

a Legislative Councillor at the time of the Union the title of Hon. was confirmed to him for life. Became Provl. Secy. and Minister of Mines and Minister of Finance and Agriculture in the Administration of Hon. Wm. Smithe, 26 Jan. 1883. Elected for present seat at last g.e., and re-elected on appointment to office. A Conservative.—*New Westminster, B.C.*

SEMLIN, CHARLES AUGUSTUS. (*Yale.*)

Descended from U.E. Loyalists. B. in Ont., in 1836. Unmarried. Is a farmer and stock-raiser. Was Postmaster and a School Trustee for Cache Creek for some years. First returned to Parl. at g.e. 1871; an unsuccessful candidate at g.es. 1875 and 1878; re-elected at last g.e. A Liberal Conservative and a Ministerialist.—*Cache Creek, B.C.*

SMITHE, Hon. WILLIAM, J.P. (*Cowichan.*)

Family has lived on the borders of Eng. and Scot. for centuries. B. at Matfen, Northumberland Co., Eng., 30th June 1842, and ed. at Whittington. M., 3rd July 1873, Martha, fourth dau. of A. R. Kier, Esq. Was in business as a merchant in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Eng. before coming to B.C. Is a farmer and a J.P. Was Road Commr. under Crown Colony Govt. before Confederation. Was leader of the Opposition upon the meeting of the 1st session of 2nd Parl. after Confederation; upon the defeat of the Walkem administration, resigned the leadership in favor of Hon. A. C. Elliott, who then formed a new administration. Held the position of Minister of Finance and Agriculture until resignation of the Elliott Govt. in 1878, when he was again elected leader of the Opposition, a position he held until 26 Jan. 1883, when he was called upon to form a Govt. upon the resignation of the Beaven Administration. He then became Premier and Chief Commr. of Lands and Works in the Province. Introduced and carried the Free Land Act, 1874; the Line fence and Water Course Act, 1876; the Sheep pasturage protection Act, 1877, and other Acts of miner importance. First returned to Parl. at g.e. 1871; re-elected at g.e. 1875; and again by acclamation, 10 Augt. 1876 upon acceptance of office; re-elected at g.e. 1878 and again at last g.e. A Conservative.—*Somenos, B.C.*

WILSON, CHARLES. (*Cariboo.*)

B. in the City of Westminster, B.C. and ed. there. M. in 1876, Miss Parker. Is an Accountant. First returned to Parl. at last g.e. A Conservative and a Ministerialist.—*Barkerville, B.C.*