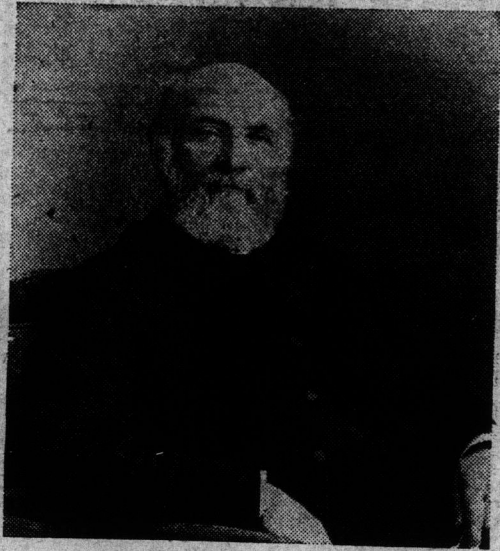


# THE JUBILEE OF ST. JOHN'S, VICTORIA

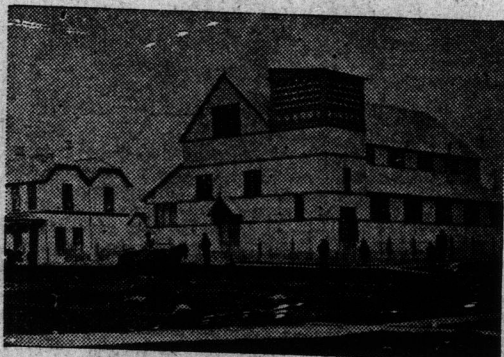
On Friday, April 13, 1860, nearly the whole population of Victoria turned out to witness the laying of the foundation stone of what is now the oldest church building in British Columbia. Shortly after Bishop Hills arrived in



The Ven. Archdeacon Woods  
For some time Evening Lecturer

The colony a site was chosen on the corner of what is now Fisguard and Herald streets, on which to place the church building presented to the diocese by the late Baroness Burdett Coutts. At that time the land was covered with large trees and had to be cleared, then excavations were made, and foundations, consisting of piers of brick underlaid and capped with Salt Spring Island stone were put in, the last of which was laid with great ceremony by His Excellency Governor Douglas on April 13. The hour appointed for the ceremony was 3 o'clock, and by that time hundreds of people had assembled on the spot to witness the function. By kind permission, the committee assembled at Capt. Dodd's house to receive the Governor, and shortly after three proceeded to the ground in the following order:

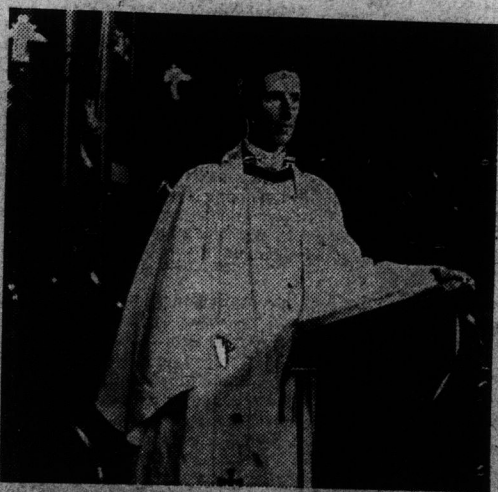
- Superintendent of Works (carrying the plans and drawings)
- The Committee (four of whom carried the trowel, square, mallet, and glass jar to be laid upon the stone)
- The Churchwardens
- The Clergy
- The Bishop



The Church as it Used to Be

The Captains and Officers of H. M. Ships, Members of Legislature, Chief Justices of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, the Colonial Secretary, Governor, and Private Secretary.

The band of H. M. S. Topaz played the National Anthem as the Governor came on the ground. A platform with a raised dais had been placed round the stone, on which the persons forming the procession took their places. The service used was one compiled by the Bishop when in England for the laying of the corner stone of St. John's Church, St. Yarmouth, his late parish. The Rev. E. Cridge, then rector of Christ Church (the old unconsecrated log church on the hill), gave out the 100th Psalm, which was sung by the congregation and a choir composed of the ship's boys from H. M. S. Ganges, and several gentlemen who had kindly volunteered their assistance. After reading the 84th Psalm, and offering up prayers, the Bishop received from the committee the trowel, mallet and square, and, presenting them to His Excellency, requested him to lay the corner stone of St. John's Church.



