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OF THE
QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF THE
MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ORDER
OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT HALIFAX, N. S.,
Friday, June 8th, and Thursday, June 21st, A. L., 5870.

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The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Order of Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, held its Quarterly Communication in Masonic Temple, Halifax, on Friday, June 8th, A. D., 1866; A. L., 5870.

The following is a list of the Grand Officers present, and those appointed *pro tempore*.

GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W., WILLIAM H. DAVIES, M. D., *Grand Master*.
R. W., WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Deputy Grand Master*.
" JAMES R. GRAHAM, *Substitute Grand Master*.
" ROBERT J. ROMANES, *Grand Senior Warden*.
" A. K. MACKINLAY, *Grand Junior Warden*.
" WILLIAM GARVIE, *Grand Treasurer*.
" STEPHEN R. SIBCOM, *Grand Registrar*.
" CHAS. J. MACDONALD, *Grand Secretary*.
" HENRY J. MARSHALL, *Grand Lecturer, P. T.*
V. W., WILLIAM S. MACDONALD, *Grand Senior Deacon*.
" LOUIS PETITMAITRE, *Grand Junior Deacon*.
" RALPH PATRICK, *Grand Architect*.
" ISAAC MELVIN, *Grand Jeweller, P. T.*
" JAMES FORTUNE, *Grand Bible Bearer*.
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" A. G. HESSLEIN, *Grand Sword Bearer*.
" H. A. TAYLOR, *Grand Organist*.
" JOHN M. HAY, *Grand Pursuivant*.
" JOHN E. M. TAYLOR, *Grand Tyler*.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Officers and brethren present.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

On Credentials.—Bro's Wm. Taylor, Jas. R. Graham and James Fortune.

To Examine Visiting Brethren.—Bro's H. J. Marshall, J. M. Hay and L. Petitmaitre.

On Accounts.—Bro's W. S. Macdonald, Ralph Patrick and T. H. Pryor, M. D.

On Masonic Correspondence.—Bro's S. R. Sircom, William Garvie and L. Petitmaitre.

On Returns.—Bro's J. Allan, J. Jacobs and R. J. Romanes.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

HALIFAX, N. S., June 8th, 1866.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

Your Committee have examined the Credentials of the following brethren from their various Lodges, and find the following subordinate Lodges entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge.

Burns Lodge No. 1.—W. Melvin, W. M., W. S. Macdonald, S. W., John Overy, J. W.

Athole Lodge, No. 2.—W. Williams, W. M., John Allan, S. W., W. Brush, J. W.

Keith Lodge, No. 3.—R. J. Romanes, W. M., J. Jacobs, S. W., A. Busby, J. W.

Scotia Lodge, No. 4.—H. J. Marshall, W. M., S. R. Sircom, S. W., George J. Payne, J. W.

Albert Lodge, No. 6.—W. Taylor, proxy for W. M. and S. W.

St. Mark Lodge, No. 11.—W. Garvie, W. M., G. J. Payne, S. W., George T. Smithers, J. W.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

W. TAYLOR,
J. R. GRAHAM,
J. FORTUNE, } Committee.

A majority of the Lodges being represented, the Grand

Lodge of Nova Scotia was declared to be open for the despatch of business.

Bro. Brpekin moved and Bro. J. Allan seconded the following Resolution which passed unanimously:

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be invited to witness the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated, that in accordance with a resolution passed by convention, authorizing him to make application to one or more of the subordinate Lodges for the sum of six hundred dollars, (\$600) to defray the necessary expenses in connection with the establishing of the Grand Lodge, he had accordingly made application to Keith and Athole Lodges for the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) each, which application was granted, they consenting to loan the Grand Lodge the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) each, Grand Lodge paying six per cent. interest, and the money to be secured to the said Lodges by joint note of Grand Master, Treasurer and Secretary.

A sketch and estimate of a Grand Master's Jewel and Collar were submitted from Brother Hay of Edinburgh, Scotland, when it was moved by Brother Sircom, seconded by Brother Romanes and passed unanimously:

Resolved, That a Collar and Jewel as per sketch and estimate be adopted, and that collars of silk three inches in width for the Office-bearers be adopted, and that the Grand Master be authorised to order the same.

Brother Sircom submitted the following report from the committee authorised to procure a suitable place for meeting of Grand Lodge:

HALIFAX, N. S., May, 1866.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

The Committee appointed to procure a suitable place for the meetings of Grand Lodge, report that they have obtained the present room, and have fitted it up, which cost, with necessary alterations the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550). The committee would recommend the

following plan, as suggested by one of the city Lodges, to relieve the Grand Lodge of the responsibility of the same. By forming a Joint Stock Company, and issue eleven shares of fifty dollars each (\$50), said shares to be subscribed by the city Lodges; each Lodge to appoint a Trustee, these Trustees to comprise Room Committee.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

S. R. SIRCOM,	} Committee.
R. J. ROMANES,	
J. R. GRAHAM,	
W. TAYLOR.	

The following Resolution was proposed by Bro. Mackinlay seconded by Bro. Marshall, and passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the Report of Room Committee be received and adopted, and that said Committee be authorised to make such arrangement with the subordinate Lodges for transfer as necessary.

The following Resolution was moved by Bro. W. Taylor, seconded by Bro. J. Jacobs, and passed unanimously:

That whereas our M. W. Bro. W. Mercer Wilson, Past Grand Master of Canada has signified his intention of visiting Halifax for the purpose of installing our Grand Master on the 21st day of June, that being our Annual Communication:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia hold a Banquet on that occasion, on the evening of the 21st, of June, and that a committee consisting of the Deputy Grand Master, Substitute Grand Master and the Grand Senior Warden be appointed to assist the Grand Stewards to carry the same into effect.

No further business offering, the M. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in ample form, to meet again for Election and Installation of Officers, on Thursday, June 21st, 1866.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

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A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, and a constitutional number of Subordinate Lodges being represented, the M. W. the Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia duly open for the despatch of business.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

On Credentials.—W. Garvie, J. R. Graham and W. Taylor.

To Examine Visiting Brethren.—A. K. Mackinlay, S. R. Sircom and W. S. Macdonald.

Bro. Graham from the Committee on Credentials presented the following report:

MASONIC TEMPLE, HALIFAX, N. S., June 21st, 1866.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

Your Committee find the following Lodges in this Jurisdiction represented by

Burns Lodge No. 1.—Isaac Melvin, W. M., W. S. Macdonald, S. W., James MacCoush, proxy, J. W.

