

until the 10th November, 1857; when we find the following entry in their Minute Books:—

“It was resolved, that it was inexpedient to continue the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal and Wm. Henry; and that, on its dissolution, St. Paul's Lodge should communicate direct with the “United Grand Lodge of England”. (This is the earliest date at which St. Paul's began its present practice of reporting direct to London.)

It has often been said that “the History of St. Paul's Lodge is the History of Montreal.” Looking back over the list of Past officers and brethren, many of the names are those of the men who were known as founders and up-builders of the early City of Montreal; whose names are woven in with the history of the growth and development of the city. And St. Paul's is the one lodge in the city whose own history dates back into the times of the First Provincial Grand Lodge of “Originals”; that was formed in the very year of the Capture of Quebec by the British and General Wolfe. The Lodge Seal in use to-day in St. Paul's Lodge; and the heraldic device printed upon their notices of Communications, is an exact copy of the Coat of Arms used in London by the “Originals”;—the old Mother Grand Lodge of “Moderns” in London; which passed out of existence and was superseded by the United Grand Lodge in 1813.

In a fast-growing and changing city like Montreal, the meeting-place of St. Paul's Lodge was changed many times and oft. In Doige's City Directory for 1819, is the note that “St. Paul's Lodge No. 12 (Masonic) is held at the “City Tavern” (address, 73 St. Paul Street). At the laying of the corner stone of the General Hospital in 1821, with full Masonic Honours by the Provincial Grand Lodge, accompanied by the three Lodges then held in this city, namely, Union No. 8, St. Paul's No. 12, and Wellington Persevering