

by Sarah Fletcher, of Pardshaw, all in the said county of Cumberland. Born 18th of March, 1811. Educated at the Workington Academy, and at the boarding school of Rev. J. C. Price, Liverpool, where he served an apprenticeship of seven years to Alderman J. N. Wood, and acquired the freedom of that borough, and of Bristol, Waterford and Wexford, in 1832. He married, 17th February, 1844, Harriet Alice, second daughter of John Birch, Esq., of Tees Hall, Werneth, and Manor House, Ardwich, Manchester, cotton spinner. He commenced business in 1832, as junior partner, in the firm of William Fisher & Son, merchants in the African trade, and ship-owners in the East and West Indies, Brazil, River Plate and China trades; and owner of the Quebec and Montreal line of traders, which was superseded by the Allan line of steamers. Elected a member of the Liverpool Town Council, 1848; and a member of the dock committee (now the Mersey Harbor Board), 1848. He was an overseer of the poor for Toxteth Parks, and a Poor Law Guardian for the West Derby Union; a director of the Metropolitan Life Assurance Co.; and of the first Liverpool Marine Assurance Co.; a Commissioner of Pilots; a member of Lloyd's Classification Committee of British and Foreign Shipping; a member of the Ship Building Committee; a member of the committee of the Ship-owners' Association; and of the committee of the Constitutional Association; a vice-president of the Philomathic Society; and of the association for the protection British industry and capital; a member of the town improvement committee; a trustee of the Royal Infirmary; and of the Northern Hospital; and treasurer of the Southern Toxteth Hospital; life member of the Queen's College and Mechanics' Institute; and a member of the Royal Mersey Yacht Club. First came to British Columbia in 1860, and was a delegate to England in 1861, to obtain Imperial aid, and a mail subsidy for improved postal communication. Returned to British Columbia, 1863, and settled in Esquimalt. Was a member of the committee (aided by Governor Kennedy) for exploring Vancouver Island; a road commissioner; chairman of the board of education of Esquimalt and Craigflower. He was an unsuccessful candidate at the general election of 1871. In 1876 he was elected independent member for Esquimalt district. He is a Justice of the Peace for the Province.