except Albion Lodge should hold their installations at their regular communications in January, and that Albion should continue to install on the festival day of St. John the Evangelist. That arrangement has been continued up to the present time.

A. D. 1872.

January 2—The officers installed under the new law, for the current year were:

Bro. Henry Gilbert Hunt, W. M.

Bro. Thomas O. Sandall, S. W.	Bro. John R. Armstrong, J. D.
" Augustus P. Rolph, J. W.	" James Holly, S. S.
" William H. A. Keans, Treas.	" George W. Fletcher, J. S.
" Hiram G. Betts, Sec'y.	" William M. Sears, D. C.
" Charles A. Estey, S. D.	" George H. Clark, I. G.

Bro. Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

At this date the lodge had to its credit the sum of twelve hundred dollars in the dominion savings bank, bearing five per cent interest. A change having been made by the government, whereby the interest on deposits was reduced to four per cent, the lodge voted to transfer the account to the bank of New Brunswick, the latter institution allowing five per cent on special deposits. The lodge also voted to increase the amount to fifteen hundred dollars and to be deposited in the names of Bros. Keans, Bunting and Wedderburn as trustees.

October 6—The remains of the late Bro. George H. Vlieland were buried with masonic ceremony by the lodge in the Episcopal church yard, near the head of Courtenay bay. Bro. Vlieland was initiated in St. John's Lodge, June 4, 1872.

November 5—The hall committee having notified the lodge that they had terminated the agreement with Bro. Henry Card as organist to the respective bodies, the W. M. was authorized to make arrangements whereby the lodge should continue to have the services of an organist. The W. M. reported at the next regular communication that he had engaged Bro. Card to furnish the lodge with music as usual.

A. D. 1873.

January 7—The officers were installed for this year as follows:

Bro. Thomas Overton Sandall, W. M.

Bro. Augustus P. Rolph, S. W.	Bro. Charles Inches, J. D.
" William M. Sears, J. W.	" William C. Allan, S. S.
" Rev. George J. Caie, Chap.	" Robert J. Moir, J. S.
" William H. A. Keans, Treas.	" John J. Forrest, D. C.
" John R. Armstrong, Sec'y.	" Fred. S. Williams, I. G.
" John S. MacLaren, S. D.	" Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

February 4—The members of the lodge, with invited guests, dined at the International hotel, Prince William street. It was the occasion of the completion of twenty-one years' membership of W. Bro. William F. Bunting, a past master of the lodge. A large number of the craft surrounded the tables, including the grand master and other officers of the grand lodge, also the masters of the city lodges. The brethren appeared in masonic regalia, under a dispensation of the grand master, and spent a pleasant evening in the routine usually observed at masonic festivals.

March 10—The remains of the late Bro. John King were buried by the lodge with masonic ceremony in the burial ground at Carleton. In consequence of a heavy snow storm prevailing, the brethren had great difficulty in reaching the place of interment and conducting the burial service. After the ceremony at the grave they returned as best they could, the immense drifts of snow making it impossible to march in order. The volunteer artillery, to which the deceased brother belonged, formed an escort to the grave. Bro. King was initiated in St. John's Lodge April 5, 1870.

April 1—A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bunting for presenting the lodge with an outfit for candidates.

May 6—The W. M. called the attention of the lodge to a practice pursued by lodges in Saint John, in summoning their members to attend masonic funerals by lengthy advertisements in the daily newspapers and by placards posted in the public streets; he stated that a meeting of the masters of the lodges had been called to discuss this matter, at which the practice had been condemned.

"Thereupon, it was moved and resolved, that when St. John's Lodge has charge of the funeral of a deceased brother, then in such case only shall an advertisement be inserted in the public newspapers, calling out the lodge and requesting sister lodges and transient brethren to join; provided, that in all cases sealed summonses be issued when the lodge is required to attend a funeral;

"And further resolved, that when the master of a sister lodge requests the attendance of the members of St. John's Lodge at the funeral of a deceased brother not a member of St. John's Lodge, then the members of the lodge shall be notified by a sealed summons and not by a public advertisement.

A. D. 1874.

The officers of the lodge for this year were not installed until the regular communication in March, on account of an irregularity in the election of the W. M., as hereafter explained. The officers were:

Bro. William Macara Sears. W. M.

Bro. Hiram G. Betts, S. W.	Bro. Fred. S. Williams, J. D.
" Charles Inches, J. W.	" George B. Hegan, S. S.
" Rev. George J. Caie, Chap.	" John P. Betts, J. S.
" Wm. H. A. Keans, Treas.	" Wm. C. Allan, D. C.
" Thomas Stothart, Sec'y.	" Charles J. Wills, I. G.
" John Buchanan, S. D.	" Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

January 6—"When the minutes of the last regular communication were placed before the lodge for confirmation, the following resolutions were offered:

Whereas, The grand lodge and the craft generally have declared that canvassing and other improper methods to secure the election of a brother to office in any lodge, are highly improper and unmasonic, and calculated to destroy the welfare and harmony of the lodge where such practices are pursued;

And whereas, There is reason to believe that previous to the election of the master of St. John's Lodge at the last regular communication, an unmasonic canvass was made and improper influences were brought to bear upon the members of the lodge to secure the election of Bro. William M. Sears to the office of worshipful master;

And whereas, There is reason to believe that an unjust, improper and unmasonic canvass was carried on to prevent the election of Bro. Augustus P. Rolph to the office of worshipful master, such canvass being coupled with unfounded statements calculated to injure his character and standing in the lodge;

And whereas, It is the opinion of this lodge that under such circumstances the election of the said Bro. Sears to the office of W. M. is not an expression of the free and unbiased opinion and wishes of the membership of this lodge;

Therefore resolved, That the portion of the minutes of the last regular communication, relating to the election of Bro. William M. Sears to the office of worshipful master, be not confirmed.

"The motion being seconded, a full discussion was had, and upon the question being submitted to the lodge, it was decided in the affirmative and the said election declared void."

February 3—"Read a communication from the masonic board of relief, stating that the board had purchased a plot of ground comprising twelve lots, in the rural cemetery, at a cost of two hundred and eighty-nine dollars, to be set apart for the burial of strange and destitute brethren; that about eight hundred dollars would be required to place the ground in proper shape, and asking that an assessment of one dollar per member be made to assist in meeting the expense."

"Whereupon it was ordered that the matter be deferred for future consideration."

The lodge did not take any subsequent action upon this question, but allowed the board of relief to deal with it.

The lodge proceeded, under the constitutions, to the election of a worshipful master for the current year, when Bro. William M. Sears was again elected.

March 3—The grand master, accompanied by a staff of grand lodge officers, made an official visit and installed the W. M. elect, W. Bro. William M. Sears, after which the other officers of the lodge were installed.

May 15—Rev. Bro. George J. Caie, whose early removal from Saint John necessitated the withdrawal of his membership, was presented with the following address:

"BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH."

To Bro. GEORGE JOHNSTONE CAIE, *Chaplain and Past Junior Warden of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:*

REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER:

On the eve of your departure from New Brunswick your brethren cannot permit you to retire from membership without an earnest assurance of the great respect entertained for you by every member of the lodge, and the high esteem in which you are held by the craft generally. During the many years of your membership in the lodge, up to the present period, you have at all times, when permitted by the higher and more important duties of your sacred calling, earnestly labored for the welfare of the lodge, and in the elevation and refinement of those who came within its portals. Your brethren desire to express the sincere regret they experience in the severance of your fraternal intercourse with them, and their sorrow that this severance is occasioned by a desire to seek health in a more genial climate, and rest in a less laborious sphere. They fervently pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will see fit to restore you ere long to such health as will enable you to resume the active duties of life, and to discharge those high and responsible offices you are so worthily fitted to fill. Your brethren beg of you to convey to Mrs. Caie the expression of their highest respect and esteem, and they earnestly hope that wherever Providence may cast your future lot, both of you may live long in the enjoyment of the choicest gifts of a beneficent Creator.

Given under our hands and the seal of our lodge, in lodge assembled, at the city of Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick, dominion of Canada, this 15th day of May, A. D. 1874, A. L. 5874.

{ L. S. }

WILLIAM M. SEARS, W. M.
HIRAM G. BETTS, S. W.
CHARLES INCHES, J. W.
THOMAS STOTHART, Sec'y.

To the foregoing address Bro. Caie made an eloquent and feeling reply.

June 2—A letter was received from the grand secretary, in which he informed the lodge that all matters of dispute between the grand lodges of Canada and Quebec had been happily settled, and a formal recognition of the latter had been extended by the former. He further stated that, in consequence of the settlement of these differences, all brethren hailing from lodges under the grand lodge of Quebec are hereafter to be received and welcomed as visitors by the lodges in New Brunswick.

July 11—The lodge joined in the funeral obsequies of the late W. Bro. John Willis, a venerable and distinguished member of the fraternity and a past officer of the grand lodge. The burial took place at the rural cemetery under the direction of the grand master and grand lodge, assisted by all the lodges in Saint John.

August 6—An official visit was received from the grand master and officers of the grand lodge. At the conclusion of the advancement of a candidate to the F. C. degree, the officers of the lodge were complimented by the grand master for the correct and creditable manner of their working.

October 6—The grand secretary notified the lodge that the following regulations were adopted at the recent annual communication of grand lodge, viz.:

First, That petitions of candidates must be read in full in open lodge, then handed to the committee of investigation, who must append their report thereto.

Second, That when more than one lodge holds concurrent jurisdiction in a city or town, the lodge in such city or town rejecting a candidate must send a notice of the rejection to the other lodge or lodges within such jurisdiction.

Third, That visitors from a jurisdiction beyond New Brunswick, who cannot be vouched for, must produce a certificate from the grand lodge from which he hails before any examination can take place.[1]

A. D. 1875.

The officers of this year were:

Bro. William Macara Sears, W. M.

Bro. Charles Inches, S. W.	Bro. Fred. S. Williams, J. D.
" Hiram G. Betts, J. W.	" George B. Hegan, S. S.
" Rev. Donald Macrae, Chap.	" Arthur I. Trueman, J. S.
" Wm. H. A. Keans, Treas.	" Alban Thomas, D. C.
" Thomas Stothart, Sec'y.	" Charles J. Wills, I. G.
" John Buchanan, S. D.	" Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

February 2—The singing of appropriate odes, in connection with the opening and closing ceremonies, was introduced in the lodge for the first time.

October 5—The sum of twenty dollars was voted to Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, Newcastle, to assist the lodge in rebuilding their hall destroyed by a hurricane recently. This was a second destruction of their hall, the first being by fire in the year 1866.

1 This (third) regulation was subsequently abrogated by the grand lodge, as it was found impracticable to carry it out.

A. D. 1876.

January 4—The grand master, accompanied by officers of the grand lodge, paid an official visit and installed the worshipful master. The officers of the lodge for this year were:

Bro. Hiram Gabriel Betts, W. M.

Bro. John Buchanan, S. W.	Bro. Alban Thomas, J. D.
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March 7—"The grand secretary favored the lodge with an address, including an account of a visit recently made by him to California, British Columbia, etc."

September 28—An emergent meeting was held at the request of the grand master, to exemplify the work of the M. M. degree before grand lodge at its annual communication. The M. M. degree was conferred on Bro. Arthur W. Sharp by the officers of the lodge. There was a large attendance of the craft. The grand master, in reviewing the work, expressed gratification at the correct and creditable rendering of the ceremonial.

October 3—"The W. M. having announced the decease of the venerable and worshipful Bro. William H. A. Keans, past master and treasurer of the lodge, and having paid a just tribute to the memory and virtues of the deceased brother, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted":

Resolved, That the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., receive with the utmost sorrow the announcement made by the W. M. of the death, on Saturday last, the thirtieth day of September, of our esteemed and venerated R. W. Bro. William H. A. Keans, D. G. M., the senior member and senior past master of our lodge, whose untiring efforts, extending over a period of nearly forty years, in promoting the well-being and best interests of this his mother lodge and of freemasonry generally, are fully recognized and universally appreciated;

And further resolved, That his brethren bear testimony to the fact that he was ever an ardent and enthusiastic worker in all stations occupied by him, as worshipful master, treasurer, private member or other capacity; and to his untiring efforts in years gone by may, in a great measure, be attributed the present prosperous and satisfactory condition of the lodge. Beloved, respected and venerated, he has gone to "the narrow house appointed for all living," full of years and honors;

And further resolved, That in token of fraternal respect to the memory of our departed brother, the lodge be draped in mourning for the space of three months;

And further resolved, That the members of his lodge desire most respectfully to convey to the widow and family of our deceased brother, their heartfelt and sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow and mourning;

And further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the secretary, under the seal of the lodge, to the widow of our deceased brother.

In deference to the wishes of the widow, the craft did not appear in regalia at the funeral, and there was no masonic ceremonial. The members of the lodge attended as mourners, with crape on the left arm. Bro. Keans was initiated in St. John's Lodge, January 7, 1840.

December 27—At the suggestion of the V. W. and Rev. Bro. Francis Partridge, grand chaplain, with the object of making a special collection in aid of the fund of benevolence, divine service was held in St. Paul's church (Episcopal) at half-past seven o'clock this evening, under the auspices of the grand master and grand lodge. About two hundred brethren were present clothed in the regalia of the several degrees and grades of freemasonry.

An eloquent and earnest sermon was preached by the grand chaplain from the text, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." (133rd Psalm).

The following Episcopal clergymen, members of the craft, were present: Rev. Canon Medley of Sussex, Rev. H. S. Wainwright of Kingston, Rev. Mr. Campbell of St. Martins, Rev. E. A. Warneford of Norton, and Rev. Richard Mathers of Saint John; and the following who were not freemasons: Rev. Canon DeVeber, rector of St. Paul's church (who considerately placed his church at the service of the grand chaplain), Rev. George Schofield of Simonds, and Rev. Charles C. Coster of Saint John.

The brethren first assembled in the school house attached to the church, where they were marshalled in order of procession, thence repaired to the church, which was filled to its utmost capacity by the craft and other worshippers.

The contribution taken at the close of the sermon amounted to $371.46 in aid of the fund of benevolence.

A. D. 1877.

January 2—The officers of the current year were installed this evening. The grand master, who was present, installed the W. M. The following is the full list, viz.:

Bro. John Buchanan, W. M.

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" Hiram G. Betts, Sec'y.	" Charles H. S. Johnston, I. G.
" John McAllister, S. D.	" Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

March 5—The remains of the late W. Bro. Richard Sands Armstrong, a past master of the lodge, were buried in the rural cemetery. The lodge, assisted by sister lodges, attended in a body and consigned the remains to the grave with the ceremonial appointed by the masonic burial service. The deceased brother was initiated in St. John's Lodge, September 7, 1847.

March 6—By vote of the lodge, W. Bro. W. F. Bunting was appointed custodian of the old records and other old books, "in order to insure their safe keeping."

April 3—"Under resolution, the lodge agreed to be governed by regulations adopted at a meeting of the masters, past masters and wardens of the city lodges held March 26th ultimo, of which the following is a copy":

First—The lodge burying a deceased brother, and no other, shall advertise the funeral. Such advertisement shall request the attendance of the members of the particular lodge, and shall invite members of sister lodges and transient brethren to join.

Second—All the lodges of the city shall issue and enclose notices or summonses to their members.

Third—All brethren, irrespective of lodges, attending a funeral, shall be formed under the banners of the lodge burying the deceased, according to their lodge rank.

Fourth—In case of a funeral to the rural cemetery, the body of the procession shall proceed as far as the Marsh bridge and halt; then open ranks and allow the hearse, mourners, etc., to pass through, and afterward shall return to the lodge room in charge of a brother appointed by the W. M. of the lodge burying the deceased, and disperse.

Fifth—The W. M. of the lodge burying the deceased, with as many brethren as he shall select to accompany him, shall proceed to the grave in vehicles or otherwise, and, after having performed the masonic funeral service, shall return and close the lodge.

Sixth—It shall be optional with the lodge burying the deceased, whether or not music shall be allowed at the funeral.

May 1—A grant of fifty dollars was voted to the fund of benevolence of grand lodge.

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION IN SAINT JOHN, JUNE 20, 1877.

The present generation of the inhabitants of the city of Saint John, including especially the members of the masonic fraternity, will never forget the disastrous conflagration of June 20, 1877, by which the largest portion of the city was reduced to ashes, and a majority of the citizens made homeless. The fire broke out about half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, and continued through the day and nearly the whole of the succeeding night.

The masonic hall, in Judge Ritchie's building, and the office of the grand secretary, in the city hall, in both of which places the paraphernalia and other property of the fraternity were kept, were included in the general ruin. All the charters, jewels, regalia, banners, furniture, and all other property of every degree and grade, were destroyed. Some lost their records and other books.

St. John's Lodge lost its warrant, jewels, clothing, banners, and other articles, upon which there was no insurance. Fortunately the records and other books were saved.

I am indebted to one of our local newspapers for the following interesting particulars of losses sustained by the masonic fraternity:[1]

The masonic fraternity occupied the front portion of the upper story of Ritchie's building, Princess street, where there were two lodge rooms and several ante-rooms, while the encampments of Knights Templars and bodies of the A. & A. rite had their ante-rooms, armories, etc., on the story below. For nearly twenty-one years this building was the headquarters of freemasonry in New Brunswick. The walls of the room were adorned with the warrants of the different bodies which met in the hall —some of them dating back to the early days of the present century; that of Carleton R. A. Chapter, whose origin goes back to 1805, being the oldest — with choice engravings and paintings, including many masonic pictures of interest, and an oil painting of the Ascension of considerable merit, a portrait of the late Mr. Balloch, and Mr. Furlong's gift to the grand lodge, of the Prince of Wales in his masonic clothing. To everything that hung on the walls some special interest attached. One bore the signature of some eminent man, another commemorated some great event, another was the work of a departed brother, another recalled struggles and trials of which nothing now but happy memories survive. Each body had its own silver jewels, banners, furniture, regalia and cabinets. In the armory of the Encampment of Saint John, Knights Templars, was probably the finest set of uniforms in the Dominion of Canada, and the loss falls not only on the organization itself but upon individual members, whose private property was there. The Union de Molay Encampment also had a large lot of fine regalia. Albion Lodge had, among other treasures, one set of silver jewels, the gift of the late Assistant Commissary General Oliver Goldsmith, a descendant of the poet. Indeed it would not do to undertake to recount the treasures which the masonic bodies possessed — all swept away. Not a thing in the rooms was saved, and no amount of money can replace the losses.

The bodies burned out were: Albion Lodge; St. John's Lodge; Hibernia Lodge; Union Lodge of Portland; New Brunswick Lodge; Leinster Lodge; Carleton R. A. Chapter; New Brunswick R. A. Chapter; St. John's Council R. & S. Masters; New Brunswick Council R. & S. Masters; Moore Conclave Knights R. C. of Rome and Constantine; Encampment of Saint John, Knights Templars; Union de Molay Encampment, Knights Templars; Harrington Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. Rite; Harrington Chapter Rose Croix, A. & A. Rite; The Royal Order of Scotland; New Brunswick Consistory S. P. R. S., 32°. The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is also a heavy loser, though it had very little property in the

1 The St. John Globe.

masonic building. Its library and valuables were chiefly kept in the office of the grand secretary in the city building. All of the books, and there were many rare and curious ones, are destroyed. Indeed so complete was the destruction, that not even a copy of the proceedings of the grand lodge was to be found. A portion of the regalia was preserved. This is but a drop of water, however, from an ocean of waste.

July 3—Through the fraternal courtesy of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, the regular communication this evening was held in their hall at Carleton, for which privilege they received the thanks of St. John's Lodge.

The loss of the lodge warrant was supplied by an interim dispensation, as follows:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, F. & A. M.,
Saint John, N. B., July 2nd, 1877.

W. Bro. John Buchanan, W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 2:

In consequence of the destruction of the masonic hall by fire on the 20th day of June ultimo, and the loss of the lodge warrant, I am directed by the M. W., the grand master, to grant permission in his name to St. John's Lodge to meet in freemasons' hall, Carleton, until a suitable room can be secured on this side of the harbor; and further, you are authorized to transact all the business and perform all the functions of a lodge of free and accepted masons, in the same manner and with the like authority as if in possession of the original warrant. This working letter is to remain in full force until the issue of a more complete and formal authority.

By command of the M. W. the Grand Master.

WILLIAM F. BUNTING, G. S.

August 7—The general hall committee having rented apartments in Horton's building, corner Charlotte and Union streets, the regular communication was held there this evening.

The following letter was received from the grand secretary:

As an evidence of warm-hearted interest in the craft in this city, and in token of deep sympathy for their recent misfortune, R. W. Bro. Henry M. Alexander, of Montreal, grand treasurer of the grand lodge of Quebec, and representative of the grand lodge of New Brunswick at the grand lodge of Quebec, has commissioned me to hand to the lodges in Saint John, viz.: Albion, No. 1; St. John's, No. 2; Hibernia, No. 3; Union of Portland, No. 10; Leinster, No. 19; and New Brunswick, No. 22, for their use in common, the following articles: Fifteen silk-trimmed collars and fifteen solid silver jewels for lodge officers; silver square and compasses for altar, and a large ballot-box and balls. The jewels, square and compasses, each having a suitable inscription engraved thereon, are the gift of W. Bro. John Street, jeweller, of Montreal, and the collars and ballot-box are presented by R. W. Bro. Alexander. All the articles are new, and were manufactured for the special use of the lodges named.

A committee was appointed to consider the best way of making suitable acknowledgment to Bros. Alexander and Street for the handsome

gift. This committee subsequently reported that all the lodges had delegated the grand secretary to perform that duty on their behalf.

The lodge was placed in possession of a new warrant to supply the loss occasioned by the recent fire. It was a duplicate of the original, with the addition of the following memo:

This warrant is a duplicate of the original destroyed by fire June 20, 1877, issued by order of Robert Thomson Clinch, Esquire, M. W. Grand Master, this 18th day of July, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877.

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By direction of the lodge, the secretary made the following minute in the records:

That on the twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, Judge Ritchie's building, Princess street, Saint John, New Brunswick, was destroyed by fire during the great conflagration of that date; that the building contained the paraphernalia of the different masonic bodies in the city of Saint John, and also the banners of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, of Carleton; that no portion of the property of the fraternity then in the building was saved from the destroying element; that St. John's Lodge lost its entire paraphernalia and its register of visiting brethren. The files of papers of recent date and the records of the lodge were saved, they being in the possession of the secretary at the time. The secretary regrets to state there was no insurance on the lodge property.

An order passed authorizing the regalia committee to procure articles necessary for the full equipment of the lodge.

"Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, a distinguished member of the craft from Boston, Massachusetts, and editor and proprietor of the *Liberal Freemason*, a monthly masonic periodical published at Boston, was a visitor in the lodge this evening, who, on being introduced by the W. M., conveyed in an eloquent and feeling address his fraternal sympathy and also the sympathy of the craft in his locality, for the severe and overwhelming calamity with which the fraternity in Saint John and the citizens at large had been visited."

September 4—"The masonic hall company having asked if the lodge could make payment of the whole or part of the seven hundred dollars due on account of subscription to the capital stock of the company, the trustees of the lodge funds were directed to furnish a financial statement of the lodge affairs at an early day."

The lodge originally subscribed two thousand dollars toward the capital stock of the company, and had paid thirteen hundred dollars on account.

October 2—"Upon recommendation of a committee appointed for the purpose, Bro. Edward Sheldon, of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, was appointed to preside at the organ, in the place of Bro. Henry Card, deceased."

The regalia committee submitted a report to the following effect:

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The trustees, who were required by an order of September 4th, to report upon the finances of the lodge, rendered a statement, in which they set forth, that in August, 1871, the lodge subscribed for two thousand dollars stock in the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, on which the sum of thirteen hundred dollars was paid September, 1872, and since that time no further call, until now, had been made on account of the seven hundred dollars due; that the loss by the fire of June 20th, and the amount required to replace this loss, will preclude any payment for the present on account of the unpaid stock subscription; that not less than eight hundred dollars will enable the lodge to complete its equipment, to meet which there is the sum of seven hundred dollars in the treasury.

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The regalia committee reported that they had procured a full set of solid silver emblems for officers' aprons, and a silver trowel with ivory handle; that they had repairs made on the six collar jewels saved from the fire, and had purchased eight new jewels to complete the set; which report was received and the bills ordered to be paid.

February 5—The lodge having vacated the premises known as Horton's hall, met this evening in Magee's building, on the east side of Germain street, a few doors south of King street. All other masonic bodies in the city removed at the same time and to the same hall.

The grand secretary notified the lodge that the grand lodge had issued a reprint of its transactions from the date of organization (A. D. 1867) up to A. D. 1876, copies of which were to be had at his office at two dollars each.

A further payment of three hundred dollars was ordered on account of subscription to the capital stock of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company.

May 29—At the request of the mayor and corporation of the city of Saint John, the corner stone of the new city hall was laid this day at three o'clock in the afternoon, at which St. John's Lodge was largely represented.

The ceremonial was conducted by the M. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, G. M., assisted by the grand lodge and all the masonic bodies in Saint John, together with several lodges from other parts of the province. After being arranged in order of procession, the bodies moved to the court house, where they were joined by the corporation and other civic officials, headed by the mayor; all then proceeded to the site of the building, corner of Prince William and Princess streets, where the grand master, with the assistance of his officers, laid the stone in due and ancient form.

A drenching fall of rain during the ceremonies, and the consequent unpleasant condition of the atmosphere and streets, materially interfered with the pleasure of the proceedings.

July 1—The corner stone of the new masonic temple in Saint John was laid to-day at three o'clock in the afternoon, with imposing ceremonies. St. John's Lodge, under the charge of W. Bro. George B. Hegan, W. M., occupied its proper station in the procession and gave its quota of assistance to the interesting and important event. Deputations of the craft came from all sections of the province and formed an assemblage of larger proportions and more imposing character than had heretofore been witnessed in Saint John upon any similar occasion. The various bodies congregated on Queen square, where they were marshalled

in order of procession, with several bands of music, together with a good display of regalia, banners and other paraphernalia, the whole under M W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, G. M. They then marched to the site of the contemplated edifice, east side of Germain street, adjoining Trinity church, where the grand master laid the foundation stone with the customary masonic ceremonies. At the close an oration was delivered by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, P. G. M.

Previous to closing grand lodge (a special communication had been convened to lay the corner stone), the grand master "congratulated grand lodge upon the very large number of masons who had taken part in the interesting ceremonies just completed; upon the exceedingly creditable display made by the respective bodies; and upon the bright and genial day a kind Providence had vouchsafed to them. He thanked the various bodies for the hearty manner in which they had responded to his invitation, and expressed himself especially grateful to the brethren who had come long distances to fill up the ranks and take their share in the work of the day."

July 2—Bro. Thomas H. Lynn, who had presented the lodge with a director of ceremonies' baton, received a vote of thanks for his gift, "and for his able assistance in decorating the site of the hall for the ceremonial of laying the corner stone."

August 6—"The treasurer announced that he had effected insurance, in the Imperial Insurance Company, on the property of the lodge, in the amount of four hundred dollars."

October 1—The grand secretary notified the lodge by letter that the Grand Orient of France had expunged from its constitutions a section providing that "freemasonry holds as its first principles the existence of God and the immortality of the soul," and had substituted in lieu thereof —"it holds as principles, absolute freedom of conscience and human solidarity; it considers liberty of conscience as a right belonging to every man, and excludes no one for his belief." And in consequence of this change in the constitutions of the Grand Orient, the grand lodge of New Brunswick had ordered that "all lodges within this jurisdiction be directed not to admit as a visitor any brother hailing from a lodge under the Grand Orient of France; unless, first, he proves that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a lodge professing a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe; and secondly, unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of freemasonry."

December 3—The lodge was informed that the grand secretary had just published, for the use of the fraternity in New Brunswick, a small manual containing the monitorial portion of the craft degrees.

A. D. 1879.

January 7—The following were installed into office for the present year:

Bro. Arthur Isaac Trueman, W. M.

Bro. John McAllister, S. W.	Bro. Arthur Everitt, J. D.
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Bro. Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

The W. M. acknowledged the presentation to the lodge by the grand lodge of a copy of the reprint of its proceedings.

February 4—The directors of the Masonic Hall Company, in a letter addressed to the lodge, stated that they intended holding a masonic fair and bazaar some time during the current year, and requested the appointment of a committee to represent the lodge on the general committee of management. In compliance with this request, W. Bro. A. I. Trueman, W. M., and Bro. Arthur Everitt, J. D., were appointed such committee.

The lodge voted a further payment of two hundred dollars to the subscribed stock in the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, making a total of eighteen hundred dollars paid to date.

March 4—The lodge decided to take and furnish a table at the proposed masonic fair and bazaar, and on April 1st a committee of ways and means, in connection with this table, was appointed, as follows: Bros. A. I. Trueman, W. F. Bunting, Wm. Wedderburn, Jos. C. Hatheway, Wm. H. Sinnott, Hiram G. Betts, Geo. B. Hegan, John McAllister, W. H. B. Sadleir, Donald Macrae, Arthur Everitt, Jas. Holly, Geo. E. Barnhill, E. S. Baker and P. A. Melville.

May 6—The lodge changed its quarters and met this evening for the first time in the new masonic temple, Germain street.

The craft in Portland, Maine, extended an invitation to the lodge to join in a masonic celebration to be held in that city on the 24th June proximo. It was decided that, as it would be impossible for the lodge to attend in a body, such members as could make it convenient might do so in their individual capacity. An answer to that effect was directed to be returned, with the thanks of the lodge for the courteous invitation.

July 2—"The W. M. spoke of the success of the sewing circle of ladies in connection with the lodge, for the purposes of the fair and bazar to be held in September next, and asked the brethren to contribute to the fund for the purchase of articles, and also to attend the evening meetings of the circle, as it is necessary that the ladies have escort after the closing."

August 5—"Bro. Everitt informed the lodge that Bro. Geo. Kenning, publisher of *The Freemason*, London, England, had in a letter to him expressed good wishes for the success of the projected fair and bazaar, and would insert a notice of it in his periodical, and would call the attention of his readers to it from time to time."

September—The fair and bazaar for the benefit of the masonic temple fund was held in the new building, Germain street, according to announcement. It was formally opened Monday evening, September 15th, and closed Thursday, September 25th, having in the ten days of its duration realized, both in its financial and popular aspects, a success far beyond reasonable anticipation. Each lodge in the city furnished a table or booth for the sale of useful and fancy articles. The combined efforts of all the bodies formed a display reflecting credit upon the various committees, and in an especial manner upon the ladies of the sewing circles, whose untiring exertions placed the bazaar at the head and front of any similar affair in Saint John. Tables and booths were furnished by Albion Lodge, St. John's Lodge, Hibernia Lodge, Union Lodge of Portland, Leinster Lodge, New Brunswick Lodge, New Brunswick Consistory A. & A. Rite, and the general committee of the hall company. Besides the general sales room containing the tables and booths, there were a refreshment room, an art gallery, a drawing room, a room for the display of Indian work, a room devoted to Terpischore, a confectionery stand, a cigar stand, etc.

It was estimated that upwards of twenty thousand persons visited the bazaar, who at times so thronged the halls and entrances that the greatest difficulty was experienced in making headway through the various departments.

After the payment of all expenses, the sum of five thousand and nine hundred dollars was realized as the net proceeds, and paid into the treasury of the hall company.

The committee of ladies of the sewing circle and booth of St. John's Lodge were:

President—Mrs. George S. DeForest.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Arthur Everitt, Mrs. Wm. H. Sinnott, Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. George B. Hegan and Miss Longley.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. B. Sadleir. Secretary—Miss M. Melville.

Committee:

Mrs. Dr. J. C. Hatheway,	Mrs. Charles Ketchum,	Mrs. Henry G. Hunt,
" Arthur W. Sharp,	" Arthur Stevens,	" Robinson,
" N. W. Brenan,	" Fletcher,	" T. Finlay,
" Howard,	" Vickery,	" A. Lordly,
" M. G. Haney,	" Clarke,	" Fairweather,

Mrs. Howard,	Mrs. Sharp,	Miss Alice Longley,
Miss Eliza Hegan,	Miss Maggie Hegan,	" M. Parks,
" M. Hall,	" Annie Longley,	" Hastings,
" Hatheway,	" Lizzie Hatheway,	" Armstrong,
" Stead,	" Ketchum,	" Peters,
" Brown,	" Paterson,	" Warren,
" H. Brown,	" Kenney,	" Cumming,
" Brundage,	" Carpenter,	" Arrowsmith,
" Katie Hunt,	" Bessie Hunt,	" Bent,
" Anderson,	" Gorham,	" McMackin,
" Hennigar,	" DeForest,	" Robinson,
" Nannie Longley,	" Philips,	" Clark.

Members of the lodge, at home and abroad, and friends of the lodge, made valuable contributions in saleable articles and cash to the rich display on the table of St. John's Lodge, the proceeds of which netted the sum of about seven hundred dollars.

November 4—"A committee was appointed to consider suitable means of showing the appreciation of the lodge of the services rendered by the ladies' sewing circle in connection with St. John's Lodge table, at the recent masonic fair; such committee to report back to the lodge."

December 2—"In consideration of valuable services rendered to the craft," R. W. Bro. Benjamin Lester Peters, past grand master and past master of Albion Lodge, and R. W. Bro. William Franklin Bunting, grand secretary and past master of St. John's Lodge, were elected honorary members of the lodge, and a committee was appointed to order the engrossing of suitable certificates for presentation to the two brethren. The certificates, duly signed and sealed, were presented to them at the regular communication of January, 1880.

An electrotype seal, a fac-simile of the regular seal, was ordered to be procured for the use of the lodge.

A. D. 1880.

January 6—The grand master made an official visit and installed the W. M. elect, who afterward installed the remaining officers. The following is the full list:

Bro. William Henry Brooke Sadleir, W. M.

Bro. Rev. Donald Macrae, S. W.	Bro. Arthur W. Sharp, J. D.
" Arthur Everitt, J. W.	" Frederick Sandall, S. S.
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The committee appointed November 4th last to prepare a testimonial to the ladies of the sewing circle of St. John's Lodge, submitted the following draft of a card of thanks:

To the ladies of the Sewing Circle of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., organized to furnish the lodge table at the bazaar and fair held in the masonic temple in the month of September last:

The worshipful master, wardens and members of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., in lodge assembled, take pleasure in tendering to you their warmest and most grateful thanks for the time, zeal and perseverance given by you to the work of furnishing the table under your care and supervision; for the large and splendid display of useful and fancy articles which your handiwork presented to the patrons of the fair; and for the great success which crowned your gratuitous and untiring efforts.

Given under our hands and the seal of our lodge at the city of Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick, this sixth day of January, A. D. 1880.

This address was lithographed on cards, signed by the master and secretary, and a copy presented to each lady member of the lodge sewing circle.

And, in addition, a valuable gold locket was presented to the president of the circle, Mrs. DeForest.

April 6—"Rev. Bro. Donald Macrae, D. D., S.W., favored the lodge with a highly interesting, instructive and eloquent address, entitled 'The Rough Ashlar and the Evergreen, or Freemasonry in its bearing on the culture and diffusion of knowledge.' The learned lecturer held the attention of the lodge throughout the reading, and at its close members and visitors expressed in warm terms the pleasure they derived in listening to it."

June 1—The initiation fee was increased from twenty dollars to twenty-five dollars.

November 2—"R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., read an able, instructive and interesting address, and received the thanks of the lodge at its conclusion."

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" Wm. F. Bunting, Treas.	" Max M. Sterne, Orgt.
" Hiram G. Betts, Sec'y.	" Robt. H. B. Tennant, D. C.
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June 24—Pursuant to the call of the grand master, St. John's Lodge united with the sister lodges in this city in a visit to St. Stephen, Charlotte county, and took part in the procession and ceremonial connected with laying the foundation stone of St. Croix Cotton Mills at Milltown. The several bodies left Saint John on the morning of the twenty-fourth, accompanied by a band of music, and returned the same evening. A large and respectable assemblage of the craft from all parts of New Brunswick and the neighboring state of Maine assisted in the interesting proceedings.

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interment. There was no masonic ceremonial at the grave, and no regalia worn by the brethren.

The deceased was initiated in St. John's Lodge, June 2, 1868.

March 7 — A new code of bye-laws was adopted.

The worshipful master read a paper entitled "The Early History of Freemasonry in England," which was favorably received by the brethren.

March 14 — The lodge paid a fraternal visit to Hibernia Lodge, No. 3. At the invitation of the W. M. of Hibernia Lodge, the officers of St. John's Lodge occupied the various stations and conferred the fellow-craft degree on three candidates. Afterward a call to refreshments was extended, when a pleasant interchange of fraternal fellowship prevailed.

April 4 — W. Bro. Archibald Rowan, P. M. Albion Lodge, No. 1, favored the lodge with an interesting lecture on "The general scope of Freemasonry," which was listened to with marked attention, and was highly appreciated by the large number of brethren in attendance.

April 13 — The officers and members made a fraternal visit to New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, at its regular communication. They were cordially received by the sister lodge, and spent a pleasant hour in speech and sentiment.

May 2 — The lodge was placed in possession of its original warrant held under the grand lodge of England, and returned to that body when the grand lodge of New Brunswick was constituted. The document was accompanied by a note from the grand secretary, as follows:

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, grand master of the united grand lodge of England, having graciously directed the return of the warrants of lodges formerly held on English registry, I, by direction of the grand lodge, return the old warrant of your lodge, to be retained as a memento of its former masonic connection.

The lodge thereupon directed that this old warrant be suitably framed and hung on the walls of the lodge room.

Notice was received from the grand secretary that the grand lodge had, at its recent annual communication, increased the annual dues from forty cents to one dollar and forty cents, to meet the additional engagements of grand lodge caused by a further subscription of ten thousand dollars in aid of the masonic temple in Saint John.

June 6 — The dues payable by members of the lodge were increased from twenty-five cents to thirty-five cents per month. This change was caused by the increase in the dues payable to grand lodge.

June 29 — Upon invitation received at the regular communication of the sixth instant, from Carleton Union Lodge, the officers and members of St. John's Lodge attended divine service this evening at St. George's

church, Carleton, in commemoration of the thirty-sixth anniversary of the organization of Carleton Union Lodge, at which deputations attended from all the city lodges. The brethren met in the city hall, Carleton, and formed in order of procession under the banners of Carleton Union Lodge, then marched to St. George's (Episcopal) church, where they listened to an impressive sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by Bro. the Rev. Richard Mathers, grand chaplain. The Rev. Theodore E. Dowling, rector of the parish, assisted in the service.

September 28—The worshipful master, officers and members attended the funeral of the late W. Bro. William M. Sears, a past master of the lodge. The interment took place at the rural cemetery. Regalia was was not worn, neither was there any masonic ceremonial. W. Bro. Sears was initiated in St. John's Lodge July 4, 1871.

November 7—W. Bro. James Gordon Forbes, past master of the lodge, delivered an eloquent and instructive address on "Freemasonry as I saw it in the West," which was highly appreciated by the large number of brethren present.

December 5—The worshipful master read a paper before the lodge, entitled "Sketches of the early history of St. John's Lodge, with particulars of its founders."

A. D. 1883.

January 2—The officers installed this evening were:

Bro. Arthur Everitt, W. M.

Bro. Thomas Stothart, S. W.	Bro. Wilson L. Dobbin, J. D.
" Henry M. Hamilton, J. W.	" Alex. W. Paterson, S. S.
" Rev. Donald Macrae, Chap.	" Robert McLeod, J. S.
" George B. Hegan, Treas.	" Jos. C. Hatheway, Orgt.
" Arthur W. Sharp, Sec'y.	" David H. Waterbury,[1] D. C.
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W. Bro. Arthur Everitt, W. M., presented the lodge with four handsome rods for the use of the deacons and stewards. They were ornamented with plated white metal emblematical tops, and were acknowledged by a vote of thanks to the donor.

The proceedings of the evening were terminated by the brethren dining at the Hotel Dufferin, corner King square and Charlotte street. The usual loyal and masonic toasts, interspersed with speeches and singing, filled up a pleasant and harmonious gathering; ending by the brethren singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

1 A great-grandson of David Waterbury, one of the original members and first junior warden of St. John's Lodge.

February 6—A committee of the directors of the masonic hall company, in a letter addressed to the lodge, announced that an effort was being made to finish and furnish the large room in the temple, and for that purpose contemplated holding a grand masonic fair and bazaar in the city. They requested the lodge to share in the undertaking, and to appoint a committee of three brethren to act on the general executive committee in the management of the fair.

The lodge concurred in the project and appointed W. Bros. Arthur Everitt, W. M., Jos. C. Hatheway, P. M., and Geo. B. Hegan, P. M., to act on the general executive committee.

In addition the lodge agreed to take charge of and furnish a table, and appointed a large committee of management.

August 7—The secretary of the dominion and centennial exhibition[1] to be held in the city of Saint John the current year, addressed a letter to the lodge stating that they had in contemplation the opening of the exhibition by a public procession, etc., in which the several societies would be invited to participate. The lodge was asked to appoint two representatives to aid in giving effect to the proposed display.

The lodge decided that they could not entertain the proposal, it being a matter entirely within the province of the grand lodge.

A. D. 1884.

January 1—The officers of the current year were installed this evening; the W. M. by the grand master, who visited the lodge officially, and the other officers by the W. M., as follows:

Bro. Arthur Everitt, W. M.

Bro. Thomas Stothart, S. W.	Bro. David H. Waterbury, J. D.
" R. H. B. Tennant, J. W.	" Robert McLeod, S. S.
" Rev. Donald Macrae, Chap.	" John Lawson, J. S.
" George B. Hegan, Treas.	" Jos. C. Hatheway, Organist.
" Arthur W. Sharp, Sec'y.	" Nathaniel W. Brenan, D. C.
" Henry M. Hamilton, S. D.	" J. Newton Wilson, I. G.

Bro. Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

At the request of Albion Lodge, Bros. Donald Macrae, Arthur Everitt and Hiram G. Betts were appointed a committee to confer with committees of sister lodges in Saint John upon the advisability of celebrating the centennial of the introduction of freemasonry into New Brunswick.

After the lodge was closed the brethren repaired to the Clarendon hotel, Princess street, and partook of a supper, over which the W. M. presided, and at which the grand master and other officers of the grand

1 The exhibition was opened October 1, 1883, but the masonic fraternity did not take part in it.

lodge, and the masters of the city lodges, were invited guests. A pleasant hour was spent in the enjoyment of an excellent menu, and in toasts, sentiments, speeches and songs.

March 4—The secretary of the general executive committee in charge of the arrangements of the proposed centennial celebration, reported that a grand masonic procession would be one of the features of the day (July 1st), in which the lodge was invited to join. It was thereupon unanimously decided to accept the invitation, and to use strenuous exertion to promote the success of the undertaking.

April 7—The lodge joined with the other masonic bodies in Saint John in paying the last tribute of respect to the remains of the late R.W. Bro. Lt. Col. Charles Crewe-Read, Past D. D. G. M. of Nova Scotia. The craft moved in procession and escorted the remains from the residence of W. Bro. James Adam, Elliot Row, to the station of the Intercolonial railroad, Mill street. The body was then taken in charge by a deputation of fratres of the Encampment of Saint John, K. T., of which Bro. Crewe-Read was a member, who accompanied it to the home of the deceased in Cape Breton.

April 22—At a special communication of the grand lodge opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the grand master, with the assistance of the craft, dedicated the new lodge room recently fitted up and furnished in the temple. An elaborate and impressive ceremonial, specially prepared for the occasion, was effectually rendered, and in which an excellent choir with organ accompaniment performed an important part. The grand master closed the services with a short address on the origin and design of the dedication of edifices, in ancient and modern times, among Christians, Freemasons, Jews and Pagans; and described the various implements used in dedicatory ceremonials, with remarks touching their operative uses and symbolic meanings.

He alluded to the energy and perseverance displayed in the erection of the splendid temple in which they were then assembled, and had no doubt that the craft felt delighted in enjoying the privilege of meeting together, on such an important occasion, in a hall owned by themselves, and of such magnificent proportions.

April 28—Under arrangements made by the ladies of St. John's Lodge sewing circle and for the purpose of raising funds in furtherance of their work, a successful entertainment, comprising music and readings, was given this evening in the parlor of the temple. The room was filled to overflowing and a good sum realized.

May 6—A letter was received from the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7, Sydney, Cape Breton, conveying "their sincere thanks for

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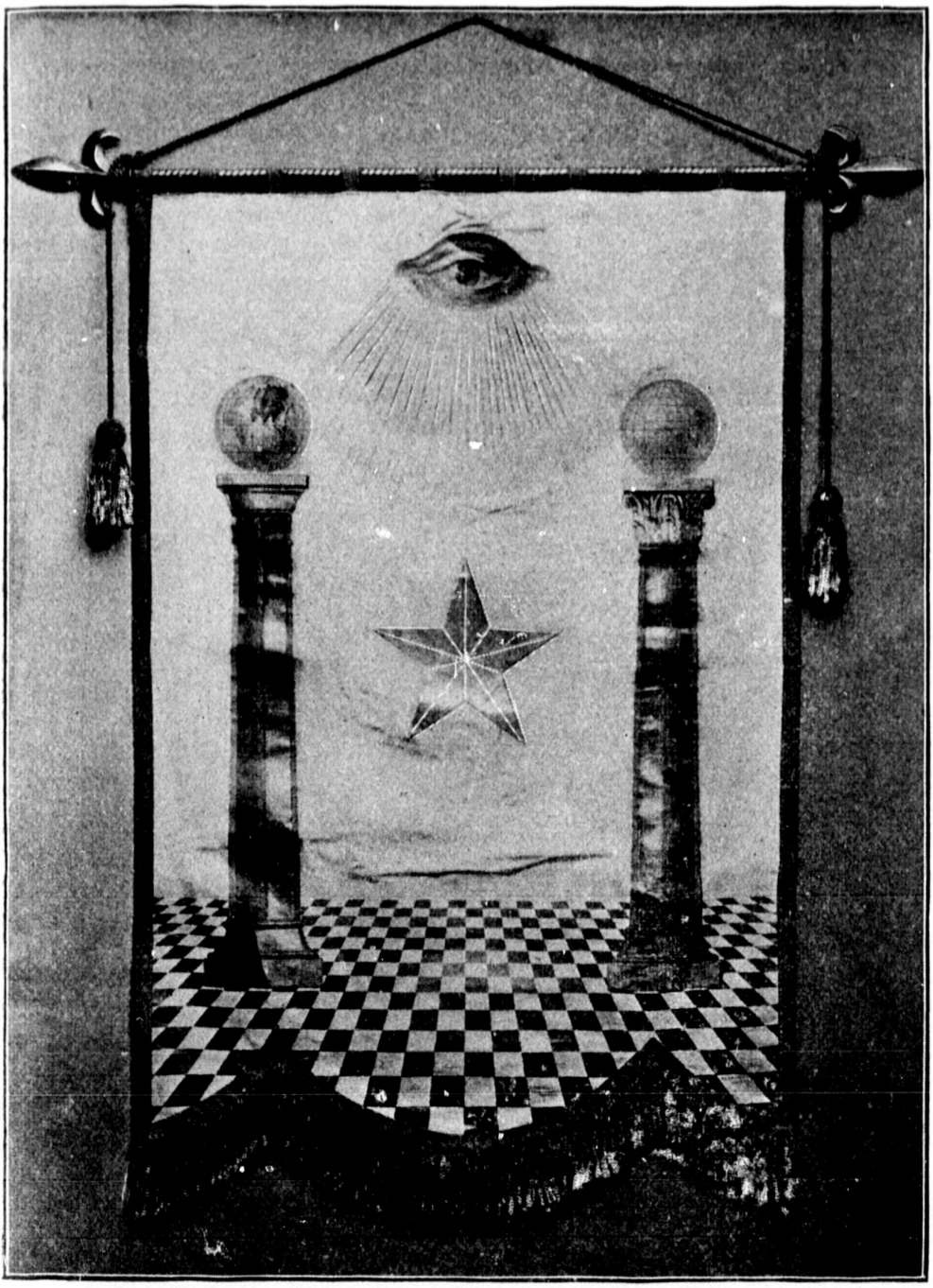

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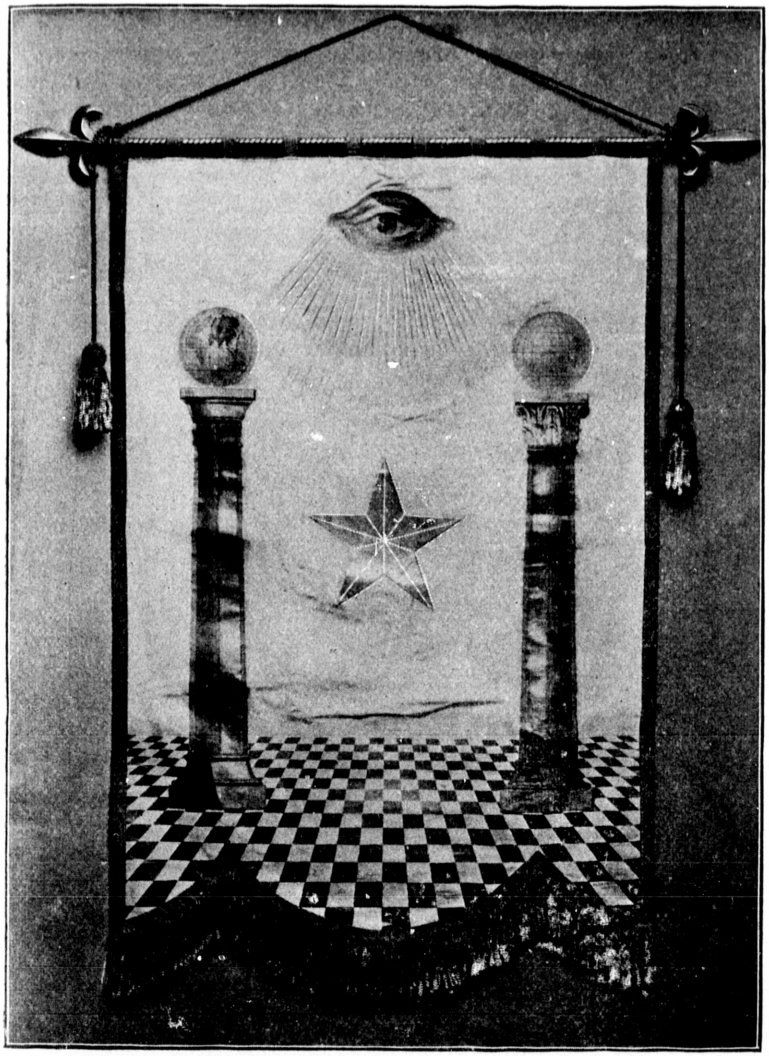

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the great kindness extended to their late Bro. Lt. Col. Charles Crewe-Read, during his illness in Saint John, and for the honor conferred on his remains."

June 3 — The secretary of the general executive committee furnished the lodge with a programme of the celebration appointed to take place on the first day of July next, of the centennial of the introduction of freemasonry into New Brunswick, as follows: A special communication of grand lodge at half-past twelve o'clock; at half-past one, a procession of all the masonic bodies through the principal streets to the mechanics' institute. The exercises at the institute to consist of selections of music by the bands; singing by members of the fraternity; an invocation; an address and history of the craft in New Brunswick; an address by the mayor of the city; and an oration. At the conclusion of the exercises in the institute, the procession to be re-organized and march through the principal streets to the masonic temple and disperse. At seven o'clock in the evening, a grand masonic fair and bazaar to be opened in freemasons' hall. It was also announced that a masonic medal in bronze would be struck in commemoration of the centennial.

June 17 — At an emergent communication this evening the lodge was the recipient of an elegant banner, the combined gift of W. Bro. Arthur Everitt, W. M., and W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, P. M. The banner was manufactured at the masonic outfitting establishment of Bro. George Kenning, London, England, is painted on silk and elaborately trimmed in gold bullion, and furnished with requisite trappings for the standard bearer.

A large number of brethren assembled to witness the interesting ceremonies of presenting and dedicating this valuable addition to the lodge property, in which a select choir performed an important part.

As worthy of note, it may be mentioned that the standard bearer of the occasion was Bro. Samuel Morrison, a young member of the lodge, of the unusual height of 6 feet 7¾ inches.

July 1 — Celebration of the centennial of the introduction of freemasonry into New Brunswick.

On the first day of September, A. D. 1784, freemasonry obtained a foothold in this province by the erection at Saint John, of Hiram Lodge, No. 17, under a dispensation granted by two lodges at Halifax, Nova Scotia, holding warrants from the Atholl grand lodge of England. As special attention is paid to centennial observances at the present day, the craft in this jurisdiction felt that the occasion of the one hundredth year of their life and history was worthy of notice. In view of this feeling, preparations had been progressing a length of time under the supervision

of an excellent committee representing all the masonic bodies in Saint John. After due consideration this committee selected the first day of July for the observance of the centennial, and mapped out a programme of events for the day, a synopsis of which is entered in the record of June third last.

Grand Lodge met according to announcement, and, after a short session, closed. At half past one o'clock a procession was formed on Queen square of the following bodies: Grand Lodge; Albion Lodge, No. 1, Saint John; St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Saint John; Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, Saint John; Sussex Lodge, No. 4, Dorchester; Hiram Lodge, No. 6, Fredericton; Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, Carleton; Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, Saint John; Carleton R. A. Chapter, Saint John; Union R. A. Chapter, Carleton; New Brunswick R. A. Chapter, Saint John; Encampment of Saint John, Saint John; St. Stephen Encampment, St. Stephen; and Union de Molay Preceptory, Saint John.

About five hundred freemasons, accompanied by seven bands of music, appeared in the ranks. This large gathering, with banners, regalia and other equipments, made a magnificent display. After moving through the principal streets, they filed into the hall of the mechanics' institute, where interesting services were held, consisting of music, addresses, oration, etc., the hall being filled to its utmost capacity by members of the fraternity and others. At the conclusion of these services the procession reorganized and marched to the masonic temple. The weather was pleasant, and nearly all portions of the province were represented by delegations from the several lodges, chapters, encampments, etc.

The fair and bazaar was opened at seven o'clock in the evening, in the temple, and had a rich and varied display of articles on the tables furnished by the city lodges. It was conducted on a plan similar to, and was almost a repetition of, the successful bazaar held by the craft in 1879. During the ten days of its continuance large numbers patronized the tables, booths, etc., and although the proceeds did not net the large amount realized by the former the very handsome sum of $4,278.48 was handed over to the directors of the hall company.

The table furnished and superintended by the ladies of St. John's Lodge sewing circle had an excellent and valuable assortment of fancy and useful articles, on which the sum of seven hundred and seventy dollars was netted, and paid into the general fund. The following ladies formed the executive of St. John's Lodge sewing circle:

President: Mrs. David McLellan.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Geo. S. DeForest, Mrs. Arthur W. Sharp, Mrs. Henry G. Hunt, Mrs. Arthur Everitt, Mrs. J. C. Hatheway, Mrs. Geo. B. Hegan, Mrs. W. H. B. Sadleir, Mrs. C. A. Robinson.

Secretary: Miss M. E. Melville.

Treasurer: Miss Bella Hatheway.

Committee: Mrs. A. W. Paterson, Mrs. James Fleming, Mrs. David Smith, Mrs. Jas. G. Barnes, Mrs. C. H. Barbour, Miss Fleming, Miss Lizzie Hatheway, Miss Stead, Miss Julia Elliott, Miss Smith, Miss Brundage, Misses Peters, Miss Robinson, Miss Robertson.

Many contributions to the table were sent in by brethren and friends from distant places.

A centennial medal was issued, by authority of the grand lodge, in bronze and white metal. On the obverse is a representation of the seal of grand lodge, encircled by the legend—"Centennial of Freemasonry in New Brunswick." The reverse contains the coat of arms of the city of Saint John, and the dates 1784–1884 in Roman numerals above and below.

October 7—The lodge was notified that the general hall committee had been dissolved, for the reason that the directors of the hall company had assumed direct control and supervision of the hall and the expenses in connection therewith. In consequence of which it was deemed unnecessary to continue the labors of the committee.

Joseph W. Lawrence, Esquire, presented the lodge with an old certificate formerly in the possession of his father, the late W. Bro. Alexander Lawrence, an active member and past master of St. John's Lodge. The certificate, which is engrossed on parchment, was presented to the late W. Bro. Lawrence by the lodge, April 6, 1830. It is authenticated by the lodge seal, and signed by Benj F. Marsh, W. M.; Hiram Smith, S. W.; Samuel Watts, J. W., and Andrew Garrison, Secretary. It is now hanging on the walls of the lodge.

November 4—Notice was received from the masonic hall company that the lodge and ante-rooms would be rented to the lodge at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum for twelve regular meetings, payable quarterly; the company to furnish light and fuel, to keep the rooms in good order, and to take care of the furniture and equipments. An extra charge to be made of two dollars for each emergency meeting, and one dollar for a rehearsal. All the other bodies occupying the hall became subject to the same terms.

December 2—The lodge was the recipient of an organist's jewel, the gift of W. Bro. E. B. A. G. Blakslee, formerly a member of the lodge, but now a resident of New York, U. S. The jewel is a fine piece of workmanship, of solid silver, and enclosed in a morocco case. It has the following inscription engraved thereon: "Presented to St. John's Lodge, No. 2, by W. Bro. E. B. A. G. Blakslee, P. M., 1884."

This fraternal remembrance of his mother lodge by one who received masonic light in it nearly forty years ago, was sensibly appreciated by the brethren, and received their cordial thanks.

As a concluding paragraph of this year's record, it may not be out of place to state that there are only five brethren living who received masonic light in St. John's Lodge when working under the original warrant held from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia. Their names are: Isaac W. Doane, George A. Garrison, Robert Cunard, Edward T. Knowles, and John Murray. Bro. Doane was initiated June 12, 1815; he was born June 19, 1794, and was therefore under the age of twenty-one years when made a mason. Although in his ninety-first year, he is unusually hale and active, and will rank among the oldest living members of the fraternity. Bro. Garrison was born March 3, 1803, and initiated February 6, 1826, and is very active and well preserved for his advanced years. Bro. Cunard, who was born December 12, 1802, and initiated February 6, 1826, sustains his age and vigor remarkably well. Bros. Garrison and Cunard received the E. A. and M. M. degrees simultaneously. Bro. Knowles was born January 5, 1804, and initiated January 1, 1828, but is not now in the enjoyment of such sound health and activity as his brethren heartily desire. Bro. Murray was born March 16, 1808, and is therefore the youngest of the five. He received the E. A. degree July 3, 1832, being the last brother initiated under the Nova Scotia warrant. Bro. Doane resides in Nova Scotia; Bros. Garrison, Knowles and Murray are residents of Saint John; and Bro. Cunard, of Indiantown.

Bro. Doane withdrew from membership April 8, 1816, because of his removal from the province; Bro. Garrison took his clearance January 2, 1829, during the time of the "Morgan" excitement, as the church in which he held membership took sides with the anti-masons in the senseless and vindictive crusade against the craft; Bro. Knowles withdrew August 4, 1829, in consequence of becoming a resident of Nova Scotia; Bro. Cunard dissolved his connection when the lodge came under the jurisdiction of the united grand lodge of England; and Bro. Murray regularly *declared off* June 6, 1865.[1]

A. D. 1885.

January 6—The officers of the current year, installed this evening, were:

Bro. Robert H. B. Tennant, W. M.

Bro. Henry M. Hamilton, S. W.	Bro. J. Sidney Kaye, J. D.
" Robert C. Thorne, J. W.	" W. Robert May, S. S.
" George B. Hegan, Treas.	" Moses C. Barbour, J. S.
" Arthur W. Sharp, Sec'y.	" Samuel Morrison, D. C.
" Fred Sandall, S. D.	" William A. Ewing, I. G.

Bro. Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

1 Since this paragraph was written, all of these aged brethren have departed this life, viz.: Bro. Doane died August 28, 1885; Bro. Murray, October 10, 1885; Bro. Knowles, February 23, 1887; Bro. Garrison, March 6, 1887; and Bro. Cunard, January 29, 1891.

February 3—The grand secretary notified the lodge that "the body calling itself the grand lodge of Ontario, in the province of Ontario, and the association known as the Prince Hall grand lodge and its affiliations in the United States of America, are not bodies of regular masons." The lodge was cautioned against receiving any one as a visitor hailing from either of these bodies.

April 16—The lodge assembled at half-past one o'clock and, proceeding in regular order to the rural cemetery, buried the remains of the late Bro. Joseph E. Arrowsmith with masonic ceremony. The deceased was initiated in St. John's Lodge January 2, 1872.

November 23—An interesting occurrence took place this evening in the presentation of an address and jewel to an esteemed and worthy member of the lodge. The particulars are set forth in the address and reply, as follows:

To Worshipful Brother GEORGE BLACK HEGAN, *past master and present treasurer of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, on the roll of the grand lodge of the ancient and honorable fraternity of free and accepted masons of New Brunswick;*

WORSHIPFUL AND DEAR BROTHER:

On the eve of your departure to your adopted home on the Pacific coast, the members of St. John's Lodge embrace the opportunity to express to you the feelings of regret they experience in the separation about to take place. They desire to bear testimony to the upright and honorable character you have always sustained as a member of the masonic fraternity and as a citizen of this your native place. They heartily join in conveying to you their gratitude for your continuous and unwearied labors in the interests and for the prosperity of your mother lodge—labors heartily given from the day of your initiation up to the present time. In token of their fraternal feelings they ask your acceptance of the accompanying past master's jewel, and with it their best wishes that you and your estimable wife and children may enjoy the richest blessings this world can bestow, together with their heartfelt prayers that the Great Architect of the Universe may have you and them in His holy keeping.

In reply, Bro. Hegan stated—

That this evidence of the fraternal regard of his brethren was a pleasant and unexpected surprise. Coming to him a free-will and spontaneous offering, in token of his humble efforts on behalf of the lodge, it awakened within his breast feelings of the deepest gratitude. Although he would in a few days be far away among strangers and moving in new and strange scenes, his thoughts would stray back to the beloved friends left behind, to the many pleasant hours enjoyed within the walls of his mother lodge, and to the fond and fraternal associations formed there. He begged the brethren to accept his heartfelt acknowledgments for such a manifestation of their fraternal goodness and for the kind words conveyed, in the address, to Mrs. Hegan and their little ones. In saying farewell, he hoped that prosperity might attend the lodge, and happiness be the share of every brother.

"The jewel is a past master's, of eighteen carat gold, handsomely chased, with the following inscription engraved thereon: 'Presented to W. Bro. George Black Hegan, P. M., by the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., Saint John, N. B., November 23rd, 1885.'"

A. D. 1886.

January 5—At the installation of officers, the following were inducted into office:

Bro. John D. Short, W. M.

Bro. Robert C. Thorne, S. W.	Bro. Moses C. Barbour, S. S.
" Frederick Sandall, J. W.	" Robert Leonard, J. S.
" Wm. F. Bunting, Treas.	" Alex. W. Paterson, D. C.
" Arthur W. Sharp, Sec'y.	" Jos. C. Hatheway, Orgt.
" J. Sidney Kaye, S. D.	" John J. Forrest, I. G.
" Wiliam A. Ewing, J. D.	" Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

The record of this year contains very little of note beyond the regular business transactions and the initiation and advancement of candidates. Upon request of the library committee, a sum was voted from the funds in furtherance of the grand lodge library, and the lodge was notified by the grand secretary that, by an order of the grand lodge, the province had been divided into five masonic districts, with a district deputy grand master to supervise each division. The usual harmony and good feeling prevailed and the duties of the officers and other members fulfilled in a becoming masonic spirit.

A. D. 1887.

January 4—The officers for 1887 were:

Bro. Robert C. Thorne, W. M.

Bro. Frederick Sandall, S. W.	Bro. John J. Forrest, S. S.
" J. Sidney Kaye, J. W.	" Robert Leonard, J. S.
" Wm. F. Bunting, Treas.	" John R. Gillis, D. C.
" Arthur W. Sharp, Sec'y.	" Jos. C. Hatheway, Orgt.
" Wm. A. Ewing, S. D.	" Chas. H. S. Johnston, I. G.
" Moses C. Barbour, J. D.	" Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

February 1—In a letter addressed to the lodge by the grand secretary, attention was directed to the large number of members of the various lodges suspended for non-payment of dues. He said: "The names of brethren suspended are read out in every lodge in the province, and it creates a painful impression to hear that men, who often fill important stations in society, perhaps professional men, men occupying public trusts, men of means and otherwise good reputations, neglect the plain duty of fulfilling, or apparently trying to fulfil, their just financial

obligations." * * * "Is there a sufficiently rigid system of financial morality impressed upon brethren who get in arrears, and who, being able to pay, do not pay? Are we sufficiently careful in looking deep enough into the character of our candidates, when we find so many who join us failing to pay their just debts? Can you do anything to arrest what is a very great evil morally as well as financially?"

The lodge voted to authorize the formation of a lodge of instruction under its warrant, to be open to members of the lodge and the officers of sister lodges. The membership fee was fixed at one dollar, and W. Bro. W. F. Bunting was chosen to take the charge and superintendence of it as preceptor. This lodge of instruction commenced operations February 14, and continued to hold weekly meetings until April 4, when its labors terminated. Some twenty-five brethren became members, and no doubt were benefited by the instruction received. At the final meeting the members presented the instructor with a valuable gold-headed cane in token of their fraternal regard.

May 3—It was announced that the board of relief had recently placed an *Almoner's box* in one of the waiting rooms "for the reception of such voluntary contributions as might from time to time be deposited therein." It was also announced that "the board intended, some time during the Christmas season in each year, to make judicious disposal of the yearly receipts of the box among worthy and needy brethren, their widows and orphans." The W. M. impressed upon the brethren the duty of remembering, in a substantial manner, the worthiness of this movement of the board of relief.

The lodge was the recipient this evening of a valuable ebony gavel, silver mounted, the gift of Bro. Dingee Scribner, the tyler; and of a director of ceremonies' baton, silver mounted, presented by W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, for which they received the thanks of the lodge.

December 18—Sunday. Upon invitation, the lodge joined the sister lodges in the city in celebrating the semi-centennial of the formation of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3. The craft assembled at the masonic temple at three o'clock and proceeded to Calvin (Presbyterian) church, Carleton street, where they listened to a sermon from the text 1st Corinthians viii., 6: "But to us there is but one God the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things done by Him." A concise historical sketch of the lodge was also given. The sermon and sketch were delivered by Bro. the Rev. Archibald Macdougall, chaplain of Hibernia Lodge. At the conclusion of the services in the church the brethren again formed in procession and returned to the temple. Two aged brethren, Bros. Charles E. Raymond and Joseph

Frizzell, the only surviving charter members of Hibernia Lodge, were present and took part in the proceedings.

A. D. 1888.

January 3—The grand master, with a deputation of grand lodge officers, made an official visit and installed the W. M. elect. The full staff of officers for this year were :

Bro. Frederick Sandall, W. M.

Bro. J. Sidney Kaye, S. W.	Bro. John R. Gillis, S. S.
" William A. Ewing, J. W.	" F. Miles Hancock, J. S.
" William F. Bunting, Treas.	" Charles H. S. Johnston, D. C.
" Arthur W. Sharp, Sec'y.	" Joseph C. Hatheway, Orgt.
" John J. Forrest, S. D.	" Richard Heans, I. G.
" Wilson L. Dobbin, J. D.	" Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

May 1—The following report was received and ordered to be recorded in full :

At the regular communication of the lodge held November 1, 1887, a committee was appointed with authority to procure a new monument at the grave in the old burial ground in this city, of the late R. W. Bro. William Campbell, Esquire, deputy grand master of the old provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, who was one of the founders of St. John's Lodge, and the second mayor of the city of Saint John, in consequence of the destruction of the original monument, and there being no relatives or immediate friends of the deceased brother who could be called upon to perform this sacred duty. In pursuance of the instructions of the lodge, the committee entered into a contract with Bro. John S. Seaton, who, in fulfilment of his contract, erected a new monument, a fac-simile as near as possible of the original, over the grave, on a secure and lasting foundation. The inscription on the original was closely copied, as follows: "Sacred to the memory of William Campbell, Esquire, a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, for a term of twenty years Mayor of the City of Saint John, who died February 10, 1823, aged 81 years. Universally and deeply lamented. Also Elizabeth, his relict, who died February 11, 1824, aged 84 years." In addition to the original inscription, and for the purpose of shewing the part taken by the lodge in erecting the new monument, the following postscript was cut on the stone: "St. John's Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., in token of brotherly love for one of its founders, erected this stone to replace the original, November 30, 1887." The monument was placed on its foundation on the above-mentioned date, being the anniversary of St. Andrew, the patron saint of our deceased brother's native Scotland. All the expenses incurred were defrayed by the voluntary contributions of the brethren.

October 2—"A letter was received from the grand secretary, addressed to the W. M., asking him to be a committee to solicit a subscription of one dollar from each member of the lodge towards liquidating the floating debt on the masonic temple in Saint John. The subject of the letter was ordered to be laid over for future consideration."

A. D. 1889.

January 1—The officers for the current year were:

Bro. Arthur W. Sharp, W. M.

Bro. William A. Ewing, S. W.	Bro. Moses C. Barbour, J. D.
" John J. Forrest, J. W.	" John R. Gillis, S. S.
" A. I. Trueman, P. M., Chap.	" Richard Heans, J. S.
" John D. Short, P. M., Treas.	" J. C. Hatheway, P. M., Orgt.
" W. F. Bunting, P. M., Sec'y.	" F. Miles Hancock, D. C.
" Wilson L. Dobbin, S. D.	" Charles H. Wilson, I. G.

Bro. Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

An official visit was received from the grand master, M.W. Bro. James McNichol, who was accompanied by a number of grand lodge officers. The grand master installed the new worshipful master, and subsequently favored the brethren with a fraternal address.

W. Bro. Fred. Sandall, the retiring W. M., presented the lodge with a gong, for which suitable acknowledgment was tendered him.

March 5—The lodge adopted the following standing order: "Resolved, that in balloting for candidates in future, the ballot box be placed upon the altar and the ballots deposited there."

The W. M. announced that W. Bro. Bunting is preparing for publication, by subscription, a volume under the title of "Freemasonry in New Brunswick, including a complete history of St. John's Lodge," and he called upon the brethren to embrace the earliest opportunity to become subscribers.

July 2—"Bro. William A. Ewing, S. W., having recently taken a wife to himself, the lodge, by resolution, extended to him and his bride their congratulations upon the auspicious event, with fraternal wishes for a long life of conjugal happiness to both."

October 1—The M. W. the grand master, accompanied by a number of actual and acting grand officers, paid an official visit to the lodge. In an address to the brethren, the grand master stated that he received with gratification the report of the W. M. on the prosperous and harmonious condition of the lodge.

A. D. 1890.

January 7—The following were the officers of this year:

Bro. William A. Ewing, W. M.

