

Bole, His Honor Judge W. Norman. Judge Bole is descended from an old Surrey family who settled in Ireland in 1520, and on the maternal side from the Campbell's, a branch of which clan settled in the North of Ireland under James the First's plantation scheme. But like most of those who can claim similar ancestry, the Bole family can now fairly claim to be more Irish than the Irish themselves. Eldest son of the late John Bole, Esq., of Lakefield, Mayo, for many years Clerk of the Crown and Peace for that county, besides filling several other public offices of importance, and Elizabeth Jane Campbell—Judge Bole was born at Castlebar on 6th December, 1848, and was educated partly by private tuition and partly at Santry public school. He succeeded his father as Deputy Clerk of the Crown for Mayo, and after serving his time to the late Neal Davis, Clerk of the Peace for Mayo, he passed his final examination fourth on list, being five marks less than gold medalist, in 1873. In 1877 he settled at New Westminster, being the first lawyer who permanently settled on the Mainland of British Columbia, and immediately after was admitted to practise, and entered upon a lucrative business. Married 26th February, 1881, Florence Blanchard, only daughter of Major John Haning Coulthard, J. P., of New Westminster; was called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1878; was made Queen's Counsel 27th May, 1887; was a bencher of the Law Society; is a Justice of the Peace and Stipendary Magistrate for the entire Province; was director and president of the Royal Columbian Hospital for over four years; was lieutenant in Seymour Field Battery of Artillery from 1879 to 1882, and served as captain of No. 1 Battery, B. C. Brigade of Artillery, from 1884 to 1887; is a director of the New Westminster and Southern Railway Company, and was chairman of the Hastings Sawmill Company when that company with the Royal City Planing Mills Company amalgamated as the B. C. Lumber Company; was solicitor of the Bank of British Columbia from the time that bank opened in New Westminster till his elevation to the Bench; is president of the New Westminster Rifle Association; was returned at general election of 1886, as member for New Westminster by a large majority; was appointed Judge of the County Court of New Westminster 19th September, 1889. Judge Bole has, since his arrival in New Westminster, always taken, and still takes, a warm and active interest in every matter which tended to the advancement of the