

residing during this period at Toronto, Guelph and Dunville. Early in 1860, during the period of the gold excitement, he left the east and came to British Columbia by way of Panama. He arrived in Victoria in April, 1860, and shortly afterwards settled at New Westminster, the capital of the new colony. He did not go to the mines, but remained at Westminster, where he worked for one year as a carpenter, and then went into the hardware and furniture business with Mr. Thomas Cunningham. In 1862 the business was divided, and Mr. Ashwell carried on the furniture branch for a few years, selling out at length to Withrow & Tilley. After a residence of ten years in New Westminster Mr. Ashwell removed to Chilliwack and opened a general business, which he has since carried on. For several years Mr. Ashwell was postmaster at Chilliwack, and for two years occupied the position of warden of the municipality. For several years he was justice of the peace for Westminster district. He has not interested himself actively in politics, but is a Reformer. He is a strong advocate of temperance principles, and a consistent member of the temperance society. He was married in 1865 to Sarah Ann Webb, of Manton, Bedfordshire, England. In religion he is an adherent to the Methodist Church.

Barnard, Francis Jones, born February 18th, 1829, died July 10th, 1889. Direct lineal descendant of Francis Barnard, who settled in Deerfield, Mass., prior to 1642, and who is mentioned in the Hartford records of that date as one of the select men of that town. Mr. Barnard was born in the city of Quebec, and was brought up to the hardware business. His father died when he was twelve years of age, and he was compelled to earn a living for his mother and her young family. He married Ellen Stillman, of Quebec, in 1853, and in 1855 he moved to Toronto, Ont., where he engaged in business. Meeting with reverses he emigrated to British Columbia in the spring of 1859, leaving his wife and children in Toronto. He travelled via Panama to San Francisco as a third class steerage passenger in order to save the few dollars he possessed, and endured all the discomforts that steerage passengers from New York to San Francisco in those days were subjected to—filthy quarters, bad food, and brutal treatment. He arrived at Victoria with crowds of other gold seekers when the Fraser river excitement was at its height. He proceeded at once to Yale where he landed