Bro. John J. Forrest, S. W.	Bro. Moses C. Barbour, J. D.
" Wilson L. Dobbin, J. W.	" Richard Heans, S. S.
" J. C. Hatheway, P. M., Chap.	" William J. McClaverty, J. S.
" John D. Short, P. M., Treas.	" Fred. Sandall, P. M., Orgt.
" Robert C. Thorne, P. M., Sec'y.	" F. Miles Hancock, D. C.
" Archibald Bauer, S. D.	" Arthur W. McMackin, I. G.

Bro. Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

"Announcement was made of the death, on the 21st December ultimo, of W. Bro. Charles E. Potter, the second oldest member on the roll of the lodge, and the senior past master; whereupon it was ordered that the lodge be placed in mourning for the space of three months."

"W. Bro. Bunting stated that, although he was nominally secretary of the lodge for the past year, the actual work of the office was performed by the worshipful master; when it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the lodge be recorded to W. Bro. Sharp for the acceptable manner in which he discharged the duties of the East, and for his attention to the work of the secretaryship. A vote of thanks was likewise passed to Bros. Bunting and Sharp for donating the amount of the secretary's salary to the charity fund of the lodge."

At the close of the lodge, the newly-installed master entertained the brethren, visitors and members to a well-appointed supper in the banquetting hall, where a few hours were pleasantly spent in feast, toast, speech, song, sentiment and fraternal good feeling.

June 3—"Report was made of the death on Monday, 12th May ultimo, of Bro. William B. Pidgeon, initiated in St. John's Lodge, 11th May, 1838; who was, therefore, at the time of his decease, a freemason of fifty-two years' standing."

"By a circular letter from the grand secretary, the lodge was notified of the intention of the grand master to call out the craft on the evening of June 24 instant, the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, for the purpose of attending divine service at St. Paul's church (Episcopal) in this city. A full attendance of the brethren was requested."

September 2—"An invitation, dated 22nd August ultimo, under the hand of the grand secretary, was extended to the lodge to join the grand lodge and sister lodges in laying the corner stone of a hall now in course of erection at Moncton, by the young men's christian association of that town. The assemblage, with procession and ceremonial, is intended to take place at two o'clock in the afternoon of the third instant."

November 6—An emergency comunication was held to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of Bro. James Philps, who died at his residence, Waterloo street, on the third instant. The funeral proceeded to the rural cemetery, where the body was interred according to the burial services of the Presbyterian church and of freemasonry.

A. D. 1891.

January 6—The officers of this year were:

Bro. John J. Forrest, W. M.

Bro. Wilson L. Dobbin, S. W.	Bro. Arthur W. McMackin, J. D.
" Archibald Bauer, J. W.	" Wm. J. McClaverty, S. S.
" J. C. Hatheway, P. M., Chap.	" Wm. N. DeWitt, J. S.
" John D. Short, P. M., Treas.	" Fred. Sandall, P. M., Orgt.
" Robt. C. Thorne, P. M., Sec'y.	" F. Miles Hancock, D. C.
" Geo. A. Hetherington, S. D.	" William H. Horn, I. G.

Bro. Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

At the invitation of the newly-installed master, the brethren enjoyed a pleasant hour at supper, ending with the usual loyal and masonic toasts, etc.

February 2—"At the conclusion of routine business, the W. M. called the attention of the lodge to the condition of freemasonry in New Brunswick at the present time, with special reference to the lodges in Saint John. He regretted that there seemed to be a lack of interest among the brethren, particularly manifested in the meagre attendance at lodge meetings, which he thought might be attributed to a dearth of attraction outside of the usual business transactions and the conferring of degrees. To meet this difficulty, he suggested the preparation and reading of papers upon topics calculated to instruct the brethren; an occasional call from labor to refreshment; the introduction of vocal and instrumental music; a more frequent rehearsal of the lectures of the degrees; and the employment of other means to attract the attention and gather in the members. These suggestions were favorably received by the brethren, several of whom pledged themselves to aid him in furthering the proposed plan. Subsequently a committee, consisting of Bros. W. A. Ewing, Archibald Bauer and Fred. Sandall, was appointed to arrange a musical programme."

March 3—The office of secretary was rendered vacant by the resignation of Bro. R. C. Thorne, about to remove from Saint John. The vacancy was filled by the appointment and installation of Bro. Alex. W. Macrae.

The lodge was favored with a reading by W. Bro Bunting, on matters appertaining to the early history of St. John's Lodge, for which he received a vote of thanks.

April 7—Under supervision of the committee appointed at the February communication, a programme of music and readings was given by Bros. Henry Duffell, W. F. Bunting, W. A. Ewing, W. H. Horn and Archibald Bauer.

May 5—"W. Bro. W. A. Ewing stated to the lodge that R. W. Bro. Henry Duffell, a past master of Union Lodge of Portland, who was present this evening as a visitor, had recently completed the fiftieth year of his induction into freemasonry, and, in recognition of such an auspicious event, he proposed that the hearty congratulations of St. John's Lodge be extended to the venerable and esteemed brother, together with the prayer that his life may be prolonged many years in vigorous health, to favor the brethren with his presence, countenance and wisdom; which resolution was adopted by a standing vote, and accompanied by masonic honors. Bro. Duffell returned his warm acknowledgments to the lodge for this mark of their fraternal regard, and expressed the hope that he might always be worthy of the esteem and good fellowship of the craft."

June 2—An invitation was extended to the lodge by the grand secretary to join the grand master and sister lodges in laying the foundation stone of a church now in course of erection at Moncton, by the Methodist denomination, the ceremonial to take place June 16th instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Another circular letter from the grand secretary gave notice of the intention of the grand master to call out the craft on St. John's day (24th June instant) to form a procession and attend divine service at the Centenary church (Methodist) in this city; the various bodies to assemble at the masonic temple, Germain street, and form in order of procession at 7 o'clock in the evening. In furtherance of this call, the secretary was directed to issue notices to the members of the lodge to attend at the place and time designated.

W. Bro. Bunting read a paper containing biographical sketches of the founders of St. John's Lodge; particulars of the early membership and growth of the lodge, together with an account and description of the various halls, hotels and other buildings in which the lodge, from time to time, held its meetings.

December 1—The lodge was favored with the reading of an obituary of three members, whose deaths had occurred since the last regular communication, viz.: Bro. Charles A. Harris, who died November 11, suddenly of heart failure, on board of a steamer between Fall River and New York; he was thirty years of age. Bro. Joseph Sullivan, whose death took place November 16, at the age of fifty-seven years; and Bro. Frederick McLellan, who died November 17, aged thirty-four years. There were no masonic obsequies in either case. It was ordered that the lodge be draped in mourning during the space of three months, as a tribute to the memory of the deceased.

A. D. 1892.

January 5—The following were the officers of this year:

Bro. Wilson L. Dobbin, W. M.

Bro. Archibald Bauer, S. W.	Bro. William N. DeWitt, S. S.
" Geo. A. Hetherington, J. W.	" William H. Horn, J. S.
" John D. Short, P. M., Treas.	" Fred. Sandall, P. M., Orgt.
" Alex. W. Macrae, Sec'y.	" W. Robert May, D. C.
" Arthur W. McMackin, S. D.	" Jas. W. Montgomery, I. G.
" Wm. J. McClaverty, J. D.	" Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

The grand master visited the lodge officially and installed the worshipful master.

February 2—R. W. Bro. George B. Hegan, D. D. G. M., made an official visit to the lodge. During his stay the usual masonic courtesies were exchanged.

The following resolution was adopted by the unanimous voice of the lodge:

Resolved, That we, the members of St. John's Lodge, in regular communication assembled, receive, with feelings of fraternal regret, the announcement of the death, which occurred on the fourteenth day of January ultimo, of our Worshipful Brother Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, &c., &c., aged twenty-four years, the eldest son of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and heir in regular succession to the throne of Great Britain;

And further resolved, That we hereby place on record our unfeigned sorrow occasioned by this great calamity, partaking as it does of a national and masonic character. And we also make record and extend our respectful sympathy and fraternal condolence to our Most Worshipful Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, the sorrowing parents of the Prince, whose death in his early manhood the craft in general deplore.

March 1—"Feeling reference was made to the recent death of R. W. Bro. James McNichol, past grand master of this jurisdiction, deeply and fraternally mourned by the whole craft. He died February 28th ultimo, at the age of sixty years."

October 4—"A copy of resolution passed at the regular meeting of Union Lodge of Portland, held August 18, 1892, was laid before the lodge, as follows:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisableness of amending the bye-laws, so as to dispense with the regular monthly meetings during the months of June, July and August; and that sister lodges in the city be asked to appoint committees to meet with the committee of this lodge, to confer on the matter, and that the committee to be appointed report to the lodge.

"Which document was received, and Bros. Geo. A. Hetherington and

Arthur W. Sharp were appointed to represent St. John's Lodge on the general committee."

(*Note*—There is no record of any report having been made by this committee).

December 6—After the election of master, treasurer and tyler this evening, Bro. Archibald Bauer, worshipful master elect, made a present to the lodge of a valuable and artistic silver chain to be worn by the master of the lodge. This elegant and much-prized addition to the paraphernalia of the lodge is of solid silver, attached to a sky blue watered silk ribbon, and is the handiwork of the generous donor.

The hearty thanks of the lodge were extended to Bro. Bauer for his valuable gift.

A. D. 1893.

January 3—Officers for the current year:

Bro. Archibald Bauer, W. M.

Bro. Geo. A. Hetherington, S. W.	Bro. William H. Horn, J. D.
" Arthur W. McMackin, J. W.	" W. Robert May, S. S.
" W. F. Bunting, P. M., Chap.	" R. Duncan Smith, J. S.
" John D. Short, P. M., Treas.	" Fred. Sandall, P. M., Orgt.
" Arthur W. Sharp, P. M., Sec'y.	" Walter Babbitt, D. C.
" Alex. W. Macrae, S. D.	" William J. Dean, I. G.

Bro. Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

"After the close of the lodge, at the invitation of the W. M., the brethren—visitors and members—adjourned to the refreshment hall and partook of a supper provided by the officers of the lodge. On the removal of the cloth, speeches were made by past grand masters Wedderburn and Bunting, past deputy grand master Duffell, and several other brethren. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Songs by Bros. Bunting and Horn were enthusiastically received, and, after singing 'Auld Lang Syne,' by the full company, a most enjoyable re-union terminated."

February 7—"R. W. Bro. the Hon. Wm. Wedderburn, past grand master and past master of St. John's Lodge, was then introduced; who delivered an eloquent and ornate address, in which he lucidly portrayed the masonic tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth, including a special reference to the masonic meaning of 'light.' The address was received with hearty applause by the large assemblage of brethren present. After remarks, in commendation of the address, by the worshipful master and others, a vote of thanks was passed to the right worshipful brother for the rich treat afforded by his appropriate and instructive paper."

"The lodge was favored with a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music by a choir consisting of Bros. J. Twining Hartt, George B. Hegan, Fred. Sandall and William H. Horn, with Bro. Wm. A. Ewing presiding at the organ."

March 7—"W. Bro. Geo. E. Day, W. M. of New Brunswick Lodge, accompanied by his officers, visited the lodge this evening, and were accorded a hearty welcome. During their stay masonic courtesies usual on such occasions were interchanged between visitors and members."

May 2—"Bros. McMackin, Sharp and May, a committee appointed at the April communication to solicit subscriptions in aid of Bro. ———, confined to his bed by a protracted sickness, reported that the sum of one hundred dollars had been raised and handed to the distressed brother, who expressed sincere gratitude for the timely assistance."

September 5—A circular letter was received from the grand secretary announcing the following executive officers of the grand lodge for the current year:

M. W. Bro. Thomas Walker, Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, Grand Secretary.

October 3—The lodge adopted the following resolution by acclamation:

Resolved, That the congratulations of St. John's Lodge be extended to W. Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, P. M., upon the fiftieth anniversary of his married life just completed; that the secretary communicate the purport of this resolution to Bro. Hatheway, under the seal of the lodge, coupled with the wish of his brethren, in lodge assembled, that he and Mrs. Hatheway may live many more years in the enjoyment of health, plenty and contentment.

(*Note*—A letter was received from Bro. Hatheway, at the regular communication in November, returning his warm acknowledgments to the lodge for this congratulatory address.)

November 7—"R. W. Bro Henry Leonard, D. D. G. M., accompanied by the grand secretary, made an official visit to the lodge this evening. After an exchange of customary courtesies, an examination of the secretary's books was made by the grand secretary, who reported that he found the books to be neatly aud systematically kept—the records particularly being full and explicit—reflecting the highest credit upon the care and correctness of the secretary. This information, the D. D. G. M. stated, he would take pleasure in conveying to the grand master, together with the efficient and prosperous condition in which he found the lodge."

A. D. 1894.

January 1 — Officers for the current year:

Bro. Archibald Bauer, W. M.

Bro. Arthur W. McMackin, S. W.	Bro. Joseph H. Morrison, J. D.
" Alex. W. Macrae, J. W.	" R. Duncan Smith, S. S.
" Rev. Donald Macrae, Chap.	" William J. Dean, J. S.
" John D. Short, P. M., Treas.	" Fred. Sandall, P. M., Orgt.
" Fred. E. Flewwelling, Sec'y.	" Thomas Finlay, D. C.
" Wm. Robt. May, S. D.	" Albert Edward Prince, I. G.

Bro. Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

"W. Bro. Arthur W. Sharp, P. M., on retiring from the office of secretary, very generously donated his salary for the past year to the charity fund of the lodge, and received a hearty vote of thanks for his liberality."

"In consideration of the valuable and efficient services rendered the lodge by W. Bro. Arthur W. Sharp, past master and past secretary, it was, on motion, unanimously ordered, that the master and wardens be deputed to procure a suitable masonic testimonial for presentation to Bro. Sharp."

February 6 — "The committee appointed at the January communication reported that they had ordered a past master's jewel for presentation to Bro. Sharp, which they had pleasure in handing to the worshipful master."

"W. Bro. Sharp was thereupon conducted to the dais and took position on the right of the chair. The lodge being called up, he was addressed by the worshipful master, who alluded to the distinguished services rendered the lodge by Bro. Sharp during his membership of seventeen years in many capacities, especially in the important office of secretary. At all times courteous, kind-hearted and efficient, not only in the discharge of official duty, but in a willing response to every call upon him for the good of the lodge; honored, esteemed and beloved by his brethren of St. John's Lodge, and by the craft generally, it was consequently fitting that a proper recognition should be made of these services and of these feelings. He therefore took great pleasure in making the presentation and in attaching the jewel to Bro. Sharp's breast, and hoped that his life might be prolonged many years to wear it.

"Bro. Sharp, in reply, desired that the master, wardens, officers and members of the lodge should accept his heartfelt acknowledgments for honoring him with so valuable a gift, and for the flattering terms in which the presentation was made by the worshipful master. He felt at a loss to give proper expression to the pleasurable emotions stirred within him by

this evening's occurrence; he would, however, assure the brethren that it would always recall a gratifying incident in his masonic career."

The jewel is made of fine gold, enclosed in a morocco case, and has the following inscription engraved on it: "Presented to W. Bro. Arthur W. Sharp, P. M., as a mark of fraternal regard, by St. John's Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., January, 1894."

April 3—Ninety-two years and one day since the lodge was originally constituted under warrant from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia.

"The worshipful master announced that Bro. Bartholomew Coxetter, an old and respected member of the lodge, departed this life March 20th ultimo, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. There was no masonic ceremonial, the brethren having attended the funeral without regalia."

"Whereupon it was ordered that the lodge be draped in mourning for the space of three months, in token of respect to the memory of the deceased."

"A letter was received from New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, requesting the appointment of a committee to act in conjunction with committees of sister lodges in Saint John, with the object of applying to the board of general purposes for a reduction in the annual dues now payable to the grand lodge by private lodges. In accordance with this request, a committee of three was appointed, with power to act in the matter."

The foregoing paragraph brings the history of St. John's Lodge down to April, 1894, and concludes the ninety-second year of its existence.

From A. D. 1867 to the above date, covering a space of twenty-seven years, the lodge entered upon and continued the third era of its history.

As heretofore noted, the first era embraced a period of thirty-five years under the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia; the second, a period of thirty years under the united grand lodge of England; and the third, a period of twenty-seven years under the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

During the time it was under the rule of Nova Scotia, the accessions to the roll of membership were three hundred and thirty-five, viz.: two hundred and seventeen by initiation and one hundred and eighteen by affiliation; under England, the additions were three hundred and thirty-one, viz.: two hundred and ninety-three initiates and thirty-eight affiliates; and under New Brunswick, the numbers were one hundred and ninety-six, viz.: one hundred and fifty-two by initiation and thirty-four by affiliation, making a total of eight hundred and fifty-two (852) during the whole period of ninety-two years.

The original warrant granted by Nova Scotia was ordered to be transmitted to the provincial grand master at Halifax, but whether sent

there or retained by some brother in Saint John, cannot now be ascertained. The warrants issued by the grand lodges of England and New Brunswick remain in the possession of the lodge and are now hanging on its walls.

The centennial of St. John's Lodge will occur April 2, 1902. This important event to the body is even now being anticipated by the brethren with considerable interest. In the eight years to elapse previous to its occurrence, important changes, in the natural course of things, will take place. Many individuals now on the world's stage of action "will be gathered into the land where their fathers have gone before." Nevertheless, the hope is cherished that the existence of the lodge will be prolonged until then; that in the intermediary years it will be favored with increased prosperity, numerically and financially; that its mission as an integral of the vast masonic brotherhood will be faithfully discharged; and that when it shall have arrived at the venerable age alluded to, the great occasion will be hailed with acclamation, and its advent celebrated with fitting observances.

As a finale to this chapter and as a record for future reference, a list of the various masonic bodies in active operation in Saint John, April 2, 1894, together with their presiding officers, is herewith appended, as follows:

CRAFT MASONRY.

GRAND LODGE—Thomas Walker, M. W. G. M.
ALBION LODGE—Thomas W. Peters, W. M.
ST. JOHN'S LODGE—Archibald Bauer, W. M.
HIBERNIA LODGE—Joseph A. Magilton, W. M.
CARLETON UNION LODGE—William A. Dougherty, W. M.
UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND—J. T. Twining Hartt, W. M.
NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE—George Thompson, W. M.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

GRAND CHAPTER—T. Nisbet Robertson, G. H. P.
COUNCIL OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—Robert Marshall, President.
CARLETON CHAPTER—William B. Wallace, H. P.
NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER—Hedley V. Cooper, H. P.
UNION CHAPTER—Augustus W. Reed, H. P.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

GRAND COUNCIL—John V. Ellis, M. P. G. M.
ST. JOHN COUNCIL—William A. Ewing, T. I. M.
CARLETON COUNCIL—John V. Ellis, T. I. M.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

ENCAMPMENT OF SAINT JOHN—John A. Watson, E. C.
CARLETON COUNCIL KTS. OF THE RED CROSS—John A. Watson, King.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE—T. Nisbet Robertson, P. G. M.

KNIGHTS OF ROME AND RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

INTENDANT GENERAL—Robert Marshall.

MACLEOD MOORE CONCLAVE—John A. Watson, M. P. S.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

ST. JOHN LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°—Frank L. Tufts, T. P. G. M.

HARRINGTON CHAPTER SOVEREIGN PRINCES OF ROSE CROIX, H. R. D. M., 18°—John V. Ellis, M. W. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK SOVEREIGN CONSISTORY, S. P. R. S., 32°—T. Nisbet Robertson, Commander-in-Chief.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF THE

FOUNDERS OF SAINT JOHN'S LODGE,

AND OF THE BRETHREN WHO HAVE PRESIDED IN THE EAST.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

One of the founders of the lodge and a distinguished freemason and member of society in his time. Born in Argyleshire, Scotland, A. D. 1742; when quite a young man he came to America and became a resident of Worcester, Massachusetts, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits; subsequently removing to New York. When the American revolution broke out he espoused the cause of the loyalists, and became actively engaged on their side. At the evacuation of New York, in 1783, he went with other loyalists to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and, after remaining there a short time, came to Saint John, where he continued to reside until the time of his death. The freedom of the city was conferred upon him in the year 1795. In the same year he was appointed mayor of the city, which office he filled uninterruptedly until 1816, when he sent in his resignation. After his retirement the common council granted him a pension of one hundred pounds for his honorable and efficient discharge of duty. Took an active part in the organization of Saint Andrew's Society of Saint John in 1798, and was the first vice-president; one of the pioneers of St. Andrew's Kirk and one of its first elders; post master of Saint John several years; a commissioner for taking bail and affidavits in the supreme court; an honorary member of the old friendly fire club; alderman of Sidney ward during a number of years; under the act of assembly, March 5th, 1805, incorporating the Saint John Grammar School, he became one of its first directors.

It is not known whether he received light in freemasonry previous to leaving his native land or after taking up a residence in America. The records of the grand lodge of New York show that he was present at a quarterly communication held December 5th, 1782, as senior warden of Lodge No. 169, Ancient York Masons, and at a subsequent meeting he attended as worshipful master of that lodge. During his sojourn in Nova Scotia he was W. M. of Temple Lodge, Chedabucto (Guysborough). Under patent dated February 11, 1786, granted by His Excellency John Parr, governor and commander-in-chief, and right worshipful grand master of Nova Scotia, he was appointed "deputy grand master for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and the masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging," which important station he held until October 1, 1817, when he resigned "in consquence of old age and inability to attend to the duties of the office," and, at his suggestion, R. W. Bro. Thomas Wetmore was appointed in his stead.

The warrant of St. John's Lodge, issued upon his recommendation, was transmitted to him as D. G. M., and under it he constituted the lodge in due form, April 5, 1802.

He was a Royal Arch Mason, although the chapter in which he received the degrees could not be ascertained. When the Carleton R. A. Chapter was organized

at Saint John, A. D. 1805, he was solicited to join, but declined "on account of his advanced years."

The death of this distinguished craftsman and citizen occurred at Saint John, February 10, 1823, in the eighty-second year of his age. The remains were interred in the old burial ground, near King square, with masonic ceremonial, by St. John's Lodge, at which there was a band of music, an unusual thing at that time. The whole community mourned his death; his masonic brethren testifying their feelings of profound grief in a marked degree.

The following expressive tribute to his memory is gleaned from a local newspaper of the period: "On Monday evening, February 10th, between the hours of six and seven o'clock, after a long and painful illness, which he bore with Christian patience and resignation, William Campbell, Esquire, one of the commissioners for taking bail in the supreme court and formerly mayor of this city, in his 82nd year. He was a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, and in the prime of his life emigrated to the colony of Massachusetts, in the then British provinces of North America, where he settled for some years in a mercantile capacity. He afterwards removed to New York, and at the evacuation of that place by the British, went with other loyalists to Halifax, N. S., from which place he came to St. John. In the transaction of business he was uniformly distinguished for honesty of intention and integrity of conduct. In the domestic relations of husband and father he was indulgent, kind and affectionate, and during the long period of more than twenty years in which he discharged the important duties of chief magistrate of this city, he displayed an independence and impartiality of purpose, a firmness and energy of character, together with an assiduous attention to the best interests of the community, which secured for him a large portion of respect, and will be long remembered by the inhabitants of this place. His funeral took place on the 14th February, from his late residence, Prince William street, which was largely and respectably attended. The worshipful master and brethren of St. John's Lodge assembled in a body and preceded the remains to the place of interment, where the beautiful and impressive service of the society was rehearsed after the ceremonial of the church."

In November, 1887, St. John's Lodge, through a committee specially appointed, placed a new monument over the grave of the deceased, to replace the original, which, through lapse of time and the absence of relatives, had become defaced, broken and scattered.

CHAPMAN JUDSON.

An original member and one of the three brethren who, on the 25th day of September, 1801, petitioned the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia for the warrant to establish the lodge. For some unexplained reason, his name was omitted from the warrant and Bro. John Dean's substituted; nevertheless, when the lodge was constituted, he was installed into the office of senior warden and Bro. Dean into that of junior warden. He held the office one term only (six months), and does not appear to have filled any other. Came to Saint John in 1783 with the loyalists and drew a city lot No. 1114, situate on the north side of St. James street, corner of Prince William street, now owned by the estate of the late Thomas M. Reed. Freeman of the city, 1785; master carpenter to His Majesty's ordnance department, and a surveyor of boards, shingles and lumber, by appointment of the city council in 1802.

Received the craft degrees in St. George's Lodge, No. 19, Maugerville, and the Royal Arch degrees in the chapter attached to that lodge. One of the original members and first royal arch captain of the Carleton R. A. Chapter.

Died at Saint John, January 28, 1817, in the 66th year of his age, leaving behind him a name above reproach. His remains were buried by the lodge with masonic honors, in the old burial ground, near King square.

JOHN WOLHAUPTER.

One of the original members and first treasurer of the lodge. The date and place of his birth could not be ascertained, although there is reason to believe that he came to New Brunswick with the loyalists. A freeman of the city, 1799, as a watchmaker and jeweller. July 12, 1810, he advertised the house and shop occupied by him on the Market Square for sale, as he "intended to discontinue watch repairing and commence in the jewelry line." Afterward left Saint John and removed to Fredericton, where he continued the watchmaking business. Died at Richmond, Carleton county, January 10, 1839, aged 68 years.

The lodge record does not shew where he was initiated into freemasonry, and is also silent as to the date of the withdrawal of his membership. He filled the office of treasurer one term only.

WILLIAM FAYERWEATHER.

One of the original members of the lodge, and secretary during the first year of its existence. The inaugural record, in his handwriting, has been singularly well preserved through all the mutations and vicissitudes of ninety-two years, bridging, as it were, the distant past with the present. In imagination this worthy brother and scribe may be brought before the mental vision, sitting at his secretary's desk or table in the lodge, watching and listening to the resolutions, debates and other proceedings, and jotting them down in his own way and in the manner of the commencement of the nineteenth century, his record affording the brethren and scribes of its closing years the privilege "to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the masonic transactions of our ancient brethren. No doubt, when he wrote, he little thought his transcript would be made available at this distant day and for such a purpose.

Brother Fayerweather (or Fairweather, as the name is now spelled), was born in the province of New York, and at the age of eleven years was brought to this city by his parents, who were loyalists. When a young man he carried on a mercantile business in the parish of Portland, contracts for supplying the troops then stationed here forming a part of his transactions. Afterward he removed to Kings county and engaged in farming. Was a magistrate and captain of militia in that county, and a freeman of the city of Saint John. When the regular troops were taken from this province to Canada, at the time of the American war of 1812–14, he proceeded to Fredericton with his company and did garrison duty there.

Received the craft degrees A. D. 1796, in Sion Lodge, No. 21, Kingston, King's county, and the R. A. degrees in Widow's Friend Chapter, working under the warrant of that lodge.

Departed this life November 7, 1842, aged 70 years, at his residence, Charlotte street, Saint John, opposite the building owned by Dr. Thomas Paddock—the present Hotel Dufferin.

Attachment to and love of the masonic fraternity were strong within him. He was a regular attendant at the meetings of the lodge, and promoted its interests in various ways. Even at the last moment his thoughts and words were in the direction of the craft. He was an excellent vocalist, possessing a full and melodious tenor voice. In his repertoire he had a number of masonic songs, which he was fond of singing, and with which, on festive and other occasions, he enlivened the brotherhood.

CALEB MERRITT.

One of the original members of the lodge and the first junior deacon. Born A. D. 1763 in the then province of New York; allied himself with the loyalists in the revolutionary struggle, and came with them to Saint John at its close. Grantee of lot No. 263, Carleton; took out his freedom papers in 1785 as a tailor.

Made a mason in 1796 in Sion Lodge, Kingston, and never appears to have advanced to further degrees or held any other office than the above named.

Died August 3, 1821, aged 58 years, at his residence, south side of King street, between Prince William and Cross (now Canterbury) streets. His body was interred in the old burial ground, near King square.

GEORGE BLACKWOOD.

One of the original members of the lodge, who never held office or, seemingly, took active part in its concerns. He evidently did not continue his membership or attendance very long, as his name soon disappeared from the record.

Formerly a member of Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Fredericton, having joined that lodge February 6, 1798, from Lodge No. 7, registry of England — no doubt Hiram Lodge, No. 7, of New York. Held the office of Treasurer in Solomon's Lodge, and withdrew from membership in it October 15, 1799. A non-commissioned officer in the King's New Brunswick regiment.

JOHN SCOTT.

Was W. M. of Moriah Lodge, No. 133, registry of Scotland, held in the 22nd Regiment of infantry when the regiment was quartered at Staten Island, A. D. 1783, just before the evacuation of New York by the British troops. He was also captain general of the Encampment of Knights Templars held in the same regiment. Came to Saint John with the contingent of the loyalists which arrived in the autumn of 1783; thence proceeded to Fredericton, called at that time Saint Ann's, and while there joined the King's New Brunswick regiment, holding in that corps the position of quarter-master sergeant. When the regiment moved to Saint John he came with it. Became an affiliant in Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Fredericton, February 6, 1798, and withdrew October 15, 1799. During his membership, Solomon's Lodge voted him "a certificate of good conduct to enable him to obtain advancement in freemasonry."[1]

1 No doubt this certificate was granted to enable Bro. Scott to receive the R. A. degree. That he was a knight templar in 1783, is proved by an authentic document which came under my notice. It may, therefore, be inferred that it was not obligatory, as a general regulation at that time, to be in possession of the R. A. degree previous to being created a knight templar; at all events, it was not so in Bro. Scott's case.

He was a promoter in the establishment of St. John's Lodge and one of its original members, but his membership was of short duration, for in the following year he died at his quarters in the parish of Portland, leaving a widow (Martha Scott), who administered to his estate, A. D. 1803.

WILLIAM SANFORD OLIVER.

One of the founders of the lodge and a royal arch mason; formerly a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 17. Came to this country with the loyalists. First high sheriff of the city and county of Saint John, which office he held from 1785 to 1792, and again from 1797 until his decease. Grantee of lot No. 27, situate west side of Prince William street, south of the present custom house; freeman of the city A. D. 1785 as an esquire; treasurer of the province several years; marshal of the court of vice-admiralty, and a member of the old friendly fire club.

Died February 22, 1813, aged 62 years, at his residence, south side of Union street, a short distance east of Dock street.

Bro. Oliver was descended from an old New England family which occupied a high social standing, his father, Andrew Oliver, having filled the distinguished office of lieutenant governor of Massachusetts when it was a colony of England.

In commenting upon the death of our honored brother, the local newspapers alluded to him as "a man of the highest integrity and worth, who discharged his public trusts with the utmost fidelity and satisfaction; respected, esteemed and deeply lamented by the whole community, verifying in his public and private life the truism 'an honest man is the noblest work of God.'"

A freestone tablet marks the place of his interment in the old burial ground, near King square.

HON. GEORGE LEONARD.

One of the founders of St. John's Lodge; formerly a member of Sion Lodge, No. 21, Kingston, and also a royal arch mason. Born in the town of Plymouth, New England, November 28, 1742. When a portion of the colonists took up arms against the mother country he remained loyal to the crown, and distinguished himself in the war of independence. So great was his interest in the king's cause, that he fitted out several armed cruisers at his private expense. For the prominent part assumed he received the thanks of the commander-in-chief and also of the imperial treasury department. At the close of the war he was appointed an agent to settle loyalists on the crown lands of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Among the first contingent of loyalists who came to this province, and grantee of lot No. 39, S. E. corner of Union and Dock streets, where he erected a fine mansion, and where he resided while in St. John. The first city treasurer, and one of the first aldermen named in the charter of the city. Received the freedom of Saint John A. D. 1785. In 1787 appointed to a seat in the legislative council of the province; quarter-master-general of the militia forces in New Brunswick; a judge of the court of common pleas, and a lieutenant-colonel of militia in Kings county. By the act of 1805, incorporating the Saint John grammar school, he was named one of the first directors; and, as senior member of His Majesty's council, he was called to the administration of the government of the province on two occasions.

When age and infirmity approached, he withdrew from active life and retired to his country seat at Sussex Vale, where death ended his career April 1, 1826, at the

advanced age of 84 years. Thus passed away a distinguished public servant, respected and venerated by the whole community, and an honored freemason, beloved and esteemed by the "household of the faithful."

ANDREW KINNEAR.

A native of Newtown Limavady, Londonderry county, Ireland, who, during the latter part of the last century, came to America with the British army. Occupied a prominent position in the commissariat department, first at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and subsequently at Saint Andrews, Saint John, and Fort Cumberland, in New Brunswick; his full service covering a period of more than thirty years, in all of which time he maintained the character of a faithful and efficient officer. Represented the county of Westmorland in the first house of assembly elected in New Brunswick.

Received the craft and royal arch degrees in Ireland previous to his departure therefrom, and when St. John's Lodge was erected, became one of its founders, but never took an active part in its proceedings.

Departed this life at his residence, Westmorland county, May 13, 1818, at the age of 68 years. Four sons survived him: John, Francis A., William B., and Harrison G., two of whom were leading merchants and the other two prominent barristers in Saint John.

JOHN SINNOTT.

Born at Ballybrennan, county Wexford, Ireland; educated in Dublin. When quite a young man he left Ireland for Halifax, Nova Scotia, and from thence came to Saint John (then Parr town), about the year of the landing of the loyalists. When a garrison was formed in this city he obtained employment as a clerk in the commissariat department, but previously opened a school for instructing the youth of the town, an institution no doubt very much needed at that time. In the year 1810 he was temporarily stationed at Saint Andrews to adjust some irregularity in the commissariat at that place. From 1817, when he was unfortunately struck with paralysis, up to the time of his death, he was retired from the service and placed on the half-pay list.

Bro. Sinnott, who was one of the founders of St. John's Lodge, received masonic light in Hiram Lodge, No. 17, being the first candidate initiated into freemasony in New Brunswick. He filled the office of secretary and afterwards that of worshipful master in Hiram Lodge. The R. A. degree was conferred upon him April 10, 1805, in Carleton Chapter, then working under the warrant of St. John's Lodge.

During the visit of the Duke of Kent to this province in May, 1794, when he was commander-in-chief of the forces, Bro. Sinnott formed one of the party to accompany him to Fredericton. The journey was made partly by water in open boats and partly by land.

He departed this life June 12, 1828, aged 69 years, at the residence of his son, Stephen Sinnott, Union street, opposite the Chipman grounds. His remains were interred in the old burial ground, near King square.

HUGH JOHNSTON.

A native of Morayshire, Scotland, from which place he came to Saint John about the year 1784, in a vessel owned by himself and laden with the merchandise with which he commenced business here.

One of the founders of St. John's Lodge; formerly a member of St. George's Lodge, No. 19, Maugerville, and one of the original members of Carleton Royal Arch Chapter. In the latter body he was the first Scribe, or Principal J.

Represented the city and county of Saint John in the provincial legislature for the long term of seventeen years; one of the founders of St. Andrew's church and one of the first elders thereof; an incorporator and one of the first directors of the bank of New Brunswick; a member of the old friendly fire club; a port warden of the city from 1816 to 1830; an alderman of the city for 1808 and many succeeding years; a joint owner of the steamer General Smyth—the first to ply on the river Saint John. Johnston's wharf and slip, west side of Water street, received their names from him as the owner.

He carried on a large importing and mercantile business, in which he was very successful; always sustaining a high character for integrity and correct business habits. It was said of him that he was a faithful friend and an enterprising and useful member of the community. His son Charles was also a member of St. John's Lodge, and W. M. A. D. 1843.

The subject of this sketch died at Saint John, November 29, 1829, at the age of 73 years. His remains were first interred in the old burial ground, near King square, and afterward removed to the rural cemetery. A grandson, W. Bro. Charles H. L. Johnston, M. D., is at the present time a member of St. John's Lodge.

HON. THOMAS WETMORE.

Son of Timothy Wetmore and a descendant of Thomas Whetmore who immigrated to America from England in the year 1635 Born at Rye, Westchester county, New York, September 20, 1767, and in 1783 came to Saint John with the loyalists. Studied law under the late Hon. Ward Chipman, and admitted to the bar of the province in regular course; clerk of the crown in the supreme court of the province from 1796 to 1804; recorder of the city of Saint John A. D. 1808; deputy surrogate; master and examiner in chancery; registrar of deeds and wills in Queen's county; member of the legislative council of the province; an honorary member of the old friendly fire club; attorney general of New Brunswick from July 26, 1809, until his death, and a director of the Saint John grammar school.

One of the founders of St. John's Lodge, and one of the original members and first High Priest (first principal) of Carleton R. A. Chapter. The records of the chapter for the first year are in his hand-writing. Received special authority, under date September 14, 1816, from the provincial grand master at Halifax, to preside as grand master at a *temporary* grand lodge held in Saint John September 28, 1816, at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the old masonic hall, corner of King and Charlotte streets. Appointed deputy grand master of New Brunswick by warrant of the R. W. John George Pyke, Esquire, provincial grand master, dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 1, 1817, as successor to R. W. Bro. William Campbell, which important office he filled up to the time of his death. R. W. Bro. Wetmore was initiated in St. George's Lodge, No. 19, at Maugerville.

His death occurred at his residence, Kingsclear, York county, March 22, 1828, in the 61st year of his age, deeply lamented by his brethren and the community generally. Earnest and indefatigable in forwarding the best interests of the fraternity, which he loved; eminently distinguished for his benevolence, kindness and hospitality; possessing legal attainments of the highest order; governed in all his

acts by the strictest integrity; a genial and popular gentleman, he passed away to the higher reward, enjoying universal respect and esteem, and sincerely mourned by all classes in the province.

Note—The following entry is found in the records of Carleton R. A. Chapter, of date January 9, 1828: "M. E. Companion, Hon. Thomas Wetmore, His Majesty's attorney general, visited the chapter, when a few bottles of madeira were introduced, and some toasts given. He stated that he had not attended the meetings of late years in consequence of being a resident of Fredericton." This visit took place less than three months previous to his death.

JOHN PAUL.

This brother was one of the original members and first junior warden of Hiram Lodge, No. 17; also one of the founders of St. John's Lodge, but never held office therein. Exalted to the R. A. degree in Chapter No. 213, New York, previous to the close of the revolutionary war, and one of the original members and first master of the veil of Carleton R. A. Chapter in Saint John. A native of Lanark, Scotland, where he probably was made a mason previous to his embarkation for America. Held a commission in the royal artillery during the war of independence; fought at the battles of Lexington, Bunker Hill, Brandywine, Long Island, Germantown, etc.; fired the first gun on the British side at the battle of Lexington, and in the engagement received a severe wound.

Coming to Saint John at the termination of hostilities, he received an appointment on the staff of the ordnance department in this city. Grantee of lot No. 1201, situate on the north side of Brittain street, midway between Carmarthen and Wentworth streets. A freeman of the city, and one of the first elders of St. Andrew's Kirk.

Died at Saint John, April 29, 1833, at the ripe old age of 82 years, enjoying the respect and esteem of the community. His remains were interred with military honors in the old burial ground near King square.

HON. JOSHUA UPHAM.

One of the founders of St. John's Lodge; formerly a member of Sion Lodge, No. 21, Kings county, although it is probable he was initiated into the fraternity previous to coming to New Brunswick.

He came from Brookfield, Massachusetts. Was a graduate of Harvard University of the 1763 class, and of Yale College in 1765. When the war broke out between the colonists and Great Britain he espoused the royal cause, and was actively engaged during all the struggle. He held a commission as major in the King's American dragoons; was an aide-de-camp to the commander-in-chief; deputy inspector general of the loyalists, and an agent to superintend their interests after their arrival in New Brunswick. Appointed one of the judges of the supreme court November 25, 1784, and a legislative councillor of the province June 2, 1786. He died in England, while on a visit to that country, November 1, 1808, at the age of 65 years. Sabine says of him: "Of all the loyalists who went to New Brunswick few performed greater services, and of few is their memory more deeply cherished."

A grandson, Charles W. Weldon, Esq., an ex-representative of the city and county of Saint John in the dominion parliament, and a leading member of the legal profession, is a resident of this city and a member of the masonic fraternity.

GEORGE McCOLL.

Took an active part in the formation of the lodge, but does not appear to have continued this interest subsequently. He was a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, where he received the craft degrees previous to coming to America. When the revolutionary war commenced in the then British North American colonies, he espoused the side of the crown and was an active participator in the struggle. After the declaration of peace he came to Saint John with the other loyalists; was grantee of lot No. 605, situate on the corner of Princess and Prince William streets, the site of the present city hall; became a freeman in 1786 as a merchant; and conducted a mercantile business for many years, a portion of the time as a member of the firm of McColl & Henderson.

Departed this life at Saint John, March 23, 1812, in the 78th year of his age, "lamented and regretted by his numerous friends and acquaintances as a man of the strictest honor and integrity through life." His grave is in the old burial ground east of King square.

EDWARD SANDS.

This brother, who was one of the founders of the lodge, and a former member of the old Hiram York Lodge, No. 23, Fredericton, was born A. D. 1760, in the province af New York, of a parentage on the male side related to the peerage of the United Kingdom. During the war of American Independence he held a commission in the colonial army as quarter-master of the King's American dragoons. At its close in 1783 he came to Saint John with the loyalists and engaged in mercantile business. In 1786 he took out his freedom as a merchant. He advertised in the *Gazette* of November 6, 1787, that "he had just imported an assortment of dry goods from London, for sale at his store near the upper public landing." Major of militia in the county of Saint John, an alderman of the city and a coroner of the city and county. His death occurred at Saint John December 18, 1803, in the 44th year of his age. The place of interment in the old burial ground near King square is marked by a plain tablet.

GEORGE SMITH.

(First Worshipful Master).

Bros. George Smith, Chapman Judson and David Waterbury were the petitioners for the warrant of the lodge, Bro. Smith being named as the first worshipful master. The petition and the letter accompanying it are evidently in the handwriting of Bro. Smith, clearly proving that the original promoter of the lodge was an excellent penman and a person of good education. There is nothing to show where or when he was received into freemasonry. No doubt he was a brother of prominence and ability, to be selected to make application for the warrant and to preside in the East, in preference to the many other distinguished craftsmen and citizens, who were the original founders and organizers of the lodge. He came to Saint John with the loyalists of 1783 and was grantee of lot No. 591, north side of Princess street, between Germain and Charlotte streets. His name appears on the register of freemen A. D. 1795 as a contractor and builder, and on the original roll of the artillery company organized in Saint John, May 4, 1793. He continued to fill the office of W. M. in the lodge up to the time of his death, which occurred in the month of March, 1804. The lodge attended the funeral and consigned the remains to the grave with masonic ceremonial. The record subsequently shews that he left a widow.

DAVID WATERBURY.

(Second Worshipful Master).

Born in Stamford, Connecticut, A. D. 1758, of one of the oldest families in America, their advent dating back to 1628. When the revolutionary war broke out he was studying medicine, but he "threw physic to the dogs," and espoused the British cause. At the close of the troubles he, with the other loyalists, came to Saint John and commenced a successful business as merchant, contractor, etc., taking a foremost interest, however, in the general welfare of the place. In 1795 he became a freeman of the city. An early alderman and one of a committee to superintend the erection of the first beacon light in the harbor; an overseer of the poor; an examiner and inspector of fish; active in organizing the militia of the city and county; held a commission as captain of artillery for a number of years, retiring with the rank of major; took a prominent part in forming the old fire department, in which he held the office of chief engineer; he was also a leader in church matters, being one of the founders of Trinity church, and for a long time a vestryman of the church.

Bro. Waterbury received the craft degrees in the old Sion Lodge, No. 21, King's county. He was one of the three brethren who were petitioners for the original warrant of St. John's Lodge; and, although named in the warrant as the first senior warden, he, at the organization and for three months afterward, filled that of junior warden; S. W. part of 1802, also 1803 and 1804; W. M. 1805 and 1806. Exalted to the R. A. degree March 11, 1799, in Widow's Friend Chapter, held under the warrant of Sion Lodge, and was one of the original members and the first King (second principal) of Carleton R. A. Chapter.

The death of our distinguished brother took place at his residence, Saint John, November 28, 1833, at the age of 75 years. The funeral cortege, which was one of the largest seen in this city at that time, was comprised of the various civic bodies, the militia and citizens generally, headed by the masonic fraternity under the banners of St. John's Lodge. At the grave, which is located in the east part of the old burial ground, the impressive service of the fraternity was conducted by the W. M. of the lodge.

It may be truly said of our brother that he discharged all his duties, public and private, faithfully and discreetly, and is remembered by the few old surviving friends as a man of sterling integrity and benevolent instincts.

GEORGE IRONSIDE.

(Third Worshipful Master).

Came to Saint John during the year 1804 from Windsor, Nova Scotia. Previous to his removal from Windsor he held the position of second master in the collegiate school of that place. The directors of the grammar school in Saint John appointed him, October 1, 1805, to the office of head master, but in consequence of an intervening difficulty he did not fill the position. He advertised in the *Gazette* of September 15, 1806, that he was prepared to attend to the teaching of geography, the use of the globes, the Latin language, etc. Received the freedom of the city A. D. 1807 as a school teacher, and in the same year was commissioned by the city council to erect a public sun dial in front of the market house, Market square, for which service he was paid £2 5s. 0d. After a residence in Saint John of less than four years, he went to the United States, but of his after movements nothing is known,

except that a notice appeared in the public prints of the death of his wife at New York, June 13, 1815.

Affiliated in St. John's Lodge, August 5, 1806; his former lodge not noted in the record; W. M. 1807. Exalted to the R. A. degree March 19, 1806, in the Carleton Chapter. At an emergency meeting of the lodge, held November 7, 1807, it is recorded that "Bro. George Ironside took a farewell of the lodge, when they gave him their hearty thanks for his administration during the time he was in the chair."

NEHEMIAH MERRITT.

(Fourth Worshipful Master).

One of the original members of the lodge, and a zealous participator in its labors. Born December 1, 1770, in the township of Rye, Westchester county, province of New York. The son of Thomas Merritt, whose ancestors settled in Rye about the middle of the seventeenth century, and who became large land owners and occupied prominent positions in that locality. He came to this province in 1783, at the early age of 13 years—a youthful and ardent loyalist. Obtained the freedom of the city in 1795 as a fisherman, but subsequently became a merchant and importer, carrying on a large and lucrative business in that direction, and also in the shipbuilding line. A justice of the peace for the city and county; an assessor of rates; a port warden; one of the first directors of the bank of New Brunswick; a projector of the Saint John Water Company; an incorporator of the Saint John Bridge Company; a stockholder or director in other corporate companies, and generally active and prominent in all public movements of his time. Merritt's wharf, on the west side of Water street, was built by him, and continues to be known by his name.

There is no record to show where or when he received the craft degrees. Treasurer of the lodge 1802 to 1804; J. W. 1807, and W. M. 1808. Received the R. A. degree in Carleton Chapter, May 20, 1805; elected Principal Z., September 23, 1827, continuing in the office many years.

Died at his residence, Prince William street, St. John, May 25, 1842, in the 72nd year of his age, reputed to be the wealthiest man of his time in the city, his wealth having been accumulated by persevering industry, energy and integrity. The high esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens made his loss deeply felt by the entire community. St. John's Lodge, with sister lodges and Carleton R. A. Chapter, formed a portion of the funeral cortege, and assisted in conveying the remains to their earthly resting place. An immense grey granite obelisk marks the place of interment in the Episcopal church yard, north of Courtenay Bay.

FRANCIS WATSON.

(Fifth Worshipful Master).

Very few particulars can be gathered of this brother outside of his masonic record, except that he became a freeman of the city in the year 1785 as a carpenter. From this it may be assumed that he came with the loyalists. An assessor of rates in 1801, and a surveyor of lumber, etc., 1803.

He was the first brother admitted to membership in the lodge, having affiliated May 4, 1802. Secretary 1803 and 1804; S. W. 1805 to 1808; and W. M. 1809 and 1810. Exalted in Carleton Chapter, June 10, 1807. His death took place November 13, 1810, while occupying the chair of the lodge, and the second out of the five masters of the lodge up to that date who died during their encumbency. It is

worthy of note that during the first eight years of the existence of St. John's Lodge there were two worshipful masters who died while occupying the chair, and since then—a period of eighty-four years—no similar occurrence has taken place. His widow, Elizabeth Watson, and Bro. the Hon. George Leonard, administered to his estate.

JOHN GRANT.

(Sixth Worshipful Master).

From the meagre information gleaned in regard to this brother, I find that he was a native of Scotland, that he became a freeman of the city in 1806 as a cooper, that he was engaged in pickling and exporting fish, and that in 1806 he was appointed an inspector of barrels and examiner of fish. Initiated April 7, 1807; S. W. 1809 and 1810, and W. M. 1811 and 1812. Reported that he became much reduced in his circumstances and died at Saint John about the year 1840.

WILLIAM DURANT.

(Seventh Worshipful Master).

The subject of this sketch was an infant when he came to Saint John with his parents, who were loyalists. After serving an apprenticeship at the printing business he became a freeman in 1801. As a member of the firm of William Durant & Co., he commenced, in 1808, the publication of *The Times and True Briton*, and in 1811, the *City Gazette*, both weekly newspapers. In 1818 he was arraigned before the provincial legislature at Fredericton for publishing an article in the *City Gazette* reflecting upon the members of that body. In answer to the summons he appeared at the bar of the house, when, it having come to light that the libellous article was written by a member of the legislature, he was discharged. Held a seat at the city council board several years as an alderman and assistant alderman; an assessor of rates, and captain in the local militia.

Received the craft degrees in Sion Lodge, No. 21, Sussex Vale, and affiliated in St. John's Lodge April 7, 1807. Secretary 1808; J. W 1809; S. W. 1811 and 1812, and W. M. 1813, 1815 and 1820. The R. A. degree was conferred upon him in Midian Chapter, King's county.

His death occurred at Saint John, January 28, 1832, in the 53rd year of his age, and the remains were interred in the old burial ground near King square. During the whole course of his life, and in all the public duties he was called upon to administer, he maintained the character of an independent, zealous and honorable man.

JOSEPH CLARKE.

(Eighth Worshipful Master).

Born at Yarmouth, N. S., and educated there. Served an apprenticeship at cabinet making with a Mr. Huestis of Yarmouth. After completing his apprenticeship he removed to Saint John, where he turned his attention to building operations. In 1809 he became a freeman of the city as a carpenter. During a period of some ten years he erected many buildings in Saint John and its vicinity. At the time of the American war, A. D. 1812-'14, he built the old Block house which years ago stood on the Carleton heights, and about the same period erected, under contract with the imperial government, a large building for storing military supplies. He also, in 1818, built the old Baptist church, a wooden structure which for many years

stood on the corner of Germain and Queen streets, the site of the present brick building. He erected a private residence for himself on Wellington row, a building in after years occupied by the Rev. Bro. B. G. Gray, where, in November, 1833, Mrs. Gray was unfortunately burned to death. About the year 1820 Bro. Clarke removed to Digby county, N. S., and carried on farming until 1825, when he returned to Saint John and became a resident of Carleton, where he died April 30, 1826, in the 42nd year of his age.

He received the E. A. degree July 12, 1808, and the F. C. and M. M. degrees September 20, 1808, in Midian Lodge, Kingston. Joined St. John's Lodge, January 1, 1811; S. W. 1813; W. M. 814, and Treasurer 1816 and 1817. His remains were interred in the Carleton burial ground.

JOHN DEAN.

(Ninth Worshipful Master).

Born at Jamaica, Long Island, and came to Saint John in 1783, at the age of fourteen years, with his parents, who were loyalists. Made a freeman of Saint John in 1790; alderman and assistant alderman of the city six years, 1799-1804. His business of butcher and victualler called him occasionally to the United States and West Indies. During one of these visits he received the craft degeees in Hiram Lodge, No. 7, of the city of New York.

One of the original members of St. John's Lodge, and the first senior deacon. Although his name appears on the warrant as the first junior warden, for some unexplained reason he was not installed into that office at the formation. J. W. 1802, 1803, 1804 and 1808; S. W. 1815; W. M. 1816. Received the R. A. degree in Widow's Friend Chapter, Kingston, King's county.

Died at Saint John, July 21, 1835, aged 67 years. The lodge attended the funeral in a body and held the masonic service at the grave in the old burial ground, near King square. One of his sons, John Dean, is now a resident of Saint John.

ROBERT ROBERTSON.

(Tenth Worshipful Master).

Blair Athol, Perthshire, Scotland, claims to be the place of his nativity, from whence he, in the year 1799, emigrated to Saint John. Soon after his arrival here he went to Grand Lake, Queens county, and, after remaining there a short time, returned to Saint John. Entered into co-partnership with Robert Robertson, of the parish of Portland, in the lime and shipbuilding business. Subsequently started a mercantile establishment in Saint John on his own account. He was instrumental in bringing a large number of his fellow countrymen to this province in his vessels, caring for them on their arrival here, procuring farms for some, and providing various means of employment for others. An early elder of Saint Andrew's Kirk; a freeman of the city; a magistrate of the city and county; an alderman; director of the fisheries; a fireward and captain of the old night watch.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge, March 1, 1814; Treasurer 1815, 1818 and 1819; J. W. 1816; W. M. 1817. Exalted September 14, 1816, in Carleton R. A. Chapter.

In the year 1856, being then 85 years of age, he made a journey to Hamilton, Upper Canada, to see a particular friend before death intervened. Considering his advanced years, and the inconvenience of travel in those days, this journey was a

formidable undertaking. He, however, accomplished the desire of his heart, but, during his sojourn, death came to him suddenly while sitting in a chair. On account of the great distance, his remains were buried at Hamilton.

Bro. Robertson was a man of robust health, of a kindly nature and strong attachments; public spirited and enterprising in all his undertakings.

ROBERT RAY.

(Eleventh Worshipful Master).

His father, Robert Ray, a native of the county Donegal, Ireland, went to New York before the commencement of the American revolution and engaged in mercantile business there. When the colonists took up arms against the crown, he left New York and went to Digby, Nova Scotia, where the subject of our sketch was born A. D. 1787, who, when a youth, went to Halifax and there learned the sail-making trade in His Majesty's dockyard. In 1813 he took passage in a vessel from Halifax to Saint John. England and the United States being then at war, many American cruisers and privateers were hovering about these coasts. The vessel in which Bro. Ray was a passenger was intercepted by one of these cruisers, captured, and all on board made prisoners of war and their effects confiscated. The captain of the cruiser, supposed to be a freemason, finding that Bro. Ray was a member of the fraternity, restored his property to him and allowed him to go free. On his arrival in Saint John he commenced business in the sail-making line, prosecuting it extensively and profitably up to the time of his death. Became a freeman in 1816; was an assistant alderman of Queen's ward; lieutenant in the city militia; a port warden; a fireward; president of the Irish benevolent society. Any undertaking having for its object the commercial or other material advantage of the community, received from him voluntary and substantial support. Possessed of a large and benevolent heart, the poor and suffering—particularly the African settlers at Loch Lomond—were never permitted to go away empty-handed. As a practical joker his fame was known far and near.

He affiliated in St. John's Lodge, May 3, 1814, from Virgin Lodge, No. 2, Halifax, having been initiated in the latter body A. D. 1812. S. W. 1816 and 1817; W. M. 1818, 1821 and 1823. Joined Carleton R. A. Chapter March 11, 1818. His mother chapter was not specified. Withdrew from the lodge A. D. 1825, to become a petitioner for the warrant of Albion Lodge of this city, being named therein as the first senior warden.

Died at Saint John, January 29, 1848, at the age of 61 years. His remains were interred in the rural cemetery.

HENRY CHUBB.

(Twelfth Worshipful Master).

His father, John Chubb, who was of English extract, came to Saint John from Pennsylvania with the loyalists in May, 1783, and was grantee of lot No. 1151, south side of Saint James street, between Sidney and Carmarthen streets. Bro. Henry Chubb, who was born in Saint John, learned the printer's trade in the office of Jacob Mott, King's printer. He established *The New Brunswick Courier*, and commenced its publication May 2, 1811, under the co-partnership name of Henry Chubb & Co.

It was issued weekly, and continued its publication regularly, under the same title, and firm-name until the year 1865, when it became defunct. In connection with his printing trade, he carried on the stationery business on the corner of Prince William and Princess streets, familiarly known as *Chubb's Corner* — a well known resort of merchants, auctioneers, politicians, speculators, etc. He was a freeman of the city; justice of the peace; captain and quarter-master of the Saint John rifle battalion; assessor of rates; commissioner of the alms house; fireward; director of the Saint John grammar school, and otherwise largely interested in public and private enterprises for the general good. Appointed A. D. 1850 to the responsible and honorable position of mayor of the city — the last appointee to the civic chair by the governor and council.[1]

Initiated in St. John's Lodge, April 4, 1815; Secretary 1815 to 1817; S. W. 1818; W. M. 1819; Treasurer 1820 to 1823. Received the R. A. degrees in Carleton Chapter, March 15, 1816.

Died at Saint John, May 20, 1855, aged 68 years. The remains rest in the family ground in the rural cemetery.

A local contemporary alluded to his demise in the following language: "Few men enjoyed to a greater degree the esteem and respect of their fellow-citizens than Henry Chubb, the father of the New Brunswick press. Many years ago, when party politics were not dreamt of, he published the *Courier*, now the most profitable as well as one of the most respectable and influential papers in the province. The success of Mr. Chubb as a publisher and newspaper proprietor were unprecedented in the province, and yet none envied him, for kind, obliging and unobtrusive, he made many friends and no enemies. He mingled little personally in political contests, but he was ever a lover of fair play, and ready to defend the wronged and the oppressed. He was in all respects a good citizen and estimable man, and when the executive of the province, the last time they exercised the right of appointing a mayor of Saint John, selected him to fill the highest office in the city in which he had spent his youth and mature years, the choice received universal approbation."

GEORGE BONNELL.

(Thirteenth Worshipful Master).

A native of the United States, who came to St. John in the early part of the century and entered into the grocery business, at one time occupying a store on Smyth street. He became a freeman of the city in 1818 as a grocer. After remaining in St. John several years, he returned to his native land. He received the craft degrees in Portland Lodge of Portland, State of Maine, A. D. 1804, and the R. A. degrees in Mount Vernon Chapter, of the same place, October 21, 1805. Joined St. John's Lodge June 24, 1818, and Carleton R. A. Chapter December 19, 1819; W. M. 1822. As he did not serve as a warden of the lodge previous to being elected to the chair, it is probable he was a past warden or a past master of his mother lodge. He was High Priest (Principal Z.) of Carleton Chapter, A. D. 1820. I could not gather any tidings of him after his departure from the province.

1 From 1785 to 1850, inclusive, the mayor of Saint John was appointed by the executive government of the province; from 1851 to 1853, inclusive, he was chosen by vote of the common council; and from 1854 to the present time, elected by the citizens.

ROBERT CARDEN MINETTE.

(Fourteenth Worshipful Master).

Born A. D. 1795 in Ireland, on Lord Farnham's estate. When 23 years of age he removed to Dublin and took unto himself a wife in that city. On May 14, 1818, about five weeks after his marriage, he sailed for America in the good brig "Barrassie," Captain Barr, and landed in St. John June 15 following. He was made a freeman of the city in the year 1819, as a civil engineer. Filled the office of city surveyor nearly fifty years, during which time he established division lines of property and drew up many plans, the latter being used as authoritative public documents. In 1823 he was appointed one of the commissioners for laying out the great road from the Saint John Marsh to Hampton, Kings county. In conjunction with a Mr. Johnston, in 1822, he made a survey of the route for a projected Baie Verte canal—an undertaking which attracted public attention at that early day. He was an assistant alderman of the city, and held a captain's commission in the militia. Minette street, in Carleton, is named after him.

Our brother received the craft and R. A. degrees at Cavan, Ireland, and joined St. John's Lodge, June 15, 1819; J. W. 1822; S. W. 1823; and W. M. 1824; affiliated in Carleton Chapter December 18, 1822.

Departed this life at Saint John, January 10, 1868, in the 73rd year of his age. His remains lie buried in the Episcopal churchyard near Courtenay Bay.

ROBERT PAYNE.

(Fifteenth Worshipful Master).

John B. Payne, the father of Bro. Robert Payne, was a native of Clonmel, Ireland, who came to the then provinces of British North America with the 17th regiment of Light Dragoons, previous to the commencement of hostilities. At the close of the war he came to New Brunswick with a portion of that regiment and settled at Fredericton, where the subject of this sketch was born March 17, 1795, and where he was educated and served an apprenticeship at the trade of carpenter. Married October 24, 1816, a daughter of Samuel Grosvenor; removed from Fredericton to the parish of Portland in the year 1817, where he entered into the lumber and surveying business. Held a commission as captain in the county militia; a trustee of schools in the parish; an overseer of the poor; a member of the board of health; an active worker in the temperance society; vice-president of St. Patrick's Society; gazetted a magistrate of the city and county of Saint John, A. D. 1841; elected January, 1843, to represent the county of Saint John in the provincial assembly; a commissioner of the alms house; appointed October, 1853, stipendiary magistrate of Portland, continuing in the office up to the time of his death, and discharging at all times its important duties with dignity, good judgment and impartiality.

Bro. Payne was initiated in old Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Fredericton, January 7, 1817, receiving in due course the F. C. and M. M. degrees. He joined St. John's Lodge April 7, 1818; Secretary 1822; S. W. 1824; and W. M. 1825, 1826, 1832 and 1835. Exalted in Carleton R. A. Chapter December 18, 1822, and filled therein the office of Principal Z. 1842 and 1843. In consideration of his attachment to the lodge and of the important services rendered to the craft by him, he was elected an honorary member of St. John's Lodge, September 5, 1854.

Departed this life at his residence, Paradise Row, Portland, May 3, 1864, in the 70th year of his age. His body was buried in the Episcopal churchyard, near Courtenay Bay.

Of an affable and gentlemanly manner, and of dignified appearance, he commanded the esteem and respect of all classes of the community. His ability as a presiding officer was so specially a marked character, that it won from those privileged to sit under him the most implicit obedience and support; he was literally a gentleman of the old school. Although, during the latter years of his life, he did not attend the stated meetings of the lodge, his warm feelings towards the body and his interest in its prosperity and of the craft generally, were strong and unabated. His father and brothers were members of the masonic fraternity.

BENJAMIN F. MARSH.

(Sixteenth Worshipful Master).

A native of the state of Vermont, from whence he removed when a youth to New Brunswick and became a resident of Hampton Kings's county, where he engaged in business, first as a blacksmith and afterward as a merchant and trader. At Hampton he married August 8, 1813, a daughter of Caleb Wetmore. Coming to Saint John subsequently, he carried on an extensive mercantile business until about A. D. 1832, when he retired with a snug competency. After this he returned to the United States and settled in the state of Illinois, investing his funds in large tracts of land bordering on the Mississippi river.

Received the craft degrees in Sion Lodge, No. 21, Sussex Vale, A. D. 1815. Joined St. John's Lodge June 5, 1821; Treasurer 1824 and 1825; S. W. 1826 and 1831; and W. M. 1827, 1828 and 1830. He was a Royal Arch mason and member of Carleton Chapter of Saint John, but the record does not shew whether he joined or was exalted therein, neither are there any dates specified.

Judging by the record, he was a prominent and popular member of the lodge, and exercised a controlling influence and a leading part in its concerns. Old brethren describe him as being affable and gentlemanly in his manner, of splendid phisique, tall and portly. His intimate friends gave him the soubriquet of BIG FAT MARSH, an outcome of the initials of his name and his physical proportions. He died at Warsaw, Illinois, November 1864, at the age of 70 years.

ALEXANDER LAWRENCE.

(Seventeenth Worshipful Master).

Born at Methlick, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, April 8, 1788. He served an apprenticeship of seven years at the cabinet making and upholstering business — the period generally allotted in those days to acquiring a thorough knowledge of any mechanical pursuit. The new world — the El Dorado of many of the youth of the mother country — had so much attraction for him that he resolved to try his fortune in this direction, and, with that object in view, took passage in the ship "Protector" for Saint John, arriving here May 16, 1817. In this, his new home, he started the cabinet making and upholstering business, which he continued to prosecute with success until within a short time of his death.

Of an active temperament, and desirous of identifying himself with movements tending to advance the material interests of his adopted home, he was soon found

taking a prominent part in church, musical and literary circles. The Sacred Music Society, of Saint John, owed its foundation to him, and in him it had its most strenuous and valued promoter. He was its first president, and continued to preside over its affairs until his death. Intimately connected with the Mechanics' Institute from its inception, and one of the original incorporators, he successfully emulated his associates in establishing that popular institution upon a firm basis. This was demonstrated by its increasing popularity and the great good the community derived from its lectures, library, reading room, etc. Bro. Lawrence always occupied a prominent place in the directorate, and was one of its vice-presidents. As in the bodies I have named, so in the arcana of freemasonry did our good brother prove, by his "ways and works," the abundant zeal he possessed for the society, and, by his example and teaching, shewed "how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." From that "memorable period," when he first obtained *light*, and through the intervening years up to the time when "the silver cord was loosed and the golden bowl broken," his interest in the welfare of the lodge and the fraternity generally was ardent and unabated.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge, April 7, 1818, and in due course advanced to the F. C. and M. M. degrees; S. W. 1827 and 1828, and W. M. 1829. The royal arch degrees were conferred upon him January 17, 1820, in Carleton Chapter. In appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by him to the lodge, and in token of the warm affection entertained for him by his brethren, they presented him, April, 1820, with an address engrossed on parchment, under the seal of the lodge and the signatures of the master, wardens and secretary. This document is now hanging on the walls of the lodge room, having, through the thoughtful kindness of his two surviving sons, Joseph W. and Alexander W. Lawrence, been presented to the lodge as a memento of their worthy father.

He departed this life October 28, 1843, in the 56th year of his age. The remains were buried in the Episcopal churchyard, near Courtenay Bay, and afterward removed to the rural cemetery.

HIRAM SMITH.

(Eighteenth Worshipful Master).

A native of Hantsport, Nova Scotia, who, in the early part of this century, came to St. John and engaged in mercantile pursuits. His places of business were on the North Market wharf and at the corner of South Market wharf and Water street — the latter familiarly known as "Tisdale's Corner;" a portion of the time in co-partnership with the late John W. M. Irish. He was made a freeman of the city in the year 1819.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge January 6, 1825; Secretary 1828; J. W. 1829; S. W. 1830; and W. M. 1831.

He died at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, May 15, 1884, at the ripe age of 94 years. At the time of his death he, with five other brethren, were the sole survivors of the membership of the lodge when it was St. John's Lodge, No. 29, on the roll of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia. The others being Isaac W. Doane, initiated June, 1815; George A. Garrison, initiated February, 1826; Robert Cunard, initiated February, 1826; Edward T. Knowles, initiated January, 1828, and John Murray, initiated July, 1832.

JAMES REED.

(Nineteenth Worshipful Master).

Born in Saint John, A. D. 1784, of English extract, his parents having come here from North Shiels previous to the advent of the loyalists. In early life he took to the sea and eventually became a captain, sailing principally between Saint John and ports in Great Britain. During the war of 1812-14, between England and the United States, he was employed in the capacity of King's pilot, and after its close became a branch pilot of the port of Saint John. For a number of years previous to his death he held a government position as light-house keeper on Partridge Island. He was a freeman of the city, and a captain in the corps of sea fencibles — a semi-naval body forming part of the old militia organization in Saint John.

During his visits to England, in his seafaring days, he received the craft and royal arch degrees in Liverpool. Affiiliated in St. John's Lodge January 2, 1821, and in Carleton Chapter December 12, 1821. W. M. of the lodge 1833 and 1834.

His death took place Sunday, September 30, 1835, in the 51st year of his age, caused by falling from a precipice on Partridge Island. The remains were accompanied to their last resting place in the Episcopal churchyard, near Courtenay Bay, by the W. M. and brethren of St. John's Lodge, and buried with the funeral service of the craft. The cortege was preceded by the band of the Portland rifle company and followed by the officers of the sea fencibles.

JAMES GILBERT LESTER.

(Twentieth Worshipful Master).

He was born, and served his apprenticeship at the tailoring trade, in Saint John. After becoming a freeman of the city, he started business as a tailor, and continued it until the date of his death.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge May 4, 1824; Sec'y 1834 and 1835; J. W. 1837 and 1838; S. W. 1846, and W. M. from January, 1836, to May, 1837, when the lodge ceased work under the Nova Scotia warrant. Bro. Lester was, therefore, the last to fill the chair under that registration. There is no entry in the record to shew that he served in the office of warden previous to his induction into the chair. By reference to the dates above given, it will be seen that he filled the junior and senior wardens' chairs after retiring from the East. In the absence of any explanation one is at a loss to account for such an anomaly. Possibly a dispensation may have been granted and no minute made of it.

His death, at the age of 67 years, took place at his residence, Charlotte street, Saint John, 21st December, 1867, his body being interred in the Episcopal churchyard near Courtenay Bay.

Three generations of this family were initiated in and members of St. John's Lodge, viz.: Gilbert Lester, the father of James G., initiated 7th November, 1815; James G. Lester, initiated 4th May, 1824; William H. Lester, initiated 18th March, 1862; and Edward H. Lester, initiated 1st March, 1892. The two latter were sons of James G. Lester.

JOHN HAWS.

(Twenty-first Worshipful Master).

Was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, of English parentage, and after spending several years in the West Indies, he, about the year 1819, removed to New Bruns-

wick and became a resident of the then parish of Portland. On October 18, 1832, he married Calista, youngest daughter of the late Richard Calvert, senior.

He engaged extensively in shipbuilding in Portland, employing a large number of workmen and contributing materially to the prosperity of the place. The vessels launched from his shipyard were celebrated for their sailing qualities and for the excellence of their model and workmanship. Occupying a foremost place in the public affairs of Portland, his advice and counsel were sought after in advancing its interests. He was a magistrate of the county of Saint John and a fireward of Portland. His liberal benefactions alleviated the want and distress of many poverty-stricken families. The clock which chimed the hours in the steeple of St. Luke's church, previous to the burning of that edifice, 28th May, 1875, was a gift from him.

When on a visit to England, he died of paralysis, at Liverpool, 11th December, 1858, aged 61 years.

Bro. Haws received masonic light in Virgin Lodge, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and became a joining member of St. John's Lodge, March 5, 1827; S. W. 1832 and 1833, and W. M. 1837, 1838, 1840 and 1841, being the first to occupy the chair under the English warrant. He was exalted to the R. A. degree in a chapter at Kingston, Jamaica, and affiliated in Carleton Chapter, Saint John, October 15, 1823. During his membership in the lodge he was zealous in promoting its welfare, and contributed largely to its charities. From the record it appears that he last visited the lodge 3rd November, 1857.

ISRAEL MERRITT.

(Twenty-second Worshipful Master).

