

Here he attended school until he reached the age of fifteen years when he began to learn the trade of carpentering. In 1866 the family again removed, this time to Minnesota. Here for ten years Mr. Ackerman followed the trade and during this period he married Miss Augustine Nobles. In 1876 he left Minnesota and went to Kansas where he was engaged in farming for five years. He did not find this life congenial, however, and in the spring of 1881 he went to California where he started business as a contractor. In 1883 he removed to Seattle where he remained for a short time and from which place, in consequence of the representations of his father and brothers who were settled at New Westminster, he came to British Columbia. Since that time he and his brothers have been in the building and contracting business and have been markedly successful. Mr. Ackerman is about to abandon the contracting business and establish a sash and door factory at New Westminster. He is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias and Chancellor Commander of that society. He is holding his second term as chief of the fire department.

Alexander, Richard Henry, (Vancouver), eldest son of James and Eliza Alexander was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, on March 26th 1844. His paternal ancestors came originally from near Stirling and his mother was a member of the well-known border family, the Scots. Mr. Alexander's elementary education was obtained at the Edinburgh academy. In 1855, when he had reached the age of eleven, his parents removed to Canada taking him along with them. The family settled in Toronto and Mr. Alexander's education was continued at the Upper Canada college. He remained at this institution till the Model Grammar school was established, the principalship of which Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, now member of parliament for Centre Toronto, was brought from Scotland to fill. Mr. Alexander's name was second on the roll of the new school. He carried off several scholarships at this school and graduated in the spring of 1860, being then in his 17th year. A few months later he matriculated at the University of Toronto taking honors in classics. It was his intention to have completed an Arts course at the university and after graduating to have entered on the study of medicine. His calculations in this direction, however, were all overthrown by the death of his mother and the determination of his father to return to