

and is also official agent and surveyor for the record of American and foreign shipping for the whole Province. In addition to his extensive business in these lines he is Vice Consul for Spain for all the Province; Commissioner for Manitoba, a J. P. and Notary Public and nautical assessor; to all of which he gives that attention which each requires. Capt. Mellon, by his reliability, strict attention to business, and integrity, has established a deservedly high reputation, and though his interests are somewhat diversified, requiring most of his time and attention, he finds time for those social requirements which his public positions demand of him. Personally he is one of the most genial of men, and his many good qualities evoke the regard of his fellow citizens. He has interested himself in many of our enterprises, and aids in everything for the city's welfare. One of the events of his life of which he is proud is that previous to his retirement from the sea, the leading citizens of New Orleans, in recognition of his services to their port, presented him with a handsome jewel as a testimonial and unanimously elected him a member of the Cotton Exchange. He is married and has one child.

George E. Berteaux.

A representative citizen of Vancouver is Geo. E. Berteaux. He was born at Nicols County, Nova Scotia, May 10, 1844, where he received his education. In 1863 he removed to Woodstock, New Brunswick, taking a position in the Woodstock Charcoal Iron Works, remaining there for three years as accountant and cashier. He then went to St. John, N. B., entering the large wholesale commission and shipping house of Hall & Fairweather, with which firm he remained for about nine years. In the meantime he became largely interested in shipping, and in 1875 severed his connections with that firm. From that time he continued to own and manage shipping for himself and others in New Brunswick, until 1886 when he removed to the coast. He spent one year in San Francisco and then came to Vancouver, where he has since resided. Mr. Berteaux is the head of the firm of Berteaux & Co., grocers and provision merchants, is Vice-President of the Board of Trade and is identified more or less with many of the industrial enterprises of the city, and is being largely interested in real estate. Since his arrival here he has always taken an active and conspicuous part in all public questions affecting the interests of Vancouver, and is one of the live intelligent business men of the city.

J. C. McLagan

Is, by birth, a Scotsman, was born in Strathardle, Perthshire, in 1838, and received his early education in the parish school, Moutin. With his parents and their family he came to Canada in 1853, settling in Logan township, County of Perth, where his parents still reside. Is the eldest of eight of a family all of whom are living. Began his apprenticeship to the printing business in 1857 in the *Scutinel* office, Woodstock, where he remained until 1859, when he with his young wife removed to Clinton, remaining there till the winter of 1861, when he left for Quebec, having secured a position in the Government printing office. In May of that year he removed

to Guelph, where he was foreman of the *Advertiser*. In July, 1862, in company with Mr. James Innes (now M. P. for South Wellington) he bought the *Messenger*, which the new firm in a year or two succeeded in placing in the first rank of the weeklies in the then Canada, a position that journal still retains. The happy, pleasant and profitable connection between the firm of McLagan & Innes, terminated on the 1st July, 1869, by the withdrawal of its senior from the publishing business to enter into the manufacturing line, he having organized the firm of the Osborne Sewing Machine Company, which from the period named till the 1st of July, 1874, was one of the largest and most successful concerns of the kind in the country, giving employment to several hundreds of men and shipping its wares to all parts of the globe. Two of the firm, by the effluxion of time, withdrew, the other two carrying on the business. A few weeks after leaving the Sewing Machine Co. Mr. McLagan secured an interest in the business of the Wellington Oil Company, the concern being now owned by Col. Higginbotham, M. P., and the subject of this sketch. In a year or two he bought out the interest of the former in the Wellington Oil Company, the firm of Higginbotham & McLagan and that of J. C. McLagan & Co., all of which he controlled till January, 1881. The erratic condition of the oil market at this period resulted in Mr. McLagan sustaining heavy losses, compelling him to place his estate in the hands of a receiver to the benefit of his creditors. In March of that year he left for British Columbia. Previous to his departure from Guelph, the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens, presented him with an elaborate address, as did likewise the St. Andrew's Society, of which he was President. A well-filled purse of gold accompanied the address of the citizens, whilst Mrs. McLagan was presented with a magnificent silver set. For many years Mr. McLagan had served the city as Councillor and Alderman, each year occupying positions of chairman of important committees, the last being that of the finance. In that capacity he introduced many sweeping changes in the management of the city's affairs, which are still followed out. He built in Guelph some of the finest buildings the beautiful city of Guelph can justly boast of, as well as the Masonic Hall, Listowel. After spending some six months in British Columbia, a country with which he was highly pleased, he returned east, reaching Winnipeg in January, 1882, when the boom was at its height. In August of that year in company with other gentlemen he bought the *Star* newspaper, disposing of his interest in that concern in the spring following he attached himself to the *Free Press* office. In the fall of 1883, deeming a change of climate imperative for his health, and feeling assured British Columbia was destined to become a great country, he arrived in Victoria the first week of November, 1883. In 1884 a co-partnership was formed with Mr. Gordon Robertson in Victoria (now of this city) as real estate agents, which continued about a year. On the establishment of the *Victoria Times*, in 1884, at the urgent request of its leading shareholders, he assumed control of that journal and remained connected therewith until the first of July, 1888, when he disposed of his interests to Mr. (now Ald.) Henry J. Munn. In September following