Born at Hampstead, Queens county, New Brunswick, 3rd May, 1803, of loyalist parentage. When a young man he removed with his parents to Indiantown, parish of Portland, where he continued to reside until the date of his death. He carried on a trading business, and for many years was proprietor and manager of steamboats plying on the river Saint John, between Indiantown and Fredericton. He held a commission as captain in the militia of the county of Saint John.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge 3rd January, 1826; Secretary 1832, 1833 and 1837; J. W. 1834 and 1835, and W. M. 1839.

Died at Indiantown, 2nd May, 1882, at the age of 79 years.

JOHN THOMAS.

(Twenty-third Worshipful Master).

A native of Falmouth, Cornwall, England, at which place he was born in the year 1810. Having had the misfortune to lose his parents at a very early age, he was placed in the care of his grandmother, who brought him to Saint John when only ten years of age. After receiving an education at the Saint John grammar school, he was apprenticed to his uncle, Richard Duff, to learn the trade of a carpenter. At the termination of his apprenticeship he commenced business on his own account. Not long after he removed from the city, for we find him teaching school at White's Cove, Grand Lake, in the year 1835, and occasionally supplementing his professional duties by reading the church service on Sundays as an assistant to the Rev. Abraham Wood, rector of the parish. Returning to Saint John, he became a freeman of the city A. D. 1839. For a number of years he filled the situation of engineer and superintendent of the old water company, when the water supply of the

city was brought from Lily Lake, conveyed by pipes to a large building near the Marsh bridge, thence forced by steam power from this "tank building," so called at the time, to a reservoir on Leinster street. A member of the old Albion society and one of its originators; a member and the first secretary of the society of house carpenters, started in 1837.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge 6th August, 1839; Secretary 1840; S. W. 1841; and W. M. 1842, 1844, 1847, 1848 and 1850. Received the R. A. degree in Carleton Chapter, 14th November 1846.

Died at Saint John, of congestion of the lungs, 23rd August, 1871, in the 62nd year of his age, and was buried in the Episcopal churchyard, near Courtenay Bay.

CHARLES JOHNSTON.

(Twenty-fourth Worshipful Master).

The ninth son of Hugh Johnston, Esq., one of the founders of St. John's Lodge. Born in this city 2nd October, 1811; educated at the grammar school; studied law in the office of the Hon. Neville Parker, master of the rolls; admitted an attorney 9th May, 1835; enrolled a barrister of the supreme court of New Brunswick 15th June, 1837; received the freedom of Saint John in the year 1839; appointed, A. D. 1847, high sheriff of the city and county of Saint John, and continuing in that important office until his death. A captain in the old militia and a fireward.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge 5th May, 1840; S. W. 1842; and W. M. 1843. Exalted to the R. A. degree 27th October, 1845, in Carleton Chapter.

He had the misfortune to have one of his legs broken at Carleton, 6th May, 1852, at a fire in the steam saw mills of the late Hon. John Robertson.

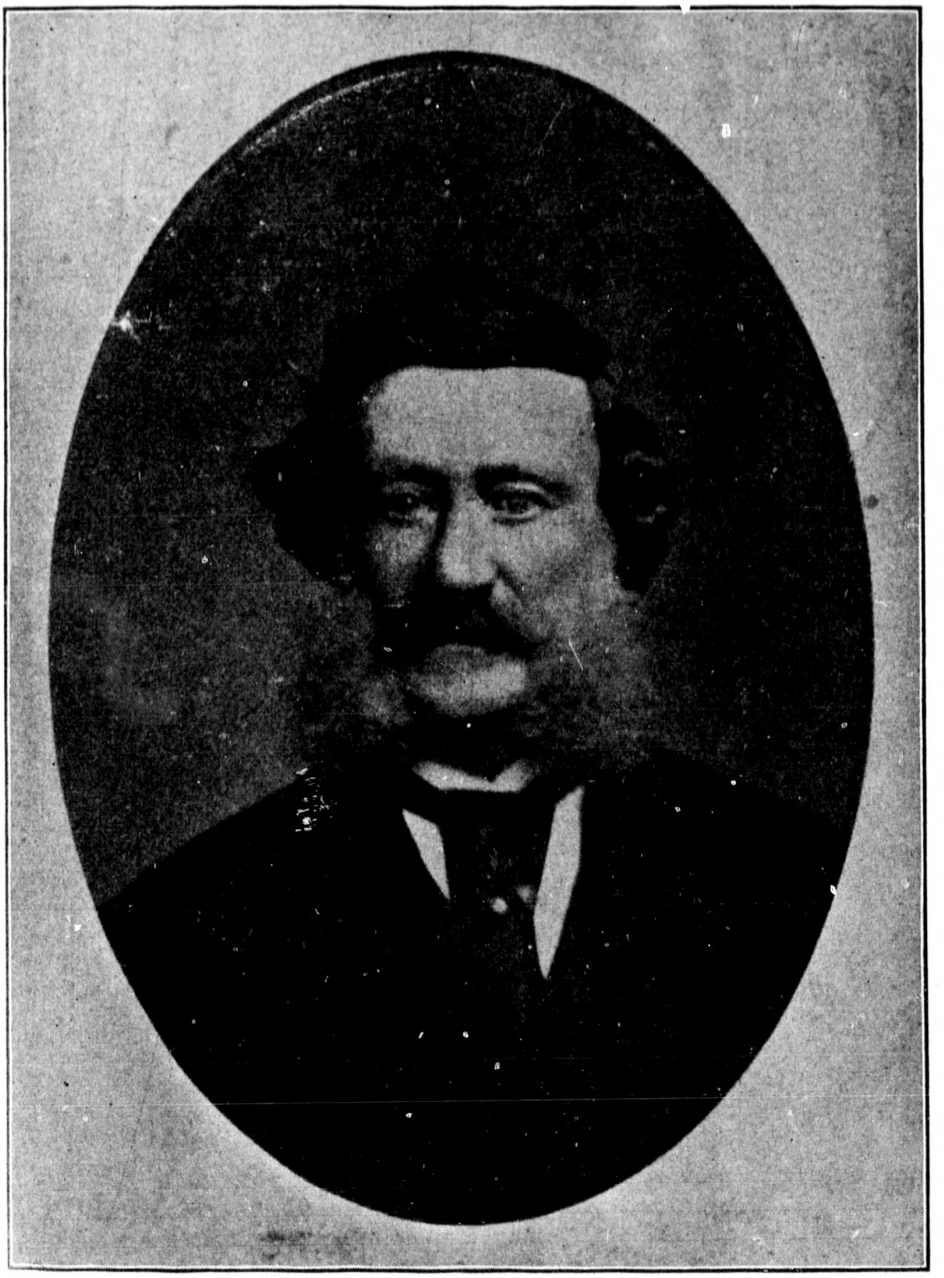
His death occurred at Saint John, 4th May, 1858, in the 47th year of his age, and the funeral, three days afterward, was attended by the W. M. and brethren of the lodge, the companions of the chapter and many members of sister lodges. At the grave, after the service of the Church of England, the impressive ritual of the fraternity was repeated by the compiler of this history, who was then W. M. of the lodge.

Bro. Johnston was a man of commanding appearance, splendid physique, genial disposition and spirited manner, who, from the outset of life's pilgrimage, gained friends and admirers. In his official capacity he acted with promptitude and energy, and in all his business transactions never allowed stern routine to set aside the genial courtesies of life. In the lodge and chapter he illustrated the pure principles of the fraternity by a conscientious fulfilment of his masonic obligations. His remains were interred in the Episcopal churchyard near Courtenay Bay.

WILLIAM HENRY ALONZO KEANS.

(Twenty-fifth Worshipful Master).

Born 11th March, 1804, at Ryde, Isle of Wight. John Keans, his father, was a captain and quarter-master in the 60th regiment of rifles. During his father's connection with this corps, they were stationed at several of the West India Islands and finally at Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the regiment was disbanded. In his youth Bro. Keans was a midshipman on board the frigate "Rifleman," but did not remain long in the naval service. He arrived in Saint John from Halifax in the year 1825, and took up his residence in the parish of Portland, in which place he engaged in the lumber and surveying business, and also held the office of town clerk. He



R. W. Bro. W. H. A. Keans, P. D. G. M.

eventually became an inhabitant of Saint John, where he continued without intermission until the final summons came. His life was an active and varied one. Brought up and educated in the army, imbibing therefrom strict military ideas and methods, they so governed him in the transactions of life that order and despatch, neatness and punctuality were his governing tenets. On the 29th September, 1827, he married Lucy Ann, daughter of Mr. John Robinson, by whom he had three daughters and one son. He became a freeman of the city in the year 1834; gazetted 25th February, 1859, a magistrate of the county; took a leading part in the county sessions as chairman of the committee of accounts and as member of many other important committees; on his appointment to the office of county treasurer, which he filled until his death, he resigned from the commission of the peace; a representative of the city of Saint John in the provincial legislature two terms, commencing 1867 and 1874, a portion of which he was deputy speaker. As a zealous worker in the cause of temperance he occupied prominent positions in the various organizations, filling the offices of grand scribe and grand worthy patriarch of the grand division of New Brunswick, and most worthy treasurer of the national division of the United States and Canada. A member of the old Albion society of Saint John, composed of Englishmen; strongly attached to his native land, he was always proud to acknowledge himself a native of England. Took a prominent part in the Saint John histrionic society, made up of local talent, which afforded the citizens of forty years ago theatrical representations in the old Hopley theatre at the golden ball corner. Occupied a seat at the civic board as assistant alderman of Queen's ward and alderman of Wellington ward. He was the first alderman elected by Wellington ward when it was erected into a separate civic district. For many years a vestryman of Saint John's Episcopal church; vice-president of the general public hospital commission; a colonel in the county militia; chairman of the trustees of public schools; a fireward of the city; an engineer of the volunteer fire department, and a foreman of the old fire department; superintendent of flour inspectors and coal measurers; a commissioner for the relief of sufferers by the disastrous fire at Indiantown, 9th December, 1864; a director of the St. John mechanics' institute and president of the society two years, 1867-1869. Frequently called upon to act as an arbitrator in important cases, his ripe judgment, impartiality and acuteness were brought into requisition, almost invariably resulting in a satisfactory solution of the disputed points.

Bro. Keans was initiated in St. John's Lodge 7th January, 1840; Secretary 1841; S. W. 1844; Treasurer 1866 to 1876; and W. M. 1845, 1846, 1852, 1853 and 1854. Exalted to the R. A. degree 11th March, 1846, in Carleton Chapter; Principal Z. 1858 and 1867. Created a Knight Templar in the Encampment of Saint John 22nd May, 1856. Held offices in the old provincial grand lodge under the R. W. Bro. Alex. Balloch, P. G. M. Was a representative of St. John's Lodge in the convention which, in October, 1867, erected the present grand lodge, and at its organization was elected grand treasurer, holding that office continuously up to 27th September, 1876, when he was unanimously elected deputy grand master. On the evening of the following day, being only two days prior to his death, he was present in grand lodge and installed into the new office, when he received the spontaneous and hearty congratulations of the brethren, replying to these fraternal manifestations in his usual felicitous manner.

The distinguished brother departed this life 30th September, 1876, at the age of 72 years; and, four days thereafter, the remains were interred in the rural cemetery.

Although there was no masonic ceremonial at the grave, the craft testified their respect to the memory of the deceased by a large attendance at the funeral obsequies, and the general public also manifested their appreciation of his public services and personal worth by a full gathering.

A special communication of the grand lodge was convened 17th November, 1876, at which M. W. Bro. R. T. Clinch, grand master, addressed the assembled brethren in the following words:

Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

My Brothers: In the short interval that has elapsed since we assembled in grand lodge, we have been forcibly reminded of the uncertainty of human life. The solemn notes that betoken the dissolution of this earthly tabernacle have again sounded their awful warning, and another spirit has been summoned to the land where our fathers have gone before us. Our honored and distinguished brother, the R. W. William H. A. Keans, elected at the last annual communication to the high office of deputy grand master, has passed from labor in the terrestrial lodge and entered into rest. The masonic record of our eminent brother is inseparably connected with the history of our ancient craft in this jurisdiction. From his early manhood an active member of the fraternity, he was soon advanced to the responsible position of master of the lodge, ruling with firmness and courtesy. In the provincial and district grand lodge under England he held, during many successive years, responsible positions. At the organization of the grand lodge of New Brunswick he took an active part, giving the convention of the lodges the benefit of his mature judgment, conservative sagacity and great masonic experience. Chosen as the first treasurer of grand lodge, he was annually re-elected by acclamation, and continued in that important office until the last annual communication, when he was unanimously advanced to the distinguished position of deputy grand master. I need not recall to your memories the thoughtful, earnest words with which, in grand lodge at the time of installation, on the 28th September last, he acknowledged the honor conferred upon him by his brethren. While then referring to his failing health, he assured the craft that during so long as it pleased the Great Architect of the universe to prolong his life, his best services would be as ever devoted to the fraternity. These were his last words among us. Within two days thereafter he closed a long, active and distinguished masonic life, and, full of years and honors, passsed to his place in "the temple not made with hands." My brothers, we mourn his loss from our councils; we cherish his memory in our hearts. His example lives for our imitation. I have summoned this special communication of grand lodge that suitable record may be made in memory of our deceased brother, and that the vacancy which we mourn, in the office of deputy grand master, may be supplied as provided by our constitution.

A special committee submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this grand lodge receives with deep and sincere sorrow the announcement of the death of R. W. Bro. W. H. A. Keans, deputy grand master; and

Further resolved, That in the death of R. W. Bro. Keans the craft in this jurisdiction mourns the loss of a distinguished member of the fraternity, who, during a long life of active and zealous masonic service, by precept and example, ever maintained and exhibited the tenets of his masonic profession; and, as a citizen, discharged the varied duties of responsible public positions with acknowledged integrity, ability and zeal; and

Further resolved, That a suitable memorial page be published with the proceedings of grand lodge, in affectionate remembrance of our deceased brother; and

Further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted under the seal of grand lodge, as an expression of respectful sympathy with the widow and family of our beloved brother in their sad bereavement.

In adding my testimony to the worth of Bro. Keans, I can truly say that he was eminent in all the relations of public and private life; active and influential in the community as in the masonic fraternity which he so greatly loved; zealous, methodical and punctual in all his undertakings; a warm and generous friend and a wise and discreet counsellor; decided and firm in his opinions; opposed to humbugs and shams; the work which his hands and brains found to do was done readily and energetically. His long and active life was expressed in a wide sphere of public and

private activities, and in all he was faithful to every trust committed to his keeping. When the final summons came he departed in peace, leaving a good name and a cherished memory. My knowledge of Bro. Keans commenced with my early boyhood. He was my Sunday-school teacher and was master of the lodge when I received masonic light, and for twenty-three years — from 1848 to 1871 — we occupied desks in the same office. Thus out of my personal knowledge I can testify to his worth and ability, and, with this testimony, gratefully acknowledge the unrecompensed debt I owe him for advice and instruction so readily given. I also knew him as a veteran craftsman familiar with and devotedly attached to the principles and precepts of freemasonry, in the work and interests of which he labored with indefatigable zeal during a period of nearly thirty-seven years.

SAMUEL HOLMAN.

(Twenty-sixth Worshipful Master).

A native of Devonshire, England, who came to Saint John about the year 1828. He was a painter by trade, having served an apprenticeship and learned the business previous to leaving his native land. On his arrival here he, by public advertisement, offered his services to the citizens as "a house, sign and ornamental painter." As a decorative workman he had few superiors in this community, while in the more refined branches of his profession he displayed considerable artistic skill and taste. It is said that he introduced into Saint John the peculiar style of graining in imitation of certain kinds of wood, known as *distemper*, i. e., graining in water colors. He became a freeman of the city of Saint John A. D. 1828, and, at the organization of the Albion Union society, was a prominent worker in the movement, and was president of it several years.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge 5th January, 1841; Secretary 1842 and 1843; S. W. 1848, and W. M. 1849. His death took place at Saint John, 28th July, 1859, at the age of 63 years, and his remains were buried in the rural cemetery. His son James is an artist of more than ordinary merit, especially in portrait painting, who executed a pair of banners for St. John's Lodge in the year 1859.

RICHARD SANDS ARMSTRONG.

(Twenty-seventh Worshipful Master).

Born at Wilmot, Nova Scotia, A. D. 1822, and took up a residence in Saint John at the early age of six years. Received his preliminary education at the Saint John grammar school under the tutelage of the late Dr. James Paterson, and finished at the provincial university, Fredericton. Studied law in the office of the late Hon. Robert L. Hazen; admitted an attorney June 12, 1845; and enrolled a barrister June 10, 1847. Elected to represent the city and county of Saint John in the provincial legislature A. D. 1855, to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of the then encumbent, Hon. William J. Ritchie, to the bench of the province. In his younger days he was an excellent horseman and fond of the saddle. At the annual subscription races on the *flats* at Courtenay Bay, which were patronized by many of our leading citizens and the officers of the garrison stationed here, he was a prominent character and took an active part. Became a freeman of Saint John in the year 1870. Was county auditor and clerk in the mayor's office several years, filling

both with acceptance up to the time of his death, which occurred March 7, 1877, in the 55th year of his age.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge, September 7, 1847; S. W. 1849, and W. M. 1851. Exalted to the R. A. degree September 13, 1848, in Carleton Chapter.

Several years previous to his death he suffered much from ill-health, bearing his affliction, however, with gentleness and fortitude. Strong in his attachments; of a genial and pleasing manner; respected and esteemed by his many friends. He loved freemasonry, and held its ceremonials and tenets in great regard. His remains were buried in the rural cemetery with masonic ceremony.

JOSEPH MERCER.

(Twenty-eighth Worshipful Master).

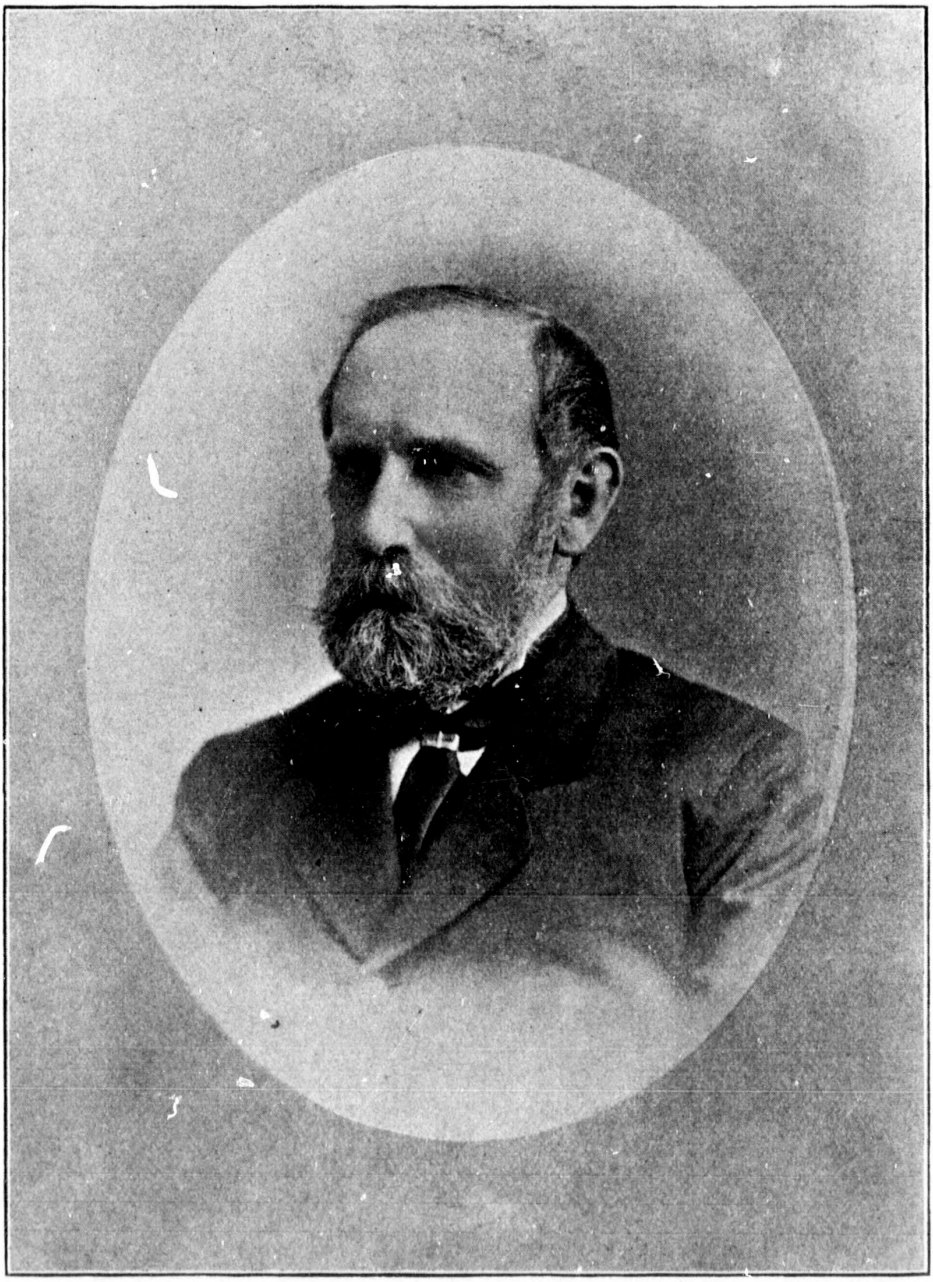
The subject of this sketch, who came of loyalist parentage, was born in Saint John, 14th February, 1804. His grandfather, Joseph Mercer, who held a captain's commission and took a leading part in the American revolutionary war, came to New Brunswick at its close and settled in this city. At an early age Bro. Mercer commenced to learn the brick making business with his father, Joshua Mercer, but, as that trade was not congenial to his tastes, he abandoned it and became an apprentice to Thomas Hay, a well known painter in St. John at that day. At the expiration of his apprenticeship with Hay he commenced business on his own account, and continued it without intermission until a short period previous to his death. He married, 17th August, 1825, Hannah, eldest daughter of Isaac Golding. Was a freeman and fireward of Saint John; an officer in the old fire department; held a commission in the militia; a commissioner of streets; and a representative at the civic board as assistant alderman of Wellington ward and alderman of Prince ward. His health failing him, he retired from business and removed to the United States, where he remained several years. Finding no improvement, he came back to Saint John, and shortly afterward—7th December, 1867—breathed his last, being then in the 64th year of his age. His remains were buried in the rural cemetery.

Bro. Mercer possessed rare artistic ability, excelling more particularly in the execution of landscape sketches; a fluent speaker and a keen and incisive debater; enjoyed an extensive and matured knowledge of metaphysics and kindred subjects; displayed unusual energy and activity in his movements, and possessed a ready perception of difficult and abstruse questions rarely found in the average of men; quick and impetuous in temperament; a firm friend and a generous opponent. He received masonic light in St. John's Lodge, April 6, 1847; J. W. 1852 and 1853; S. W. 1854, and W. M. 1855.

CHARLES EDWARD POTTER.

(Twenty-ninth Worshipful Master).

Was born at Fredericton, New Brunswick, 6th September, 1822, and received his education there. His parents were of loyalist stock; his grandfather Coombs being a major on the British side in the revolutionary struggle of 1776-1783. In his youth he came to Saint John and served an apprenticeship to Francis McDermott, at the sign painting, gilding and picture frame business. At the expiration of his term he became a freeman of the city. Subsequently entered into co-partnership with William H. Venning and carried on a large business on Prince William street and



R. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, P. G. M.

Germain street, their warehouses and stores being the nucleus of treasures in painting, engraving, statuary, etc.—emphatically the then art depots of Saint John. As honorary secretary for many years of the London Art union, he possessed unusual facilities for enlarging and creating an artistic taste in the community, and in this way performed good service in a refined branch of intellectual life. During the time of the volunteer fire department in Saint John, he was a leading spirit in the movement and a prominent member of number six company. He took great interest in boating and was a liberal supporter of the racing crews which, from time to time, had their headquarters in Saint John.

Bro. Potter was initiated in St. John's Lodge 6th December, 1846; J. W. 1850; S. W. 1851, 1852 and 1853; Treasurer, 1863 and 1864; and W. M. 1856 and 1857. During the two years he filled the chair the additions to the membership of the lodge numbered fifty-eight, being the largest accession of any other two years in its history. Exalted to the R. A. degree 19th May, 1852, in Carleton Chapter; created a Knight Templar 5th November, 1868, in De Molay Encampment; constituted a Prince Rose Croix of H. R. D. M. 4th April, 1870, in Moore chapter; and a Knight of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, 21st May, 1869, in McLeod Moore conclave. He died December 21, 1889, aged 67 years, being at that date the senior past master of the lodge.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN BUNTING.

(Thirtieth Worshipful Master).

Third son of the Rev. Joshua Bunting and Elizabeth Giraud. His ancestors on his father's side belonged to Bristol, England. His mother's ancestors were French Huguenots from Rochelle, France. Both families came to America in the latter part of the seventeenth century, the former settling in New Jersey and the latter in New York. His grandfathers, Roland Bunting and Daniel Giraud, espoused the royalist cause at the commencement of the revolutionary war, and fought through the whole of that struggle. At the close they and their families came to New Brunswick in May, 1783, the former becoming a resident of Saint John and the latter of Queen's county. Roland Bunting was a man of extraordinary vigor and strength, who died in the year 1839, at the advanced age of 105 years.

The subject of this sketch was born in Saint John, 25th May, 1825. After a full course of tuition in the commercial and mathematical school of William Mills, he finished his education at the high school, of which Jarvis W. Hartt was principal, in the study of the Greek, Latin and French languages. In July, 1846, he was appointed clerk in the office of the collector of taxes, where he remained until A. D. 1859, when, upon the adoption of the Saint John assessment act of that year, he was transferred to the office of clerk to the board of assessors. Under the new assessment law of 1882 a permanent chairmanship to the board of assessors was created, to which, in recognition of his long services, Bro. Bunting was appointed by the city council.

From early boyhood he took an active part in athletic sports and out-door exercises generally. The gun and fishing rod have always had a special attraction to him. With one or both he has traversed nearly all the lakes, streams and covers of New Brunswick, and also portions of Nova Scotia, Quebec and Maine, and is a recognized authority on the habits, haunts and modes of capture of salmon, trout, etc., and

in the art of fly fishing. He became a freeman of Saint John in the year 1847; was a director of the fishery draft under the old fisheries act; recording secretary of the Saint John Mechanics' institute from May, 1858, to May, 1864, and afterwards a director for two years. On retiring from the secretaryship the board of directors tendered him a vote of thanks for his services. Chief of Proteus camp of the Polymorphian tribe, a society of young men existing in Saint John A. D. 1852 to 1857, well known for its public parades and private entertainments, especially the public display, October, 1855, in celebration of the fall of Sebastopol, acknowledged to be the finest pageant of emblematical tableaux, historic costumes, etc., ever witnessed in the city. One of the prominent members of the volunteer fire department from its formation up to the time of its disbandment, being foreman in command of number six company fourteen years—from 1850 to 1864. In appreciation of his interest in the welfare of the company, the members presented him with a gold watch chain and medallion. The originator and principal organizer of the Victoria skating club and rink; secretary-treasurer of the club from its inception to the year 1871, when he was elected president; and, on his declining a re-election, the stockholders elected him an honorary member, a distinction accorded to him only. Gazetted a magistrate of the city and county of Saint John, September, 1874. A member of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick, and an honorary member of The Saint John Oratorio Society.

From the date of his admission into the masonic fraternity, covering a period of forty-two years, his labors in the lodge, the chapter, the encampment and the grand lodge have been continuous. He has had a large share in dispensing the charities of the craft; from him many young craftsmen have received advice and instruction, and to him the brethren of the jurisdiction generally have looked as a safe exponent of masonic law and usage. He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, 3rd February, 1852; Secretary 1853, 1854, 1865 to 1868 and 1889; Treasurer 1877 to 1881 and 1886 to 1888; S. W. 1855 and 1856; and W. M. 1858, 1859 and 1882. Received the Mark Master's degree 11th September, 1854, and the Royal Arch 2nd October, 1854, in the Carleton Chapter, No. 47, registry of Scotland, and after serving as scribe E. several years and filling other offices, he was elected Principal Z. and presided over the chapter two years. The Knight Templar and Knight of Malta grades were conferred upon him 15th May, 1856, under a special dispensation of the Grand Prior of Scotland, to enable him to become a petitioner for the warrant of the Encampment of Saint John, over which he subsequently ruled during two years as commander, commencing 14th September, 1866, and is now the senior member of the encampment and the only member whose name appears on the warrant. Was one of the original members of Carleton Council of Red Cross Knights and Carleton Royal Ark Mariner's Lodge, having had the degrees of these bodies communicated to him 27th November, 1857, and having presided over both; appointed and installed 27th December, 1860, Jr. G. W. of the provincial grand lodge under England; appointed and installed 27th December, 1861, provincial grand secretary, which latter office he continued to fill until October, 1867, when he was appointed grand secretary of the newly organized grand lodge of New Brunswick. After a continuous service of nearly twenty-one years, he retired April, 1882, from the office of grand secretary. Grand lodge thereupon elected him deputy grand master, and in April, 1883, elevated him to the honorable station of grand master. In September, 1875, during his grand secretaryship, grand lodge conferred on him the honorary rank of a past senior

grand warden, and, when he retired from the office of grand secretary, expressed its thanks in the following resolutions:

Whereas, R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, grand secretary of the grand lodge, voluntarily retires from that office, which he has filled since the formation of grand lodge, after several years previous service as grand secretary of the provincial grand lodge under English registry, his whole term in office covering the period from 1861 until the present time;

Resolved, That grand lodge desires to express, in the heartiest terms, its high sense of the efficient and effective way in which that right worshipful brother has discharged all the duties pertaining to the office of grand secretary, by which the affairs of the craft in this jurisdiction are in a condition entirely satisfactory to grand lodge; declaring by all his masonic works, by his counsel and advice, by his knowledge of masonic law and ritual, by his patient and unwearied efforts for the good of the craft, and his uniform courtesy to brothers of every degree, he has won for himself an enduring place in the hearts of the freemasons of New Brunswick;

Resolved, That while expressing its sense of the loss it has sustained by his retirement from the position he has so long and so worthily filled, grand lodge is nevertheless glad to be able to congratulate the right worshipful brother that his retirement is due largely to a personal cause of much interest to his friends — his advancement to the head of an important public department of the city of Saint John, that of chairman of the board of assessors, with which he has had official connection for a number of years, and to express the hope that he may be long spared to discharge the duties of that honorable position;

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be engrossed on vellum and transmitted to Bro. Bunting.

By special authority of the Grand Principal Z. of Scotland, he constituted Alexandria R. A. Chapter, No. 100, at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 23rd November, 1863; Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 101, at Chatham, New Brunswick, 15th September, 1864, and St. Stephen Chapter, No. 125, at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, 19th October, 1868. Under a dispensation of the R. W. District Grand Master, dated November, 1866, he organized Emulation Lodge of Instruction, and continued to conduct it under renewed authority from successive grand masters until the great fire of June, 1877, after which, in consequence of the want of a proper place of meeting, its operations were suspended, until the year 1887, when it was resuscitated. Elected 10th April, 1879, an honorary member of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, and 2nd December, 1879, an honorary member of St. John's Lodge, his mother lodge. A charter member of Fredericton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 77, of Fredericton, under the warrant granted December 17, 1856, by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland; a delegate from St. John's Lodge to the convention which erected the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, October, 1867; a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London, England.

Presented by St. John's Lodge, 1st January, 1867, with a valuable gold watch, together with an address engrossed and illuminated on parchment; by Carleton R. A. Chapter, 15th April, 1868, with a solid gold jewel, set with brilliants, of a Past Principal Z.; by Emulation Lodge of Instruction, 1st April, 1871, with a complete edition of Dickens' works; by Carleton Union Lodge, September, 1871, with a past master's apron; by Emulation Lodge, 3rd April, 1872, with a full set of Hugh Miller's works; and by the same body, 4th April, 1887, with a gold-mounted ebony cane. The lodges, chapters, etc., in the province have, from time to time, been the recipients of many favors from him, one of which was to St. John's Lodge, 17th June, 1884, when he and W. Bro. Arthur Everitt, W. M., presented it with a painted silk banner, with gold bullion trimmings.

A member of the charity committee of St. John's Lodge, without intermission, from January, 1862; director and president of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall company; published A. D. 1878, a manual for the use of lodges in this jurisdiction;

collated and edited a volume of pp. 616, of the transactions of the grand lodge from its inauguration to the year 1876; representative of the grand lodges of Missouri, Oregon and Utah in the grand lodge of New Brunswick; expended much time and labor in starting and building up the grand lodge library; since A. D. 1858, has been the recognized authority of the work and ritual of the craft degrees, and from his first induction into the fraternity has been continually in active work. At this date (1894) he is the senior past master of St. John's Lodge, all his predecessors having taken their place "in the narrow house appointed for all living."

JOHN H. SHERIDAN.

(Thirty-first Worshipful Master).

Affiliated in St. John's Lodge 8th February, 1856, from Rising Sun Lodge, No. 39, State of New Hampshire; J. W. 1858; S. W. 1859; and W. M. 1860 and 1861. Exalted to the R. A. degree 16th January, 1856, in Carleton Chapter, and on 17th July, 1856, created a Knight Templar in the Encampment of Saint John.

Bro. Sheridan, who was a mechanical engineer, came to Saint John A. D. 1855, from Nashua, New Hampshire, under an engagement with Messrs. Harris & Allan, founders, to fit up and put in operation a steam trip hammer in their extensive establishment in Portland. Becoming overheated while working at his business, and exposing himself to a cold draft of air, he contracted a severe cold, which affected his lungs so seriously that he was obliged to relinquish his situation. After remaining in Saint John in the endeavor to regain health, he eventually returned to his home in New Hampshire, where he breathed his last, 2nd June, 1862, in the 34th year of his age. Through his genial and pleasing manner he became quite popular in the community, and when the announcement of his death reached here his loss was sincerely mourned.

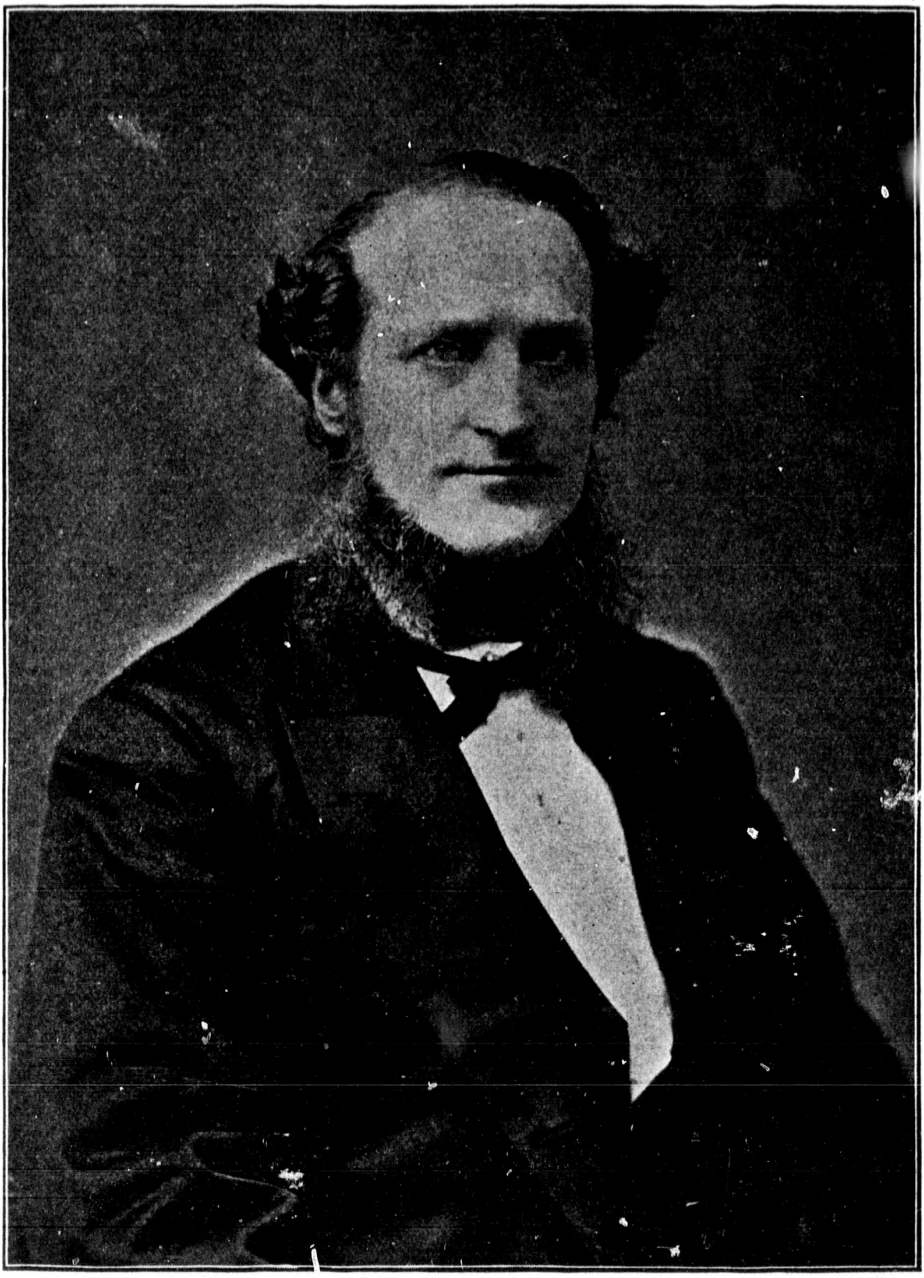
In the work of the lodge, and in all that concerned the best interests of the craft generally, he was an active, zealous, intelligent and bright worker.

HON. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN.

(Thirty-second Worshipful Master).

Son of the late Alexander Wedderburn, Esq., of Aberdeen, Scotland, imperial immigration agent in New Brunswick, and Jane Heavyside, of London, England. Born in Saint John, 12th October, 1834; educated at the Saint John grammar school; married, 29th April, 1858, Jennie, daughter of the late C. C. Vaughan, Esq, of Saint John; studied law in the office of Hon. John H. Gray; called to the bar June, 1858; created a Queen's counsel in 1873, and, until he engaged in politics, enjoyed an extensive legal practice. Elected to the provincial legislature in 1870; re-elected 1874, and elected a third time in 1878; chosen speaker of the legislature 18th February, 1876; entered the then provincial government 4th June, 1878, with the portfolio of provincial secretary, etc.; appointed, A. D. 1873, a commissioner to consolidate the provincial statutes, which appointment he however declined; served on several government delegations to Ottawa, notably on the "better terms" question. He retired from political life in 1882 to accept a county judgeship, which honorable position he now enjoys, with judicial jurisdiction over the counties of Kings and Albert.

Prominently identified with the temperance movement. Among other positions, he presided two years over the grand division of the Sons of Temperance as grand



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worthy patriarch. President of the Saint John Mechanics' institute three years; first president of the provincial board of agriculture, in which capacity he delivered the opening address, which was published in the English and French languages throughout the dominion; intimately connected with the newspaper press as editor and contributor for many years.

As speaker, orator and lecturer on many public and private occasions, he has commanded the close attention of his auditors by eloquent and ornate deliverances. Among other efforts in this direction may be mentioned his orations at the memorial services in Saint John for President Lincoln and President Garfield of the United States; at the laying the corner stone of the masonic temple in Saint John; and at the ceremonial in celebration of the centennial of freemasonry in New Brunswick; also his lecture on "Colin Campbell," in the Mechanics' institute, on behalf of the volunteers during the Fenian troubles; and that on "The Union of the Colonies," in the Portland course of lectures in 1857.

Bro. Wedderburn was initiated in St. John's Lodge, 19th June, 1857; was S. W. 1860 and W. M. 1862 and 1863. Exalted to the R. A. degree 20th November, 1870, in New Brunswick Chapter. When the erection of an independent grand lodge in New Brunswick was mooted, he entered warmly into the movement, both by his voice and pen, especially as editor of *The Mirror*, the organ of the undertaking. At the formation of the grand lodge he was unanimously elected deputy grand master, and continuing in that office up to September, 1870, he was then chosen grand master, which latter position he occupied two years. He is the representative of the grand lodge of Nebraska in the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

The removal of his residence to his villa at Hampton, and the prosecution of his judicial functions beyond the limits of Saint John, have drawn him away from active participation in the work of the lodge; nevertheless he continues to hold his membership therein, and to preserve a warm interest in the prosperity of the craft.

ROBERT GRAHAM CROZIER.

(Thirty-third Worshipful Master).

His father, Thomas Crozier, was a native of Ireland, who, when young, came to New Brunswick and entered into the dry goods business, in which he acquired a handsome competency. His mother's maiden name was Nancy Anderson, a native of Nova Scotia. Bro. Crozier was born in Saint John, received his education at the grammar school there, and learned the dry goods business in his father's store. After his father had retired from business in Saint John, our brother removed, with his family, to Alma, Albert county, and carried on a general trading concern. He was made a freeman of Saint John in 1853. An active member of the volunteer fire department, and for a year or two engineer of number six company.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge, 6th December, 1853; secretary 1855 and 1856; treasurer 1865; J. W. 1857; S. W. 1858, and W. M. 1864. Received the R. A. degree 18th July, 1855, in Carleton Chapter, and created a Knight Templar 15th May, 1856, in the Encampment of Saint John. He died at Alma, 29th April, 1881, at the age of 48 years, leaving a widow and quite a large family to mourn their great loss. The remains were brought to Saint John and buried in the rural cemetery. Our brother was a man strong in his friendships and of a genial and kind hearted nature; possessed of good business talent and an active and impulsive temperament; detested shams and humbugs, and never hesitated to express an opinion upon

familiar questions. He was generous to a fault, and ever ready to assist a brother in distress or a friend in need to the extent of his ability. For these humane qualities many have cause to remember him with gratitude.

JOHN DAVIS SHORT.

(Thirty-fourth Worshipful Master).

Born in Saint John, 2nd November, 1828, of loyalist parentage. His school-boy days, his apprenticeship, and, in fact, the whole of his life have been spent in Saint John. After leaving school he was apprenticed to the tailoring business with John Eagles, and subsequently went into business on his own account, following it up, however, but a short time. In the year 1849 he entered the tailoring establishment of Andrew Gilmour as a cutter, and has continued in the same establishment in that capacity up to the present time.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge, 6th March, 1855; J. W. 1863; S. W. 1864; W. M. 1865, 1866 and 1886. In the grand lodge he held the offices of grand director of ceremonies, senior grand warden and district deputy grand master. Exalted to the R. A. degree 26th April, 1866, in New Brunswick Chapter, in which body he filled the chair of first principal from October, 1866, to October, 1868. Created a Knight Templar 30th October, 1867, in the Encampment of Saint John. In the cryptic rite he held the office of thrice illustrious master of Saint John Council three years, 1867-'70, and was deputy grand master and afterward right puissant grand master of the grand council New Brunswick.

In appreciation of his valuable services, St. John's Lodge presented him with a past master's jewel and case, 1st March, 1870, and New Brunswick Chapter, for similar services, gave him a handsome past principal's jewel.

He has represented the lodge at the masonic board of relief from its organization, 1st November, 1870, to the present time, and for a number of years previously was on the relief committee of the lodge, when each lodge dispensed its own charity. He is proficient in the work and lectures of the craft degrees, was a member of the ritual committee of grand lodge, and on many occasions has taken part in the exemplifications of the lectures before the brethren of the lodges. He is the present treasurer of the lodge, having been first elected to that office December, 1888.

JAMES GORDON FORBES.

(Thirty-fifth Worshipful Master).

Youngest son of the late Captain John Forbes, of the 93rd Highlanders, a scion of a distinguished Highland Scotch family. His father, who served with distinction in the peninsular war under the Duke of Wellington, received from the crown, in recognition of his services, a grant of land in Nova Scotia, to which he immigrated in the year 1832.

Bro. Forbes was born 10th May, 1837, in Pictou county, Nova Scotia; educated at the free church school, Halifax; a teacher in the superior school at Kouchibouguac, New Brunswick, from 1857 to 1860. In the latter year he entered the law office of Judge Wedderburn, where he studied five years, and afterward finished his legal studies at the law school of Harvard university. Admitted to the bar 13th April, 1865, he, during the succeeding ten years, conducted an extensive law business with the late William H. Sinnott, under the professional firm of Forbes & Sinnott. A dissolution of co-partnership occurring, he removed, in 1876, to Des Moines,

Iowa, where he carried on a law, loan and insurance business. On the death of Mr. Sinnott, in November, 1879, he returned to Saint John and resumed the practice of the law. He is an effective jury lawyer, having, by his energy and eloquence, gained some important suits. In the defence of the prisoner Edie, in the Queen *vs.* Edie, for murder, he won from Chief Justice Allen, the presiding judge, the flattering testimony that "the defence was one of the most able and eloquent efforts within his experience."

For important services rendered in the confederation of the provinces of British North America into the Dominion of Canada, his political friends presented him with a valuable gold watch and chain. In 1870 he unsuccessfully contested the county of Saint John for a seat in the local legislature, although the large vote he secured testified to his popularity. As alderman of Duke's ward for two years, he rendered the city valuable services by his energy and industry. He has always taken an active part in church matters, especially in his connection, for many years, with St. Andrew's church, of which he is an elder.

On the 17th September, 1871, he was married to Mary J. Homer of Bloomington, Illinois, by whom he has a daughter and a son.

Initiated 7th January, 1862, in St. John's Lodge; secretary 1864; S. W. 1865; and W. M. 1867; grand steward of the grand lodge 1875-'76. Exalted to the R. A. degree 27th June, 1867, in Carleton Chapter, and occupied the chair of Principal J. Created a Knight Templar 28th August, 1867, in the Encampment of Saint John, and presided over that body one year as commander. In the grand council of Royal and Select Masters he filled the office of most puissant grand master, 1867-'68.

Bro. Forbes is now a resident of Saint John, and actively engaged in the duties of his profession.

JOSEPH CANBY HATHEWAY.

(Thirty-sixth Worshipful Master).

Born July 31, 1820, at Burton, Sunbury county, New Brunswick. He came to Saint John when very young and received his preliminary education there, completing it, however, at the Baptist seminary, Fredericton. After carrying on a mercantile business in Saint John several years, he, in the year 1847, removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; studied medicine there and graduated in 1850 in the Philadelphia college of medicine. Subsequently he perfected himself in the profession of dentistry in the Philadelphia dental college. Returning to Saint John in 1852, he started the practice of dentistry and continued in the prosecution of it to within a few years past. At the provincial exhibition held at Fredericton, A. D. 1852, he was awarded a prize and diploma for excellence in the manufacture of artificial teeth. The Philadelphia college of dentistry conferred the honorary degree of doctor of dental surgery upon him in 1854. In 1857 he became a freeman of the city of Saint John.

Our brother has occupied a prominent position in freemasonry, and has, since his induction into the craft taken a warm interest in all the bodies with which he is identified. He received masonic light in St. John's Lodge, 1st December, 1863, and in due course was advanced to the F. C. and M. M. degrees. Was S. W. 1867; W. M. 1868 and 1869; secretary 1871, and subsequently filled the offices of chaplain and organist several years. For eminent services rendered he enjoys the privilege of honorary membership in Hibernia Lodge, and occupied a like position in the late Leinster Lodge. In grand lodge he was appointed grand pursuivant in 1872, grand

organist 1882-'85, and elected junior grand warden 1888. Exalted to the R. A. degree 26th September, 1867, in New Brunswick Chapter, and occupied the chair of Principal Z. 1872-'73. Appointed A. D. 1873, by the Grand Chapter of Canada, grand superintendent of Royal Arch masonry for the province of New Brunswick, and re-appointed five succeeding years. He received the cryptic degrees in New Brunswick Council R. & S. M.; occupied the chair of Thrice Illustrious Master therein, and filled the position of Most Puissant Grand Master of the grand council of New Brunswick. On the 30th October, 1868, he was created a Knight Templar in the Union de Molay Preceptory, received the degree of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine 9th February, 1869; a Knight of Malta 3rd June, 1869; a Red Cross Knight 3rd November, 1870; and was elected Eminent Preceptor of the Commandery A. D. 1877. Appointed Assistant Grand Chamberlain of the Great Priory of Canada 7th August, 1877, and elected a member of the grand council 11th October, 1878. Our eminent brother was created a Sovereign Prince of the Rose Croix 18°, 28th October, 1870, and received the 32nd degree of the A. & A. Rite, in the Harrington Consistory, 3rd November, 1873.

He compiled and published a pocket manual of the craft degrees, under authority of the board of general purposes of grand lodge, and in consequence of his intimate knowledge of the ritual was appointed instructor of the work, and in this capacity visited various sections of the jurisdiction, imparting instruction to the several lodges.

He is now a resident of Westfield, King's county, and, although debarred by reason of his removal from the city from attendance at the meetings, his interest in the well-being of the lodge continues unabated. At the regular communication held October 3, 1893, resolutions were adopted congratulatory to Bro. Hatheway and his wife upon the attainment of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedded life.

WILLIAM HERBERT SINNOTT.

(Thirty-seventh Worshipful Master).

Initiated in St. John's Lodge 5th March, 1867; S. W. 1869, and W. M. 1870. He never received any further degrees.

Born at Studholm, Kings county, New Brunswick, and, after receiving a rudimental education at home, entered the Wesleyan academy at Sackville, where he graduated in due time. Subsequently he taught school in his native place. Coming to Saint John, he studied law in the office of Charles W. Stockton, and eventually formed a professional co-partnership with Bro. James G. Forbes, under the title of Forbes & Sinnott. He was one of the promoters of the Victoria Hotel Company, and filled the office of secretary to the board of directors; a director and president of the Victoria Skating Club.

He died at Saint John, 21st November, 1879, at the age of thirty-six years. The remains were conveyed to his native place and buried there.

Bro. Sinnott possessed a rich store of genuine wit and humor, quick at repartee, and happy in the deliverance of an after-dinner speech, his sallies frequently convulsing the company with laughter. At the time he taught school his leisure hours were employed, in conjunction with other young men of the place, in editing and publishing a small sheet, for circulation in the immediate neighborhood, containing racy and pungent contributions, principally aimed at local persons and things. During his riper years he occasionally contributed articles to the columns of our local periodicals.

HENRY GILBERT HUNT.

(Thirty-eighth Worshipful Master).

His grandfather came from Jersey City with the loyalists in 1783, and settled in Nova Scotia. The subject of this sketch was born in Saint John, 7th April, 1830, was educated there, and learned the trade of house joiner with his father, Elijah Hunt. At the completion of his apprenticeship he went to Boston, Massachusetts, and carried on business there for two years—1851 and 1852—and then returned to Saint John, where he has continued to reside up to the present time. In 1860 he became a freeman of the city; appointed, A. D. 1864, to office in the customs department as a tide waiter, subsequently as a locker, and more recently as invoice clerk; joined the volunteer fire department at its organization in 1849 as a member of number two engine company, in which he continued up to 1864, when the volunteer department was disbanded; a director of the St. John Mechanics' institute several years.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge 7th May, 1867; J. W. 1870, and W. M. 1871 and 1872. Exalted to the R. A. degree 17th July, 1868, in New Brunswick Chapter; and created a Knight Templar 9th March, 1870, in the Encampment of Saint John. Appointed Grand Steward, September, 1871, and again September, 1874.

THOMAS OVERTON SANDALL.

(Thirty-ninth Worshipful Master).

Initiated in St. John's Lodge, 4th March, 1862; J. W. 1871; S. W. 1872; W. M. 1873; and a Grand Steward 1873-'74.

Born at Saint John, 29th August, 1834, of loyalist parentage. His great-grandfather, Thomas Sandall, who was an officer in the 22nd regiment of foot during the American revolutionary war, was a member of the lodge, chapter and encampment attached to that regiment, the certificates of such membership being now in the possession of another great-grandson, W. Bro. Frederick Sandall.

Bro. T. O. Sandall was educated in Saint John, became a freeman of the city in 1860, and in the same year was appointed a tide waiter in the customs department, a position he held until recently, when he was promoted to the office of waiter and searcher.

WILLIAM MACARA SEARS.

(Fortieth Worshipful Master).

Bro. Sears was born in Saint John, 21st June, 1850; a grandson of Thatcher Sears, a well-known loyalist and prominent citizen. Received his education at private schools in the city, and learned the druggist and apothecary business in the establishment of the late Bro. John M. Walker. He subsequently succeeded to the business on the retirement of Bro. Walker, and carried it on for several years on his own account. He occupied a seat at the civic board as alderman of King's ward, and gave a strong proof of his public spirit and benevolent heart in the erection, at his private cost, of a public drinking fountain on the Market square.

He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, 4th July, 1871; J. W. 1873; and W. M. 1874 and 1875.

In the midst of his usefulness and after a short illness, he departed this life at Saint John, 24th September, 1882. The lodge attended the funeral in a body, without regalia, and followed the remains to their last resting place in the rural ceme-

tery. His early and much regretted death cut short a life which gave promise of high attainment in public and private affairs. Had he lived he would, without doubt, have been admitted to the higher branches of the fraternity, where he would have proved a valuable auxiliary in all masonic "ways and works."

HIRAM GABRIEL BETTS.

(Forty-first Worshipful Master).

A native of Nova Scotia, who came to Saint John when quite young and received his education at the grammar school. He was a clerk in the mayor's office, and for a time carried on a commission and brokerage business. After passing a course as a student at law, he became an attorney, and, on 25th October, 1881, was enrolled a barrister.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge 5th January, 1869; S. W. 1874; J. W. 1875; secretary 1872, and from 1877 to 1881; W. M. 1876; and grand steward 1876-'77. Received the R. A. degree 23rd September, 1875 in Carleton Chapter; created a Knight Templar 20th March, 1878, in the Encampment of Saint John. He occupied the chair of Principal Z. in the chapter one year, commencing September, 1880.

JOHN BUCHANAN.

(Forty-second Worshipful Master).

Born in Portland, county of Saint John, 3rd January, 1842. Apprenticed and served his time in the foundry and machine works of James Harris & Co. At the completion of his apprenticeship he went to the United States and remained there about five years. Upon his return to his native place he secured employment in the foundry of George Fleming & Sons, in which he continued until failing health compelled his retirement. In the meantime, by assiduity and becoming deportment, he worked his way gradually upward, until he became foreman and manager of the moulding department.

He received the craft degrees in Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, of Saint John, and became an affiliated member in St. John's Lodge, 1st January, 1873. He was S. W. 1876, and W. M. 1877, of the latter lodge. Exalted to the R. A. degree 15th May, 1878, in Carleton Chapter.

After an illness of lengthy duration, of cancer in the stomach, he died 4th March, 1885, at the age of 43 years. His remains were interred in the rural cemetery without masonic ceremony.

GEORGE BLACK HEGAN.

(Forty-third Worshipful Master).

Was born in the city of Saint John, 27th July, 1850, of Irish and Scotch parentage. At the proper age he became a pupil in the high school of the late Jarvis W. Hartt, and finished his education at the Saint John grammar school. On leaving school he received an appointment in the office of the Queen insurance company, where he remained five years, and in 1871 entered the dry goods and carpet warehouse of J. & J. Hegan, the senior partner of this firm being his father and the junior his uncle. In 1877 he was admitted to partnership, and continued therein until subsequently he, in company with his cousin, James W. Hegan, opened a

carpet and furnishing warehouse on King street. Married 22nd November, 1876, to Annie Louise, daughter of the late Captain Albert Betts, and great-grand-daughter of W. Bro. Dr. Azor Betts.[1]

In the latter part of the year 1885 he, with his family, removed to Portland, Oregon; but, after a limited sojourn there, came back to Saint John, where he now resides, and occupies a lucrative position in the extensive and well-known dry goods house of Manchester, Robertson & Allison. Previous to his departure for Oregon—November 23rd, 1885—the brethren of St. John's Lodge manifested their good wishes and fraternal regard by presenting him with an address, accompanied by a valuable past master's jewel suitably engraved.

His masonic record may be summed up as follows: Initiated in St. John's Lodge, October 1st, 1872; exalted to the Royal Arch, April 1st, 1875, in Carleton Chapter; and at subsequent periods received the degrees of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta, in the Encampment of Saint John; the Royal and Select Master in the St. John Council; the grades of the Royal Order of Scotland, in the provincial grand lodge of New Brunswick; the several orders of the Knights of Rome and Constantine in the McLeod Moore Conclave; and has had conferred upon him all the degrees up to the 32° in the bodies of the A. & A. Scottish Rite. That he has not been a drone in the masonic hive is verified by his official career, as follows: in the lodge, J. W. 1876, S. W. 1877, W. M. 1878, and Treasurer 1882–'85; in the grand lodge, Grand Sword Bearer 1878–'79, District Deputy Grand Master 1891–'92, and J. G. W. 1893–'94; High Priest and other offices in the royal arch chapter; Right Illustrious Master in the council of R. & S. M.; and Herald in the conclave of Rome and Constantine. He is representative in grand lodge of the grand lodge of New Zealand, and in grand chapter of the grand royal arch chapter of Oregon. Gifted with musical attainments of a high order, he has on many occasions, public and private—especially in masonic circles—taken a prominent part and rendered effective aid.

In addition to his masonic record, he has been a director of the masonic hall company, a lieutenant in the corps of New Brunswick engineers, and a director and president of the Victoria skating club. At an amateur competition in 1876, in the latter institution, he won the champion gold medal for graceful and proficient skating.

In the various positions occupied by him, and in the community generally, where the years of his youth and manhood have been spent, his courteous demeanour, zeal and integrity have commanded the esteem and confidence of his fellows.

ARTHUR ISAAC TRUEMAN.

(Forty-fourth Worshipful Master).

Born at Point de Bute, Westmorland county, New Brunswick, 19th July, 1850, of English parentage on his father's side, and Scotch on that of his mother. After receiving a preliminary education, he became a student in the Amherst academy, in

1 Dr. Azor Betts, who was a United Empire Loyalist of 1783, occupied a prominent place in his profession and in the masonic fraternity in his day. He was taken prisoner during the revolutionary war; but, on account of his membership in the craft, was discharged by General Washington, who was also a freemason. He officiated at the organization of the first lodge in New Brunswick (Hiram Lodge), and was in other respects prominently identified with the early growth of freemasonry in the province.

Nova Scotia, remaining there two years. From thence he entered Dalhousie college at Halifax, where he graduated as bachelor of arts in 1872. (This college, in 1878, conferred upon him the further degree of M. A.). After leaving college he engaged in teaching in Nova Scotia. In 1873 he removed to the adjoining city of Portland, where he continued his duties as teacher under a grammar school license, and from 1876 to 1879 occupied the important position of superintendent of the public schools in that city.

Studied law in the office of Pugsley, Crawford & Pugsley, of St. John; admitted an attorney 17th June, 1880; enrolled a barrister 20th June, 1881; and on 1st July, 1880, became a partner in the business of the above firm. Married, 26th October, 1881, Maggie E., daughter of the late Hon. John MacMillan, post office inspector of New Brunswick. Held a commission as captain in the 62nd Battalion Saint John Fusiliers; chairman of trustees of Saint Stephen's Presbyterian church; and, since 4th April, 1883, reporter of the supreme court of the province.

Received masonic light in St. John's Lodge, 5th May, 1874; J. W. 1877; S. W. 1878, and W. M. 1879. Exalted to the R. A. degree 15th May, 1878, in Carleton Chapter, over which body he presided as high priest 1892–'93, and is now its treasurer. Received the grades of Red Cross, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta, in the Encampment of Saint John, and filled therein the office of hospitaller A. D. 1890, and that of lieutenant commander from 1891 to the present time. He has also taken the several grades and degrees in the St. John Council R. & S. M.; in the McLeod Moore Conclave of Knights of Rome and Constantine; and in the bodies of the A. & A. Scottish Rite up to the 18°.

WILLIAM HENRY BROOKE SADLEIR.

(Forty-fifth Worshipful Master).

The son of a clergyman of the Established church. Born in Dublin, Ireland, 19th February, 1851; partly educated in the royal academy, Gosport, England, and, after passing a very satisfactory examination, entered as a naval cadet on board H. M. warship "Britannia." He subsequently retired from the naval service and accepted a situation in the wholesale dry goods house of John Wike & Co., Manchester. Having had suitable inducements offered him, he came to Saint John in 1869, and went into the employ of Daniel & Boyd; subsequently he made an engagement with Manchester, Robertson & Allison, where he at the present time holds a responsible position.

Bro. Sadleir has received all the degrees of lodge, chapter and encampment. He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, 3rd September, 1872; J. W. 1879; W. M. 1880 and 1881; Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies 1880–'81; received the R. A. degree 17th January, 1873, in New Brunswick Chapter, holding in that body the office of Principal Z. one year from July, 1882; created a Knight Templar in the Encampment of Saint John, 14th April, 1880, and presided over that body as eminent commander 1889–'90. He has also received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in the St. John Council; has been advanced to the 18° of the A. & A. Scottish Rite; and is the representative of the grand royal arch chapter of Florida in the grand chapter of New Brunswick. He is an earnest worker in the several grades, has filled various offices, and served on many important committees, in all of which he has gained the esteem and confidence of his brethren.

ARTHUR EVERITT.

(Forty-sixth Worshipful Master).

A native of England, and son of William Everitt, of Brightwell Hall, county of Suffolk. Learned the dry goods business in London, and when a young man came to Saint John under an engagement to fill a situation here. He arrived in Saint John A. D. 1852 on board the ship "Sir Harry Smith," and entered the wholesale and retail dry goods house of J. Armstrong & Co., in which he filled various departments until he became the manager. Subsequently he commenced business in copartnership with R. P. Butler, under the title of Everitt & Butler. At the time of the great fire in Saint John of 20th June, 1877, the firm occupied warehouses on Canterbury street, which were involved in the general destruction, whereby they lost all their large stock of merchandise. The partnership of Everitt & Butler was afterward dissolved, when Bro. Everitt continued the business on his own account, and is now carrying on a wholesale dry goods business in the masonic temple, Germain street.

In the prosecution of his business engagements he has crossed the Atlantic Ocean, by steamship and sailing vessel, upwards of eighty times. In 1854 he married Annie M., eldest daughter of the late R. W. Bro. W. H. A. Keans. A freeman of the city of Saint John A. D. 1866; an active member of the Saint John board of trade; was president of the St. George's society A. D. 1891; and many years a director of the St. John Protestant Orphan asylum.

He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, 3rd April, 1877; J. W. 1880; S. W. 1882; W. M. 1883 and 1884; grand steward 1880-'81; and grand sword bearer 1884-'85. Presented to the lodge 2nd January, 1883, a set of rods for the deacons and stewards, with emblematical heads of white metal, chaste and ornamental. At the masonic bazaar held in St. John, July, 1884, he was chairman of the committee representing St. John's Lodge thereat, and the successful competitor in the voting, on that occasion, for a past master's jewel, awarded to the W. M. or P. M. of a city lodge receiving the largest number of votes. In conjunction with W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, he presented, at an emergency communication held 17th June, 1884, a valuable silk banner with gold trimmings and the necessary outfit, to Saint John's Lodge.

ROBERT H. B. TENNANT.

(Forty-seventh Worshipful Master).

A native of Scotland, who for several years past has been a resident of Saint John, engaged in business as a shirt manufacturer and dealer in gentlemen's furnishing goods.

Received the E. A. degree in St. John's Lodge 6th July, 1880; F. C. 3rd August, 1880, and M. M. 7th September, 1880. D. of C. 1881; J. D. 1882; S. D. 1883; J. W. 1884, and W. M. 1885.

He is not now a member of the lodge.

ROBERT CHESTNUT THORNE.

(Forty-eighth Worshipful Master).

Born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, 22nd November, 1847. His father, Henry J. Thorne, a native of Plymouth, England, was a member of the masonic fraternity,

having received the craft degrees A. D. 1842, in Hibernia Lodge of this city. His mother was born in Scotland.

Bro. Thorne received his education at the collegiate school, Fredericton, at that time in charge of the late Dr. Roberts. His early days were spent in his native town, and it was there that he started in life as a clerk in the hardware store of his cousin, Robert Chestnut. At the age of twenty years he removed to Saint John and entered, as a clerk and salesman, in the wholesale and retail house of I. & F. Burpee & Co., in which capacity he continued until January, 1875, when he became a partner in this well-known and prosperous firm.

After the great fire in St. John of 20th June, 1877, the firm of I. & F. Burpee & Co. went out of business, and was succeeded by Clarke, Kerr & Thorne. Bro. Thorne continued a partner in this firm until July, 1885, when he withdrew and associated himself in the wholesale hardware business with Bro. William Wheeler, under the title of Wheeler, Thorne & Co. He subsequently dissolved co-partnership with Mr. Wheeler and opened a retail hardware store on King street on his own account.

The E. A. degree was conferred upon him 10th February, 1871, in Leinster Lodge, Saint John, and in due time the degrees of F. C. and M. M. In Leinster Lodge he filled the office of Secretary in 1873; J. W. 1874, and S. W. 1875. He affiliated in St. John's Lodge 21st October, 1884; was appointed J. W. 1885; S. W. 1886, and filled the office of W. M. 1887. Grand Steward 1886-'7 and 1387-'8. His connection with the fraternity has been confined to the craft degrees alone.

He was a prominent member of the St. John Cricket and Athletic Club, a member of St. George's Society, and is now in Chicago, Illinois, in the employ of the Armour Packing Company.

FREDERICK SANDALL.

(Forty-ninth Worshipful Master).

Bro. Sandall has received the several degrees and grades of the lodge, chapter and encampment. The E. A. degree was conferred upon him in St. John's Lodge, 1st April, 1873; the royal arch, in New Brunswick Chapter, 11th September, 1885; and the knight templar, in the Encampment of Saint John, 10th August, 1887; likewise the Royal and Select Master in St. John Council; Knight of Rome and Constantine, in McLeod Moore Conclave; Royal Order of Scotland, in the provincial grand lodge of New Brunswick; and the 32° of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, in the bodies of that rite working in Saint John. The various offices heretofore held and now filled by him, are—in the lodge: organist, 1879 and 1882; S. S. 1880; S. D. 1885; J. W. 1886; S. W. 1887; and W. M. 1888; in grand lodge: grand steward 1888; in the royal arch chapter: organist, Principal H. and High Priest; in the grand royal arch chapter: grand organist; in the council of R. & S. M.: recorder and treasurer; in the encampment: chamberlain, chancellor and organist: in the Royal Order of Scotland: provincial grand mareschal.

He was born in Saint John, December 29th, 1845; is the seventh son of the late John Sandall, Esq., and a great-grandson of Thomas Sandall. The latter a prominent loyalist who served through the war of the American revolution, 1776-'83, as an officer in the 22nd regiment of foot, and who was a member of the lodge, chapter and encampment attached to that corps. The certificates of his chapter and encampment, dated at Staten Island, the first day of June, A. D. 1783, are now in the possession of his great-grandson.

Having completed his education at the Saint John grammar school, Bro. Sandall, at an early age, entered the offices of the New Brunswick electric telegraph company, and subsequently filled positions in local mercantile houses as accountant and book-keeper. In 1878 he was appointed assistant to his brother, the late William Sandall, Esq., chamberlain of the city of Saint John, and continued in that capacity up to the death of his brother—December, 1880—when he succeeded to the office by appointment of the city corporation. He is a freeman of the city of Saint John, a member of the St. George's society, and a muscian of acknowledged ability.

Systematic and prompt in the discharge of the important duties entrusted to him as the custodian and dispenser of the public funds, enjoying the confidence of the civic authorities and the citizens generally, and the inaugurator of an admirable system of keeping the books and accounts, and conducting the general affairs of his office, he has proved himself a capable financier and a worthy successor of the most able custodians of the chamberlain's office who have preceded him.

ARTHUR WELLINGTON SHARP.

(Fiftieth Worshipful Master).

Was born in Saint John, October 7th, 1853. He received his education in Saint John, and has been a resident of the city without intermission.

In June, 1869, being nearly sixteen years of age, he received an appointment as an assistant in the assessors' office, and has, from that time up to the present, been continuously connected with the office, enjoying the confidence and esteem of our civic fathers and citizens generally. He is now chief clerk in the office, and is also clerk to the board of revisors. In the latter capacity he has charge of and compiles the lists of voters for provincial and civic elections.

He was initiated in St. John's Lodge June 7, 1876; F. C. July 4, 1876; and M. M. September 28, 1876, the latter degree being conferred upon him at the annual communication of the grand lodge held at the above-named date, on which occasion, by special arrangement, the officers of St. John's Lodge had charge of the ceremonial, and Bro. Sharp enjoyed the distinguished and unusual honor of being the candidate. The offices filled by him from time to time were: I. G. 1878; S. S. 1879; J. D. 1880; J. W. 1881; Secretary 1882–'88, also 1893; and W. M. 1889; and in grand lodge a grand steward for the year 1889–'90.

His inclination has not prompted him to pass beyond the arcana of the craft degrees. In thus circumscribing his masonic sphere, the lodge has had the full benefit of his labors, and has thereby been the gainer. The welfare of his mother lodge, the prosperity of all the lodges, and the maintenance of the principles and precepts of freemasonry, have been his shibboleth on all occasions. There has been no shirking of duty and no unfulfilled pledges on his part. The work thrown upon his shoulders has been faithfully executed, particularly as secretary of the lodge, the duties of which, during the many years he filled the office, were discharged punctually and efficiently. He possesses in an eminent degree the confidence and affection of his brethren, and by the public generally is held in high esteem.

In recognition of his valuable services, the lodge, at the regular communication of February, 1894, presented him with a past master's jewel, in gold, suitably inscribed, and enclosed in a morocco case.

Bro. Sharp is an enthusiastic curler. He holds membership in the Thistle Curling Club, whose rink is located near Waterloo street.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER EWING.

(Fifty-first Worshipful Master).

Son of William and Annie Ewing. The family on the father's side hails from the north of Ireland, and on the mother's from Aberdeen, Scotland. Bro. Ewing was born in Saint John, June 24, 1860—the anniversary of St. John the Baptist. He received his education at the Saint John grammar school, in which institution, in the year 1876, he was the winner of the city corporation gold medal for attainment in the classics, and likewise the Dufferin silver medal for proficiency in general studies. He studied law in the office of Hon. Ezekiel McLeod, was admitted an attorney April 16, 1883, enrolled a barrister April 24, 1884, and is now a member of the law firm of E. & R. McLeod & Ewing. In musical circles he occupies a leading position; is a thorough master of the organ, piano and double bass; was organist of St. David's church (Presbyterian) 1878-'84, and of St. James' church (Episcopal) 1885-'92; is a leading member of the Saint John Oratorio society, president of the Philharmonic orchestra, and has taken a prominent part in many musical concerts and festivals in Saint John.

