

Lochaber, in the province of Canada, in the year 1800. James Ross and Robert McLachlin were pioneer settlers of that portion of Canada and were strict members of the Presbyterian church. Andrew Ross, father of Andrew W. Ross, was born in that part of Canada and became a farmer and lumberman. He married Miss Margaret McLachlin, also a native of the same neighborhood, and he died when his son, Andrew W., was but two weeks old, leaving the widow with two sons, whom she carefully reared. She still survives and is now in the seventy-third year of her age, but one of her sons has passed away.

Andrew W. Ross acquired his education in Buckingham and in Ottawa, Canada, and in early life became connected with the lumber trade. In the year 1888 he made his way to British Columbia, believing that the rapidly developing country would offer good business opportunities, such as he could not enjoy in the place of his nativity. The McLaren & Ross Lumber Company was then formed and at Millside on the Fraser river they built the largest sawmill which up to that time had been constructed in the country. Later Mr. Ross became connected with the newspaper business, having charge of the advertising and subscription department of the *Columbia*, published at Westminster. The next field of business activity which he entered was that of insurance, becoming agent for both life and fire insurance companies. In 1893 he was made inspector of the board of underwriters in New Westminster and continued there until after the great conflagration in that city, when the two boards of underwriters were united and he removed to Vancouver, becoming the inspector of the new board of underwriters, which position he has since acceptably filled. He has the oversight of all of the fire insurance of the province of British Columbia and in the development and control of the business displays marked executive force and unflinching energy.

Mr. Ross has always been a Liberal in his political views and has taken a very active interest in the political situation, both in the Dominion and in the province. Everything pertaining to his country's welfare and substantial upbuilding elicits his support and many times receives his hearty co-operation.

On the 11th of June, 1890, Mr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Maggie F. Wilson, who was born at Shawville, in the province of Quebec. They have five sons and two daughters, all born in British Columbia, namely, Lindsay Bonar, Edith, Allen Casper, St. Clair, Vaughn Hall, Beulah and Dextwell. The family are of the Protestant faith, attending the services at both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and the members of the house-

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