

Woodhaven Subdivision's Street Namesakes

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Hon. Sir Richard McBride — Premier 1903–1915

Richard McBride was born in New Westminster on December 15th, 1870, the first of BC's Premiers to be born in the province. McBride took his law degree at Dalhousie in 1890, then moved to Atlin. First elected to the Legislature in 1898, he became the *Minister of Mines* in 1900. Resigning this appointment 1901, he was formally elected Leader of the opposition to Dunsmuir's government. This was the introduction of party politics into provincial government. In November 1902 Dunsmuir retired. E.G. Prior succeeded him until his government was dismissed by the Lieutenant-Governor who asked McBride to form a new government on June 1st, 1903, at age 33. He was returned to office in the October 1903 election, and again, with a strong party majority, in 1907 and 1909. In poor health, he resigned on December 15th, 1915, leaving for England to assume the post of *Agent-General of British Columbia*. Sir Richard McBride died on August 6th, 1917, at age 47.



Hon. William J. Bowser — Premier 1915–1916

William John Bowser was born in Rexton, New Brunswick, on December 3rd, 1867. Bowser took his law degree at Dalhousie in 1890 and was admitted to the bar of New Brunswick. In 1891 he came to Vancouver and in the same year was admitted to practice. In 1903 he became a member of the provincial legislature from the Vancouver District, and was returned to the Legislature at every election until his defeat in 1924. In 1907 he became a member of the government, and was sworn in as *Attorney-General* and also as *Commissioner of Fisheries*. During the years 1909 and 1910 he served as *Minister of Finance*. When Sir Richard McBride retired in 1915 Bowser became premier, but the Conservatives had been in office a long time, and the time for a change had come. The prosperity of the boom days had vanished and the depression of the war was over everything, and Bowser's government was defeated in 1916. William Bowser died in Vancouver on October 25th, 1933, at age 66.

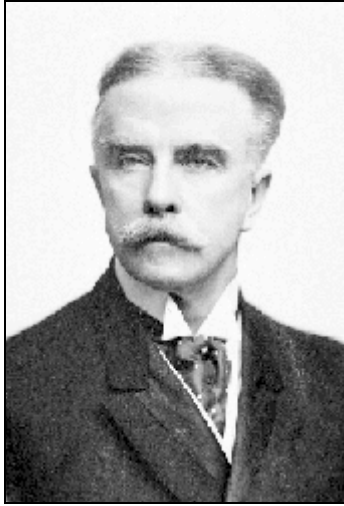


Hon. Hewitt Bostock — Senator 1904–1930

Hewitt Bostock was born at the "Hermitage," Walton Heath, Epsom, England, on May 31st, 1864. He was educated under private tuition at *Trinity College*, Cambridge, where he took his degree with honours in Mathematics in 1885. He was called to the bar at *Lincoln's Inn* in 1889, but rather than pursue the profession of lawyer, he spent the years following his professional training travelling in America, Australia, New Zealand, China and Japan. Bostock came to Canada in 1893, and after arriving in BC he bought a ranch at Monte Creek and engaged in ranching. A Liberal in politics, he was elected to the *House of Commons* for Yale-Cariboo in the general elections of 1896 and was appointed one of the Liberal 'whips'. Bostock was summoned to the Senate on June 6th, 1904, and became Leader of the Liberal caucus there in 1914. Senator Bostock was appointed *Minister of Public Works* in December 1921 in the government of Prime Minister Mackenzie King. He was appointed *Speaker of the Senate* on February 7th, 1922. In 1923 he was one of those chosen to represent the Canadian government in the welcome of President Harding of the United States when the latter visited Vancouver. He represented the government again in 1925 at the Sixth Assembly of the *League of Nations* at Geneva and worked on the first and third committees. Senator Bostock died in office on April 28th, 1930, at age 66.