Although scarcely ten years have elapsed since his induction into freemasonry, his popularity and laudable ambition have enabled him to gain admission into the various bodies working in Saint John, and to occupy important offices in all of them. He received the E. A. degree in St. John's Lodge August 5, 1884, F. C. Septembr 2, 1884, and M. M. October 2, 1884; the R. A. in New Brunswick Chapter, September 11, 1885; K. T. in St. John Encampment, August 10, 1887; R. & S. M. in St. John Council, February 17, 1892; 32° of the A. A. Scottish Rite in New Brunswick Consistory, May 28, 1891; Red Cross of Rome and Constantine in McLeod Moore Conclave, April 10, 1893; and the Royal Order of Scotland, April 13, 1893. That he has not been a drone in the masonic hive is amply demonstrated by the following enumeration of the offices he has been called upon to fill, in all of which he proved himself to be an able, proficient and correct custodian, viz.—In the lodge: I. G. 1885, J. D. 1886, S. D. 1887, J. W. 1888, S. W. 1889, and W. M. 1890; in grand lodge: grand organist, 1888-'94; in the chapter: Principal Z. 1891; in the grand chapter: grand organist 1889-'92, and grand secretary 1892-'94; in the council of R. & S. M.: R. I. M. 1892-'93, and T. I. M. 1893-'94; in the council of High Priesthood: recorder from April, 1893; in the conclave of Knights of Rome and Constantine: recorder 1893-'94; in the encampment of K. T.: organist 1893-'94; and in the Royal Order of Scotland: provincial grand secretary 1893-'94.

JOHN JACKSON FORREST.

(Fifty-second Worshipful Master).

The story of his masonic life is soon told, for the reason that his inclination has not induced him to ascend the mystic ladder beyond the first three rounds. St. John's Lodge has, consequently, had the advantage of enjoying his undivided devotion, labor and counsel.

The E. A. degree was conferred upon him in St. John's Lodge, September 5, 1871; the F. C., September 28, 1871, and the M. M., November, 7, 1871; and he occupied official position as follows: D. of C. 1873; I. G. 1886; S. S. 1887; S. D. 1888; J. W. 1889; S. W. 1890; and W. M. 1891.

His native place is Chatham, New Brunswick, where he was born February 23, 1840, of Scotch parentage, and where the years of his youth and early manhood

were spent in gaining a sound English education and in serving an apprenticeship at the stone-cutting business in his father's workship. At the age of twenty-three years he abandoned the mallet and chisel and removed to Fredericton, where he pursued a course of study in the Baptist seminary of that town. From thence he entered Acadia college, Nova Scotia, in which he took a partial course but did not graduate.

In 1870 he came to Saint John, and for six years or more carried on business as a commission merchant. The legal profession having an attraction for him, he relinquished trade and commerce and commenced studying law in the office of Montesquieu McDonald, Esquire, in the year 1877. He was admitted an attorney April 23, 1881, enrolled a barrister June 15, 1882, and, opening an office in Saint John, pursued the practice of his profession until the autumn of 1892, since when, in consequence of severe illness, he has been confined to his house, and, a large portion of the time, to his bed.

Possessed of a sturdy and vigorous frame, which was probably injured by overexertion, he, in his younger days, took a leading part in local athletic tournaments and competitions in his native town. He is an excellent elocutionist, possesses rare merit as a raconteur, and has often enlivened select circles by a choice selection of "auld Scotia's" songs, rendered in inimitable style He is a member of and has taken an active interest in the Saint Andrew's Society, the Clan Mackenzie of the order of Scottish clans, the ancient order of Foresters, and the order of United Workmen. Previous to the union of the city of Portland with Saint John he represented Victoria ward at the board of aldermen of that city, and afterward in the common council of the united city, his incumbency at the two boards extending from 1877 to 1880.

WILSON LOWRY DOBBIN.

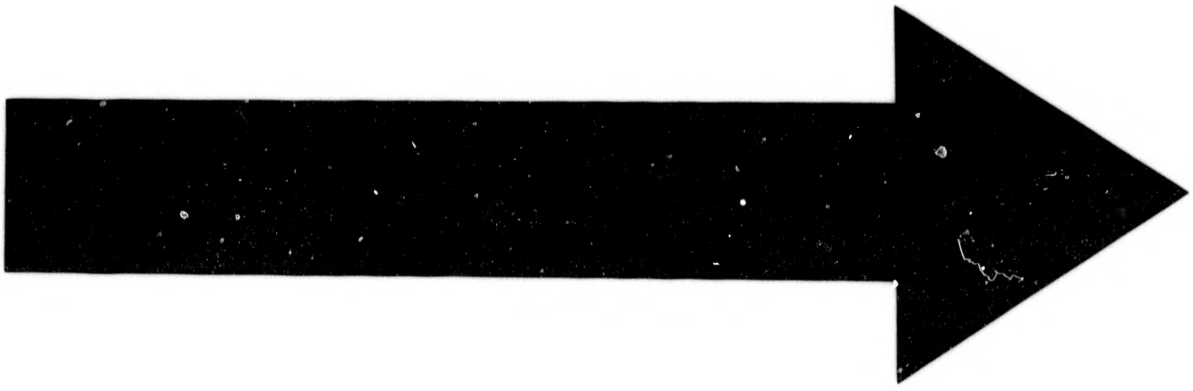
(Fifty-third Worshipful Master).

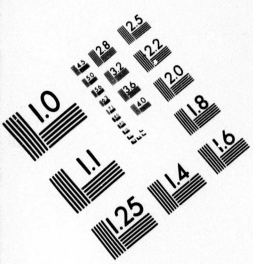
The ancestors of Bro. Dobbin, originally English, settled many years ago in the county of Londonderry, Ireland. His father, Wilson Dobbin, who received the craft degrees of freemasonry in Curran Lodge at Belfast, came to New Brunswick A. D. 1836, and became a resident of Saint John, where the subject of this sketch was born February 15, 1851. Bro. Dobbin, at the age of sixteen years, was appointed to a position in the imperial customs of Saint John, and up to the present time—a period of twenty-seven years—has held office continuously in that department, discharging his duties in a discreet and efficient manner.

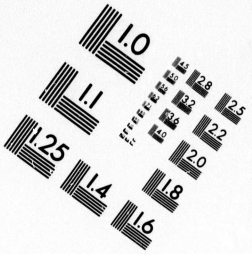
In September, 1883, he was united in matrimony to Miss Maggie M. Fawcett, of Westmorland county, New Brunswick, by whom he has issue, one son and two daughters.

He is a man of large stature and powerful frame—a characteristic of the male members of his family—and is also an excellent swimmer. By his daring and expertness in the water he has been the means of saving several persons from drowning, notably in the case of a seaman who fell over a wharf near Charlotte street extension, in the harbor of Saint John, and whose life was saved by the bravery of Bro. Dobbin, who plunged into the water and brought the drowning sailor safely to land.

He was initiated in St. John's Lodge June 4, 1878; *crafted* July 2, 1878; and *raised* August 6, 1878; and has filled the following offices in the lodge: I. G. 1880, S. S. 1881, D. of C. 1882, J. D. 1883 and 1888, S. D. 1889, J. W. 1890, S. W. 1891, and W. M. 1892. He also served as a grand steward in the grand lodge, 1892-'93.







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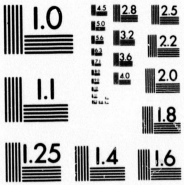

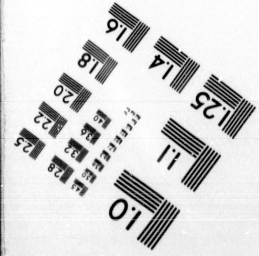

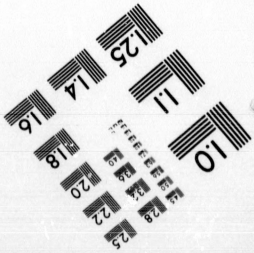

ARCHIBALD BAUER.

(Fifty-fourth Worshipful Master)

In 1879 Bro. Bauer received the three degrees of symbolic freemasonry in Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, Saint John, New Brunswick, viz.: E. A. August 12, F. C. October 14, and M. M. November 11, and in 1881 held the office of inner guard in that lodge.

He affiliated in St. John's Lodge, April 2, 1889, and, although but five years a member, is now presiding in the East a second term, having in those five years filled offices as follows: S. D. 1890, J. W. 1891, S. W. 1892, and W. M. 1893-'94. So far, he has not *travelled* beyond the third degree; evidently content to confine his labor and his interest solely to the work of the lodge. It may be justly said of him that, as a member and an officer of the lodge, he has evidenced promptness and intelligence, and proved himself to be a bright and correct ritualist.

He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, February 10, 1853, and in that city received his education and learned the watch-making business. On his father's side he possesses German blood, and Irish from his mother, who was a descendant of the once famous Rev. Cotton Mather.

Desirous of perfecting himself in his trade calling, he went to Boston, Massachusetts, A. D. 1870, where he paid special attention to the branch of a manufacturing jeweller, and, having thoroughly accomplished his purpose, has since then devoted himself altogether to that special line of business. Under an engagement with the firm of Page, Smalley & Ferguson, he came to Saint John in the year 1878, to take charge of the manufacturing department of their jewellery establishment on King street. From that year to the present he has remained in the same employ (the firm name has since been changed to Ferguson & Page), proving himself a cunning artificer—a veritable Tubal Cain—by the many exquisite specimens of artistic work from his hands, especially in the line of masonic presentation jewels.

A proof of his warm feeling for the lodge over which he now presides is contained in the following paragraph copied from the record of December 6, 1892, viz.: "After the election of master, treasurer and tyler, Bro. Archibald Bauer, worshipful master elect, made a present to the lodge of a valuable and artistic silver chain to be worn by the master of the lodge. This elegant and much-prized addition to the paraphernalia of the lodge is of solid silver, attached to sky-blue watered silk ribbon, and is the handiwork of the generous donor. The hearty thanks of the lodge were extended to Bro. Bauer for his valuable gift."

This sketch closes the biographies of the long line of brethren who, by the suffrages of their fellows, have been called upon to fill what is technically termed the chair of King Solomon, the great majority of whom now sleep "the sleep that shall ne'er know waking." Let us fondly hope that they and all who survive were impressed with the importance of the trust committed to their keeping, and discharged the responsibilities of that trust with a single eye to the welfare of the lodge and the honor and good name of the craft.

MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 29,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION UNDER WARRANT FROM R. W. DUNCAN CLARKE, PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF NOVA SCOTIA, DATED DECEMBER 18TH, 1801.

No.	NAME.	ENTERED.	PASSED.	RAISED.	JOINED.
1	George Smith, W. M.,				April 5, 1802
2	Chapman Judson, S. W.,				April 5, "
3	David Waterbury, J. W.,				April 5, "
4	John Wolhaupter, Treas.,				April 5, "
5	William Fayerweather, Sec'y,				April 5, "
6	John Dean, S. D.,				April 5, "
7	Caleb Merritt, J. D.				April 5, "
8	George Blackwood,				April 5, "
9	John Scott,				April 5, "
10	Nehemiah Merritt,				April 5, "
11	William Campbell,				April 5, "
12	William Sanford Oliver,				April 5, "
13	Hon. George Leonard,				April 5, "
14	Andrew Kinnear,				April 5, "
15	John Sinnott,				April 5, "
16	Hugh Johnston,				April 5, "
17	Hon. Thomas Wetmore,				April 5, "
18	John Paul,				April 5, "
19	Hon. Joshua Upham,				April 5, "
20	George McColl,				April 5, "
21	Edward Sands,				April 5, "
	The foregoing were original members.				
22	Francis Watson,			May 4, 1802	May 4, 1802
23	Charles Wells,	June 1, 1802	July 15, 1802	July 15, "	
24	Thomas Jennings,				July 6, 1802
25	Richard Whelpley,	Aug. 3, 1802	Sept. 7, 1802	Oct. 6, 1802	
26	John McLeod,	Sept. 7, "	Oct. 6, "	Nov. 2, "	
27	John Donaldson,	Oct. 6, "	Nov. 2, "	Dec. 7, "	
28	Laurence Hartwick,				Oct. 6, 1802
29	Jeremiah Pecker,				Oct. 6, "
30	Samuel Storms,				Dec. 7, "
31	Oliver Bourdett,				Dec. 7, "
32	Henry Patterson,	Dec. 16, 1802			
33	Thomas H. Wentworth,	Feb. 1, 1803	Feb. 2, 1803	Feb. 2, 1803	
34	Benjamin Wiggins,	"	Mar. 3, "	May 3, "	
35	Alexander Hepburn,	"	April 7, 1807		
36	Richard Sands,	"	Mar. 3, 1803	May 3, 1803	
37	William Donaldson,	"	Mar. 3, "	May 3, "	
38	John Toole,				Feb. 1, 1803
39	James Holly,	March 1, 1803	April 5, 1803	May 3, 1803	
40	Noah Disbrow,	"	June 7, "	Sept. 6, "	
41	John Woodward,				Mar. 1, 1803
42	Peter Blair,				Mar. 1, "
43	Thomas Robson,				Mar. 1, "
44	James Hendricks,				April 5, "
45	Samuel Nichols,	April 5, 1803	June 7, 1803	Dec. 4, 1803	
46	David Merritt,	May 3, "	June 7, "	Aug. 2, "	
47	Thomas Rawleigh,	June 7, "	June 15, "	June 15, "	
48	John Mogridge,				June 15, 1803

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49	Jacob S. Mott,	Aug. 2, 1803	Oct. 4, 1803	Dec. 4, 1803	
50	Charles Swan,	Sept. 6, "	Oct. 1, "	Oct. 1, "	
51	David Johnston,	Oct. 4, "	Nov. 1, "	Nov. 1, "	
52	Peter McCaliff,				Dec. 4, 1803
53	Duncan McLeod,	Feb. 3, 1804	June 19, 1804	June 19, 1804	
54	Robert Menzies,	Feb. 3, "	April 3, "	May 3, "	
55	Jotham Hitchcock,	April 3, "	May 3, "	June 19, "	
56	Robert Laidley,				Dec. 27, 1804
57	David Cronk,	March 8, 1806	June 17, 1806	June 17, 1806	
58	George Ironside,				Aug. 5, 1806
59	Charles Johnston,	Aug. 5, 1806	Aug. 8, 1806	Aug. 8, 1806	
60	Robert Hiltz,	Dec 2, "	Dec. 6, "	Dec. 6, "	
61	John Currie,	Mar. 21, 1807.	Mar. 21, 1807	Mar. 21, 1807	
62	John Grant,	April 7, "	May 5, "	May 5, "	
63	William Durant,				April 7, 1807
64	John Dick,	May 5, 1807	May 5, 1807	May 5, 1807	
65	George Holmes,	July 27, "	Aug. 4, "	Aug. 4, "	
66	William Abrams,	Oct 8, "	Oct. 8, "	Oct. 10, "	
67	John Mount,	Dec. 1, "	Jan. 7, 1808	Jan. 7, 1808	
68	Thomas White,				Dec. 27, 1807
69	Linus Seely,				Jan. 5, 1808
70	John Saunders Clarke,				Jan. 5, "
71	John Poole,	Mar. 1, 1808	April 5, 1808	May 3, 1808	
72	Robert Clarke,	June 10, "	June 16, "	June 16, "	
73	John McDowell,	Dec. 8, "	Dec. 8, "	Dec. 8, "	
74	George Campbell,	Feb. 7, 1809	Feb. 10, 1809	Feb. 10, 1809	
75	Alexander Stewart,	Mar. 7, "	Mar. 10, "	Mar. 10, "	
76	John Downing,	Oct. 23, "	Dec. 5, "	Dec. 5, "	
77	Thomas Hunter,				Nov. 7, 1809
78	Daniel Pettingell,	Jan. 2, 1810	Feb. 6, 1810	April 3, 1810	
79	Francis Dunlop,				April 3, 1810
80	Richard Lawrence,				May 1, "
81	Robert McKenzie,				Oct. 2, "
82	Charles Doucett,	Oct. 2, 1810			
83	Gilbert Jordan,				Dec. 4, 1810
84	John H. Schlarhorst,	Nov. 10, 1810	Nov. 21, 1810	Nov. 21, 1810	
85	Joseph Clarke,				Jan. 1, 1811
86	John Edson,				Jan. 1, "
87	Henry Trapagher,	Jan. 7, 1811	Feb. 5, 1811	Mar. 5, 1811	
88	John Godfrey,	Jan. 7, "	Jan. 11, "	Jan. 11, "	
89	James Hetherington,	Feb. 5, "	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	
90	Cornelius VanHorne,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	April 25, "	
91	William Barr,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	April 25, "	
92	George Price,	April 2, "	May 7, "	May 7, "	
93	Alexander Lemerey,	May 7, "	May 23, "	May 23, "	
94	James Hillsgrove,	July 2, "	Aug. 6, "	Aug. 6, "	
95	Abner Smith,	July 2, "	Aug. 6, "	Oct. 1, "	
96	David Perry,	Sept. 3, "	Oct. 1, "	Oct. 2, "	
97	Henry Carnes,	Sept. 3, "	Oct. 1, "	Oct. 2, "	
98	Jacob Segee,	Nov. 5, "	Nov.	June 5, 1812	
99	Robert Shaw,	Nov. 5, "	Nov. , "	Dec. 3, 1811	
100	Samuel Dunham,	Nov. 5, "	Nov. 8, "	Dec. 3, "	
101	Robert Collins,	Nov. 8, "	Mar. 12, 1812	Mar. 12, 1812	
102	John VanHorne,	Dec. 3, "	Dec. 8, 1811	Dec. 8, 1811	
103	William Frazer,	Feb. 5, 1812	Mar. 3, 1812	April 7, 1812	
104	William Haddon,				May 5, 1812
105	Solomon Harford,	Aug. 22, 1812	Sept. 1, 1812	Sept. 1, 1812	

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106	Daniel Smith,	Oct. 6, 1812	Nov. 3, 1812	Nov. 3, 1812	
107	Abner Hamm,	Dec. 1, "	Dec. 9, "	Dec. 9, "	
108	Levi Ring,	Jan. 5, 1813	Feb. 2, 1813	Mar. 2, 1813	
109	Alexander Kirk,	Mar. 2, "	April 6, "	May 4, "	
110	Griffith Jenkins,	Mar. 2, "	April 6, "	May 4, "	
111	Solomon Hopkins,	Mar. 2, "	May 4, "	May 11, "	
112	James Henderson,	June 1, "	July 6, "	Aug. 3, "	
113	Samuel Schofield,	July 6, "	Aug. 3, "	Sept. 7, "	
114	Robert Patterson,	Oct. 5, "			
115	William Grant,	Jan. 4, 1814	Feb. 1, 1814	Feb. 1, 1814	
116	Robert Robertson,	Mar. 1, "	April 5, "	May 3, "	
117	James Willemherst,	Mar. 21, "	July 13, "	July 13, "	
118	Martin Stennicks,	April 5, "	April 11, "	April 11, "	
119	William Ryder,	April 13, "	April 15, "	April 15, "	
120	Robert Ray,				May 3, 1814
121	James Pearce,	Aug. 18, 1814	Aug. 20, 1814	Aug. 20, 1814	
122	Joseph Morse,				Oct. 3, 1814
123	Joseph Hamm,	Feb. 7, 1815	Feb. 10, 1815	Feb. 10, 1815	
124	Charles Ray,	Mar. 7, "	April 4, "	April 4, "	
125	Thomas Parker,	Mar. 7, "	April 4, "	May 2, "	
126	Israel Decker,	Mar. 7, "	April 4, "	May 2, "	
127	Paul Prince,				Mar. 7, 1815
128	Henry Chubb,	April 4, 1815	May 2, 1815	June 6, 1815	
129	William Bradbury,	June 12, "	July 4, "	Nov. 7, "	
130	John Barr,	June 6, "	June 12, "	July 4, "	
131	John Williams,	June 12, "	July 4, "	Aug. 1, "	
132	Isaac Doane,	June 12, "	July 4, "	Aug. 1, "	
133	Alexander McPherson,				Aug. 1, 1815
134	William Branscomb,	Sept. 5, 1815	Nov. 7, 1815	Nov. 7, 1815	
135	John McKenzie,	Oct. 3, "	Dec. 5, "	April 8, 1816	
136	John Downie,				Oct. 3, 1815
137	Levi Lockhart,				Oct. 3, "
138	William J. Gaynor,				Oct. 3, "
139	Gilbert Lester,	Nov. 7, 1815	Dec. 5, 1815	Dec. 9, 1815	
140	Nathan Reed,	Nov. 7, "	Dec. 5, "	Dec. 9, "	
141	John Farnham,	Feb. 6, 1816	June 4, 1816	June 4, 1816	
142	Jeremiah Townshend,	Feb. 6, "	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	
143	William Hughson,	Feb. 6, "	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	
144	Warren Bibber,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	April 2, "	
145	William Robson,	April 8, "	May 6, "	June 4, "	
146	John Campbell,	April 8, "	May 6, "	June 4, "	
147	John Thomas,	May 6, "	June 4, "	July 2, "	
148	George Stanton,				June 4, 1816
149	David S. Marshall,				June 4, "
150	Charles Herring,	June 24, 1816	July 2, 1816	Aug. 5, 1816	
151	Henry Sawyer,	June 24, "	Oct. 1, "	Oct. 1, "	
152	Richard Mott,				July 2, 1816
153	Caleb Haskell,				Aug. 5, "
154	Dexter Brown,				Oct. 1, "
155	John Bowyer,	Nov. 5, 1816	Dec. 3, 1816	Mar. 4, 1817	
156	James Grundy,	Jan 7, 1817	Feb. 4, 1817	Mar. 11, "	
157	William Farrant,	Jan. 7, "	Feb. 4, "	Mar. "	
158	William Joice,	Jan. 7, "	Feb. 4, "	Mar. 11, "	
159	Robert Welch,				Feb. 4, 1817
160	John McClure,				June 3, "
161	Henry Long,	Dec. 23, 1817	Jan. 6, 1818	Feb. 3, 1818	
162	Peters Merritt,	Dec. 23, "	Feb. 3, "	April 7, "	

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163	William Pecker,	Dec. 23, 1817	Jan. 6, 1818	Jan. 6, 1818	
164	Jeremiah Gove,				Mar. 3, 1818
165	Alexander Lawrence,	April 7, 1818	May 5, 1818	June 2, 1818	
166	Robert Payne,				April 7, 1818
167	George Bonnell,				June 24, 1818
168	Asa Jones,	July 7, 1818			
169	David Webb,	"	Aug. 4, 1818	Sept. 1, 1818	
170	James Watson,				Aug. 4, 1818
171	James Dimsdale,	Oct. 6, 1818	Oct. 7, 1818	Oct. 7, 1818	
172	John Campbell,				Nov. 3, 1818
173	William R. Cock,	Nov. 9, 1818	Nov. 16, 1818	Nov. 16, 1818	
174	Samuel Garrison,	"	"	"	
175	Timothy La Frisbee,				Dec. 1, 1818
176	Thomas Leavitt,	Jan. 5, 1819	Feb. 2, 1819	Mar. 2, 1819	
177	Robert C. Minette,				Jan. 5, 1819
178	George McLean,	Jan. 11, 1819	Jan. 18, 1819	Jan. 18, 1819	
179	William Hoyt, Junr.,	Feb. 2, "	Mar. 2, "	April 6, "	
180	John Swanson,	Feb. 8, "	Feb. 15, "	Feb. 15, "	
181	Samuel Reynolds,	May 4, "	July 6, "	Aug. 6, "	
182	John Murphy,	June 1, "	Aug. 3, "	Nov. 2, "	
183	Phares Martin,	June 1, "	July 6, "	Aug. 6, "	
184	James Godsoe,				July 1, 1819
185	William Cameron,	Aug. 3, 1819	Sept. 7, 1819	Nov. 2, 1819	
186	Robert Paine Stewart,	Aug. 6, "	Aug. 12, "	Aug. 12, "	
187	Sylvester C. Hughes,				Sept. 7, 1819
188	Robert Sheed,	Sept. 16, "	Oct. 5, 1819	Mar. 7, 1820	
189	Jacob Townsend,	Sept. 16, "	Oct. 5, "	Nov. 15, 1819	
190	William Duncan,	Oct. 20, "	Nov. 2, "	Dec. 11, "	
191	John A. Dallas,	Oct. 20, "	Nov. 10, "	Nov. 10, "	
192	Lewis Carvill,				Oct. 5, 1819
193	Alexander Milne,				"
194	Nathan Godsoe,	Nov. 10, 1819	Nov. 15, 1819	Nov. 15, 1819	
195	—— Pike,			Nov. 20, "	
196	Charles L. Whiting,	Dec. 11, 1819	Jan. 4, 1820	Mar. 7, 1820	
197	Robert Wallace,				Jan. 4, 1820
198	Thomas Bates,				"
199	Peter Stewart,	Jan. 4, 1820	Feb. 1, 1820	Mar. 7, 1820	
200	George Thompson,				Feb. 1, 1820
201	Solomon Woodworth,	Feb. 1, 1820	Mar. 10, 1820	May 6, 1820	
202	James Crispan,	April, 4, "	June 6, "	Oct. 3, "	
203	Hugh Trulan,				April 4, 1820
204	Horatio N. H. Lugrin,	May 2, 1820	June 6, 1820	July 4, 1820	
205	William McDonald,	"	"	"	
206	John Herrington,				June 6, 1820
207	George Mansell,				"
208	Henry King,				July 4, "
209	James W. Trathen,	July 7, 1820	July 11, 1820	July 11, 1820	
210	Arthur D. Garden,	July 11, "	Aug. 1, "	Dec. 11, "	
211	Rev. James Cookson,	Aug. 1, "	Dec. 19, "	Dec. 19, "	
212	David Armstrong,				Sept. 5, 1820
213	Robert Keating,	Sept. 9, 1820			
214	David Brown,				Oct. 3, 1820
215	Samuel Cobb,	Oct. 3, 1820	Dec. 11, 1820	Dec. 11, 1820	
216	Alexander Johnstone,	Dec. 22, "	Jan. 2, 1821	Jan. 2, 1821	
217	James Reed,			"	
218	Patrick Deering,				Jan. 2, 1821
219	Joseph Warburton,	Feb. 6, 1821	Feb. 11, 1821	Feb. 11, 1821	

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220	William Hutchinson,	.....	.....	.....	Mar. 6, 1821
221	John Jordan,	April 3, 1821	May 1, 1821	June 5, 1821	.....
222	Andrew Gibson,	.....	.....	.....	April 3, 1821
223	Henry W. Pitts,	.....	.....	.....	May 1, "
224	George Moore,	.....	.....	.....	May 1, "
225	Israel Lawson,	May 1, 1821	July 3, 1821	Aug. 7, 1821	.....
226	Benjamin F. Marsh,	.....	.....	.....	June 5, 1821
227	Joseph S. Daglish,	.....	.....	.....	Aug. 7, "
228	Thomas Dunham,	Dec. 11, 1821	Feb. 5, 1822	May 13, 1822	.....
229	Ezekiel Dyer,	Feb. 5, 1822	May 7, "	June 6, "	.....
230	Solomon Knight,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	May 13, "	.....
231	Robert Peterson,	.....	.....	.....	Mar. 5, 1822
232	Charles McPherson,	.....	.....	.....	April 2, "
233	George Day,	Jan. 7, 1823	Feb. 4, 1823	Mar. 4, 1823	.....
234	William Charlton,	.....	.....	.....	Jan. 7, 1823
235	Patrick Fuller,	Mar. 4, 1823	April 1, 1823	May 12, 1823	.....
236	William Scammell,	.....	.....	.....	April 1, 1823
237	Jacob Noyes,	Oct. 6, 1823	Nov. 7, 1823	Dec. 10, 1823	.....
238	William W. Emslie,	Nov. 7, "	Dec. 10, "	Jan. 6, 1824	.....
239	James P. Payne,	Mar. 7, 1824	May 4, 1824	July 6, "	.....
240	John F. Payne,	May 4, "	June 1, "	July 12, "	.....
241	James G. Lester,	May 4, "	June 1, "	July 12, "	.....
242	John McCready,	.....	.....	.....	June 1, 1824
243	Charles Campbell,	.....	.....	.....	July 6, "
244	Samuel Campbell,	.....	.....	.....	July 6, "
245	Joseph Lingley,	.....	.....	.....	Oct. 5, "
246	Francis P. Perley,	.....	.....	.....	Nov. 2, "
247	James Campbell,	.....	.....	.....	Nov. 2, "
248	Hugh McPherson,	Nov. 2, 1824	Dec. 9, 1824	Jan. 4, 1825	.....
249	William McArthur,	Dec. 9, "	Jan 4, 1825	Jan. 6, "	.....
250	Andrew Smiley,	.....	.....	.....	Jan. 4, 1825
251	James R. Webster,	Jan. 4, 1825	Jan. 6, 1825	Feb. 1, 1825	.....
252	Hiram Smith,	Jan. 6, "	Feb. 1 "	Feb. 1, "	.....
253	William Gray,	Jan. 18, "	Jan. 18, "	Jan. 27, "	.....
254	William Edmonds,	.....	.....	.....	Feb. 1, 1825
255	Hugh McDermott,	.....	.....	.....	Feb. 1, "
256	Elijah Spragg,	Feb. 1, 1825	Mar. 1, 1825	April 5, 1825	.....
257	John Johnston,	Feb. 1, "	Mar. 1, "	April 5, "	.....
258	Silas DeForest,	.....	.....	.....	Mar. 1, 1825
259	Robert Walsh,	.....	.....	.....	Mar. 1, "
260	John Ferguson,	.....	.....	.....	May 2, "
261	Thomas Smith,	.....	.....	.....	May 2, "
262	James Condle,	.....	.....	.....	May 2, "
263	William Wyer,	.....	.....	.....	May 2, "
264	George Cheveley,	June 20, 1825	June 22, 1825	June 22, 1825	.....
265	G. P. Brotherson,	June 20, "	June 22, "	June 22, "	.....
266	Lewis Fairweather,	.....	.....	.....	July 5, 1825
267	Benjamin Thompson,	Aug. 2, 1825	Sept. 6, 1825	Nov. 1, 1825	.....
268	Richard Lawrence, Junr.,	Nov. 1, "	Nov. 3, "	Nov. 3, "	.....
269	John Anderson,	Nov. 29, "	Nov. 29, "	Nov. 29, "	.....
270	William Harland,	Dec. 20, "	Dec. 20, "	Jan. 8, 1826	.....
271	Israel Merritt,	Jan. 3, 1826	Feb. 6, 1826	Feb. 21, "	.....
272	George L. Carvill,	Jan. 3, "	Mar. 7, "	Mar. 28, "	.....
273	Lawrence Warren,	Jan. 3, "	Feb. 6, "	Feb. 21, "	.....
274	John King,	.....	.....	.....	Feb. 6, 1826
275	Israel Armstrong,	.....	.....	.....	Feb. 6, "
276	George A. Garrison,	Feb. 6, 1826	Mar. 7, 1826	Mar. 28, 1826	.....
277	Robert Cunard,	Feb. 6, "	Feb. 21, "	Mar. 28, "	.....

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278	John Cole,	Feb. 6, 1826	Mar. 7, 1826	Mar. 28, 1826	
279	John McCardle,	Mar. 7, "	April 5, "	May 18, "	
280	George Clark,	Mar. 7, "	April 5, "	May 18, "	
281	Howard Smith,	Mar. 8, "	July 24, "	Aug. 1, "	
282	Samuel Joyce,	April 5, "	May 2, "	June 6, "	
283	Thomas Boyd,	April 5, "	May 2, "	June 6, "	
284	Simeon Bradbury,	April 25, "	April 27, "	April 27, "	
285	John M. Campbell,				June 6, 1826
286	Hector McIntyre,				June 6, "
287	Patrick Devereaux,	July 4, 1826	Aug. 1, 1826	Aug. 1, 1826	
288	William Chew,	July 4, "	July 24, "	July 24, "	
289	William Bookwood,				Aug. 1, 1826
290	Francis McKinney,				Sept. 5, "
291	Robert Wallace,				Nov. 7, 1826
292	Justus S. Wetmore,	Dec. 5, 1826	Jan. 2, 1827	Feb. 6, 1827	
293	Joseph Wilson,	Dec. 5, "	Jan. 2, "	Feb. 6, "	
294	Robert Garrick,				Dec. 5, 1826
295	Jacob Townsend,				Jan. 2, 1827
296	Alexander Mills,				Jan. 2, "
297	John Clark,				Jan. 2, "
298	James Patterson,	Feb. 22, 1827	Feb. 24, 1827	Feb. 27, 1827	
299	John Haws,				Mar. 5, 1827
300	Peter McLaren,				Mar. 5, "
301	John Howe,	Mar. 5, 1827	April 17, 1827	May 15, 1827	
302	William Stout,	Mar. 5, "	April 17, "	May 15, "	
303	Robert Foulis,	April 3, "	May 1, "	June 5, "	
304	David Hogg,	April 3, "	May 1, "	June 5, "	
305	Daniel Smith,	April 3, "	May 1, "	June 19, "	
306	James Rankine,	April 3, "	May 1, "	June 19, "	
307	William Greeno,				July 3, 1827
308	Lewis True,				July 3, "
309	Jesse M. Stymest,	Aug. 7, 1827	Sept. 4, 1827	Oct. 2, 1827	
310	Samuel Watts,				Nov. 6, 1827
311	Jerry D. Hughson,	Nov. 13, 1827	Dec. 18, 1827	Jan. 15, 1828	
312	Aaron Levenseller,	Nov. 13, "	Dec. 18, "	Jan. 15, "	
313	Stinson Patten,	Dec. 4, "	Jan. 1, 1828	Feb. 5, "	
314	Benjamin Smith,				Jan. 1, 1828
315	Hugh Johnston,				Jan. 1, "
316	Edward T. Knowles,	Jan. 1, 1828	Feb. 5, 1828	Mar. 4, 1828	
317	Andrew Garrison,	Jan 1, "	Feb. 5, "	Mar. 4, "	
318	Isaac Flewelling,	April 1, "	May 6, "	May 23, "	
319	Joshua B. Williams,	June 3, "	June 5, "	June 5, "	
320	Thomas L. Nicholson,				June 3, 1828
321	Anthony Lockwood, Jr.,				June 3, "
322	Charles Brown,	Aug 15, 1828	Aug. 21, 1828	Aug. 21, 1828	
323	George Broadbrook,				May 5, 1829
324	John Beverley,	May 5, 1829	May 19, 1829	May 19, 1829	
325	James Reed,				June 2, 1829
326	William Fairweather,				June 2, "
327	James Atchison,		Aug. 3, 1830	Aug. 5, 1830	
328	George Thompson,				Mar. 6, 1832
329	John Potter,				April 3, "
330	Edward Lockhart,				May 1, "
331	John Murray,	July 3, 1832	Aug. 7, 1832	Sept. 4, 1832	
332	Joseph McMaugh,				Jan. 7, 1834
333	Angus McAfee,				Jan. 7, "
334	James Hinds,				Jan. 7, "
335	Oliver Byram,				Feb. 4, "

CONTINUED ROLL OF MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE,

UNDER WARRANT No. 632 FROM THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF SUSSEX, GRAND MASTER.

No.	NAME.	ENTERED.	PASSED.	RAISED.	JOINED.
336	William Ross,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, 1837
337	Joseph Bell,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
338	John Richardson,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
339	James A. Parnell,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
340	Wm. James Corbitt,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
341	Joseph Wetmore,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
342	William Warwick,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
343	James Bell,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
344	Richard Calvert,	July 4, 1837	Aug. 1, 1837	Sept. 5, 1837	.....
345	William H. Gardner,	July 4, "	Aug. 1, "	Sept. 5, "	.....
346	Henry Swymmer,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, 1837
347	Robert Barbour,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
348	William Pitt Scott,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
349	John Sinclair,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
350	John Reed,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
351	Richard Goodwin,	.....	.....	.....	July 4, "
352	David McLaren,	Aug. 1, 1837	Sept. 5, 1837	Oct. 3, 1837	.....
353	David Edgar,	Aug. 1, "	Sept. 5, "	Oct. 3, "	.....
354	John J. Hogan,	Aug. 1, "	Oct. 3, "	Nov. 8, "	.....
355	George Bainbridge,	Aug. 1, "	Nov. 21, "	July 3, 1838	.....
356	John Hooper,	Aug. 7, "	Oct. 3, "	Nov. 8, 1837	.....
357	William Milligan,	Sept. 5, "	Oct. 3, "	Nov. 21, "	.....
358	Ambrose D. McKenzie,	.....	.....	.....	Oct. 3, 1837
359	Matthew Barbour,	Dec. 5, 1837	Jan. 2, 1838	Feb. 6, 1838	.....
360	John Coleman,	Dec. 5, "	Feb. 6, "	Mar. 6, "	.....
361	William Mainland,	Dec. 27, "	June 5, "	.....	.....
362	David Johnston,	Jan. 2, 1838	Feb. 6, "	Mar. 6, 1838	.....
363	George H. Robertson,	Jan. 2, "	Feb. 6, "	Mar. 6, "	.....
364	Robert Wylie,	April 3, "	May 1, "	Dec. 4, "	.....
365	William B. Pigeon,	May 11, "	July 3, "	Aug. 7, "	.....
366	William Purdy,	June 5, "	July 3, "	Aug. 7, "	.....
367	Joseph C. Fizard,	June 15, "	Nov. 6, "	.....	.....
368	George Johnston,	.....	.....	.....	July 3, 1838
369	Alexander Johnston,	.....	.....	.....	July 3, "
370	Frederick D. S. Jones,	July 3, 1838	Aug. 7, 1838	Sept. 4, 1838	.....
371	Charles Brown,	.....	.....	.....	Aug. 7, 1838
372	John C. Chipman,	Sept. 4, 1838	Oct. 2, 1838	Nov. 6, 1838	.....
373	John Fisher,	Sept. 4, "	Oct. 2, "	Dec. 4, "	.....
374	John L. Hawksworth,	Oct. 2, "	Nov. 6, "	Dec. 4, "	.....
375	John Cassidy,	Nov. 6, "	Dec. 4, "	Jan. 1, 1839	.....
376	William Paul,	.....	.....	.....	July 2, 1839
377	John Thomas,	Aug. 6, 1839	Sept. 3, 1839	Oct. 1, 1839	.....
378	John Irvine,	.....	.....	.....	Nov. 5, 1839
379	George Clark	.....	.....	.....	Nov. 5, "
380	David Donnelly,	.....	.....	.....	Nov. 5, "
381	Henry Jones,	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 4, "
382	John S. Brown,	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 4, "
383	Thomas Swinford,	Jan. 7, 1840	June 1, 1841	July 6, 1841	.....
384	William H. A. Keans,	Jan. 7, "	Feb. 4, 1840	Mar. 3, 1840	.....
385	James Howard,	.....	.....	.....	April 7, 1840
386	James S. Lindsay,	May 5, 1840	June 2, 1840	Aug. 10, 1840	.....
387	Charles Johnston,	May 5, "	June 2, "	July 7, "	.....
388	William S. Whitelaw,	Oct. 6, "	Dec. 1, "	July 7, 1841	.....

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389	John McGourty,	.....	.....	.....	Oct. 6, ' 40
390	Samuel Holman,	Jan. 5, 1841	Feb. 2, 1841	Mar. 2, 1841	.....
391	William Causey,	Jan. 5, "	Feb. 2, "	Mar. 2, "	.....
392	John Clarke, Jr.,	Feb. 2, "	Mar. 2 "	April 6, "	.....
393	Frederick Kinsman,	Mar. 2, "	April 6, "	July 6, "	.....
394	Benjamin Herrington,	May 4, 1841	June 1, 1841	Aug. 2, 1841	.....
395	Benjamin Wishart,	Sept. 7, "	July 5, 1842	.....	.....
396	John B. Andrews,	April 5, 1842	May 3, "	June 7, 1842	.....
397	George Bond,	April 5, "	May 3, "	June 7, "	.....
398	David Powell,	.....	.....	.....	Nov. 1, 1842
399	Robert Kirsop,	Nov. 1, 1842	Dec. 6, 1842	Feb. 7, 1843	.....
400	Richard Nowlan,	Dec. 6, "	Feb. 7, 1843	April 4, "	.....
401	Daniel W. Clarke,	Mar. 7, 1843	June 6, "	Aug. 1, "	.....
402	George N. Colborne,	Aug. 1, "	Sept. 5, "	Nov. 7, "	.....
403	Andrew McKenna,	June 4, 1844	July 2, 1844	Aug. 6, 1844	.....
404	Vernon Hanson,	Aug. 6, "	Sept. 3, "	Oct. 1, "	.....
405	John Boyd Quinton,	Mar. 4, 1845	April 1, 1845	May 29, 1845	.....
406	John Quinton,	Mar. 4, "	June 3, "	Aug. 19, "	.....
407	Hartwell B. Crosby,	Mar. 4. "	Aug. 5, "	Oct. 7, "	.....
408	Daniel Jones, Jr.,	April 1, "	May 29, "	July 1, "	.....
409	James Stockford,	May 6, "	July 1, "	Aug. 19, "	.....
410	Conrad J. Hendricks,	May 6, "	July 1, "	Oct. 7, "	.....
411	Andrew C. Otty,	May 6, "	Aug. 5, "	Oct. 7, "	.....
412	John Purvis,	May 6, "	Nov. 4, "	Dec. 2, "	.....
413	Charles Robertson,	Aug. 5, "	Sept. 2, "	Oct. 7, "	.....
414	Christopher Smiler,	Dec. 2, "	Feb. 3, 1846	Mar. 19, 1846	.....
415	Daniel Green, Jr.,	Feb. 3, 1846	April 7, "	Oct. 6, "	.....
416	Patrick Comerford,	Feb. 3, "	Mar. 3, "	April 7, "	.....
417	John Alexander Pope,	Feb. 3, "	April 7, "	Oct. 20, "	.....
418	Alexander P. Bradley,	Feb. 3, "	Mar. 3, "	June 1, 1847	.....
419	George Price,	Mar. 3, "	April 7, "	May 5, 1846	.....
420	Joseph Wm. Roberts,	May 5, "	June 2, "	Aug. 4, "	.....
421	Jacob Day McDonald,	Sept. 1, "	Oct. 6, "	April 6, 1847	.....
422	William Craig,	Nov. 3, "	Jan. 5, 1847	Feb. 2, "	.....
423	John Murray,	Dec. 1, "	Jan. 5, "	Feb. 2, "	.....
424	Charles E. Potter,	Dec. 1, "	Jan. 5, "	Feb. 2, "	.....
425	Andrew J. Wellington,	Jan. 5, 1847	Jan. 4, 1848	Mar. 7, 1848	.....
426	Hezekiah S. Scribner,	Feb. 2, "	Mar. 2, 1847	April 6, 1847	.....
427	James Olson,	Mar. 2, "	April 6, "	May. 3, "	.....
428	John W. Perry,	April 6, "	Aug. 27, "	.....	.....
429	Joseph Mercer,	April 6, "	May 3, "	July 6, 1847	.....
430	Henry P. Sancton,	May 3, "	July 6, "	Aug. 27, "	.....
431	Gilbert R. Tucker,	Sept, 7, "	Nov. 2, "	Dec. 7, "	.....
432	Richard Sands Armstrong,	Sept. 7, "	Oct. 5, "	Nov. 2, "	.....
433	David Porter,	Sept. 7, "	Dec. 7, "	Jan. 4, 1848	.....
434	Robert Kimpson,	Oct. 5, "	Nov. 2, "	Dec. 7, 1847	.....
435	Louis Le Chaudelec,	.....	.....	Jan. 4, 1848	.....
436	John P. Dunn,	April 4, 1848	May 2, 1848	June 6, "	.....
437	Sophian Neustadter,	June 16, "	July 14, "	July 21, "	.....
438	Ebenezer B. A. G. Blakslee,	Dec. 5, "	Jan. 2, 1849	April 3, 1849	.....
439	George Creighton,	Nov. 9, 1849	Dec. 9, "	.....	.....
440	William Hutchinson, Jr.	Mar. 5, 1850	April 2, 1850	May 7, 1850	.....
441	Charles A. Belyea,	April 2, "	May 7, "	July 2, "	.....
442	Edward Crossland,	.....	.....	.....	April 2, 1850
443	John Harvey,	Aug. 6, 1850	Sept. 3, 1850	Nov. 5, 1850	.....
444	Wm. Raymond Belyea,	Aug. 6, "	Sept. 7, "	Nov. 5, "	.....
445	Wm. Franklin Bunting,	Feb. 3, 1852	Mar. 2, 1852	April 12, 1852	.....
446	Charles Eagles,	June 1, "	July 6, "	Aug. 17, "	.....

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447	William C. Leonard,	July 6, 1852	Sept. 7, 1852	Nov. 16, 1852	
448	George Lynam,	July 6, "	Sept. 7, "	Nov. 16, "	
449	William Bell,	Dec. 7, "	Jan. 4, 1853	Feb. 1, 1853	
450	James Gerow,	Dec. 28, "	Feb. 1, "	Nov. 17, "	
451	James Johnson,	Dec. 28, "			
452	William E. Stronach,	June 7, 1853	Dec. 6, 1853	Jan. 3, 1854	
453	Thomas H. Ellison,	Sept. 6, "			
454	Patrick Gallagher,	Oct. 4, "	Nov. 1, 1853	Dec. 6, 1853	
455	Henry W. Baldwin,	Nov. 17, "	Sept. 5, 1854	Nov. 19, 1855	
456	Robert Graham Crozier,	Dec. 6, "	June 3, "	Jan. 14, 1854	
457	James Portmore,	April 4, 1854	May 2, "	June 5, "	
458	Henry F. Perley,		April 4, "	May 3, "	
459	Thomas Cameron,	April 14, 1854	July 4, "	Oct. 30, "	
460	Robert Scott,	April 14, "	Nov. 7, "	Jan. 15, 1855	
461	William Brown,	April 14, "	May 3, "	Sept. 5, 1854	
462	Joseph Sullivan,	May 2, "	June 5, "	July 5, "	
463	James W. Montgomery,	July 4, "	Sept. 21, "	Oct. 30, "	
464	John Hastings,	Aug. 4, "	Sept. 5, "	Nov. 7, "	
465	William H. Hooper,	Aug. 4, "	Sept. 5, "	Oct. 3, "	
466	Francis E. Ketchum,	Dec. 5, "	Jan. 2, 1855	Feb. 5, 1855	
467	Samuel Brown,	Dec. 5, "	July 20, "	Sept. 4, "	
468	John D. Short,	Mar. 6, 1855	May 1, "	June 6, "	
469	George T. Leonard,	April 3, "	May 1, "	June 6, "	
470	Frederick A. Nagel,	April 3, "	May 1, "	June 6, "	
471	Gilbert M. Robinson,	June 5, "	Aug. 7, "	Oct. 2, "	
472	Robert D. Robertson,	July 12, "	July 20, "	July 31, "	
473	Richard Calvert,	Sept. 4, "	Oct. 2, "	Nov. 6, "	
474	William J. Howard,	Oct. 10, "	Oct. 17, "	Oct. 24, "	
475	John H. Sheridan,				Feb. 5, 1856
476	John Wilson,	Feb. 5, 1856	Mar. 5, 1856	Aug. 5, 1856	
477	Robert A. Moore,	Feb. 5, "	Mar. 5, "	April 1, "	
478	Jared Hepburn,	Feb. 5, "	Mar. 5, "	April 1, "	
479	Charles E. Durkee,	Mar. 12, "	Mar. 20, "	Mar. 27, "	
480	William Henry Thain,	June 5, "	July 1, "	Aug. 5, "	
481	James S. Partelow,	Aug. 5, "	Sept. 2, "	Oct. 1, "	
482	Bartholomew Coxetter,	Sept. 2, "	Nov. 20, "	Feb. 7, 1857	
483	William P. Dole,	Sept. 2, "	Nov. 5, "	Dec. 8, 1856	
484	James Knox,	Sept. 11, "	Oct. 17, "	Nov. 25, "	
485	Charles F. Venning,	Sept. 11, "	Oct. 16, "	Nov. 14, "	
486	George B. Partelow,	Sept. 11, "	Oct. 16, "	Nov. 13, "	
487	Frederick Godfrey,	Sept. 11, "	Oct. 27, "	Dec. 2, "	
488	Robert Collins,	Sept. 11, "	Oct. 17, "	Nov. 25, "	
489	Henry E. Bagley,	Sept. 18, "	July 7, 1857	Oct. 26, 1858	
490	Thomas D. Gard,	Sept. 18, "	Oct. 27, 1856	Dec. 2, 1856	
491	Humphrey Peel,	Sept. 18, "	Nov 5, "	Dec. 8, "	
492	Peter Deerness,	Sept. 18, "	Oct. 17, "	Nov. 20, "	
493	Wm. Henry Venning,	Sept. 18, "	Oct. 16, "	Nov. 14, "	
494	Thomas Marter,	Sept. 18, "	Oct. 16, "	Nov. 14, "	
495	Hugh Hutchinson,	Sept. 20, "	Nov. 14, "	Dec. 23, "	
496	Mark Plummer Dole,	Oct. 7, "	Nov. 5, "	Dec. 8, "	
497	John Robinson,	Oct. 7, "	Oct. 28, "	Nov. 13, "	
498	Thomas A. Paddock,	Oct. 7, "	Nov. 13, "	May 4, 1858	
499	Thomas A. Williams,	Oct. 7, "			
500	Michael Langan,	Oct. 7, "	Jan. 16, 1857	Jan. 23, 1857	
501	Henry Brown,	Oct. 17, "	Nov. 20, 1856	Dec. 23, 1856	
502	George Crofton Pottinger,		Oct. 17, "	Oct. 27, "	
503	Samuel Crocker,	Nov. 4, 1856	Nov. 13, "	Nov. 20, "	
504	Charles Watts,	Nov. 20, "	Jan. 6, 1857	Feb. 7, 1857	

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505	William Scott,	Dec. 8, 1856	Dec. 15, 1856		
506	John Lovitt,	Dec. 23, "	Jan. 16, 1857	Jan. 23, 1857	
507	George W. Williams,	Jan. 6, 1857	Jan. 16, "	Jan. 23, "	
508	Charles Pearce,	Jan. 6, "	Feb. 3, "	April 7, "	
509	William Lynam,	Jan. 6, "	Feb. 3, "	April 7, "	
510	Thomas Gilmour,	Feb. 3, 1857	Aug. 18, 1865	Aug 25, 1865	
511	Thomas Emerson,	Feb. 7, "	Feb. 14, 1857	Feb 21, 1857	
512	Lynam Cann,	Feb. 21, "			
513	Wm. Brunswick Sancton,	Mar. 3, "	April 7, 1857	May 5, 1857	
514	Jared Green,	Mar. 3, "	April 7, "	May 5, 1857	
515	David Shank Kerr,				April 7, 1857
516	George F. Perkins,	June 2, 1857	July 7, 1857	Aug. 8, 1857	
517	William Wedderburn,	June 16, "	July 15, "	Aug. 17, "	
518	James Lupton,	June 16, "	July 15, "	Aug 17, "	
519	William H. Austin,	June 16, "	July 15, "	Aug. 17, "	
520	Frederick T. C. Burpee,	June 16, "	July 15, "	Aug. 8, "	
521	Isaac Campbell,	July 7, "	Aug. 4, "	Sept. 1, "	
522	Joseph C. Wallace,	July 7, "	Aug. 4, "	Sept. 1, "	
523	George F. Tyrell,	July 15, "	Aug. 24, "	Sept 1, "	
524	Edmund B. Holmes,	July 15, "	Aug. 24, "	Sept. 1 "	
525	John Johnston,	July 15, "	Aug. 24, "	Oct. 6, "	
526	Andrew Johnston,	July 15, "	Aug. 24, "	Oct. 6, "	
527	William R. Neptune,	Aug. 4, "	Sept. 1, "	Oct. 6, "	
528	Charles E. Luckie,	Aug 8, "	Aug. 17, "	Aug. 24, "	
529	William B. White,	Sept. 1, "	Nov. 3, "	Dec. 1,	
530	James Hunter,	Oct. 6, "	Dec. 1, "	Jan. 5, 1858	
531	James Melville,	Oct. 6, "	Nov. 3, "	Nov. 14, 1857	
532	William H. Sulis,	Dec. 15, "	Dec. 22, "	Jan. 5, 1858	
533	John J. Joslin	May 4, 1858	May 18, 1858	May 25, "	
534	James F. Nicholls,	May 4, "	June 1, "	July 6, "	
535	William Hetherington,	May 18, "	May 25, "	June 1, "	
536	James Israel Fellows,	May 18, "	May 25, "	June 1, "	
537	Stephen Gerow Bunting,	June 1, "	July 6, "	Aug. 3, "	
538	William B. Spiller,	June 1, "	July 6, "	Aug. 3, "	
539	William Street Berton,	July 6, "	Aug. 3, "	Sept. 10, "	
540	John Stone,	Aug. 5, "	Sept. 7, "	Oct. 26, "	
541	Albert Hartt,	Aug. 5, "	Sept. 7, "	Oct. 8, "	
542	Fraser Olson Luckie,	Sept. 10, "	Sept. 17, "	Sept. 24, "	
543	John R. Smith,	Sept. 17, "	Oct. 22, "	Dec. 23, "	
544	Frederick E. Fuge,	Oct. 5, "	Nov. 12, "	Dec. 23, "	
545	Frederick James,	Oct. 22, "	April 5, 1859		
546	Jas. McGregor Grant,				Nov. 2, 1858
547	Henry Fletcher,	Nov. 2, 1858	Dec. 7, 1858	Jan. 14, 1859	
548	William Hartshorne,	Nov. 2, "	Mar. 1, 1859	April 5, "	
549	George Lord,	Nov. 2, "	Dec. 7, 1858	Jan 14, "	
550	Guilford S. Reed,	Dec. 7, "	Jan. 4, 1859	Feb. 1, "	
551	Albert Armstrong,	Jan. 4, 1859	Jan. 14, "		
552	William Lunn,				Mar. 1, 1859
553	George Bingham,	Mar. 1, 1859	April 5, 1859	May 3, 1859	
554	Robert Baxter,	Mar. 16, "	Mar. 23, "	April 5, "	
555	Ebenezer McNichol,	July 5, "	Aug. 2, "	Oct. 4, "	
556	John Middleton,	July 5, "	Aug. 2, "	Jan. 3, 1860	
557	Joseph Thompson,	Aug. 2, "	Sept. 6, "	Oct. 4, 1859	
558	Moses W. Fiske,	Aug. 12, "	Aug 19, "		
559	William F. Cutter,	Aug. 12, "	Aug. 19, "		
560	Charles Moore,	Sept. 6, "	Feb. 17, 1860	Feb. 24, 1860	
561	Thomas Curtis,	Oct. 4. "	Nov. 1, 1859	Dec. 23, 1859	
562	George A. DeForest,	Nov. 1, "	Dec, 6. "	Dec. 23, "	

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563	Albert Dow Roop,	Nov. 1, 1859	Jan. 3, 1860	Feb. 7, 1860	
564	Samuel Woodbury,	Dec. 6, "	Feb. 7, "	Jan. 1, 1861	
565	Henry Houle,	Feb. 7, 1860	Mar. 6, "	April 3, 1860	
566	Adam Nix,	Mar. 6, "	May 1, "	July 3, "	
567	Robert R. Allan,	May 1, "	June 5, "	July 3, "	
568	John Gilmour Sharp,	June 5, "			
569	John Thomas, Jr.,	July 3, "	Aug 17, 1860	Sept. 25, 1860	
570	Charles H. Tucker,	Aug. 17, "	Sept. 17, "	Oct. 30, "	
571	Henry M. Davis,	Sept. 17, "	Sept. 25, "	Oct. 2, "	
572	Ross Woodrow,	Sept. 17, "	Nov. 6, "	April 2, 1861	
573	George J. Sulis,	Oct. 30, "	Nov. 6, "	Nov. 13, 1860	
574	John Price,	Nov. 6, "	Dec. 4, "	Feb. 5, 1861	
575	Edward P. Furlong,				May 7, 1861
576	Richard Crumbie,	Sept. 3, 1861	Oct, 1, 1861	Feb. 13, 1862	
577	Frederick Leavitt,	Oct. 1, "	Nov. 5, "	Dec. 3, 1861	
578	James Gordon Forbes,	Jan. 7, 1862	Feb. 13, 1862	April 7, 1862	
579	Bartlett Covill,	Jan. 7, "	Nov. 4, "		
580	Rev. Neil McKay,	Feb. 4, "	Mar. 4, "	April 7, 1862	
581	Jacob D. Underhill,	Feb. 4, "	Mar. 18, "	Nov, 4, "	
582	Richard H. Atkinson,	Feb. 4, "	Mar. 4, "	April 7, "	
583	Robert Moore,	Feb. 24, "	Jan. 6, 1863	Feb. 12, 1863	
584	James S. Hopkins,	Feb. 24, "	Mar. 4, 1862		
585	Thomas Bustin,	Mar. 4, "	April 14, "	Feb. 12, 1862	
586	James S. May,	Mar. 4, "	Sept. 2, "	Nov. 4, "	
587	Charles E. Burnham,	Mar. 4, "	April 1, "	May 16, "	
588	Thomas O. Sandall,	Mar. 4, "	April 1, "	May 16, "	
589	William H. Lester,	Mar. 18, "	Nov. 4, "	Dec. 2, "	
590	John Baxter,	Mar. 18, "	Nov. 4, "	Dec. 2, "	
591	Alfred M. Dinsmore,	Mar. 18, "	Oct. 2, "	Nov. 4, "	
592	Patrick M. Parkinson,	April 1, "	June 3, "	July 1, "	
593	Edward E. Lockhart,	April 14, "	May 3, 1864		
594	Joshua S. Turner,	May 6, "	Aug. 5, 1862	Feb. 12, 1863	
595	William W. Ansley,	May 6, "	June 3, "	Aug. 5, 1862	
596	Francis W. Clear,	May 6, "	June 3, "	July 1, "	
597	Alfred W. Savary,	June 3, "			
598	Frederick P. Robinson,	Jan. 6, 1863	Feb. 3, 1863	Mar. 3, 1863	
599	George Stewart,	Jan. 6, "	Feb. 3, "	Mar. 3, "	
600	James Higgins,	Mar. 3, "	April 7, "	April 5, 1867	
601	David W. Turner,	June 2, "	July 14, "	Aug. 22, 1863	
602	John J. Dyer,	July 7, "	July 14, "	July 21, "	
603	James M. Smith,	July 7, "	July 14, "	Sept. 1, "	
604	George T. Flewelling,	July 7, "	Aug. 15, "		
605	Samuel F. Matthews,				Aug. 4, 1863
606	Augustus O. W. Routch,	Aug. 4, 1863	Aug. 15, 1863	Aug. 22, 1863	
607	William H. Whalley,	Aug. 4, "	Aug. 15, "	Aug. 22, "	
608	Robert Finlay,	Aug. 4, "	Oct. 6, "	Dec. 15, "	

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FROM AUGUST 4TH, 1863, WHEN THE NUMBER WAS CHANGED BY ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE.

No.	NAME.	ENTERED.	PASSED.	RAISED.	JOINED.
609	Samuel Austin,	Oct. 6, 1863	Nov. 3, 1863	April 22, 1864	
610	John White,	Oct. 6, "	Nov. 3, "	Dec. 15, 1863	
611	Joseph C. Hatheway,	Dec. 1, "	Jan. 5, 1864	Feb. 2, 1864	
612	Abraham E. Mundee,	Jan. 5, 1864	Mar. 1, "	April 22, "	
613	William Dunlavy,	Mar. 1, "	April 5, "	May 3, "	
614	George Nice,	Mar. 1, "	April 5, "	May 3, "	
615	George Francis Preble,	Sept. 6, "	Nov. ,1 "	Dec. 6, "	
616	Robert Burns,	Jan. 3, 1865	Feb. 7, 1865	Mar. 7, 1865	
617	Alexander W. Paterson,	Feb. 7, "	May 2, "	April 17, 1866	
618	John G. Parker,				Mar. 7, 1865
619	Rev. Thos. Geo. Johnstone,	Jan. 27, 1865	June 26, 1866	July 3, 1866	
620	Henry Lynn,	July 4, "	Aug. 18, 1865	Oct. 13, 1865	
621	Oscar E. Doolittle,	July 21, "	Aug. 18, "	Aug. 25, "	
622	John Ross,	Aug. 1, "	Sept. 5, "	Oct. 13, "	
623	Rev. Thomas Powers,	Oct. 3, "	Nov. 28, "	Jan. 16, 1866	
624	Rev. Geo. Johnstone Caie,	Oct. 3, "	Oct. 13, "	Oct. 20, 1865	
625	Robert Thomson, Jr.,	Oct. 3, "	Oct. 13, "	Oct. 20, "	
626	John Livingston,	Oct. 3, "	Nov. 28, "	May 15, 1866	
627	James Philps,	Nov. 7, "	Dec. 15, "	Jan. 16, "	
628	Samuel Wright Golding,	Nov. 7, "	Nov. 28, "	Dec. 15, 1865	
629	John Sweet,	Dec. 5, "	Jan. 16, 1866	Mar. 6, 1866	
630	Charles H. Chandler,	Dec. 5, "	Jan. 2, "	Feb. 6, "	
631	Alfred Lordly,	Dec. 5, "	Jan. 2, "	April 17, "	
632	John Soper,	Dec. 5, "	Dec. 15, 1865	Dec. 22, 1865	
633	George W. Fletcher,				Dec. 15, 1865
634	William H. Gilliatt,	Dec. 22, 1865	April 17, 1866	July 3, 1866	
635	William P. Hutchinson,	Dec. 22, "	Jan. 2, "	Jan. 16, "	
636	James W. Montgomery,	Jan. 2, 1866	Jan. 16, "	April 17, "	
637	Joseph Lordly Bunting,	April 3, "	May 15, "	July 17, "	
638	James Philip Scott,	April 3, "	June 5, "	Sept. 25, "	
639	Robert Leonard,	April 3, "	May 15, "	July 17, "	
640	John W. Moore,				April 3, 1866
641	George E. R. Burpee,	May 1, 1866	June 26, 1866	Oct. 30, 1866	
642	James Alexander,	June 26, "	July 3, "		
643	William Hazlehurst,	Aug. 7, "	Oct. 30, "	Dec. 18, 1866	
644	Robert E. Ferguson,	Aug. 7, "	Sept. 25, "	Oct. 30, "	
645	Benbow B. Ferguson,	Aug. 7, "	Sept. 25, "	Oct. 30, "	
646	David McLellan,	Sept. 4, "	Dec. 18, "	Feb. 5, 1867	
647	Robert D. Davis,	Oct. 2, "	Oct. 30, "	Dec. 18, 1866	
648	Thomas Henry Lynn,	Nov. 6, "	Jan. 1, 1867	Feb 5, 1867	
649	Frederick Miles Hancock,	Nov. 6, "	Dec. 18, 1866	Feb. 5, "	
650	Charles A. Estey,	Dec. 4, "	Jan. 1, 1867	Feb. 5, "	
651	John F. Taylor,	Dec. 4, "	Feb. 5, "	Mar. 19, "	
652	Samuel A. Dixon,	Dec. 4, "	Jan. 1, "	Feb. 5, "	
653	William Herbert Sinnott,	Mar. 5, 1867	April 2, "	April 30, "	
654	George E. Barnhill,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	April 30, "	
655	William J. Davidson,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	April 30, "	
656	James H. Robinson,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	May 7, "	
657	Nathan Green,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	April 30, "	

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658	Henry G. Hunt,	May 7, 1867	June 4, 1867	July 16, 1867	
659	Joseph Read,	June 4, "	July 2, "	Aug. 6, "	
660	Thomas Hutchinson,	June 4, "	July 2, "	Aug. 6, "	
661	Frederick M. Berryman,	July 2, "	July 9, "	July 16, "	
662	Henry H. Gardner,	July 9, "	July 30, "	Aug. 6, "	
663	Thomas Bennett,	July 23, "	July 30, "	Aug. 6, "	
664	Horatio N. H. Lugrin,	July 23, "	July 30, "	Aug. 6, "	
665	Jules C. L. Morazain,				Aug. 6, 1867
666	Edgar C. Baker,	Oct. 1, 1867	Oct. 29, 1867	Nov. 5, 1867	

CONTINUED ROLL OF MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2, REGISTRY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

No.	Name.	Entered.	Passed	Raised	Joined.
667	John Sandall, Jr.,	Nov. 5, 1867	Jan. 7, 1868	Feb 4, 1868	
668	William C. Treadwell,	Dec. 3, "	Jan. 6, "	Feb. 4, "	
669	Bela R. Lawrence,				Dec. 3, 1867
670	Abijah H. Eaton,	April 7, 1868	May 15, 1868	July 7, 1868	
671	James Maxwell,	May 5, "	May 15, "	May 26, "	
672	Canby Hatheway,	June 2, "	July 7, "	Aug. 4, "	
673	Edward L. Berteaux,	June 2, "	July 7, "	Aug. 4, "	
674	John Brewing,	Aug. 4, "	Dec. 1, "	Mar. 2, 1869	
675	David M. Vaughan,	Nov. 3, "	Dec. 1, "	Feb. 2, "	
676	Robert Moffat,	Dec. 1, "	Dec. 7, 1869	May 3, 1870	
677	Edward Manning,	Jan. 5, 1869	Feb. 2, "	Mar. 2, 1869	
678	Hiram G. Betts,	Jan. 5, "	Feb. 2, "	Mar. 2, "	
679	Edward J Ross,	Feb. 2, 1869	Feb. 3, 1875	Mar. 16, 1875	
680	Benjamin Hunt,	Mar. 2, "	Mar. 12, 1869	Mar. 19, 1869	
681	George P. Johnston,	Mar. 2, "	Mar. 12, "	Mar. 19, "	
682	Melbourne W. Sinnott,	Mar. 2, "	Mar. 12, "	Mar. 19, "	
683	Percival L. Lewin,	Mar. 19, "	Mar. 30, "	April 6, "	
684	Alex. Miles Seely,	June 11, "	June 21, "	Oct. 19, "	
685	Charles H. Rass,	June 21, "	Oct. 5, "	Oct. 19, "	
686	John Newton Wilson,	Aug. 3, "	Oct. 5, "	Nov. 2, "	
687	Thomas Gilbert Hunt,	Oct. 5, "	Jan. 4, 1870	Mar. 2, 1870	
688	William Hartt Crozier,		Dec. 7, 1869	Mar. 2, "	Dec. 7, 1869
689	Matthew Wilson,	Jan. 4, 1870	Feb. 1, 1870	Mar. 2, "	
690	Augustus P. Rolph,	Mar. 1, "	April 5, "	May 3, "	
691	Edward L. Goodrich,	Mar. 1, "	April 5, "	May 3, "	
692	John King,	April 5, "	May 3, "	July 5, "	
693	Moses C. Barbour,				June 7, 1870
694	Samuel A. Kinne,	May 16, 1870	April 4, 1871	April 12, 1871	
695	Frank W. White,	June 7, "	July 5, 1870	Aug. 2, 1870	
696	James Holly,	June 7, "	July 5, "	Aug. 2, "	
697	Frederick G. S. Fitzpatrick,	Aug. 2, "	Nov 1, "	Mar. 7, 1871	
698	Arthur Paget Owen,	Aug. 2, "	Aug. 23, "	Sept. 6, 1870	
699	Frederick C. Wakefield,	Dec. 6, "	Feb. 6, 1872		
700	Frederick A. Berteaux,	Dec. 6, "	Sept. 7, 1875	Sept. 15, 1875	
701	John Russell Armstrong,	Jan. 3, 1871	Feb. 7, 1871	Mar. 7, 1871	
702	John T. C. McKean,	Mar. 7, "	April 4, "	May 30, "	
703	Thomas Finlay,	April 4, "	May 2, "	May 30, "	
704	John Allingham,	April 4, "	May 2, "	May 30, "	
705	William D. Scribner,	April 4, "	May 2, "	May 30, "	
706	Charles W. Godsoe,	April 4, "	May 2, "	May 30, "	
707	Samuel J. Golding,	May 2, "	Feb. 6, 1872	Mar. 5, 1872	

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708	George Henry Clark,	June 6, 1871	Aug. 1, 1871	Aug. 29, 1871	
709	George L. McKean,	July 4, "	Nov. 7, "	April 15, 1873	
710	William Macara Sears,	July 4, "	Aug. 1, "	Aug. 29, 1871	
711	William R. Melville,	Aug. 1, "	Sept. 5, "	Oct. 3, "	
712	John J. Forrest,	Sept. 5, "	Sept. 28, "	Nov. 7, "	
713	Charles Inches,	Oct. 3, "	Nov. 7, "	Dec. 5, "	
714	James Sidney Kaye,	Dec. 5, "	Feb. 6, 1872	Mar. 5, 1872	
715	Joseph E. Arrowsmith,	Jan. 2, 1872	Feb. 6, "	Mar. 5, "	
716	John Alexander,	Feb. 6, "	May 7, "	Aug. 6, "	
717	Frederick S. Williams,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	May 7, "	
718	John S. McLaren,				May 7, 1872
719	George H. Vlieland,	June 4, 1872	July 2, 1872	Sept. 20, 1872	
720	Alexander Paterson,	June 4, "	July 2, "	Aug. 6, "	
721	William C. Allen,				July 2, 1872
722	Inglesby Wickins,	Sept. 3, 1872	Sept. 12, 1872	Sept. 20, 1872	
723	William H. B. Sadleir,	Sept. 3, "	Nov. 5, "	Dec 3, "	
724	Thomas W. Lacey,	Sept. 3, "	Nov. 5, "	Dec. 3, "	
725	Charles McAlpine,	Sept. 3, "	Sept. 12, "	Sept. 20, "	
726	George Black Hegan,	Oct. 1, "	Aug. 5, 1873	Sept. 2, 1873	
727	Robert N. Moir,				Dec. 3, 1872
728	John Purdy Betts,	April 1, 1873	Mar. 6, 1873	July 1, 1873	
729	Frederick Sandall,	April 1, "	May 6, "	July 1, "	
730	Thomas Stothart,	April 1, "	June 3, "	July 1, "	
731	Albert Harrison,	May 6, "	June 3, "	July 1, "	
732	George Wm. Shamper,	June 3, "	July 1, "	Nov. 18, "	
733	John Buchanan,				July 1, 1873
734	Daniel Morrison,	Oct. 1, 1873	Nov. 4, 1873	Jan. 20, 1874	
735	James McArthur,	Nov. 4, "	Dec. 2, "	Jan. 20, "	
736	Charles John Wills,	Nov. 4, "	Dec. 2, "	Jan. 20, "	
737	John B. Sears,	Feb. 3, 1874	Feb. 17, 1874	Feb. 24, "	
738	LeBaron Botsford,	Feb. 3, "	Mar. 3, "	Mar. 10, "	
739	Robert Dhu MacDonald,	Mar. 3, "	April 7, "	May 15, "	
740	Walter Weir Welsh,	Mar. 3, "	May 5, "	June 2, "	
741	Edward O'Brien,	Mar. 3, "	Sept. 2, 1879		
742	Arthur Isaac Trueman,	May 5, "	June 2, 1874	July 7, 1874	
743	John Henry Wickett,				July 7, 1874
744	John Wilson,	July 7, 1874	Aug. 4, 1874	Oct. 6, 1874	
745	Charles W. Starkey,	July 7, "	Mar. 16, 1875		
746	John W. Daniel,				Sept. 1, 1874
747	Alban Thomas,	Sept. 1, 1874	Oct. 6, 1874	Nov. 17, 1874	
748	Alfred J. Champion,	Sept. 1, "	Nov. 3, "	Dec. 15, "	
749	Rev. Donald Macrae,				Oct. 6, 1874
750	Henry Brockington,	Nov. 3, 1874	Dec. 1, 1874	Feb. 16, 1875	
751	George Cormack,	Nov. 3, "	Dec. 1, "	Feb. 16, "	
752	John McAllister,				Feb. 2, 1875
753	William J. Ross,	Feb. 2, 1875	Mar. 16, 1875	Nov. 2, 1875	
754	Louis Green,	Feb. 2, "	Mar. 16, "	May 18, "	
755	James A. McKeen,	Mar. 2, "	April 6, "	May 18, "	
756	Alexander McCausland,	Mar. 2, "	April 6, "	Sept. 5, "	
757	Charles H. S. Johnston,				Mar. 2, 1875
758	Robert Robertson, Jr.,	April 6, 1875	May 4, 1875	June 1, 1875	
759	Matthew Wallace,	Aug. 3, "	Dec. 7, "	Feb. 1, 1876	
760	Joseph Cox,	Jan. 4, 1876	Mar. 7, 1876	April 4, "	
761	Richard J. Foxwell,	Jan. 4, "	Mar. 7, "	April 4, "	
762	Craven L. Betts,	Mar. 7, "	April 4, "	May 2, "	
763	Arthur Wellington Sharp,	June 6, "	July 4, "	Sept. 22, "	
764	Edwin Sears,	June 6, "	July 4, "	Aug. 1, "	
765	Rev. George Armstrong,				June 11, 1876

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766	Isaac M. McDowall,	Oct. 3,1876	Nov. 7, 1876	Dec. 5, 1876	
767	James Aberd Bailey,	Mar. 6, 1877	April 3, 1877	June 5, 1877	
768	Arthur Everitt,	Mar. 6, "	April 3, "	June 5, "	
769	William H. Parlee,				July 3, 1877
770	Nathaniel W. Brenan,	Sept. 4, 1877	Oct. 2, 1877	Dec. 4, 1877	
771	Mathias Mathieson,	Jan. 22, 1878	Feb. 15, 1878	Feb. 26, 1878	
772	George A. Henderson,	Feb. 5, "	April 2, "	May 7, "	
773	John Thomas,	Feb. 5, "	Feb. 15, "	Feb. 26, "	
774	George Herbert Fulton,	Feb. 5, "	April 2, "	May 7, "	
775	Henry Louis Green,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	May 7, "	
776	Park Allan Melville,	Mar. 5, "	April 2, "	May 7, "	
777	Wilson Lowry Dobbin,	June 4, "	July 2, "	Aug. 6, "	
778	Henry S Bridges,	Oct. 1, "	Nov. 5, "	Dec. 17, "	
779	Benson M. Dixon,	Oct. 1, "	Nov. 5, "	Mar. 4, 1879	
780	George B. B. Ketchum,	Dec. 3, "	Feb. 4, 1879	Mar. 4, "	
781	George F. Burpee,	Dec. 17, "			
782	Charles O. Wickenden,	Jan. 4, 1879	May 6, 1879	June 3, 1879	
783	William Robert May,	Feb. 18, "	Feb. 3, 1880	Mar. 2, 1880	
784	Maximillian M. Sterne,	Feb. 18, "	Apri 1, 1879	May 6, 1879	
785	Frederick Robinson,	Aug. 5, "			
786	Benjamin Lester Peters,				Dec. 2, 1879
787	Robert H. B. Tennant,	July 6, 1880	Aug. 3, 1880	Sept. 7, 1880	
788	George Price,	July 6, "	Aug. 3, "	Sept. 7, "	
789	Henry M. Hamilton,				Mar. 1, 1881
790	Neil McKellar,	July 5, 1881	Jan. 24, 1882	Feb. 10, 1882	
791	John Young McDermott,				Aug. 2, 1881
792	Peter W. Snider,				Dec. 6, "
793	John Lawson,				Dec. 6, "
794	Martin Bedes,	Jan. 24, 1882	Jan. 31, 1882	Feb. 10, 1882	
795	Rev. William M. Weeks,	Feb. 10, "	Feb. 17, "	Mar. 17, "	
796	Robert McLeod,	May 2, "	July 4, "	Oct. 3, "	
797	Mitchell J. Cameron,				June 6, 1882
798	William L. Penney,				July 4, "
799	David H. Waterbury,	Aug. 1, 1882	Sept. 5, 1882	Oct. 3, 1882	
800	James Guilford Barnes,	Sept. 4, 1883	Nov 6, 1883	Mar. 4, 1884	
801	Samuel Morrison,	Nov. 6, "	Dec. 18, "	Feb. 5, "	
802	Herman Robert Melville,	Dec. 31, "	Jan. 3, 1888	Jan. 11, 1888	
803	James Jackson Dugard,	May 6, 1884	June 17, 1884	July 22, 1884	
804	Thomas Newton Vincent,	May 6, "	April 6, 1886	June 7, 1886	
805	Andrew F. Kenney,	June 3, "	June 24, 1884	May 5, 1885	
806	William Alexander Ewing,	Aug. 5, "	Sept. 2, "	Oct. 21, 1884	
807	James Sutherland,	Sept. 19, "	April 24, 1885	Oct. 5, 1886	
808	Charles Augustus Harris,	Oct. 7, "	Nov. 4, 1884	Dec. 2, 1884	
809	Robert C. Thorne,				Oct. 21, 1884
810	James Wm. Fitzpatrick,				Oct. 21, "
811	George A. Hetherington,				Jan. 6, 1885
812	George M. D. Barnes,	Feb. 3, 1885	Mar. 3, 1885	April 7, 1885	
813	Joseph Graves Bond,	May 2, "	May 9, "	May 8, 1886	
814	George Arrowsmith,	April 6, 1886	May 4, 1886	May 14, "	
815	John Rowlandson Gillis,				May 4, 1886
816	Frederick McLellan,	Nov. 2, 1886	Dec. 7, 1886	May 3, 1887	
817	Richard Ward Thorne,				Feb. 1, 1887
818	Joseph Herbert Wright,	Feb. 1, 1887	April 5, 1887	May 3, 1887	
819	Richard Heans,	Mar. 1, "	Aug. 2, "	Sept. 6, "	
820	Solomon Green,	Oct. 4, "	Nov. 1, "	Dec. 6, "	
821	Ezekiel Mallory Sipprell,	Oct. 4, "	Mar. 6, 1888	Nov. 6, 1888	
822	Solomon Rubin,	Feb. 7, 1888	Feb. 15, "	Aug. 21, "	
823	Charles Henry Wilson,	Aug. 7, "	Sept. 4, "	Oct. 2, "	

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824	Charles A. Hardy,				Mar. 5, 1889
825	Charles Damery,	Feb. 5, 1889	April 2, 1889	June 4, 1889	
826	William Norman DeWitt,	April 2, "	May 7, "	June 4, "	
827	William James McClaverty,	April 2, "	May 7, "	June 4, "	
828	Archibald Bauer,				April 2, 1889
829	Charles H. L. Johnston,				June 4, "
830	Arthur Wm. McMackin,	Oct. 1, 1889	Nov. 5, 1889	Dec. 3, 1889	
831	William Alex. Cathers,	July 28, 1890	Oct. 20, 1890	Dec. 30, 1890	
832	William Henry Horn,	Aug. 5, "	Sept. 2, "	Nov. 4, "	
833	Alexander Wm. Macrae,	Oct. 20, "	Dec, 2, "	Dec. 30, "	
834	James W. Montgomery,				Nov. 4, 1890
835	David Faulkner Douglas,	Aug. 18, 1891	Aug. 25, 1891		
836	Frederick Oliver Harvey,	Dec. 1, "	May 3, 1892	Sept 6, 1892	
837	Edward Hammond Lester,	Mar. 1, 1892	April 5, "	Nov. 1, "	
838	William Dunlavy,				May 3, 1892
839	Frederick DeVine,	May 3, 1892			
840	William J. Dean,	June 7, "	July 5, 1892	Sept. 6, 1892	
841	Arthur Burrell Gilmour,	July 5, "	Aug. 3, "	Nov. 1, "	
842	Robert Duncan Smith,	July 5, "	Aug. 3, "	Nov. 1, "	
843	Christopher John Weldon,	Aug. 16, "	Aug. 23, "	Aug. 30, "	
844	Walter Babbitt,				Jan. 3, 1893
845	Rainsford Henry Wetmore,	Mar. 7, 1893	Feb. 6, 1894	Mar. 6, 1894	
846	Albert Edward Prince,	Mar. 7, "	May 2, 1893	June 6, 1893	
847	Joseph Hugh Morrison,	April 4, "	May 2, "	July 4, "	
848	Charles W. Starkey,				April 4, 1893
849	Thomas Finlay,				April 4, "
850	Rev. Daniel Morrison,				May 2, "
851	Louis Alphonse Griffiths,	Aug. 1, 1893	Sept. 5, 1893	Nov. 7, 1893	
852	Fred'k Ernest Flewwelling,	Nov. 7, "	Dec. 5, "	Jan. 2, 1894	

LIST OF MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, APRIL 5TH, 1802, TO APRIL 3RD, 1894, ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

(The numbers correspond with the numbers in the foregoing list).

