Bishop John Inglis in his Ecclesiastical Returns, 1727 (?) says: Halifax, County of Halifax, 203 square miles, 14,000 population, Rector Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Rev. Fitzgerald Uniacke, Missionary to the Germans and minister to St. George's Chapel. St. Paul's Church—a fine building in excellent condition and well situated, will contain 1400. St. George's Chapel, handsomely fitted up lately and well situated, will contain 960.

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The Parish of Preston, containing the townships of Preston, Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Fort Sackville and Lawrencetown was set apart in 1792.

St. George's Parish was set apart in 1828. Her Majesty's Garrison Chapel was built in 1842. St. Luke's Chapel of Ease was opened for Divine service 14th May, 1848. The Parish of St. Margaret's Bay was set off 19th Feb., 1852. St. Luke's (now the Cathedral) Parish, was set off 14th May, 1858. The erection of St. Matthias' Church was authorized 1876, and Trinity Parish was set off 1888.

St. Paul's Church is the mother Church of not only the Diocese of Nova Scotia, but of the Church of England in Canada. It is the oldest Protestant Church in the Dominion.

From 1787 to 1858 it was the Cathedral Church of the Diocese, and for nearly a century the Garrison Church for the British Forces.

The Church will accommodate from 1800 to 2000 people; at Easter, 1890, the seats were all made free.

