## HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S LODGE

In a formal report sent by the Secretary of this first Canadian Provincial Grand Lodge to the Mother Grand Lodge, dated at Quebec on the 6th September, 1777, the following is given as "A list of Lodges actually in being here":—

> No. 1. Merchants' Lodge at Quebec. No. 2. St. Andrew's """" No. 3. St. Patrick's """" No. 10. St. Paul's """Montreal.

Harmony Lodge at Detroit<sup>\*</sup> (whose Warrant is from the P.G.L. at New York).

In 1792, began the great change in Canadian Masonry familiar to all historians; the intrusion of the "Antient York Masons", with H.R.H. the Duke of Kent living in Canada. and appointed "Provincial Grand Master of the Antients". Swiftly and irrevocably, the lodges began to swing over from having been adherents of the "Originals" to join this new Canadian P.G.L. of "Antients" under the Duke of Kent; and the ceremony of "healing" from Modern to Antient Masonry became an event of frequent occurrence. St. Paul's was one of the last to swing over; taking the Provincial number 12 in 1797. Three years afterwards, the Honourable Claud Dénéchau, a prominent Mason who was to become Deputy P.G.M. of Antients under the Duke of Kent: who was his successor after he went home to England; and who became the first Provincial Grand Master of the new United Lodge in 1813; was solemnly "healed" from "Modern" to "Antient" Masonry in St. Paul's Lodge on the 14th January, 1800.

Then came the very important event to all Masons the world over; the grand Amalgamation of the two rival Grand Bodies in England, and the formation of the new "United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons" in 1813. Claude Dénéchau was duly elected "Provincial

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<sup>\*</sup> Detroit was part of Canada in 1777.