66 Abrams, William
642 Alexander, James
716 Alexander, John
567 Allan, Robert R.
721 Allen, William C.
704 Allingham, John
269 Anderson, John
396 Andrews, John B.
595 Ansley, William W.
551 Armstrong, Albert
211 Armstrong, David
275 Armstrong, Israel
701 Armstrong, John R.
765 Armstrong, Rev. George
432 Armstrong, R. Sands
814 Arrowsmith, George
715 Arrowsmith, Joseph E.
327 Atchison, James
582 Atkinson, Richard H.
609 Austin, Samuel
519 Austin, William H.
844 Babbitt, Walter
489 Bagley, Henry E.
767 Bailey, James A.
355 Bainbridge, George
666 Baker, Edgar C.
455 Baldwin, Henry W.
359 Barbour, Matthew
693 Barbour, Moses C.
347 Barbour, Robert
812 Barnes, George M. D.
800 Barnes, James G.
654 Barnhill, George E.
130 Barr, John
91 Barr, William
685 Bass, Charles H.
198 Bates, Thomas
828 Bauer, Archibald
590 Baxter, John
554 Baxter, Robert

794 Bedes, Martin
343 Bell, James
337 Bell, Joseph
449 Bell, William
441 Belyea, Charles A.
444 Belyea, William Raymond
663 Bennett, Thomas
661 Berryman, Frederick M.
673 Berteaux, Edward L.
700 Berteaux, Frederick A.
539 Berton, William Street
762 Betts, Craven L.
678 Betts, Hiram G.
728 Betts, John Purdy
324 Beverley, John
144 Bibber, Warren
553 Bingham, George
8 Blackwood, George
42 Blair, Peter
438 Blakslee, Eben. B. A. G.
397 Bond, George
813 Bond, Joseph G.
167 Bonnell, George
289 Bookwood, William
738 Botsford, LeBaron
31 Bourdett, Oliver
155 Bowyer, John
283 Boyd, Thomas
284 Bradbury, Simeon
129 Bradbury, William
418 Bradley, Alexander P.
134 Branscomb, William
770 Brenan, Nathaniel W.
674 Brewing, John
778 Bridges, Henry S.
323 Broadbrook, George
750 Brockington, Henry
265 Brotherson, G. P.
322 Brown, Charles
371 Brown, Charles

214 Brown, David
154 Brown, Dexter
501 Brown, Henry
382 Brown, John S.
467 Brown, Samuel
461 Brown, William
733 Buchanan, John
637 Bunting, Jos. Lordly
537 Bunting, Stephen G.
445 Bunting, Wm. Franklin
587 Burnham, Charles E.
616 Burns, Robert
520 Burpee, Frederick T. C.
641 Burpee, George E. R.
781 Burpee, George F.
585 Bustin, Thomas
335 Byram, Oliver
624 Caie, Rev. George J.
344 Calvert, Richard
473 Calvert, Richard
243 Campbell, Charles
74 Campbell, George
521 Campbell, Isaac
247 Campbell, James
146 Campbell, John
172 Campbell, John
285 Campbell, John M.
244 Campbell, Samuel
11 Campbell, William
797 Cameron, Mitchell
459 Cameron, Thomas
185 Cameron, William
512 Cann, Lyman
97 Carnes, Henry
272 Carvill, George L.
192 Carvill, Lewis
375 Cassidy, John
831 Cathers, William A.
391 Causey, William
748 Champion, Alfred J.
630 Chandler, Charles H.
234 Charlton, William
264 Chevely, George
288 Chew, William
372 Chipman, John C.
128 Chubb, Henry
401 Clarke, Daniel W.
392 Clarke, John, Jr.
70 Clarke, John S.
85 Clarke, Joseph
72 Clarke, Robert
280 Clark, George
379 Clark, George
708 Clark, George H.
297 Clark, John
596 Clear, Francis W.
215 Cobb, Samuel
173 Cock, William R.
402 Colborne, George N.
278 Cole, John
360 Coleman, John
101 Collins, Robert
488 Collins, Robert
416 Comerford, Patrick
262 Condle, James
211 Cookson, Rev. James
340 Corbitt, William James
751 Cormack, George
579 Covill, Bartlett
482 Coxetter, Bartholomew
760 Cox, Joseph
422 Craig, William
439 Creighton, George
202 Crispan, James
503 Crocker, Samuel
57 Cronk, David
407 Crosby, Hartwell B.
442 Crossland, Edward
456 Crozier, Robert G.
688 Crozier, William Hartt
576 Crumbie, Richard
277 Cunard, Robert
61 Currie, John
561 Curtis, Thomas
559 Cutter, William F.
227 Daglish, Joseph S.
191 Dallas, John A.
825 Damery, Charles
746 Daniel, John W.
655 Davidson, William J.
571 Davis, Henry M.
647 Davis, Robert D.
233 Day, George
6 Dean, John
840 Dean, William J.
126 Decker, Israel
218 Deering, Patrick
492 Deerness, Peter

562 DeForest, George A.
258 DeForest, Silas
287 Devereux, Patrick
839 DeVine, Frederick
826 DeWitt, William N.
64 Dick, John
171 Dimsdale, James
591 Dinsmore, Alfred M.
40 Disbrow, Noah
779 Dixon, Benson M.
652 Dixon, Samuel A.
132 Doane, Isaac
777 Dobbin, Wilson L.
496 Dole, Mark Plummer
483 Dole, William P.
27 Donaldson, John
37 Donaldson, William
380 Donnelly, David
621 Doolittle, Oscar E.
82 Doucett, Charles
835 Douglas, David F.
136 Downie, John
76 Downing, John
803 Dugard, James Jackson
190 Duncan, William
100 Dunham, Samuel
228 Dunham, Thomas
613 Dunlavy, William
838 Dunlavy, William
79 Dunlop, Francis
436 Dunn, John P.
63 Durant, William
479 Durkee, Charles E.
229 Dyer, Ezekiel
602 Dyer, John J.
446 Eagles, Charles
670 Eaton, Abijah H.
353 Edgar, David
254 Edmonds, William
86 Edson, John
453 Ellison, Thomas H.
511 Emerson, Thomas
238 Emslie, William W.
650 Estey, Charles A.
768 Everitt, Arthur
806 Ewing, William Alexander
266 Fairweather, Lewis
326 Fairweather, William
141 Farnham, John
157 Farrant, William
5 Fayerweather, William
536 Fellows, James Israel
645 Ferguson, Benbow B.
260 Ferguson, John
644 Ferguson, Robert E.
608 Finlay, Robert
703 Finlay, Thomas
849 Finlay, Thomas
373 Fisher, John
558 Fiske, Moses W.
697 Fitzpatrick, Frederick G. S.
810 Fitzpatrick, James William
367 Fizard, Joseph C.
633 Fletcher, George W.
547 Fletcher, Henry
852 Flewwelling, Frederick E.
604 Flewelling, George T.
318 Flewelling, Isaac
578 Forbes, James Gordon
712 Forrest, John J.
303 Foulis, Robert
761 Foxwell, Richard J.
103 Fraser, William
544 Fuge, Frederick E.
235 Fuller, Patrick
774 Fulton, George Herbert
575 Furlong, Edward P.
454 Gallagher, Patrick
210 Garden, Arthur D.
662 Gardner, Henry H.
345 Gardner, William H.
490 Gard, Thomas D.
294 Garrick, Robert
317 Garrison, Andrew
276 Garrison, George A.
174 Garrison, Samuel
138 Gaynor, William J.
450 Gerow, James
222 Gibson, Andrew
634 Gilliatt, William H.
815 Gillis, John R.
841 Gilmour, Arthur B.
510 Gilmour, Thomas
487 Godfrey, Frederick
88 Godfrey, John
706 Godsoe, Charles W.
184 Godsoe, James
194 Godsoe, Nathan

707 Golding, Samuel J.
628 Golding, Samuel Wright
691 Goodrich, Edward L.
351 Goodwin, Richard
164 Gove, Jeremiah
546 Grant, James Macgregor
62 Grant, John
115 Grant, William
253 Gray, William
415 Green, Daniel, Jr.
775 Green, Henry Louis
514 Green, Jared
754 Green, Louis
657 Green, Nathan
820 Green, Solomon
307 Greeno, William
851 Griffiths, Louis A.
156 Grundy, James
104 Haddon, William
789 Hamilton, Henry M.
107 Hamm, Abner
123 Hamm, Joseph
649 Hancock, Frederick Miles
404 Hanson, Vernon
824 Hardy, Charles A.
105 Harford, Solomon
270 Harland, William
808 Harris, Charles Augustus
731 Harrison, Albert
548 Hartshorne, William
541 Hartt, Albert
28 Hartwick, Laurence
836 Harvey, Frederick O.
443 Harvey, John
153 Haskill, Caleb
464 Hastings, John
672 Hatheway, Canby
611 Hatheway, Joseph C.
374 Hawksworth, John L.
299 Haws, John
643 Hazlehurst, William
819 Heans, Richard
726 Hegan, George Black
772 Henderson, George A.
112 Henderson, James
410 Hendricks, Conrad J.
44 Hendricks, James
35 Hepburn, Alexander
478 Hepburn, Jared
150 Herring, Charles
394 Herrington, Benjamin
206 Herrington, John
811 Hetherington, George A.
89 Hetherington, James
535 Hetherington, William
600 Higgins, James
94 Hillsgrove, James
334 Hinds, James
60 Hiltz, Robert
55 Hitchcock, Jotham
354 Hogan, John J.
304 Hogg, David
39 Holly, James
696 Holly, James
390 Holman, Samuel
524 Holmes, Edmund B.
65 Holmes, George
356 Hooper, John
465 Hooper, William H.
584 Hopkins, James S.
111 Hopkins, Solomon
832 Horn, William H.
565 Houle, Henry
385 Howard, James
474 Howard, William J.
301 Howe, John
179 Hoyt, William, Jr.
187 Hughes, Sylvester C.
311 Hughson, Jerry D.
143 Hughson, William
530 Hunter, James
77 Hunter, Thomas
680 Hunt, Benjamin
658 Hunt, Henry G.
687 Hunt, Thomas G.
495 Hutchinson, Hugh
660 Hutchinson, Thomas
220 Hutchinson, William
440 Hutchinson, William, Jr.
635 Hutchinson, William P.
713 Inches, Charles
58 Ironside, George
378 Irvine, John
545 James, Frederick
110 Jenkins, Griffith
24 Jennings, Thomas
451 Johnson, James
369 Johnston, Alexander

526 Johnston, Andrew
59 Johnston, Charles
387 Johnston, Charles
829 Johnston, Charles H. L.
757 Johnston, Charles H. S.
51 Johnston, David
362 Johnston, David
216 Johnstone, Alexander
619 Johnstone, Rev. Thos. George
368 Johnston, George
681 Johnston, George P.
16 Johnston, Hugh
315 Johnston, Hugh
257 Johnston, John
525 Johnston, John
158 Joice, William
168 Jones, Asa
408 Jones, Daniel, Jr.
370 Jones, Frederick D. S.
381 Jones, Henry
83 Jordan, Gilbert
221 Jordan, John
533 Joslin, John J.
282 Joyce, Samuel
2 Judson, Chapman
714 K[illegible]ye, James Sidney
384 Keans, William H. A.
213 Keating, Robert
805 Kenney, Andrew F.
515 Kerr, David Shank
780 Ketchum, George B. B.
466 Ketchum, Francis E.
109 Kirk, Alexander
399 Kirsop, Robert
434 Kimpson, Robert
208 King, Henry
274 King, John
692 King, John
694 Kinne, Samuel A.
14 Kinnear, Andrew
393 Kinsman, Frederick
230 Knight, Solomon
316 Knowles, Edward T.
484 Knox, James
724 Lacey, Thomas W.
175 La Frisbee, Timothy
56 Laidley, Robert
500 Langan, Michael
165 Lawrence, Alexander
669 Lawrence, Bela R.
80 Lawrence, Richard
268 Lawrence, Richard, Jr.
225 Lawson, Israel
793 Lawson, John
577 Leavitt, Frederick
176 Leavitt, Thomas
435 La Chaudelec, Louis
93 Lemery, Alexander
469 Leonard, George T.
13 Leonard, Hon. George
639 Leonard, Robert
447 Leonard, William C.
837 Lester, Edward H.
139 Lester, Gilbert
241 Lester, James G.
589 Lester, William H.
312 Levensellar, Aaron
683 Lewin, Percival L.
386 Lindsay, James S.
245 Lingley, Joseph
626 Livingston, John
330 Lockhart, Edward
593 Lockhart, Edward E.
137 Lockhart, Levi
321 Lockwood, Anthony, Jr.
161 Long, Henry
549 Lord, George
631 Lordly, Alfred
506 Lovitt, John
528 Luckie, Charles E.
542 Luckie, Fraser Olson
204 Lugrin, Horatio N. H.
664 Lugrin, H. N. H., Jr.
552 Lunn, William
518 Lupton, James
448 Lynam, George
509 Lynam, William
620 Lynn, Henry
648 Lynn, Thomas Henry
361 Mainland, William
677 Manning, Edward
207 Mansell, George
149 Marshall, David S.
226 Marsh, Benjamin F.
494 Marter, Thomas
183 Martin, Phares
771 Mathieson, Mathias
605 Matthews, Samuel F.

671 Maxwell, James
586 May, James S.
783 May, William Robert
802 Melville, Herman R.
531 Melville, James
776 Melville, Park Allan
711 Melville, William R.
54 Menzies, Robert
429 Mercer, Joseph
7 Merritt, Caleb
46 Merritt, David
271 Merritt, Israel
10 Merritt, Nehemiah
162 Merritt, Peters
556 Middleton, John
357 Milligan, William
296 Mills, Alexander
193 Milne, Alexander
177 Minette, Robert C.
676 Moffat, Robert
48 Mogridge, John
727 Moir, Robert N.
463 Montgomery, James W.
636 Montgomery, James W.
834 Montgomery, James W.
560 Moore, Charles
224 Moore, George
640 Moore, John W.
583 Moore, Robert
477 Moore, Robert A.
665 Morazain, Jules C. L.
850 Morrison, Rev. Daniel
734 Morrison, Daniel
847 Morrison, Joseph H.
801 Morrison, Samuel
122 Morse, Joseph
49 Mott, Jacob S.
152 Mott, Richard
67 Mount, John
612 Mundee, Abraham E.
182 Murphy, John
331 Murray, John
423 Murray, John
749 MacRae, Rev. Donald
833 MacRae, Alexander W.
333 McAfee, Angus
752 McAllister, John
725 McAlpine, Charles
735 McArthur, James
249 McArthur, William
52 McCaliff, Peter
279 McCardle, John
756 McCausland, Alexander
827 McClaverty, William J.
160 McClure, John
20 McColl, George
242 McCready, John
255 McDermott, Hugh
791 McDermott, John Y.
421 McDonald, Jacob D.
739 McDonald, Robert Dhu
205 McDonald, William
766 McDowall, Isaac M.
73 McDowell, John
389 McGourty, John
286 McIntyre, Hector
580 McKay, Rev. Neil
709 McKean, George L
702 McKean, John T. C.
755 McKean, James A.
790 McKellar, Neil
358 McKenzie, Ambrose D.
135 McKenzie, John
81 McKenzie, Robert
403 McKenna, Andrew
290 McKinney, Francis
352 McLaren, David
718 McLaren, John S.
300 McLaren, Peter
178 McLean, George
646 McLellan, David
816 McLellan, Frederick
53 McLeod, Duncan
26 McLeod, John
796 McLeod, Robert
830 McMackin, Arthur W.
332 McMaugh, Joseph
555 McNichol, Ebenezer
133 McPherson, Alexander
232 McPherson, Charles
248 McPherson, Hugh
470 Nagel, Frederick A.
527 Neptune, William R.
437 Newstadter, Sophian
614 Nice, George
534 Nicholls, James F.
320 Nicholson, Thomas L.
45 Nichols, Samuel

566 Nix, Adam
400 Nowlan, Richard
237 Noyes, Jacob
741 O'Brien, Edward
12 Oliver, William Sanford
427 Olson, James
411 Otty, Andrew C.
698 Owen, Arthur Paget
498 Paddock, Thomas A.
618 Parker, John G.
125 Parker, Thomas
592 Parkinson, Patrick M.
769 Parlee, William H.
339 Parnell, James A.
486 Partelow, George B.
481 Partelow, James S.
720 Paterson, Alexander
617 Paterson, Alexander W.
313 Patten, Stinson
32 Patterson, Henry
298 Patterson, James
114 Patterson, Robert
18 Paul, John
376 Paul, William
239 Payne, James P.
240 Payne, John F.
166 Payne, Robert
508 Pearce, Charles
121 Pearce, James
29 Pecker, Jeremiah
163 Pecker, William
491 Peel, Humphrey
798 Penney, William L.
516 Perkins, George F.
246 Perley, Francis P.
458 Perley, Henry F.
96 Perry, David
428 Perry, John W.
786 Peters, Benjamin Lester
231 Peterson, Robert
78 Pettingell, Daniel
627 Philps, James
365 Pigeon, William B.
195 Pike
223 Pitts, Henry W.
71 Poole, John
417 Pope, John Alexander
433 Porter, David
457 Portmore, James

424 Potter, Charles E.
329 Potter, John
502 Pottinger, George Crofton
398 Powell, David
623 Powers, Rev. Thomas
615 Preble, George F.
92 Price, George
419 Price, George
788 Price, George
574 Price, John
846 Prince, Albert Edward
127 Prince, Paul
366 Purdy, William
412 Purvis, John
406 Quinton, John
405 Quinton, John Boyd
306 Rankine, James
124 Ray, Charles
120 Ray, Robert
47 Rawleigh, Thomas
659 Read, Joseph
550 Reed, Guilford S.
217 Reed, James
325 Reed, James
350 Reed, John
140 Reed, Nathan
181 Reynolds, Samuel
338 Richardson, John
108 Ring, Levi
420 Roberts, Joseph William
413 Robertson, Charles
363 Robertson, George H.
116 Robertson, Robert
472 Robertson, Robert D.
758 Robertson, Robert, Jr.
785 Robinson, Frederick
598 Robinson, Frederick P.
471 Robinson, Gilbert M.
656 Robinson, James H.
497 Robinson, John
43 Robson, Thomas
145 Robson, William
690 Rolph, Augustus P.
563 Roop, Albert Dow
679 Ross, Edward J.
622 Ross, John
336 Ross, William
753 Ross, William J.
606 Routch, Augustus O. W.

822 Rubin, Solomon
119 Ryder, William
723 Sadleir, William H. B.
430 Sancton, Henry P.
513 Sancton, William Brunswick
729 Sandall, Frederick
667 Sandall, John, Jr.
588 Sandall, Thomas Overton
21 Sands, Edward
36 Sands, Richard
597 Savary, Alfred W.
151 Sawyer, Henry
236 Scammell, William
84 Schlarhorst, John H.
113 Schofield, Samuel
638 Scott, James Philip
9 Scott, John
460 Scott, Robert
505 Scott, William
348 Scott, William Pitt.
426 Scribner, Hezekiah S.
705 Scribner, William D.
764 Sears, Edwin
737 Sears, John B.
710 Sears, William Macara
684 Seely, Alexander M.
69 Seely, Linus
98 Segee, Jacob
732 Shamper, George William
763 Sharp, Arthur Wellington
568 Sharp, John Gilmour
99 Shaw, Robert
188 Sheed, Robert
475 Sheridan, John H.
468 Short, John Davis
349 Sinclair, John
15 Sinnott, John
682 Sinnott, Melbourne W.
653 Sinnott, William Herbert
821 Sipprell, Ezekiel M.
414 Smiler, Christopher
250 Smiley, Andrew
95 Smith, Abner
314 Smith, Benjamin
106 Smith, Daniel
305 Smith, Daniel
1 Smith, George
252 Smith, Hiram
281 Smith, Howard
603 Smith, James M.
543 Smith, John R.
842 Smith, Robert Duncan
261 Smith, Thomas
792 Snider, P. Wellington
632 Soper, John
538 Spiller, William B.
256 Spragg, Elijah
148 Stanton, George
745 Starkey, Charles W.
848 Starkey, Charles W.
118 Stennicks, Martin
784 Sterne, Maximillian M.
75 Stewart, Alexander
599 Stewart, George
199 Stewart, Peter
186 Stewart, Robert Payne
409 Stockford, James
540 Stone, John
30 Storms, Samuel
730 Stothart, Thomas
302 Stout, William
452 Stronach, William E.
309 Stymest, Jesse M.
573 Sulis, George J.
532 Sulis, William H.
462 Sullivan, Joseph
807 Sutherland, James
50 Swan, Charles
180 Swanson, John
629 Sweet, John
383 Swinford, Thomas
346 Swymmer, Henry
651 Taylor, John F.
787 Tennant, Robert H. B.
480 Thain, William Henry
747 Thomas, Alban
147 Thomas, John
377 Thomas, John
773 Thomas, John
569 Thomas, John, Jr.
267 Thompson, Benjamin
200 Thompson, George
328 Thompson, George
557 Thompson, Joseph
625 Thomson, Robert, Jr.
809 Thorne, Robert C.
817 Thorne, R. Ward
38 Toole, John

189 Townsend, Jacob
295 Townsend, Jacob
142 Townshend, Jeremiah
87 Trapagher, Henry
209 Trathen, James W.
668 Treadwell, William C.
308 True, Lewis
742 Trueman, Arthur Isaac
203 Trulan, Hugh
570 Tucker, Charles H.
431 Tucker, Gilbert R.
601 Turner, David W.
594 Turner, Joshua S.
523 Tyrell, George F.
581 Underhill, Jacob D.
19 Upham, Hon. Joshua
90 VanHorne, Cornelius
102 VanHorne, John
675 Vaughan, David M.
485 Venning, Charles F.
493 Venning, William Henry
804 Vincent, Thomas Newton
719 Vlieland, George H.
699 Wakefield, Frederick C.
522 Wallace, Joseph C.
759 Wallace, Matthew
197 Wallace, Robert
291 Wallace, Robert
259 Walsh, Robert
219 Warburton, Joseph
273 Warren, Laurence
342 Warwick, William
3 Waterbury, David
799 Waterbury, David H.
22 Watson, Francis
170 Watson, James
504 Watts, Charles
310 Watts, Samuel
169 Webb, David
251 Webster, James R.
517 Wedderburn, William
795 Weeks, Rev. Wm. Marston
159 Welch, Robert
843 Weldon, Christopher J.
425 Wellington, Andrew J.
23 Wells, Charles
740 Welsh, Walter Weir
33 Wentworth, Thomas H.
17 Wetmore, Hon. Thomas
341 Wetmore, Joseph
292 Wetmore, Justus S.
845 Wetmore, Rainsford H.
607 Whalley, William H.
25 Whelpley, Richard
695 White, Frank W.
610 White, John
388 Whitelaw, William S.
68 White, Thomas
529 White, William B.
196 Whiting, Charles L.
782 Wickenden, Charles O.
743 Wickett, John H.
722 Wickins, Inglesby
34 Wiggins, Benjamin
117 Willemherst, James
717 Williams, Frederick S.
507 Williams, George W.
131 Williams, John
319 Williams, Joshua B.
499 Williams, Thomas A.
736 Wills, Charles John
823 Wilson, Charles H.
476 Wilson, John
744 Wilson, John
686 Wilson, John Newton
293 Wilson, Joseph
689 Wilson, Matthew
395 Wishart, Benjamin
4 Wolhaupter, John
564 Woodbury, Samuel
572 Woodrow, Ross
41 Woodward, John
201 Woodworth, Solomon
818 Wright, J. Herbert
263 Wyer, William
364 Wylie, Robert

ROLL OF MEMBERS

OF

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, APRIL, 1894,

ACCORDING TO SENIORITY.

William Causey.
William F. Bunting.[1]
John D. Short.
Bartholomew Coxetter.
William Wedderburn.
John R. Smith.
John Thomas.
Richard Crumbie.
Charles E. Burnham.
James S. May.
Joshua S. Turner.
John White.
Joseph C. Hatheway.
Henry Lynn.
Alfred Lordly.
Robert Leonard.
David McLellan.
Samuel A. Dixon.
George E. Barnhill.
Henry G. Hunt.
John Brewing.
Hiram G. Betts.
Edgar C. Baker.
Moses C. Barbour.
Fred. G. S. Fitzpatrick.
John R. Armstrong.
John Allingham.
John J. Forrest.
J. Sidney Kaye.
William H. B. Sadleir.
George B. Hegan.
Frederick Sandall.
Thomas Stothart.
George W. Shamper.
Arthur I. Trueman.
Louis Green.
Richard J. Foxwell.
Arthur W. Sharp.
Arthur Everitt.
George A. Henderson.
Wilson L. Dobbin.
W. Robert May.
B. Lester Peters.[1]
J. Gordon Forbes.
George Price.
P. Wellington Snider.
Neil McKellar.
J. MacGregor Grant.
Robert McLeod.
William L. Penney.
Arthur P. Owen.
James G. Barnes.
Robert C. Thorne.
William A. Ewing.
George A. Hetherington.
Andrew F. Kenney.
Joseph G. Bond.
R. Ward Thorne.
T. Newton Vincent.
Richard Heans.
Charles H. L. Johnston.
Ezekiel M. Sipprell.
Archibald Bauer.
Charles Damery.
William J. McClaverty.
Arthur W. McMackin.
James W. Montgomery.
William H. Horn.
William A. Cathers.
Alexander W. MacRae.
Frederick O. Harvey.
William J. Dean.
William Dunlavy.
Arthur B. Gilmour.
R. Duncan Smith.
Christopher J. Weldon.

1 Honorary Members.

Walter Babbitt.
Albert Edward Prince.
Joseph H. Morrison.
Thomas Finlay.
Rev. Daniel Morrison.
Louis A. Griffiths.
Frederick E. Flewwelling.
Rev. Donald MacRae.
Rainsford H. Wetmore.

PAST MASTERS, ACCORDING TO SENIORITY,

MEMBERS OF THE LODGE APRIL, 1894.

William F. Bunting, P. G. M.
William Wedderburn, P. G. M.
John D. Short.
Joseph C. Hatheway.
Henry G. Hunt.
Hiram G. Betts.
George B. Hegan.
Arthur I. Trueman.
B. Lester Peters, P. G. M.
William H. B. Sadleir.
J. Gordon Forbes.
Arthur Everitt.
Robert C. Thorne.
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Charles H. L. Johnston.
Arthur W. Sharp.
William A. Ewing.
John J. Forrest.
Wilson L. Dobbin.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

George Smith, 1802, '3, '4.
David Waterbury, 1805, '6.
George Ironside, 1807.
Nehemiah Merritt, 1808.
Francis Watson, 1809, '10.
John Grant, 1811, '12.
William Durant, 1813, '15, '20.
Joseph Clarke, 1814.
John Dean, 1816.
Robert Robertson, 1817.
Robert Ray, 1818, '21, '23.
Henry Chubb, 1819.
George Bonnell, 1822.
Robert C. Minette, 1824.
Robert Payne, 1825, '26, '32, '35.
Benjamin F. Marsh, 1827, '28, '30.
Alexander Lawrence, 1829.
Hiram Smith, 1831.
James Reed, 1833, '34.
James G. Lester, 1836.
John Haws, 1837, '38, '40, '41.
Israel Merritt, 1839.
John Thomas, 1842, '44, '47, '48, '50.
Charles Johnston, 1843.
Wm. H. A. Keans, 1845, '46, '52, '53, '54.
Samuel Holman, 1849.
R. Sands Armstrong, 1851.
Joseph Mercer, 1855.
Charles E. Potter, 1856, '57.
William F. Bunting, 1858, '59, '82.
John H. Sheridan, 1860, '61.
William Wedderburn, 1862, '63.
Robert G. Crozier, 1864.
John D. Short, 1865, '66, '86.
J. Gordon Forbes, 1867.
Joseph C. Hatheway, 1868, '69.
W. Herbert Sinnott, 1870.
Henry G. Hunt, 1871, '72.
Thomas O. Sandall, 1873.
Wm. Macara Sears, 1874, '75.
Hiram G. Betts, 1876.
John Buchanan, 1877.
George B. Hegan, 1878.
Arthur I. Trueman, 1879.
William H. B. Sadleir, 1880, '81.
Arthur Everitt, 1883, '84.
Robert H. B. Tennant, 1885.
Robert C. Thorne, 1887.
Frederick Sandall, 1888.
Arthur W. Sharp, 1889.
William A. Ewing, 1890.
John J. Forrest, 1891.
Wilson L. Dobbin, 1892.
Archibald Bauer, 1893, '94.

SENIOR WARDENS OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

Chapman Judson, 1802.
David Waterbury, 1802, '3, '4.
Francis Watson, 1805, '6, '7, '8.
John Grant, 1809, '10.
William Durant, 1811, '12, '19.
Joseph Clarke, 1813.
Cornelius Van Horne, 1814.
John Dean, 1815.
Robert Ray, 1816, '17, '20.
Henry Chubb, 1818.
John McClure, 1821.
Richard Mott, 1822.
Robert C. Minette, 1823.
Robert Payne, 1824.
William Hutchinson, 1825.
Benjamin F. Marsh, 1826, '31.
Alexander Lawrence, 1827, '28.
George A. Garrison, 1829.
Hiram Smith, 1830.
John Haws, 1832, '33.
Joseph Lingley, 1834, '35, '37, '38.
Israel Merritt, 1836.
George Johnston, 1839.
Angus McAfee, 1840.
John Thomas, 1841.
Charles Johnston, 1842.
William Ross, 1843.
William H. A. Keans, 1844.
John Cassidy, 1845.
James G. Lester, 1846.
John Quinton, 1847.
Samuel Holman, 1848.
R. Sands Armstrong, 1849.
James Stockford, 1850.
Charles E. Potter, 1851, '52, '53.
Joseph Mercer, 1854.
William F. Bunting, 1855, '56.
William C. Leonard, 1857.
Robert G. Crozier, 1858.
John H. Sheridan, 1859.
William Wedderburn, 1860.
George T. Leonard, 1861.
Henry F. Perley, 1862.
William S. Berton, 1863.
John D. Short, 1864.
J. Gordon Forbes, 1865.
Jacob D. Underhill, 1866.
Joseph C. Hatheway, 1867.
Rev. George J. Caie, 1868.
W. Herbert Sinnott, 1869.
William J. Davidson, 1870.
Charles A. Estey, 1871.
Thomas O. Sandall, 1872.
Augustus P. Rolph, 1873.
Hiram G. Betts, 1874.
Charles Inches, 1875.
John Buchanan, 1876.
George B. Hegan, 1877.
Arthur I. Trueman, 1878.
John McAllister, 1879.
Rev. Donald MacRae, 1880.
Henry S. Bridges, 1881.
Arthur Everitt, 1882.
Thomas Stothart, 1883, '84.
Henry M. Hamilton, 1885.
Robert C. Thorne, 1886.
Frederick Sandall, 1887.
J. Sidney Kaye, 1888.
William A. Ewing, 1889.
John J. Forrest, 1890.
Wilson L. Dobbin, 1891.
Archibald Bauer, 1892.
George A. Hetherington, 1893.
Arthur W. McMackin, 1894.

JUNIOR WARDENS OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

David Waterbury, 1802.
John Dean, 1802, '3, '4, '8.
Jacob S. Mott, 1805' '6.
Nehemiah Merritt, 1807.
William Durant, 1809.
John S. Clarke, 1810.
Francis Dunlop, 1811, '12.
Cornelius Van Horne, 1813.
William Fraser, 1814.
William Haddon, 1815.
Robert Robertson, 1816.
William J. Gaynor, 1817.
Levi Lockhart, 1818.
Richard Mott, 1819.

John McClure, 1820.
Charles Herring, 1821.
Robert C. Minette, 1822.
Thomas Leavitt, 1823.
William Hutchinson, 1824.
Solomon Knight, 1825.
Francis B. Perley, 1826.
James P. Payne, 1827.
George A. Garrison, 1828.
Hiram Smith, 1829.
Samuel Watts, 1830.
Andrew Garrison, 1831.
Joseph Lingley, 1832, '33.
Israel Merritt, 1834, '35.
James Hinds, 1836.
James G. Lester, 1837, '38.
John McCready, 1839.
William Ross, 1840, '42.
George Johnston, 1841.
John Cassidy, 1843.
John Clarke, Jr., 1844, '45.
John Quinton, 1846.
James Stockford, 1847.
John Murray, 1848.
Henry P. Sancton, 1849.
Charles E. Potter, 1850.
William Hutchinson, Jr., 1851.
Joseph Mercer, 1852.
Christopher Smiler, 1853.
William C. Leonard, 1854, '55, '56.
Robert G. Crozier, 1857.
John H. Sheridan, 1858.
George T. Leonard, 1859.
Joseph Sullivan, 1860.
William S. Berton, 1861.
William P. Dole, 1862.
John D. Short, 1863.
Thomas Marter, 1864.
Jacob D. Underhill, 1865.
Charles H. Tucker, 1866.
Rev. George J. Caie, 1867.
John White, 1868.
Samuel F. Matthews, 1869.
Henry G. Hunt, 1870.
Thomas O. Sandall, 1871.
Augustus P. Rolph, 1872.
William M. Sears, 1873.
Charles Inches, 1874.
Hiram G. Betts, 1875.
George B. Hegan, 1876.
Arthur I. Trueman, 1877.
John McAllister, 1878
William H. B. Sadleir, 1879.
Arthur Everitt, 1880.
Arthur W. Sharp, 1881.
Thomas Stothart, 1882.
Henry M. Hamilton, 1883.
Robert H. B. Tennant, 1884.
Robert C. Thorne, 1885.
Frederick Sandall, 1886.
J. Sidney Kaye, 1887.
William A. Ewing, 1888.
John J. Forrest, 1889.
Wilson L. Dobbin, 1890.
Archibald Bauer, 1891.
George A. Hetherington, 1892.
Arthur W. McMackin, 1893.
Alexander W. MacRae, 1894.

TREASURERS OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

John Wolhaupter, 1802.
Nehemiah Merritt, 1802, '3, '4.
James Hendricks, 1805, '6, '7, '8.
Robert McKenzie, 1812, '13, '14.
Robert Robertson, 1815, '18, '19.
Joseph Clarke, 1816, '17.
Henry Chubb, 1820, '21, '22, '23.
Benjamin F. Marsh, 1824, '25.
William Hutchinson, 1826, '27, '36, '37, '38, '39, '40, '41, '42, '43, '44, '45, '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53, '54.
Daniel Smith, 1828, '29, '30, '31.
Nathan Godsoe, 1832, '33, '34, '35.
James Gerow, 1855, '56.
Thos. Marter, 1857, '58, '59, '60, '61, '62.
Charles E. Potter, 1863, '64.
Robert G. Crozier, 1865.
William H. A. Keans, 1866, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76.
William F. Bunting, 1877, '78, '79, '80, '81, '86, '87, '88.
George B. Hegan, 1882, '83, '84, '85.
John D. Short, 1889, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94.

SECRETARIES OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

William Fayerweather, 1802.
Francis Watson, 1803, '4.
William Donaldson, 1804, '5.
Samuel Nichols, 1806, '7.
William Durant, 1808.
Cornelius Van Horne, 1812.
William Haddon, 1813, '14.
William Fraser, 1815.
Henry Chubb, 1815, '16, '17.
Charles Herring, 1818, '19.
Thomas Leavitt, 1820, '21.
Robert Payne, 1822.
Horatio N. H. Lugrin, 1823.
David Armstrong, 1824.
James P. Payne, 1825, '26.
George A. Garrison, 1827.
Hiram Smith, 1828.
Samuel Watts, 1829, '31.
Andrew Garrison, 1830.
Israel Merritt, 1832, '33, '37.
James G. Lester, 1834, '35.
Francis McKinney, 1836.
William Milligan, 1838, '39.
John Thomas, 1840.
William H. A. Keans, 1841.
Samuel Holman, 1842, '43.
John Hooper, 1844.
Andrew McKenna, 1845.
John Boyd Quinton, 1846.
Christopher Smiler, 1847, '51, '52.
Hezekiah S. Scribner, 1848, '49.
Jacob D. McDonald, 1850.
William F. Bunting, 1853, '54, '65, '66, '67, '68, '89.
Robert G. Crozier, 1855, '56.
William H. Thain, 1857, '58.
William S. Berton, 1859.
M. Plummer Dole, 1860, '61, '62, '63.
J. Gordon Forbes, 1864.
William J. Davidson, 1869.
Edward Manning, 1870.
Joseph C. Hatheway, 1871.
Hiram G. Betts, 1872, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81.
John R. Armstrong, 1873.
Thomas Stothart, 1874, '75, '76.
Arthur W. Sharp, 1882, '83, '84, '85, '86, '87, '88, '93.
Robert C. Thorne, 1890, '91.
Alexander W. MacRae, 1892.
Frederick E. Flewwelling, 1894.

BRIEF SKETCHES

OF ALL

THE MASONIC BODIES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

SINCE THE YEAR 1784.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 17, SAINT JOHN.

The premier masonic body in New Brunswick; opened 1st September, 1784, under a dispensation issued by lodges Nos. 155 and 211 of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Subsequently the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia granted a warrant in due form to "Richard Bonsall, W. M., David Melville, S. W., and John Stoddard, J. W., to form a lodge of freemasons at the house of Bro. John Kirk, or elsewhere in the city of Saint John, upon the first Tuesday in each calendar month." This warrant was dated at Halifax, 6th December, 1786, and signed by the following:

John Parr, Grand Master.
William Campbell, Deputy Grand Master.
Richard Bulkeley, Senior Grand Warden.
D. Wood, Jr. (in the absence of Geo. DeBlois, Esq.), J. G. W. *pro tem.*
Joseph Peters, Grand Secretary.

It was formally constituted under this warrant, and continued to meet and work until, by an order of the provincial grand lodge of 7th September, 1796, the warrant was revoked and its members expelled from freemasonry, the details of which are given elsewhere.

This lodge had a royal arch chapter attached to it and working under its warrant.

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 541, FREDERICTON.

The second lodge constituted in New Brunswick, and, up to the year 1829, the only one in the province on the roll of the regular or mother grand lodge of England. The warrant was granted April 2nd, 1789, H. R. H. the Duke of Cumberland being Grand Master, Sir Peter Parker, Deputy Grand Master, and William White, Grand Secretary; to the Hon. Daniel Bliss, Master; George Sproule, Esq., S. W.; Beverly Robinson, Jr., Esq., J. W., and John Murray, Jr., Esq., Secretary. The lodge was regularly constituted at Fredericton during the year 1789 by the provincial grand lodge of Quebec, and the particulars reported to the grand secretary at London by John Jones, Esq., provincial grand secretary of Quebec. A re-numbering of the lodges on the grand lodge roll

was made 18th April, 1792, when the number of this lodge was changed from No. 541 to No. 450. Its name continued on the roll of the grand lodge up to the date of the union in 1813, when it disappeared.

All the office-bearers named in the warrant of this lodge took a prominent part on the royal side in the American revolutionary war, and occupied important public positions in the early government of the province. Hon. Daniel Bliss was a member of the provincial council, and chief justice of the court of common pleas; George Sproule, Esq., was surveyor general of the province and a member of the council; Beverly Robinson, Jr., Esq., was a lieutenant colonel in the loyal American regiment commanded by his father, Col. Beverly Robinson, Sr., and John Murray, Jr., Esq., was a captain in the King's American dragoons during the war, and, after he came to New Brunswick, held a commission in the 54th regiment of foot.

I am of the opinion that this lodge did not continue its labors any length of time, as I have been unable to glean any further particulars than is contained in the report of the opening, which I obtained from W. Bro. R. F. Gould, of London, England, who very kindly copied it from the grand lodge records.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 19, MAUGERVILLE.

Held under a warrant granted by the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, to "Samuel Ryerse, W. M., Abraham DePeyster, S. W., and Caleb Mallery, J. W., to meet at the house of Brother Nathaniel Underhill, or elsewhere in the town of Maugerville, on the second Tuesday in each calendar month." It was dated at Halifax, 7th August, 1789, and signed by John Parr, G. M., Duncan Clark, D. G. M., John Solomon, S. G. W., John Allen, J. G. W., and Joseph Peters, grand secretary.

This lodge continued to work up to 1827, as the returns were made to the provincial grand lodge for that year, but how much longer I have been unable to ascertain. Nearly all its old record books were in the grand secretary's office at the time of the great fire of 20th June, 1877, and were destroyed. They were sent to the grand secretary by the late R. W. Bro. Robert Gowan, of Fredericton. A stray volume, covering the transactions of the lodge from 13th March, 1804, to 12th December, 1809, lately came into my hands, from which I learned that the masters of the lodge during those years were William Simpson, Amos Perley and Andrew Mersereau, and that the lodge conferred the mark master's degree with the same officers officiating as in the craft degrees. A brother having expressed a desire to be *marked*, the next regular communication was generally appointed for that purpose. After the ceremony the record stated that "Bro. William Simpson was marked—the

Richd Bulkeley Grand Master
Duncan Clark — D G M
James Clarke S G W
Jonathan Sterns J G W

To all whom it may Concern —

In Vertue of the Powers and Authorities given and granted by a Warrant under the hand and Seal of the Most Puissant and Noble Lord The Right Honorable and The Right Worshipful William Randal Mac Donnell Earl of Antrim Lord Viscount Dunluce Knight Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the County of Antrim Grand Master And the Right Worshipful the other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, as established in Conformity to the Ancient Constitutions (granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six being the Year of Masonry 4926) in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging bearing Date at London the Second Day of June Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Four for Constituting a Grand Lodge within the Masonical Jurisdiction of the Province of Nova Scotia in North America We The Grand Officers of the said Grand Lodge, Viz^t The Honorable and The Right Worshipful Richard Bulkeley Esquire President of His Majesties Council for said Province, Grand Master The Right Worshipful Duncan Clark Esquire Deputy Grand Master The Right Worshipful James Clarke Esquire Senior Grand Warden, and The Right Worshipful Jonathan Sterns Esquire Junior Grand Warden by and with the Consent and approbation of the Solomons Lodge N° 22 Warranted Lodges Assembled in Ample Form at Halifax within the said Jurisdiction Do by these Presents Authorise and empower our Trusty and well beloved Brethren Viz^t The Worshipful Ephraim Bells One of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Gibson his Senior Warden, and The Worshipful George Everett his Junior Warden to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons Aforesaid at the House of Brother Ephraim Bells where in the Township of Fredericton in the Province of New Brunswick upon the First Tuesday after the Full Moon in each Calender Month and on all Seasonable Times and Lawful Occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly Congregated) to Admit and make Free Masons according to the Most Ancient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World: And we do hereby further Authorise and empower our said Trusty and well beloved Brethren, Ephraim Bells, John Gibson and George Everett, (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to Nominate Chuse and Instal their Successors to whom they shall deliver this Warrant and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons &c^a and such Successors shall in like manner Nominate Chuse and Instal their Successors &c^a &c^a such Installations to be on or near every Saint Johns Day, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above Named Brethren and all their Successors do always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force nor Vertue. Given under our hands and the Seal of Our Grand Lodge at Halifax aforesaid the Fifteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety and Two. And in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety and Two

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FAC-SIMILE OF SOLOMON'S LODGE WARRANT.

square:" "the square" meaning that the brother selected it as his mark. The following entry, under date 16th September, 1809, should be taken as a convincing proof that the brethren of eighty-five years past paid strict attention to the duties of labor and refreshment: "Agreeable to the voice of the body, we met at one o'clock and continued diligently till ten, before we were able to bring up the books to our satisfaction; bringing up every member's account, whether present or absent, and likewise their quarterly communications up to 12th September, 1809. When the night was so far advanced, that we were unable to take the account of the money that was in the box and settle with the treasurer. N. B.—The expense of the committee for refreshment, £0 11 0." The following signatures were appended to the minute—Andrew Mersereau, John McNeall, Asa Perley, Ephraim Treadwell, committee.

This lodge had a Royal Arch Chapter working under its warrant, by the name of "St. George's Chapter."

SION LODGE, No. 21, KINGSTON AND SUSSEX.

Under a warrant granted by the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, "to Christopher Sower, W. M., Samuel Ketchum, S. W., and William Hutchinson, J. W., to meet at Mason's Hall (now kept by Mr. Ebenezer Spicer), or elsewhere in the township of Kingston, King's county, New Brunswick, upon the first Monday after the full moon." It was dated at Halifax, 15th August, 1792, and signed by Richard Bulkeley, G. M.; Duncan Clark, D. G. M.; James Clarke, S. G. W.; Jonathan Sterns, J. G. W., and Joseph Peters, grand secretary.

This lodge was removed from Kingston to Sussex Vale in King's county, at the house of Bro. Ebenezer Spicer, by authority of the provincial grand lodge, issued 6th March, 1799, and remained there until it ceased operations. The last returns were made to the provincial grand lodge, A. D. 1823, although there is strong probability of its having continued to meet and work after that year. The records and papers are reported as having been destroyed, consequently no authentic information can be given of its movements.

Widows' Friend Royal Arch Chapter was worked under the warrant of Sion Lodge.

SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 22, FREDERICTON.

Was held under a warrant granted to "Ephraim Betts, W. M., John Gibson, S. W., and George Everitt, J. W., to meet at the house of Brother Ephraim Betts, or elsewhere in the township of Fredericton, province of New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday after the full moon in each calendar month." It was dated at Halifax 15th August, 1792, and

signed by Richard Bulkeley, G. M., Duncan Clark, D. G. M., James Clarke, S. G. W., Jonathan Sterns, J. G. W., and Joseph Peters, G. S. It was formally constituted and its officers installed 3rd October, 1792. The mark master and past master's degrees were conferred by this lodge at its ordinary meetings, and Mount Moriah, Royal Arch Chapter, was held under the authority of its warrant.

The last record of the lodge is dated 25th November, 1828, although there were one or two meetings held subsequently and the minutes taken by the secretary upon loose sheets, which were lost however before being transcribed. The business at these meetings was unimportant, and as "the warrant was pronounced insufficient" by the United Grand Lodge of England, the lodge ceased its labors in the early part of A. D 1829. An abbreviated transcript of the records, in the handwriting of the late R. W. Bro. Robert Gowan, a past master of the lodge, was kindly loaned me for perusal, from which I learned that the meetings were held regularly during its existence, and a large number of brethren initiated under the warrant. The original warrant of the lodge is now in the possession of the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

Solomon's lodge, under warrant No. 759, granted 1st January, 1846, by the United Grand Lodge of England, was the outcome of the membership of this old lodge.

HIRAM YORK LODGE, No. 23, FREDERICTON.

Worked under a warrant granted to "Rev. Walter Price, W. M., William Fowler, S. W., and Stephen Jarvis, J. W., to meet at the house of Cornelius Ackerman or elsewhere in the township of Fredericton, New Brunswick, on the second Thursday in each calendar month." It was dated at Halifax 6th March, 1793, and signed by Richard Bulkeley, G. M., Duncan Clark, D. G. M., James Clarke, S. G. W., Jonathan Sterns, J. G. W., and Joseph Peters, G. S.

The petition for the warrant was recommended by Lodge No. 643, registry of the grand lodge of Ireland, held in His Majesty's Sixth regiment of foot, then stationed at Fredericton.

The lodge was regularly constituted "under a deputation" issued by the provincial grand master at Halifax, and the proceedings reported to the provincial grand lodge at a communication held at Halifax 9th February, 1794. It had a short career, however, judged by a report under date 9th August, 1800, addressed to the provincial grand secretary, setting forth that "there were not sufficient members remaining to work the lodge in consequence of the removal of the New Brunswick regiment to Saint John," and he added that "they had not elected officers for that year." From these statements it is reasonable to suppose

that the lodge ceased to exist at that time, *i. e.* A. D. 1800. Although not strictly a military lodge, its membership was almost wholly drawn from the military ranks.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 29, SAINT JOHN.

The sixth lodge constituted in New Brunswick and the second in Saint John, under a warrant from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, the full history of which is set forth in these pages.

It has had a continuous existence from its original organization, 5th April, 1802, to the present time, under three separate warrants. The first from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, dated 18th December, 1801; the second from the united grand lodge of England, under date 23rd April, 1836; and the third from grand lodge of New Brunswick, dated 29th April, 1868.

In the minds of many brethren it seems inexplicable that Albion Lodge of Saint John, whose original constitution dates upwards of twenty-three years subsequent to that of St. John's Lodge, should have stood the senior on the roll of the united grand lodge of England. After the union, A. D. 1813, of the rival grand lodges, the united body issued a decree, declaring the warrants granted by the provincial grand lodge insufficient under the new order of things, and at the same time called upon the lodges holding such warrants to relinquish them and obtain substitutes from the united grand lodge. These lodges were likewise required to pay five guineas for a new warrant, and registration fees for all brethren initiated and affiliated therein from the date of the union. This manifesto was issued A. D. 1825, the year in which Albion was organized and twelve after the union. St. John's Lodge was unable to meet such a large demand upon its treasury. With the exception of Albion Lodge, all the lodges in New Brunswick refused to accede to the proposd terms. After a lengthy correspondence, and a material modification in the demands of the united grand lodge, St. John's Lodge, at its regular communication in December, 1835, decided to petition for a new warrant. Six years prior to this date Albion had applied for and received a warrant, and thus became the senior lodge in the province on the roll of the united grand lodge.

While these negotiations between the grand lodge and the several lodges in New Brunswick were being conducted, the lodges, one by one, ceased to meet, and eventually closed their doors, and thus, of the fifteen lodges constituted in the province by authority of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, only two — Albion and St. John's — survived, and for the foregoing reason Albion became the senior lodge. This explanation is given in order that the craft may understand why a lodge so

many years the junior in organization should stand at the head of the grand lodge roll.

Carleton Royal Arch Chapter was originally worked under the warrant of St. John's Lodge.

MIDIAN LODGE, No. 31, KINGSTON, KING'S COUNTY.

Under a warrant granted to "Silas Raymond, W. M., Thomas Fairweather, S. W., and Joseph Baxter, J. W., to form and hold a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the house of Bro. Silas Raymond, or elsewhere in the town of Kingston, in the province of New Brunswick, upon the second Tuesday in each calendar month." It was dated at Halifax 27th May, 1805, and subscribed by John Wentworth, G. M., Duncan Clark, D. G. M., John Albro, S. G. W., Robert Lyon, J. G. W., and Thomas Bennett, G. S.

The lodge was constituted under its warrant 12th September, 1805, by R. W. Bro. Rev. Oliver Arnold, acting as grand master. For some unexplained reason Bro. Rulof Rulofson was installed senior warden in the place of Bro. Thomas Fairweather named in the warrant. In March, 1822, the lodge was removed to the house of Bro. Abel English, in the upper part of the parish; in February, 1828, to the house of Bro. Constant L. Perkins, and on the 13th February, 1837, to the house of Bro. David Wetmore, Jr., where it continued to meet until it ceased operations.

The last record is dated 2nd November, 1841, and contains the following entry as the finale of its existence: "Resolved, that the furniture of this lodge be disposed of; that the minimum price of that portion made by Mr. Lawrence and C. Wetmore, Jr., be fifteen pounds, and that Bros. Justus S. Wetmore and James Flewelling be a committee to sell the same." And thus this old lodge closed its labors.

The records and files of papers, which are quite full and complete, are held by the present Midian Lodge, No. 9, registry of New Brunswick.

A chapter of Royal Arch Masons, called Midian Chapter, was held under authority of the warrant of this lodge.

The brethren of this lodge subsequently petitioned the United Grand Lodge of England, and received from that body a warrant under date 1st May, 1846, as Midian Lodge, No. 770.

ORPHAN'S FRIEND LODGE, No. 34, ST. STEPHEN.

The warrant was granted to "Samuel Darling, W. M., Ebenezer Bugbee, S. W., and Thaddeus Ames, J. W., to form and hold a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the town of St. Stephen's, in the province of New Brunswick, upon the first Wednesday after the full moon in each

calendar month." It was dated at Halifax 26th October, 1809, and signed by John Wentworth, G. M., John George Pyke, D. G. M., Andrew Belcher, S. G. W., Hibbert A. Binney, J. G. W., and Thomas Bennett, G. S.

The lodge was constituted 14th December, 1809, "by R. W. Bro. Oliver Shead, Esquire, deputy grand master for the district of Maine, in Massachusetts, under special written authority from Sir John Wentworth, the grand master of Nova Scotia."

"A procession was formed under the care of Worshipful Bro. Ebenezer Steel as grand marshal, and, accompanied with solemn music, proceeded to the Methodist chapel, where a serious and well adopted discourse was delivered by Rev. Bro. Duncan McColl from the words, 'Follow peace and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.'"

"Afterwards the brethren repaired to Bro. Jonathan Robinson's and, in company with a number of respectable gentlemen of the parish, partook of an excellent repast, and closed with love and friendship."

The record book, which is in good preservation, was in the possession of late R. W. Bro. David Brown, of St. Stephen, and the old warrant is hanging on the walls of the lodge room of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, St. Stephen. The last record is dated 31st August, 1825, but gives no explanation of the cessation of the work of the lodge.

EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 37, ST. ANDREWS.

The warrant of this lodge was granted to "Ebenezer Bugbee, W. M., Aaron Robinson, S. W., and Amos Ordway, J. W., to form and hold a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at St. Andrews, in the province of New Brunswick, on the Wednesday before the full of the moon in each and every month." It was dated at Halifax 29th August, 1814, and was subscribed to by John George Pyke, G. M., John Albro, D. G. M., William Forsyth, S. G. W., Alexander McDougall, J. G. W., and Adolphus Vieth, G. S.

A previous application had been made for a warrant for this lodge, but its issue was delayed on account of a letter received from Bro. Bugbee, W. M., under date 2nd September, 1812, wherein he stated, "that on account of the war with the United States, a number of brethren had removed from St. Andrews, and they therefore declined for the present to take out a warrant for holding a lodge at that place."

This lodge was regularly constituted 22nd November, 1814, by R. W. Bro. Jonathan D. Weston, D. G. M., specially appointed for the purpose by the provincial grand master of Nova Scotia. The record states that "a grand lodge having been opened at the house of Bro. John Merrill, they marched, at half-past three o'clock, with solemn music, to the house

of Bro. John Lannen, where they were received with the honors of masonry by the new lodge, No. 37, when the grand lodge resuming their several stations, the ceremony of installation took place. Both lodges then formed procession and marched to the parish church, where solemn prayers were read by the Rev. Samuel Andrews, and an ode performed, etc. Procession being again formed, the grand lodge was closed at their lodge room, and the brethren, to the number of about forty, partook of a dinner at Bro. John Lannen's. A number of excellent toasts and sentiments were drank, and universal harmony prevailed throughout the evening."

The meetings of this lodge were held very regular up to 23rd October, 1833, when the record ceases without assignable reason.

A commodious hall, erected by this lodge, was destroyed by fire on the night of 29th June, 1829, with the furniture and other property, except the warrant, jewels and records. The minutes are contained in two well preserved volumes, now in the possession of the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter was held under the sanction and authority of Eastern Star Lodge.

UNION LODGE, No. 38, SAINT JOHN.

This lodge, the eleventh constituted in the province, and the third in Saint John, held a warrant granted "to David Waterbury, W. M., William Charlton, S. W., and James Hay, Jr., J. W., to form and hold a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the city of Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick, on the third Tuesday in every month." The document was dated at Halifax 7th September, 1814, and was signed by John George Pyke, G. M., John Albro, D. G. M., William Forsyth, S. G. W., Alexander McDougall, J. G. W., and Adolphus Vieth, G. S.

The following certificates accompanied the petition for the warrant:

We, the master, wardens and brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, humbly conceiving that the constituting of another lodge in this city will be beneficial to the craft in general, the officers of the said lodge have accordingly signed the same on behalf of the brethren, recommending Bro. David Waterbury to be the first master, Bro. William Charlton to be the first senior warden, and Bro. James Hay to be the first junior warden of the said lodge, to be called *Union*.

Passed in St. John's Lodge, No. 29,
St. John, N. B., 7th June, 1814.

JOSEPH CLARK, Master,
CORNELIUS VAN HORNE, S. W.,
WILLIAM FRASER, J. W.

WILLIAM HADDON, *Secretary.*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN:

Conceiving that the erection of a new lodge in this city will be beneficial to masonry, I have subscribed my name hereto on behalf of the same. As some

brother will necessarily have to be appointed to install the officers of the new lodge (my present health and infirmity preventing my attendance), should it meet your concurrence, I recommend to your notice the W. Bro. William Durant, past master of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, as a person qualified to take upon himself that office.

St. John, 29th June, 1814. WM. CAMPBELL,
Deputy Grand Master for New Brunswick.

The lodge was constituted under the warrant, 27th September, 1814, the particulars of which are set forth in a report to the provincial grand secretary at Halifax, as follows:

RT. W. SIR AND BRO.:

Yesterday being the day set apart for the installation of a new lodge, to be called *Union*, and in pursance of a deputation from the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, a grand lodge *pro tem.* met in the lodge room of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, at 4 o'clock, p. m., when the lodge was opened in the third degree of masonry, and, after prayers, proceeded to business. The undermentioned brethren were installed according to ancient rites and ceremonies *in form.* The brethren composing the grand lodge *pro tem.* were: W. Bro. William Durant, as R. W. Grand Master; W. Bro. Joseph Clark, D. G. M.; W. Bro. John Toole, D. S. G. W.; W. Bro. Nehemiah Merritt, D. J. G. W.; W. Bro. John Dean, D. G. Secretary; W. Bro. John Grant, D. G. Treasnrer; Bro. Cornelius Van Horne, S. G. D.; W. Bro. Robert Ray, J. G. D.; W. Bro. Thomas Hunter, G. Pursuivant; and Bro. Joseph Morse, G. Tyler.

The following are the names of the brethren installed as officers of Union Lodge, No. 38, as also a list of its present members: W. Bro. David Waterbury, Master; W. Bro. William Charlton, S. W.; W. Bro. James Hay, Jr., J. W.; Bros. William Donaldson, Secretary; James Hendricks, Treasurer; John Sinnott and John Paul, Deacons.

Members — Bros. Richard Lawrence, John Mount, Henry Traphager and Alexander Edmond.

Visiting brethren — Bros. Chapman Judson, David Merritt, Jas. Segee, Jonathan Mitchell, —— Sayre, Oliver Haskell, Benj. Wiggins, Wm. Grant, Wm. Fraser, Solomon Hopkins, Alex. Kirk, Wm. Rogers, Robert McKenzie, James Wood, Jas. Taylor and James Henderson.

The installation having been performed before the aforementioned R. W. Bro. Wm. Durant, assisted by the other officers of the grand lodge *pro tem.*, the lodge was then closed in the name of the R. W. John George Pyke, Esquire, G. M. of the G. L. of N. S., *in form*, in harmony and brotherly love.

By order of the grand master,

JOHN DEAN,
R. W. Grand Secretary pro tem.

To the R. W. Adolphus Vieth, Esq.,
Grand Secretary of the G. L. of N. S.

This lodge ceased to exist A. D. 1831,[1] the outcome, no doubt, of the demand made by the united grand lodge of England (as in the case of

1 In the record of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, of date 25th October, 1834, it is noted that several members of Union Lodge were present at a funeral. It may be reasonably surmised that they were recognized as brethren of the defunct lodge.

St. John's and other lodges in New Brunswick), for the payment of back dues on the whole membership from the date of organization, supplemented, possibly, by the *Morgan* crusade against freemasonry, which swept over the United States and British provinces, between the years 1826 and 1836.

It had a large and influential membership, and was a powerful rival, for masonic supremacy in Saint John, to St. John's Lodge, with which, however, it worked in good-will and generous rivalry. All its members had passed away previous to the commencement of this work, and there were no other old masons in the community from whom I was able to obtain reliable information of its doings; neither have I been fortunate enough to come across any books or papers belonging to it.

FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 42, MIRAMICHI.

Organized and worked under a warrant from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, issued "to Alexander Davidson, W. M., James Wilson, S. W., and John Young, J. W., to meet at Russell's rooms or elsewhere at Miramichi, in the province of New Brunswick, upon the first Tuesday in each calendar month." It was dated at Halifax, 27th August, 1819, and signed by John Geo. Pyke, G. M.; John Albro, D. G. M.; David Shaw Clarke, S. G. W.; James Fullerton, J. G. W., and Adolphus Vieth, G. S.

Enquiry in different directions failed to furnish any particulars relating to this lodge.

ST. LAWRENCE LODGE, No. 43, RICHIBUCTO.

Constituted under a warrant granted "to Sylvester C. Howes (Hughes?), W. M., George Carruthers, S. W., and Richard Leech, J. W., to meet at the house of Bro. Thomas Graham, or elsewhere in the parish of Carleton, county of Northumberland, in the province of New Brunswick, upon the first Tuesday in each calendar month." It was dated at Halifax 1st August, 1820, and signed by John Albro, G. M., John Geo. Pyke, D. G. M., David S. Clarke, S. G. W., James Fullerton, J. G. W., and Adolphus Vieth, G. S.

I have not been able to obtain any information about this lodge further than that the returns were made to Halifax up to A. D. 1826.

MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 46, WOODSTOCK.