Athole Lodge, No. 2.—J. E. Keating, proxy W. M., John Allan, S. W., W. Brush, J. W.

Keith Lodge, No. 3.—R. J. Romanes, W. M., Joseph Jacobs, S. W., Arthur Busby, J. W.

Scotia Lodge, No. 4.—H. J. Marshall, W. M., S. R. Sircom, S. W., J. Laidlaw, proxy J. W.

Albert Lodge, No. 6.—W. Taylor, proxy W. M., S. W. and J. W.

St. Mark Lodge, No. 11.—W. Garvie, W. M., G. J. Payne, S. W., G. T. Smithers, J. W.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

W. GARVIE,	} Committee.
J. R. GRAHAM,	
W. TAYLOR,	

On motion of Brother R. J. Romanes, seconded by Brother W. S. Macdonald, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be invited to witness the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his annual Report as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, Halifax, N. S., June 21st, A. L. 5870.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

The present being what may be termed our first regular Annual Communication, and as this will be the first report of our proceedings, it will of necessity be but brief. It may not therefore be out of place for me to lay before the readers of the report a short sketch of the origin and formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

In the first place, I may state for the information of those not immediately connected with the cause of Masonry in this Province, that heretofore Nova Scotia could boast of Lodges holding under the authority of three separate and distinct Grand Lodges, viz: Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland; but within the last few years those Lodges holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Ireland have ceased working. We have had a District Grand Lodge of England, and a Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, working in our Province, at one and the same time under the authority of the parent Grand Lodges in the Mother Country. And Nova Scotia has witnessed for a number of years the rather singular anomaly of one and the same Provincial Grand Master under both authorities, placed at the head of affairs to support the interests of two Grand Bodies who differed from each other on many material points, not only in their constitutions, but also in their mode of work, and more especially the manner of conferring degrees. Scarcely any two Lodges worked alike. There seemed to be a lack of that essential element—harmony—which is the foundation upon which this glorious structure is built. In fact it could be plainly seen, that unless the Parent Grand Lodge conceded to us the right of self-government—either we must claim it as our undoubted right, or else masonry must cease to exist as an organized institution in this country.

The subject of an independent Grand Lodge for the Province of Nova Scotia has been a matter agitated for the past five years by most of the Lodges of the Province; it has been advocated by the most prominent members of both the Provincial Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.

In 1861, a committee was appointed from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, to act in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by the District Grand Lodge of England, with a view of ascertaining the feelings of the different Lodges, holding under both authorities, as to the practicability of forming a Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Reports were received from the various Lodges, and they were unanimous as to the propriety of forming a Grand Lodge. The Committee reported to their respective Provincial Grand Lodges, recommending that the Parent Grand Lodges be written to, asking their consent to the

formation of a Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The Grand Lodge of England answered promptly, and peremptorily refused any such privilege. But the Grand Lodge of Scotland, although written to at the same time, never deigned a reply. In consequence of the refusal of the Grand Lodge of England, the matter was allowed to drop by the English Lodges, and those holding warrants from Scotland declined moving any further in the matter, more out of courtesy to their English Brethren than because they felt satisfied it was for the interest of the craft.

Five years later, the largely increased influence of the Scottish Lodge and the interests of the craft in this Province, demanded that a change should be made in the government of the Lodges. The continued inattention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the culpable negligence, (if not worse) of its officers, rendered the step of surrendering our Warrants to the Grand Lodge of Scotland an absolute necessity. We could not get any communication from them. Diplomas which have been ordered *eighteen months* had not been received; *Warrants ordered a longer period had not come to hand.* We had protested against their conduct towards us. The Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Secretary, and Masters of subordinate Lodges, had written, but all in vain; their letters were treated with indifference, amounting to contempt. We had sent over a delegate—our Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Brother Boyd—who had two or three interviews with the Officers of the Parent Grand Lodge, but all to no effect; we received no answers, no redress. Our hitherto highly flourishing Scotch Lodges, which had done a large amount of work, now almost ceased, as members who had been made within the last two years could receive no diplomas. Many of those very members, made in regular constituted Scotch Lodges, were refused admittance in other jurisdictions, and declared to be made Masons in a clandestine Lodge, as they were unable to show diplomas or papers of any kind. Lodges could not grant them, as the Grand Lodge of Scotland reserves to itself the right of granting diplomas. The Masters of some of the Lodges *refused* to confer degrees, or do any work in their Lodges, until such time as they would be able to give members so made some satisfactory document, as evidence to show that they were made in a just and lawfully constituted Lodge.

With a view to furthering this object, the following resolution, which was tabled in January, 1866, was passed unanimously, at a regular-quarterly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Free Masons Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, November 21st, 1866, the R. W. Provincial Grand Master in the chair:

Whereas, the most unaccountable and unjustifiable negligence has prevailed on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in its dealings with

this Provincial Grand Lodge, and the craft generally in this Province, whereby the interests of Scottish Masonry are materially injured.

And Whereas, the neglect still continues, despite the oft repeated remonstrances of the Provincial Grand Master and Secretary, and has been more conspicuous by the fact that although a new Grand Master for Scotland was duly installed on the 30th November, 1864, no official communication of the fact has yet reached this Provincial Grand Lodge.

And Whereas, since the date of the foregoing resolution, in February last, no reply of any kind has reached us from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, although our remonstrances have been placed in the hands of the Grand Lodge officials six months ago by Brother the Rev. George Boyd.

Be it therefore Resolved, that a Committee consisting of a Master or Past Master of each of the Scottish Lodges in the city, be appointed, to communicate these resolutions to all Lodges within our jurisdiction, and invite their attendance, by delegates or representatives, at a meeting to be held here on the third Tuesday for the purpose of considering the propriety of forming a Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Also Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Lodge under English authority, inviting their co-operation.

After these resolutions were adopted, the following brethren were appointed a Committee:

Bro. W. TAYLOR, Past Master, Burns, No. 352.

Bro. CHAS. J. MACDONALD, Past Master, Athol, No. 361.

Bro. ROBT. J. ROMANES, Past Master, Keith, No. 365.

Bro. W. H. DAVIES, Past Master, Scotia, No. 411.

