

Victoria with thirty-seven cents in his pocket. He remained in Victoria till 1876 during which period he was foreman in the Rock Bay tannery and afterwards in the Belmont tannery. In 1876 he went to Nanaimo where he started a general store on Commercial street and where he has lived continuously since. In 1878 Mr. Abrams stood as a candidate for the Nanaimo district for the local legislature in the interests of the Walkem Government against Mr. D. W. Gordon, the present member for the Commons. Mr. Abrams was elected by fifteen of a majority. In 1882 he was urged to stand again but refused to do so as he found that his large business made too great demands on his time to permit of his attending to public affairs. In march, 1886, he opened a business in Vancouver in partnership with Mr. McLean, under the firm title of Abrams & McLean, still continuing his business in Nanaimo. In June of the same year the great fire which destroyed the town swept this store and stock out of existence and left them poorer by \$16,000. In 1888 Mr. Abrams sold his business in Nanaimo and in the same year his Vancouver partner bought out his share of the business in Vancouver. Mr. Abrams had thus time once more to interest himself in politics and during 1889 he served the city in the council. He refused, however, to stand for the mayoralty. Mr. Abrams is a Justice of the Peace for British Columbia and is president of the Nanaimo tanning company. He has large interests both on the Island and Mainland and is anxious for the development of the province. He is a member of the Masonic body and has occupied the position of Senior Warden in that order; he is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He was married on December 11th, 1878, to Miss Georgina Wenborn.

Ackerman, Sheron, Contractor, (New Westminster), was born in Alleghany county, New York, on the 29th of March, 1850. He is the second son of Urastus B. and Annis Bennett Ackerman. His family were among the earliest settlers in New York state having established themselves there before the revolutionary war in which the then living representatives took an active part. Mr. Ackerman's grandfather was a prominent figure in New York during the early part of the century and in the war of 1812 he saw active service. Shortly after Mr. Ackerman's birth his parents removed to Iowa where his father carried on business as a farmer and contractor.