The warrant of this lodge was issued "to Samuel Rice, W. M., Thos. Phillips, S. W., and Josiah S. Brown, J. W., to meet at Woodstock, in the province of New Brunswick, upon the Tuesday at or preceding the

full moon of every month." It was dated at Halifax 29th May, 1822, and signed by John Albro, G. M., William Forsyth, D. G. M., Alexander McDougall, S. G. W. *pro tem*, James Thompson, J. G. W., and Adolphus Vieth, G. S.

Many residents of the state of Maine contiguous to Woodstock were made masons in this lodge, and it is stated that it met occasionally at Houlton, in that state. When Monument Lodge was constituted at Houlton, it had the effect of drawing a large number of the members away from Morning Star Lodge. The weakening from this and other causes obliged it to cease working about the year 1830.

GOLDEN RULE LODGE, No. 50, HOPEWELL.

This lodge was constituted under a warrant issued "to William Read, W. M., Samuel Clarke, S. W., and Daniel Moore, J. W., to meet in the township of Hopewell, in the county of Westmorland, and province of New Brunswick, on the first Wednesday on or after the full moon in every month." It was dated at Halifax 29th June, 1824, and signed by John Albro, G. M., William Forsyth, D. G. M., James Thompson, S. G. W., Edmund Ward, J. G. W., and Adolphus Vieth, G. S.

Golden Rule Lodge, in a letter addressed to the provincial grand secretary under date 24th September, 1828, declined to accept a warrant from England. It continued to work, however, until A. D. 1833, when it was forced to succumb. At the time it ceased operations the following were on the roll of members: Bros. William Read, Samuel Clarke, Robert Wright, William Slater, J. Libbey, F. Hilton, David Coffin, William Rogers, William Wilson, Alexander McRae, John McRae, Frederick Lavine and James Turnbull.

ALBION LODGE, No. 52, SAINT JOHN.

The fifteenth and last lodge established in New Brunswick, and the fourth in the city of Saint John, by the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia. The petition for the warrant was dated 23rd July, 1825, and signed by the following applicants:

H. N. H. Lugrin,	St. John's Lodge, No. 29, Saint John.
Thomas Leavitt,	" "
Hiram Smith,	" "
James Condle,	" "
Robert Welch,	" "
Charles Raymond,	Union Lodge, No. 38, Saint John.
Samuel Stephen,	" "
Thomas McL. Abell,	" "
Alexander Simpson,	" "
Robert Godsoe,	" "

William Austen, Union Lodge, No. 1, Halifax.
Edward Chamberlain, Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Fredericton.
Jacob Sneden, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 287, Scotland.

The applicants asked that W. Bro. William Durant be appointed the first master, W. Bro. Robert Ray, the first S. W., and Bro. Charles G. Brownsword, the first J. W. of the new lodge. These officers' names do not appear on the list of petitioners. Bros. Durant and Ray were former members of St. John's Lodge, and Bro. Brownsword of Union Lodge. The prayer of the petition was recommended by R. W. Bro. Thomas Wetmore, Esq., D. G. M. of New Brunswick, by certificate dated at Fredericton, 23rd July, 1825. The petition was accompanied by a letter dated 1st August, 1825, addressed to the provincial grand secretary at Halifax, by Bro. H. N. H. Lugrin, who was the principal promoter in the inauguration of the lodge. He stated in this letter that "the petition was not formally recommended by the masters of St. John's and Union Lodges, as they were absent from the city," which he hoped "would be a sufficient apology for their signatures not appearing thereto." The provincial grand master issued a dispensation 20th August, 1825, under which the lodge was opened and commenced work 5th September following, at the house of Bro. Robert Welch on Church street.

In due course the warrant was granted to William Durant, W. M., Robert Ray, S. W., and Charles Gloyne Brownsword, J. W., to meet at the city of Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick, on the first Monday in each calendar month. It was dated at Halifax, 30th November, 1825, and subscribed to by John Albro, G. M.; William Forsyth, D. G. M.; James Thompson, S. G. W.; Edmund Ward, J. G. W., and Adolphus Vieth, G. S. The lodge was formally constituted under its warrant, 23rd January, 1826, by R. W. Bro. Benjamin L. Peters, district deputy grand master, under special authority of R. W. Bro. Thomas Wetmore, D. G. M. of New Brunswick, who "could not travel from his residence at Fredericton in the winter season."

The following is a copy of a report of the opening, made to the provincial grand lodge:

Minutes of proceedings of a temporary grand lodge, holden at Saint John, on Monday, the 23rd day of January, 1826, under and by virtue of a dispensation from the R. W. John Albro, Esq., grand master of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of free and accepted masons in Nova Scotia, and the masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, for the purpose of installing the officers of Albion Lodge, No. 52, to be holden at Saint John, New Brunswick. Present: R. W. Benjamin L. Peters, G. M.; R. W. James Robertson, D. G. M.; R. W. Robert Payne, S. G. W.; R. W. Henry Chubb, J. G. W.; W. John V. Thurgar, G. Secretary; W. Lionel Anderson, S. G. D.; W. Samuel Stephen, J. G. D.; W. John Gallagher and Thos Abell, G. Stewards; R. W. Rev. Benjamin G. Gray, G. Chaplain; W. Thomas Whitlock,

G. Marshal, and Bro. Dogherty, G. Tyler; also Bros. Alex. Lawrence, Thomas Nisbet, James Wood, David Waterbury, John C. Waterbury, James Hendricks, James Hutchinson, David Browne, John McClure, Nehemiah Merritt, Alexander Simpson, Israel Armstrong and Samuel Theall. After prayers proceeded to business.

The secretary, by orders from the chair, read aloud to the brethren assembled, the warrant received from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to congregate, hold and form a grand lodge *pro tem.* at the city of Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick, for the purpose of installing and constituting the officers of Albion Lodge, No. 52, to be holden at the city of Saint John aforesaid. A communication was then received from the officers and brethren of Albion Lodge, No. 52, intimating that they had received a warrant from the M. W. Grand Lodge of N. S., authorizing them to form and open a lodge of F. & A. M., and being desirous that their lodge should be constituted and their officers installed, agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity, and that they were then assembled at their lodge room in the masonic hall, where they awaited the pleasure of the R. W. Grand Master.

A procession was then formed by the grand lodge, and moved to the hall of the new lodge; and, on being admitted, were received with the usual honors, the officers resigning their seats to the grand officers. The deputy grand master informed the grand master that the brethren then present had been working under a dispensation for some time past, and that the M. W. grand lodge had been pleased to grant them a warrant of constitution, and they prayed to be constituted with the usual formalities.

The grand secretary then read the dispensation and warrant of constitution granted by the M. W. grand lodge of Nova Scotia, as also the proceedings of the lodge under dispensation, which being approved, W. Bro. William Durant, after having been duly examined and vouched for as being well skilled in our rites, was presented to the grand master as the master-elect of the new lodge, in front of the grand master, and the ceremonies of constituting commenced with solemn music; after which an elegant and appropriate oration was delivered by the R. W. Brother Rev. B. G. Gray, grand chaplain, who consecrated and then dedicated the new lodge with the usual formalities; after which the grand master proceeded to constitute the lodge and install the officers, viz.: Bro. William Durant, having given his assent to all the ancient charges, was duly installed into the oriental chair of Solomon; Bro. Robert Ray was presented by Bro. Durant as senior warden, and Bro. Charles G. Brownsword as junior warden, who were regularly installed and appropriate charges delivered by the grand master severally to each of the officers. The remaining officers were then installed, viz.: Bros. Thomas Leavitt, treasurer; Horatio N. H. Lugrin, secretary; Jacob R. Sneden, S. D.; John Prosser, J. D.; Robert Welch and James Condle, stewards, and John Vallely, tyler.

The grand master then, in the name of the M. W. grand lodge of Nova Scotia, proclaimed the new lodge *thrice* by the name of "Albion Lodge, No. 52," to be duly constituted with all the rights and privileges of our ancient and honorable fraternity. The grand master then directed W. Bro. William Durant to close his lodge in due form, when a procession was again formed and the grand lodge returned to their lodge room, accompanied by Albion Lodge, No. 52, and a number of visiting brethren, when the grand lodge[1] was solemnly closed in peace and harmony, *in form*, at half past two o'clock p. m.

1 The provincial grand lodge at Halifax took exception to this title "grand lodge" by the adoption of the following resolution 7th June, 1826: "Resolved, that the proceedings of a temporary

The foregoing report was dated 23rd January, A. L. 5826, A. D. 1826, and signed "Benj. L. Peters, deputy grand master, and John V. Thurgar, grand secretary *pro tem.*"

"After closing, the brethren were invited by the members of Albion Lodge to partake of a cold collation. A few appropriate toasts and sentiments were given, after which the brethren retired, highly gratified with the imposing and interesting exercises of the day."

Albion Lodge has had a continuous existence from the date of its formation, A. D. 1825, under dispensation, up to the present time. It has worked under three separate warrants of constitution, viz.: first, from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, dated 30th November, 1825; second, from the grand lodge of England, under date 10th March, 1829; and third, from the grand lodge of New Brunswick, dated 31st March, 1868.

Note.—It has been stated that another lodge was created in New Brunswick, by the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, viz.: Regent Lodge, No. 41, at Dorchester, in the county of Westmorland. The lodge in question, which received a warrant under date 6th August, 1816, was located at the then village of Dorchester, Antigonish county, Nova Scotia. The similarity in the two names (Dorchester) no doubt led to the error. W. F. B.

MILITARY LODGES.

Military corps stationed in New Brunswick from time to time, in the early days of the province, have had lodges attached to them. But few of these bodies have come under my notice. If there were others than the three hereafter named, public and private sources have failed to bring them into notice.

In the *Gazette* of 9th January, 1787, there appeared in the editorial columns the following paragraph: "Now in the press, and will be published on Saturday next, 'The Pleasures and Advantages of Brotherly Unity,' a sermon preached before the right worshipful master, wardens and brethren of the 54th Regimental Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in the parish church, Saint John, 26th December, 1786, by George Bissett, A. M., rector of Saint John." Although the 54th Regiment was stationed in Saint John seven years at least (from 1785 to

grand lodge, held at St. John, N. B., are irregular in so far as Bro. B. L. Peters has exceeded the power in him by styling himself and acting as grand master instead of D. G. M.; but as the *grand lodge* feels convinced that it was not designedly done, they therefore confirm the installation of Lodge No. 52."

Note.—This stricture, passed on what was termed the "irregularity" of Bro. Peters in styling himself "grand master," came with a very bad grace from a provincial grand lodge which had on all occasions arrogated to itself the title of "the most worshipful grand lodge."

1791), I have not seen any other notice of the lodge, and am therefore in the dark as to its name, number and registry.

Another regimental lodge is brought to notice in a letter addressed, 24th September, 1788, to the provincial grand secretary at Halifax by the secretary of Hiram Lodge, No. 17, to wit:

"That contrary to one of the resolves of grand lodge of 19th January, 1785, which says 'that no military lodge shall make a citizen a mason,' notwithstanding, Lodge No. 230 of the First Battalion of Royal Artillery, stationed at the post of Fort Howe, near Saint John, have initiated into the first degree of masonry a Mr. Harry Jackson, one of our citizens." The provincial grand lodge took such prompt steps to put a stop to this interference with the civic lodge rights that no further complaint was heard. Lodge No. 230, mentioned in the letter, held a warrant from the Dermot or Athol Grand Lodge.

Another military lodge was held in the Sixth Regiment of Foot stationed at Fredericton in the year 1793. It was Lodge No. 643 on the register of the grand lodge of Ireland. Through the recommendation of this lodge, Hiram York Lodge, No. 23, Fredericton, was granted a warrant by the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia.

AN IRREGULAR BODY.

GRETNA GREEN ASSOCIATION.

This was a bogus body which purported to confer the craft degrees of freemasonry upon unsuspecting victims for the modest fee of twenty-seven shillings and sixpence. It held its meetings at Miramichi in the year 1826, being conducted by several individuals hailing from lodges in Scotland, viz.:

Andrew Brown,	St. John's Lodge, No. 160, New Abbey, Dumfriesshire.
Christopher Mullins,	" "
David Steele,	" "
William Kerr,	St. Cuthbert's Lodge.
John Wise,	Caledonia Lodge, No. 310, Stirlingshire.

The report of the doings of these persons, under the designation of "Gretna Green Association," was made to the provincial grand secretary at Halifax, 14th February, 1826, by Bro. A. D. Sherriff, who in his letter stated "that they had initiated, passed and raised William Dickson, Robert McEwan, John Edgar and Daniel Cossland." He concluded his report by stating to the provincial grand secretary that "the cold was so intense that the ink would with difficulty adhere to the paper." As might be reasonably expected this association had a short existence, as no further reference to it appears in the provincial grand lodge archives.

A CLANDESTINE LODGE.

During the year 1820 considerable excitement was caused in masonic circles in Saint John by the establishment and working of an illegal lodge in the parish of Portland, county of Saint John. Three individuals, named Samuel Campbell, Charles Campbell and Robert Forsyth, recently from Ireland, had purloined the warrant of Lodge No. 977, issued by the grand lodge of Ireland, to be held at Crankenny, county Tyrone, Ireland, and brought it to Saint John with them. With this warrant in their possession they had opened a lodge at Portland, held meetings and conferred degrees upon several individuals. These high-handed acts coming to the notice of the craft in Saint John, a committee of St. John's and Union lodges, in conjunction with R. W. Bro. Thomas Wetmore, D. G. M. of New Brunswick, made a report to the authorities at Halifax, in which they stated that, "having remonstrated with these persons for their irregular and unconstitutional acts, and having requested them to desist until the pleasure of the grand lodge should be known, they replied that 'they wished to be on good terms with the fraternity of this country, but that they should not desist from holding their meetings, nor acknowledge the authority of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia over them, until an order was received from the grand lodge of Ireland.' "

The holders of the stolen warrant likewise addressed a letter to Halifax, stating that "they held a lawful warrant from the grand lodge of Ireland; that on the removal to this country of a greater part of the members of their lodge they had brought the warrant over with them, which they thought enabled them to hold a lodge in any part of His Majesty's dominions; that they had reported the circumstance to the grand lodge of Ireland and awaited their decision; but if the provincial grand lodge would acknowledge them by their signature and seal, they would cheerfully submit to the regulations of, and pay dues to the provincial grand lodge."

In consequence of these representations, the provincial grand secretary was directed "to report the circumstance to the grand lodge of Ireland, with a request that they give information whether the warrant referred to was legally obtained and retained by the aforesaid persons."

The grand lodge of Ireland dealt with the matter vigorously and passed the following order: "That in consequence of the warrant of Lodge No. 977 having been stolen and taken from the country, it be cancelled and of no effect, and that Samuel Campbell, late master of the said lodge, be expelled from all the rights, benefits and privileges of masons."

Campbell may or may not have been aware of the flagrant act he had committed by removing the warrant from Ireland; at all events he professed ignorance of any wrong doing, and denied any ulterior intention. Finding himself deprived of intercourse with the fraternity, and shorn of all his masonic rights, he, in time, returned the warrant to the grand secretary at Dublin with a humble apology and a professed acknowledgment of ignorance of intentional wrong, together with a prayer for forgiveness and for the restoration of his masonic privileges. There were no documents to shew whether or not the grand lodge of Ireland revoked the sentence of Campbell's expulsion, but it appears from the records of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, that on the 11th October, 1826, "the expulsion of Samuel Campbell, late master of Lodge No. 977, under Ireland, was, upon the recommendation and petition of R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, District D. G. M., removed, and he was restored to the rights and privileges of freemasonry." This order having placed him *en accord* with the lodges in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, he afterwards became an affiliated member of St. John's Lodge, and the ruffled masonic circles in and about Saint John became again quiet and peaceful.

LODGES CHARTERED BY THE GRAND LODGES OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND, WHICH HAVE BECOME EXTINCT OR WERE NEVER CONSTITUTED.

UNION LODGE, No. 866, MILLTOWN, ST. STEPHEN, ENGLISH REGISTRY.

The petitioners for the warrant were Bros. George Hiltz, Patrick Curran, William H. Smith, James Carnaby, Nathaniel Swift, Alexander Smith and Otis H. Johnson. Of the foregoing, Bro. George Hiltz was appointed the first W. M., Bro. Patrick Curran the first S. W., and Bro. William H. Smith the first J. W. in the warrant, and they were authorized to meet as a lodge at St. Stephen, in the county of Charlotte, on the first Tuesday of every month. The warrant was dated at London, England, 29th August, 1851, and signed by the Earl of Zetland, G. M., the Earl of Yarborough, D. G. M., and William H. White, G. S.

The records of the lodge, which were placed at my disposal, are contained in two well preserved volumes. They set forth that the first meeting was held 7th May, 1850, in the temperance hall, Milltown, St. Stephen, Charlotte county, where the lodge was opened and set to work under a dispensation issued by R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, provincial grand master. On the 31st July, 1852, it was constituted and consecrated under its warrant and the officers installed by W. Bro. Rev Jerome Alley, D. D., acting as deputy provincial grand master.

Union Lodge ceased operations by surrendering its warrant 15th July, 1861, after a short career of a little more than eleven years. This unfortunate event was brought about by a misunderstanding respecting territorial rights with the St. Croix Lodge at Calais, in the state of Maine. Union Lodge, in ignorance of what in the United States was designated jurisdictional or territorial rights, was in the practice of receiving petitions from and initiating residents of Maine, and in this way, upon complaint of the St. Croix Lodge, became subject to the ban of the grand lodge of Maine, and although committees were appointed by the two lodges, conferences held, and resolutions adopted, having a settlement of the difficulty in view, no practical solution of the dispute could be agreed upon.

Under date 3rd August, 1858, the record contains a copy of a letter from William Gray Clarke, grand secretary of England, written in reply to a report sent to him about the dispute between the two lodges, in which he advised that "a fraternal feeling should be cultivated; that any compact entered into by the lodges, as to residence and reception of candidates, should be faithfully carried out." He concluded his letter with the statement that "the grand lodge of England does not recognize what is termed 'territorial jurisdiction,' but permits her lodges to receive candidates irrespective of their place of residence." Possibly, the information contained in the last sentence of this letter had the effect of shaping the course of the brethren of Union Lodge, and of preventing their acceptance of the full proposals of the St. Croix Lodge. Be that as it may, reconciliation was not effected, and the unfortunate ending came, as set forth in the following extracts from the records. Under date 25th June, 1861, it was "voted, that the W. M. direct the secretary to notify all members belonging to Union Lodge to appear at the next regular communication, to act on business connected with the surrender of our charter and such other business as may legally come before the lodge." The final meeting was held 15th July, 1861, when it was "voted, that an order be drawn on the treasurer for the amount of all demands against the lodge; that the furniture, etc., belonging to Union Lodge be placed in the possession of Bro. S. S. Cilley, treasurer, with the design that it be presented to Sussex Lodge[1]; that the bible of this lodge be presented to past master George Hiltz; that the secretary give each member of Union Lodge a certificate of membership, and that the master return the charter to the grand lodge." "There being no further business, the W. M. duly closed the lodge *forever*."

The warrant was sent to R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, D. P. G. M., who transmitted it to England 17th December, 1862.

1 Sussex Lodge, No. 327, registry of Ireland, St. Stephen.

QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 932, ENGLISH REGISTRY, GAGETOWN.

This warrant was granted to John McLiss, master, Samuel White, S. W., Thomas Cox, J. W., John Earle, William Lamont, Thomas M. Tilley and Daniel S. Keir, authorizing them to meet at Gagetown, in the county of Queens, on the first Tuesday of every month.

It was dated at London, England, the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1855, and signed by the Earl of Zetland, G. M., the Earl of Yarborough, D. G. M., and William H. White, G. S.

This warrant was never made available, nor the lodge constituted under it, in consequence of the sickness and death of the brother named for its first master. As there was no other brother among the petitioners willing or competent to assume the duties of the chair, the warrant was placed in the hands of R. W. Bro. Balloch, D. P. G. M., and by him sent back to London 17th December, 1862.

BRUNSWICK LODGE, UNDER DISPENSATION, MONCTON.

The dispensation for this lodge was issued 20th October, 1856, by R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, D. P. G. M., under England, to W. Bro. James Robertson as worshipful master, with authority to meet at Moncton, Westmorland county. Meetings were held under this dispensation, degrees conferred upon a number of candidates, and the general business of a lodge transacted, but for some unexplained reason a warrant was never issued. The dispensation was surrendered 1st December, 1858, to the deputy provincial grand master and the work brought to a close.

The books and documents, surrendered as above, were in the office of the grand secretary at the time of the great fire of 20th June, 1877, and were destroyed.

HIBERNIAN LODGE, No. 318, REGISTRY OF IRELAND, ST. ANDREWS.

This lodge was the first in New Brunswick organized under authority of the grand lodge of Ireland. The warrant, issued 10th March, 1830, was granted to Bros. Samuel Barclay, William Finlay and Samuel Brown, as master and wardens. The body was designated as "a lodge of F. and A. M., Number 318[1] on the registry of the grand masonic lodge of Ireland, to be holden in the town of Saint Andrews, and province of New Brunswick." The document was signed by the Duke of Leinster, grand master, and John Fowler, deputy grand secretary.

1 Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Ireland were designated in the warrants by numbers only.

After an honorable course of more than thirty years its labors came to a close. It appears, from information received from the grand secretary's office in Dublin, that the last brother initiated was Benjamin Bradford, in November, 1859, and the last election of officers took place in December, 1861, when William Doak was elected W. M., and William Milligan secretary.

W. Bro. Adam W. Smith, the mainstay of the lodge for many years, paid up all dues to the grand lodge and transmitted the warrant to Dublin in the year 1863, "feeling convinced that any further prolongation of its life was impracticable." This unpleasant step was forced upon him by reason of the great reduction in the membership (only three, himself included, remaining), and the impossibility of holding meetings, or continuing the *work*.

PORTLAND UNION LODGE, No. 324, REGISTRY OF IRELAND, PORTLAND.

This warrant was issued in May, 1842, by the grand lodge of Ireland, to Joseph Lingley, W. M., William Purdy, S. W., and John McCready, J. W., to meet in the parish of Portland, Saint John, New Brunswick. The meetings were held on the first Thursday of every month in Bro. John McCready's house.

In the year 1846, after a short career of only four years, it ceased to work, but the warrant was not transmitted to the grand secretary's office in Dublin until 1850. The report accompanying its transmission contained a list of some twenty admissions to membership, but assigned no reason for the surrender.

The brethren named in the warrant were previously members of St. John's Lodge of Saint John.

It was the sixth lodge constituted in the city and county of Saint John, the former lodges being Hiram, No. 17, St. John's, No. 29, Union, No. 38, Albion, No. 52, under Nova Scotia, and Hibernia, No. 301, under Ireland.

The present Union Lodge of Portland is not the successor or outcome of this lodge.

LODGES ON THE ROLL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

ALBION LODGE, No. 1, SAINT JOHN.

Originally constituted under a warrant from the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, dated 30th November, 1825, for particulars of which see page 307.

When the lodges holding warrants from the old provincial grand

lodge of Nova Scotia were obliged to relinquish them and accept substitutes from the United Grand Lodge of England, Albion was the first to obey the mandate, and consequently became the senior lodge in New Brunswick on the roll of the united grand lodge, and has since then maintained that position among the sister lodges in the province.

The English warrant was granted 10th March, 1829, by Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick Lunenburgh, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, etc., etc., grand master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of F. & A. M. of England, to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Thomas Leavitt, William Durant, Robert Ray, William Scammell, James Condle, Robert Welch, Josiah Brownsword, and others, under the title of "Albion Lodge, No. 841"; Thomas Leavitt to be the first master, William Durant to be the first senior warden, and Robert Ray to be the first junior warden; the lodge to be holden at Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick, on the first Friday in each calendar month. The other grand lodge officers whose names were appended to the warrant were Lord Dundas, D. G. M., and William H. White and Edward Harper, grand secretaries.[1]

The lodge was constituted under this warrant 18th December, 1829, without any ceremony beyond the reading and reception of the warrant.

A re-numbering of the lodges under England took place in 1838, when the number of Albion was changed from 841 to 570, and at a subsequent re-numbering in 1862, it was altered to No. 400, which number it held up to the date of surrendering its warrant to the United Grand Lodge of England.

Albion Lodge, by its delegates, acted in concert with the other lodges in the province in the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and in consequence of such action surrendered its warrant to England 1st November, 1867. Its working was continued by an interim warrant issued by the grand master of the newly formed Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

On the 31st day of March, A. D. 1868, a new warrant was granted under the authority and sanction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick by Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Lester Peters, Esquire, Queen's Counsel, Deputy Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty, etc., etc., Grand

1 At the union, A. D. 1813, of the two English grand lodges (Ancients and Moderns), William H. White was grand secretary of the latter, and Edward Harper of the former. An agreement was entered into that they should become joint grand secretaries of the united grand lodge, and remain in that capacity until the death of one of them, when the survivor should continue, and thereafter but one grand secretary should fill the office. Bro. Harper died A. D. 1829, and Bro. White retired in 1857. The latter was first appointed A. D. 1810, and was therefore forty-seven years in office at the time of his resignation. He died 5th April, 1866, after an extraordinary prolonged membership in the craft of sixty-seven years.

Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick, constituting the lodge as "Albion Lodge, No. 1," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren Christopher Murray as W. M., Charles D. Thomson as S. W., and George Byron Cushing as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M. to meet at the city of Saint John on the first Friday in each and every month. This warrant was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, deputy grand master, and V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, grand secretary, and was formally placed in possession of the lodge by Grand Master Peters at a communication held 8th May, 1868.

In consequence of the destruction of this warrant by fire 20th June, 1877, a duplicate was issued under date 18th July, 1877. In addition to the loss of the warrant, the jewels, banners and all other property of the lodge, except the records, were also lost in that fire.

The lodge continues to meet in the Masonic Temple, Germain street, city of Saint John.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2, SAINT JOHN.

Originally constituted 5th April, 1802, under a warrant dated 18th December, 1801, granted by the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia. As these pages contain a full history of the lodge, any recapitulation here would be a work of supererogation. It is sufficient to state that it has had a continuous existence from its first organization up to the present time, and is therefore the oldest lodge in New Brunswick, although it does not hold the senior number. This seeming anomaly is explained on page 301.

HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3, SAINT JOHN.

Originally constituted under warrant No. 301, granted 10th April, 1837, by the grand masonic lodge of Ireland, the M. W. His Grace Augustus Frederic, Duke of Leinster, etc., etc., being grand master, unto the trusty and well beloved brethren, James Hinds, John Murray and Angus McAfee, constituting and appointing the said brethren to be master and wardens of a lodge of F. & A. M., No. 301, on the registry of the grand masonic lodge of Ireland, to be holden in the city of Saint John, in New Brunswick.

Warrant No. 301 was originally issued August 3, 1758, to a lodge held at Carrickmacross, county Monaghan, Ireland, and cancelled by the grand lodge February 7, 1833. The same number was granted to Hibernia of Saint John.

Hibernia lodge, by its representatives, united with the other lodges in the province in the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The warrant was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Ireland 12th November, 1867, and an interim warrant received from the grand master of New Brunswick.

A new warrant was granted 30th April, 1868, under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Lester Peters, Esquire, etc. etc., G. M., constituting the lodge as "Hibernia Lodge, No. 3," on the roll of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, John Mullin as W. M., Matthew Henderson as S. W., and Frankland L. Lewin as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M. to meet at the city of Saint John on the second Tuesday of every month. This warrant was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and was formally placed in the possession of the lodge by Grand Master Peters at a communication held 19th May, 1868.

The warrant, jewels, banners, records, and all other property of the lodge were destroyed by fire 20th June, 1877. A duplicate warrant, now held by the lodge, was issued 18th July, 1877.

There were four other brethren who joined in the original formation of the lodge whose names do not appear on the warrant, viz.: Bros. James Nethery, Joseph McMaugh, William Paul and James McMullin.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 4, DORCHESTER.

Originally No. 705, Registry of England; Changed A. D. 1862 to No. 480.

Sussex Lodge was first opened under a dispensation issued at Halifax, N. S., 1st April, 1840, by R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, provincial grand master, to Bros. James S. McElmen, John Weldon and Thomas Cochran, as master and wardens. In this dispensation the lodge was named "The Younger Brother of the Cumberland Harmony Lodge," but was subsequently changed to "Sussex Lodge" in the application for the warrant. As the early records of the lodge were lost or destroyed, the date of opening under the dispensation and the date of consecration under the warrant cannot be given.

The formal warrant, dated 5th March, 1842, was granted by Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick Lunenburgh, Duke of Sussex, etc., etc., Grand Master, under the sanction and authority of the united grand lodge of England, to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, James S. McElmen, John Weldon, Thomas Cochran, William B. Weldon, William Hunter, N. W. Foster and John Cummings, constituting the said brethren

into a lodge of F. & A. M. under the title of "The Sussex Lodge, No. 705," to be holden at Dorchester, in New Brunswick, on or after the full moon of every month, with Bro. James McElmen as the first W. M., Bro. John Weldon first S. W., and Bro. Thomas Cochran first J. W. The other signatories to the warrant were the R. W. and Rt. Hon. James Brownton William Gascoyne Cecil, Marquis and Earl of Salisbury, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. William H. White, G. S.

Sussex Lodge did not join with the other lodges in the formation of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, but came within its jurisdiction by surrender of warrant 30th April, 1868, to the grand lodge of England.

On the 1st day of May, 1868, a new warrant under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick was granted by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, Esq., etc., etc., G. M., constituting the lodge as "The Sussex Lodge, No. 4," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Amos S. Wilson as W. M., William Morrice as S. W., and Robert Hallett as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Dorchester, in the county of Westmorland, on the Thursday on or after the full moon of every month. This warrant was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S.

SAINT MARK'S LODGE, No. 5, ST. ANDREWS.

ORIGINALLY No. 759 UNDER ENGLAND; CHANGED A. D. 1862 TO No. 518.

Constituted 5th November, 1845, under a warrant granted 9th August, 1845, by Thomas Dundas, Earl of Zetland, Baron Dundas of Aske, in the county of York, etc., etc., grand master, under the authority and sanction of the united grand lodge of England, to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Rev. Jerome Alley, D. D., Charles Vaughan Forster, William Ashweek Jarvis, Thomas Wyer, Robert Edward Law, Samuel Tilley Gove and Samuel Frye, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M. under the title of "Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 759," to be holden in the town of St. Andrews, in New Brunswick, on the first Wednesday in every month; the Rev. Jerome Alley to be first master, Charles Vaughan Forster the first S. W., and William A. Jarvis the first J. W. It was also signed by the R. W. and Rt. Hon. Richard William Penn Curzon Howe, Earl Howe, etc., etc., D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. William H. White, G. S.

This warrant was surrendered to the grand lodge of England 5th March, 1868, and a new one granted 2nd May, 1868, under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, Esquire, etc., etc., G. M., constituting the lodge as "Saint Mark's

Lodge, No. 5," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Benjamin R. Stevenson as W. M., James McKinney as S. W., and John Dolby as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at St. Andrews on the first Thursday in each and every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and was formally placed in the possession of the lodge by Grand Master Peters at a communication held 28th August, 1868.

Saint Mark's Lodge did not take part in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 6, FREDERICTON.

ORIGINALLY No. 764, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED A. D. 1862 TO No. 522.

Constituted under warrant dated 1st January, 1846, granted by Earl Zetland, etc., etc., grand master, under the authority and sanction of the united grand lodge of England, to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, John Stephens, John Grant, William Jaffrey, Robert Wylie, John B. Morrell, ——— Andrews, Edward W. Greenwood and John MacKay, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Solomon's Lodge, No. 764," to be holden at Fredericton, in New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday after each full moon, Bro. John Stephens to be the first master, Bro. John Grant the first S. W., and Bro. William Jaffrey the first J. W. The other signatories to this warrant were R. W. and Rt. Hon. Earle Howe, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. H. White, G. S.

Solomon's Lodge, by its representatives, united with the other lodges in the province in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, and followed up its act in this respect by surrendering its warrant to the grand lodge of England.

A new warrant was granted 4th May, 1868, under authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, Esquire, etc., etc., G. M., constituting the lodge as "Solomon's Lodge, No. 6," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Harris Allan as W. M., John Hewitson as S. W., and James H. Hasey as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Fredericton, on the Tuesday after the full of the moon in every calendar month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S.

The latter warrant was surrendered 13th May, 1879, for the purpose

of joining with St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, of Fredericton, in the formation of Hiram Lodge, No. 6.

The particular reasons for the union are set forth in a report of a joint committee of the two lodges, viz.: "They (the committee) have considered the matter submitted to them, and are of opinion the amalgamation of the two lodges would materially conduce to the prosperity of freemasonry in Fredericton and the surrounding jurisdiction, and they would therefore strongly recommend such amalgamation. In order to avoid difficulty which might a ise by either lodge surrendering its charter, and to secure to every m mber of each lodge, in good standing, admission to the lodge as amalgamated, your committee suggest that arrangements be made with the grand lodge by which the charters of the respective lodges may be surrendered and a new charter issued to a new lodge, the lodge to be called by and registered under a new name, the charter members of the new lodge to be all members of the old lodges in good standing in their respective lodges at the time of surrendering their charters, the numerical rank of the new lodge to be that of Solomon's Lodge, and all funds and property of the lodges so surrendering their charters to be given up by the grand lodge to the new lodge, and to be its property."

In the petition to grand lodge, signed by the members of both lodges, they asked that the new lodge be named "Hiram Lodge, No. 6," which request was acceded to by grand lodge, and a new warrant issued in the terms set forth in the petition.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 6, FREDERICTON.

The successor of Solomon's Lodge, No. 6, and St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, was formally constituted 5th June, 1879, by M. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, grand master, assisted by a staff of grand lodge officers, under a warrant dated 4th May, 1879, granted under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, by M. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, G. M., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Alfred F. Street as W. M., Samuel Kee, Junior, as S. W., and Richard M. Pinder as J. W., constituting them and all other the brethren on the rolls of the late Solomon's Lodge, No. 6, and St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title or denomination of "Hiram Lodge, No. 6," on the roll of the said grand lodge, to meet at Fredericton, in the county of York, on the first Thursday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Benjamin R. Stevenson, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S.

At the request of Hiram Lodge the warrants of the late Solomon's and St. Andrew's Lodges were, by vote of grand lodge, placed in its possession for future keeping.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7, ST. STEPHEN.

Was originally constituted 29th April, 1846, Bro. James Kyle officiating as installing officer, under a warrant granted 17th March, 1846, by the grand masonic lodge of Ireland, the M. W. His Grace Augustus Frederic, Duke of Leinster, etc., etc., G. M., unto the trusty and much beloved brethren, Dugald Blair, M. D., Thomas W. Rogers and James Frink, constituting and appointing the said brethren to be master and wardens of a lodge of F. and A. M., No. 327, on the registry of the grand masonic lodge of Ireland, to be holden at St. Stephen, in New Brunswick, on the first Wednesday of every month. Under the supposition that a change of locality would be a benefit, the lodge removed to Milltown in July, 1861. After remaining in the latter place three years and five months, it returned to its old quarters in St. Stephen in the month of December, 1864.

Sussex Lodge, having by its delegates united in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, surrendered its warrant to the grand lodge of Ireland, 30th October, 1867, and received an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

On the 5th day of May, 1868, a new warrant, under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, was granted by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, Esquire, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Sussex Lodge, No. 7," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Moses McGowan as W. M., David Main as S. W., and William H. Stevens as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at St. Stephen, Charlotte county, on the first Wednesday in each and every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and was formally placed in the possession of the lodge by Grand Master Peters at a communication held 31st August, 1868.

CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8, CARLETON, SAINT JOHN.

ORIGINALLY No. 767, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED A. D. 1862 TO No. 524.

The warrant was granted 21st March, 1846, under the authority and sanction of the united grand lodge of England, The Rt. Hon. Thomas Dundas, Earl Zetland, being G. M.; Earl Howe, D. G. M., and W. H. White, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, John Saunders Clarke, George Bond, Thomas Coram, George H. Robertson, Joseph Beatteay, Joseph Coram, George W. Smith, John Clarke, Jr., Charles M. Gardner, Daniel W. Clark and William L. Avery, of whom John Saunders Clark was the first master; George Bond, first S. W., and

Thomas Coram, first J. W., constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "The Carleton Union Lodge, No. 767," to be holden at Carleton, in the city of Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick, on the first Thursday in every month. It was constituted under this warrant 24th June, 1846, by W. Bro. Alexander Robertson, W. M. of Albion Lodge, on which occasion the brethren went in procession to the Episcopal church, Carleton, where a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Benjamin G. Gray, D. D.

Carleton Union Lodge, by its delegates, united in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, and in consequence surrendered its English warrant 14th November, 1867, receiving an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

A new warrant was granted 6th May, 1868, under the sanction and authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "The Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Henry Leonard as W. M., Henry Littlehale as S. W., and Isaac J. Olive, Jr., as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Carleton, in the city of Saint John, on the first Thursday in every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and was formally placed in the possession of the body, by Grand Master Peters, at a communication held 24th June, 1868.

The banners of this lodge, which happened to be in the masonic hall, Saint John, 20th June, 1877, were burned in the disastrous fire of that date.

MIDIAN LODGE, No. 9, CLIFTON, KINGS COUNTY.

ORIGINALLY No. 770, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED A. D. 1862 to No. 527.

Midian Lodge was constituted 26th January, 1847, by W. Bro. John Thomas, W. M. St. John's Lodge of Saint John, under a warrant granted 18th May, 1846, by the united grand lodge of England, Rt. Hon. Earl Zetland being G. M., Rt. Hon. Earl of Yarborough D. G. M., and W. H. White G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren Justus Sherwood Wetmore, Andrew Cruikshank Otty, David Wetmore, Jr., James Wetmore Puddington, James Flewelling, Samuel Foster, Benjamin Darling, Robert Townsend, Thomas W. H. Melowney, John Barbarie, and Conrad John Hendricks, constituting the said brethren, Justus S. Wetmore being the first master, Andrew C. Otty the first S. W., and David Wetmore, Jr., the first J. W., into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Midian Lodge, No. 770," to be holden at Kingston, in the

parish of Kingston, King's county, New Brunswick, on the second Tuesday of every month.

The majority of the brethren whose names appear in this warrant were formerly members of Midian Lodge, No. 31, registry of Nova Scotia, which ceased working A. D. 1841. Under its English warrant it held its meetings at Kingston until 8th February, 1859, when it removed to Clifton, and has remained there up to the present time.

Midian Lodge, by its delegates, united with the other lodges in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, and, in consequence, surrendered its English warrant 12th November, 1867, receiving at the same time an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

On the 7th day of May, 1868, a new warrant, under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, was granted by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "The Midian Lodge, No. 9," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren G. Hudson Flewelling as W. M., William W. Wetmore as S. W., and Thaddeus Scott as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Clifton, in the parish of Kingston, King's county, on the second Tuesday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and committed to the charge of the lodge by Grand Master Peters at a communication held 9th June, 1868.

UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10, SAINT JOHN.

ORIGINALLY No. 780, ENGLISH REGISTRY; CHANGED A. D. 1862 TO No. 535.

Constituted under a warrant granted 3rd November, 1846, under the authority and sanction of the united grand lodge of England, Earl Zetland being G. M., Earl of Yarborough D. G. M., and W. H. White G. S., to the trusty and well beloved brethren Alexander Balloch, George Young, George Kirsop, Robert Mitchell, James Love, James Rosborough, Robert A. Gregory and others, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Union Lodge of Portland, No. 780," to be holden at the village of Portland, in the immediate vicinity of the city of Saint John, in New Brunswick, on the first Thursday in every month. Alexander Balloch was the first master, George Young the first S. W., and Robert Kirsop the first J. W. This lodge continued to meet in Portland until 5th March, 1853, when it removed to Saint John.

Union Lodge of Portland, by its representatives, united with the other lodges in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, and to this end surrendered its English warrant 19th October, 1867, receiving an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

On the 8th day of May, 1868, a new warrant, under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, was granted by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren David Ransom Munro as W. M., Robert M. Stevens as S. W., and Archibald McLean as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at the city of Saint John on the third Thursday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and formally entrusted to the lodge by Grand Master Peters, 20th August, 1868.

The latter warrant, with the records, jewels, banners, seal, and all paraphernalia, was destroyed by fire 20th June, 1877. A duplicate of the warrant was issued 18th July, 1877, and is now in the possession of the lodge.

WOODSTOCK LODGE, No. 11, WOODSTOCK.

ORIGINALLY No. 811, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED TO No. 553 A. D. 1862.

Originally opened August, 1847, by virtue of a dispensation from R. W. Bro. Hon. Alexander Keith, provincial grand master, and subsequently, in the month of August, 1848, constituted under a warrant granted 18th April, 1848, under authority and sanction of the united grand lodge of England, the Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, G. M., the Rt. Hon. Earl of Yarborough, D. G. M., and W. H. White, G. S., unto the trusty and well beloved brethren Charles Perley, Asa Upton, Amos C. Tolford, Leonard R. Coombes, Henry Jones, James R. Tupper and William Connell, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Woodstock Lodge, No. 811," with Charles Perley as first master, Asa Upton, the first S. W., and Amos C. Tolford, the first J. W., to be holden at Woodstock, in the county of Carleton and province of New Brunswick, on the first Wednesday in each month.

Woodstock Lodge, by its representatives, united with the other lodges in the formation of the grand lodge of New Brunswick; subsequently surrendering its English warrant and receiving an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, a new warrant was issued 9th May, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Woodstock Lodge, No. 11," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren Robert A. Hay as W. M., Isaiah J. McCoy as S. W., and Stephen B. Appleby as J. W., continuing to them and all other the

brethren, on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Woodstock on the first Wednesday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and placed in the possession of the lodge at the regular communication in September, 1868.

A duplicate of the latter warrant was issued 2nd June, 1877, in consequence of the destruction by fire of the hall belonging to the lodge, together with the records and all other property, 17th May, 1877.

SAINT GEORGE LODGE, No. 12, ST. GEORGE, CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

ORIGINALLY No. 912, ENGLISH REGISTRY; CHANGED TO No. 629 A. D. 1862.

Constituted 27th February, 1855, under warrant granted 7th February, 1854, by the united grand lodge of England, Earl Zetland, G. M., Earl of Yarborough, D. G. M., and W. H. White, G. S., unto the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Kilburn G. Robinson, Benjamin Chadburn, Samuel Elliott, Levi W. Young, Edwin R. Russell, John F. Rogers and James W. Rogers, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Saint George Lodge, No. 912," with Kilburn Gardiner Robinson as the first master, Benjamin Chadburn the first S. W., and Samuel Elliot the first J. W., to be holden at Saint George, in the county of Charlotte, in the province of New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday in every month. A delay having occurred in the issue of the warrant, the lodge was opened 15th June, 1854, under a dispensation issued at Halifax, Nova Scotia, 6th June, 1854, by R. W. Bro. James Forman, "deputy provincial grand master of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island."

Saint George Lodge, by its delegates, united with the other lodges in the province in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick. This warrant was surrendered to the grand lodge of England 4th February, 1868, in lieu of which an interim warrant was received from the grand master of New Brunswick.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, a new warrant was granted 11th May, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Saint George Lodge, No. 12," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Hugh A. McKenzie as W. M., Charles McGee, Junior, as S. W., and George Helms as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at St. George, in the county of Charlotte, on the first Tuesday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W.

Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and formally placed in the possession of the lodge by Grand Master Peters at a communication of the lodge held 12th September, 1868.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 13, HAMPTON.

ORIGINALLY No. 918, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED TO No. 635 A. D. 1862.

Constituted 11th November, 1854, under warrant granted 11th July, 1854, by the united grand lodge of England, Earl Zetland, G. M., Earl of Yarborough, D. G. M., and W. H. White, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Henry Phipps Otty, John Barbarie, Conrad John Hendricks, Abel English, Sylvester Z. Earle, Jr., Andrew C. Otty, Oliver Byram, Joseph H. Littlehale, Justus Earle, Allen C. Otty, George Byram, George M. Fairweather and James Wetmore, of whom Henry P. Otty was the first master, John Barbarie the first S. W., and Conrad J. Hendricks the first J. W., constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Corinthian Lodge, No. 918," to be holden in the parish of Norton, Kings county, in New Brunswick, on the Wednesday after each full moon. Preliminary to the organization of the lodge under its warrant, a dispensation was issued by R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, provincial grand master of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, etc., etc., and by authority of this dispensation the lodge was opened 23rd June, 1853, by W. Bro. James Robertson, W. M. of Albion Lodge of Saint John.

This lodge first met at Norton, as set forth in the warrant, and continued to meet there until October, 1857, when a removal was made to the village of Hampton; and again in September, 1872, it changed its quarters to Hampton Station, where it continues to meet.

Corinthian Lodge did not join with the other lodges in the formation of the grand lodge of New Brunswick. It came in subsequently by surrendering its English warrant 17th November, 1867, and accepting an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, a new warrant was granted 12th May, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Corinthian Lodge, No. 13," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Henry Hallett as W. M., George Otty as S. W., and John Darling as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Hampton, Kings county, on the Wednesday on or after each full moon. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and entrusted to the

lodge by R. W. Bro. Wedderburn, D. G. M., at a communication of the lodge held 30th December, 1868.

ALLEY LODGE, No. 14, UPPER MILLS, ST. STEPHEN.

ORIGINALLY No. 962, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED TO No. 664, A. D. 1862.

Alley Lodge was first opened 5th August, 1855, under a dispensation issued by R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, P. G. M. It was formally constituted 10th July, 1856, by W. Bro. William H. Smith, P. M. Union Lodge, No. 866, E. R., of Milltown, under a warrant dated 26th February, 1856, granted under the sanction and authority of the united grand lodge of England, Earl of Zetland, G. M., Earl of Yarborough, D. G. M., and W. H. White, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Rex M. King, John Prescott, Edward Towers, Washington Nodding, Loring Q. Lane, Ambrose Abbott and Robert Minard, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., with Rex M. King as the first master, John Prescott, the first S. W., and Edward Towers, the first J. W., under the title of "The Alley Lodge, No. 962," to be holden at Upper Mills, Saint Stephen, New Brunswick, on the first Thursday of each month.

Alley Lodge, by its delegates, united in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, and surrendered its warrant to England 15th October, 1867, in lieu of which it received an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, a new warrant was granted 13th May, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "The Alley Lodge, No. 14," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, James V. Hanson as W. M., James Dickie as S. W., and Charles Lamson as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Upper Mills, Saint Stephen, in the county of Charlotte, on the first Thursday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and formally placed in the possession of the lodge by Grand Master Peters, at a communication held 29th August, 1868.

HOWARD LODGE, No. 15, HILLSBOROUGH.

ORIGINALLY No. 966, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED TO No. 668, A. D. 1862.

Howard Lodge was first opened 12th April, 1855, by virtue of a dispensation issued 31st March, 1855, by R. W. Bro. Alexander Keith, P. G. M., and afterward formally constituted by W. Bro. James Robertson, P. M.

of Keith Lodge, No. 927, E. R., of Moncton, under a warrant granted 4th April, 1856, under the sanction and authority of the united grand lodge of England, the Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, G. M., the Rt. Hon. Earl of Yarborough, D. G. M., and W. H. White, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Samuel P. Fowler, Henry Bothwick, John McAuley Gallacher, Samuel Kenan, Samuel Clark, Samuel Shaw, John A. Reed and Alex. McRae, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Howard Lodge, No. 966," to be holden at Hillsborough, in New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday in each month; Samuel P. Fowler to be the first master, Henry Bothwick the first S. W., and John McA. Gallacher the first J. W.

This lodge did not join in the formation of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, but came in subsequently by surrendering its warrant 14th January, 1868, to the grand lodge of England, and receiving an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, a new warrant was granted 14th May, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Howard Lodge, No. 15," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Dennis A. Duffy as W. M., Charles W. Colter as S. W., and Henry T. Stevens as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Hillsborough, Albert county, on the first Tuesday of every month. This warrant was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M, and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and entrusted to the lodge 2nd March, 1869.

LODGE ST. ANDREW, No. 16, RICHIBUCTO.

ORIGINALLY No. 376, REGISTRY OF SCOTLAND.

Lodge St. Andrew was first opened 7th February, 1856, by virtue of a dispensation issued by R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, provincial grand master under Scotland.[1] It was formally constituted 4th March, 1858, by W. Bro. Charles Brown, P. M., under a warrant dated 2nd February, 1857, granted by authority and sanction of the grand lodge of Scotland, the Most Noble John, Duke of Athole, etc., etc., Grand Master Mason, and the R. W. Bro. William A. Laurie, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren Robert Ross as the first right worshipful master, Alexander Girvan the first S. W., and Morden S. Levy the first

1 Previous to the appointment of a provincial grand master in and over New Brunswick, and the erection of an independent grand lodge in Nova Scotia, R. W. Bro. Keith held the dual position of provincial grand master under the grand lodges of England and Scotland.

J. W., and others, constituting them into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the style of "Lodge St. Andrew, No. 376," to be holden at Richibucto, in New Brunswick.

Lodge St. Andrew, by its delegates, joined the other lodges in the province in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, and surrendered its warrant 31st October, 1867, to the grand lodge of Scotland, receiving in lieu thereof an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick a new warrant was granted 15th May, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, James McDougall as W. M., Isaac W. Doherty as S. W., and Thomas W. Dibblee as J. W., continuing to them and all other the members on the roll of the lodge their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Richibucto, Kent county, on the first Tuesday in each and every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and was entrusted to the lodge 2nd July, 1868.

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 17, NEWCASTLE.

ORIGINALLY No. 1003, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED TO No. 701, A. D. 1862.

This lodge was opened 10th March, 1857, by virtue of a dispensation issued by R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, Esquire, deputy provincial grand master of New Brunswick. It was formally constituted 11th August, 1857, under a warrant granted 16th April, 1857, by the united grand lodge of England, the Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, G. M., the Rt. Hon. Earl of Yarborough, D. G. M., and W. H. White, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, John Haws, Jr., John Wyse, Caleb B. Templeman, W. Salter, George Johnstone, William Letson and C. Cameron, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M. under the title of "The Northumberland Lodge, No. 1003," to be holden at Newcastle, in the province of New Brunswick, on the second Tuesday in each month, John Haws, Jr., to be the first master, John Wyse the first S. W., and Caleb B. Templeman the first J. W.

Northumberland Lodge, by its delegates, joined in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, and surrendered its warrant 29th October, 1867, to England, receiving in lieu thereof an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, a new warrant was granted 16th May, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L.

Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Northumberland Lodge, No. 17," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Robert R. Call as W. M., William C. Harley as S. W., and Alexander R. Ramsay as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Newcastle on the second Tuesday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and committed to the charge of the lodge 16th June, 1868.

MIRAMICHI LODGE, No. 18, CHATHAM.

ORIGINALLY No. 1077, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED TO No. 775, A. D. 1862.

Miramichi Lodge was first opened 18th January, 1859, by virtue of a dispensation issued by R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, D. P. G. M., and was formally constituted 6th July, 1859, by W. Bro. John Haws, Jr., P. M., Northumberland Lodge, No. 1003, under a warrant granted 23rd January, 1859, by and with the sanction and authority of the united grand lodge of England, Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, G. M., Rt. Hon. Baron Panmure, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. William Gray Clarke, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, George Hunter Russell, Richard Blackstock Haddow, William Albro Letson, Solomon Samuel, William E. Samuel, William Seaton and Jedediah S. Carvill, of whom George H. Russell was the first master, Richard B. Haddow the first S. W., and William A. Letson the first J. W., constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "The Miramichi Lodge, No. 1077," to be holden at Chatham, in the province of New Brunswick, on the third Tuesday of every month.

Miramichi Lodge, by its delegates, joined in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, for which purpose its warrant was surrendered 15th October, 1867, to the grand lodge of England, and an interim warrant obtained from the grand master of New Brunswick.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, a new warrant was granted 18th May, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "The Miramichi Lodge, No. 18," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, John Havilland as W. M., Henry C. Williston as S. W., and Hugh Bain as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Chatham on the third Tuesday in each and every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and committed to the charge of the lodge 16th June, 1868.

LEINSTER LODGE, No. 19, SAINT JOHN.

ORIGINALLY No. 347 ON THE REGISTRY OF IRELAND.

The warrant of this lodge was granted 7th October, 1859, by the grand masonic lodge of Ireland, the Duke of Leinster being G. M., John Fitz Henry Townshend, Esquire, D. G. M., and Lucius H. Deering, D. G. S., unto the right trusty and much beloved brethren, John Willis, Edward Willis and Charles Ramsay, constituting and appointing the said brethren to be master and wardens of a lodge of F. & A. M., No. 347, on the register of the grand masonic lodge of Ireland, to be holden at Carleton, Saint John, in New Brunswick, on the first Monday in every month. The lodge was constituted under this warrant 14th November, 1859, at a house in Carleton owned by William Browne, by W. Bro. Robert Stubs, W. M. of Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, registry of Ireland. The meetings continued in Carleton until December, 1862, when the lodge removed to Judge Ritchie's building in Saint John.

Leinster Lodge, by its representatives, joined in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, for which purpose it surrendered, 21st October, 1867, the warrant to the grand lodge of Ireland, and received an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

A new warrant, dated 19th May, 1868, was granted, under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Leinster Lodge, No. 19," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Alfred Augustus Stockton as W. M., Silas Alward as S. W., and Asaph G. Blakslee as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet in the city of Saint John on the first Monday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and formally entrusted to the lodge by Grand Master Peters, at a communication held 24th August, 1868.

In the general destruction attending the great fire of 20th June, 1877, in the city of Saint John, Leinster Lodge shared in the fate of the other masonic bodies, by losing its warrant, jewels, banners and all other property except the records and other books. The loss of the warrant was supplied by a duplicate issued 18th July, 1877.

The first and only lodge, holding a warrant from the grand lodge of New Brunswick, which, up to the present time, has surrendered its warrant and ceased to exist, is Leinster Lodge. This unfortunate occurrence took place 29th June, 1881, and was brought about by a diminution in the membership, a lack of zeal and interest on the part of many of the

brethren, and the consequent inability to meet ordinary expenses. The warrant, books, papers, etc., were handed over to the grand lodge and are now in the custody of the grand secretary. The number (nineteen) held by this lodge remains vacant on the roll of the grand lodge.

SALISBURY LODGE, No. 20, SALISBURY.

ORIGINALLY No. 1110, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED TO No. 808 A. D. 1862.

Opened 3rd August, 1858, under a dispensation issued by R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, D. P. G. M. of New Brunswick, and formally constituted 5th June, 1860, by virtue of a warrant granted 7th February, 1860, under the sanction and authority of the united grand lodge of England, Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, G. M. Rt. Hon. Lord Panmure, D. G. M., and William Gray Clarke, G. S., to the trusty and well beloved brethren William Jones Croasdale, James Robertson, Edward B. Chandler, Junior, Daniel B. Campbell, Christian A. Robertson, John Howard Beattey, William Lunn, and others, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Salisbury Lodge, No. 1110," to be holden at Salisbury, in the province of New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday in each month, William J. Croasdale to be the first master, James Robertson the first S. W., and Edward B. Chandler, Jr., the first J. W.

Salisbury Lodge was not represented in the convention which formed the grand lodge of New Brunswick. It came within the jurisdiction of the new grand lodge by surrender of its warrant, 7th January, 1868, to the grand lodge of England, receiving in lieu thereof an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, a new warrant was granted 20th May, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Salisbury Lodge, No. 20," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Elias W. Elliott as W. M., Edward Clossian as S. W., and John Sherman Colpitts as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Salisbury, in the county of Westmorland, on the first Tuesday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S.

ZION LODGE, No. 21, SUSSEX, KINGS COUNTY.

ORIGINALLY No. 965, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND.

Zion Lodge was first opened 10th April, 1863, by virtue of a dispensation issued by R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, P. G. M. of New Brunswick, and formally constituted 25th November, 1863, by R. W.

Bro. Robert Thomson Clinch, D. P. G. M., under a warrant granted 30th April, 1863, by the authority and sanction of the united grand lodge of England, Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, G. M., Rt. Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon, D. G. M., and Wm. Gray Clarke, G. S., to the trusty and well beloved brethren, Joseph H. Littlehale, George Ryan, William D. Aitken, Charles P. Bliss, Sargeant S. Littlehale, Stephen P. Wetmore and Clarence Ward, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Zion Lodge, No. 965," to be holden at Sussex, Kings county, in the province of New Brunswick, on the Wednesday preceding the full moon of every month, Joseph H. Littlehale to be the first master, George Ryan the first S. W., and William D. Aitken the first J. W.

This lodge did not take part in the convention which joined in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, but came in subsequently by surrendering its warrant 5th December, 1867, to the grand lodge of England and receiving an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

A new warrant was granted 21st May, 1868, under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "The Zion Lodge, No. 21," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, John McPherson as W. M., Alfred Markham as S. W., and Charles Rowe as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Sussex, Kings county, on the Wednesday preceding the full of the moon of every month. It was countersigned to R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and formally placed in the possession of the lodge by Grand Master Peters at a communication held 29th July, 1868.

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22, ST. JOHN.

ORIGINALLY No. 1084 ON THE REGISTRY OF ENGLAND.

It was formally constituted 8th February, 1866, by R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, D. P. G. M., under a warrant granted 5th December, 1865, by the sanction and authority of the united grand lodge of England, Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, G. M., Rt. Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon, D. G. M., and William Gray Clarke, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, James McNichol, Jr., James Mullin, Isaac V. Worden, George A. Barker, William R. Russell, James William McCallum, and James R. Scribner, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1084," to be holden at Saint

John, in the province of New Brunswick, on the second Thursday of every month, James McNichol, Jr., to be the first master, James Mullin the first S. W., and Isaac V. Worden the first J. W. This was the last warrant issued in New Brunswick by the grand lodge of England or any other grand lodge outside of the province.

New Brunswick Lodge, by its delegates, acted with the other lodges in the province in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, and in consequence surrendered its English warrant 10th October, 1867, receiving in lieu thereof an interim warrant from the grand master of New Brunswick.

A new warrant, under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, was granted 22nd May, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "The New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, James McNichol, Jr., as W. M., William Robert Russell as S. W., and James William McCallum as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at the city of Saint John on the second Thursday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and formally placed in the possession of the lodge by Grand Master Peters at a communication held 2nd September, 1868.

By the fire of 20th June, 1877, which destroyed the masonic hall in Saint John, this lodge lost its warrant, jewels, clothing, banners, a portion of the records, and all other property. On the 18th July, 1867, a duplicate of the latter warrant was issued, which is still held by the lodge.

KEITH LODGE, No. 23, MONCTON.

ORIGINALLY No. 927, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED TO No. 644 A. D. 1862.

This lodge was first opened 27th January, 1853, by virtue of a dispensation issued by the R. W. Bro. Hon. Alexander Keith, provincial grand master of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, etc., and formally constituted 26th June, 1855, under a warrant granted —— February, 1855, by the sanction and authority of the united grand lodge of England, Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, G. M., Rt. Hon. Earl of Yarborough, D. G. M., and Wm. H. White, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Stephen Binney, Daniel B Campbell, Joseph J. Duggan, James Robertson, John Shaw, Edward B. Chandler, Jr., Ezekiel Taylor and John Howard Beatteay, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Keith Lodge, No. 927," to be holden at Moncton, New Brunswick, on the Thursday after the new moon in each

month ; Stephen Binney to be the first master, Daniel B. Campbell the first S. W., and Joseph J. Duggan the first J. W.

At the formation of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, Keith Lodge was opposed to the movement; but, having reconsidered the question, concluded to join its fortunes with the other lodges, and on the 3rd July, 1868, surrendered its warrant to the grand lodge of England.

A new warrant was granted 3rd July, 1868, under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Keith Lodge, No. 23," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Charles A. Holstead as W. M., John McKenzie as S. W., and John L. Harris as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Moncton, in the county of Westmorland, on the Thursday on or after each new moon. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and formally placed in the possession of the lodge by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., at a communication held 2nd October, 1868.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 24, SHEDIAC.

ORIGINALLY No. 1188, ON THE REGISTRY OF ENGLAND; CHANGED TO No. 886 A. D. 1862.

Zetland Lodge was first set to work 29th January, 1861, by virtue of a dispensation issued by R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, P. G. M., and formally constituted 20th March, 1862, by R. W. Bro. Douglas B. Stevens, Provincial S. G. W., under a warrant granted 30th October, 1861, by the sanction and authority of the united grand lodge of England, the Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, G. M., the Rt. Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon, D. G. M., and Wm. Gray Clarke, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Thomas Irving, Samuel McKean, Henry W. Baldwin, Frederick W. Miles, James Robertson, Daniel P. McLaren and Daniel B. Campbell, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Zetland Lodge, No. 1188," to be holden at Shediac, in New Brunswick, on the third Wednesday of every month ; Thomas Irving to be the first master, Samuel McKean, the first S. W., and Henry W. Baldwin, the first J. W.

This lodge declined at first to separate from the mother grand lodge and join in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick ; but, after considerable negotiation, was induced to reconsider its earlier decision, and, on the 16th September, 1868, surrendered its warrant, being the last lodge in the province, working under the grand lodge of England, to do so.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, a new warrant was granted 16th September, 1868, by M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Zetland Lodge, No. 24," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Alexander Stronach as W. M., Chipman W. Smith as S. W., and William Bannister Deacon as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Shediac, in the county of Westmorland, on the third Wednesday of every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and committed to the charge of the lodge, 18th November, 1868. The latter warrant was destroyed, together with the hall and other property of the lodge, by fire, 13th October, 1879. A duplicate of the warrant was issued 5th January, 1880.

RESTIGOUCHE LODGE, No. 25, DALHOUSIE.

Was formally constituted 10th November, 1868, by the M. W. the G. M. in person, assisted by a staff of grand lodge officers, by virtue of a warrant dated 24th September, 1868, granted under the sanction and authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, William Draper, Robert W. Good, Robert Moffat, William Montgomery, William G. Disbrow, Alexander Hamilton and Samuel Shaw, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title or denomination of "Restigouche Lodge, No. 25," to meet at Dalhousie, in the county of Restigouche, on the Tuesday on or after each new moon, Bro. William Draper to be the first master, Bro. Robert W. Good the first S. W., and Bro. Robert Moffat the first J. W.

This was the first lodge constituted under an original warrant issued by the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 26, MILLTOWN, ST. STEPHEN.

Constituted 18th January, 1870, by R. W. Bro. David Brown, Past J. G. W. and P. M. of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, by virtue of a warrant dated 23rd September, 1869, and granted under the sanction and authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M., R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Robert Pool, James H. Smith, George H. Farnham, Stillman Towers, John C. Lamb, Frank Smith, John H. Haley, Daniel W. Moore, John L. Ray, Robert

A. Williams, John E. Parkin, John Connor, James S. Murchie and Samuel G. Graves, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title or denomination of "Victoria Lodge, No. 26," to meet at Milltown, St. Stephen, on the second Thursday of every month, Bro. Robert Pool to be the first master, Bro. James H. Smith the first S. W., and Bro. George H. Farnham the first J. W.

Bro. Robert Pool, named as the first master in the warrant, died before the lodge was constituted. The vacancy thus created was filled by W. Bro. David Main, P. M. of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, who was installed W. M. of the lodge under a dispensation issued by the grand master for the special purpose.

SAINT JOHN LODGE, No. 27, BATHURST.

ORIGINALLY No. 412, REGISTRY OF SCOTLAND.

This lodge was constituted under a warrant dated 5th February, 1861, granted by the Most Noble George Augustus Frederick John, Duke of Athole, etc., etc., grand master mason of Scotland and the most worshipful the grand lodge of Scotland, to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Benjamin Wilson Weldon as master, Matthew Carruthers as S. W., Theophilus DesBrisay as J. W., and John Robert Doran, James Dick, Murdock Smith, John Kerr, and others, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Saint John Lodge, No. 412," to be holden in the town of Bathurst, province of New Brunswick.

Saint John Lodge did not unite with the other lodges in the formation of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, but kept from the movement until 19th December, 1870, when it surrendered the warrant held from Scotland.

A new warrant was granted 19th December, 1870, under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, by M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, Esquire, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Saint John Lodge, No. 27," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren William Wallace Gordon as W. M., William Napier as S. W, and Allan McKenzie Ross as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Bathurst, in the county of Gloucester, on the first Thursday after each full moon. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and placed in the possession of the lodge by R. W. Bro. Ellis, D. G. M., at a communication held 16th July, 1871.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 28, SACKVILLE.

Was first opened under a dispensation issued 19th May, 1871, by M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, G. M., and formally constituted 28th

November, 1871, by the grand master, assisted by a staff of grand lodge officers, by virtue of a warrant granted 27th September, 1871, under the sanction and authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, by M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, Esquire, G. M., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren Robert Hallett, Josiah Wood, Willard Hutchinson, Richard A. Bulmer, Rufus Outhouse, Alexander McQuarrie, John Alonzo Bowes, William Morrice, Charles William Cole, James Purdy, Charles M. Anderson, Charles G. Palmer, Thomas Ansley Bowser, and Edward B. Dixon, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title or denomination of "Lebanon Lodge, No. 28," to meet at Sackville, in the county of Westmorland, on the Tuesday on or after each full moon; Bro. Robert Hallett to be the first master, Bro. Josiah Wood the first S. W., and Bro. Willard Hutchinson the first J. W. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S.

SAINT ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 29, FREDERICTON.

ORIGINALLY No. 364 ON THE REGISTRY OF SCOTLAND.

Constituted 14th July, 1853, by W Bro. William H. Needham, P. M. of Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, Saint John, under a warrant granted 8th November, 1852, by the Most Noble Duke of Athole, grand master mason, and the M. W. the grand lodge of Scotland, to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Robert Gowan as R. W. M., Walter L. Winter as depute master, Samuel D. McPherson as S. W., John Richards as J. W., Edward W. Miller as secretary, John Fleming as S. D., and Alexander N. Block as J. D., constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title of "Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 364," to meet at Fredericton, in the province of New Brunswick, on the second Thursday in each month. The other signatories to this warrant were R. W. Bro. John Whyte Melville of Bennochy and Strathkinness, Depute G. M., and R. W. Bro. William A. Laurie, G. S.

Saint Andrew's Lodge refused to join with the other lodges in the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick. Subsequently, however, it reversed this decision and surrendered, 14th June, 1872, the above warrant to the grand lodge of Scotland. With the submission of this lodge all opposition to the newly created grand lodge ceased, and thenceforward it held undisputed authority over every craft lodge in the province. The work of gathering the lagging lodges into the new masonic fold was performed with the utmost consideration and brotherly kindness; hence, in good time and under favoring circumstances, the grand lodge of New Brunswick secured an undivided jurisdiction, all

these happy results being consummated without the issue of fierce and threatening manifestoes—a questionable recourse in too many cases.

Under the authority and sanction of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, a new warrant was granted 2nd September, 1872, by M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, G. M., constituting the lodge as "Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29," on the roll of the said grand lodge, with the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Alexander Burchill as W. M., William Cameron as S. W., and William Lockhart as J. W., continuing to them and all other the brethren on the roll of the lodge, their rights and privileges as a lodge of F. & A. M., to meet at Fredericton, in the county of York, on the second Thursday in each and every month. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S., and formally placed in the possession of the lodge by Grand Master Wedderburn at a communication held 20th September, 1872.

The last named warrant was surrendered 15th May, 1879, as the result of the union of the members of the lodge with the brethren of Solomon's Lodge, No. 6, in the formation of Hiram Lodge, No. 6; for particulars of which the reader is referred to the paragraph headed "Solomon's Lodge, No. 6."

The number (twenty-nine) held by Saint Andrew's Lodge remains vacant on the roll of lodges.

SAINT MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 30, ST. MARTINS.

This lodge was opened 5th February, 1872, by virtue of a dispensation issued by M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, G. M., and continued under such authority until 6th January, 1873, when it was formally constituted by the grand master, assisted by a staff of officers, under a warrant granted 25th September, 1872, by the sanction and authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, M. W. Bro. John Valentine Ellis, Esquire, G. M., to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, James Rourke, Jacob Henry Mosher, William Henry Rourke, William Wilson, Edward V. Rourke, Robert Gilmour, Hugh McQuiston, Hugh McQuiston, Jr., Samuel Taylor, William R. Burton, James McComb, Joseph Carson and William Osborne, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title or denomination of "Saint Martin's Lodge, No. 30," to meet at St. Martins, in the county of Saint John, on the first Monday in each and every month; Bro. James Rourke to be the first master, Bro. Jacob H. Mosher, the first S. W., and Bro. Wm. H. Rourke, the first J. W. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S.

BENJAMIN LODGE, No. 31, ANDOVER.

Commenced its work 7th September, 1876, by virtue of a dispensation issued by M. W. Bro. R. T. Clinch, G. M., and continued under dispensation until 19th September, 1877, when it was formally constituted by W. Bro. Geo. E. Fairweather, P. M. of Albion Lodge, Saint John, acting deputy of the grand master, under a warrant dated 9th August, 1877, granted by M. W. Bro. Robert Thomson Clinch, Esquire, G. M., under the sanction and authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Thomas T. Beveridge, Samuel A. Cameron, Frank L. Tibbitts, Benjamin Beveridge, Jr., William B. Beveridge, Richard W. L. Tibbits, John Allen Perley, Adam J. Beveridge, Frederick W. Brown, Albert D. Olmstead, James A. Armstrong, Benjamin Beveridge, Sr., Robert Kertson, Henry Douglas Beveridge, Samuel J. Baker and Daniel B. Hopkins, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title or denomination of "Benjamin Lodge, No. 31," to meet at Andover, in the county of Victoria, on the first Tuesday in each and every month; Bro. Thomas T. Beveridge to be the first master, Bro. Samuel A. Cameron the first S. W., and Bro. Frank L. Tibbits the first J. W. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S.

CAMPBELLTON LODGE, No. 32, CAMPBELLTON.

Commenced working 15th September, 1876, under a dispensation issued by M. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, G. M. It was formally constituted 21st September, 1877, by V. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., grand treasurer, special deputy of the grand master, by virtue of a warrant dated 10th August, 1877, granted by M. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, G. M., under the sanction and authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Malcolm Patterson, John Jardine, Thomas Ritchie, William W. Doherty, James D. Murray, John Mair, Dougal C. Firth, George Duncan, George A. Balcom, John McKendric, Donald Kerr, James B. McKenzie, Hugh Jackson, Robert J. Mair, Edward Ellons, John P. Mowatt, Robert Chalmers and George P. Phillips, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title or denomination of "Campbellton Lodge, No. 32," to meet at Campbellton, in the county of Restigouche, on the second Thursday of every month; Bro. Malcolm Patterson to be the first master, Bro. John Jardine the first S. W., and Bro. Thomas Ritchie the first J. W. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S.