The Committee met on the 22nd November, 1865, and having been duly constituted by the appointment of P. M. Brother Taylor as Chairman, and P. M. Bro. Davies as Secretary, unanimously resolved to transmit the following additional particulars for the information of the various Lodges under Scottish jurisdiction throughout the Province:

First, that several Warrants ordered from Scotland, some years ago, have never been received, although the monies therefor were duly forwarded, and the receipt thereof acknowledged.

Secondly, that the returns and fees of various Lodges were transmitted in January last, and no acknowledgment of their receipt has yet reached us, although we know the bill of Exchange was promptly honored.

Thirdly, that no diplomas have been received for brethren raised during the last twelve months; in short, that no communication of any kind has been received from the Grand Lodge of Scotland for twelve months, although remonstrances from the Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and individual members of the craft have been sent, and we know reached the hands of the Grand Lodge officials.

Feeling that further remonstrance on our part would be undignified, we have been imperatively led to the course we are now pursuing, and urge on you likewise the serious consideration of the various charges we have made.

We would therefore suggest that your Lodge be specially summoned to consider the matter, and any resolutions passed by your Lodge be forwarded as soon as possible after your meeting, at any rate before the end of the current year.

In the event of your Lodge not being able to send a delegate it will be necessary for you to name a representative in this city, who can express your views at the convention, to be held here on the third Tuesday of January, 1866. And should none such be personally known to you, this committee would be happy to select one, provided the opinion of your Lodge be forwarded in writing for our guidance.

W. TAYLOR,	} Committee.
C. J. MACDONALD,	
R. J. ROMANES,	
W. H. DAVIES, M. D.	

In response to the invitation of the Committee, the Convention of Representatives met at Free Masons Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th day of January, 1866, when the following Lodges were represented by the under-mentioned brethren:

Burns Lodge, Halifax, N. S., by P. M. R. Brechen.
 Athol Lodge, Halifax, N. S., by P. M., J. R. Graham.
 Keith Lodge, Halifax, N. S., by P. M., John B. Fay.
 Scotia Lodge, Halifax, N. S., by W. M., H. J. Marshall.
 St. Mark's Lodge, Baddeck, C. B., by S. R. Sircorn.
 Ophir Lodge, Tangier, N. S., by P. M., George Frasset.
 Virgin Lodge, Wilmot, N. S., P. M., — Spinney.
 Concord Lodge, Barrington, N. S., P. M., James Clark, M. D.
 Albert Lodge, Shelburne, N. S., P. M., N. W. White.
 Eldorado Lodge, Wine Harbor, N. S., by P. M., A. McLean.
 Queens Lodge, Sherbrooke, N. S., by Bro. R. W. McDonald.
 Athol Lodge, Amherst, N. S., by Bro. H. A. Taylor.

The meeting being duly constituted, it was unanimously agreed to report to the Provincial Grand Lodge, recommending that immediate steps be taken towards the formation of an independent Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The next step taken was at a Regular Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Free Masons Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday the 20th February, when the Committee appointed to call a convention of delegates from the various Lodges in the Province, reported that they had called said convention, and that twelve out of the thirteen Lodges were represented, and that they had unanimously agreed to recommend to this Provincial Grand Lodge, that immediate steps be taken to form an independent Grand Lodge for Nova Scotia.

The Report of the Committee was unanimously received and adopted.

The business of the meeting being concluded, the Grand Lodge Officers resigned their offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Immediately after, a Convention was held—one of the largest assemblages of Masons ever met together in the Province. Bro. Past Master William Taylor was called to the chair. The following resolution was moved, seconded and unanimously passed:

That Whereas, the interests of Masonry in this Province has of late years been materially injured by the negligence of the Grand Lodge of Scotland,

Be it therefore Resolved, that we do now proceed to the formation of a Grand Lodge for Nova Scotia.

It was next agreed to proceed to the election of Office-bearers to serve for such time and with such powers as shall hereafter be specified by the Constitution.

It was further resolved that the five principal officers be elected by ballot, and the remainder by open vote.

The following Brethren were then duly elected:

- M. W., WILLIAM H. DAVIES, M. D., *Grand Master*.
- R. W., WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Deputy Grand Master*.
- “ JAMES R. GRAHAM, *Substitute Grand Master*.
- “ ROBERT J. ROMANES, *Grand Senior Warden*.
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- “ STEPHEN R. SIRCOM, *Grand Registrar*.
- “ CHAS. J. MACDONALD, *Grand Secretary*.
- “ NEWELL SNOW, *Grand Lecturer*.
- V. W. WILLIAM S. MACDONALD, *Grand Senior Deacon*.
- “ LOUIS PETITMAITRE, *Grand Junior Deacon*.
- “ RALPH PATRICK, *Grand Architect*.
- “ JOHN McCULLOCH, *Grand Jeweller*.
- “ JAMES FORTUNE, *Grand Bible Bearer*.
- “ WM. M. ALLAN, JR., *Grand Director of Ceremonies*.
- “ A. G. HESSLEIN, *Grand Sword Bearer*.
- “ H. A. TAYLOR, *Grand Organist*.
- “ JOHN M. HAY, *Grand Pursuivant*.
- “ JOHN E. M. TAYLOR, *Grand Tyler*.

A committee consisting of Brothers R. J. Romanes, William Garvie, William Taylor, S. R. Sircom and Chas. J. MacDonald was then appointed, to procure Warrants, Diplomas, &c., frame Constitution, correspond with various Grand Lodges, and with all the Lodges in Nova Scotia, and transact such other business as may be deemed necessary.

The question however, as to who was the proper person to install a Grand Master, was one which promised some trouble; many of our brethren

ren holding that a Grand Master or a Past Grand Master was the only legal authority to install, and others contend that any Past Master could install a Grand Master. The matter was at length settled by a telegram from Brother Josiah Drummond, Past Grand Master of the State of Maine, to the following effect: "Let the Senior Past Master present do it."

The next step taken was the Installation of the Grand Lodge Officers, which took place on the 20th day of March, 1866. Brother Past Master William Taylor of Burns Lodge acting as Installing Officer.

The Charters and Dispensations of the various Lodges having been returned, and all dues and fees to the Provincial and Grand Lodges having been paid, petitions were received for Warrants to work the following Lodges: Burns, Athole, Keith and Scotia, Halifax; Virgin, Wilmot; Albert, Shelburne; Eldorado, Wine Harbor; Concord, Barrington; St. Mark, Baddeck, C. B.; Queens, Sherbrooke, all of which were granted. Since that date another petition has been received from a number of members in Halifax for a new Lodge, to be called the Lodge of St. Marc.

