

park operations during the latter year. He was the first to take up the question of establishing an agricultural exhibition in Westminster, and it was owing to his unflagging efforts that the British Columbia Provincial Agricultural Society, of which he is president, came into existence and to his untiring zeal it is that it owes its present flourishing condition. To no one so much as to him does Westminster district owe her present deserved reputation as one of the finest agricultural countries in the world. Mr. Cunningham is one of the shrewdest business men of the country, and has the energy and resolution to carry through what enterprises he undertakes. He is among British Columbia's best citizens. Mr. Cunningham married Miss E. A. Woodman and has five children.

**Curtis, David Samuel**, (New Westminster), son of Samuel Curtis, of Tirconnel, Elgin County, Ontario. Born at Tirconnel on January 1st, 1856. Attended the public school until 1871, when he engaged as a clerk in a drug business at Dresden, it being his intention to learn this business. He remained here for one year and then went to Chatham, where he attended the Central School. After graduating there he returned to Dresden and studied his business as a druggist with Dr. Clarke of that place. In the autumn of 1874 he came to British Columbia over the Union Pacific line of railway, and settled at once in New Westminster. Here he continued the study of his profession. In 1883 he opened the business he now has, in conjunction with Dr. Clarke, and after three years bought out his partner's interest. Since that time he has conducted the business himself. In 1881 he was elected a member of the City Council, for St. Patrick's Ward, and has sat at that Board almost continuously since. In the election for municipal representatives for 1889, when ward divisions did not exist, Mr. Curtis headed the poll with fifteen candidates in the field. During all the years he was in the Council he filled the position of chairman of the Finance Committee. For two years he was secretary of the Board of Trade of New Westminster. Mr. Curtis is one of the most prominent and successful merchants of the Royal City, and is recognized on all hands as a coming man in politics. He is a supporter of the Robson Government and in Federal politics a Liberal Conservative. He is a member of the Methodist Church and President of the Y.M.C.A. In 1884 he married Miss Harriet Cunningham, daughter of the late John Cunningham, of Kingston, Ontario.