Rev. A. J. Stanley, Curate 1860-1870

The preparations having been made, and the glass jar, sealed with the seal of the diocese, deposited under the stone, it was laid by His Excellency in due form, who then declared:

"This Stone Is Laid in Faith and Hope, to the Honor and Glory of God, Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen."

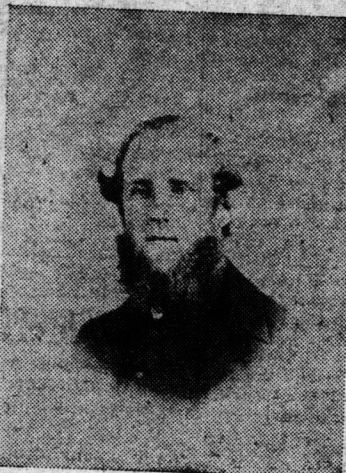
The Bishop, after invoking the divine blessing on the work, offered up the concluding prayers. A hymn was then given out by the rector (Rev. R. Dundas), after the singing of which His Excellency addressed the people:

"My Lord Bishop, Rev. Gentlemen and Gentlemen:

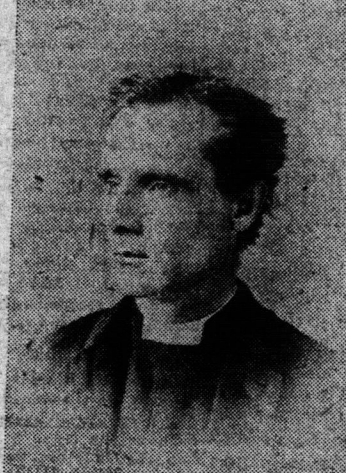
"I rejoice, gentlemen, that I have been spared to take part in the impressive ceremony we have just witnessed, and to see the foundation laid, of another church which is to be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God."

"When first I landed, a few years ago, on the shores of Vancouver Island, we were charmed with the rich and varied scenery of the country, but we sought in vain for any work of art—for any trace of the presence of civilized man. Nothing of the kind was to be found; the country was the abode of the wandering savage, and of the wild beast of the field. It has now become the home of a Christian people, nurtured in the fear and knowledge of the Lord. Its present progress is, I trust, a mark and proof of God's love and blessing, and I hope an earnest of the great things He has in store for this colony, if we are found worthy of His favor."

"I hope that our worthy Bishop may soon



Rev. R. J. Dundas, Rector 1860-1868



Rev. Percival Jenks, Rector 1868-1910



Rev. F. B. Gribbell, Priest in charge, 1897-00



Ven. Archdeacon Gilson, Rector 1865-67

see the fruits of his exertions, in the general growth of godliness, in the spread of the Gospel—in the moral elevation of the Indian race, and in the completion of that Scripture promise, which assureth us that the day cometh when the earth shall be covered with righteousness and the desert shall blossom as the rose. My Lord, your noble devotion to the Christian cause, and the unwearied exertions you have made in behalf of Vancouver Island, and of the sister colony of British Columbia, are well known and appreciated, and have won for you our warmest respect and admiration; and you may rest assured that we will not fail to aid your efforts, and to promote to the utmost of our power your benevolent designs."

The Bishop, replying to His Excellency's remarks, declared his perfect confidence in the future material and spiritual welfare of the colony; He acknowledged the readiness of response which had enabled him and other members of the Church to commence the work, and expressed an earnest hope that further aid would not be wanting. He dwelt upon the high and holy objects for which they sought to rear up this temple to Almighty God.

The service concluded by the Bishop pronouncing the blessing.

Although Christ Church was in existence many years before St. John's was ever thought of, it was, at this time, unconsecrated, so that St. John's can now claim to be the senior consecrated church in British Columbia by about five years.

