

CHAPTER I.

The Beginnings

BUILDING OF CHURCH AND COLLEGE—OPENING OF
ST. BASIL'S CHURCH—BOUNDARIES OF PARISH—
FIRST PARISH PRIEST.

The history of St. Basil's Parish is so much interwoven with that of the Basilian Fathers, who have ever been the faithful guardians of that parish since the days when it extended over half the area of Toronto, and to almost an unlimited distance into the country, that it would seem to be unnatural if we did not speak briefly, in the first place, of the early days of the College.

Bishop, Count de Charbonnel, came to Toronto from France in 1850. He had been here but two years when he brought the Basilian Fathers from France to establish a Catholic College.

The pioneers of the work were Rev. Fathers Soulerin, Malbosse, Maloney, and Rev. Charles