

the benefits to be derived from railway communication with our southern neighbors, he joined in forming a company for that purpose and became the secretary of the Fraser Valley Railway Company, one of two companies afterwards virtually amalgamated into what is now known as the New Westminster Southern Railway Company, in which he remained interested. Mr. Edmonds has during his residence in New Westminster held several official positions with credit to himself and advantage to the public interests. In December, 1867, he was appointed clerk of the municipal council, which office he held continuously for about seven years and it is evidence of his tact and ability that during the whole of this period he carried on the business of the city without a single law suit and without incurring any law costs or lawyer's bills, drawing up himself all the necessary by-laws required and performing all the work necessitated by the incorporation of the city in December, 1872. On the formation of the Walkem Government Mr. Edmonds was selected as their agent for New Westminster district and was appointed to the Government offices for that district. He continued to perform the duties involved in the discharge of these offices in addition to his own private business with satisfaction to the government until June, 1876, when on the defeat of the Walkem and the assumption of power by the Elliott Government, it was decided to appoint a salaried officer to these positions, Mr. Edmonds retaining only the position of Sheriff. This position he continued to occupy until July, 1880, when he fell a victim to political exigencies and was deprived of office. The same success which attended his administration of municipal affairs was equally apparent in those of the Shrievalty as during the period he held office, over seven years, he had the confidence of the legal profession and had not a single suit brought against him and had himself only to bring one against other parties in which he was successful. In September, 1870, Mr. Edmonds, on the re-organization of the New Westminster Rifle Volunteers under Capt. Bushby was appointed lieutenant and adjutant, which position he held until 1874, when, on the formation of No. 1 Rifle Company of New Westminster militia he was gazetted as captain with the following memo: "Formerly Lieut. London Irish Volunteers, holding A 1 class certificate of efficiency," and remained in command until, May, 1875, when he retired retaining rank as Lieut. Mr. Edmonds has also served as municipal councillor and Mayor of