

his apprenticeship to the carpentry and building trades in Helensburgh, Scotland. He left Scotland and came to Canada in 1870 and lived some nine years in the North West Territories, arriving in this province three years ago, 1887. Mr. Bell has resided in New Westminster since that time, following his trade of contractor and builder, in which he has been very successful. He has manifested his belief in the future prosperity and greatness of the Province by investing largely in property and centering all his interests here. Mr. Bell is married and has eight children. He is a Presbyterian in religion and a Liberal in politics.

Bodwell, Ebenezer Vining. Born 30th April, 1827, died 18th October, 1889. Mr. E. V. Bodwell who, during the last three years of his life, was a resident of Vancouver, and who was one of its most enterprising and respected citizens, was born in the township of Nissouri, county Middlesex, Ontario. He was descended from United Empire Loyalist stock, and throughout his life he remained faithful by his attachment to his country and by his high ideal of personal honor to the traditions of his house. Shortly after his birth his family removed from Nissouri to the township of Dereham, county of Oxford, where they settled on a farm. Here Mr. Bodwell received his elementary education. He was then sent to Madison where he attended the State University of Wisconsin. After graduating he returned and for a few years resided on the farm with his father. At the age of 23 years he was appointed clerk of Dereham, and subsequently became treasurer. He was then elected one of the township councillors and finally reeve. During his incumbency of this office he was elected on the County Council Board, and filled the position of warden of Oxford. The incumbency of this position brought him prominently before the people, and his large ability as an administrator became recognized. He was an ardent politician and a strong Liberal, and among members of his party was regarded as a future standard-bearer in his county where his influence was very great. When the late Sir Francis Hincks wrested Oxford from the Van Sittarts he found in Mr. Bodwell a leal and loyal co-worker in the cause of reform. In 1857 the deceased was instrumental in introducing the late Dr. Skeffington Connor to stand for South Oxford, which then became, and has since continued to be the stronghold of Liberalism in Western Ontario. Dr. Connor was elected by a majority of one after