

street, Dublin, educational colleges. After completing his education he came to America and settled in Philadelphia, Penn., where some of his relatives resided. Here he remained for seven years, and at the expiration of that time, removed to California via Panama. During his progress over the Isthmus the party with which he travelled was attacked by the natives, who had been outraged by the filibustering expedition of General Walker a short time previous. Mr. McLeese remained in California, engaged in mining, till 1858, when he came to British Columbia. He settled first in New Westminster, where he engaged in business, and where he filled several important civic offices. In 1863 he left New Westminster for Cariboo, but remained at Soda Creek, and opened a general business. He has since resided there. In 1882 he was returned as junior member in the Legislative Assembly for Cariboo, and in 1882 was re-elected as middle member. In the Autumn of 1888 he resigned and contested the same constituency for the House of Commons, but was unsuccessful. He has very large interests in the Province, and has been most successful in his commercial ventures. In 1873, in Renfrew, Ontario, he married Mary Sinclair, granddaughter of Col. McLaren, of Renfrew, Scotland.

**McLennan, Robert Purvis**, (Victoria), the seventh son of J. P. McLennan, J. P., of Pictou, Nova Scotia, was born at Pictou on December 7th, 1861. He was educated at that famous academy in Pictou where so many leading men in Canada received their early training, such men as Rev. Principal Grant of Queen's University, Kingston; Sir Wm. Dawson, and Chief Justice Macdonald, Mr. McLennan passed through all the divisions of the school and then at the age of fifteen years entered a hardware business, having chosen this as his future vocation. He remained for three years in Pictou during which time he got a thorough knowledge of every department of the business, and he then removed to River John, a shipbuilding town of Nova Scotia, where for two years he conducted his brother's business. During all this time, and indeed before leaving school, he had been dreaming of the possibilities of the western world and had convinced himself that fortune awaited him on the shores of the Pacific. He was unable to obtain much information respecting British Columbia, but the desire to get there grew stronger with the passing years. In 1882 the excitement over