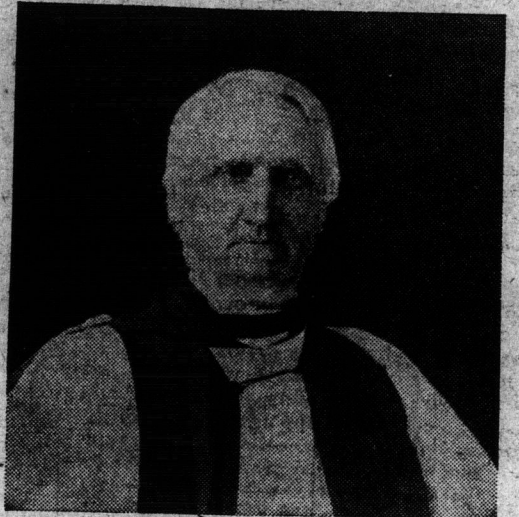
On Thursday, September 13, St. John's was a very ugly building, having no semblance of a tower, which, together with the porches and present vestry, was added at a later date; in fact, one of the late churchwardens said that when he first came to Victoria he thought St. John's was a brewery. The church looks very different today, and the many improvements which have been made since 1860 are a testimony to the devotion and loyalty of the sons and daughters of the Church who worship within its walls.

We have no detailed account of the consecration, and can only give the programme of services taken from the advertisement in the British Colonist of that date.

Programme: Thursday, September 13th, in the morning, Consecration Service at 11 a.m., Sermon by the Bishop of Oregon. The Holy Communion will be administered. Evening Service at 7 p.m., Sermon by the Bishop of Columbia.

Friday, September 21st. Morning Service at 11 a.m., Sermon by the Rev. Ellis Willis (rector of St. John's, Olympia). Evening Service at 7 p.m., Sermon by the Rev. W. D. Crickmer, M.A. (minister at Fort Yale).

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The Rt. Reverend George Hills, D.D., First Bishop of Columbia

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be assisted by Mr. Munro), and Mr. Longfield. Mr. Warkis was organist for only a few months and was succeeded by the present occupant of the position in November, 1904.

Mr. G. Jennings Burnett is an Englishman by birth. He began his career as an organist when quite a small boy, and ever since has filled positions of importance in England, the United States, and Canada. As a composer few men living so far from the great centres of musical culture have gained so much distinction, for not only has his merit been recognized by His late Majesty King Edward VII., but he has received letters from Madam Patti, Madam Alboni, and Antonio Dolores, expressing their appreciation of his work as a song writer. As a composer of church music, his compositions rank with the best, his Festival Service in B flat, several settings of the Te Deum, and several anthems have long since sung themselves into popular favor both in England and Canada. Very few Sunday evenings pass at St. John's without some melody from his pen, even though it may only be a Kyrie, a chant a vesper hymn or a Final Amen.

During the winter Mr. Burnett gives a series of organ recitals, which are always largely attended, prove a great source of enjoyment to all, and are the means of creating a love of good organ music in Victoria. Under such able leadership the music at St. John's has greatly improved; but if only he could get a little more support from the musical portion of the congregation, St. John's would soon have as fine a service as is to be found anywhere in the Dominion.

It is worthy of note that two of the preach-



Mr. G. Jennings Burnett, Organist

ers at the consecration services have since become bishops. In 1893 the Rev. J. Sheepshanks, who was for some time rector of New Westminster, was made Bishop of Norwich (a bishopric which was founded in A. D. 639), and retired from the See only a few months ago. The other is the Rev. A. C. Garrett, now Bishop of Dallas. In reply to an invitation to preach at the Jubilee service, the good Bishop writes:

"I remember St. John's very well. It would indeed be a rare privilege for me to be able to be present on the interesting occasion you mention. I am a long way off, and cannot possibly be with you. The old men of the early days loom up in vision with all the freshness of youth. . . . Primitive times do not return. It is sometimes difficult to make due allowance for the growth and progress which marked the interval between then and now." In another letter to Mr. Fawcett in 1906, the Bishop tells a good story. His letter was as follows:

