

the Electric Street Railway, of which company he held the position of President during the building of the line. Mr. Cooke is a member of the Society of Civil Engineers, and has been appointed by the Provincial Government to the office of Vice-Chancellor of the proposed University of British Columbia. Mr. Cooke is President of St. Patrick's Society.

#### Thomas Dunn.

One of Vancouver's most prominent and influential citizens is the subject of this sketch. Mr. Thomas Dunn is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland; was born May 31st, 1853. He received his education at Newington Academy, graduating from that institution in 1869. After leaving school he entered the employ of Douglas & McDonald, hardware merchants in the Grassmarket, Edinburgh. Thus entering at an early age into the business with which he has ever since been successfully identified. He remained with Douglas & McDonald for six years, at the end of which time he travelled in England for two years, representing a hardware house. In 1876 Mr. Dunn left Scotland for Canada, locating in Toronto, where he was engaged in the hardware business for seven years. In 1883 he left Toronto and came west to Victoria, where he engaged in the hardware commission business for himself with success, for two years. Mr. Dunn closed out his business in Victoria and came to Vancouver in February, 1886, opening up a store on the corner of Spry and Powell streets. The memorable fire of Sunday, June 13th, 1886, which swept the young city out of existence, destroyed his entire stock. Nothing daunted, on the following morning he started the building of a new store on the site now occupied by the present building, and to Mr. Dunn belongs the honor of having erected the first store in Vancouver after the fire. His business prospered and grew in volume, the demands of his increasing trade necessitating a second store at No. 140 Cordova street. He carried on business in these two stores until December, 1889, when he built the magnificent block where the present immense establishment is now located. The establishment is excellently arranged for the conduct of the business, and the stock carried is the largest in the Province. Besides a full and complete line of shelf and heavy hardware, bar iron, steel and mill supplies, the firm are sole agents for British Columbia for the Canadian Rubber Company, Forsyth's Patent Boston Rubber Belting, Enreka and Paragon Hose, Goodhue's leather belting, Wiley & Russell's machinist's supplies and the Hamilton Powder Company's high explosives. The firm at present is composed of Thomas Dunn and P. T. Dunn, the firm name being T. Dunn & Co. They give employment to eight hands in the various departments of the business and are without exception the largest and heaviest dealers in hardware in British Columbia. Mr. T. Dunn has always had implicit faith in Vancouver and has interested himself and taken a prominent part in every enterprise tending for its object the city's advancement. He served in the first Council of the city in 1886, and was one of the framers of the city charter. He was president of the Vancouver Electric Light Co., and is now vice-president of the Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Co. Mr. Dunn is a promi-

nent member of the Board of Trade, and has served as vice president of that body. In 1881 he was married to Miss Isabella Miller, daughter of Hugh Miller, Esq., J.P., of Toronto. They have five children and reside on Georgia street, in one of the handsomest residences in Vancouver.

