

**GHMS**  
**Historical vignettes**  
**The Building of Entrance Light**

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August 7, 1875

**Nanaimo Lighthouse**

Mr. L. Baker, contractor for building the lighthouse on Entrance Island, arrived by the steamer "Salvador" at Victoria on Wednesday morning last. We trust that he will push forward the work, so that mariners in the dark and stormy nights of next winter will have a sure guide to a safe harbour. He is accompanied by his wife.

*Nanaimo Free Press*

February 16, 1876

**Lighthouse Difficulties**

Captain Cooper, Agent of Department Marine and Fisheries, arrived last evening, to make arrangements for the completion of the Nanaimo Lighthouse. Mr Baker having left the country without finishing the work.

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April 26, 1876

**Deception**

Deception and deceit are rapidly increasing on every side and in every land. Men holding high and responsible positions are being exposed one after another. In fact so rapidly does one gigantic fraud follow in the footsteps of its predecessor, as to hardly allow time to comprehend the particulars of it, when a new and consequently fresher one, sends it back among the memories of the past. ... Next followed Baker (who some believe was an honest man at the core) of lighthouse fame, leaving his workmen and tradesmen in the lurch. ... The latest was James Gordon who undertook to finish the lighthouse left uncompleted by Baker, but he neither completed the work or paid his workmen or tradesmen...

*Excerpts selected by Janet Stobbs*

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