

## MEN OF THE TIME.

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor,  
and Her Majesty's British Co-  
lumbian Ministers.

### Brief Biographical Sketches.

Some are born great, some achieve greatness,  
And some have greatness thrust upon them.  
SHAKESPEARE.

It is scarcely necessary to say that THE RESOURCES takes no part in partizan politics. In fact party lines do not seem to be very closely drawn in the politics of British Columbia. The "Ins" and the "Outs" appear to be striving for the same general purpose, the speedy advancement of the best interests of the country, but differing widely as to the means which ought to be employed for its attainment. The relative merits of their respective methods of dealing with public affairs, doubtless, can best be estimated by consequent results. Although the debates of the present session of our Legislative Assembly are occasionally spiced with rather pungent acerbity, yet it is gratifying to observe that no charges of official peculation, bribery or corruption are ever preferred against each other by the contending parties. The greatest specific gravity of the several allegations consisting in the alleged incompetency, stupidity or negligence of the respective opposing forces. While this fact may be accepted as evidencing the absence of any corruption or intentional mal-administration on the part of those who have recently had, or now have the direction of our public affairs, it may also be regarded as a most reassuring augury of the future prosperity of the province, and one that cannot fail to be highly gratifying to the intending immigrant and tax-paying settler.

As we intend to add several new and, we trust, interesting features to the general matter of this publication, embracing among other things, portraits and biographical sketches of distinguished self-made men of British Columbia, we have deemed it suitable to commence the series with those of our present Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council.

#### THE HON. CLEMENT FRANCIS CORNWALL,

Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, is the third son of the late Rev. Alan Gardner Cornwall, Rector of Newington, Bagpath, Gloucestershire, England, and Chaplain in Ordinary to her Majesty. He was born in 1836, was educated at a private school and the University of Cambridge where he graduated B. A. He was called to the bar of the Honorable Society of the Inner Temple, England, and subsequently admitted to practice in British Columbian Courts. In 1862 he came to British Columbia and proceeding into the interior of the province, established himself at Ashcroft, on the Thompson River, where he has since resided and principally occupied himself as owner and breeder of stock. During the earlier years of the province,

Mr. Cornwall represented the Yale-Lytton District in the Legislative Council in several sessions, always preferring election at the hands of the people to a nomination from the government which was more than once pressed upon him, and at the date of Confederation he was summoned to the Senate of the Dominion of Canada. During the years in which he attended its sessions he supported generally the liberal-conservative party, recognizing in its leaders men who had at heart the interests of British Columbia and who were possessed of the requisite ability and statesmanlike qualities to enable them to discharge the onerous duties of governing Canada and of stimulating and fostering its settlement, its progress and its industries. In 1871 Mr. Cornwall married Charlotte, third daughter of the Rev. A. G. Pemberton, Rector of Kensal Green, London, England, and in 1881 he received his commission as Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

#### THE HON. WILLIAM SMITHE,

Premier of the Government and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, was born in Northumberland, England, in 1842; was educated at Whittington; and in 1859 commenced business as a merchant at Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, in which pursuit he continued for three years, when he emigrated to British Columbia. Arriving at Victoria in the summer of '62 he entered the service of the Hudson Bay Company, in which he remained until, in company with others, he went to Cowichan, and, locating on a farm, which he still owns and occupies, became one of the first settlers of that important district. These were the memorable days of gold—days that fired many an adventurous breast with luring hopes of fortune, speedy, sure and countless. It was scarcely to be expected of one whose ambition had carried him into the midst of busy, bustling commerce at the early age of seventeen, and caused him, ere he was yet twenty, to leave the cultivated society of a quiet English home for the then wild and almost unknown, far west shores of America, that he would, in such exciting times, be content to follow the rather tame and uneventful pursuits incident to the life of a country farmer. Accordingly, he soon after took his departure for the Leech River Mines and thence to the famous gold fields of Cariboo, where he again engaged in mining with varying success. Abandoning the gold quest, and having spent some time in surveying at Burrard Inlet, he next went to California in the spring of '69, and soon after accepted a position on the staff of the San Francisco *Daily Chronicle*. But the harsh winds for which that city is noted, seriously affected his health, so much so that in '71 he resolved to return to British Columbia, having great faith in the remedial efficacy of its genial and health-restoring climate. Nor was he disappointed, for soon after returning to his old farm in Cowichan, he regained his wonted health and vigor, and, with characteristic industry, again went whistling at the plow. In '71 he was chosen to represent the electoral district of Cowichan in the first par-