On the 22nd day of March, the following Circular was addressed to the various Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Officers and Brethren of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of

We, the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia,

WITH SINCERE RESPECT AND FRATERNAL REGARD, SEND GREETING:

The Free Masons of Nova Scotia to the number of ten Lodges, having united in the establishment of a Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in order to insure the rights and privileges which the growing interests of the Craft imperatively demand, and having duly and regularly installed their officers according to ancient usage, now respectfully and earnestly request from your august body, that recognition so essential to our future prosperity. Engaged as we are in a common cause, the good of our fellow men, and it being our sincere desire to establish a perpetual and intimate alliance with your Grand Lodge, we extend to you in the name of our Divine Art, the right hand of brotherhood, and confidently claim from you a reciprocation of our fraternal regard.

On behalf of Grand Lodge,

W. H. DAVIES, M. D., *Grand Master.*

S. R. SIRCUM, *Grand Registrar.*

CHAS. J. MACDONALD, *Grand Secretary.*

We have received the most friendly and fraternal answers from the same, and have already received the official recognition of our nearest sister Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maine, who, at their Annual

Communication, held at Portland, on the 3rd day of May, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maine recognise the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge, and cordially extend the welcome of this Grand Lodge to the new member of the family of Grand Lodges.*

This, my brethren, argues well for our future success, as it is requisite that we should have and maintain friendly intercourse and correspondence with every Grand Lodge on this continent.

We have met with difficulties, but not with defeat. It is true we have received opposition where we should have received encouragement and sympathy. We naturally looked for the support of the late Provincial Grand Master, who in every way encouraged the movement, both by word and deed, as he admitted he saw *no other course for us to pursue*; that we were warranted in our action by the unsatisfactory manner in which the Provincial Grand Lodge was dealt with by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and would willingly have accepted the office of Grand Master, provided the same would not interfere with the Patent he held from the Grand Lodge of England as District Grand Master; yet my brethren I am sorry to say, it is from that quarter we have experienced the greatest opposition.

If Masonry is free as we profess to teach, in what way have we erred. Can it be free if we are compelled to contribute to the support of a Grand Lodge 3,000 miles away, which refuses us the right of self government?

Doubly taxed as we have been, compelled to pay fees and dues to both the Provincial, and Grand Lodges of Scotland; with an empty treasury in our Provincial Grand Lodge; with not one cent, or in fact with no pretensions to a charity fund; with nothing to contribute to the relief of worthy distressed brothers, their wives, widows and orphans,—were we not justified in the course we pursued?

Nova Scotia, masonically speaking, has been unoccupied masonic territory; it was open to any Grand Lodge in the world to grant warrants for working subordinate Lodges. Neither one of those Grand Lodges could assume exclusive jurisdiction over the Province; they could exercise authority over the Lodges working under their warrants, not over the territory.

I will quote from some of the highest Masonic authorities in the United States, in support of our position:

* Since then we have received the official recognition of the Grand Lodges of Canada, Maryland, Iowa, Oregon, Nebraska, Indiana and New Hampshire.

First—Brother Albert G. Mackey, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina says:

"Let us suppose then that there is a territory or country, within whose political bounds Freemasonry has never yet been introduced in an organized form. There may be, and indeed for the execution of the law which is about to be explained, there must be an adequate number of Master Masons, but there is no Lodge. Now the first principle of Masonic law to which attention is to be directed, in this condition of things is, that any territory into which Masonry has not been introduced in the organized form of Lodges, is ground common to all the Masonic authorities of the world, and therefore that it is competent for any Grand Lodge to grant a warrant of constitution and establish a Lodge in such unoccupied territory, on the petition of course of a requisite number of Masons. And this right of granting warrants inures to every Grand Lodge in the world, and may be exercised by as many as choose to do so, so long as no Grand Lodge is organized in the territory. In such a case neither of the Grand Lodges who have granted warrants, acquires by any such act exclusive jurisdiction over the territory, which is still open for the admission of any other Grand Lodge, with a similar power of granting warrants. The jurisdiction exercised, in this condition of Masonry, by the different Grand Lodges, is not over the territory, but over the Lodge or Lodges, which each of them have established. But afterwards these subordinate Lodges may desire to organize a Grand Lodge, and they are competent to do so under certain restrictions. In the first place it is essential that not less than *three* Lodges shall unite in forming a Grand Lodge, but not more than *three* is necessary; and accordingly the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was established in 1837, by three Lodges, was at once recognized as regular and legal by all the Grand Lodges in the United States and other countries. As soon as the new Grand Lodge is formed it will grant warrants to the Lodges which formed it, to take effect upon their surrendering the warrants under which they originally acted, to the Grand Lodges from which they had derived them. There is no regulation prescribing the precise time at which these warrants are to be surrendered; but it seems reasonable to suppose that they could not surrender them before the new Grand Lodge is organized, because the surrender of a warrant is the extinction of a Lodge, and the Lodges must preserve their vitality to give them power to organize a new authority. The Grand Lodge thus formed by the union of not less than three Lodges in convention at once, assumes all the prerogatives of a Grand Lodge, and acquires *exclusive Masonic jurisdiction* over the territory within whose geographical limits it has been constituted. No Lodge can *continue to exist*, or be *subsequently established* in the territory, except *under its authority*, and all other Grand Lodges are precluded from exercising any Masonic authority within the said territory. These are all principles of Masonic law, which seem to be admitted by universal consent and sanctioned by constant usage."

Brother George W. Chase, Editor of the *Masonic Journal*, says:

"The usual mode of organizing a new Grand Lodge is as follows: A certain number of Lodges, not less than three, holding charters or warrants from some legal Grand Lodge, or from different Grand Lodges,

meet in convention, by their representatives, formally resolve to organize a Grand Lodge, adopt a constitution, and proceed to elect and install their officers. It is necessary that it be a separate State or territory, that there be no Grand Lodge at the time existing in it. The Lodges must surrender their old warrants, and take out new ones from the Grand Lodge thus constituted. Each Grand Lodge has sole and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction throughout the limits of the State or territory within which it is regularly established. There can be but *one legal* Grand Lodge in a state or territory."

