

McGregor, William, (Nanaimo), was born at Victoria, April 7th, 1855. He is the son of the late John McGregor, one of the mining experts who came to this country from Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1849, to open up the coal mines at Fort Rupert and who after testing seams at that place and finding them worthless removed to Nanaimo and opened up a number of mines there. Mr. McGregor was educated at Victoria and Nanaimo, and when he left school he went to work in the mines and has filled every position from workman to manager, which office he now holds. During the year 1880 he was engaged for a time contracting on New Castle Island but again returned to Nanaimo and took the position of overman of the Vancouver Company's mines. In 1884 he was offered and accepted the position of manager. Since that time the work of development has largely increased and the business of the company has become very profitable. When the terrible colliery explosion occurred in 1887, Mr. McGregor was the leader of the exploring and rescuing parties and worked night and day untiringly. Mr. McGregor is wrapped up in his business, takes no interest in politics and has been solicited but has refused to stand for the city Council. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in 1875 was married to an English lady, Miss Amanda Meakin.

McGuigan, William Joseph, M. D., C. M., (Vancouver), was born in Stratford, county of Perth, Ontario, on July 28th, 1853. He is the eldest son of Michael McGuigan, who at the age of twenty-five came to America from Castle Dawson, county of Derry Ireland, and after residing two years in New York settled at North East Hope, Ontario, where he married Bridget Quinliven. Dr. McGuigan received his elementary education at the public school in North East Hope, and subsequently at the Stratford High School. He then attended the Galt Collegiate Institute, at that time a noted educational establishment, for a term, and afterwards studied medicine at McGill University, Montreal, where he matriculated at the age of twenty. When a boy he intended studying for the priesthood, but later on changed his mind and took a medical course, graduating with honors in 1879. Shortly after leaving the university he went into practice, and received the appointment of first Grand Trunk Railroad surgeon at Sarnia. After residing one year at Sarnia he was obliged to leave that city owing to ill-health and removed to