

POOLEY, *Hon.* CHARLES EDWARD, *Q.C.* (*Esquimalt.*)

S. of Thomas Pooley, Esq., of Upwood and Somersham, Huntingdonshire, Eng., and of Sarah dau. of Thos. Brighty, Esq., of "The Wight," Huntingdonshire. B. at Upwood 8 Feb., 1845. Ed. at Huntingdon and Bedford Grammar Sch. M., 16 Nov., 1869, Elizabeth, only dau. of William Fisher, Esq., of Esquimalt, late of Elru House, Liverpool, Eng., merchant. Apptd. Deputy Registrar-Gen. of B.C., Clerk to Atty.-Gen., and Deputy Reg.-Gen. of the Supreme Court B.C., 12 Jan., 1863; subsequently Registrar of the Supreme Court until 1 May, 1879, when he resigned. Is a Barrister-at-Law and a Bencher of the Law Soc., B.C. Apptd. *Q.C.*, 7 June, 1888. First returned to Leg. Assem. at g.e. 1882, and re-elected at g.e. 1886 and 1890. Apptd. Speaker of the Assem. 24 Jan., 1887. Resigned the Speakership and apptd. Presdt. of the Executive Council 4 Aug., 1889. A Conservative and a Ministerialist.—"*Fernhill*," *Esquimalt*; *Union Club*.

PUNCH, JAMES. (*Westminster.*)

Is a native of Eastern Can., and went to B.C. to conduct telegraph works for the Province. Has been Reeve of the Dist. of Surrey for several years. First returned to Leg. Assem. at last g.e.—*Brownsville*, B.C.

ROBSON, *Hon.* JOHN, *J.P.* (*Cariboo District.*)

S. of the late Mr. John Robson of Sarnia., Ont., a native of Scot. who emigrated to Can. 1820, and settled in Lanark, Ont., by Euphemia Richardson. B. at Perth, Ont., 14 March, 1824. Ed. at the Grammar Sch. there. M., April, 1854, Susan, fourth dau. of Capt. John Longworth, of Goderich, Ont. Emigrated to B.C. early in 1859. Established and edited the *British Columbian* newspaper. A Lieut. in the Home Guards, Rifle Vol., and a *J.P.* for B.C. Was Mayor of New Westminster in 1866. Was Govt. Paymaster of the Canadian Pacific Railway surveys in B.C. from 1875 to 1879, when the position was abolished. Sat for New Westminster Dist. in L.C. of B.C. from 1866 to 1870, and for Nanaimo from 1871 to 1875. Being a Legislative Councillor at the time of the Union the title of *Hon.* was conferred upon him for life. At g.e. 1882 was elected at head of poll for New Westminster District. In Jan., 1883, accepted portfolio of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines in the Smithe Administration, and was re-elected by