

he appointed a provisional council of three persons, viz.: James Douglas, James Cooper and John Tod. The following year Mr. Cooper retired and Mr. Finlayson took his place at the Board. From this time until 1859 Mr. Finlayson continued to act as chief accountant at Victoria. Sir James Douglas severed his connection with the company in 1859, and Mr. Finlayson was made chief factor. During the greater portion of this time the colony had been struggling forward, but not making much headway in the direction of settlement. In 1857 gold was discovered by the agents of the company on the Thompson River and the following year, news of this getting abroad the great rush took place from California and the east. Through all the excitement Mr. Finlayson continued to act for his company, and by judicious management of its affairs put considerable money in the pockets of the stockholders. He continued to act on the executive council appointed by the Governor until the abolition of that body. In 1872, when the organization of the Hudson's Bay Company was changed, Mr. Finlayson retired from the service. During that year he paid a visit to the old country and the scenes of his youth. Since that time he has resided at Victoria, of which place he has occupied the position of mayor.

Fisher, Isaac Birch, (New Westminster), third son of Wm. Fisher, Esq., J.P., of Esquimalt, was born in Liverpool, England, December 28, 1847. He was educated at the Liverpool College and accompanied his parents to British Columbia in May, 1863. He entered the service of the Bank of British Columbia two months after his arrival in the colony, and has therefore been nearly 27 years in their employ. He occupied the position of manager of the Bank's Branch in the gold fields of Cariboo, from 1872 to 1876, (during the palmy days of Lightning Creek), and for the last eleven years has had charge of the New Westminster branch.

Fisher, William, (Esquimalt), claims descent from a brother of John, Bishop of Rochester, who suffered in the reign of Henry VIII. He is the eldest son of the seventh William Fisher, of Winscals Dovenby and Workington, in the county of Cumberland, England, whose father married Jane Younghusband, of Mealing Abbey Holm Cultrum, by Margaret, only daughter of Isaac Simon, Yoeman, who married Margaret, daughter of John Fearon, of Dean,