

but hasty measures and careless management made this impossible. Mr. Fell, through the assistance of his friends, was again able to establish himself and has since carried on his business with much success. Ever since his arrival in the country Mr. Fell has taken a strong interest in public matters. He was prominent in the battle for responsible government and confederation with the Dominion. Mr. Fell was not in sympathy with the commercial policy of the Dominion Government, being a strong and uncompromising free trader. In 1882 he stood as a candidate for the House of Commons, but was defeated. In municipal matters Mr. Fell has, for a great many years, been very prominent. In 1886 he was elected chief magistrate of the City of Victoria and again in 1887, and during his incumbency of this office he had a number of questions of importance to deal with, which he disposed of to the satisfaction of the citizens. In the following year an attempt was again made to bring him out for the Mayoralty, but he refused to stand. He has always taken a strong interest in educational matters, and was for fourteen years a member of the School Board. He was one of the organizers of the first Mechanics' Institute in Victoria and a trustee of the Institute. Mr. Fell is a trustee of the Jubilee Hospital, a member of the Pioneer society and of St. George's society and President of the British Columbia Benevolent society, of which he was one of the founders.

Finlayson, Roderick, (Victoria), was born in the parish of Lochash, Rossshire, Scotland, in the year 1815. His father was an extensive sheep farmer, and gave his son such advantages in the way of education as the parochial school afforded. When Mr. Finlayson left school he for some time assisted his father in the management of his farm, and at the age of eighteen years he left home for the purpose of seeking his fortune in the new world. He took passage on an emigrant ship for New York, which he reached in the spring of 1837. An uncle who resided here secured him a position in the Hudson's Bay Company's service as an apprenticed clerk, and he was sent to the headquarters at Montreal, where he was employed for some months in the office. In the autumn of the same year he was transferred to Bytown, a post on the Ottawa River, of which, after a short residence, he was placed in charge. In the fall of 1839 he was sent across the Rocky Mountains to Fort Vancouver, where