

ronto, now the site of the Grand Trunk freight sheds.

The old Parliament Buildings were erected in 1829-32, and were first used in the latter year by the Legislature of Upper Canada, from 1841 by the Legislature of the United Provinces, and again in 1849-51 and 1855-59. From 1867-92 they were occupied by the Legislature of Ontario, until the opening in the latter year of the present buildings in the Queen's Park. The old buildings were demolished in 1902-3. The arms of Lower Canada are shown on the centre of the chair rail, above the panel.

THE CHAIR OF THE ENGLISH GUILDS.

The Worshipful Company of Masons of the City of London, England, has the peculiar distinction above all other guilds, of being the one which is the connecting link in the chain of evidence which proves that the modern social cult known as the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, is lineally descended from the old fraternity of Masons which flourished in the early days of Masonic architecture, known by the inappropriate title of gothic.

Old documents show that in 1646 Elias Ashmole, the antiquarian, was made a Freemason at Warrington, near Liverpool, in a lodge that was not in any way connected with the building trade, and that in 1682, thirty-six years later, he attended a meeting of a lodge in the Mason's Hall, Basinghall street, London, at which the Master of the Masons Company, his