## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

Davie, Hon. Alexander Edmund Batson, born November. 1848, died July 31st, 1889. Mr. Davie, who at the time of his decease occupied the position of Premier of the Province, was born in Somersetshire, and educated at Silcoates College, near Wakefield, in Yorkshire. His father, John Chapman Davie, who for some pears practised his profession as a surgeon, in Merton, England, came to British Columbia with his family in 1862. Mr. Davie studied for the legal profession, and in 1868 was admitted an attorney of the Province and called to the bar in 1873. From 1862 to 1874 he filled the office of law clerk to the Provincial Assembly. In 1875 he stood for the Legislature, for the district of Cariboo and was returned, but on his accepting office as Provincial Secretary in 1877, and returning to his constituency for re-election he was defeated. He was a successful candidate for Lillooet in the general elections of 1882, and when the government of Hon. Robert Beaven was defeated, Mr. Davie accepted office in the Smythe administration as Attorney-General. On the death of Mr. Smythe in 1887, Mr. Davie succeeded as Premier. In 1883 he was appointed a Q. C., and subsequently elected a bencher of the Law Society. On the 3rd of December, 1874, Mr. Davie married Constance Langford, third daughter of T. O. Skinner, Esq., of Farleigh, near Maple Bay. In Dominion politics he was a Conservative.

Davie, Hon. Theodore, Q.C., was born in Brixton, Surrey, England, on the 22nd March, 1852, His father, John Chapman Davie, of Lyme Regis, Dorsetshire, England, was a surgical practitioner, and at the time of his decease a member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. Mr. Davie received his elementary education in England, which country he left early in life, and soon after his arrival in this Province, in 1867, commenced studying law at Victoria. From 1874 to 1878. Mr. Davie resided in Cassiar District and practiced law there about three years. Mr. Davie has represented the Capital City since the general election of 1882, being returned the second time in 1886 at the general elections. In August, 1889, Mr. Davie was appointed Attorney-General of the Province, thereby vacating his seat, to which he was reelected during the same month. On the 14th of January, 1884, he married Alice Mary, daughter of Gregory York, Esq. In religion Mr. Davie is a Roman Catholic.

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