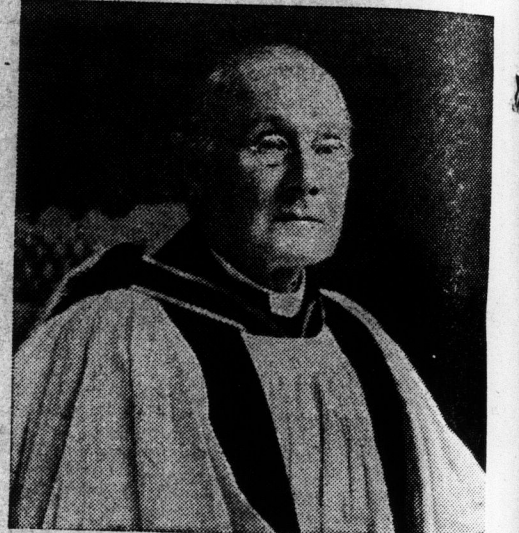
Dear Mr. Fawcett—Your letter is here and has my most willing attention. I remember your father very well, and yourself, too. I also remember the iron church and the old cathedral on the hill very well. I also remember an incident which was amusing in the iron church. Once the great Archdeacon preached a flowery sermon in St. John's, in the morning. The evening sermon was preached by the Rev. C. T. Woods, who was out in the morning at a mission station. The Archdeacon occupied a pew at the evening service. When the text was given out, he pricked up his ears and sat up very straight. The opening sentence was the same as that of the morning, and so was the next, and the next, even to the last! Some of those who had been present in the morning and had complimented the Ven. Archdeacon upon his eloquence, began to smile and nudge each other. At last the end came. The Ven. Archdeacon went into the vestry, where some of the morning flatterers were repeating their forenoon praises. At length they left, bursting with laughter. Then the Archdeacon said: "I see that we two donkeys have been eating the same cabbage!"

I remember also preaching in that church when the wind howled and rattled through the roof in such a way that nothing could be heard.

Well, you are all greatly changed now—and so am I. Mrs. Garrett is still vigorous, and I am doing a full day's work every day in the year.

ALEX. C. GARRETT,  
Bishop of Dallas.

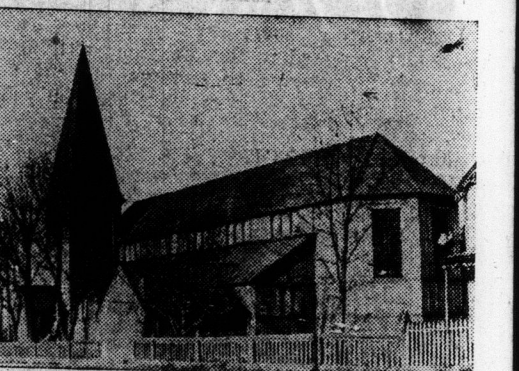
The Rev. Percival Jenks, born in London in 1834, was educated privately at home until he entered Winchester College, where he studied for the ministry. As curate of St. Paul's, Westminster Road, he was brought



Rev. Percival Jenks  
from his latest photograph

into contact with much of the poverty which is to be seen in that part of London, often visiting the prison and workhouse. When he first came to British Columbia it was with the idea of settling at Hope, but on finding that there were only about seven families there when he arrived, and they were unable to support a clergyman, he commenced his duties at New Westminster, and was afterwards transferred to Nanaimo.

After the retirement of Archdeacon Gilson in 1867, the rectory was vacant for nearly a year, the services being taken by Rev. F. B. Gribbell. On the first Sunday in August, 1868, Mr. Jenks entered upon his duties at St. John's as rector, and has manfully filled that position ever since. For a time he taught in Angela College, and afterwards became principal of the Collegiate School. His lectures on Botany and Astronomy are still talked about by many; in fact, he was one of the leading lights amongst the old-timers of Victoria. In 1903 sickness laid him on one side, and an assistant was engaged to help with the work of the church in the person of Rev. A. J. Stanley, Ard. In 1905, with the aid of Dr. R. Nelson,



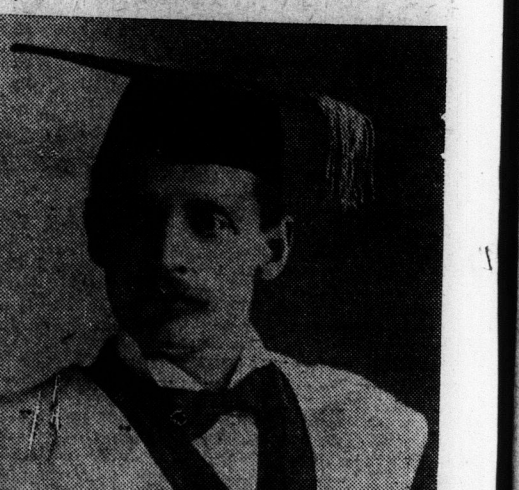
The Church as it is Today

Mr. Jenks was able to get about again, and although he has never been what he used to be in his younger days, he has always been at his post. He has been a loyal and faithful servant of the Church, and when the Master sees fit to call him to his rest, he will certainly have won his reward; but we hope that time is still far distant.

