

of this locality are strong and athletic. The amateur lightweight boxer of B. C. was born in Metchosin, and also the holder, at one time, of the B. C. Ladies' Championship in both golf and tennis.

Social Conditions.—The social conditions of these localities differ in accord with their distance from Victoria. But it is safe to assume that in all parts the Western spirit of love of enjoyment prevails. It takes a great deal to daunt the Westerner. It is nothing to drive ten miles to a dance. But pleasure of sorts he must have. There are several social halls erected, which are the usual meeting places. Here are held the Farmers' Institute meetings, the neighbourhood festivals, Harvest Homes, and so on, and the frequent dances. The Provin-



St. Mary's Church, Metchosin

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cial Government, in sending out lecturers to the Farmers' Institutes, creates a demand for a good class of entertainment. And nowhere are there more attentive listeners to lectures than in these country parts. Pleasant social gatherings always follow these instructive evenings. There are organizations also among women, such as The King's Daughters, Women's Institutes, etc., which aim to present entertainments of an educational order. Then there are charitable and church organizations, each adding an interest in the lives of those too isolated to partake of city life.

Churches and Schools.—There are several churches in the districts, Presbyterian and Anglican, and the residents are broad-minded enough to worship in the nearest church, whatever their especial denomination may be. There are a number of district schools where advantage of the good educational system of the Province is to be had. Wherever there are ten