

became extinct. Twenty-one years later, (on July 3rd, 1781), warrant No. 213 was issued to the same battalion by the Grand Lodge of New York. Two years later this Lodge transferred to the English registry and on Dec. 20th, 1787, by the payment of five guineas to the "Grand Charity" obtained the vacant No. 9, which had been unused for 27 years. In 1790 the Lodge held its first meeting at Quebec from which time it has worked in that city.

No claim is made that any of the members of the 1752 Lodge were members of the 1781 Lodge; that was clearly not the case. No claim is made that the old Lodge could have been revived, it could not. Even the old warrant had disappeared. It was not even the revival of a dormant or extinct Lodge. It was the out and out purchase of the place and number of the former Lodge of the same name and number and its claims can be no better than those of The Lodge of Antiquity. It is hardly necessary to point out that the new Lodge of 1781 would never have been chartered, and certainly would never have acquired the number of the old Lodge if the old Lodge had been in existence. Can there be any doubt that Albion Lodge No. 2, G. R. Q., is to be dated from July 3rd, 1781?

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, E. R. The claim of St. Paul's Lodge, Montreal, is a very doubtful one, to say the most of it. On Nov. 8th, 1770, three years after the date of the "Ancient" charter of St. Andrew's Lodge in this Province, we find the record of the issuing of a warrant to St. Paul's Lodge by the then Provincial Grand Master, Hon. John Collins. The claim to an earlier existence depends on a statement written across the face of a Lodge notice dated in 1818 pasted into an old book in possession of the Lodge and bearing on its title page the name of the owner, G. O. Radford. (W. M., 1833-4). This memorandum, apparently in his handwriting, reads, "Founded by Lord Aberdour's warrant, 1760." Lord Aberdour was G. M. of Scotland in 1755-6 and of England, 1757-62, but there is absolutely no evidence in the records of either Grand Lodge of the issuing of any such warrant or any mention whatever of the Lodge. It should also be noted that Bro. Radford's memo. was made half a century after the actual establishment of the Lodge. More conclusive than any other evidence on the point is the fact that a warrant for a Lodge was issued in 1770. Why was a warrant necessary if one had been granted within a few