

Nelson, Hon. Hugh, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, (Victoria), is the son of the late Robert Nelson, Esq., of Shire Cottage, Inagheramore, county Antrim, where he was born on May 25th, 1830. He was educated at his native place, and in June of 1858, during the early period of the gold excitement, came to British Columbia. Unlike the majority of those who were attracted to this country at that time Mr. Nelson did not propose making a fortune rapidly in the gold fields with the intention of going elsewhere to enjoy it. He had come to settle in the new country and assist in building up the English Dominions on the shores of the Pacific. He accordingly chose a more permanent and worthy occupation than gold mining. He engaged in commercial pursuits, and in 1866 became a partner in the lumbering firm of Moody, Deitz and Nelson, on Burrard Inlet, where Moodyville now is. He was also engaged in many other enterprises, and his business shrewdness and enterprise was such that he carried through with success all his commercial ventures. He early became a leader in politics, but did not stand for the legislative council till he came forward as one of the principal promoters of confederation with the Dominion. He was a member of the Yale Convention, and was one of the committee in whose hands the resolutions, passed at that convention, were placed to be carried into effect. He was a member of the last Legislative Assembly of the colony of British Columbia, and after confederation he was one of the first representatives of the new province in the Dominion Parliament, having been elected by acclamation for New Westminster district in November, 1871, and again in the general elections of 1872. He continued to occupy this seat till 1879, when he was appointed to the Dominion Senate. In 1882 he withdrew from business entirely. In February, 1887, he was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, which position he now holds. On September 17th, 1885, he married Emily, daughter of the late J. B. Stanton, Esq., of the civil service of Canada. He is a member of the Union Club, Victoria, and is an adherent of the Episcopal Church.

Norris, George, (Nanaimo), son of the late William George Norris, merchant, was born at London, England, on the 20th of April, 1845. Shortly after his birth his parents emigrated to Canada and Mr. Norris was educated at the Model School, Toronto.