ST. STEPHEN'S HALL Richmond Terrace

History and Description

This building was constructed in three stages.

The bluestone section at the west end was part of the St. Stephen's Church school, and was built in 1858 to the design of architect W. Taylor as an addition to an 1853 timber school building.

At the east end is the Jubilee Hall built of brick in 1903 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of St. Stephen's Church.

In 1912 the timber section of the school was demolished and Perk's Hall was constructed as a link between the Jubilee Hall and the church school. It was built to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and was named after the first incumbent priest at St. Stephens, Charles Perks. Both halls were constructed by Clements Longford who was a member of the congregation.

Statement of Significance

An interesting group of ecclesiastical buildings that terminate the Docker Street vista and stand at the entry to the west front of St. Stephen's Church.

References

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