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autumn of this year he returned to Victoria and in the following spring went to Cariboo, where he took charge of the Lane and Kurtz Mining Company, of which Mr. Robert Brown was local manager. In the autumn of 1871 he again returned to Victoria and being satisfied with his mining experiences he began business as a builder and contractor. In 1885 he took a trip east, visiting his old home and the principal cities of the eastern States and Canada. On December 29th, 1886, he married Miss Sarah Jane Yale Bailey. Mr. Burgess has been solicited to stand for both the Municipal Council and Provincial Legislature, but has refused.

Calbick, John Alloway, (New Westminster), second son of John Calbick, farmer, of Clinton Ontario, was born at Brantford on August 18th, 1837. His parents were both of Irish birth and came to Canada in 1830 and finally settled, when Mr. Calbick was four years of age, in Goderich township in what was known as the "Queen's Forest." His father was one of those resolute settlers in Western Ontario whose labor and self-sacrifice left such a rich heritage to the present generation. Mr. Calbick attended the county school and after acquiring what knowledge could be gained there he assisted his father on the farm and remained with him till he had reached the age of twenty-three years. In 1860 he left Ontario and came to British Columbia which he reached after fifty days of a wearisome journey by way of Panama. He went direct to New Westminster and landed without a dollar in his pocket. During the latter part of 1860 gold had been discovered in the Similkameen country and in the following spring the Government began the construction of a road from Hope to this place. Mr. Calbick was employed at this work and continued at it till the autumn. In 1862, with eight others, he started from New Westminster for the Cariboo gold fields each man having sixty-five pounds, chiefly food, on his back. They began their march on the 1st of May and after a toilsome journey afoot, of thirty days, they reached Williams Creek. During the early part of the summer there was a great scarcity of food at the mines and much suffering in consequence. Mr. Calbick paid as high as \$125 a pound for flour and \$1.50 for beans. During this summer he, in conjunction with a Mr. Holt, took a contract to build a court house. 'This work occupied them two weeks. They had to haul the logs for its construction from the mountain sides with

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