

In the following year he went to Comox prospecting. Subsequently he spent several years at ranching, first at Saanich and then at Sydney Island. In 1872 he established his present business, opening his store first on Yates street. Later he removed to Wharf street and formed a partnership with J. K. Greenwood. This partnership continued till 1881, after which date Mr. Morley took sole control and has conducted the business since. In 1883 he removed to the premises he now occupies. He is a member of St. George's society and the French Benevolent society.

Moss, Morris, (Victoria), was born in London, England, May 31st, 1842, and educated at University college, Gower street, London. He arrived in Victoria in April, 1862, coming by way of Panama. During the early Cariboo excitement he became infected with the fever and started for William's creek by way of Bentinck Arm route, being one of the first to go over that road. After surmounting many difficulties he got through safely. He returned to Victoria, purchased a large stock of goods and started again for the mines. At the forks of the Quesnelle he was overtaken by the great snow storm of that season, and finding it impossible to proceed sold his cargo for what it would fetch and returned to Victoria. In the early part of the following year he took up a stock of goods on the Hudson's Bay company's steam Labouchere and started a trading station in Bella Coulla at the head of Bentinck arm. He found only about one-tenth of the native population which had inhabited the locality during the preceding year, smallpox having killed off the remainder. During that season he loaded three or four pack trains for William's creek and in the fall went there himself. He found quite an excitement among the miners about the new route and several hundreds agreed to winter in Bella Coulla on his guaranteeing to have sufficient supplies there. He then proceeded to Victoria, chartered the schooner Rose Newman, belonging to William Spring and Captain McKay, loaded her with a general cargo and was about to start when Mr. Robertson Stewart, then agent for the Koskuma Coal Mining company, called on him and asked as a favor to allow the schooner to call at Koskuma to take winter supplies to the men there. Mr. Moss at first refused, not wishing to take the chances of a trip on the west coast, but upon the representation of Mr. Stewart that there was no other means