



## A Brief Historical Statement concerning St. Paul's Church, Halifax, N. S.

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The First Church of England Service in Halifax, was held on the day of the foundation of the City, 21st June, 1749. The Rev. Wm. Tutty, the first Missionary, says that Divine service was "performed in the open air." Governor Cornwallis soon gave the use of his drawing room for divine service, and the Holy Communion was first administered in Government House which stood on the grounds now occupied by the Province Building. The next place of worship was the warehouse of Mr. Calendar, a half-pay officer, where as Cornwallis informed the Lords of Trade "Divine service is performed three times a week."

St. Paul's Church was erected on the Parade in the year 1750, A. D., by His Majesty King George the Second; who is called in the Deed of Endowment, dated 4th January, 1760, "*The Royal Founder*" and the Church is designated "A ROYAL FOUNDATION AND OF EXEMPT JURISDICTION."

The HON. MR. JUSTICE J. NORMAN RITCHIE has given an opinion on the meaning of the terms "A Royal Foundation and of Exempt Jurisdiction." The learned judge holds that if St. Paul's had been an ordinary parish Church, the grant of pew-rents in the Deed of 1760 would have been illegal as it infringed upon the well established rights of the Ordinary (or Bishop). But St. Paul's was