Brother John W. Simons, Past Grand Master of New York, says:

"The jurisdictional rights of a Grand Lodge do not extend beyond the boundaries of the country, State or territory where it is located, except where a country is masonically vacant, that is, having no Grand Lodge established in it. In which case all the Grand Lodges in the World have concurrent jurisdiction there, so far as they may deem it proper to be exercised; so that in a vacant territory, one or a dozen Grand Lodges may charter subordinates, and each would be equally justified in doing so. When, however, a majority of subordinates (being not less than three in number) choose to establish a Grand Lodge, then the territory is occupied, and not only are Grand Lodges in other States and countries forbidden to exercise any powers in the territory occupied by the new Grand Lodge, but their subordinates, (if any) that may have refused to unite in the formation of a Grand Lodge, *are to be withdrawn or left subject to the disposition of the local authority.*"

These opinions from such high authorities, clearly demonstrate the fact that the position of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is unassailable, and that so far from the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England refusing recognition, it is their bounden duty not only to do so, but at once to place their Lodges under the control of the supreme governing authority of Nova Scotia.

It is certainly a source of regret that those Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England did not come into the movement at its origin, as there is no doubt but that they will eventually do so. Many are only holding off until they see what action the Grand Lodge of Scotland will take in the matter; whether she will resort to such foolish extremes as suspending or expelling the members of our organization, as many of our weaker brethren pretend to fear she will do.

But my answer to these brethren universally has been: What authority can the Grand Lodge of Scotland have over us. We have paid all dues and demands upon us, and have returned to her the Charter we worked under. Therefore, how can it be possible that we are still subject to her authority. We have honorably returned our warrants, and formed the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in accordance with ancient usage, which seems to be recognized as right, at least on this continent;

and which has been so successfully carried out, but very few years ago, in the neighboring Province of Canada.

But if we did not, at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, get the English Lodges to co-operate with us, we have certainly since then got many of their best members added to our ranks; they seeing the unexpected success of our organization, have enlisted under its banner.

In concluding this, my brief sketch of the Grand Lodge, I must congratulate the members and brethren upon the continued success of our new organization. We are daily receiving fresh accessions of strength; many members are leaving those Lodges still holding their warrants from England; and the ultimate success of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, is but a matter of time, and depends alone upon the perseverance and fidelity of its members.

Let us bear in mind that union is strength, and that by being united we will the better be enabled to withstand the attacks of the enemies of Masonry and of our infant organization, who under the pretense of loyalty are holding their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, at the sacrifice of the ancient land marks of our glorious institution.

Let us persevere in maintaining and supporting the organization which we have erected, and prove that the craft has been benefitted by the change, and let us, my brethren, with the aid of that Omnipotent Power without whom all is naught, prove to the world that our institution has been materially benefitted.

Let us work up our Lodges—let the office-bearers and members perform their duties in such a manner as shall give to Masonry in the Province of Nova Scotia the same high character that it has so nobly maintained in other countries.

I regret being unable to lay before you an abstract of the work done, on account of some of the Lodges not having forwarded their Returns in time for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

Brother W. S. Macdonald from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following Report:

MASONIC TEMPLE, HALIFAX, N. S., June 8th, 1866.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the

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accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. MACDONALD,
RALPH PATRICK,
T. H. PRYOR, M. D., } Committee.

On motion of Brother John M. Hay, seconded by Brother Ralph Patrick, the Grand Lodge proceeded in accordance with the constitution to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W., WILLIAM H. DAVIES, M. D., *Grand Master*.
R. W., WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Deputy Grand Master*.
" JAMES R. GRAHAM, *Substitute Grand Master*.
" ROBERT J. ROMANES, *Grand Senior Warden*.
" WILLIAM GARVIE, *Grand Junior Warden*.
" A. K. MACKINLAY, *Grand Treasurer*.
" S. R. SIRCOM, *Grand Registrar*.
" CHAS. J. MACDONALD, *Grand Secretary*.
" NEWELL SNOW, *Grand Lecturer*.
V. W. W. S. MACDONALD, *Grand Senior Deacon*.
" LOUIS PETITMAITRE, *Grand Junior Deacon*.
" RALPH PATRICK, *Grand Architect*.
" EDWARD L. SPIKE, *Grand Jeweller*.
" JAMES FORTUNE, *Grand Bible Bearer*.
" JAMES MACCOUSH, *Grand Sword Bearer*.
" W. M. ALLAN, JR., *Grand Director of Ceremonies*.
" LOUIS MEYER, *Grand Organist*.
" JOHN M. HAY, *Grand Pursuivant*.
" JOHN E. M. TAYLOR, *Grand Tyler*.

GRAND STEWARDS.

- V. W. DAVID POTTENGER, *Burns Lodge, No. 1*.
" GEORGE BROWN, *Athole Lodge, No. 2*.
" C. F. HOPKINS, *Keith Lodge, No. 3*.
" THOMAS H. PRYOR, M. D., *Scotia Lodge, No. 4*.
" GEORGE ANDERSON, *St. Mark Lodge, No. 11*.

Brother W. S. McDonald offered the following Resolution, seconded by Brother Isaac Melvin, and unanimously passed:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon our M. W. Brother W. Mercer Wilson, Past Grand Master of Canada, and invite him to be present at 5:30 o'clock, for the purpose of installing our Grand Master.

Brothers R. J. Romanes, J. R. Graham and W. S. Macdonald were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 5:30, p. m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21st, 5:39, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, when Brothers Romanes, Graham and Macdonald were announced in waiting with M. W. Brother W. Mercer Wilson, Past Grand Master of Canada. M. W. Brother Wilson was then admitted and received with Grand Honors.

