

friends he sailed for America, arriving in New York city on the 23d of May, 1883, the day before the Brooklyn bridge was opened to the public. He remained in New York for six months and then went to Pennsylvania, where he worked at his trade for a year and a half. Later he spent six months in Florida, after which he returned to New York, where he remained until August, 1889. He then made his way to Spokane, Washington, where he followed his trade until 1891, when he came to Vancouver. Later, however, he returned to the state of Washington, spending a year there before he again came to British Columbia, where he has since continued to reside. He assisted in the erection of many of Vancouver's early business blocks, including the old postoffice and the buildings of the Bank of Montreal and the British Bank of North America. He was foreman for John McLuckie and had charge of his operations in the building line in Vancouver for five years. Mr. Ross is now residing on his eight and a half acre tract of land in West Burnaby, which he took up from the government in 1899. At that time it was practically a wilderness, but it is now one of the most attractive suburban properties near Vancouver. He has subdivided it and its favorable location, as well as the improvements made upon it, has greatly promoted its value. Mr. Ross has now retired from active business life save for the management of his property interests, which bring him a gratifying annual income.

Mr. Ross has been twice married. On the 17th of September, 1885, at Yonkers, New York, he wedded Catherine Powers, a native of Ireland, and unto them were born three children: Robert Alexander; Catherine, the wife of Clarke Ellis, of New Westminster; and John, who passed away in infancy. Mrs. Ross died at Spokane, Washington, on the 3d of January, 1890. On the 5th of April, 1893, Mr. Ross wedded Elizabeth Lee, of Vancouver, a daughter of George Lee, who was a native of England. Five children have been born of this marriage: Georgeina Elizabeth, John, Alexander George, Jean Rosina and Donald, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Ross is independent in politics but is a warm supporter of Sir Richard McBride. He takes a deep interest in the cause of public education and was school trustee from 1905 until 1910, when he resigned, but was again elected in 1913. He has done very effective service for the schools and was the first chairman of the school board of the municipality of Burnaby, acting as chairman from 1905 until 1908, inclusive, and again filling that position at the present time. He and his family are members of the Henderson Presbyterian church of West Burnaby. Mr. Ross has always done his full part in the development of the municipality and ever manifests a public-spirited interest in matters and projects relating to the general good. He was one of the charter members of Central Park Agricultural Association and Farmers Institute and for eleven years served as one of its directors. He has witnessed great changes during the period of his residence upon the Pacific coast, as the work of settlement and development has been carried rapidly forward, and at all times he has done much to further public progress where the best interests of the majority are to be conserved.

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#### HENRY ECKERT.

Henry Eckert, who has lived in honorable retirement at Chilliwack since September, 1907, was for a number of years successfully identified with industrial interests as the proprietor of a box factory in New Westminster which supplied the demand for fruit and butter boxes throughout the entire province. His birth occurred in New York, on the banks of the Hudson, on the 10th of November, 1845, his parents being Abraham S. and Sarah Eckert, both of whom are deceased. He is of French and Dutch origin. In the acquirement of his education he attended the public schools of Wisconsin, the family home having been established in that state when he was ten years of age. After putting aside his