

kerville Lodge, Caledonia Lodge, Mt. Hermon Lodge, and Quadra Lodge at Victoria.

On September 29th, 1863, Victoria Lodge No. 1085, was renumbered as No. 783 on the Roll of Lodges on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, that Grand Body being desirous of filling in the vacant numbers on their Roll of Lodges.

In 1871 the present Grand Lodge of British Columbia was formed, and on March 7th, 1872, Victoria Lodge was formally placed on the Roll of the Grand Lodge as Victoria No. 1.

In 1874 was commenced a custom highly appreciated and esteemed as an honor by every member of No. 1 Lodge, that of having their officers installed by the Grand Master of the Province. This custom has been rarely broken and Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, as the Senior Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, now feels that it is an established privilege to have their officers so installed.

As already intimated British Columbia Lodge was constituted at Victoria July 26th, 1867, by authority of a Charter issued by the Grand Lodge of England and numbered 1187, and the first meeting was held October 24th, 1867.

It was the fifth Masonic Lodge to be formed in the Province.

The first Master of the Lodge was W. Bro. Thos. Harris, and the following ruled as W. Masters in the succeeding years.

1868.....Thos. Harris
1869.....N. Nathan, Jr.
1870.....Eli Harrison, Sr.
1871.....T. Shotbolt
1872.....John Winger

1873.....H. Brown
1874.....Wm. Harrison
1875.....Thos. Trounce
1876.....Geo. Thomson
1877.....T. R. Mitchell

On the formation of the Grand Lodge of B. C., British Columbia Lodge was registered as No. 5 on the Roll of that Grand Jurisdiction and continued to work as such until its amalgamation with Victoria Lodge in 1877.

April 3rd, 1877, was a "Red Letter Day" in the annals of Victoria and British Columbia Lodges, for at an Emer-