ALEXANDRIA LODGE, No. 33, ST. MARY'S, YORK CO.

This lodge was first opened 4th April, 1877, under a dispensation issued by M. W. Bro. R. T. Clinch, G. M., and formally constituted 28th February, 1878, by the grand master, assisted by a staff of grand lodge officers, by virtue of a warrant dated 14th February, 1878, granted by M. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, G. M., under the sanction and authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, to the right trusty and well beloved brethren, Alexander Gibson, James Boone, Benjamin Close, John V. C. Wetmore, Edgar Hanson, Daniel McQueen, John T. Gibson, Whitman Hains, Roderick Hains, Jared Boone, Albert Boone, Alfred Hains, Alexander Sinclair, Daniel S. Dougherty, Robert G. McFee, Austin Dunphy, Frank N. Risteen, Horatio N. Fradsham and Richard W. Weddall, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title or denomination of "Alexandria Lodge, No. 33," to meet at St. Mary's, in the county of York, on the first Tuesday of every month; Bro. James Boone to be the first master, Bro. Benjamin Close the first S. W., and Bro. John V. C. Wetmore the first J. W. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 34, ALBERT, ALBERT CO.

Opened 23rd January, 1879, under a dispensation issued by M. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, G. M., and formally constituted 17th June, 1879, by the grand master, assisted by a staff of grand lodge officers, by virtue of a warrant dated 30th April, 1879, granted by M. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Esquire, G. M., by the sanction and authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, to the right trusty and well beloved brethren William King, Robert C. Bacon, John E. Montgomery, David Stiles, Freeman B. Ritchie, Frederic W. Watson, Sampson B. Oulton, Thomas R. Hamilton, John Moore, Gaius S. Turner, Charles Stevens and William Sutherland, constituting the said brethren into a lodge of F. & A. M., under the title or denomination of "Albert Lodge, No. 34," to meet at Hopewell Corner, in the county of Albert, on the third Tuesday of every month; Bro. William King to be the first master, Bro. Robert C. Bacon, the first S. W., and Bro. John E. Montgomery, the first J. W. It was countersigned by R. W. Bro. Benjamin R. Stevenson, D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S.

The name of the locality of the lodge was changed from "Hopewell Corner" to "Albert," by an act of the provincial legislature.

Having been the last constituted, it is therefore the junior lodge of the jurisdiction.

EARLY GRAND LODGE IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Our predecessors of sixty-five years ago, in their laudable desire to erect themselves into a grand lodge in and for the province of New Brunswick, seemed to have built neither wisely nor well. Their failure, no doubt, resulted from a combination of circumstances — over-confidence, omission to count the cost, and the want of one or two prominent craftsmen versed in the usages, precedents and laws of the society.

Masonically considered, everything favored the erection of such a body between the years 1820 and 1828. From the fact that all the lodges at that time held their warrants under the authority delegated to the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia, by the Atholl Grand Lodge of England, there was no divided jurisdiction. The latter had, in the year 1813, become extinct as a separate governing body, by its union with the "moderns," in the formation of the United Grand Lodge. Up to 1828 the united grand lodge had taken no steps, further than the promulgation of the book of constitutions, to bring these lodges within its fold. Probably its attention was so much engrossed in straightening difficulties and smoothing over differences in the lodges in England, that it had comparatively little time to look into colonial matters. The lodges in New Brunswick had never been called upon to make returns of their members; the payment of fees and dues had not been exacted, nor had they been required to either surrender their original warrants, or to accept new ones from it as the reigning and sole authority. From A. D. 1813 the lodges had continued, as a matter of form, to recognize the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia as the governing head, by making their annual returns and payments to it, although, occasionally, suspicions arose in some of the lodges as to the legal right of this body to claim and exact this obedience. In this connection, it must be borne in mind that mail communication between Saint John and Halifax was slow and uncertain at that period, and the lodges, particularly those in the country districts, received no instructions or other personal attentions from provincial grand lodge authorities.

Taking these things into consideration, it would appear that, had the movement been inaugurated and pressed forward in the right way and with a spirit of determination, a grand lodge would have been established in New Brunswick more than sixty years ago, upon a solid and permanent foundation. The attempt was certainly made, and that it failed was perhaps no fault of the projectors, when the reasons, heretofore named, are considered.

The idea of the erection of a grand lodge may have had its origin in St. John's Lodge, or it may have emanated simultaneously by conference of the three lodges then working in Saint John. Be this as it may, there

can be no doubt of a mutual understanding between them before the movement took shape. As the records of that period, of Union and Albion Lodges, are not known to be in existence, my sole reliance for particulars in this connection has been upon the records of St. John's Lodge.

At a regular communication of St. John's Lodge, held 5th March, 1827, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consult with our sister lodges throughout the province, in respect to petitioning the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, as to the propriety of, as well as to solicit their assistance in, furthering the object of forming a grand lodge in this city; and that Bro. Benjamin F. Marsh, W. M., Bro. Henry Chubb, Bro. Robert Garrick, Bro. Alexander Lawrence and Bro. George A. Garrison, secretary, be a committee to act upon the same.

Apparently no time was lost in acting upon this resolution, for on the 16th day of the succeeding month a printed circular signed by the worshipful masters of the three city lodges was addressed to the master, wardens and brethren of each lodge in the province, setting forth that a desire for a grand lodge in New Brunswick had lately manifested itself among the craft; that the attainment of this object would secure important advantages as regards the interests and success of masonry in the province; that they disclaimed any intention of exhibiting a feeling of disrespect to the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, from whom they held their warrants; that among other benefits to arise from the formation of a grand lodge in the province would be the establishment of a charity fund; that those having claims to masonic charity in New Brunswick had never been relieved from the grand lodge funds; that the twelve lodges in the province contributed nearly two hundred pounds annually to the grand lodge of Nova Scotia, which amount should be expended in the place whence the contribution originated, instead of being expended in Nova Scotia; and that by the erection of a local grand lodge, greater facilities would be afforded the respective lodges in applying for and receiving advice, instruction, etc. The circular was signed by Bro. Benjamin F. Marsh, W. M., St. John's Lodge, No. 29, Bro. James Robertson, Jr., W. M., Union Lodge, No. 38, and Bro. Thomas Leavitt, W. M., Albion Lodge, No. 52, who requested the careful consideration of the brethren to the matters therein set forth, and the favor of an early reply.

A letter under date 20th August, 1828, was addressed to the provincial grand master of Nova Scotia by Bros. James Robertson, Jr., Henry Chubb and Samuel Stephen, sub-committee of correspondence, enclosing a copy of the above referred to circular. The committee stated that the lodges in New Brunswick, having expressed themselves favorably towards

the movement, a meeting of delegates was held at Saint John in February, 1828, when it was decided to form a grand lodge for New Brunswick; that His Excellency Sir Howard Douglas, Lieut. Governor of the province, was nominated to the office of grand master, but his excellency declined the nomination; that the position was then offered to the Hon. Samuel P. Hurd,[1] who also declined; and that subsequently it was tendered to the Rev. Benjamin Gerrish Gray, D. D., rector of Trinity church, who very kindly consented to accept the nomination. The letter concluded by asking the approval of the grand lodge of Nova Scotia to this step, in order to prevent any suspicion being harbored that the movement for a separate grand lodge arose from dissatisfaction toward the grand lodge of Nova Scotia.

The provincial grand lodge by resolution expressed a willingness to give consent and approval to the formation of a grand lodge in New Brunswick if proper documents should be produced to shew that such was the wish of the fraternity in New Brunswick, upon condition, however, that the lodges in New Brunswick in arrears of dues to the grand lodge of Nova Scotia discharge their indebtedness before a separation from the latter should take place.

No further progress appears to have been made at this time to accomplish the object in view. On the 2nd July, 1829, however (two years and four months subsequent to the initiation of the movement), another circular letter signed by Bros. James Robertson, Jr., and Henry Chubb, sub-committee of correspondence, was addressed to the various lodges in New Brunswick, advocating the erection of an *independent* grand lodge, free from the control and authority of England and Nova Scotia. The reasons for this fresh and bolder movement were set forth in the letter, and were substantially a reiteration of those contained in the circular of 16th April, 1827. The lodges must have responded to this appeal without delay, for on the 4th November, 1829, so rapidly had matters progressed, that the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick was formally erected and constituted.

The following is a full transcript of the proceedings thereat, copied from the records of St. John's Lodge:

Pursuant to a regular notification sent to the several masonic lodges in this province by the committee of correspondence, a meeting was held at the masonic hall, in the city of Saint John, at noon, on the fourth day of November, 1829, consisting of delegates from five of the said lodges, as follows, to wit: Alexander Lawrence, W. M., Hiram Smith, S. W., Samuel Watts, J. W., and Henry Chubb, P. M., St. John's Lodge; Thomas Nisbet, W. M., John Smyth, S. W., and James

1 Hon. Samuel Proudfoot Hurd was surveyor general of New Brunswick. He had formerly held a commission in the army, and fought at the battle of Waterloo.

Robertson, Jr., P. M., Union Lodge; David B. Wetmore, W. M., Justus S. Wetmore, S. W., John Y. Townsend, P. M., and James Wetmore, Jr., P. M., Midian Lodge; Thomas Corey, P. M., Sion Lodge; Benjamin F. Marsh, P. M., proxy for Golden Rule Lodge.

W. Bro. Marsh, P. M., was called to the chair, who stated that the meeting had been called to form a grand lodge; whereupon it was unanimously resolved that the masonic brethren now present do form themselves into a grand lodge *pro tempore*.

Upon nomination, the R. W. Bro. Rev. Benjamin Gerrish Gray[1] was unanimously elected grand master of the proposed grand lodge.

A committee was thereupon appointed to wait upon the grand master elect and inform him of the unanimous decision of the meeting, and request his acceptance of the office, which committee, upon their return, reported that the R. W. and Rev. Brother desired them to say that he felt much pleasure in accepting the office assigned him, and wished the brethren to meet him at the masonic hall this evening at seven o'clock. Upon which the meeting was adjourned till that hour.

At seven o'clock the brethren assembled according to adjournment, when the Most Worshipful Brother, the Rev. B. G. Gray, took the chair as grand master of the contemplated grand lodge and delivered an impressive address, after which he nominated those grand officers who, by the ancient constitutions, receive their appointments directly from the grand master; and the brethren afterwards balloted for those they are authorized by the same authority to elect. The following were the officers appointed and elected:

M. W. The Rev. B. G. Gray, D. D., Grand Master.
R. W. ——— ———, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. David B. Wetmore, Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Samuel Fry, M. D., Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. and Rev. Oliver Arnold,
R. W. and Rev. Jerome Alley, D. D., } Grand Chaplains.
R. W. Henry Chubb, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. James Robertson, Jr., Grand Secretary.
W. Thomas L. Nicholson, Grand Marshal.
W. Alexander Lawrence, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Thomas Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. John Boyer, Grand Tyler and Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Archibald Dougherty, Grand Pursuivant.

The following resolutions were then carried unanimously:

Resolved, That the grand secretary be directed to transmit to the different lodges in this province a copy of the minute of proceedings of this day's meeting, and to request each of them to lodge in the hands of the grand treasurer the sum of five pounds for the purpose of defraying such small expenses as have already been incurred, as well as those which will further be necessary for forwarding in the meantime the main object in view.

Resolved, That the grand secretary be directed to communicate, for the information of the fraternity, that no time shall now be lost in applying to the grand lodge

1 Rev. B. G. Gray, D. D., was rector of Trinity church, Saint John, from A. D. 1825 to A. D. 1840. He received the degrees of freemasonry in Halifax, Nova Scotia, previous to his removal to New Brunswick. He died at Saint John, 18th February, 1854, aged 86 years.

of England for a warrant to be granted to the grand lodge here, on the conditions which have this day been adopted by its members.

(Signed) JAMES ROBERTSON, JR.,
Grand Secretary.

According to the foregoing report, there was no deputy grand master appointed, nor were the officers installed, neither was a constitution adopted.

That the brethren prominently concerned in this movement were rather confused in their estimate of what constituted an independent grand lodge, is proved by the written minute. They started with the idea of forming "an independent grand lodge free from the control and authority of England and Nova Scotia," and they conclude the proceedings attending their organization by resolving "that no time shall now be lost in applying to the grand lodge of England for a warrant." They, of course, had the example of Nova Scotia before them. That province possessed a body which, although a provincial grand lodge, was invariably considered to be and styled "the grand lodge of Nova Scotia," a title assumed and promulgated by it from its foundation, and a title impressed upon all lodges chartered by it, who were made to understand that they were subject to no other controlling power. As these lodges never questioned this arbitrary assumption, and as the grand lodge in England (the Ancients) never, so far as has come to my knowledge, took the trouble to dispute it or to instruct them to the contrary, they were excusable in looking to it as a supreme and independent body.

With this example before them, it is reasonable to suppose that, when our brethren in Saint John sought to establish what they deemed an independent grand lodge, their object would be attained by organizing a body similar to that possessed by their Nova Scotia brethren, and this was no doubt the rock upon which they split.

As no further report appeared, and as no subsequent mention was made of the embryo grand lodge in any record or document coming under my notice, we may reasonably suppose that its existence was of short duration. Probably no other meeting was held than that aforementioned.

This attempt at grand lodge making was not the first in which the brethren in the city of Saint John were involved, as an effort in this direction was made some seven years previously. The records of Saint John's Lodge shew that, at a communication held 14th June, 1822, on a motion made by the worshipful master (Bro. George Bonnell), it was resolved "that a committee be appointed to wait upon Union Lodge, and likewise to correspond with the sister lodges throughout the province, as to the expediency of establishing a grand lodge in the province." Upon

the strength of this resolution, Bros. William Durant, Henry Chubb, Richard Mott, Robert Ray and David S. Marshall were appointed such committee.

This resolution was moved and adopted without any preface or assignable reason, the record of that meeting and all previous minutes being silent on the subject.

It appears that the committee appointed under this resolution were so negligent of their duty that, at the regular meeting held October following, they were dismissed and others appointed in their stead, viz.: Bros. George Bonnell, Jacob Townsend, Robert Ray and Thomas Leavitt. The latter appointment, in view of the summary manner in which the lodge dealt with their predecessors, acted more promptly, for at the next meeting they reported in favor of the formation of a grand lodge, and the lodge having accepted the report appointed Bros. Jacob Townsend, Robert Ray, Richard Mott and H. N. H. Lugrin a committee "to ascertain the ways and means of carrying the same into effect as soon as possible."

The appointment of this committee appeared to be the last of it at that time, as the record does not shew that any report was submitted or any further steps taken to consummate the scheme. After a rest of five years it was again brought to the front; perhaps with a more vigorous shewing, but with no better results.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

This body was constituted at Halifax 24th September, 1784, by W. Bro. Thomas Alexander by virtue of a written authority from R. W. Bro. Laurence Dermott, deputy grand master of the "Atholl" grand lodge of England, commonly designated "The Ancients." The officers installed under this deputation were R. W. John George Pyke, grand master; William Campbell, D. G. M.; Jonathan Snelling, S. G. W.; Daniel Wood, J. G. W.; Joseph Peters, grand secretary; John Fillis, grand treasurer; Rev. J. W. Weeks, grand chaplain; William Hall, deputy grand secretary; John Lewes, grand pursuivant, and William Stewart, grand tyler. The powers and prerogatives with which it was clothed were contained in a written charter or warrant granted by the "Atholl" grand lodge, dated at London, England, 2nd June, 1784.

Although a provincial grand lodge, and therefore subordinate to the grand lodge whence its authority was derived, it possessed all the rights and privileges of a supreme grand body. It issued warrants and created subordinate lodges, from whom it exacted fees and dues, and, when circumstances called for the exercise of extreme disciplinary powers, erased them from its roll. During all the years of its continuance, it

never paid tribute to the parent grand lodge, and never, as far as ascertained, made a report of its proceedings. All these conferred and assumed functions were exercised from the date of its organization up to the year 1829, at which time the Duke of Sussex, as grand master of the united grand lodge of England, changed its constitution by appointing its then grand master, R. W. Bro. John Albro, to the position of provincial grand master of Nova Scotia, "and the masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging," which included the province of New Brunswick; and from that date it was known and designated as a provincial grand lodge.

Notwithstanding the union of the two rival grand lodges in England, A. D. 1813, by which union this provincial grand lodge was shorn of the unlimited powers conferred upon it by the "Atholl" grand lodge, it continued to exercise all its granted and assumed prerogatives by chartering lodges and pursuing other work as heretofore. From 1813 to 1826 it chartered and constituted no less than seven lodges in New Brunswick, viz.: Eastern Star, No. 37; Union, No. 38; Fortitude, No. 42; St. Lawrence, No. 43; Morning Star, No. 46; Golden Rule, No. 50, and Albion, No. 52.

The following is a list of the grand masters who presided over the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia from 1784 to 1829, viz.:

R. W. John George Pyke, Esq., from 24th September, 1784, to 27th December, 1785.

His Excellency R. W. John Parr, governor of Nova Scotia, etc., etc., from 27th December, 1785, to 27th December, 1791.

The Hon. and R. W. Richard Bulkley, from 27th December, 1791, to 27th December, 1800.

R. W. Duncan Clarke, Esq., from 27th December, 1800, to 27th December, 1801.

His Excellency R. W. Sir John Wentworth, governor, etc., etc., from 27th December, 1801, to 27th December, 1810.

R. W. John George Pyke, Esq., from 27th December, 1810, to 27th December, 1819.

His Excellency R. W. Sir James Kempt, governor, etc., etc., from 27th December, 1819, to 27th December, 1820.

R. W. John Albro, Esq., from 27th December, 1820, to 4th November, 1829.

The grand secretaries during the same period were:

W. Bro. Joseph Peters, from September, 1784, to December, 1792.

W. Bro. John Selby, from December, 1792, to December, 1804.

W. Bro. Thomas Bennett, from December, 1804, to December, 1812.

W. Bro. Adolphus Vieth, from December, 1812, to November, 1829.

The lodges in New Brunswick were superintended by resident deputy grand masters, as follows:

R. W. Bro. William Campbell, Esq., from 11th February, 1786, to 1st October, 1817; and

R. W. Bro. the Hon. Thomas Wetmore, from 1st October, 1817, to the date of his death, 22nd March, 1828.

There was also a resident district deputy grand master, R. W. Bro. Benjamin L. Peters, Esq., who held office from 7th June, 1826, to November, 1829.

A more extended account of this grand body is set forth in another portion of this volume.

The brethren who officiated subsequent to the extinction of the so-called grand lodge of Nova Scotia were: R. W. Bro. John Albro, who continued in office as provincial grand master until the date of his death, A. D. 1839; and R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, who succeeded Bro. Albro, and who continued to hold the office up to the year 1859, when New Brunswick was accorded a separate jurisdiction, with R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, Esq., as provincial grand master.

The provincial grand secretaries were:

V. W. Adolphus Vieth, from November, 1829, to A. D. 1832.
V. W. Daniel Sutherland, from A. D. 1832, to June, 1837.
V. W. Adam G. Blair, from June, 1837, to June, 1851.
V. W. Henry C. D. Twining, from June, 1851, to July, 1859.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE,

Under England.

From 1829 to 1855 there was no resident authority in New Brunswick to whom the lodges under the English constitution could apply for information, or from whom they could receive advice or instruction. All business of this nature had to be done by correspondence with the provincial grand master at Halifax. The origin of the movement set on foot to remedy this inconvenience arose from a suggestion of R. W. Bro. Alexander Keith, provincial grand master, at a provincial grand lodge held in the masonic hall, Saint John, 3rd July, 1855, who, at the time, authorized the W. M. of Albion Lodge "to communicate with each lodge in the province under England, with a request to appoint a committee, to meet at an early day, to take the matter into consideration, and, if deemed desirable, to select and recommend to him some worthy brother to be appointed deputy provincial grand master for the province of New Brunswick." In conformity with this authorization, the several lodges were requested by circular to appoint delegates to meet in St. John "for the purpose of consulting as to the best mode of procedure in the premises."

Delegates representing ten out of the thirteen English lodges[1] in the

1 The English lodges in the province at that date were: Albion, No. 570, Saint John; St. John's, No. 632, Saint John; Sussex, No. 705, Dorchester; St. Mark's, No. 759, St. Andrews; Solomon's, No. 764, Fredericton; Carleton Union, No. 767, Carleton; Midian, No. 770, Kingston; Union of Portland, No. 780, Saint John; Woodstock, No. 841, Woodstock; Union, No. 866, Milltown; St. George, No. 912, St. George; Corinthian, No. 918, Hampton; and Keith, No. 927, Moncton.

province met in the masonic hall, Saint John, 15th August, 1855, who, after a full discussion of the question, expressed the opinion "that a deputy provincial grand master, a resident of the province, should be appointed." They then proceeded to take a ballot for the choice of a brother, when W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, P. M. Union Lodge of Portland, No. 780, was unanimously selected to be recommended to the provincial grand master for appointment.

In accordance with this nomination, the provincial grand master issued a patent, dated 6th September, 1855, appointing R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, D. P. G. M. of the province of New Brunswick, who was duly installed into office, at Halifax, 10th October, 1855.

A deputy provincial grand lodge was regularly organized in due course of time, a staff of officers elected and appointed, and a code of rules and regulations adopted for its government. Quarterly communications were held on the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December in each year, at which such matters as came within the jurisdiction of a deputy provincial grand lodge were transacted.

Scarcely four years had expired in the life of this subordinate body ere the brethren began to feel a desire to occupy a higher masonic plane, and to be co-equal at least with the craft in the neighboring province. At our present standpoint, one is at a loss to comprehend why the lodges in New Brunswick, containing on their rolls at that time many of the leading men in the community, were content, during so many years, to remain subordinate to Nova Scotia, and to suffer the inconveniences of having the central authority located so far distant, especially as the telegraph wires were not generally extended and postal communication was comparatively slow.

The desire to remove this anomalous condition took shape at the quarterly communication of the deputy provincial grand lodge of 1st June, 1859, by the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, From the number of private lodges in the province and the great increase in their members, as also from the extent and importance of New Brunswick, it is due to the craft in this province to be placed on an equality with their brethren in the neighboring province, and therefore it is incumbent on this deputy provincial grand lodge to move in the matter; therefore be it

Resolved, That a memorial be addressed to the most worshipful the grand master of the fraternity of free and accepted masons of England, praying that he will be pleased to appoint, by patent, a resident provincial grand master for this particular district.

After the adoption of this resolution a ballot was taken and R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, D. P. G. M., chosen to be recommended for appointment to the office.

During the existence of the deputy provincial grand lodge the following brethren filled the office of grand secretary:

W. Bro. Robert Stubs, from its inception until 27th December, 1858.

W. Bro. Edward B. Peters, from December, 1858, up to the formation of the provincial grand lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE,

UNDER ENGLAND.

The foregoing resolution and nomination were submitted to and received the approval of R. W. Bro. Alexander Keith, P. G. M., Halifax, N. S. A report of the proceedings of the deputy provincial grand lodge, at which the nomination took place, together with a memorial of the craft in New Brunswick, strengthened by the recommendation of R. W. Bro. Keith, were forwarded to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, G. M. of the united grand lodge of England, who was pleased to accede to the prayer of the memorial, and by patent bearing date 4th July, 1859, appointed R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch provincial grand master of New Brunswick.

R. W. Bro. Balloch was installed into his honorable office, in the masonic hall, city of Saint John, at an emergency communication 3rd October, 1859, specially convened for that purpose and presided over by R. W. Bro. Alexander Keith, who, on retiring from the charge of the craft in New Brunswick, "gave expression in the warmest language to the anxious desire he felt for the prosperity of the newly erected provincial grand lodge."

During the tenure of the deputy provincial grand lodge, five lodges were added to the roll of lodges under England, in the province, viz.: Alley, No. 962, Upper Mills, St. Stephen; Howard, No. 966, Hillsborough; Northumberland, No. 1003, Newcastle; Miramichi, No. 1077, Chatham, and Salisbury, No. 1110, Salisbury. In addition to these, Brunswick Lodge, Moncton, worked two years under a dispensation, and a warrant was issued for Queen's Lodge, No. 932, Gagetown, but the lodge was never constituted under it.

A new law, adopted 6th December, 1865, by the grand lodge of England, effected a change in the nomenclature of provincial grand lodges outside of England, whereby they became known and distinguished by the title of "District Grand Lodges in the colonies and foreign parts." From that date the provincial grand lodge became the district grand lodge, and the presiding officer the district grand master.

The health of R. W. Bro. Balloch failed to such an extent, that in

A. D. 1865 he was unable to attend to any business, either of a public or private nature, and was consequently debarred from exercising a proper supervision of the craft. The prospect of his restoration to health, or even a partial improvement in his condition, was considered so improbable that the fraternity deemed it imperative to move for the appointment of an active and competent brother in his stead. Eventually the choice fell upon R. W. Bro. Robert Thomson Clinch, D. D. G. M. and P. M. of Albion Lodge, No. 400 (formerly No. 570), who, by patent granted 4th June, 1866, by the Earl of Zetland, G. M., became the district grand master of New Brunswick.

R. W. Bro. Clinch was installed 5th September, 1866, in the masonic hall, Saint John, by R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, provincial grand master of Nova Scotia.

The changed position of freemasonry in New Brunswick consequent upon the formation of the grand lodge in October, 1867, and the ultimate adhesion of all the English lodges in the province to the new organization left the district grand master without a following. The prerogatives conferred upon him by his patent did not, however, entirely cease until 2nd March, 1870, the date when the grand lodge of England recognized and entered into fraternal relations with the grand lodge of New Brunswick. Subsequently, the grand master of England appointed the past district grand master, R. W. Bro. Clinch, the representative of England at the grand lodge of New Brunswick, thus cementing, it is to be hoped indissolubly and for all time to come, the strongest fraternal relations between the mother grand lodge and the aspiring daughter.

The brethren who filled the office of grand secretary in the provincial and district grand lodge, were:

V. W. Bro. Edward B. Peters, from its erection until 27th December, 1861.
V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, from December, 1861, to the end of its career.

This body met quarterly, in March, June, September and December, and was otherwise governed by laws similar to those in force in the deputy provincial grand lodge, except that in the latter days of the former the meetings were held semi-annually—March and December—instead of quarterly.

The movement for the erection of New Brunswick into an independent masonic jurisdiction was started during the closing years of R. W. Bro. Balloch's incumbency as district grand master, the majority of the craft feeling that the time was opportune for asserting their independence and assuming the management of their own affairs.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The preliminary step in the formation of an independent grand lodge in and over the province of New Brunswick was had at a meeting of masters and past masters of lodges in the city of Saint John, held at the masonic hall, 16th August, 1867, W. Bro. B. Lester Peters filling the chair, and W. Bro. William Wedderburn acting as secretary. At this meeting it was decided to call a convention of representatives of all the lodges in the province "to consider the present position of masonic affairs in the province, and to take such action thereon as may be deemed necessary."

Pursuant to this call, a meeting was held in the masonic hall, Saint John, 9th and 10th October, 1867, attended by representatives of nineteen out of the twenty-six lodges in the province. After a lengthy and harmonious discussion anent the important matters involved in the call of the convention, a large majority of the delegates voted in favor of the following resolution:

Whereas, The existence of lodges of free and accepted masons in this province hailing from their several grand lodges, with the prospect of the introduction of other jurisdictions at an early day, creates a diversity of interests and allegiance, an absence of harmony in working and action, perpetuates local and national feelings, and thus estranging the affections of brethren "whose order knows no country and is confined to no race"; therefore be it

Resolved, That in order to apply a remedy to these evils, to form perfect fraternal union and harmony, to establish order and to ensure tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the craft, and to secure to the fraternity of New Brunswick all the blessings of masonic privileges, it is expedient and right, and our bounden duty, to form a grand lodge in and for the province of New Brunswick.

The sentiments so strongly expressed in this resolution clearly defined the temper of the craft on the question of an independent jurisdiction, and settled such doubts as may have remained in the minds of the assembled delegates as to the certainty of its accomplishment.

Having thus agreed upon the advisability of the movement, the adoption of the following resolution by the unanimous voice of all present became a natural sequence:

Resolved, That the representatives now in convention assembled, on behalf of the lodges represented by them, do hereby declare themselves to be "THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK."

The constitutions and laws, *mutatis mutandis*, of the grand lodge of England were chosen for the government of the new body until a formal code could be enacted.

An election of officers was then held, with the following result:

M. W. B. Lester Peters, Grand Master.
R. W. William Wedderburn, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. William P. Flewelling, Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. David Brown, Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. and Rev. William Donald, D. D., Grand Chaplain.
V. W. William H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer.

After the transaction of other business contingent upon the new organization, the convention adjourned, subject to the call of the grand master elect.

The next meeting was held 22nd, 23rd and 24th January, 1868, when the grand lodge of New Bruswick was formally constituted and consecrated, a constitution and general regulations for the government of the craft adopted, and the grand master and other officers, elected and appointed, duly installed into their respective offices. The installation of the grand master was conducted by the senior past master present, W. Bro. John Willis, of Leinster Lodge.

At the time of the erection of the grand lodge — October, 1867 — there were twenty-six chartered lodges working in the province. Twenty of these held warrants from the grand lodge of England, three from the grand lodge of Ireland, and three from the grand lodge of Scotland. Sixteen of these lodges — twelve English, three Irish and one Scotch — voted in favor and took part in the formation of the grand lodge, viz.: Albion, Saint John; St. John's, Saint John; Hibernia, Saint John; Saint Mark's, St. Andrews; Solomon's, Fredericton; Sussex, St. Stephen; Carleton Union, Carleton; Midian, Clifton; Union of Portland, Saint John; Woodstock, Woodstock; Alley, Upper Mills; Howard, Hillsborough; Leinster, Saint John; Northumberland, Newcastle; Miramichi, Chatham; and New Brunswick, Saint John.

Within a few months subsequent to the erection of the grand lodge, six additional lodges surrendered their warrants to their mother grand lodges and were placed on the roll of the new grand lodge; and eventually the remainder followed suit. Thus, within a comparatively short space of time and without a resort to coercive measures, the grand lodge of New Brunswick gained undisputed authority over the whole body of the craft in the province, a consummation attributable to the wisdom and tact of the distinguished brother first elected to rule over the craft.

Subjoined is a roll of the lodges in New Brunswick at the time of the formation of the grand lodge, and the grand lodges under which they held their warrants:

NAME.	NO.	LOCATION.	GRAND LODGE.
Albion,	400	Saint John,	England.
St. John's,	436	"	"
Sussex,	480	Dorchester,	"
St. Mark's,	518	St. Andrews,	"
Solomon's,	522	Fredericton,	"
Carleton Union,	524	Carleton,	"
Midian,	527	Clifton,	"
Union of Portland,	535	Saint John,	"
Woodstock,	553	Woodstock,	"
Saint George,	629	St. George,	"
Corinthian,	635	Hampton,	"
Keith,	644	Moncton,	"
Alley,	664	Upper Mills.	"
Howard,	668	Hillsborough,	"
Northumberland,	701	Newcastle,	"
Miramichi,	775	Chatham,	"
Salisbury,	808	Salisbury,	"
Zetland,	886	Shediac,	"
Zion,	965	Sussex,	"
New Brunswick,	1084	Saint John,	"
Hibernia,	301	"	Ireland.
Sussex,	327	St Stephen,	"
Leinster,	347	Saint John,	"
St. Andrew's,	364	Fredericton,	Scotland.
St. Andrew,	376	Richibucto,	"
Saint John,	412	Bathurst,	"

The following brethren have held the office of grand master up to the present time:

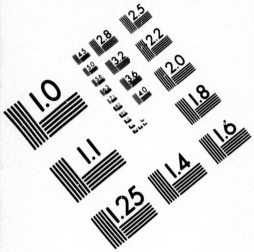
M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, from October, 1867, to September, 1870.
" William Wedderburn, from September, 1870, to September, 1872.
" John V. Ellis, from September, 1872, to September, 1875.
" [1]Robert T. Clinch, from September, 1875, to September, 1878.
" Robert Marshall, from September, 1878, to April, 1881.
" [2]Benjamin R. Stevenson, from April, 1881, to April, 1883.
" William F. Bunting, from April, 1883, to April, 1884.
" John V. Ellis, from April, 1884, to April, 1887.
" [3]James McNichol, from April, 1887, to April, 1889.
" Thomas Walker, from April, 1889, ———.

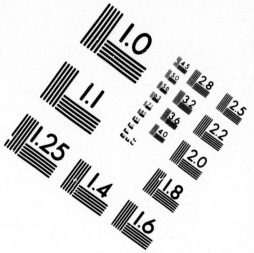
Grand Secretaries:

V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, from October, 1867, to April, 1882.
" Edwin J. Wetmore, from April, 1882, to August, 1893.
" T. Nisbet Robertson, from August, 1893, ———.

The grand lodge had on its roll at the date of the last returns (December 27th, 1893) thirty-two lodges, comprising a membership of one thousand eight hundred and four, and is in official and fraternal

1 M. W. Bro. Clinch, died at Saint John, June 24th, 1892.
2 M. W. Bro. Stevenson, died at St. Andrews, June 16th, 1890.
3 M. W. Bro. McNichol, died at Saint John, February 28th, 1892.





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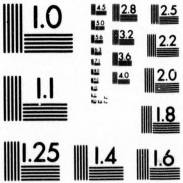
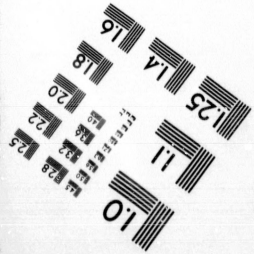
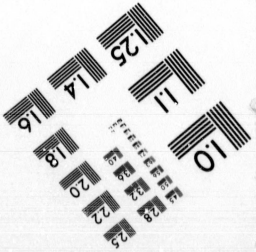






communication with every legitimately constituted grand lodge in the world.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER,

Under Scotland.

Although there were only three lodges in New Brunswick hailing from the grand lodge of Scotland, it was deemed advisable, in the interests of the portion of the masonic fraternity which they represented, to create a central authority to whom they could apply for advice and instruction, and under whom they could act in matters appertaining to their welfare. The most prominent, as well as the best informed and most suitable brother in their ranks for such a position, was the late R. W. Bro. Robert Gowan, of Fredericton, whose intimate knowledge of freemasonry placed him at the head of the masonic circle of his day in New Brunswick. He was thoroughly versed in the history, laws and rituals of the fraternity, a graceful and incisive writer, a man of sound judgment and pratical experience, and well qualified for the position of a ruler in the craft.

Upon application of the Scottish lodges, Bro. Gowan was appointed by patent issued 4th February, 1867, by the grand master mason of Scotland, to the exalted and honorable office of provincial grand master of New Brunswick.

Hitherto the lodges in this province, holding under the grand lodge of Scotland, had been ruled by the provincial grand master of Nova Scotia, who, as in the case of the English lodges, had masonic jurisdiction over the two provinces. The erection, however, of an independent grand lodge in and over Nova Scotia in the year 1866, had brought about a separation of the two provinces in this respect, and resulted in the appointment of a resident provincial grand master for New Brunswick.

In consequence of the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, and the withdrawal of the authority held by the grand lodge of Scotland over the lodges of its obedience in the province, the honor conferred upon R. W. Bro. Gowan continued only for a short time. Upon the recognition of the grand lodge of New Brunswick by the grand lodge of Scotland, which occurred in May, 1872, the authority of Bro. Gowan as provincial grand master ceased, but on the recommendation of the grand master of New Brunswick he was appointed the representative of the grand lodge of Scotland at the grand lodge of New Brunswick, and as a further mark of the esteem in which he was held, and in recognition of his eminent masonic services, he was at the annual communication of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, held September, 1872, constituted a permanent member of the grand lodge with the rank and title of past grand master.

Ripe in years and in the fulness of his honors, Bro. Gowan died at Fredericton, 30th January, 1879, at the age of seventy-nine years.

He was initiated into freemasonry in the old Solomon's Lodge at Fredericton, 14th August, 1821. He was worshipful master of that lodge on several occasions, and occupied the chair when it ceased operations A. D. 1829.

Bro. Gowan had collected quite an extensive masonic library, a portion of which after his death came into the possession of the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

The craft in Fredericton as a token of their esteem and brotherly love, presented him, September, 1859, with a valuable service of plate. He was also the recipient at various times, from masonic bodies in other portions of New Brunswick, of mementoes of the high regard in which he was held.

EMULATION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Organized and opened 5th December, 1866, under a dispensation granted by R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, district grand master under England, to V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, district grand secretary and past master of St. John's Lodge, by which he was authorized to open and conduct a lodge of instruction as the master or preceptor. The brethren of the several lodges in Saint John, both of the English and Irish constitutions, became very much interested in its working, and attended it in large numbers. This lodge kept up its work with regularity, opening late in the autumn and continuing through the winter season until the month of April in each year during its continuance.

Upon the erection of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, the dispensation under which the lodge had worked up to that time, necessarily became null and void. Application was therefore made to the grand master of the new grand lodge, who was pleased to grant a fresh dispensation authorizing Bro. Bunting to continue the lodge under the same regulations as heretofore governed it. A circular issued by the preceptor to the craft, giving notice of the continuance of the lodge, announced its aims and objects to be "a full exemplification of the work and lectures of the craft degrees, and the reading of short essays, with discussions on the ancient charges, landmarks, symbols, usages, constitutions, traditions, history, jurisprudence, etc., of freemasonry."

This lodge held its meetings weekly in the masonic hall, Saint John, and kept a record of its transactions. It adopted a code of bye-laws for its government, and was an excellent school for young and aspiring craftsmen. Many of its members who filled offices in the various lodges, and who proved themselves bright workmen, attributed their proficiency to the knowledge gained in the Emulation Lodge of Instruction.

At each recurring season the lodge was regularly opened and worked until the destruction of the masonic hall by the disastrous fire of 20th June, 1877, when, for want of proper accommodation, its labors were held in abeyance.

MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF, SAINT JOHN.

Although a preliminary meeting was held 21st October, 1870, this body was not regularly organized until 21st February, 1871. The following excerpts from its rules set forth the scope and object of its formation:

The style and title shall be *The Masonic Board of Relief.*

The funds shall be for the relief of poor and destitute brethren, their widows and orphans.

The fund shall be raised by a capita tax based on the membership of each lodge according to the annual returns made to the grand secretary.

The amount so assessed shall be sixty cents per annum per member.

The board shall be composed of two representatives from each of the city lodges.

At the semi-annual meetings in January and July, a president, vice-president, and three almoners shall be elected by ballot.

The secretary-treasurer shall be elected annually in January, and be eligible for re-election.

The almoners shall have power to grant relief, and to draw upon the secretary-treasurer for such sum or sums (not exceeding twenty-five dollars in any one case) for the effective carrying out of the object of the board.

The board shall have power in special cases to make grants not to exceed forty dollars in any one case.

At the organization of the board the respective lodges were represented by the following delegates:

Albion Lodge—Geo. E. Fairweather and Christopher Murray.
St. John's Lodge—Wm. F. Bunting and John D. Short.
Hibernia Lodge—Mark N. Powers and James Saunders.
Union Lodge of Portland—David R. Munro and Thos. H. Keohan.
Leinster Lodge—Alfred A. Stockton and Henry J. Thorne.
New Brunswick Lodge—James McNichol, Jr., and John S. Jordan.

The first officers elected were, David R. Munro, president; Mark N. Powers, vice-president; James McNichol, Jr., secretary-treasurer; and George E. Fairweather, John D. Short and Henry J. Thorne, almoners.

Several years ago the board purchased a large plot of ground in the rural cemetery for the interment of the indigent deceased. It is held by trustees and superintended by a special committee. The board is in correspondence with similar boards in the United States and Dominion of Canada. It has held its meetings, elected officers and transacted its general business regularly from the outset, and has never failed, by its almoners, to give immediate attention to all calls upon the charity fund.

Has the establishment of a board of relief been a benefit or an injury, in a masonic point of view, to the membership of the lodges?

Have not the practical feeling and spirit of charity gone from among the craft generally, by divesting the lodges of the power of dispensing the charitable fund, and placing it in the hands of the few composing the board of relief?

In the hands of a circumscribed body does it not become a mere matter of business, a perfunctory act?

We must concede that the organization and systematic work of a regularly constituted board will, to a great extent, counteract the fraudulent attempts of dead-beats and imposters of every description, and will prevent cunning applicants from getting more than a fair proportion of relief. On the other hand, the disposal of the charitable fund is removed from the actual and personal control of the craft, represented by the assembled lodge, and thus charity, which is the foundation and cope stone of our institution, is not a prominent or immediate portion of lodge life—is not brought closely home to the fraternal feelings of the brethren at large. In fact, it is disassociated from them by being delegated to a limited few.

In former years the applications for relief were made in open lodge, the brethren heard these appeals, with their surrounding circumstances, and practically engaged in their disposal; thus they had opportunity, time and again, of having their hearts moved, their finer feelings worked upon, and the spirit of charity evoked, by being brought into actual contact with the subjects and objects of charitable regard.

In my early masonic years, previous to the establishment of charity committees or boards of relief in Saint John, I have repeatedly witnessed how ready and anxious the brethren were, at a lodge meeting, to share in and help forward this important and exalted tenet of our honored fraternity. How often have I witnessed a stranger brother, from a distant portion of the earth, possibly from the antipodes, arise in open lodge and make an appeal for assistance; and how often have I heard a lodge member do the same thing for the stray waif. The hearts of all the brethren would go out towards these objects of their fraternal regard and commiseration; they would be brought into actual contact and acquaintance with the sufferings and privations of their unfortunate brethren, their widows and orphans, and they would feel and experience the pleasure which comes to the charitable heart in giving. I have oftentimes heard a member of the lodge arise in his place and bring before the notice of the master and brethren, a worthy case for their masonic sympathy and aid. And I have seen the brother, with box or hat in hand, pass around the lodge and gather voluntary contributions, according to

the nature of the case and the dimensions of each individual purse. No worthy application received the cold shoulder and no hand refused to deposit a quota in the box or hat.

No doubt fraud and imposture, under the present system, are reduced to a minimum; but has the gain in this respect counterbalanced the blessedness of the former? The craft generally know little of the actualities of charity. They hear a semi-annual report of the board of relief, vote in a businesslike way in favor of its reception, and pass an order for the payment of the capita assessment; that is all.

With the present increased membership of the craft, covering every portion of the civilized world, and the extended facilities for travel by land and water, whereby many waifs of humanity are moving to and fro, a regularly organized board of relief is required to deal with cases of deserving strange brethren and to checkmate the cunning devices of the imposter. Let the board of relief deal with these classes, and these alone, and let each lodge care for its own members and the widows and orphans of its members whom misfortune may have rendered subjects of masonic charity. As such a course would necessitate a divided disposition of the charitable fund, and would narrow down the work of the board of relief, the amount of money required by the board would, as a matter of course, be considerably lessened.

TEMPORARY BOARD OF RELIEF FOR FIRE SUFFERERS.

On the 30th day of June, 1877, a board of relief was organized to extend aid and comfort to members of the masonic fraternity and their widows and orphans who were burned out and rendered destitute by the disastrous fire which destroyed the larger portion of the city of Saint John on the memorable 20th June, 1877.

The board consisted of the city members of the board of general purposes of grand lodge, and the presiding officers of all lodges, chapters and encampments in Saint John.

The officers chosen to conduct its affairs were:

M. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, G. M., President.
V. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., G. T., Treasurer.
V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, G. S., Secretary.
R. W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, D. G. M., Clerk.

The board issued a circular on the 7th day of July to the grand lodges of the United States, Canada, England, Ireland and Scotland, and to the private lodges in New Brunswick, conveying to them the unpleasant tidings of the great losses sustained and distress prevailing in the craft in Saint John, and making known to them the organization of the board of relief, its object and aims. Although no direct appeal was made

for assistance, it conveyed the information that any voluntary contribution sent in would be gratefully accepted. The board continued its operations up to the annual communication of grand lodge of April, 1879, when a full report of its proceedings was laid before that body. The contributions amounted to the munificent sum of eight thousand four hundred and thirty-one dollars and thirty-five cents, which, according to the report, "was disbursed with the utmost care, after strict inquiry into each case presented for the consideration of the board, the relief being granted according to the loss sustained and the circumstances of the sufferer."

THE GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

This body was organized in the masonic temple, Saint John, on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1887, at a convention of delegates representing a majority of royal arch chapters in New Brunswick, convened by printed circular, dated March 1, 1887, as follows:

A convention of chapters of royal arch masons in the province of New Brunswick will be held at the masonic temple, in the city of Saint John, on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of the present month of March, for the purpose of acting together in the erection of an independent and supreme grand royal arch chapter in and for the province of New Brunswick. This convention is called in accordance with resolutions adopted by a majority of the regular royal arch chapters working in this province. The delegates representing chapters will assemble in the lodge room at the masonic temple, in the city of Saint John, on said Tuesday, the twenty-second day of March instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

This circular was signed by the first principals of five chapters, viz.: Stephen K. F. James, Carleton Chapter; Alexander R. Campbell, New Brunswick Chapter; Alexander Burchill, Fredericton Chapter; Augustus W. Reed, Union Chapter, and George M. Jarvis, Botsford Chapter.

Seven chapters were represented by their delegates at the convention, viz.: Carleton, of Saint John; Fredericton, of Fredericton; Union, of Carleton; St. Stephen, of St. Stephen; New Brunswick, of Saint John; Botsford, of Moncton, and Woodstock, of Woodstock. E. Comp. B. Lester Peters was called to the chair, and E. Comp. T. Nisbet Robertson acted as secretary.

After the preliminaries usually observed on such occasions, the assembled delegates adopted the following resolution by the unanimous voice of all present:

Resolved, That the chapters of royal arch masons now represented in this convention hereby declare themselves to be, and do hereby erect and establish, the supreme governing body for royal arch masonry in New Brunswick, by the title of "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick."

Having thus erected the grand chapter by the unanimous concurrence of all the delegates present, representing seven chapters out of the nine in the province, and having disposed of some routine matters necessary to the completion of the organization, an election of office-bearers was held, resulting in the choice of a full staff, as follows:

M. E. B. Lester Peters, first grand principal.
R. E. Alfred F. Street, deputy first grand principal.
R. E. James McNichol, second grand principal.
R. E. George M. Jarvis, third grand principal.
R. E. T. Nisbet Robertson, grand scribe E.
R. E. George F. Pinder, grand scribe N.
R. E. J. Henry Leonard, grand treasurer.
V. E. David F. Merritt, first grand sojourner.
V. E. William H. Stevens, second grand sojourner.
V. E. Nelson Campbell, third grand sojourner.
V. E. Samuel McKean, grand sword bearer.
V. E. Augustus W. Reed, grand standard bearer.
V. E. Alexander R. Campbell, grand director of ceremonies.
V. E. William B. Wallace, grand organist.
V. E. G. Gordon Boyne, grand janitor.

After the installation of the officers, proclamation was made "that the grand royal arch chapter of New Brunswick was duly erected, opened and solemnly dedicated in the name of THE MOST HIGH, and the officers regularly installed according to ancient usage."

The work of organization was subsequently perfected by the adoption of the following resolutions, regulations and orders: That the grand chapter have authority over the degrees of mark master, past master, excellent master, the royal arch, and the chair or installation degrees; that the number and status of chapters acting in the erection of the grand chapter be in accordance with the dates of their warrants or charters respectively; that until new warrants be issued or endorsement made on the present, the first grand principal be authorized to issue an interim warrant; that until a constitution and general regulations be adopted, discretionary power be given the first grand principal to govern the jurisdiction, subject to the general usages of capitular masonry. A committee was appointed to draw up and submit a constitution and general regulations; provision was made for the promulgation of an uniform ritual in all the chapters; the chapters were authorized to continue the use of their present regalia until the grand chapter should order otherwise; a diploma, seal, books, etc., were ordered to be procured, and the necessary steps were authorized to be taken to secure recognition from the various grand chapters throughout the world. After which the grand chapter was closed in due form.

The following is a list of the chapters represented in the convention, and, at the present, forming the full roll under the new grand chapter. They are named in their order of precedence:

NAME.	LOCATION.	FORMER GRAND CHAPTER.
Carleton,	Saint John,	Scotland
Fredericton,	Fredericton,	Scotland
New Brunswick,	Saint John,	Canada
Union,	Carleton,	Scotland
Saint Stephen,	St. Stephen,	Scotland
Botsford.	Moncton,	Canada
Woodstock,	Woodstock,	Canada

There are two other chapters in the province which were not represented in the convention: Saint Marks of St. Andrews, under Canada, and Mount Lebanon of Chatham, under Scotland. The former may be considered defunct, as a sufficient number of members cannot be convened to hold a convocation; and the latter declines, so far, to come within the jurisdiction of the grand chapter of New Brunswick.

Under the provisions of amendments to the constitutions, adopted at the annual convocation held April 29, 1891, the title of the presiding officer of the grand chapter was changed from First Grand Principal to Grand High Priest, and of subordinate chapters, from Principal Z. to High Priest. At the same time the date of holding the annual convocation was changed from the month of April to the month of August.

All the chapters on the roll of the grand chapter were empowered to continue to hold their meetings and prosecute their work under the new order of things by an interim warrant issued by the first grand principal under date, March 22, 1887. Subsequently, on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1891, their orginal warrants were ratified and confirmed, as of the grand chapter of New Brunswick, by an authorization and endorsement on each.

The companions who presided over the grand chapter up to April, 1894, were:

M. E. Comp. B. Lester Peters, from its organization until April, 1892.
M E. Comp. T. Nisbet Robertson, from April, 1892, ———.

The grand secretaries were:

R. E. Comp. T. Nisbet Robertson, from its organization until April, 1892.
R. E. Comp. William A. Ewing, from April, 1892, ———.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

This branch of freemasonry was inaugurated in New Brunswick by the formation of a council in the city of Saint John in the year 1864, under an authorization issued by the grand royal arch chapter of Ireland

to the late M. E. Comp. John Willis, Past Principal Z., who was the first president chosen to rule over the council. It was instituted under the auspices of Hibernia Royal Arch Chapter of Saint John, holding of the grand chapter of Ireland, and in the interests of the companions who, from time to time, filled the chief presiding chair in that chapter. It first assumed the name of Hibernia Council, which, in a few months, was changed to New Brunswick Council, consequent upon a like change in the nomenclature of the chapter.

From the year 1868 until 1892 it neither met nor worked, and was consequently a dormant body. On the 11th day of June, 1892, upon a call issued to duly installed present and past high priests of constituent chapters, a meeting was held in the masonic temple at Saint John, when the surviving members of the old council reorganized and re-established it under the designation of "The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the Province of New Brunswick." A large number of present and past high priests of subordinate chapters holding of the grand chapter of New Brunswick were elected to membership; a constitution was adopted; a staff of officers elected, with M. E. Comp. Robert Marshall at their head as president; and other matters tending to the perfection and permanence of the re-organized body disposed of.

This order is conferred upon royal arch masons elected to preside as high priests over a regular chapter, and may be bestowed in the presence of at least three duly qualified high priests. Very little is known of the date and circumstance of its origin. One authority, however, asserts that it originated in the prolific masonic brain of Thomas Smith Webb in the year 1799. Companions who have received this order are entitled to wear a distinctive jewel prescribed by the constitution.

PRESIDENTS OF THE COUNCIL.

M. E. Comp. John Willis, 1864–'66.
M. E. Comp. Edward Willis, 1866–'68.
M. E. Comp. Robert Marshall, 1892——

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

UNDER ENGLAND.

M. E. Comp. the Rev. Jerome Alley, D. D., who resided at St. Andrews, and held the position of provincial grand superintendent of English royal arch masonry, under a patent dated 5th June, 1850, formed a provincial grand chapter, under his patent, at St. Andrews some time during the year 1856. All the information obtainable of its existence and working is contained in a printed circular sent me by E. Comp. Samuel T. Gove, Scribe E., of which the following is a copy:

At the annual convocation of the provincial grand royal arch chapter, English registry, the M. E. grand superintendent, the Rev. Jerome Alley, D. D., was pleased to appoint the following provincial grand officers for the ensuing year, viz.: M. E. Comp. A. W. Smith, H.; M. E. Comp. John Aymar, J.; E. Comp. C. Kennedy, C. H.; E. Comp. James Clark, R. A. C.; E. Comp. W. Doak, P. S.; E. Comp. C. A. Thompson, T.; E. Comp. S. T. Gove, E.; Comp. C. Morrison, janitor. The grand superintendent has authority to grant dispensations for the opening of new chapters, and also, in case of necessity, for the exaltation of a brother to the royal arch at the expiration of four weeks from the period of his having received the degree of master mason. S. T. GOVE, *Scribe E.*

The time of holding this annual convocation is not set forth, neither is the date of the issue of the circular given, although I am informed that it was sent out in the latter part of the year 1856, and appears to have been the first and last promulgated. This provincial grand chapter had an ephemeral existence, as at the death of Comp. Alley, 5th August, 1861, the patent creating the office of provincial grand superintendent became null and void and was returned to the supreme grand chapter at London. The jurisdiction created by this patent was of limited extent, as there was only one chapter (Saint Mark's of St. Andrews) opened in New Brunswick under the English constitution. A warrant was granted for Albion Chapter at Saint John, but it was never constituted under it.

PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT,

UNDER SCOTLAND.

M. E. Comp. Alexander Balloch, a member and a past first principal of Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 47, of Saint John, was appointed 9th November, 1849, by the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland, to the position of provincial grand superintendent of Scottish royal arch masonry in New Brunswick. He continued to hold his patent and exercise the authority conferred by it until March, 1859. At this time, in consequence of complications having arisen, it was deemed inexpedient, in the interests of Scottish royal arch masonry as it then existed in the province, to continue the office of grand superintendent, and in view of representations made by the chapters, the supreme chapter declined to make a re-appointment; thus the office, from March, 1859, ceased to exist.

Comp. Balloch was exalted to the royal arch degree in the Carleton Chapter, July 10, 1844, and exercised for many years an active membership in the chapter. He never organized a provincial grand chapter, under the authority given him by the laws of the supreme grand chapter, preferring to assume and bear all the responsibility incident to his office. During a limited period, however, he appointed a provincial grand scribe E. to attend to clerical work.

Comp. Balloch was deputy provincial grand master and provincial grand master of craft masonry, under England, from September, 1855, until June, 1866. At the communication of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, held 23rd January, 1868, he was created a permanent member of the grand lodge with the rank of past grand master, "in consideration of his zeal and ability, and for the eminent services rendered by him to the craft." He died at Saint John, 3rd February, 1870, aged seventy years.

DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST,

Under Nova Scotia.

M. E. Comp. Benjamin L. Peters, a member and past high priest of Carleton Chapter of Saint John, was appointed by warrant dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, 8th May, 1827, to be deputy grand high priest of royal arch masonry in New Brunswick. The appointment was made and the patent issued under the hand and seal of R. W. Bro. John Albro, grand master of the provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia. This patent continued in force, and M. E. Comp. Peters exercised the authority created by it until the year 1829, at which time the old provincial grand lodge of Nova Scotia became defunct.[1]

Comp. Peters received the royal arch degree in the Carleton Chapter, December 15, 1815. The craft degrees were conferred upon him in Union Lodge, No. 38. He died at Saint John, May 12, 1852, aged sixty-two years.

CARLETON ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, SAINT JOHN.

This chapter, originally named "The Carleton Chapter in Saint John, New Brunswick," was constituted January 19, 1805, at the lodge room of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, in Cody's tavern (commonly known as "The Coffee House"), under the authority of the warrant of St. John's Lodge, sanctioned by the master and wardens of the lodge.

The original members were Thomas Wetmore, high priest; David Waterbury, king; Hugh Johnston, scribe; Chapman Judson, royal arch captain; John Paul, first grand master; Richard Lawrence, second grand master; Jeremiah Pecker, third grand master; Richard Bonsall, Zerobabel and treasurer, and Robert Laidley, tyler.

Under the first code of bye-laws and rules, which were adopted March 13, 1805, it was provided that the regular meetings be held on the second Wednesday of March, June, September and December, and the election of officers annually on the second Wednesday in March.

1 The reader has already learned by reference to previous pages of this volume that, under the peculiar system allowed by the "Athol" grand lodge, royal arch chapters were opened and held under authority of and attached to its constituent lodges, and in like manner, under this system, the patent of M. E. Comp. Peters was issued by the provincial grand master of craft freemasonry.

The chapter continued under the warrant of St. John's Lodge until October 2, 1815, when it changed its allegiance and became subject to the authority and warrant of Union Lodge, No. 38, without any assignable reason for the change. At the meeting held December 13, 1820, the chapter decided "to apply for a royal arch warrant independent of the master's warrant," and a committee was appointed "to make application to some warranted grand royal arch chapter in the United Kingdom for that purpose." This committee reported at a meeting held April 17, 1822, that a warrant had been received from the grand royal arch chapter of Scotland, when the chapter passed a vote of thanks to the grand lodge at Halifax, and also to St. John's and Union Lodges in Saint John, "for granting the use of their respective warrants for the time past."

A resolution was adopted July 8, 1822, "that Carleton Chapter, formerly held under the warrants of St. John's and Union Lodges, be closed, and stand closed without date." It was then opened under the warrant received from the grand chapter of Scotland, and a new record book was ordered to be procured. Up to that date the annual elections were held in March, and the three principal officers styled high priest king and scribe. Thenceforward and up to the present the elections have taken place in September, while the three chief officers were designated Principal Z., Principal H., and Principal J. until April, 1891, when, under the laws of the present grand chapter, they are entitled, as of old, high priest, king, and scribe.

The warrant granted by the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland was issued at Edinburgh, December 10, 1821, by the M. E. grand principals and remanent office-bearers, to William Charlton, Nehemiah Merritt, Robert Robertson, George Bonsall, John Paul, David Waterbury, Richard Lawrence, James Hendricks, Thomas Rawleigh, Charles Herring, Henry Chubb, Benjamin Stanton, Robert Ray, Charles Raymond, George Pagan, Thomas Paddock, Thomas Nisbet, David S. Marshall, John MacLure, William Hughson, Robert Welch, William Leavitt, Charles Whitney, James Wood and Joe Brand, with the following office-bearers: Comp. William Charlton, M. E. Principal Z.; Comp. Nehemiah Merritt, M. E. Principal H.; Comp. Robert Robertson, M. E. Principal J.; Charles Herring, Scribe E.; John Paul, Scribe N.; John MacLure, David Waterbury and Charles Raymond, Sojourners, and Henry Chubb, Treasurer, authorizing them to open and hold a chapter under the name of "Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 47," in the city of Saint John, New Brunswick, upon the second Wednesday[1] of each

1 The third Wednesday is now chosen for the regular meeting.

month. It provided that all candidates for exaltation to the royal arch degree, must previously have been raised to the sublime degree of a master mason, have been regularly passed to the chair of a lodge, and also have been admitted to the excellent and super excellent degrees. The warrant was signed by His Grace the Duke of Athole, M. E. Z.; Sir Patrick Walker of Coats, Knight, M. E. H.; Rt. Hon. George, Earl of Aboyne, M. E. J.; William Crauford, Depute Grand Principal; Mark Sprot, E.; P. Deuchar, N.; Robert Wright, Grand Treasurer; George Atcheson, Grand Chancellor; M. Pringle, Grand Recorder.

The first meeting under this warrant was held September 11, 1822, and the chapter continued to meet and work under its authority until the grand chapter of New Brunswick was erected. This warrant, with the jewels, clothing, seal, banners, and all other property, except the records, were destroyed in the masonic hall by the fire of 20th June, 1877. A duplicate of the warrant was subsequently received from the supreme grand chapter of Scotland, which is now hanging on the walls of the chapter room in the masonic temple, Saint John. The degrees conferred in the chapter are mark master, past master, excellent master, and the royal arch.

Carleton Chapter, by its delegates, united in the erection of the grand chapter of New Brunswick, and stands at the head of the roll of that grand body. It is the second oldest masonic body in New Brunswick (its senior being St. John's Lodge of Saint John), and possesses its records complete from the date of its first organization.

CARLETON MARK MASTER'S LODGE, SAINT JOHN.

The "mark" degree was conferred in this body separate and distinct from the chapter. It was under the immediate control of the chapter, and elected its staff of officers annually from among its own members, with the reservation, however, that the master and wardens should be royal arch masons and members of the Carleton chapter. The authority for its existence was contained in a written dispensation or warrant issued by M. E. Com. Alexander Balloch, provincial grand superintendent, the date and other particulars of which are not forthcoming, as the document disappeared and its whereabouts could not be ascertained. In former years the degrees of mark and past master were conferred in Scotland in a lodge of craft masonry, and not under authority of the supreme chapter. When the grand lodge of Scotland withdrew permission to its daughter lodges to confer these degrees, the difficulty which then arose was remedied by the supreme chapter enacting a law authorizing the issue by it of special warrants, at a cost of twenty shillings, constituting lodges for these degrees. These "chair master lodges" were not

required to register their members on the roll of the supreme chapter, but were expected to keep a minute book and register, and were authorized to grant certificates for the mark degree.

The Carleton Mark Lodge established and collected initiation fees, kept a record of its proceedings, and defrayed from its treasury all expenses of its working. It did not exact monthly or annual dues from its members, its expenses being met by the amount received in initiation fees. It possessed its own jewels, clothing, working tools and other paraphernalia. It maintained a quasi-independent existence up to the year 1858, when, by a manifesto of the supreme grand chapter of Scotland, its working was estopped, and thereafter the mark degree was conferred in the Carleton chapter.

There is a record book extant of this lodge, commencing 8th March, 1847, and ending 6th September, 1858. The chief officers of the first year were: Bros. William H. A. Keans, R. W. M.; George Sutherland, S. W.; Francis Clerke, J. W.; William Scammell, treasurer; and William D. French, secretary; and those of the latter year were: Bros. William M. Smith, R. W. M.; Robert T. Clinch, S. W.; Edward Allison, J. W.; William S. Marven, treasurer; and George M. Jack, secretary.

HIRAM R. A. CHAPTER, SAINT JOHN.

Held under the warrant of Hiram Lodge, No. 17, and the first royal arch chapter established in New Brunswick. The only evidence or intimation of its existence is taken from an entry in the records of Carleton chapter of April 10, 1805, viz.: "Bro. John Sinnott, P. M. of the lodge No. 17, called Hiram, formerly of this city, referred to an old application made in writing on the 9th June, A. D. 1790, to the general chapter then held in this city, for admission to the degrees of most exellent and royal arch." As Hiram was the only lodge held in Saint John at that early period, the chapter referred to must have been held under its warrant. There is no other evidence of its existence, so far as I know, beyond the foregoing extract.

SAINT GEORGE'S R. A. CHAPTER, MAUGERVILLE.

This body was held under the warrant of Saint George's Lodge, No. 19, of Maugerville. Beyond an occasional reference to it in the records of Carleton chapter, I have not been able to gather any particulars regarding it.

WIDOWS' FRIEND R. A. CHAPTER, KINGSTON AND SUSSEX.

Held under the authority of the warrant of Sion Lodge, No. 21, meeting first at Kingston and afterward at Sussex, King's county. The same remarks apply to this body as to Saint George's chapter.

MOUNT MORIAH R. A. CHAPTER, FREDERICTON.

On the 16th February, 1819, a meeting of royal arch masons residing in Fredericton was held in the hall of Solomon's Lodge, at which a committee was appointed to select an evening and place of meeting to consider the expediency of constituting a royal arch chapter. Another meeting was held the twenty-seventh day of the same month, when a resolution was adopted favoring the formation of a chapter. On the 8th March, 1819, Mount Moriah Chapter was duly organized under the warrant of Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, by and with the consent of the master and wardens of that lodge. The fee for conferring the mark degree was fixed at twenty shillings, beside two shillings and sixpence to the tyler, and the high priest was authorized "to report the proceedings to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia." The memorandum from which the foregoing was taken contained no other particulars. It did not even mention the names of the companions present, or of those chosen for office-bearers.

MIDIAN R. A. CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

This body was held under the warrant of Midian Lodge, No. 31, Kingston, King's county.

ST. ANDREW'S R. A. CHAPTER, ST. ANDREWS.

The meagre information I have gleaned in regard to this chapter is taken from the records of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 37, of St. Andrews. The record states that, at a regular communication of the lodge held August 4, 1819, "it was voted that authority be granted to Bro. James Boyd to hold a lodge of royal arch under the charter of the lodge."

Nearly ten years afterward (on the night of June 29, 1829), a fire consumed the hall owned by the lodge, with all the furniture, jewels, regalia, books, records, etc., of St. Andrew's royal arch chapter, and everything else in the building except the warrant, jewels and records of Eastern Star Lodge. St. Andrew's chapter did not hold any meetings after this diastrous event.

HIBERNIAN R. A. CHAPTER, ST. ANDREWS.

This chapter was organized March 3, 1824, under a warrant granted by the grand royal arch chapter of Ireland to companions James Kyle, Isaac Kennedy, John Commac, Matthew Burnside, James Fleming, William Milligan, James Finley, Matthew Murray and Andrew Gilliland. The regular convocations were held on the second Wednesday in the months of January, April, July and October. It ceased to work December 30, 1862, owing to the death of some members and the removal of others from the district.

ALBION R. A. CHAPTER, No. 570, SAINT JOHN.

The warrant for this chapter was granted by the grand royal arch chapter of England to Companions Gustavus R. Jarvis, Thomas L. Nicholson, Charles V. Forster, George Sutherland, William D. French, James R. Crane, John Mackay, James Howard and Charles Johnston, to meet at Saint John, in the province of New Brunswick. It was dated at London, February 2, 1848, and signed by the following chief officers of the grand chapter: The Earl of Zetland, Z.; The Earl of Yarborough, H.; Rowland Alston, J.; William H. White, E.; and J. C. McMullen, N. This chapter was never constituted. In a letter from the late R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, P. G. M., to the grand scribe E. of England, under data December 20, 1862, he stated: "I return the warrant of Albion Chapter, No. 570, handed to me by the widow of the late Companion Charles V. Forster, in whose charge it was left when it was ascertained that the work could not be carried on." At the time the warrant was returned all the petitioners except Companion John Mackay were dead.

SUSSEX R. A. CHAPTER, No. 327, ST. STEPHEN.

Was constituted at the town of St. Stephen, Charlotte county, June 13, 1851, under a warrant from the grand royal arch chapter of Ireland, issued the 11th day of July, A. D. 1849, to Companions and Brethren Dugald Blair, M. D., Thomas W. Rogers, Archibald Thompson, and others. By vote of the chapter, 15th March, 1864, the warrant was surrendered, and thereupon returned to the grand body which issued it.

SAINT MARK'S R. A. CHAPTER, ST. ANDREWS.

This chapter was originally constituted under a warrant dated August 5, 1846, issued by the grand royal arch chapter of England, the Earl of Zetland being Grand Z., Lord Worsley, M. P., Grand H., Rowland Alston, Grand J., William H. White, Grand E., and John McMullen, Grand N., to the Rev. Jerome Alley as first Z., Thomas Wyer as first H., Samuel McCurdy as first J., and Companions Samuel Tilley Gove, Charles Kennedy, Charles A. Robrock, Donald D. Morrison, James McMaster and John Aymar, authorizing them to open and work a chapter of royal arch masons at St. Andrews, in the province of New Brunswick. In accordance with the law and practice of English royal arch masonry, this chapter was attached to St. Mark's Lodge, No. 570. It met quarterly, on the third Tuesday in March, June, September and December, and continued to work under the English warrant up to November 3, 1876, when, by resolution, it was affirmed that, "in the opinion

of the chapter, the interests of royal arch masonry in this community would be very considerably promoted by securing connection with the grand chapter of royal arch masons of Canada." Acting upon this resolution, the English warrant was formally surrendered January 8, 1877, and application thereafter made to the grand chapter of Canada, which latter body issued a dispensation dated February 3, 1877, empowering the chapter to continue its work until the issue of a regular warrant. On the 8th August, 1877, the grand royal arch chapter of Canada granted a warrant under the signatures of Frederick J. Menet, Grand Z., Thomas C. Macnab, Grand H., Donald Ross, Grand J., and Daniel Spry, Grand S. E., to Companions George E. Elliott, Robert Glenn, Benjamin R. Stevenson, William D. Forster, William D. Hartt, James Vroom, Francis G. Stoop, Thomas Armstrong, John Dolby, Edward Lorrimer, Alexander Campbell, Samuel T. Gove, Sidney Balkam, E. Lee Street, and Andrew Nice, continuing to them authority to assemble and hold a chapter under the title of "St. Mark's Chapter, No. 11," at St. Andrews, on the second Thursday of each month, and to confer the degrees of mark master, past master, most excellent master, and the holy royal arch. E. Comp. George E. Elliott was named in this warrant First Principal Z.; E. Comp. Robert Glenn, Second Principal H.; and E. Comp. Benjamin R. Stevenson, Third Principal J.

This body has not held any meetings for several years past, and in consequence did not take part in the convention which erected the grand chapter of this province.

FREDERICTON R. A. CHAPTER, FREDERICTON.

Constituted at Fredericton 29th July, 1857, by M. E. Comp. Alexander Balloch, grand superintendent of New Brunswick, under a charter or warrant, dated at Edinburgh, December 17, 1856, granted under the sanction and authority of the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland, by the most excellent grand principals and remanent office-bearers, upon the petition of brethren, companions of the royal arch degree resident at or about Fredericton, in the province of New Brunswick, North America, viz.: Companions Robert Gowan, Hiram Dow, George C. Hunt, William H. Smithson, Isaac Naish, Jacob McKeen, Robert T. Clinch, William F. Bunting, Joseph Myshrall and John Balloch, for a chapter of royal arch freemasons, to stand upon the roll of the supreme royal arch chapter by the name and appellation of "Fredericton Royal Arch Chapter, New Brunswick, No. 77," with the following companions as office-bearers thereof: Robert Gowan, Z.; Hiram Dow, H.; George C. Hunt, J.; William H. Smithson, E.; Isaac Naish, N.; Joseph Myshrall, Treas.; Jacob McKeen, First Sojourner; Robert T.

Clinch, Second Sojourner, and William F. Bunting, Third Sojourner; who were empowered to convene and open the said chapter under the designation aforesaid, in the city of Fredericton, province of New Brunswick, on the third Wednesday of each month. The warrant set forth that the election of office-bearers should take place annually on the 23rd September, being the festival of the autumnal equinox, and if the twenty-third fall on Sunday, then on the Monday following, and it also gave authority to admit and exalt brethren to the excellent, super excellent and royal arch degrees. It was signed by the following most excellent principals and remanent office-bearers of the supreme grand chapter: P. Deuchar, acting Grand Z.; Arthur Douglas, acting Grand H.; Hector Gavin, acting Grand J.; Robert Ramage, Grand Scribe E.; William Gaylor, Grand Scribe N.; John Henry, Grand Treasurer, and Thomas Boag, Grand Recorder.

