

informed man. In early life he worked at railroading for a time and in 1880 he went to Minnesota, where he was engaged in similar work. Going next to Dakota and afterward to Montana he still continued in railroad work, and in 1882 he went to Seattle, Washington, where he remained until March 1, 1885. In that year he arrived in British Columbia, establishing his home in Victoria. He was in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company until July 15, 1885, when, attracted by the gold discoveries, he engaged in placer mining at Similkineen. He was very successful and remained there for five years. In June, 1890, he came to Nelson, British Columbia, and has been continuously connected with the city through the era of its pioneer development and later progress. There were no railroads here at the time of his arrival and it required three weeks for him to make the trip on horseback, but the population was rapidly increasing and he understood its excellent business conditions. He built the Tremont Hotel, which he has conducted continuously since. It was erected in 1891 and on the 3rd of June of that year was opened for hotel purposes by Mr. Malone and James Clark. The building is ninety by one hundred and twenty feet, two stories in height, with basement, and contains fifty-five rooms. The ground floor is utilized for the office, dining-room and three store rooms, while the second floor contains the sleeping rooms. The building was erected at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars and the hotel has been capably conducted from the beginning, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage. In addition to his hotel interests Mr. Malone is now interested in mining, having made judicious investments in property of that character in the Kootenay district.

In 1897 occurred the marriage of Mr. Malone and Miss Lydia Bennett, a resident of Butte county, California, and they have one daughter, Edward Marguerite. Mr. Malone belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is deeply interested in community affairs and served as alderman of the city for two years soon after its incorporation. He was also chief of the volunteer fire department for two years, and he has put forth activity along many lines for the general good of Nelson and the advancement of its prosperity and substantial improvement.

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