

part in politics and has not stood for any public position. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Oddfellows' order and the Pioneer society and an adherent of the Presbyterian church. In November, 1868, he married Rebecca Fleming, of Victoria.

Munro, Alexander, (Victoria), chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, was born in the town of Tain, Rossshire, Scotland, in 1824. In early life he was engaged in different pursuits—law, banking, etc.—first in Scotland and afterwards in England. He arrived on Vancouver Island in 1857 in the Hudson's Bay Company's service, and has since remained in and near Victoria. He witnessed the great gold rush of 1858. For many years past he has been factor of the Hudson's Bay Company and accountant of their western department, comprising the whole of British Columbia, and has also had charge of their lands and those of the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company in this Province. After the many changes which have taken place under his observation during the third part of a century he is now, on the eve of his retirement, the senior chief factor in the company's service. His life has been a busy and industrious one, but not eventful in comparison with the lives and stirring experiences of many of his predecessors—those adventurous, manly pioneers and veterans who smoothed the way, to a great extent for their successors by themselves undergoing the privations, the arduous labors and "perils by flood and field" incident to establishing not merely the company's trading posts but British authority also, and therewith happily introducing the dawn of civilization among savage tribes scattered over the wide continent from Canada to Alaska and the Arctic regions.

Munsie, William, (Victoria), was born in Pictou county, Nova Scotia, on January 4th, 1849, and educated at Pictou. After leaving school he served his apprenticeship to the foundry business in Truro, and remained there for four years. In 1874 he went to San Francisco, where for four years he was employed at this business. In 1878 he came to British Columbia and settled in Victoria, where he established a stove business for Mr. Joseph Spratt, of the Albion Iron Works, and designed and manufactured the first stoves ever made in British Columbia. He remained with Mr. Spratt for over six years. In 1885 he formed a partnership with