Cut-and-Cover Construction

Tunnel construction began at this end by digging a large trench from Water Street to about King Street through the original Market Square, as the Victoria Hall (now City Hall) did not exist at that time.

The arched-stone tunnel was then built in the trench and back-filled to restore Market Square.

Note the holes on both sides of the tunnel. They held scaffolding and an arched wooden form, used by stone masons to support the ceiling during construction and for later repairs.

