## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

general election of 1882 he was returned to the Legislative Assembly to represent Victoria He was president of the Executive Council from January 26th, 1883 to October, 1884. Mr. Drake was called to the bar of British Columbia in 1877, was appointed a Q. C. on the 21st of September, 1883, and was elevated to the Bench in 1889. He is a bencher of the British Columbia Law Society. He married Miss Tolmie, of Ardersin, Invernessshire, Scotland.

Draper, James Nelson, (New Westminster), was born in Woodstock, New Brunswick, on October 9th, 1834, his father Isaac Draper, who was a farmer, having settled in New Brunswick in the early part of the present century. Mr. Draper was educated at Carleton Grammar School and King's College and after completing his studies passed a few years in St. John. In 1858 he came to British Columbia and engaged in the lumber trade. He was the first settler in-the Royal City and soon after his arrival there, spent three days trying to discover the mouth of the Fraser river. In 1859 he went to Puget Sound where he engaged extensively in the lumber trade, not returning to New Westminster till 1876. Mr. Draper is harbor master of the Royal city, secretary of the woollen mills (in which he has an interest) and is a well-known and much respected citizen. On 17th March, 1862, he married Miss Vickery, of New Brunswick. He is an adherent of the Church of England.

Duck, Simeon, M. P. P., (Victoria), born at St. Catharines, Ontario, on December 1st, 1834. His parents were both of English birth, and his father was engaged in farming near St. Catharines, where Mr. Duck was educated. He left Ontario in the spring of 1859, and came by way of Panama to British Columbia. He arrived at Victoria on July 21st and went direct to the Fraser river mines. He took up a claim at Hills Bar which he worked during the summer without much success however, and in the autumn he returned to Victoria, where he established a wagon and carriage factory. He built the first wagon ever made in Victoria, which was purchased and used by Mr. F. J. Barnard for his express business between Yale and Cariboo. Business did not at first flourish with Mr. Duck, owing to the little demand there was for