The Grand Officers were then duly installed by M. W. Colonel W. Mercer Wilson.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

At this the first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the pleasing duty devolves on me, as your head, of delivering an address, which shall form part of our printed proceedings; to be transmitted to our sister Grand Lodges, and I think I cannot more appropriately fulfill that duty than by sketching briefly our rise and progress. Five years ago the idea of a Grand Lodge was first proposed and almost accomplished: Why it was not would be uninteresting to most of you. Our present Grand Lodge was first spoken of in February, 1865, at which time I tabled certain resolutions in the Provincial Grand Lodge, under Scottish authority, and was then induced to lay the matter over until communication could be had with our parent Grand Lodge. We

entrusted the advocacy of our cause to our worthy brother, the Rev. George Boyd, at that time our esteemed Chaplain, and he had several interviews with the officials of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the purport of which was duly reported to us: and he considered our grievances, which were many, would be promptly adjusted. His interview with these officials took place in June, and after patient waiting on our part until November, and no reply of any kind arriving from Scotland, I again at the Quarterly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge, in November, brought up the resolutions previously alluded to, which were carried almost unanimously, and a committee appointed to communicate with the Provincial Grand Lodge under English authority, as well as with all the Lodges in Nova Scotia holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, inviting them to send delegates or representatives to a meeting to be held in Halifax in January, 1866. That meeting took place on the 16th of January, at Masonic Hall, and the following Lodges were represented: Burns, Athole, Keith and Scotia of Halifax; St. Marks, Baddeck; Albert, Shelburne; Eldorado, Wine Harbor; Virgin, Wilmot; Ophir, Tangier; Queen's, Sherbrooke; Athol, Amherst, in all eleven Lodges. After much mature deliberation, it was decided "That it was expedient, right, and our bounden duty to form a Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia," and a Committee was appointed to draft a Constitution. Nothing further of any importance occurred until the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in February, when the Committee unanimously reported in favor of the immediate formation of a Grand Lodge, and the report having been received and adopted, and the business of the Lodge concluded, all the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, with the exception of the Provincial Grand Master, (who was absent) Grand Secretary and Grand Tyler resigned their offices, and the Lodge was duly closed. Immediately thereafter a Convention was held; it was decided at once to form a Grand Lodge, the election of officers was proceeded with, and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia constituted. Several convention meetings were then held, at which the Constitution was considered and passed. Our next difficulty was how to proceed to the installation of the Grand Lodge officers, and it was agreed to communicate with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and also some of the Grand Lodges of the United States, asking for information. Telegraph messages having come from M. W. Brother H. P. Preble, Grand Master of Maine, and M. W. Josiah K. Drummond P. G. M. of Maine, informing us that it was legal for a Past Master to instal, (and Chase's Masonic Jurisprudence, page 161, fully bearing out that idea) there being also little prospect of obtaining a Grand Master to officiate, and it being of great importance to our cause that the installation should be proceeded with, as soon as possible,

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we concluded to act on the information we had received, and the installation took place, Past Master William Taylor of Burns Lodge and Past Deputy Grand Master presiding. The meeting was a large, respectable and influential one, and the ceremony was performed in a most satisfactory manner. Petitions having been read from ten Lodges, asking for authority to work under the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and the petitions being in due form, it was agreed to grant Dispensations to them all, until such time as Charters could be obtained. A Committee was also appointed to address all sister Grand Lodges, informing them of the formation of a Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia, extending the right hand of fellowship and asking for recognition. By report of our Grand Secretary, which has been read to-day, will be seen the number of replies already received. This then, brethren, is the history of the rise of this Grand Lodge, and before proceeding to speak of its progress, I shall very briefly mention the causes that necessitated the formation of a Grand Lodge; as many into whose hands this report may fall will naturally ask the question. The prominent cause then was the inattention of officials of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the wants of the craft in this Province, and the utter impossibility of obtaining replies to any letters forwarded to Scotland. When I mention the fact that although a new Grand Master was duly installed at Edinburgh, on 30th November, 1864, no intimation of the same has yet reached us; that warrants ordered from the Grand Lodge some years ago have never yet reached us, although paid for, that fees and dues remitted have not been acknowledged for more than twelve months; that no Diplomas have been received for brethren raised within twelve months,—I think any one will agree with me in saying, that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was not formed one day too soon.

And here permit me to quote a passage or two from a report of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. They state, "it is notorious that charges of a similar nature have been made from many quarters, and to such an extent that a Committee has recently been appointed to enquire into them, and that however the report of that Committee may be dealt with by the Grand Lodge, it is evident that it does not tend to exonerate the officials of the Grand Lodge from a charge of carelessness and inattention to the requirements of Daughter Lodges;" and again, "Your Committee have examined the letter-book of the Grand Lodge, and they find a letter was sent to Nova Scotia on 3rd April, 1864, the next letter on 16th February, 1866." And further, "It appears that certain Returns with a remittance for Fees were transmitted to Grand Lodge in January, 1866, but of which no acknowledgement seems to have been sent. No sum is credited in the cash books as

applicable to this remittance until 30th October, 1865, when a sum of £44, 11s. is credited as received from Nova Scotia, which must be at least six months after the date of the money being received; it is perfectly obvious that the *entry* of the money even at *that date* is an *ex post facto* operation, and must have been made subsequent to the date at which it professes to have been entered." These confessions need no comment from me; facts are indeed stubborn things, and if in these grievances we can still be held not to have had sufficient cause for our secession, then I am at a loss to know how far we should have gone. Truly I think we had reached that point at which "forbearance ceased to be virtue." Putting, however, all these grievances aside, the growing interests of the craft imperatively demanded that some step should be taken to insure prompt transactions of all Masonic business, and that could only be satisfactorily accomplished by the formation of a grand governing body within ourselves. That this was a sound view, has already been borne out by facts, for already is there a prospect of the number of our Lodges being greatly increased, and a new one within this city has been duly inaugurated. We have also received the very welcome intelligence that the Grand Lodge of Maine has duly recognized us and placed us on the roll of sister Grand Lodges.*

Seated at my right hand this day is our distinguished brother Colonel W. Mercer Wilson, P. G. M. of Canada, who at great trouble to himself, has come here for the sole purpose of installing our Grand Lodge officers. To him our most grateful thanks are due, and may we not accept this also as an earnest of the friendly feeling of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which feeling will, I have no doubt, take more definite form when that august body meets in July next.

