

general elections of 1879 Mr. Armstrong stood as a candidate for the city of New Westminster but was defeated, largely in consequence of his inability to make a personal canvas owing to the draughts on his time in attending to his large business interests. In the bye-elections of 1881, however, he again offered himself as a candidate for the city and was returned by an overwhelming majority. Towards the close of the session of this year Hon. Robert Beaven was called upon to form a ministry and Mr. Armstrong accepted a port-folio as Provincial Secretary. In the general election of 1882 Mr. Armstrong was again returned as representative of New Westminster but his party was in the minority in the House and he accordingly took his seat on the opposition benches. In 1883 the shrievalty of Westminster county fell vacant and the position was offered to and accepted by Mr. Armstrong. The House thus lost one of its most able and energetic members and one who looked more to the interests of the country than of those party. Since his retirement from political life he has been urged time and again to stand for the dominion and provincial parliaments but has declined. In 1867 Mr. Armstrong built a flour mill, the first in the province, at New Westminster and carried it on until 1871, and in 1876 he established a saw mill, which he continued to conduct till 1882. He has been connected with most of the enterprises which have since 1860 had for their object the benefit and development of the country and has especially interested himself in the district of Westminster. Previous to confederation the colonial government signified its appreciation for Mr. Armstrong as a public spirited citizen by appointing him a Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the Oddfellows' society and was the first in New Westminster to hold the position of Noble Grand in that order. In 1861 he married Miss Ladner, a native of Cornwall, England. In religion Mr. Armstrong is an adherent to the Episcopal church.

Ashwell, George Randall, (Chilliwhack), born at Henlow, Bedfordshire, England, on the 17th December, 1835. He is the
Mary Ashwell, of Henlow, where his family have resided for generations. He was educated at his native town, and before he had reached the age of twenty-one he left England to seek his fortune in the new world. He first went to Ontario, where he followed the business of a carpenter for five years,