

Chief Factor, especially as it was feared that the interests of the Hudson's Bay Company and the Imperial Government might sometimes clash. On the 2nd of September, 1858, the Crown revoked the privileges of exclusive trade with the Indians granted to the Hudson's Bay Company some twenty years previously, and an Act to provide for the government of British Columbia was passed by the House of Commons. In the same year Sir James Douglas was appointed Governor of the new colony thus created. He was duly sworn in by Chief Justice Begbie (afterwards Sir Matthew Baillie) at Fort Langley. Sir James now divided his time between the two colonies, building roads and bridges and attending to other matters of importance. In spite of his increasing years he was almost as active as ever, making tours through the country and reporting thereon to the Colonial Secretary, Lord Lytton, who always exhibited the liveliest interest in the welfare of the two colonies on the Pacific.

In 1863 Sir James Douglas's commission as Governor of Vancouver Island lapsed. In that year he received the honour of knighthood in just recognition

of the great services which he had so faithfully rendered. Mr. Arthur Kenney was appointed Governor of Vancouver Island in his place.

In 1864, Mr. Frederick Seymour was appointed to succeed Sir James as Governor of the Colony of British Columbia. In the same year the latter retired from public life, and many were the manifestations of regret and found expression on the severance of his connection with official affairs. Thus we take leave of the strongest personality in the history of our Province, to whom we are indebted for the peaceful establishment of constitutional government in this distant part of the empire. Sir James died in 1867, full of years and honour.

It might be said in conclusion that it has been altogether impossible to more than refer in most general terms to a few interesting points connected with the earlier history of British Columbia. Many well-known names and many important events have been left unmentioned, not for lack of appreciation on the part of the writer, but simply because it is impossible to cover the whole ground in an article of this description.

