

of that county, and his father, who was a large farmer, was parish overseer, and occupied a position on the board of poor-law guardians. His mother's family, the Mortons, originally Scotch, had, in the latter part of the sixteenth century settled at Lindley, where they subsequently established the pottery industry, for which that place is so well-known, and which the family still control. Mr. Brighthouse was educated in his native town, and at the age of eighteen years took charge of his father's farm, which he continued to manage until he left England. He had not himself formed any definite plan of coming to America, as, for a young man, he was prospering very well at home, but in consequence of a promise previously made to his cousin, John Morton, he decided to try his fortune in the new world. At this time the fame of British Columbia was being sounded throughout England, and the cousins determined to come to this country. Accordingly on the 8th of May, 1862, they took shipping from Milford Haven for New York in the Great Eastern. From New York they went to San Francisco via Panama, and from there came to British Columbia, going direct to New Westminster, which they reached about the last of June, 1862. After remaining here a few days they went to the Cariboo region, by the Harrison-Lillooet route. They only remained at the mines one month, owing to the inclement character of the season and the fact that all the good claims were taken up. They returned to New Westminster in October, having completed the round journey on foot, and on the 4th of November they came over to the shores of Burrard Inlet, where Vancouver City now stands, and where they had, in conjunction with Mr. William Hailstone, purchased five hundred and fifty acres of land. Here the three partners passed the winter, having erected a log house and a small barn. During the wet season they worked industriously at clearing their land. The parcel of land which they then purchased is now known on the plan of Vancouver townsite as 185. Their house was the first white habitation erected on the shores of Burrard Inlet, and Mr. Brighthouse has therefore a clear claim to the title of "oldest inhabitant." They lived on good terms with the Indians and only once, and that shortly after they had come, was there any attempt on the part of the Indians to commit theft. On this occasion they complained to Col. Moody, who sent for Capilano, the chief of the tribe at this place, and insisted on the stolen articles being returned. Capilano promised to have restitution