

Springs and he still retains a large proprietary interest in them. The springs were originally covered by the waters of the lake and the task of separating them was regarded as next to impossible. Mr. Armstrong, however, by rejecting the advice of engineers and the warnings of his friends solved the difficulty by running a cut, constructed on a principle of his own, between the lake and the springs. Since 1869 he has resided at New Westminster and has been actively interested in almost every enterprise calculated to benefit the city and develop the province. For nine consecutive years from 1870 to 1878 inclusive he was a member of the city council. He has always taken a strong interest in provincial and dominion politics but has hitherto refused to stand for parliament. In 1885 he was married to Miss Freeze, of California.

Armstrong, Richard Wallace, Barrister, (New Westminster), was born at Strathroy, Ontario, on the 12th of March, 1858. His father, William H. Armstrong, is a native of Sligo, Ireland, and his mother, Elizabeth Armstrong, a Canadian of English parentage. Mr. Armstrong received his elementary education at his native town and then matriculated at Toronto university. In Toronto he studied at the college of pharmacy with the intention of following the business of chemist and druggist. He took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Victoria college, Cobourg, and then decided to abandon pharmacy and enter on the study of law. He entered at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, where he took his barristership at the expiration of three years. Shortly after this, in 1883, he came to British Columbia and entered on the practice of his profession at Victoria. Here he remained for six months when he accepted the office of District Registrar of titles for the district of New Westminster. He filled this position for five and a half years after which he resigned to go into active practice again at the bar. Since that time he has been the senior partner in the firm of Armstrong & Eckstein and has been recognised as one of the leading lawyers of the province. Owing to the fact that during the largest part of the time he has been in British Columbia he has been an official of the government, he has not taken an active interest in the politics of the country. Mr. Armstrong is a shareholder in several mines and has also invested money in many other enterprises. Mr. Armstrong is an adherent of the Anglican church.