

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF VICTORIA, B. C.

On the opposite page, we present to our readers life-like portraits of the gentlemen composing the city government of Victoria, B. C. They are all men of business, and have been selected, not like in American cities on account of their wire-pulling qualities, but because of their honest and upright career, backed by sound judgment in their own business affairs, and are universally acknowledged by their constituency to be men who are well fitted for the positions they occupy.

The Mayor, J. H. Turner, Esq., is the senior partner of the extensive importing house of Turner, Beeton & Co., on Wharf St., and connected in business with H. C. Beeton & Co., of Finsbury Circus, London, England. He was born in 1834, and has been established in business, in Victoria, for seventeen years. He is a thorough business man, generous to a fault, and at the head of all enterprises which seem likely to benefit the Province. Mr. T. served three years as member of the council, and so great is his popularity that, although Victoria has a population of over 7,000, his election to the mayoralty was unanimous. His suburban residence is located on the Esquimault road, about one and a half miles from the city proper, and is surrounded by all the comfortable elegance that a refined taste can possibly suggest.

A. McLean is a native of "bonnie Scotland," born in Kirkcubrightshire, and is now fifty years of age. He came to British Columbia seventeen years ago, and by an upright business career has amassed a full share of this world's goods. He is yet active in business and enjoys a liberal patronage as a clothier and general outfitter; his establishment, known as "the Scotch House," like the surroundings of his elegant residence, is kept scrupulously neat. Notwithstanding his extensive business, Mr. McLean devotes a considerable part of his time to the work of benevolence, and has, for several terms, ably served as President of the Mechanics Institute, and President of the Royal Hospital. He is also Vice President of the British Columbia Benevolent Society, and Chairman of the Board of Health.

Andrew Rome, senior partner of the firm of A. Rome & Co., direct importers and commission merchants, is a na-

tive of Manchester, England. He is the youngest member in the council, being now only thirty-three years of age. In 1869 Mr. R. arrived in British Columbia, from his native land, and at once took charge of the importing house of Janion & Rhodes. For nearly five years, however, he has been doing a successful business for himself. Besides importers and commission merchants, the firm are agents for the Imperial Flouring Mills, of Oregon City, and they are also sole agents for all of British Columbia for the Commercial Union Fire and Life Assurance Company.

Geo. Mansell, of G. Mansell & Co., dealers in furniture, is a native of



The "Colonist" Newspaper Office, Victoria, B. C.—Photo by R. Maynard.

Hitchin, England, from whence he emigrated in 1848 to the gold fields of Australia. Returning in 1849, he was shipwrecked off Honolulu, and finally landed in San Francisco in 1850. He afterwards lived near Yreka, California, for several years, going to British Columbia in 1862, where he has resided ever since. He does a large business, and has one of the handsomest residences in Victoria.

Capt. G. G. Walker (misprinted in our engraving, Walkin.) is the oldest member of the council, being now sixty-two years of age. He is a native of St. Andrews, New Brunswick; is a ship-builder by trade, and has resided in British Columbia since 1860. He seems

to give general satisfaction to his constituents, as this is his third term in the council.

J. W. Williams is the only native American in the council. He was born in New York city in 1839, and came to the Pacific coast at the age of ten. He settled down in British Columbia in 1858, and has served as councilman for five years; he is also a member of the Provincial Legislature. Mr. Williams is one of the solid men of Victoria, being considered worth over \$50,000. His fine country seat embraces 600 acres of fine land, whilst his elegant winter residence, one of the handsomest in Victoria, was erected by Mr. W. at an expense of \$10,000.

A. J. Smith, of Smith & Clark, contractors, is a native of Scotland, born in 1838, has been a resident of British Columbia since 1862, and does quite a large business in his line.

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Our engraving gives a correct view of this establishment, which may properly be termed the most complete of the kind on the Pacific coast. The building is constructed of brick, and has every convenience, including steam power, necessary for a complete printing office. The entire establishment is divided into three departments—the *Colonist* office proper, wherein the Daily and Weekly *Colonist* are published; the job printing department, and the book and stationery store. All the three departments, however, are under the personal supervision of the proprietor, Mr. David W. Higgins. He is a well preserved, fine looking gentleman, about forty-five years of age, a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia. When but a lad of twelve, he was apprenticed to the printing business, and round by round he has climbed fortune's ladder, until to-day we find him one of the few solid newspaper men on the coast. In 1856 Mr. H. came to San Francisco, and after sticking type on various newspapers, he, in company with four other printers, and a combined cash capital of \$130, started the San Francisco Morning *Call*. The circulation of this paper now exceeds 25,000 daily. The Fraser River gold excitement caused Mr. H. to sell his interest in the *Call*, and he came to Victoria, where he at once became connected with the *British Colonist*, as the manager. In 1862 he purchased an interest in the paper, and four years later became sole proprietor and editor. Under his able management, the *Colonist* is flourishing, is a paper of large circulation and influence, both at home and abroad, and if we mistake not, the only one in the Province which takes the daily telegrams. Mr. H. is the owner of considerable real estate, and what is still better, one of the coziest and happiest homes in British Columbia.