

**Fortune, Alexander Leslie**, (Spallumcheen), was born in 1830 at Godmanchester, P. Q., his father, Dr. Fortune, being one of the leading practitioners of the same place. Mr. Fortune arrived in British Columbia in 1862 and at first made his home in Victoria. From 1862 to 1864 he tried his luck at the Cariboo mines, and since the latter date has been engaged in farming and stock raising in Spallumcheen, where he now possesses one of the best cultivated farms in the Province, and as a rancher is noted for the superiority of his stock. He is a Presbyterian, and married Miss B. M. Ross, eldest daughter of Murdock Ross, Esq., of Lancaster, Ont. Mr. Fortune was the first settler in Spallumcheen, and has an intimate knowledge of the district. While freighting goods for the pioneer settlers in the Okanagan country, in the fall of 1870, he conveyed the first keg of intoxicating liquor ever brought into that valley, and strange to relate when the consignee of the liquor was entertaining his friends therewith in the room of one of the early settlers a frightful and appalling noise was heard, as if large herds of cattle were wildly rushing over a hard pavement. Immediately afterwards the floor of the house rose and fell, the lamp was violently swung to and fro, and a violent trembling of the earth took place. The terrified pioneers all rushed wildly to the door and saw one of the grandest and most awful spectacles ever witnessed by human eyes. The immense mountain literally shook, the valley trembled and the huge trees swayed up and down, whilst a terrible and wierdly mysterious rumbling and crumbling of rocks and earth continued to sound in their ears. This is the first and only earthquake known to have taken place in that region, and it seemed to those early settlers as a message from Heaven, warning them against the introduction of the curse of strong drink.

**Fraser, Angus Carmichael**, (Vancouver), son of Allen Fraser, Esq., of Crow Harbor, Nova Scotia, was born on 8th of May, 1848. Mr. Fraser was educated in Escuminac, P. Q., and before coming to British Columbia was engaged in farming. In 1868 he arrived in Victoria, and since that date has been engaged in the lumber trade, and is the most extensive lumberman in British Columbia. He has a most intimate knowledge of the forest wealth of the Province, and is of the opinion that more lumber is grown per acre in British Columbia than in any other Province of