

## THE VAULTS.

## No. 1.

In this vault the first printing press in Montreal was set up, in 1776, by Mesplets, who accompanied Benjamin Franklin and the other two envoys who had been sent by Congress in the spring of that year. Mesplets, a Frenchman, remained in Montreal after the Americans withdrew. He opened a printing office on Place Royale, where he published the *Montreal Gazette*.

## No. 2.

1. In this vault may be seen an ancient *Caleche*, which was the most stylish vehicle in the olden time.
2. Old scales. Belonged to the French Jesuits, and dates to 1683. They were used in a mill at Cap de la Madeleine, near Three Rivers. *T. Lefebvre, Esq.*
3. The Rigaud Bell. This Bell was cast in London in 1801 for the parish church at Rigaud, where it was in use for many years. *C. de Lery Macdonald, Esq.*
4. A wooden pipe of the first water-works in Montreal, 1801-1815. *—Starke, Esq.*
5. The weather-vane from old St. Gabriel Church, the first Protestant church built at Montreal, 1792; demolished, 1903.
6. A very finely wrought weather-vane from one of the out buildings of the Château.
7. Iron knee of the King's ship *l'Original*, which sank in the harbor of Quebec, in 1750, while being launched. *Quebec Harbor Commissioners.*
8. Old crane, from an early French house on Jacques Cartier Square. *F. D. Monk, Esq.*
9. A panel from the Chapel of Notre-Dame-de-Victoire, built, 1713; demolished, 1900. *W. D. Lighthall, Esq. K.C.*
10. A piece of oak planking of the steamboat *John Bull*, one of the first steamboats on the St. Lawrence. *L. N. Paré, Esq.*
11. A piece of a beam from the Gobert house, Quebec, in which Gen. Montgomery's body was laid, 1st Jan., 1776. *P. Poulin, Esq.*