

STORIED HALIFAX



The Duke of Kent

been put through its facings on this small plot of ground. In the olden days, the impressive ceremonial of guard mounting took place here every morning with the salute and troop before relieving. Now the band of the "Royal Canadians" plays for an hour on Saturday mornings, the last flash of the ancient military ritual which once brightened this historic spot with the bravery of martial scarlet and gold.

Along Argyle street there, sedan-chairs could once be had for hire. Sedan-chairs! the whole eighteenth century is in the word.

At the southern end of the Parade stands the old parish church of Saint Paul's, the oldest Protestant church in Canada, just where it has stood for a century and a half. The entrance has been changed about, the steeple has been rebuilt, wings and a

chancel have been added, but the original frame and design remain unaltered. It is essentially a London church of the eighteenth century, such as Sir Roger de Coverley rejoiced to see rising outside the city and such as Hogarth used to draw. It boasts a Royal foundation. Its walls are covered with marbles and brasses inscribed with the history of our old families. Two monuments came from the studios of Gibson and Chantrey. Here lies Sir John Harvey, the hero of Stoney Creek. The old church has seen strange sights in its time—a congregation of Micmac Indians hearing service in their own wild tongue, a whole battalion of Hessians receiving the communion at one time, pompous funerals, weddings, christenings, processions. In the entry hang the hatchments of forgotten worthies, rich in armorial devices. The communion plate dates from Queen Anne.

Once upon a time, the church was balanced by a college at the other end of the Parade. It was a plain, solid, dignified structure like the Province Building and Government House, and belonging to the same architectural era. Many were the scenes the old college witnessed before it moved away and gave place to our present Guildhall, which I refuse to characterize. Few institutions of learning began more auspiciously. The corner-stone

