

his present associate, Mr. F. Carne, and established the grocery business the firm now conducts. In the same year in conjunction with Mr. A. J. Bechtel he purchased the schooner Caroline and engaged in the sealing industry. The following year they purchased another vessel, and have since been adding to their fleet.

Mills, Daniel, (Vancouver), fourth son of the late Joseph Mills, farmer of Antigonish, N. S., who in the early part of the century emigrated from Hampshire, England, and settled in Nova Scotia. Mr. Mills was born at Antigonish on July 17th, 1830, and received his elementary education in his native county. At the age of fifteen years he was apprenticed to the stone-cutting and building trade, to which he served four years. At the age of nineteen years he began business as a contractor and his thorough knowledge of the trade combined with his mechanical skill soon obtained for him an extensive reputation. The result was that during the two years he remained in business in his native county he had as much as he could attend to, and in that time erected twenty-one grist mills. In 1851 Mr. Mills, then a man of twenty-one years, left Canada and settled in the state of Maine, U. S., where he remained for two years, following his profession with remarkable success. Returning to Nova Scotia he invested the result of his labor in real estate. He continued his business in Canada from this time till 1858 when, attracted west by the excitement over the discovery of gold in British Columbia he took shipping for San Francisco. He remained in Victoria where he superintended the cutting and placing of the stone of the Bank of British North America then and until long afterwards the only building of this kind in the city. When this work had been completed he undertook the contract to cut the stope for Race Rock lighthouse, which he finished in 1860. In the autumn of the same year he superintended the construction of a wharf for the Hudson's Bay Company, and in the spring of 1861 he purchased a half interest in a brewery business in Victoria. He sold out his share in the brewery in 1862 and went to Cariboo by the Yale route where he mined on Antler Creek. During 1862 he was interested in five claims on this creek and lost about fifteen hundred dollars. He then located a claim on William's creek and purchased one on Lightning and another on Sugar creek. On the latter two he engaged men to work for him. During 1862 and 1863