

he has increased his business until it now has connections in every quarter of the world, and wherever the merchant princes of Canada have commercial dealings, his house is known for its enterprise, its shrewdness and its business probity. As in Charlottetown so in Victoria, Mr. Turner was one of the original promoters and members of the Volunteer Rifle organization and was enrolled in the first corps that was formed there for the defence of the island during the great Fenian excitement and threatened raid in 1865. This corps wore as uniform the celebrated white blanket coat trimmed with black fur. Mr. Turner passed through the ranks from private to sergeant, then into the commissioned ranks and through the various grades, finally retiring at confederation into the Canadian reserve militia with the rank and commission of lieutenant-colonel in June, 1881. He was elected a member of the city council of Victoria in 1876 and again in 1877 and 1878, and in 1879 was elected by acclamation mayor for that year, serving the city during three terms in that position. He was chairman of the British Columbia Benevolent society and also of the Royal Hospital from 1879 to 1882, and chairman of the British Columbia Agricultural society for 1881-2. In the general election of 1886 he was elected to represent the city of Victoria in the Provincial Legislature, and joined the government of Hon. A. E. B. Davie in 1887, being re elected in August of that year, after having accepted the portfolio of Minister of Finance. At the last general election in June, 1890, he was again returned for the city of Victoria, and now occupies in the government of Hon. John Robson the position of Finance Minister. Mr. Turner has ever since his arrival in British Columbia taken an active interest in and been a steady promoter of the mining and fishing interests of the Province, and is still largely interested in them. He is connected with many of the large enterprises, which have had their origin in Victoria, and while his business is centered in that city he has also large commercial interests in other parts of the Province. In 1860 Mr. Turner was married to Miss Eilbeck, of Whitehaven, Cumberland, England, and has one son.

**Vair, James,** (Kamloops), a Canadian of Scotch descent was born at Coburg, Ontario, in 1859 and educated at his native place. Came to British Columbia in 1879, arriving at Victoria on March 30th. He first began business at Spence's Bridge and from there