## HINTS TO THE HOUSEWIFE

The easiest way to have homegrown vegetables in November and December is to make a coldframe, and during the last week of August transplant into it young lettuce and spinach from the garden.

Quickness is among the least of the mind's properties, and belongs to her in almost her lowest state; nay, it doth not abandon her when she is driven from her home, when she is wandering and insane. The mad often retain it: the liar has it, the cheat has it; we find it on the race-course and at the card-table; education does not give it, and reflection takes away from it.—Landor.



Mr. G. Jennings Burnett, Organist

## Field

### PASSING COMMENT

(Richard L. Pocock)

This is the banner fishing year. Spring salmon are still in considerable numbers, and are hampered by the rain. The fish are now in the rivers before ascending to the grounds; cohoes are now in most parts, though, probably, that they are not in the straits between as Victorians have grown is due to the fact that the traps for cohoes this year. The last has been a good run of trout water into the lower and middle Cowichan River, and nearly dried the river on Labor Day. By good baskets, the fly-fishermen. The trout now in the river are in condition, silvery from the sea, especially in the evening.

The deputy game warden has to some purpose, three convictions against the game act having been secured by Deputy Game Warden Terrence during the last week, as evidenced in the news columns of this side making the arrests recorded. Complaints have been investigated by the deputy game warden, and several suspected parties and their rigs have been seized.

There is little reason to do amount of illegal shooting done much less than it was some time ago. The arrests of the last few days are put the fear of the Game Warden "sports" and poachers of the coast. In the case of the youths caught at Swan Lake, many complaints were made of shooting in that vicin- Game Warden had made several get the culprits, but without success. Being well known in the neighborhood, and his movements closely watched by bad boys who were doing the athletic stratagem however, resulted in two of them red-handed. Of course others who have escaped the clasp of law, but four convictions in three weeks is pretty good proof that where as game warden who undertakes thoroughly and is working them out.

Unfortunately there has been license yet imposed in this province it is undoubtedly wanted and welcomed by responsible sportsmen. Provision was made, to use the words of the law, for the purpose of game and propagation. Saskatchewan gun license and we hope by no means that British Columbia will be the last to follow. When Magistrate Jay was in the case of the youths caught shooting on other day he remarked that the argument in favor of a license was arms, which would prevent their hands of such irresponsible boys not fit to use them. We have not the serious man-shootings of late the culprit who shot and ruined Mr. Allen for life, disregarding help and leaving him to die in agony for aught he knew, has not been detected and made to answer for the rumors were afloat regarding the confession of the culprit and the indemnity to Mr. Allen, all of them without any foundation at all in fact, having lost his means of livelihood, his sight without having received pity, compensation, or assistance, ignorance to this day of who it was him.

Many accidents are humanly avoidable, as long as firearms are used. Accidents are unavoidable, but the majority of serious gun accidents are by carelessness and ignorance of handling the gun. It should never be taken to a shot gun as well as a rifle, a dangerous weapon of destruction, properly handled and no one should be licensed to use one, especially in the populated districts, without first proving satisfaction of the party responsible for the license that he is competent to handle such a lethal weapon. Although many fatalities are caused by the careless and ignorant use of firearms in the field, there are many accidents traceable to the improper handling of guns. This may sound like a cliche in terms, but the man or boy, who is not trained to always handle a gun are agreed is one that every boy should get before he is allowed death-dealing weapons. As it is going into the woods in the shoe runs the risk not only of being pot take for a squirrel, but of receiving the contents of someone else's satchel carried and accidentally discharged.

I have before now been laughing talked at in loud "asides" on the train for requesting the man on the front of me to move his gun from in which its business end was pointing