

Province and New Westminster in particular—and has the strongest faith in the future greatness of his adopted country, his favorite motto being: No matter where we come from, we are now British Columbians.

**Bossi, Carlo**, (Victoria), son of Viencenzo Bossi, grain merchant of Porto Cercsio, Lombardy, was born November 26th, 1826. At the age of twelve years he was apprenticed to a marble cutter in his native place and worked at his trade till 1850, when he emigrated to America. He remained in New York for four years, and then removed to San Francisco. In both places he worked at his trade, but engaged in mining as well in California. In April, 1858, he arrived in Victoria on the steamer Commodore, and was thus one of the first who came to British Columbia during the first year of the excitement over the discovery of gold on the Fraser. He did not go to the mines, however, but remained in Victoria, where he obtained employment with James Vignolo, a general merchant at that place. After eight months in Victoria Mr. Bossi removed to Fort Langley, where he opened a general business. As, however, Langley did not give immediate promise of going ahead, Mr. Bossi, at the end of six months, returned to Victoria and opened a general store on Johnson street. His business prospered, and in 1868 he opened a grocery establishment on Yates street. In 1875 he retired from commercial life, having disposed of both his businesses. In 1868 he married Petronilla Medana. He is a member of the Pioneer Society.

**Bouchier, Francis**, born in Devonshire, England, in 1855. Educated there, and, after having travelled for some years and visited most of the colonial possessions of Great Britain, he settled in 1885 in Victoria, British Columbia. He is senior partner in the firm of Bouchier, Croft and Mallette, real estate brokers, and partner in the firm of C. E. Mallette & Co., of Port Angeles. He is among the shrewdest business men of the Pacific coast, and has, by energy and foresight, built up one of the largest businesses in the Province. Mr. Bouchier has not heretofore taken any active part in politics.

**Braden, John**, (Victoria), second son of the late Wm. Braden, of Liverpool, England, was born June 18th, 1841, at Liverpool. He was educated at his native town and then apprenticed to the