

and Jane Taylor Begg, of Walten. Mr. Begg received his early education at a private school at Backlass, Dunn, taught by William Campbell, a teacher of considerable note. Subsequently he attended the Normal School at Edinburgh, where he received a teachers diploma. In 1846 he emigrated to Canada, where he taught school for a time in the townships of West Huntingdon and Madoc, and afterwards at Oshawa. He then, in conjunction with Mr. J. E. McMillan, published the *Messenger*, the first paper in Bowmanville. After a couple of years he disposed of his interests at Bowmanville and started the *Sentinel* at Brighton. Subsequently he published the *Trenton Advocate*. He shortly afterwards abandoned this business, and paid a visit to his native land. Returning to Canada he was appointed on the customs staff at Morrisburg, and in 1869 was promoted to be Collector of Customs and Inspector of Inland Revenue for the North West Territories, and accompanied Hon. Wm. McDougall and staff as far as Pembina, when they were compelled to return by the advance of the half-breeds under Riel. Mr. Begg subsequently accepted the position of Emigration Commissioner in Scotland for the Ontario Government, and was remarkably successful in this work. When he returned to Canada he settled a temperance colony at Parry Sound, and while there became editor and proprietor of the *Muskoka Herald*, and subsequently commenced the publication of the *Canadian Lumberman*. In 1881 he went to the Northwest by way of Chicago, St. Paul and Bismarck as the correspondent of the *Toronto Mail*. Next year Mr. Begg returned to the North West and established a sheep ranch at Dunbow, at the confluence of High River with Bow River. For some years past Mr. Begg has acted as special emigration commissioner for the British Columbia Government to arrange for the settlement of Crofter fishermen on the western shores of Vancouver Island, and in this capacity has made several trips to the old country and placed before a special committee of the Imperial Parliament a plan for carrying the scheme out. He has met with much success and there is little doubt that before long a large number of this excellent class of colonists will be settled in this Province.

**Bell, Robert B.,** (New Westminster), was born at Campbeltown, Argyleshire, Scotland, August 6th, 1850. He received his education at Shanden Grammar School on the Gareloch, and served