

that event under Lieutenant-Governors Trutch, Richards, Cornwall and Nelson. He has published the proceedings of Parliament since the first legislative council in 1864 and the *British Columbia Gazette* since 1863.

Wood, Robert, (Spallumcheen) was born on March 11th, 1841, in the township of Walpool, Ont., and is the son of the Rev. William Wood, of Port Row, in Norfolk county, Ont., and grandson of the late Rev. John Wood, of Swanwick Hall, North Derbyshire, England, now owned by his cousin, Mr. Christopher Wood, and one of the finest county seats in the Midlands. Mr. Wood was educated at the Norfolk County Grammar School. As a lad he had a great wish to learn engineering, but that not meeting the wishes of his parents, he remained at home assisting them with their farm for three years. On March 16th, 1862, Mr. Wood landed at Victoria and during the same year proceeded to Cariboo, where he acquired experience but met with no success. Returning in the fall of the same year to Victoria, Mr. Wood journeyed to Washington Territory, where he farmed during three years, but finding his life there as a vigilante not according to his taste, he settled on one of the, at that time, disputed islands of the straits, where he for several years, was engaged in stock-raising and dairy-farming. In 1872 Mr. Wood settled on the North Arm of the Fraser river, where he remained ten years, during which time he greatly improved his farm by dyking and draining, but finding his health failing he sold out in 1882 and struck out for the Okanagan district, and, after having secured land, settled in Spallumcheen. In 1884 Mr. Wood, in partnership with Mr. D. Rabbitt (a gentleman from Nova Scotia) started a trading store, but was, unfortunately, burnt out the next year, losing a large quantity of valuable goods. After that disaster Mr. E. C. Cargill joined the firm, which now carries on business under the name of E. C. Cargill & Co., and is doing an extensive and remunerative trade in that district. Mr. Wood is a broad-minded man, belongs to no particular political party and is greatly respected by all who have met with him. He is a bachelor and a member of the Free Masons' society. Mr. Wood was one of the first councillors of the North Arm municipality. He has seen all the dangers and passed through the excitement and hardships inseparable from the life of a pioneer settler, and is a loyal and devoted citizen of the British Empire.