

rapid after the other boat to which two men were clinging desperately. Mr. Nason guided the rescuing boat and followed the other which he saw disappear in one of the awful whirlpools for which the Fraser river is noted. When it came up again one man had disappeared, and the other was so exhausted that but for the timely arrival of the rescue party he would certainly have succumbed in the fearful torrent. With the greatest danger to their own lives, Mr. Nason and his crew succeeded in rescuing both men, one of whom they picked up far away from the boat in a semi-conscious condition, and brought them ashore. The unfortunate men were now in a perfectly destitute condition having lost not only all their mining outfit but their provisions as well. The rough miners, however, made their loss good by contributing each one something from his store, and the rescued men were sent on their way rejoicing. The expedition not being very successful Mr. Nason sold out and went to California, where he remained twenty months. On his return to British Columbia he found his way into the Cariboo mountains where he engaged in mining till 1867. At Barkerville, Mr. Nason, in partnership with a Mr. Meacham, erected a saw mill and until the present time has been engaged in the lumber trade. Since his arrival in the Cariboo region he has spent more than \$110,000.00 in prospecting for gold. Over sixteen years Mr. Nason served as Trustee of the Royal Cariboo Hospital and during eight years was a member of the board of school trustees, besides being president of a number of corporated mining companies. In 1885 he became a British subject and three years later was elected a member of the Legislative Assembly at a bye-election. The worthy member for Cariboo is an adherent of the Church of England of which he is a staunch supporter. In 1875 Mr. Nason was married to one of Victoria's fairest and best daughter's and has six children. The residence of Mr. Nason is at Barkerville, a little town situated in the heart of the Cariboo mountains, which, we may venture to say, is one of the richest mining districts in the world. At the present time Mr. Nason is using every effort in the Provincial Parliament to promote railway enterprise in that region, and has every reason to believe that his labors will, at no distant date, be crowned with success. He is universally esteemed and is considered one of the best mining experts in the Province, while as a sawyer he stands at the top of the tree.