

Old Silver.



AMONG the churches in the Acadian Provinces which are possessed of silver of an historical as well as of an intrinsic value, may be mentioned St. Paul's Church, at Halifax, Nova Scotia. As this old church has an interesting history, and is one of the oldest in Canada, a few words regarding its origin, gleaned principally from the Year Book, may not be out of place.

The first Church of England service in Halifax was held on the day of the foundation of the city, 21st of June, 1749. The Rev. Wm. Tutty, the first missionary, says that the early services were "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 the following opinion regarding the phrase last quoted: