

the First Presbyterian Church, V. I."

The church was formally opened for divine service on Sabbath, the 15th of November of the same year, the Rev. John Hall being assisted on that occasion by the Rev. James Nimmo, missionary of the Church of Scotland, who in the morning preached the dedication sermon, taking as his text a portion of Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple:—"The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. Let Him not leave us nor forsake us; that He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers." The Rev. Dr. Evans of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, preached in the evening from the words of St. Paul: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." The formal opening of First Church was the occasion of great rejoicing among that little faithful band two thousand miles from the nearest Presbyterian congregation, that of Dr. Black's at Kildonan, with the gigantic Rockies between them, and no Canadian Pacific Railway to connect them. Surely they were isolated.

Soon after the dedication of the church, Mr. Hall went to Australia, Mr. Nimmo was withdrawn, and the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland sent out the Rev. Dr. Somerville. All the Presbyterians in the city and the Congregationalists worshipped together in First Church, under the pastorate of Dr. Somerville, who continued to minister for two years. Trouble arose