

the city of New Westminster and ran for the Provincial Legislature as an independent candidate but was defeated by the government candidate. In 1883 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for New Westminster city and district. He had great confidence in the future of New Westminster, both city and district, and in the Fraser Valley as the route for the Canadian Pacific Railway with Burrard Inlet as its terminus, in consequence of which he early invested in real estate both in the city and district especially at Port Moody and what is now known as Vancouver and his judgment proving successful he is now one of the largest real estate owners of valuable property in these places. He is also largely interested in saw mills and timber limits in the district of New Westminster and in mines in Illecillewaet and other districts; is a large shareholder in the New Westminster Street Railway, the Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Company and the New Westminster and Vancouver Street Railway. As a philanthropist he stands well to the front, giving liberally in aid of any charitable project. The city of Vancouver owes to him the site for their Mount Pleasant public school and the Episcopal church the sites of the Mount Pleasant church and parsonage. In New Westminster he also presented the site for the Sapperton public school and to his efforts and subscriptions the Episcopal Diocese of New Westminster is also largely indebted as has been repeatedly acknowledged in the *Churchman's Gazette*. In November, 1867, Mr. Edmonds married Jane Fortune Kemp, eldest daughter of the late Thomas P. Kemp, of Cork, Ireland, and granddaughter of James Casey, of Blossom Grove county Cork, and has issue three sons and two daughters.

Elford, John Pitcairns, (Victoria), was born in the city of Adelaide, New South Wales, on March 10th, 1851. His father, Robert Elford, a native of Plymouth, Eng., came to British Columbia in 1859, and settled in Victoria. Mr. Elford received his education at San Francisco and Victoria, and learned the trade of a carpenter in the former city. He worked at his trade about six years in San Francisco, and from 1872 to 1875 in Victoria, when he engaged in the contracting business. In 1886 he took into partnership Mr. W. J. Smith, and in the same year the firm opened up the "Queen City Brick and Tile Works," which since that date they have greatly increased and extended, and fitted up with the