#### Jonathan Miller.

The subject of this brief sketch, Mr. Jonathan Miller, Postmaster of Vancouver, comes of U. E. Loyalist stock; was born September 5th, 1836, in Delaware, Middlesex County, Ontario. He received his education at Caradoc Academy, and after graduating entered into mercantile pursuits in his native village. At the age of 21 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Middlesex County, and served as such for five years. In 1862 he left Ontario, then called Canada west, and came to British Columbia, locating first in New Westminster. Here he was engaged in various pursuits, until the year 1866, when he entered the lumbering business on Burrard Inlet. He had two lumbering camps, situated on the shores of Burrard Inlet, operated two teams and gave employment to twenty men, cutting and hauling the logs for the Moodyville mill. He followed this business until 1869, when he disposed of his interests and bought a farm on the Fraser river. After about two years of close attention to farming, he decided to give it up and sold out in the spring of 1871. Returning to Burrard Inlet he was shortly afterwards appointed Constable, Government Collector and Agent for Burrard Inlet, his territory extending on both sides of the shore of Burrard Inlet from Port Moody to English Bay. In 1886 he resigned his position as Constable and Government Agent and was appointed Postmaster of the young City of Vancouver. Mr. Miller is one of the early pioneers, and one of the earliest property owners, having invested in real estate here as early as 1876. He has seen the fair City of Vancouver grow from a vast and almost impenetrable wilderness to the wonderful and progressive city of 1891, and was most instrumental in the framing of its charter, and prominently identified with its early history. He formed one of the committee who framed the charter for the incorporation of the city, and by the charter was appointed returning officer his name being the only one which appeared therein. He was also returning officer at the election of the first Mayor and Council of the city. Mr. Miller always had the utmost faith in Vancouver, and that it would become the greatest city in British Columbia. At the time the city was laid out and platted he invested largely in property, a great amount of which he still holds. In 1889 he, in conjunction with Mr. Thos. Dunn, erected the handsome building known as the Dunn-Miller block, which is one of the finest in the city. Besides this building he has erected numerous others and is one of the largest property holders here, most of his real estate being unimproved and of the choicest kind. Mr. Miller was married in 1857 to Miss Marguerite Springer, daughter of Col. Springer, of Delaware, and ten children have blessed their union. He is a very efficient officer as well as a popular citizen, attending to the duties of the office which he holds in a business-like and efficient manner, and has the esteem and confidence of the entire community. To his able management much

of the success of the office is due, and this fact is fully appreciated both by the Government, and the business men of the city. He is a prominent member of the A. O. U. W., and takes a leading part in everything looking to the welfare of Vancouver. He has had a very honorable career, and has established for himself a reputation for business sagacity and foresight that gives him great influence in the city.

#### B. Springer.

One of the early settlers of British Columbia, and a leading business man of Vancouver, is the subject of this brief sketch. Mr. B. Springer was born in Middlesex County, Ontario, February 2nd, 1841, where his boyhood days were spent and his education received. He came to this coast in 1862, and engaged in mining at Cariboo, where he remained until 1872, when he became connected with the Moodyville Saw Mill Company. In 1890 he resigned his position as manager of that company, and in September of the same year started in Vancouver his present general commission and insurance business, which is now conducted on an extensive scale. Mr. Springer owns considerable property and has erected a number of pretentious buildings in the city, among which is the Masonic Temple block and also the Leland block on Hastings street. He is an active member of the Board of Trade, and is a thoroughly public-spirited citizen. He is a man of rare business sagacity; of an energetic spirit, and withal, of unimpeachable integrity. Whatever is for the advancement of the city, and whatever will tend to its industrial development, finds in him an earnest promoter. In mining affairs particularly Mr. Springer has lent his time and money, probably more than any one else in the city, in the development and furthering of that interest. He has always had unbounded confidence in the future of the city, and was one of the very first to erect a brick building—the Leland block—which was either the first or second built in Vancouver.

#### Capt. H. A. Mellon.

The subject of this sketch is one of Vancouver's responsible and influential citizens. Capt. Mellon was born in Nottingham, Eng., in 1840, and was educated at Rev. Dr. Lang's Academy, Ipswich. Having early evinced a predilection for the life of a sailor, soon after leaving school he went to sea, serving his time principally in the Indian trade. He was a participant in some stirring events of the Indian mutiny and was an officer in the navy of the East India service. After the war he made a few voyages in sailing vessels when he joined the Allan line of steamers, and was for twenty years in the Allan and Dominion line, as an officer and master. In 1879 he quit sea-faring life and went to Manitoba. He was somewhat out of his element living inland, being so long at sea, and upon learning of the advantages of Vancouver as a seaport decided to come here, arriving in 1886, just after the fire, to make it his permanent home. He entered into the business of real estate and fire and marine insurance, in which he has ever since been successfully engaged. In marine insurance he is said to be the best posted man in the city, and does the largest business in that line. He is agent for some of the strongest companies, and is American Lloyd's agent.