

pioneer prairie priest, the Rev'd. J. P. Sargent, now Dean of Qu'Appelle, who ministered to the many hands employed in the railway construction camps, and to the few settlers already scattered here and there near the line. In 1884 Dean Sargent made Moose Jaw his headquarters; the services were held in a tent until the fall when the first church was built. This was a wooden structure, placed about



THE FIRST CHURCH.

four blocks north and one block west of the station. Experience, however, proved that the church was too far out and the building was moved to a more central location, the vestry wisely determining that if the people would not go to the church, the church should go to the people. During Dean Sargent's incumbency a vicarage was built. In November,