

FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.



E extract the following from the History of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 4, Q. R., A. F. & A. M., Stanstead, written by Elisha Gustin, P. M., and while doing so, would mention that at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the M. W. the Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that he had received from M. W. Brother Harrington, a Square, the gift of H. R. H. Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, father of Queen, and a Key, the gift of Prince William Henry, Duke of Clarence, and William the Fourth, that had been presented to the Craft in Quebec, on the occasion of their visit to this Country.

About the beginning of the Nineteenth Century the ever attractive and expansive Genius of Speculative Free Masonry, became generally diffused through the United States of America, especially in the Northern and Eastern States, where it had been previously but little known beyond the cities and principal towns.

At this period, Lodges were opened in most of the country villages of any considerable notoriety, extending even to the northern frontier, where the extensive forests, hitherto known mostly as the savages' hunting grounds, had but partially yielded to the muscular arm of the sturdy axeman, before this divinely-inspired institution, this meek-eyed handmaid of Christianity and benevolent daughter of Charity, with her mysterious graces and peculiar benefits, attracted the attention of the early settlers of these northern wilds.

In the year of our Lord 1803, "Lively Stone Lodge, No. 22," was organized and opened at the hall of Samuel Pomroy, at Derby Line, Vermont, where many of the leading and influential men of Derby, Vermont, and Stanstead, Lower Canada, met fraternally, and held social and friendly intercourse. The Charter members were Timothy Hin-