Now Brethren, a few words of friendly counsel and advice, and I have done. In times past, as Lodges, we have grievously erred. We have come very far short of fulfilling our duties as Masons. Let us now look upward and take courage; let the ruling ambition of ever Master of a Lodge be, not who can show the largest roll of membership, but who can boast of the best men—men who fully appreciate and live up to the principles of Masonry, brotherly love, relief and truth. Our Constitution effectually prevents the undue haste that has long been a stain upon us in the making of Masons. Let it then be the duty of every one of us to sift well the characters of those we recommend and admit into our Lodges, and let none be admitted unless we are fully convinced they will act up to the principles they profess. In all our ceremonies let the

* Since that time the Grand Lodge of Canada and four others in the United States have also extended like privileges.

utmost solemnity be observed. We must never forget that our Supreme Grand Master ever beholds us, that His all seeing eye ever scans our works, and that when we go hence we must be prepared to meet the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the universe forever lives and reigns, there to be placed at His right hand, and be pronounced just and upright Masons. Let me conclude with a few sentences from the address of Most Worshipful Bro. J. D. Giddings, Grand Master of Texas. "By their fruits ye shall know them. Remember brethren that our subordinate Lodges will advance in numbers and usefulness as they advance in morality; and their strength and influence will depend more upon their moral character than their numbers. If you would have a beautiful temple, see to it that each stone is well polished before it is received. We often hear it said that such and such members have not been improved in their morals by our teaching, and unfortunately this saying is too often true, and one obvious reason is they have not been properly instructed; they have never been taught properly the principles and objects of Masonry; the degrees have been conferred in haste; perhaps so imperfectly as not to be understood. The conferring of degrees does not always make Masons; a knowledge of the sublime principles upon which Masonry is founded—of the moral obligations which it enjoins, and of the practical duties which it inculcates, are absolutely requisite to form the true and accomplished Mason. Brethren let us cultivate fraternal feelings, the sure bond of our union, for every good and useful purpose; practice charity, such an illustration of that virtue which Masonry regards as the greatest of all, is worthy of being inscribed in letters of gold upon the walls of every Lodge, and deeply engraved on the heart of every Brother as with a pen of steel."

Now brethren permit me to thank you for the confidence you have hitherto reposed in me, and assure you that my best efforts shall be given to forward your wishes and promote the interests of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia over which I have the honor to preside; and let me ask you, one and all, to extend to me in the future that support and assistance you have at all times past so readily accorded. Remember that unless you all labor diligently in the good cause, all my efforts will be vain. As a new Grand Lodge we have yet to assume a place in the ranks of many ancient bodies, and the eyes of all who extend to us the right hand of fellowship will be upon us, to see that we prove ourselves worthy of the confidence they have reposed in us. Many jealous eyes will also eagerly scan our acts. Let us then live fully up to the glorious principles we profess. While we meet on the level may we invariably act by the plumb, and let our acts be such as will stand the test of the

Grand Overseer's square, so that even the uninitiated may be constrained to say, behold how these Masons love one another.

WM. H. DAVIES, M. D.,

Grand Master of N. S.

After the reading of the address, Brother Brechin offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Brother Graham and passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Master's address be referred to a Committee of three, to report upon the various matters mentioned.

Committee, Bro's Brechin, Marshall and Graham; which Committee was ordered to report at next Quarterly meeting.

Bro. Melvin offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed Two Hundred copies of the proceedings of the present Annual and past Quarterly communications of this Grand Lodge; and that he be directed to send two copies to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada; and one copy to each Grand Lodge Officer, and each representative of subordinate Lodges; and one copy to the Master and one to the Secretary of each of the subordinate Lodges.

No further business appearing after the usual ceremonies, the M. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed, to meet again for Quarterly communication on Friday, September 14th, 1866.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

BURNS LODGE, No. 1.

HALIFAX CITY.

OFFICERS

ISAAC MELVIN, Worshipful Master.
ROBERT BRECKIN, P. M., Deputy Master.
J. R. B. FIDLER, P. M., Substitute Master.
W. S. MACDONALD, Senior Warden.
JOHN OVERY, Junior Warden,
JAMES FORTUNE, Treasurer.
WILLIAM TAYLOR, P. M., Secretary.
RALPH PATRICK, Senior Deacon.
DAVID POTTINGER, Junior Deacon.
GEORGE McALISTER, Senior Steward.
DANIEL H. FOWLER, Junior Steward.
J. E. M. TAYLOR, Tyler.

MASTER MASONS.

James MacCoush,
Levi H. Verge,
James W. Smith,
W. H. Fredrick,
Thomas Vesey,
Duncan Waddell,
James Carr,
John Roddick,
J. J. Armstrong,
Donald Scott,

James Parker,
John Causey,
William Moir,
Adam McKay,
James W. Flinn,
Thomas Tobin,
George S. Forcade,
James Griffin,
B. F. McKay.

ATHOLE LODGE, No. 2.

HALIFAX CITY.

OFFICERS:

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Worshipful Master.
C. J. MACDONALD, P. M., Deputy Master.
CHARLES F. BROWNE, Substitute Master.
JOHN ALLAN, P. M., Senior Warden.
W. H. BRUSH, Junior Warden.
H. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.
LOUIS PETITMAITRE, Secretary.
DUNCAN McDUGAL, Senior Deacon.
ALEX. ROCKWELL, Junior Deacon.
GEORGE S. BROWN, Senior Steward.
GEORGE DAVIS, Junior Steward.
J. E. M. TAYLOR, Tyler.

MASTER MASONS:

J. E. Keating,	John Rhind,
Jas. R. Graham, P. M.	Henry Hesslein,
E. J. Lordly, P. M.	Ebenezer Moseley,
Jeremiah Barnstead,	John McCulloch,
James Sand, Junr.,	Jeremiah Aconi,
Thomas Short, P. M.	John Croucher,
James C. Graham,	James A. Wilson,
D. A. McDougall,	John W. Pitts.
A. McDonald,	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Alexander Kennedy,	John C. Potts.
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KEITH LODGE, No. 3.

HALIFAX CITY.

OFFICERS:

ROBERT J. ROMANES, Worshipful Master.
WILLIAM GARVIE, Deputy Master.
E. R. HARRINGTON, Substitute Master.

 KEITH LODGE.—Continued.

JOSEPH JACOBS, Senior Warden.
 ARTHUR BUSBY, Junior Warden.
 E. L. COLEMAN, Treasurer.
 A. G. HESSELEIN, Secretary.
 C. P. HOPKINS, Senior Deacon.
 JAMES K. MUNNIS, Junior Deacon.
 JOHN M. HAY, Senior Steward.
 W. L. LOWELL, Junior Steward.
 J. E. M. TAYLOR, Tyler.

MASTER MASONS:

James Duncan,	Charles Romanes,
James Darby,	E. W. Sutcliffe,
Robert G. Duncan,	Henry Wetherby,
F. W. Fishwick,	G. Allison Woodill,
H. J. Marshall,	Isaac J. Wylde,
R. T. Muir,	John Eckersly,
Louis Meyer,	W. A. MacKay.
John H. Philip,	

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HALIFAX CITY.

