

settled in Sacramento where they resumed business. In 1860 they came to British Columbia and opened a business in Victoria with branch stores at various places in the Province. Their warehouse in Yale was destroyed during the big fire there, and shortly afterwards they established their wholesale business at Vancouver at which place they then centered all their interests. Mr. Oppenheimer was interested largely in real estate in Vancouver, having purchased it before the decision to extend the railway to Coal Harbor had been arrived at. Since he settled in Vancouver his name has been connected with that city more intimately than that of any other citizen. He has given up his entire time almost to civic business in his position of chief magistrate, and under his far-sighted management and judicious direction the city has grown to its present large proportions on a basis financially sound. In 1887 he was elected alderman for ward No. 5, and during that term acted as chairman of the finance committee. He was elected mayor by acclamation for 1888 and again for 1889 and stood for office for 1890, defeating his opponent with ease. Mayor Oppenheimer is connected with nearly every enterprise which is calculated to advance the interests of the city or the Province at large. He is a member of the Board of Trade and was president of that organization. He is president of the British Columbia Agricultural Association and of the British Columbia Exhibition association. He has done a great deal to advertise the Province by compiling pamphlets, showing the extent and resources of the country and distributing them in Europe and America.

**O'Reilly, Hon. Peter.** (Victoria), born in Ireland and educated there. Subsequently entered the civil service and was appointed a lieutenant in the revenue police. Came to British Columbia in 1858 and in April, 1859, was appointed assistant gold commissioner and stipendiary magistrate, and later in the same year was appointed high sheriff. He sat in the Legislative Council of British Columbia from 1863 till confederation. In 1864 he was appointed chief gold commissioner, and in 1881 Indian reserve commissioner, which latter office he still holds.

**Pemberton, Joseph Despard,** (Victoria), was born in Ireland, near Dublin, and educated at Trinity College, Dublin. Studied the profession of civil engineering and served his time with