Drilling and Blasting Construction

You are now in a section of the tunnel, north of King St., that had to be blasted through bedrock.

In the 1850s, dynamite (nitroglycerine) had not been invented, so black powder (gunpowder) was the explosive of choice.

Blasting holes were hand chiselled into the rock and filled with powder. The remnants of a few of these holes can be seen in this section of the tunnel.