he completed all arrangements for establishing *The World* in Vancouver, and on the 29th of that month this journal made its first appearance as a daily, followed on the 4th of October by the first issue of the *WEEKLY WORLD*. With all the vigor, knowledge and experience Mr. McLagan possessed he threw himself heartily into his work and the success which has attended his efforts here, is but in keeping with the energy he displayed in connection with all the enterprises he ever associated himself with, all of which, with one exception, are to-day flourishing concerns. He has the most abiding faith in Vancouver's future, as well as the vast possibilities there are in store for this Province.

Mr. McLagan was first married to Jeannie, eldest daughter of the late William Green, Woodstock. The issue of this marriage was six children, only one of whom, J. C. McLagan, jun., is living, that fell disease, diphtheria, having carried off four of his children—his then whole family—in nine days. Their beloved mother died in Guelph on the 9th October, 1882. On the 11th December, 1884, in Victoria, he married Sara Anne, eldest daughter of Mr. John Macdure, of Matsqui. Three children have blessed this union, of whom two are living.

Hon. Jay Ewing.

The subject of this brief sketch, our American Consul, is a gentleman who has enjoyed an honorable public career, and the learning, ability and integrity which he has displayed in the fulfillment of his present consular position, stamp him as an admirably equipped man of affairs. Mr. Ewing was born in Lancaster, Ohio, U. S., June 27th, 1850, where his boyhood days were spent. He was educated at the Notre Dame University of Indiana, from which institution he graduated with honors. He afterwards traveled extensively through the West Indies and South America, and upon his return founded at Columbus, Ohio, the *Columbus Herald*, (which is still published), editing and managing this paper for two years. He then made a tour through the western territories, California, Mexico, Central America and the west coast of South America. Subsequently he entered upon a long term of public life receiving the position of Assistant Librarian of Congress, which he filled for several years, and then was appointed Chief of Division of the Consular Bureau, Department of State, at Washington. Later he was sent to Saxony, Germany, as Consul. Returning to the United States he visited the Pacific Northwest and the site of the present City of Vancouver, then known as Granville. From here he went to San Diego, California, and engaged in the real estate business for a while, when he made a second tour of Mexico and the Rocky Mountain States, returning home to Ohio by way of Montana and the Great Lakes. His next objective point was New York City, where he entered into the real estate business. Receiving from the President the appointment to his present position he came to Vancouver and entered upon his duties January 1st, 1891. Mr. Ewing is personally one of the most genial and affable men, and has made a host of friends in our city. He is a nephew of the late Gen. Sherman and is a cousin of Secretary of State, Hon. James G. Blaine.