

born in Tipperary, September 17th, 1841. He was educated at his native place and subsequently served in the Irish militia, doing garrison duty, from 1858 to 1860. He came to British Columbia in 1862 and went direct to Cariboo where he engaged during that season in mining but without much success. He returned to Victoria where he resided till 1866, when he went to Big Bend during the excitement there. At Big Bend he was appointed chief constable and continued to occupy this position till 1872, when he took charge of the Kootenay district as gold commissioner and stipendiary magistrate. In 1873 he was removed to Omineca where he acted in the same capacity, and in 1874 he was ordered to Cassiar where gold had but lately been discovered. In the autumn of 1874 he resigned his position in the Government service. In 1875 at the request of the Government he went to Kootenay to meet Major General Selby Smith and party, when that distinguished officer made his first trip overland to British Columbia. Mr. Vowell was returned at the general election of 1875 to the Provincial Legislature as senior representative of Kootenay district. In the spring of 1876 he resigned his seat in the House and re-entered the Government service, taking charge of the district of Cassiar as gold commissioner and stipendiary magistrate. He remained in charge of Cassiar district until the spring of 1884. At that time in consequence of the largely increased population in Kootenay district, owing to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the necessarily increased responsibilities attached to the offices of gold commissioner and stipendiary magistrate in that region, Mr. Vowell was ordered to take charge in Kootenay. He discharged the important duties of his offices in Kootenay until 1889 at which time he resigned his position in the Provincial Government service and accepted the appointment under the Dominion Government of superintendent of Indian affairs for the Province of British Columbia. He is a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Masonic Order; a member of the Pioneer Society and an adherent of the Church of England. o

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