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 W. E. HARRINGTON, Deputy Master.
 A. ALLISON, Substitute Master.
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 G. J. PAYNE, Junior Warden.
 J. L. MACKAY, Treasurer.
 A. H. WOODILL, M. D., Secretary.
 C. F. VOSE, Senior Deacon.
 J. LAIDLAW, Junior Deacon.
 WILLIAM ROBINSON, Senior Steward.
 F. C. MAHON, Junior Steward.
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SCOTIA LODGE,—Continued,

MASTER MASONS:

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A. Fordham,
F. W. Blaiklock,
Robert Brehm,
H. P. Burton,
James Banfield,
J. D. H. Brown,
Arthur Cowie,
J. E. Cook,
W. H. Davies, M. D.
H. G. Northup,
T. H. Pryor, M. D.,
A. M. Payne,
A. R. Payne,

Charles Edmonston,
W. Garvie,
M. F. Eagar,
S. C. Jordan,
James Jackson,
Joseph H. Jost,
J. McDonald,
D. W. Kerr,
W. M. Moren,
A. K. MacKinlay,
J. H. Parker,
R. Strather,
A. Sutherland,
D. B. Woodworth.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Charles Hall,

L. H. Kirby.

VIRGIN LODGE, No. 5.

WILMOT, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

OFFICERS:

M. F. WOODBURY, Worshipful Master.
G. H. GATES, Senior Warden.
H. VANBUSKIRK, Junior Warden.
NELSON PIERCE, Treasurer.
J. W. DARRAH, Secretary.
GILBERT FOWLER, Senior Deacon.
ANDREW WILLIAMS, Junior Deacon.
JOHN WOODBURY, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

James Gates,
B. Spinney,
D. W. Landers,
G. V. Ince.

John Harris,
Gilbert Fowler,
Norman Spinney,
T. R. Fullerton,

VIRGIN LODGE.—Continued.

Joel Falls,
Joseph Harris,
James Ray,
Nelson Pearce,
James Ward,
Peter Nicholson,
J. N. Roach,
George Harris,
John Anderson,
A. Marshall,

W. A. Callweek,
David Goucher,
Egbert Woodbury,
Joseph Dennison,
John Weyman,
Henry McMann,
William Resteen,
John Primrose,
A. Gates.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 6.

SHELburnE, SHELburnE COUNTY.

OFFICERS:

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JAMES HOGG, Substitute Master.
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JOHN BOWER, Junior Warden.
JOHN BOYD, Treasurer.
PETER G. FRASER, Secretary.
EDWARD B. BINGAY, Senior Deacon.
WM. B. STEPHENSON, Junior Deacon.
JAMES DEXTER, Senior Steward.
WILLIAM FIRTH, Junior Steward.
CALEB E. ALLEN, Tyler.

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Joseph Watters,
William McLean,
John H. West,
Abraham McLean,
John A. B. Johnston,
Israel K. Bruce,
Robert G. Irvine,
John McLean,
John A. McGowans,

Peter Young,
John McPherson,
Wm. F. McCoy,
Freeman Pentz,
Edward J. Murphy,
Wilmot Huey,
William Williams,
John Pickett,
John McEwer,

ALBERT LODGE.—Continued.

Samuel Muir, 2nd.	John S. Smith,
Charles Bower,	Rufus Utley,
Rufus P. McKenney,	James Foster,
Elijah Hagar,	Samuel W. Burns,
John S. Hawksworth,	Edward A. Dunn,
John Etherington,	Israel Hersey.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Robert Lowden,	Charles Cox.
Joseph Collie,	

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

George Dunn,	John McArthur.
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ELDORADO LODGE, No. 7.

WINE HARBOR, GUYSBOROUGH CO.

OFFICERS:

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 GEORGE W. CLARK, Junior Warden.
 WILLIAM MCPHERSON, Treasurer.
 F. W. McEWEN, Secretary.
 JOHN ROOD, Senior Deacon.
 JOHN MCINNIS, Junior Deacon.
 JOHN CAMERON, Senior Steward.
 WILLIAM McLEAN, Junior Steward.
, Tyler.

No return of Members.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 8.

BARRINGTON, SHELBUERNE COUNTY.

OFFICERS:

J. J. CLARK, M. D., Worshipful Master.
A. SMITH, Deputy Master.
W. B. SMITH, Substitute Master.
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THOMAS NEWELL, Junior Warden.
A. M. GRAY, Treasurer.
B. F. MCCOVEL, Secretary.
RANDALL MCKINNON, Senior Deacon.
JOHN CAMERON, Junior Deacon.
JAMES MCKINNON, Senior Steward.
DAVID G. DALEY, Junior Steward.
MACALLUM NICKERSON, Tyler.

No return of Members.

ST. MARKS LODGE, No. 9.

BADDECK, CAPE BRETON.

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C. N. CAMPBELL, Worshipful Master.
WM. KIDSTON, SEN'R, Senior Warden.
HENRY A. FOILL, Junior Warden.
ROBERT EMSLEY, Treasurer.
LEVI HART, Secretary.
S. G. A. McKEEN, Senior Deacon.
JOSEPH P. HALL, Junior Deacon.
ALEXANDER BAINE, Tyler.

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W. Kidston, Jr., P. M.
Alexander Munro,
A. F. Haliburton,
John Munro,
Samuel C. Campbell,
Angus McIver,

Robert G. Zwicker,
James L. Rice,
Stephen Atwater,
Jacob S. Hart,
John T. Cameron,
Neil W. McKenzie,

ST. MARKS LODGE.—Continued.

Norman McL. McRae,	David Dunlop,
Barclay E. Tremain,	William Bingham,
John A. Campbell,	George M. Bishop,
Donald Mathieson,	K. R. McKenzie.
D. J. McKenzie,	

FELLOW-CRAFT:

Laughlin McDougall,	Dougall McColl.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

John H. McLeod,	Allan McIntosh,
Charles J. McKay,	A. J. McKay,
Duncan McDonald,	Alexander Dogget.
Kenneth McKenzie,	

QUEENS LODGE, No. 10.

SHERBROOKE, GUYSBOROUGH CO.

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ALEXANDER FRASER, Substitute Master.
NEIL LESLIE, Senior Warden.
CHARLES MCINTOSH, Junior Warden.
W. L. HEWETT, Treasurer.
W. H. McDANIEL, Secretary.
JOHN McNAB, Senior Deacon.
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