

was largely interested in the extensive fishing industry carried on on the coast of that shire. He attended school in old Aberdeen till he had reached the age of twelve years, when he took to his father's occupation. From that time till he left the old country he was engaged in the salmon fishing on the east coast of Scotland and England. He went through and learned thoroughly every department of the business, and at an early age was placed in the position of foreman of the fishing stations, and later had the direction of affairs of the stations. In 1863, a Mr. Annandale, who had been mining in British Columbia, and had become acquainted with the Fraser's vast wealth in fish, thought to put his knowledge to account, and advertised in the Scotch papers for practical men to take charge of the fishing station which he had decided to erect on that river. Mr. Ewen made enquiries and was induced by Mr. Annandale's representations to come to British Columbia. He landed at Victoria, in January, 1864, having come by way of Panama. Mr. Annandale insisted, against Mr. Ewen's advice, in employing the Scotch system of trap nets, and as this was not adapted to fishing on the rivers in this country, the enterprise fell through. Mr. Ewen then began business himself, salting fish for the Australian and Sandwich Island markets. The trade with Australia became large and remunerative, as the export lumber business increased. Mr. Ewen continued at this business with increasing success, till 1870, when in conjunction with Messrs. Logie & Wise, he established a cannery, where the British Columbia cannery now is. The title of the firm was Alexander Logie & Co. The firm continued to do business for some years, but eventually Mr. Ewen purchased his partner's interest and conducted the establishment himself. In 1884, Mr. Ewen built the present cannery he possesses on Lion Island, which is the largest and most fully equipped establishment on the Fraser river, and has a capacity of two thousand cases per day. He is also interested in a number of other canneries in the Province, and in a fish freezing establishment. He was the first man who made a practical success of the salmon fishing on the Fraser, and of salting and drying fish for the export trade. Mr. Ewen's interests are not confined to the fishing industry. He is one of the largest land owners on the river Fraser, possessing six hundred and forty acres of choice agricultural property in the neighborhood of his cannery, and it is with a view to assist in