Fredericton Chapter, by its delegates, joined in the erection of the grand chapter of New Brunswick, and stands number two on its roll.

HIBERNIA R. A. CHAPTER, SAINT JOHN,

NOW NEW BRUNSWICK R. A. CHAPTER.

This chapter was constituted June 5, 1858, in the masonic hall, Saint John, by M. E. Comp. Adam W. Smith, of St. Andrews, under a warrant dated 24th February, 1858, granted by the grand chiefs of the grand royal arch chapter of Ireland, to M. E. Comp. John Willis as first principal, M. E. Comp. James McNichol, Sr., as second principal, M. E. Comp. Abraham Magee as third principal, and Companions George Wilson, Angus McAfee, John Creighton, James Bennett, John Frost and Thomas L. Keymes, authorizing them and their successors to open and hold a chapter at the city of Saint John, New Brunswick, to be attached to and held with the warrant from the united grand lodge of Ireland to the Hibernia Lodge, No. 301. In the latter part of the year 1864 the companions decided to relinquish the name under which the chapter had heretofore worked, and, by resolution, adopted the title of "New Brunswick Chapter" for the future. The lodges and chapters holding under the grand bodies of Ireland are not distinguished by names in the warrants issued to them; they are merely designated by numbers; hence a lodge or chapter could adopt a name and alter it without reference to the parent body.

The chapter continued its work as New Brunswick Chapter, No. 301, until A. D. 1868, when the warrant issued by the grand chapter of Ireland was surrendered and a substitute obtained from the grand chapter of Canada. According to the laws of the grand chapter of Ireland, the

chapters of its obedience are attached to some lodge, and are known by the number of that lodge. Hibernia Lodge, to which New Brunswick Chapter was attached, having surrendered its warrant to the grand lodge of Ireland in 1867, the chapter ceased *de facto* to exist, and under the changed circumstances was obliged to seek some other jurisdiction to prevent its extinction.

The warrant granted by the grand chapter of Canada was dated June 22, 1868, under the signatures of T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z.; D. Curtis, Grand H.; James Seymour, Grand J., and Thomas B. Harris, Grand Scribe E., and issued to Companions John Willis, James McNichol, Sr., Edward Willis, John Frost, William W. Emslie, George James Chubb, Robert Marshall, John D. Short, David R. Munro, John Mullin, George H. Whiting, Robert Shives and James McNichol, Jr., authorizing them to continue to assemble and hold a chapter under the title of "New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10," at the city of Saint John, on the second Monday[1] of each month, to confer the degrees of mark master, past master, most excellent master and the holy royal arch. The following companions were appointed to the chief offices by the warrant: John D. Short, first principal Z., George H. Whiting, second principal H., and Robert Marshall, third principal J.

By the fire of 20th June, 1877, in the city of Saint John, this chapter lost its warrant, jewels, clothing, banners, some of the record books and all other paraphernalia. A duplicate of the warrant was issued by the grand chapter of Canada, November 15, 1880.

New Brunswick Chapter, by its delegates, united in the erection of the grand chapter of New Brunswick, and stands number three on the roll of that grand body.

UNION R. A. CHAPTER, CARLETON.

Constituted at Carleton February 20, 1860, by M. E. Comp. Robert Thomson Clinch, Principal Z. of Carleton Chapter, No. 47, under a charter or warrant dated at Edinburgh, September 21, 1859, granted by the most excellent grand principals and remanent officers of the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland, upon the petition of brethren, companions of the royal arch degree resident in and about Carleton, Saint John, New Brunswick, North America, viz.: Charles Ketchum, Joseph H. Littlehale, Jacob Dykeman White, John V. Ellis, Henry Littlehale, William H. Craft, John Craft, Edward Allison, Jr., and John S. Clarke, for a chapter of royal arch freemasons, to stand upon the roll of the supreme grand royal arch chapter by the name and appellation of

1 The regular convocation is now held on the first Thursday of each month.

"The Union Royal Arch Chapter, St. John, New Brunswick, No. 84," with the following companions as officers thereof: Charles Ketchum, Z.; Joseph H. Littlehale, H.; Jacob D. White, J.; John V. Ellis, E.; Henry Littlehale, N.; William H. Craft, First Sojourner; John Craft, Second Sojourner; Edward Allison, Jr., Third Sojourner, and John S. Clarke, Treasurer, and authorizing the said companions to convene, open and hold a chapter under the aforementioned designation in Carleton, Saint John, upon the first Wednesday[1] of each month. The grand officers subscribing their names to the warrant are James G. Murray, Grand Z.; John Deuchar, Grand H.; Donald Campbell, Grand J.; William Gaylor, Grand Scribe E.; Edward Main, Grand Scribe N., and John Henry, Grand Treasurer.

Union Chapter, by its delegates, united in the erection of the grand chapter of New Brunswick, and stands number four on its roll.

CORINTHIAN R. A. CHAPTER, HAMPTON.

The petitioners for the warrant of this chapter were Companions William Otty, John Darling, William H. Rankin, Edward B. Peters, William Divan, John McGill Otty, Robert W. Crookshank, Charles Vaughan Forster and Charles E. Raymond. The warrant was granted by the most excellent grand principals and remanent office-bearers of the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland, viz.: John Deuchar (Grand H.), acting Grand Z.; Donald Campbell (Grand J.), acting Grand H.; Alexander Downie, acting Grand J.; William Gaylor, Grand Scribe E.: Edward Main, Grand Scribe N., and John Henry, Grand Treasurer. It was dated at Edinburgh, December 21, 1859, and appointed Companions William Otty, Z.; John Darling, H.; William Humfrey Rankin, J.; Edward Baker Peters, E.; William Divan, N.; John McG. Otty, First Sojourner; Robert W. Crookshank, Second Sojourner; Charles V. Forster, Third Sojourner, and Charles Edward Raymond, Treasurer, to be erected into a chapter of royal arch masons by the name and appellation of "The Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 85," to meet at Hampton, Kings county, province of New Brunswick, on the first Thursday of each month. The chapter was constituted March 3, 1860, by M. E. Comp. Robert T. Clinch, Principal Z. of Carleton Chapter, Saint John, who was assisted in the ceremonial by Companions B. Lester Peters, William F. Bunting, William M. Smith and Edward B. Peters, also of Carleton Chapter.

At the time of the formation of Corinthian Chapter there were a large number of persons residing at Hampton and its immediate vicinity,

1 The regular convocation is now held on the fourth Tuesday in each month.

engaged in the construction and management of the European and North American railroad. Many of these persons were members of the craft, and formed ample materials for building up and working an efficient chapter. When the railroad was completed the great majority of these individuals removed to other parts. This caused a cessation in the applications for degrees in the chapter and a material diminution in the membership. The chapter languished, and eventually, about the year 1863, ceased to meet and work. The warrant was placed in the possession of M. E. Companion B. Lester Peters, Past Z. of Carleton Chapter, who retains it in the hope that the chapter may in the near future be resuscitated.

MOUNT LEBANON R. A. CHAPTER, CHATHAM.

This chapter was regularly constituted at the masonic hall, Chatham, September 15, 1864, by M. E. Companion Robert Gowan, Past Z. of Fredericton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 77, under authority of a warrant dated at Edinburgh, June 15, 1864, granted by the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland, to Companions George H. Russell, Z.; Richard Hocken, H.; William Muirhead, J.; Thomas F. Gillespie, E.; Arthur Wright, N.; Edwin J. Everett, Treasurer; John Havilland, First Sojourner; John V. Ellis, Second Sojourner; and William J. Johnson, Third Sojourner. It was signed by Samuel Somerville, Depute Grand Z.; T. D. McGowan, acting Grand H.; Henry Finlay, Grand J.; Lindsay Mackersy, Grand E.; William Mann, Grand N.; Alexander J. Stewart, Grand Treasurer; Richard Gray, Grand Chancellor; and Alexander Hay, Grand Recorder.

M. E. Companion Gowan was assisted in the ceremonial of constituting the chapter by Companions Robert T. Clinch, William F. Bunting, John V. Ellis, Thomas M. Reed, Charles E. Potter and Alexander Rankin, of Carleton Chapter, Saint John, and Companion Rev. Charles P. Bliss, of Corinthian Chapter, Hampton. In the evening the members of the new chapter, with the visiting companions, sat down to a supper served in excellent style, at which there was a round of speeches, songs, toasts, etc.

Mount Lebanon Chapter started under favorable circumstances, with an energetic and influential membership and an excellent outfit for the proper performance of the ceremonies.

It did not have any act or part in the formation of the grand chapter of New Brunswick, no mention of its name appearing in the record of that event, and up to the present day has declined to come within its jurisdiction.

ST. STEPHEN R. A. CHAPTER, SAINT STEPHEN.

The warrant was granted by the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland to Companions Samuel Wright Golding, David Main, William Waterbury, David Brown, William Vaughan, Samuel Thomas Connick, William Henry Stevens, Moses McGowan, and David Wetmore Gedney, petitioners for a chapter of royal arch freemasons, to stand upon the roll of the supreme grand chapter by the name and appellation of "Saint Stephen Royal Arch Chapter, No. 125," with the following office-bearers: Samuel W. Golding, Z; David Main, H.; William Waterbury, J.; David Brown, E.; William Vaughan, N.; William H. Stevens, First Sojourner; Moses McGowan, Second Sojourner; David W. Gedney, Third Sojourner; and Samuel T. Connick, Treasurer, who were empowered to convene, open and hold a chapter as aforesaid upon the second Wednesday of each month, in the town of St. Stephen, Charlotte county, New Brunswick. The warrant was sealed at Edinburgh, September 16, 1868, and signed by Samuel Somerville, Depute Grand Z.; David Forsyth, acting Grand H.; William Ramsay, acting Grand J.; Lindsay Mackersy, Grand Scribe E.; William Mann, Grand Scribe N.; Alex. J. Stewart, Grand Treasurer; and Henry Tighe, Grand Chancellor.

The chapter was constituted under its warrant at St. Stephen, October 19, 1868, by M. E. Comp. William F. Bunting, Past Z. of Carleton Chapter, No. 47, Saint John, under a special authority from the Grand Z. of Scotland.

Saint Stephen Chapter, by its delegates, joined in the erection of the grand chapter of New Brunswick, and stands number five on its roll.

BOTSFORD R. A. CHAPTER, MONCTON.

Opened May 16, 1870, by Rt. E. Comp. Robert Marshall, grand superintendent of Canadian royal arch masonry in New Brunswick, under a dispensation issued by M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. On the 10th day of August, A. D. 1870, a warrant was issued under the sanction and authority of the grand royal arch chapter of Canada, upon the petition of Companions Bliss Botsford, John Leonard Harris, Amos Henry Chandler, Henry Thaddeus Stevens, Christopher Prince Harris, William S. Torrie, Duncan Small Harper, Duncan C. King and Irwin Whitley Binney, constituting the said companions into a chapter of royal arch masons, under the title or denomination of "Botsford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 39," to meet at Moncton, county of Westmorland, province of New Brunswick, on the third Monday in each month, with Comp. Bliss Botsford as First Principal Z., Comp. John L. Harris as Second Principal H., and Comp.

Amos H. Chandler as Third Principal J. The warrant was signed by the following officers of the grand chapter: T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z.; James Seymour, Grand H.; Henry Robert, Grand J., and Thomas B. Harris, Grand Scribe E.

Botsford Chapter, by its delegates, united in the erection of the grand chapter of New Brunswick, and at present stands sixth on its roll.

WOODSTOCK R. A. CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.

The warrant of this chapter was dated at Hamilton, Ontario, July 13, 1883, and was granted by the grand chapter of royal arch masons of Canada, at the humble petition of the trusty Companions, Ananias McFarlane, David F. Merritt, Donald Munro, Allison B. Connell, George A. Murchie, J. Alonzo Hale, John W. McInch, John Graham, Josiah R. Murphy, John P. Johnson and others, constituting them into a chapter of royal arch masons under the title or denomination of "Woodstock Royal Arch Chapter, No. 89," to meet at Woodstock, in the county of Carleton, and province of New Brunswick, on the third Thursday in each month, with Comp. Ananias McFarlane as the First Principal Z., Comp. David F. Merritt as the Second Principal H., and Comp. Donald Munro as the Third Principal J. The warrant was signed by the following officers of the grand chapter: Donald Ross, Grand Z.; Henry MacPherson, Grand H.; Thomas Sargant, Grand J., and David McLellan, Grand Scribe E. The chapter was first instituted by Rt. E. Comp. Henry Duffell of Saint John, grand superintendent of Canadian royal arch masonry in New Brunswick, under a dispensation issued by the grand principal Z. of Canada, April 12, 1882, and continued under such dispensation until the reception of the warrant.

Woodstock Chapter, by its authorized delegates, joined in the erection of the grand chapter of New Brunswick, and stands number seven on its roll.

COUNCIL OF KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS.

Carleton Council of Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and Knights of the East and West, or Babylonish Pass — commonly called Knights of the Red Cross — was constituted in the masonic hall, Saint John, November 25, 1857, by M. E. Companion Charles Vaughan Forster, under authority of a working dispensation issued at Glasgow, Scotland, November 6, 1857, by M. E. Companion George Arnott Walker Arnott, Grand Principal Z. of the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland, in the terms following, viz.: "It having been represented to me by several companions of the Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 47, that it is expedient to open at Saint John, New Brunswick, and in

connection with it, a council of Red Cross Knights—known by the name of the Babylonish Pass, and composed of three parts, termed Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and Knights of the East and West. * * * I hereby authorize M. E. Companion Charles Vaughan Forster to administer the obligations necessary to Companions Robert Stubs, John H. Sheridan, William F. Bunting, Robert G. Crozier, John Frost, John Murray and Andrew Hastings, and immediately after to pronounce the said council duly constituted, and thereafter to admit such companions of the Carleton Chapter as they may consider worthy; provided they are in possession of a royal arch diploma from the supreme chapter of Scotland; that thereafter the meeting shall proceed to elect office-bearers, pass regulations as to the calling of regular meetings in future on some night not set apart for royal arch business or ark mariner's degree, fix the fees, and order minute books to be procured."

The principal officers of a council are styled the King (Cyrus), the Senior General, and the Junior General. This body has continued its work up to the present time, and is still in a healthy condition. During latter years, however, it has closely identified itself with the Encampment of Saint John, K. T., by holding its meetings and conducting its work to suit the interests and convenience of that body.

LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

The Carleton Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was constituted at the same time and under the same authority as the Carleton Red Cross Council. The three principal officers of this body are styled Noah, Shem and Japhet. As the degree conferred in it is very little known on this side of the Atlantic, and as its utility is practically of small consequence, its labors were not very long continued.

At the time the Carleton Council of Red Cross Knights and Carleton Royal Ark Mariner's Lodge were instituted, the laws of the supreme grand royal arch chapter of Scotland, then in force, provided that special authority might be given to royal arch chapters to confer, in addition to the degrees authorized to be given in such chapters, those of the Royal Ark Mariners and Babylonish Pass, commonly called the Red Cross. Each individual companion admitted to these degrees was entitled to receive from the chapter a certificate or diploma of the same. At least three are required to form and open a Royal Ark Mariner's Lodge, and seven for a council of Red Cross Knights.

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

The grand council of royal and select masters of the province of New Brunswick was formally erected in the masonic hall, city of Saint John,

August 15, 1867, by delegates representing Saint John Council, No. 1, New Brunswick Council, No. 2, and Carleton Council, No. 3, being all the councils of this rite at that time in New Brunswick. The following chief officers were chosen: Thrice Ill. Comp. Robert Marshall, most puissant grand master; Ill. Comp. John V. Ellis, deputy puissant grand master; Comp. Edward Willis, right puissant grand master; Right Ill. Comp. James G. Forbes, puissant grand master; and Right Ill. Comp. David R. Munro, grand recorder, who were subsequently installed into their respective offices by Past Most Puissant Grand Master Gordon R. Garden, of the grand council of the state of Maine, who was present and assisted in all the proceedings as the representative of the grand master of Maine. The transactions of this body were published in pamphlet form each year, from the date of organization up to and including the annual assembly of October, 1871. A meeting was held in October, 1872, but the minutes were not published. In addition to the charters issued to councils in New Brunswick, others were granted by this body for the erection of councils in Nova Scotia and Ontario. The books, papers and other property belonging to it were destroyed by the fire of June 20, 1877.

From October, 1872, until January 5, 1892, it ceased to meet, and consequently no elections of officers were held or other business transacted. On the last named date a special convocation was convened, at which this grand council was reorganized and rehabilitated. Bro. John V. Ellis was elected most puissant grand master, and Bro. Robert Marshall grand secretary, who continue to hold office.

SAINT JOHN COUNCIL, No. 1, R. & S. MASTERS.

This council was constituted in the masonic hall, Saint John, August 12, 1867, under a charter dated at Portland, Maine, May 8, 1867, granted by the grand council of royal and select masters within the state of Maine to the Worthy Companions William Donald, D. D., thrice illustrious master; John Davis Short, right illustrious master; John Mullin, illustrious master; James Gordon Forbes, Robert Shives, John Brunswick Hammond, John Frost, David Smith Stewart, William James Logan, Moses S. Hall, William W. Emslie and Thomas H. Keohan, empowering them to form and open a council of royal and select masters in the city of Saint John, county of Saint John, and province of New Brunswick, to be known and distinguished by the name and style of "Saint John Council, No. 1," with full power and authority to confer the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master. It was signed by Edward P. Burnham, most puissant grand master, and Ira Berry, grand recorder.

Immediately after the erection of the grand council in New Brunswick an endorsement was made on its charter whereby the powers and privileges conceded to it by the grand council of Maine were confirmed and continued by the newly constituted grand body.

The charter, books and paraphernalia were wiped out of existence by the destructive fire of June 20, 1877, and from that day forward up to February 12, 1892, it ceased to meet. At the latter date, upon a special call, the surviving members held a meeting, at which the council was resuscitated, an election held, and Bro. William B. Wallace elected and installed thrice illustrious master.

A substitute charter, to replace the original destroyed as aforenamed, was issued June 24, 1892, by the grand council, unto William Bedell Wallace, thrice illustrious master; William Alexander Ewing, right illustrious master; and Charles McLauchlan, illustrious master, and signed by John V. Ellis, grand master, and Robert Marshall, grand secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK COUNCIL, No. 2, R. & S. MASTERS.

Constituted August 12, 1867, in the masonic hall, Saint John, under a charter dated at Portland, Maine, May 8, 1867, granted by the grand council of royal and select masters within the state of Maine, to the worthy companions, Robert Marshall, thrice illustrious master, David Ransom Munro, right illustrious master, George Johnstone Caie, illustrious master, Dugald Kelly, Frank L. Lewin, George H. Whiting, David Main, Archibald McLean, Thomas A. Peters, Matthew Henderson and Howard Douglas McLeod, empowering them to form and open a council of royal and select masters in the city of Saint John, county of Saint John, and province of New Brunswick, to be known and distinguished by the name and style of "New Brunswick Council, No. 2," with full power and authority to confer the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent master. It was signed by Edward P. Burnham, most puissant grand master, and Ira Berry, grand recorder.

All the property of this council, including the records, was destroyed in the great fire in Saint John, June 20, 1877, from which time it ceased to hold meetings.

CARLETON COUNCIL, No. 3, R. & S. MASTERS.

Constituted in the masonic hall, Carleton, under a charter dated at Portland, Maine, May 8, 1867, granted by the grand council of royal and select masters within the state of Maine to the worthy companions, John V. Ellis, Henry Card, Edwin J. Wetmore, Charles Ketchum, Henry Leonard, John Rice, Andrew F. Andrews, Stephen P. Wetmore,

William Dunbar, Henry Littlehale, James H. Eagles and William Dunlavy, empowering them to form and open a council of royal and select masters in the city of Saint John, county of Saint John, and province of New Brunswick, to be known and distinguished by the name and style of "Carleton Council, No. 3," with full power and authority to confer the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master. It was signed by Edward P. Burnham, most puissant grand master, and Ira Berry, grand recorder. The three principal officers at its organization were Comp. John V. Ellis, thrice illustrious master, Comp. Edwin J. Wetmore, right illustrious master, and Comp. Charles Ketchum, illustrious master. This council is still in existence and holds occasional meetings in the masonic hall, Carleton.

AN EARLY COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

The *City Gazette*, published in the city of Saint John, in the number issued Wednesday, February 13, 1828, contained the following notice: "A quarterly meeting of the council of Royal and Select Masters will be held at mason hall, on Thursday evening, at seven o'clock." There was no name appended to the document and no reference to the meeting in the columns of the newspaper other than the advertisement copied above in full. It was a new revelation to me, as I had never heard any reference to such a body by any of the old-time masons, and when the newspaper came into my hands all these old brethren had passed away. During the latter part of the year 1826 a Bro. Samuel Kidder, represented as a masonic lecturer and ritualist from the state of Massachusetts, visited Saint John, at the invitation of St. John's Lodge, No. 29, to impart instruction in the work of the craft degrees. Bro. Kidder may have had authority from the grand master of a grand council (the grand council of Massachusetts was established about the time of Kidder's visit) to organize a council of this rite, and under such commission the council in Saint John may have been instituted by him. This is merely a conjecture on my part and may be accepted for what it is worth. There can be no doubt, however, of the existence of such a body in Saint John at the date above mentioned.

HIBERNIAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 318, K. T., ST. ANDREWS.

This, the oldest body of Knights Templars in the province of New Brunswick, was constituted at St. Andrews, Charlotte county, April 5, 1840, under a warrant from the supreme grand encampment of Ireland, Knights Templar and Knights of Malta. The petitioners were Sir Knights James Kyle, John McCoubry, John Commac, James Tufts,

James Clarke, James Brown, Alexander Cochran, John Kerr, James McFarlane and William Gray. The regular assemblies were held on the second Monday in March, June, September and December. It ceased to meet May, 1860, owing to deaths and removals, and the limited number of royal arch masons in the neighborhood, but during the twenty years of its existence its work was peformed in a true knightly manner. Frater Adam W. Smith, so well and favorably known to the masonic fraternity far and near, was the second intrant within its portals, and was its most earnest and active supporter.

ENCAMPMENT OF SAINT JOHN, No. 48, SAINT JOHN.

Previous to the organization of this encampment the number of fratres in Saint John and vicinity, in possession of the temple degrees, was insufficient to petition for a warrant or charter. As a preliminary step to this end, a dispensation, dated at Edinburgh, April 22, 1866, was issued under the hand and seal of Frater George Arnot Walker Arnot, grand registrar, by authority of the grand priory and chapter general of Scotland, to Fratres Charles Vaughan Forster, John Willis, John Edwards, John Frost, George Wilson, Angus McAfee, Robert Gray, William Ross and John Creighton, empowering them to confer the degrees upon such royal arch masons as they saw fit to receive into the order of the temple, preliminary to the issue of a formal charter. Under this special authority a meeting was held May 15, 1856, at which Companions Alexander Balloch, Charles E. Raymond, William F. Bunting and Robert Stubs were created knights templars to enable them to become petitioners. In due time a petition was forwarded to Edinburgh, which resulted in the issue of a charter, dated October 4, 1856, granted under the sanction and authority of the chapter general of the religious and military order of the temple and holy sepulchre of Scotland, by the very eminent John Whyte Melville of Bennochy and Strathkinness, master and grand prior, unto the following fratres, viz.: Charles Vaughan Forster, commander; John Willis, lieutenant-commander; Alexander Balloch, mareschal or senior captain and master of ceremonies; Charles E. Raymond, hospitaller or junior captain; John Frost, chancellor and keeper of the seals; Robert Stubs, treasurer; William Franklin Bunting, secretary; John Edwards, chaplain or instructor; Angus McAfee, baucennifer; John Creighton, bearer of the vexillum belli; and George Wilson, chamberlain and keeper of the encampment property, authorizing them to open and hold an encampment of knights templars, under the name and designation of "The Encampment of Saint John, of New Brunswick, No. 48," upon the registry of the grand priory of Scotland, to meet at the city of Saint John, in that part of North America

called New Brunswick, upon such day of the week and in such month of the year as might be fixed upon; and when in encampment assembled they and their successors were empowered to instal knights templars and to create esquires of the order; also to confer the degree of Knight of Saint John of Jerusalem, usually styled Knight of Malta, with the preceding step known by the name of the Mediterranean Pass or Knight of Saint Paul; also the Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine; and likewise of the Priestly Order of the Temple. The election of office-bearers was appointed to take place annually on the fourteenth day of September, the festival of the Holy Cross, unless that day should fall upon Saturday or Sunday, in which case the election should be held on the preceding Friday or following Monday, to be decided by the vote of the encampment. The signatories to the charter were John Whyte Melville, master and grand prior; G. A. Walker Arnot, sub-grand prior; Samuel Somerville, grand baucennifer; William A. Laurie, acting grand treasurer; and Hector Gavin, acting grand chancellor.

The encampment was constituted under the charter February 11, 1857, in the masonic hall, city of Saint John. The first code of bye laws was adopted February 10, 1858, in which, among other things, it was provided that the regular assemblies be held on the second Wednesday in February, April, June, August, October and December of every year, and in the event of the annual assembly falling on Saturday or Sunday, the succeeding Monday was selected as the day. A subsequent change in the laws enacted that the regular assemblies be held on the second Wednesday of every month, which enactment is in force at the present time.

The Encampment of Saint John has been from the date of its organization, and is now, one of the most efficient and prosperous masonic bodies in the dominion of Canada, and includes in its large roll of membership many of the elite of the fraternity in New Brunswick, all of whom are animated by a worthy *esprit de corps* and are alive to the courtesies devolving upon them by their knightly vows.

By the fire of 20th June, 1877, it met with the loss of its charter, jewels, clothing, banners, seals and all other property except the records; and in addition the entire contents of the armory, in which were kept the regalia and other equipments of the members. A duplicate of the charter was in good time issued by the grand priory—an artistic and handsomely illuminated document, now hanging in the assembly hall.

UNION DE MOLAY ENCAMPMENT, SAINT JOHN.

This body was originally constituted under the authority of the great priory of the royal, exalted, religious and military order of masonic

knights templar of England and Wales and the dependencies of the British crown. Previous to receiving the charter, it was opened October 19, 1868, by Sir Kt. Christopher Bezant, past eminent commander of All Soul's Encampment of Weymouth, Dorset, England, under a dispensation dated September 15, 1868, issued by Colonel William J. B. MacLeod Moore, provincial grand prior of Canada. The applicants for the charter were Fratres Robert Marshall, Thomas A. D. Forster, James Domville, David S. Stewart, William J. Logan, William W. Emslie, Christian A. Robertson, Thomas A. Peters, John Frost, John B. Hammond, Robert W. Crookshank, George H. Whiting, Aaron Armstrong, Christopher Bezant and George Wilson. The charter, No. 104, on the roll of the great priory of England, Wales, etc., was granted May 21, 1869, under the signatures of Sir William Stewart, most eminent supreme grand master, and Sir Patrick Colquhoun, grand chancellor, to the aforenamed fratres, of whom Robert Marshall was named the eminent commander, Thomas A. D. Forster first captain, and James Domville second captain. The regular assemblies were appointed to be held on the first Thursday in each month at the city of Saint John, province of New Brunswick. The encampment was regularly consecrated under this charter July 5, 1869.

Constitutional changes having taken place whereby the English provincial grand priory of Canada became an independent body, and the original charter having been destroyed by fire, a new charter was issued by the great priory of Canada to "Union de Molay Encampment, No. 11," on its roll, authorizing the encampment to meet at Saint John on the first Thursday in each month, and to confer on royal arch masons the orders of the Temple and Malta, and appendant orders. It was dated at Barrie, Ontario, July 8, 1884, and signed by William J. B. MacLeod Moore, supreme grand master, and Daniel Spry, grand chancellor.

All the property of this encampment, except the records, was lost in the fire of 20th June, 1867.

This encampment has not held any meetings for several years, and there is no present prospect of its resuscitation.

SAINT STEPHEN ENCAMPMENT, ST. STEPHEN.

The charter of this encampment or priory was granted April 9, 1872, by "The Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple and Hospital in Scotland," the most eminent John Whyte Melville of Bannochy and Strathkinness, grand master, and William H. Ramsay, grand registrar, upon the petition of fratres David Brown, William Vaughan, David Main, Benjamin M. Flint, John H. Rose,

John V. Ellis, William Waterbury, George F. Keans, John Cleland and Arthur W. Hutchinson, authorizing the said petitioners to open and hold an encampment of knights templars, under the name and designation of "The Priory of the Order of the Temple in Saint Stephen," with the following office-bearers: David Brown, prior; William Vaughan, sub-prior; David Main, mareschal; Benjamin M. Flint, hospitaller; John H. Rose, chancellor; John V. Ellis, treasurer; William Waterbury, secretary; George F. Keans, chaplain; John Cleland, baucennifer; and Arthur W. Hutchinson, bearer of vexillum belli. The encampment was empowered to meet at the town of St. Stephen, in that part of North America called New Brunswick, upon such day of the week and in such month of the year as may be fixed upon; and when in encampment assembled they and their successors are authorized to instal knights templars and create esquires of the order; to confer the degrees of Knight of St. John of Jerusalem or Knight of Malta, with the preceding step of the Mediterranean Pass or Knight of St. Paul; also the Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine; and likewise of the priestly order of the temple.

This encampment was constituted under its charter, September 25, 1872, frater David Brown presiding, and was an offshoot of the Encampment of Saint John.

The regular assemblies were first held on the second Monday in each month, and now on the third Wednesday, in the masonic hall, St. Stephen, Charlotte county.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND, SAINT JOHN.

The chief seat or headquarters of this body is in Scotland, and the king of Scotland (when that country had a king) was the hereditary grand master. It was originally instituted by King Robert Bruce on the battle field of Bannockburn, June 24, A. D. 1314, as a masonic order of knighthood, and from this the members are styled "knights companions." The order was introduced into New Brunswick in the latter part of the year 1859 by the late Bro. Robert Stubs, by virtue of a temporary patent issued by Eminent Kt. Comp. John Whyte Melville, deputy grand master and governor of Scotland. The formal patent or charter was granted January 4, 1860, under which the provincial grand lodge for New Brunswick was organized at the masonic hall, Saint John, with a full staff of officers, headed by Bro. Stubs as provincial grand master, who, by his patent, was empowered to appoint a deputy and all other officers.

This branch of the masonic system consists of two degrees or grades —the Royal Order of Herodim, and Chapter of the Rosy Cross, technically termed "The High and Honorable Orders of Herodim and the

Rosy Cross." Under the statutes and regulations but one body or chapter of this order can be legally held in any one country, state, or province.

The patent granted to Bro. Stubs authorized the holding of quarterly meetings and the admission of master masons to the degrees. It also empowered him to appoint his successor, subject to the approval of the deputy grand master of Scotland. Bro. Stubs continued in office as provincial grand master until April, 1863. He was succeeded by Bro. Robert W. Crookshank, who held the patent up to January, 1870, when Bro. Benjamin Lester Peters was appointed. Bro. Peters continued in office until 1892, when he was succeeded by Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, who reorganized the body (it having been dormant several years) April 13, 1893. Under Bro. Robertson's patent, the jurisdiction of the provincial grand lodge was extended so as to include under his authority Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in addition to New Brunswick.

The Royal Order of Scotland has no connection with the bodies of the ancient and accepted rite, and exists solely by the patent or charter of the provincial grand master.

The meetings are held quarterly, on the first Wednesday in February, May, August and November, in the masonic temple, Saint John, although the present patent authorizes the provincial grand master to convene the body whenever and wherever he may choose in any one of the three provinces.

ORDER OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

McLeod Moore Conclave, No. 13 (the premier conclave in North America), on the register of the grand imperial council of England, of the masonic and military order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, the invincible order of the K. H. S., and the Holy Order of St. John, was originally constituted in the city of Saint John, A. D. 1869, by virtue of a warrant granted April 13, 1869, by Lord Kenliss (subsequently the Earl of Bective), grand sovereign, to Robert Marshall, 33°, as first sovereign. And under a patent issued by the same authority, Bro. Marshall was likewise appointed intendant general of New Brunswick, an official position he has held continuously up to the present time.

Through the misfortune of the Saint John fire of June 20, 1877, by which the warrant and other property were lost, and by reason of other causes, the meetings of the conclave became less frequent, and finally discontinued for several years.

Unwilling to suffer this branch of the masonic family to remain in abeyance or become extinct in this locality, Bro. Marshall, with his acknowledged zeal and activity, undertook, in the year 1892, to resusci-

tate and place it in working order. To this end he applied for and received from the grand imperial council, a new charter, entitled a warrant of confirmation, dated at London, November 8, 1892, under which the prerogatives conferred by the original warrant, and the name and number—McLeod Moore Conclave, No. 13—were confirmed and continued.

The new warrant appointed Robert Marshall, 33°, to be first sovereign, and Robert W. Crookshank, 32°, to be first viceroy, and was issued under the signatures of the Earl of Euston, grand sovereign; Baron de Ferrieres, grand viceroy; and Charles F. Matier, grand recorder.

By virtue of this warrant McLeod Moore Conclave, No. 13, was formally reorganized in the masonic temple, city of Saint John, April 10, 1893, by the installation of a full staff of officers, the enactment of a code of laws and the adoption of other measures tending to its vitality and permanence.

The meetings are held quarterly—on the second Monday of January, April, July, and October.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, SAINT JOHN.

Moore Chapter of Sovereign Princes of the Rose Croix, H. R. D. M., 18°, controlling all the degrees of the A. & A. Rite, from the fourth to the eighteenth degree inclusive, was organized at Saint John, 4th April, 1870, under a warrant or patent dated at London, May 6, 1868, granted by the supreme council of the A. & A. rite of freemasonry for England and Wales and the dependencies of Great Britain; Charles John Vigne, 33°, sovereign grand commander.

Harington Sovereign Consistory of the illustrious and sublime princes of the Royal Secret 32°, controlling the degrees of the A. & A. rite, from the nineteenth to the thirty-second degree inclusive, was constituted and consecrated at Saint John, September 12, 1872, under a patent or charter, dated at London, July 27, 1872, granted by the supreme council of the grand inspectors general of the 33° of the A. & A. rite of freemasonry for England and Wales and the dependencies of Great Britain, Charles John Vigne, 33°, sovereign grand commander, to the following petitioners: Robert Marshall, 33°; Thomas D. Harington, 33°; W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, 33°; David G. Smith, 32°; James Domville, 32°; David Ransom Munro, 32°; Hugh Williams Chisholm, 32°; William Henry Thorne, 32°; J. G. A. LeBlanc, 32°, and William D. Forster, 32°.

New Brunswick Sovereign Chapter of the Rose Croix, 18°, having control of the A. & A. Scottish rite from the fourth to the eighteenth degree inclusive, and New Brunswick Council and Consistory of Kadosh,

30°, having control of the degrees of the same rite, from the nineteenth to the thirtieth inclusive, were constituted at Saint John, November 3, 1871, under a warrant dated at Edinburgh August 9, 1871, granted by the supreme council for Scotland, of the 33rd and last degree of the A. & A. rite. This charter was signed by J. Whyte Melville, 33°, sovereign grand commander; Alexander J. Stewart, 33°, grand secretary general H. E.; and Samuel Somerville, 33°, grand treasurer H. E., and issued to the following petitioners: Robert Thomson Clinch, 30°; Christopher Murray, 30°; Benjamin Lester Peters, 30°; John Valentine Ellis, 30°; Edward Willis, 30°; Edwin James Everett, 30°; and Alexander Rankin, 30°.

Moore Chapter and Harington Consistory made application to and received the consent of the supreme council of England, Wales, etc., to unite with other bodies of the A. & A. Rite in the dominion of Canada in the formation of an independent supreme council for the dominion. Accordingly, on the 16th day of October, 1874, "The Supreme Council, 33°, of the A. & A. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the dominion of Canada," was erected at Hamilton, Ontario, with full authority and control over all the degrees of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, from the fourth to the thirty-third inclusive.

Although New Brunswick Chapter and New Brunswick Consistory declined at the time to take part in the movement for the erection of the supreme council of Canada, a subsequent consideration of the whole matter led them to the conclusion that it would be for the best interests of the A. & A. Rite in New Brunswick to have all the bodies in Saint John consolidated and brought under one governing head. In view of this, and after due negotiation, it was decided that the four bodies be so reorganized that there should be but one body of each grade in the province. Acting upon this agreement, the Harington Consistory, 32°, and the New Brunswick Council and Consistory of Kadosh, 30°, were, on March 18, 1876, united in one body under the name of "The New Brunswick Consistory, 32°," and, on April 20 following, the Moore Chapter, 18°, and the New Brunswick Chapter, 18°, were likewise united under the designation of "The Harington Sovereign Chapter of the Rose Croix, 18°." Up to the dates of their union all these bodies continued to meet and work under their original patents or warrants. Those held by the Moore Chapter and Harington Consistory having endorsements thereon by the executive officers of the supreme council of Canada, authorizing them so to continue.

On the 20th day of April, 1876, the supreme council of Canada, by T. Douglas Harington, 33°, sovereign grand commander, and other officers, issued a new charter to the united chapter of the Rose Croix,

under the name and title of "Harington Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, H. R. D. M., No. 2," on the register of the supreme council, to be holden in the city of Saint John, province of New Brunswick, and within it to open and hold a "Lodge of Perfection" and a "Council of Princes of Jerusalem." Each body respectively being authorized to confer the degrees appertaining to it, viz.: In the lodge of Perfection, the degrees of Secret Master, 4°; Perfect Master, 5°; Intimate Secretary, 6°; Provost and Judge, 7°; Intendant of the Building, 8°; Knight Elect of Nine, 9°; Knight Elect of Fifteen, 10°; Sublime Knight Elect of Twelve, 11°; Grand Master Architect, 12°; Royal Arch of Enoch, 13°, and Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason, 14°. In the council of Princes of Jerusalem, the degrees of Knight of the East or of the Sword, 15°, and Prince of Jerusalem, 16°; and in the chapter of the Rose Croix, the degrees of Knight of the East and West, 17°, and Sovereign Prince Rose Croix, 18°.

On the 20th day of April, 1876, the supreme council of Canada, by its sovereign grand commander, T. Douglas Harington, 33°, and other officers, issued a new charter to the united consistory, under the title and designation of "The New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory of S. P. R. S., No. 2," on the register of the supreme council, to be holden at Saint John, province of New Brunswick.

This consistory has in conjunction with and in subordination to it, a council of Grand Elected Knights Kadosh, authorized to confer the degrees of Grand Pontiff, 19°; Master ad Vitam, 20°; Patriarch Noachite, 21°; Prince of Libanus, 22°; Chief of the Tabernacle, 23°; Prince of the Tabernacle, 24°; Knight of the Brazen Serpent, 25°; Prince of Mercy, 26°; Commander of the Temple, 27°; Knight of the Sun, 28°; Knight of Saint Andrew, 29°, and Grand Elect Knight of Kadosh or Knight of the White and Black Eagle, 30°; while the sovereign consistory controls the degrees of Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander, 31°, and Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°.

In compliance with an application for a division of the Harington Chapter into two separate working bodies, the supreme council of Canada, by its sovereign grand commander, T. Douglas Harington, 33°, and other officers, issued on the 1st August, 1878, a charter or patent constituting the applicants into a just, legal and perfect lodge of perfection of Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Masons, to be known and called by the name of "Saint John Lodge of Perfection, No. 4," on the register of the supreme council, with authority to confer the several degrees of the A. & A. Scottish rite from the fourth to the fourteenth inclusive.

Under the present arrangement there are three bodies of the A. & A. Scottish rite in Saint John, each holding a separate and distinct patent

or warrant, viz.: "Saint John Lodge of Perfection, No. 4," having control of the 4° to the 14° inclusive; "Harington Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, H. R. D. M., No. 2," controlling the 15° to 18° inclusive; and "New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory, of S. P. R. S.," controlling the 19° to 32° inclusive. Each has a separate staff of officers, and keeps separate records, accounts, etc.

The original patents and warrants of these bodies were destroyed in the fire of 20th June, 1877, together with their clothing, jewels and other equipments, of which they possessed a complete outfit and on which there was no insurance. They continue to meet in the masonic temple, Saint John.

BUILDINGS IN ST. JOHN OCCUPIED BY MASONIC LODGES.

KIRK'S INN.

Although St. John's Lodge never had an abiding place in this building, it deserves priority of mention on account of its peculiar relation to the craft. It was a large two storey wooden structure, erected on lot No. 1234, north side of Britain street, forty feet distant from the east line of Germain street. The lot was drawn by John Kirk, a loyalist and one of the grantees of the city of Saint John, on which he built the house immediately after the settlement of the city. It had the special distinction of being the first building occupied by the craft for masonic purposes in the province of New Brunswick. Hiram Lodge, No. 17, was constituted on the first day of September, A. D. 1784, in the hall contained in the second storey of the building, and continued to meet there until the lodge went out of existence. John Kirk opened an inn or tavern in the lower storey, which for a number of years was a favorite place of resort of the people of that portion of the city familiarly known as the "lower cove." Kirk sold the property to James Hayt, and the latter subsequently disposed of it to George Younghusband—the selling price in both cases being eighty-one pounds. In later years it was the residence of Thomas Sancton, Esquire, chamberlain of the city. Afterwards it fell into the hands of disreputable persons, who allowed it to become so delapidated that about the year 1832 it was razed to the ground. The lot is now owned by the estate of the late Richard Sands.

MALLARD BUILDING.

Situate on the south side of King street, on the site at present occupied by the Royal hotel. The lot, No. 393, was drawn by William Ryan, a loyalist, who sold it, August 4, 1785, to Thomas Mallard for nine guineas. The building was among the first erected in the city. It was used as a hotel or inn, and also devoted to public purposes. The first session of the provincial legislature was convened here in 1786, and the common council of the city met in it from December, 1785, to March, 1797. A serious riot occurred at this house November, 1785, at an election for representatives in the general assembly, when several persons were severely injured.

As St. John's Lodge was constituted and held its early meetings in the building, it deserves special mention, and should be peculiarly

interesting to members of the present day. The lodge met here from April, 1802, to May, 1805, and again from March, 1813, to May, 1814.

The original building was forty feet wide and two storeys in height, the upper storey containing the hall in which the lodge held its meetings. It was partially destroyed by fire in the year 1829, and when rebuilt was materially altered internally and externally. In the year 1850 the premises were leased to the late John D. Frost, who tore down the old building, together with an adjoining house, and upon the foundations erected a brick structure, having stores on the lower storey and a hotel in the upper portion; and is the same building, with alterations and additions, now known as the Royal Hotel. The property is at present owned by the heirs of the late George Bonsall.

THE COFFEE HOUSE,

In which the meetings of St. John's Lodge were held from May, 1808, to March, 1813, stood on the south-east corner of Prince William and King streets, on lot No. 402, granted, in the first division of city lots, to Charles MacPherson, a prominent loyalist and a member of the lodge. Bro. MacPherson erected the building shortly after the settlement of the city, but at the time of its occupation by the lodge William George Cody, known as "the prince of caterers and the most obliging of landlords," was the lessee and occupant, who, however, became the owner in October, 1817, in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred pounds paid to MacPherson. In addition to the hall and private apartments, there were stores, offices, etc., in the building. In A. D. 1853 it was torn down to make room for a brick dry goods store.

It was a noted place of resort to the early citizens of Saint John, and was better known to them than any other place in the city under its several designations of MacPherson's Coffee House, Cody's Coffee House, Exchange Coffee House, and above all as "The Coffee House."

The public room in the upper storey, the scene of many gay and festive gatherings, often resounded with the light-hearted laugh, the mirthful joke, the pleasant song, interspersed with toasts and sentiments. Wit, wisdom, gaiety and humor were there. The health of the king, attachment to the throne of Great Britain, and devotion to the fair sisterhood found hearty and outspoken expression around its festive board. The merchant, the lawyer, the politician, the scholar—all classes and professions—mingled here and talked of merchandise, briefs, public matters, Shakspeare, and the latest news from Europe.

Improvement and modernization demanded its demolition, and to these behests the old building had to give way to brick, stone, and the

march of trade and commerce. The site is now occupied by the Domville building, and owned by the Bank of Montreal.

BRO. CHARLES MacPHERSON'S HOUSE.

This building stood on the corner of King and Cross (now Canterbury) streets, on lot No. 406, drawn by John Porteous at the first settlement of the city. The meetings of St. John's Lodge were held here from May, 1822, to May, 1824. In the eyes of the old inhabitants it was surrounded by a distinctive halo on account of having been for several years the residence of General Benedict Arnold.

The property was sold in March, 1792, to Jonathan Bliss, Esq., for three hundred and fifty pounds, and by Mr. Bliss to Bro. MacPherson, February, 1812, for nine hundred and fifty pounds—the lodge occupying it during the ownership of the latter.

It afterward passed into the hands of George Bragg, by whom it was altered and enlarged and in its new shape—being known as "Bragg's Building"—was rented for various public and private purposes. Mr. Bragg converted the upper storey into a large hall, in which balls, festivals, exhibitions and other entertainments were held.

A fire occurred in the building on the night of February 3, 1866, by which it was damaged to so great an extent that it was deemed prudent not to rebuild it. Shortly after the lot was leased to the dry goods firm of Lawton & Vassie, who erected a brick store and warehouse thereon. The lot is now owned by the estate of George Bragg, and the building by John Vassie, Esq., formerly a dry goods merchant in Saint John, but now residing in Scotland.

JOTHAM HITCHCOCK'S HOUSE,

The place of meeting of St. John's Lodge, from May, 1805, to May, 1808. The building was erected on lot No. 405, situate on the south side of King street, one lot west of Cross street, granted to John Durney, who afterwards sold it to Laurence Dowling. Bro. Hitchcock purchased the property from Dowling March 24, 1802, for five hundred and twenty-five pounds. It passed into the possession of Bro. Caleb Merritt March 13, 1812, at a cost of five hundred pounds. Bro. Merritt was one of the original members of St. John's Lodge, who occupied the premises and died there 3rd August, 1821.

The property is now owned by the heirs of Thomas Barlow, Esq., who have erected brick dry goods stores thereon.

OLD MASONIC HALL.

Situate corner of King and Charlotte streets, and occupied by St. John's Lodge from May, 1824, to September, 1842, and again from May, 1846, to February, 1851.

The masonic bodies in Saint John in the year 1816, comprising St. John's Lodge, No. 29, Union Lodge, No. 38, and Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, with perhaps more zeal than prudence and forethought, determined on the erection of a large building to be devoted to the uses of the craft. A lot of land on the corner of King and Studholm (now Charlotte) streets, fifty feet front by one hundred feet in depth, owned by the corporation of Trinity church, was leased at a rental of twenty-five pounds per annum. The cost of the building was placed at two thousand pounds, which amount it was proposed to be raised by the issue of eighty shares of stock at twenty-five pounds per share, the details being remitted to a special committee of all the bodies. This committee, consisting of Bros. Nehemiah Merritt, Benjamin L. Peters and James Hendricks, who were appointed April 1, 1816, appear to have entered into the work with commendable vigor, for they had made such progress with their labors that arrangements were made for laying the foundation stone in September following. According to announcement this ceremonial was performed September 28, 1816, under the acting grand mastership of R. W. Bro. the Hon. Thomas Wetmore, attorney general of the province, assisted by the masonic bodies in Saint John and many visiting brethren from various outlying districts.

The building was a framed wooden structure fifty feet front, sixty feet deep and fifty-one feet posts, divided into three storeys and a basement.

Through lack of perseverance, or want of funds, or both combined, the scheme proved unsuccessful. The committee of arrangements, finding themselves unable to accomplish their design, relinquished the work before the building was completed, and in order to satisfy the claims of creditors, it was sold at public auction July 10, 1819.

It passed into the hands of Bro. Israel Lawson, who fitted up the upper storey, as originally contemplated, into suitable apartments for the use of the craft, and as they required the rooms only a few evenings in each month, they were occasionally rented for other purposes.

On the 18th day of May, 1833, a great dinner was given here in honor of the fiftieth or jubilee year of the landing of the loyalists, at which there was a large gathering of leading men from all parts of the province, including many of the surviving loyalists, presided over by John M. Wilmot, Esq., mayor of the city. His Excellency Sir Archibald Campbell, lieutenant governor of New Brunswick, was among the guests.

About the year 1836, Bro. Lawson sold out to the Saint John Hotel Company, when the building was converted into a hotel and leased to Cyrus Stockwell, who opened it for the accommodation of guests in May, 1837. During subsequent years it was leased to and occupied by other hotel keepers, and, as time passed on, the lower storey fronting on King street was fitted up for stores, and the upper portion into a photograph gallery. Balls, dramatic entertainments, exhibitions, society meetings, and other gatherings were held in the large hall up to June 20, 1877, when the calamitous fire of that day wiped the whole fabric out of existence.

Our ancient brethren, in undertaking the erection and completion of this building, like their successors in many instances, planned neither wisely nor well. Their designs were beyond their ability to accomplish, and much to their regret, no doubt, their hope did not end in fruition. From the year 1819 to the year 1879 the craft in Saint John had no proprietorship in a masonic hall, but were obliged to meet in rented buildings.

RITCHIE'S BUILDING,

In which the various bodies of the masonic fraternity held their meetings from August 1, 1856, until June 20, 1877, was situated on the south side of Princess street, between Prince William and Germain streets. It occupied two city lots, Nos. 608 and 609, each forty by one hundred feet. When, at the foundation of Saint John, A. D. 1784, a large portion of the city was divided up and granted to the loyalists, lot 608 became the property of Thomas Seymour and lot 609 the property of John Barns. In course of time they passed into the possession of Thomas Cunningham, who, July 5, 1825, in consideration of the sum of two thousand pounds, conveyed them by deed to His Majesty King George the Fourth. A large wooden building was erected thereon, in which the commissariat department of the imperial service held its quarters up to the year 1843, when the property was purchased for five hundred pounds, by the late Chief Justice Ritchie of the supreme court of the Dominion of Canada. After the building became the property of Mr. Ritchie, it was, for about ten years, occupied as a private residence and for medical and legal offices. In the year 1853 the old buildings occupying the grounds were torn down and the work of erecting a new structure commenced. A serious fire, by which the building was considerably damaged, took place March 2, 1855, the result of carelessness on the part of workmen employed in its construction. Fortunately, the loss was fully covered by insurance, so that the delay in its final completion was the only serious drawback to the owner. The building when finished was a stone and brick edifice of massive and imposing proportions, fitted up and rented for stores, offices,

halls for societies, etc. More than one-half of the upper storey, in an unfinished condition, was rented for a term of years by the masonic body. This portion, under the supervision of a working committee, was partitioned off, fitted up and placed in readiness for the meetings of the then lodges, chapter and encampment, and for the performance of the rites and ceremonials of all the degrees. The apartments consisted of two assembly rooms, with suitable reception and ante rooms. The bodies which originally entered into possession of these premises were Albion Lodge, St. John's Lodge, Hibernia Lodge, Union Lodge of Portland, Carleton R. A. Chapter and the Encampment of St. John.

The main lodge room was an exceedingly cosey apartment, tastefully and invitingly furnished. The furniture was made of black walnut, upholstered in crimson plush. The dais in the East ran across the full width of the room, with sufficient accommodation for a large quota of past masters. The chair of the presiding officer was surmounted by a handsome canopy, expensively carved and gilded, and trimmed with rich chintz drapery.

During the whole life of freemasonry in Saint John there were never more enthusiastic gatherings, better attended meetings, larger accessions to the numerical and financial strength, or a more harmonious and true masonic feeling, than in the twenty-one years from August, 1856, up to June, 1877, when Ritchie's building was its home. All brethren, companions and fratres who are now living, and who enjoyed the sweet communion and compensating pleasure of those twenty-one years, will freely attest to the correctness of the statement here set forth.

The formal dedication of the new hall with masonic ceremonial took place September 24, 1856. The consecrating officer was the R. W. and Hon. Alexander Keith, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, who at that time occupied the distinguished position of provincial grand master of the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. After the dedication ceremonies the assembled brethren formed in order of procession and proceeded to Trinity church (Episcopal), where divine service was held. The V. W. and Rev. Bro. Jerome Alley, D. D., provincial grand chaplain, occupied the pulpit and preached a solemn and impressive sermon from the text "Be ye kindly affectionate one to another in brotherly love."

At five o'clock in the afternoon the brethren dined together, and the interesting proceedings were concluded by a ball in the evening, at which His Excellency the Hon. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, was present. The 24th day of September, A. D. 1856, was a red letter day to the craft in Saint John and other parts of the province. The occupancy of Ritchie's building was summarily terminated by the destructive conflagration of June 20, 1877.

MASONIC TEMPLE, SAINT JOHN.

This property, the present home of freemasonry in the city of Saint John, is vested in a joint stock company incorporated April 11, 1872, by the legislative assembly of New Brunswick.

The main provisions of the act of incorporation set forth that William Wedderburn, Benjamin Lester Peters, John V. Ellis, William F. Bunting, William F. Dibblee, Isaac W. Doherty, Benjamin R. Stevenson, David Main, Robert Marshall, John Richards, James McNichol, Jr., Alfred A. Stockton, Thomas Irving, Edward Willis and Mark N. Powers, their associates, successors and assigns are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company," with all the general powers and privileges made incident to a corporation by act of the general assembly of the province of New Brunswick, to acquire for themselves and their successors and assigns such real and personal estate as they may require, not to exceed in value the sum of $200,000. The capital stock to be $100,000, divided into 5,000 shares of $20 each. The incorporators aforenamed to be directors of the company until others be chosen by election of the shareholders. The number and qualification of the directors to be declared by the rules of the company. The company may make bye-laws, not contrary to law, for the government and regulation of their affairs. The joint stock and property to be alone liable for the debts and engagements of the company.

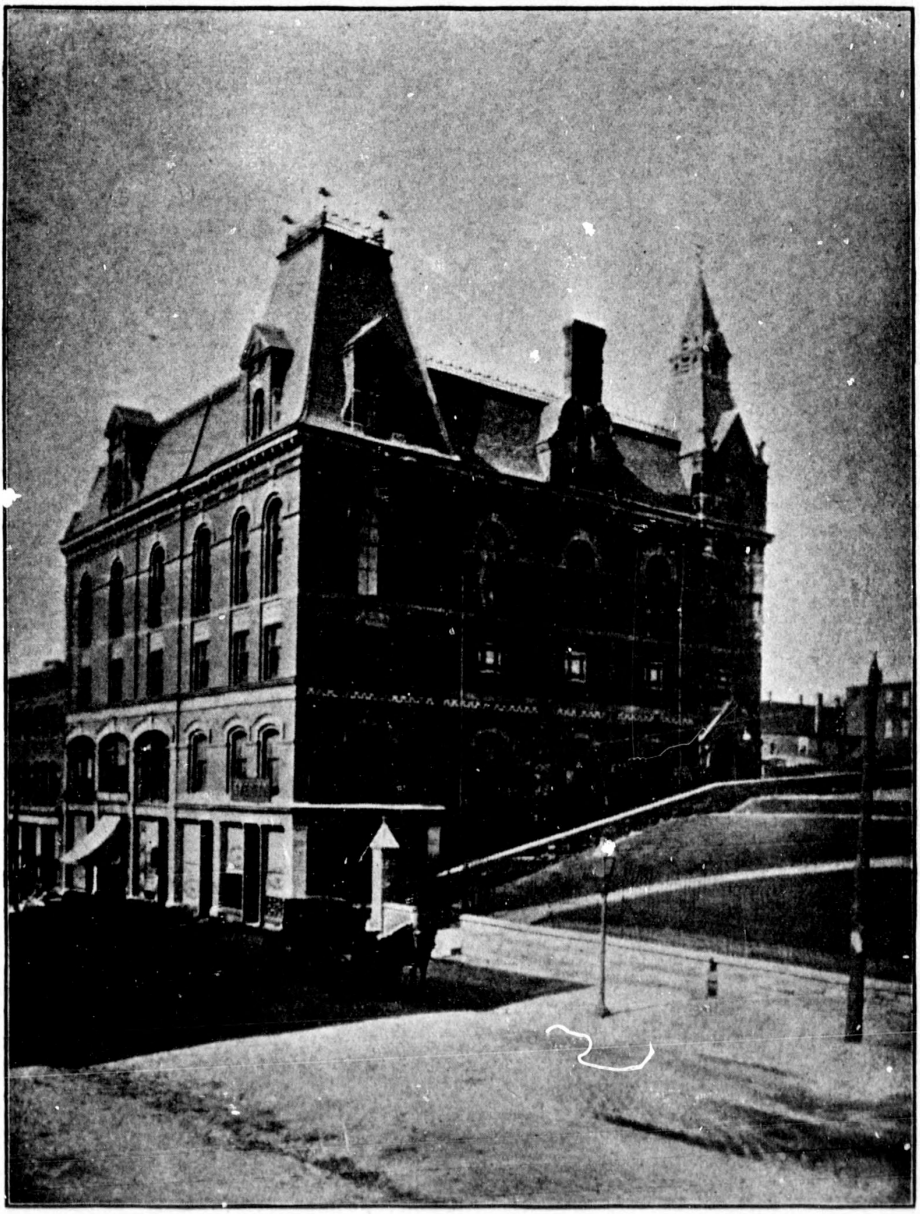
Under authority of this act the company was duly organized by the election of a board of directors with Bro. John V. Ellis as the first president, and Bro. George E. Fairweather as the first secretary-treasurer.

Thus constituted, the directorate exercised such business energy and despatch, that on the 15th day of August, 1872 (four months after the act of incorporation was passed), purchase was made and a deed received of the property whereon the temple now stands.

The site consists of two city lots, each fifty by two hundred feet, making an area of 20,000 square feet, known and distinguished on the city plan by the numbers 110 and 111. At the foundation of Saint John, when grants of land were made to the loyalists by the crown, the former lot was ceded to James Horsfield and the latter to Thomas Lester. Horsfield sold his lot February 3, 1787, to George Bennison for £20, and on the 18th February, 1792, Bennison transferred it to Thomas and Joseph Canby for £50. Subsequently Joseph Canby became the sole owner, who deeded it, with the improvements thereon, May 26, 1837, to the late Benjamin Smith.

Thomas Lester sold his lot (No. 111), December 26, 1799, to Thomas Horsfield[1] for £80. It afterward came into the possession of John

1 Horsfield street takes its name from him.



MASONIC TEMPLE.

Fought, and on the 3rd of May, 1822, was sold at public auction by the sheriff to Stephen Humbert for £454. Benjamin Smith purchased it, with the buildings thereon, April 21, 1853, from the heirs of Mr. Humbert for £925. From the latter date both lots and their improvements remained in the possession of Benjamin Smith and his executors up to August 15, 1872, when the craft, represented by the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, became owners of the whole property for the sum of $18,000.

At the time the masonic fraternity entered into possession, nearly the whole area of the two lots was covered by a collection of wooden structures, comprising dwellings, warehouses, shops, factories, etc., all of them showing signs of neglect and decay. The rentals, however, paid the interest on the mortgage ($13,500), and helped to provide a sinking fund to meet the principal and other expenses.

Steps were immediately taken to obtain subscriptions to the capital stock, and to make preparations for the erection of the contemplated edifice. The destruction of these old buildings (and likewise the hall in Judge Ritchie's building where the craft had assembled twenty-one years previously) by the serious conflagration of June 20, 1877, precipitated matters and brought the directorate and the fraternity generally, face to face with a stern and pressing reality requiring prompt and vigorous action. Entering energetically into the work so unexpectedly thrown upon their shoulders, the directors lost no time in pushing matters forward. Plans and specifications were drawn up, and tenders called for the erection of the building and for excavating the grounds. The excavations were completed, and the foundations of the edifice so far advanced that the directors were enabled to call upon the grand master to lay the corner stone July 1, 1878. In compliance with such call, a special communication of the grand lodge was convened at half-past two o'clock on that day, and after a short session a procession was organized, as follows:

71st Battalion Band.
Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, Gibson.
Campbellton Lodge, No. 32, Campbellton.
St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30, St. Martins.
St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, Fredericton.
New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, Saint John.
Zion Lodge, No. 21, Sussex.
Leinster Lodge, No. 19, Saint John.
Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, Chatham.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, St. John.
Carleton Serenade Band.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, Carleton.
Solomon's Lodge, No. 6, Fredericton.

63rd Rifles Band, Halifax.
Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, Saint John.
St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Saint John.
Albion Lodge, No. 1, Saint John.
Union Royal Arch Chapter, Carleton.
New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, Saint John.
Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, Saint John.
Bangor Cornet Band.
Union de Molay Encampment, K. T., Saint John.
62nd Battalion Band.
Encampment of St. John, K. T., Saint John,
acting as escort to the grand lodge.
Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,
M. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, G. M.

The various bodies were marshalled in order of procession on Queen square, thence moved through several streets to the site of the building, where the ceremony of laying the corner stone was conducted by the grand master and other officers, according to the formula observed on such occasions.

The trowel used in the performance of the work, a valuable silver implement presented to the grand master by the directors, had the following inscription engraved on it: "ROBERT THOMSON CLINCH, ESQUIRE, GRAND MASTER OF FREEMASONS, NEW BRUNSWICK. PRESENTED AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF THE MASONIC HALL, SAINT JOHN, N. B., JULY 1, A. L. 5878."

A scroll and other articles hereafter enumerated, were enclosed in a copper box and deposited in the stone. The following is a copy of the the scroll:

TO THE GLORY OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

On the first day of July, A. L. 5878, the corner stone of the Freemasons' Hall was laid with masonic ceremony, in due and ancient form, by the Most Worshipful ROBERT THOMSON CLINCH, Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, assisted by the officers of grand lodge and attended by a large number of the members of the fraternity from all parts of the province, in the presence of a great assemblage of citizens, at the request of the president and board of directors of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, in the forty-second year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, His Excellency the Right Honorable Frederick Temple Hamilton Blackwood, Earl Dufferin, being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada; the Honorable Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley, C. B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick; and Sylvester Z. Earle, Mayor of the City of Saint John.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick are:

M. W. Grand Master, ROBERT THOMSON CLINCH.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master, EDWIN J. WETMORE.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden, HENRY DUFFELL.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden, JAMES BOONE.
V. W. Grand Chaplain, REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE.
V. W. Grand Treasurer, JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.
V. W. Grand Secretary, WILLIAM F. BUNTING.
W. Senior Grand Deacon, EDWARD L. WETMORE.
W. Junior Grand Deacon, GEORGE F. STICKNEY.
W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, JOHN S. BENSON.
W. Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies, HENRY A. JOHNSON.
W. Grand Sword Bearer, HENRY A. WHITE.
W. Grand Standard Bearer, CHARLES H. SCOTT.
W. Grand Organist, EDWARD J. SHELDON.
W. Grand Pursuivant, JAMES F. ELLIS.
W. Grand Stewards, JAMES MITCHELL, WILLIAMS WOODWORTH, JAMES BENTLEY, WILLIAM E. SKILLEN, THOMAS J. BEVERIDGE, MALCOM PATTERSON.
Grand Tyler, DINGEE SCRIBNER.

Directors of the Company.—John V. Ellis, President, Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8; Benjamin Lester Peters and James Domville, Albion Lodge, No. 1; George Black Hegan, St. John's Lodge, No. 2; Edmund E. Kennay, Hibernia Lodge, No. 3; Robert Marshall and Henry Duffell, Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10; James McNichol, Jr., New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22; Edward Willis, Leinster Lodge, No. 19; George E. Fairweather, secretary-treasurer, Albion Lodge, No, 1.

Architects of the Building.—John T. C. McKean, St. John's Lodge, No. 2, and George Ernest Fairweather, Albion Lodge, No. 1.

Contractors.—Alexander Christie and John Ferguson, Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.

Clerk of the Works.—John Noble, Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.

The other contents of the box were: A photograph of the ruins of Saint John after the fire of June, 1877; a copy of the masonic funeral service; a copy of the proceedings of grand lodge from foundation to 1877; copies of *Freeman* of July 1st, 1878; *Religious Intelligencer* of June 14th, 1878; *Globe* of July 12th, 1877, June 12th, 28th and 29th, 1878; *Telegraph* of June 21st, 25th and 27th, 1877, and July 1st, 1878; *Herald* of June 29th, 1878; *News* of July 1st, 1878; a copy of Saint John postal guide; a copy of the bye-laws of the lodges; Barnes' almanac; sovereign issued in 1872; half sovereign of 1871; 50 cents of 1874; 20 cents of 1872; one dollar note Dominion of Canada, issue A, No. 423,272; a copy of the constitution of the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

At the several stages of the ceremonies prayers and invocations were offered up by the grand chaplain, appropriate odes sung by a choir of members of the fraternity, and instrumental music rendered by the 62nd Battalion Band. An oration appropriate to the occasion was delivered by R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, past grand master, after which the doxology was sung by the choir and the benediction pronounced by the

grand chaplain. The various bodies then resumed their positions in the ranks and returned to the lodge rooms. The grand master, again seated in the East, congratulated grand lodge upon the large attendance of the craft at the ceremonial just completed, upon the imposing display of the respective bodies, and upon the bright and favorable weather a kind Providence had vouchsafed to them. He thanked the whole fraternity for the heartiness with which they had responded to his invitation, and expressed special gratitude to those brethren who had come long distances to fill the ranks and take their share in the proceedings of the day.

The president of the company, on behalf of the directorate, returned hearty acknowledgment to the grand master for the promptness with which he had responded to the invitation to lay the corner stone, and complimented him on the admirable and effective display made by the craft under his authority. He commended the future interests of the temple to his and their favorable consideration.

Subsequently it was unanimously voted that the thanks of grand lodge be recorded to R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, P. G. M., for the eloquent and admirable oration delivered by him.

Grand Lodge was then closed *in ample form.*

The work on the new building was pressed forward with such commendable expedition that on May 1, 1879, all the bodies were enabled to remove into it and take possession of temporary quarters prepared for their occupancy. They continued to occupy these temporary quarters up to April 22, 1884, on which day the main hall, fitted up for the special use of the grand and subordinate lodges, was solemnly consecrated and dedicated to freemasonry by the grand master, assisted by the officers of grand lodge. Subsequently other apartments were finished and fitted up to meet the requirements of some of the other bodies.

Two popular and successful bazaars and fairs have been held in the building in aid of the construction and furnishing funds. The first was held from the 15th to the 25th September, 1879, which realized the creditable sum of $5,908. The second, held between July 1st and 10th, 1884, netted $4,278.

The original contracts were: For excavating for the foundation, $2,860; and for the walls, roof, and plain inside finish of the building, $33,583. Other contracts were entered into afterward for the interior finishing, fitting and furnishing, which, added to the original contracts, involved a total expenditure of upwards of $70,000 for the building as it stands at the present time. To meet this heavy outlay the funds were raised by stock subscriptions, by proceeds of the two bazaars aforementioned, and by money borrowed at interest on the security of the

property. The sum accruing from stock subscriptions amounts to $40,840, and is held as follows:

Grand Lodge, 1391 shares,	$27,820
Other Masonic Bodies, 428 shares,	8,560
Individual Freemasons, 223 shares,	4,460
	$40,840

The comparatively small amount of stock ($4,460) held by individual freemasons does not represent the original sum subscribed by them, for the reason that they assigned the great bulk of their shares to grand lodge. They merely retained one or two shares each to enable them to attend and vote at the annual and other meetings of the company. Thus the property is practically vested in the grand lodge and the following bodies: Albion Lodge, No. 1; St. John's Lodge, No. 2; Hibernia Lodge, No. 3; Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8; Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10; New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22; Carleton R. A. Chapter, New Brunswick R. A. Chapter, and Encampment of St. John.

The bonded and floating debt, now amounting to $22,450, is being gradually and systematically liquidated, and is in such shape as to be readily handled by the directorate. When the indebtedness is finally cleared off, grand lodge will be relieved of a serious burthen, and will then be enabled to increase the charities, and otherwise enlarge the area of the general designs of the society throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction.

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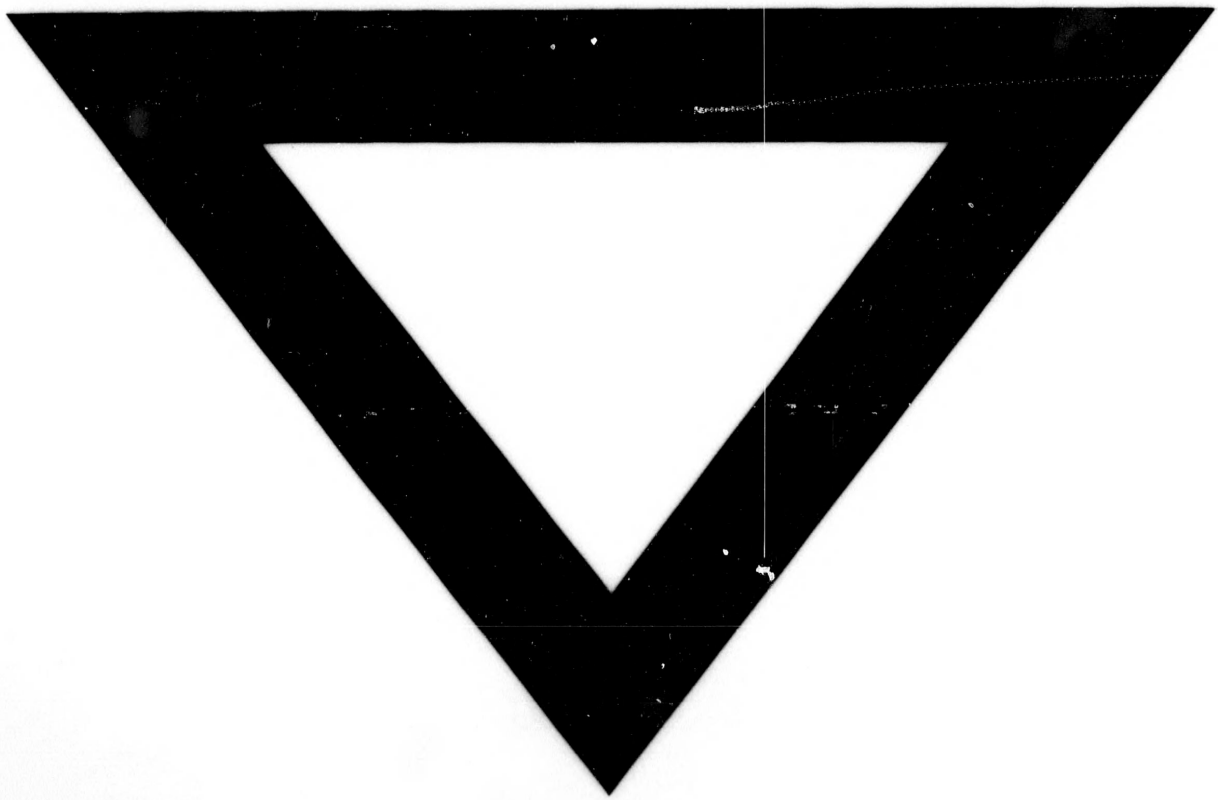
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