

Presbyteries, viz.: Kamloops, Westminster, and Victoria, to constitute the Synod of British Columbia. This Synod occupies the territory covered by the Presbytery of Columbia.

The year after Rev. John Hall arrived from Belfast in Victoria, the General Assembly of the Canadian Presbyterian Church sent the Rev. Robert Jamieson to New Westminster, where he organized St. Andrew's congregation, and built the first church there. After two years of faithful service he resigned his charge, which was in connection with the Presbytery of Toronto, and removed to Nanaimo, where he organized St. Andrew's congregation, and also built the first church there. Thus Dr. Hall and Mr. Jamieson, who have both passed away, introduced Presbyterianism into British Columbia, the one being the apostle of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to Vancouver Island, and the other that of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to the mainland. The one came to the Province in 1861, and the other in 1862.

The seed which these two faithful men have sown has taken vigorous root, so that there is no part of the Province in which the Presbyterian Church is not well organized, and doing good work. The one minister in Victoria of fifty years ago developed into over a hundred ministers in the Province, and scores of missionaries, and the one congregation has developed into over three hundred congregations and mission fields.

I cannot close without stating that the jubilee of the introduction of Presbyterianism into British Columbia was observed in the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, on the 25th June, when in the forenoon Rev. Professor Stalker, D.D., of Aberdeen, Scotland, preached a suitable sermon, the pastor administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Principal Mackay gave appropriate post-communion address. Dr. Mack preached again in the evening to a crowded church.

On Monday evening a platform meeting was held, with his honor the Lieutenant-Governor in the chair. Addresses of greeting were given by the honorable acting premier, Dr. Young, by Dr. Stalker, Principal Mackay, the chairman of the British Columbia Methodist, a representative of the Anglican Church, and Mr. Wilson, who was at the beginning of things here ecclesiastically, and also by others.