

intimate acquaintance with every crevice on the coast. In 1840 he made a trip to Alaska and took over for his company the strip of that territory leased from the Russians. He also built Fort Tako on Tako river. In 1843 he established Fort Victoria, which has since grown into a large and beautiful city, and during the succeeding years the new station grew and flourished under his fostering care. After the settlement of the boundary question, Douglas, now at the head of the service, determined to transfer his headquarters to the new fort, and after making careful preparation, accomplished the change in 1849. In September, 1851, Douglas was appointed Governor of the colony of Vancouver Island, and continued to hold that office till 1863. During the greater portion of this time he united in himself almost all the offices required for the conduct of the public affairs. In 1858 he was appointed Governor of the newly created colony of British Columbia, and thus filled a dual position until his retirement from public life in 1864, when he was knighted. During that year he paid a visit to the Mother Country and subsequently till the time of his death lived in private life. Governor Douglas was a man of irreproachable character and made such an impression on those with whom he came into contact, that men of the most opposite views, unite in extolling his virtues and his ability. He was a man born to command, but was full of charity and as generous as he was brave. The citizens of British Columbia raised an obelisk to his memory which stands in front of the house of parliament in Victoria.

Drake. Hon. Montague William Tyrwhitt, (Victoria), a Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, is descended from a very old English family, the Tyrwhitt Drakes, of Shardilves, Bucks. Mr. Justice Drake was born at Kings Walls, Hertfordshire, England, in 1830, and was educated at the Charter House School. He was admitted as a solicitor and attorney-at-law, to the Superior Courts in England in 1851. He came to British Columbia in 1863, and settled in Victoria. He took an active part in public affairs shortly after his arrival, and he was elected a member of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, as representative for Victoria in 1868 and sat in the house till 1870. He was a member of the Board of Education for British Columbia from 1872 to 1879. In 1877 he was elected Mayor of the City of Victoria, and at the