

vehicles of any kind, but he continued at it without being discouraged and finally when the Government road was built through to the Cariboo mines the demand for wagons became considerable, and was supplied almost entirely by Mr. Duck. Mr. Duck took an active interest in the agitation for confederation with the Dominion and after this had been effected he stood for the city of Victoria as a candidate, in the first general election, for the local Legislature and was elected as a supporter of the McCreight government. At the next general election Mr. Duck again stood for Victoria but was defeated. In 1877 he took a trip to Ontario, and while he was in the east the elections for the third parliament took place. In 1882 Mr. Duck was again returned by the electors of Victoria to the local assembly as an independent. The Beaven government was defeated immediately after the meeting of the House, and Mr. Smythe formed an administration. This government introduced what is known as the settlement bill and in this measure they received the support of Mr. Duck. In 1885 Mr. Duck accepted office in the Smythe cabinet as Finance Minister, which he held till the dissolution of the House in 1886. At the general election of this year he was defeated in his candidature. A bye-election took place in the following year in consequence of Mr. Prior's resignation of his seat to stand for the Commons, and Mr. Duck was again returned as a supporter of the Davie government. In 1865 Mr. Duck married Mrs. Sarah Miller, of Victoria. Mr. Duck is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and at one time filled the office of Grand Master of British Columbia. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and was for years a member of the Victoria Volunteer Fire Brigade and filled all the different offices in the brigade.

Duncan, William Chalmers, (Cowichan), was born in the township of Sarnia, county of Lambton, Ontario, on October 18th, 1836. He is of Highland Scotch descent, his people having, in 1779, moved from the north and settled in the town of Hamilton, twelve miles from Glasgow. In 1820 his grandfather emigrated to Canada and settled in Lanark, where his mother's people also settled in the following year. His father and mother were married in 1825 and lived in Lanark for ten years, when they removed to Sarnia county where Mr. Duncan was born. He was educated at