

## **Early Vancouver**

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OPENING OF CITY HALL, VANCOUVER, CANADA  
4TH DECEMBER, 1936

## Dedicatory Prayer

**H** HEAVENLY FATHER, we supplicate the continuance of Thy Blessing upon those of our fellow citizens who, in this house, are called to labor for this city, and the interests of its citizens.

We give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast enabled us to erect this building for the use of Thy people. May fellowship, brotherly love, and a true desire to be of service, animate all who frequent this place. Grant that Thy people may encourage one another in all good work for the welfare of this our city. Within these walls make all thoughts and words to be those only of kindly service. May faithfulness, diligence and a devotion to duty ever characterize those who, in this place, are called to positions of responsibility. Grant to us all so to serve faithfully in our generation that we may find acceptance with Thee when our labors here are ended.

With these our petitions for ourselves, and for all for whom we ought to pray, we dedicate this CITY HALL; and may the Great Architect of the Universe further our endeavors, hear our prayers, and send us His Blessing.

In the presence of the Mayor and Aldermen, distinguished guests, eminent citizens, and civic officials, the blessing of the Almighty upon the new edifice, and all within it, was invoked by His Grace the Archbishop of New Westminster, Lieut.-Col. the Most Reverend A. U. de Pencier, O.B.E., D.D., LL.D.

### CHRONOLOGY

1912—Strathcona Park site proposed. Mayor of London, England, 20th August. City Hall opened, 4th December.  
1915—First sod turned, 15th October.  
1916—Corner stone laid, 2nd July. Unveiling of statue to Captain George Vancouver, R.N., and presentation of Mace, by Lord  
1939—Welcome to Their Majesties, King George VI of Canada and Queen Elizabeth, 29th May.

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE TRUSTEES AND GOVERNORS, CITY ARCHIVES, VANCOUVER, CANADA