

Thomson, George, (Nanaimo), was born at Waterside near the town of Ayr, Scotland, in 1855, and came to British Columbia in 1873. He took a great interest in the organization of the militia in the Province and was acting as senior sergeant in that force at the time of the disbandment of the Nanaimo corps. During the enforcement of the Dominion Liquor License Act he acted as chief inspector for Vancouver district until it was declared *ultra vires* by the Privy Council. In 1886 he was elected by a large majority to represent Nanaimo in the Provincial Legislature serving in that capacity till the general election of 1890.

Tilley, Seth Thorne, (Vancouver), son of George and Elizabeth Tilley, of Gagetown, Queen's county, New Brunswick, was born there on August 25th, 1836. His family was among the earliest settlers in America, having been of that small and heroic band of seekers after civil and religious liberty who came over in the Mayflower. One branch of the family and that from which Mr. Tilley is descended, settled in New Hampshire and continued to reside there until the close of the war of independence, when they sacrificed their possessions and removed to Canada rather than renounce their allegiance to Britain. They settled in Queen's county, N. B., where many of their descendants still continue to live and among the number the noted Canadian statesman Sir Leonard Tilley. Mr. Tilley received a sound grammar School education at his native place and in 1855 left for California to join an elder brother who had gone there in 1849. He joined his brother in Grass Valley, Nevada county, where he remained mining till 1858 when the excitement over the discovery on the Fraser broke out when he came to British Columbia. He reached Victoria in May and went immediately to the Fraser where he took up a claim on Strawberry Island, above Hope. He was not very successful owing to his ignorance of the peculiarities of the river. He had to abandon his claim for a time owing to flood and when he returned he found it had been "jumped" by a man who took a great deal of gold out of it. Mr. Tilley then went to Fort Hope, where he opened a small stationery store at which he continued till 1859, when he removed to New Westminster and opened a book store in that city. He remained in New Westminster till 1863 and was very successful in his business, making a great deal of money. In