BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

Departure Bay; surgeon to the Nanaimo jail, and holds several positions as medical examiner in different lodges. He is examiner for the New York Equitable and Sun Mutual Life Assurance Companies; the Citizens' Life Insurance Company, of Montreal, and several others. He is a member of the British Columbia Medical Council. He is a member of the Masonic Order, the American-Legion of Honor, the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of Druids, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In August, 1887, he married Miss Raynard, daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Raynard; Rector of the Episcopal Church, at Nanaimo, and lately at South Saanich, where he died.

De Cosmos, Hon. Amor, (Victoria), one of the most prominent figures in the early political history of British Columbia, the leader in the battle for responsible government, and in the agitation for confederation with the Dominion of Canada, was born at Windsor, Nova Scotia, and educated there and in Halifax. In 1852 he went to California and in 1858 came to British Columbia and settled in Victoria, where shortly after his arrival he founded the British Colonist newspaper which he owned and edited till 1863. In 1863 he was first elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island, to represent the city of Victoria, and continued to represent the same constituency in this assembly, and, after the union of the two colonies, in the Legislative council of British Columbia till confederation. He was elected a member of the first Legislative Assembly of the Province, and was premier and president of the executive council from December 1872 to February 1874, when he resigned to stand for the House of Commons. He represented Victoria in the Federal Parliament till 1882 when, in the general elections of that year, he was defeated at the polls. Since that time Mr. De Cosmos has not taken an active interest in politics. In 1870 he founded the Daily Standard, and owned and edited it till 1874. In 1873-4 he was sent to London, England, as special commissioner of the Provincial Government, to lay before the Imperial authorities, the grievances of the Province in the matter of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. De Cosmos is a Liberal in politics, and while in the House of Commons was a member of the Reform party.

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