

dan. of John Birch, Esq., of Lees Hall, Werneth, and Manor House, Ardwick, Manchester, cotton-spinner. Commenced business as junior partner in firm of William Fisher & Son, in 1832, merchants in the African trade and ship owners in the East and West India, Brazil, River Plate and China trades; and owners of the Quebec and Montreal line of Traders, which were superceded by the Allan line of steamers. Elected a mem. of the Liverpool Town Council, 1848, and a mem. of the Dock Committee (now the Mersey Harbour Board) 1849. Was an overser of the poor for Toxteth Parks, and a Poor Law Guardian for the West Derby Union; a dir. of the Metropolitan Life Assurance Co.; and of the first Liverpool Marine Assurance Co.; a Commr. of Pilots; a mem. of Lloyd's classification committee of British and Foreign Shipping; a mem. of the Ship Building Committee; a mem. of the Committee of the Ship-owners Assn.; and on the Committee of the Constitutional Assn.; a Vice-Presdt. of the Philomathic Society; and of the Assn. for the protection of British industry and capital; a mem. of the Town Improvement Committee; a trustee of the Royal Infirmary; and of the Northern Hospital; and Treasurer of the Southern and Toxteth Hospital; life member of the Queen's College and Mechanic's Institute, and a mem. of the Royal Mersey Yacht Club. First came to B. C. 1869, and was a delegate to Eng., 1861, to obtain Imperial aid, and a mail subsidy for improved postal communication. Returned to B. C. 1863, and settled in Esquimalt. Was a mem. of the Committee (aided by Gov. Kennedy) for exploring Vancouver Island; a road commr.; chairman of the Board of Education of Esquimalt and Craigflower; and an unsuccessful candidate for present seat at g. e., 1871. First returned at last g. e. as an Independent member.—*"The Fori," Esquimalt.*

GALLAGHER, CHARLES. (*Kootenay.*)

B. in Ireland. Ed. there. Unmarried. Came to B. C., 1862. First returned to Parlt., for present seat, at last g. e.—*Kootenay.*

HUMPHREYS, Hon. THOMAS BASIL. (*Victoria District.*)

B. at Liverpool, England, 1840. Ed. at Walton, M., Nov., 1873, Miss Carrie Watkins. Sat in the B. C. Legislature before the Union with Canada. Appointed a member of Ex. Council, and Minister of Finance and Agriculture, 1 Feb., 1876. (*Salary, \$3,500.*) Resigned Portfolio in July, 1876. Sat for Lillooet from