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Hon. Dr. Henry Esson Young — MLA 1907–1915

Henry Esson Young was born 1862 in Quebec, and was educated at *McGill University* where he received his medical degree in 1888. Dr. Young was likely lured by the adventure of the gold rush when he moved to Atlin, BC, where he practiced medicine from 1901 to 1903. In 1903 he was elected MLA to the *BC Legislature* and in 1907 was appointed *Minister of Education* and *Provincial Secretary* in the Conservative government of Sir Richard McBride. On March 15th, 1904, he married Rosalind Watson of Huntingdon, PQ, at the residence of Premier McBride in Victoria. In 1909 *Essondale* was named in honour of Dr. Henry Esson Young who advocated for *Riverview Hospital* in Coquitlam while cabinet minister. He played a prominent role in the establishment of the *University of British Columbia* in 1908, and at the first convocation in 1912 was dubbed “the Father of the University” for all his unflagging zeal in getting the university started. In 1915, Dr. Young was appointed *Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health*, a position he held until his death in Victoria on October 24th, 1939, at age 77.



Hon. Capt. Robert G. Tatlow — MLA 1900–1909

Robert Garnet Tatlow was born September 6th, 1855, at Scarva, County Down, Ireland; educated at Cheltenham, England, and emigrated to Canada at an unknown date. He worked with Henry Ogle Bell-Irving in shipping, and as a professional broker made a fortune in real estate and insurance. Captain of the *First Prince of Wales Regiment*, Montreal, then attached to Vancouver's 'B' Battery, *Royal Canadian Artillery*; chairman of *Vancouver Parks Board* for 8 years. Tatlow married E.M. Cambie on April 30th, 1893, the eldest daughter of prominent CPR official Henry J. Cambie, CE. Tatlow was an unsuccessful candidate in the provincial election of 1894, but was elected to the *Legislative Assembly* to represent the Vancouver riding in 1900. He was re-elected in 1903 and appointed June 1903 *Minister of Finance and Agriculture* in the newly-elected McBride government; lost his seat in the 1909 election. Robert Tatlow was killed at age 55 in Victoria on April 11th, 1910, when his horse bolted, throwing him from his carriage.



Hon. Harry H. Watson — MLA 1909–1916

Harry Holgate Watson was born 1868 in Milton, Ontario, and was educated at *Milton Public School* and *Upper Canada College*. In 1892 he married Kathleen Constance Black, daughter of one of BC's first legislators. Watson came to the city in 1889 as a \$65 a month clerk in a drug store. He watched Vancouver grow from a small town containing just the CPR and *Hastings Mill*. Two years after coming here he joined his employer as a partner in the drug business. In 1895 he formed a new company with T. F. McDowell and J. M. Atkins. (This partnership was dissolved in 1909 and Watson was elected to the legislature from 1909 until 1916.) Later he organized the *Canadian Fishing Company*, which was sold to the *New England Fish Company*, bought two steamers, the *Flamingo* and *Cape Scott*, and built houses and apartments. A *Freemason*, he was also a member of the *Vancouver Club* and *Shaughnessy Golf Club*. Watson was Grand Treasurer of the *Grand Lodge of BC, AF&M*. Harry Holgate Watson died in Vancouver on January 19th, 1949, at age 81.

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J. Harold Senkler, KC — Barrister & Solicitor

John Harold Senkler was born on July 24th, 1866, in Brockville, Ontario. He was educated at *St. Catherines Collegiate Institute*, in *Upper Canada College*, in *Toronto University* from which he won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1889, and in *Osgoode Hall*. He was called to the bar of Ontario in 1892, and the following year came to British Columbia. In 1905 Senkler was appointed King's Counsel, and from 1909 he was senior partner of the firm *Senkler, Spinks & Van Horne*, one of the strongest firms practicing at the bar in BC. In 1904 Senkler was appointed *Royal Commissioner* to revise and consolidate the rules concerning the practice and proceedings of the county courts and the supreme courts of British Columbia. In politics Senkler was well known as a Liberal, and for a number of years was president of the *Vancouver Liberal Association*. In 1909 he unsuccessfully contested the Vancouver District for the *Legislative Assembly*, and for the *House of Commons* in the general election of 1911. John Harold Senkler died in Vancouver on March 28th, 1926, at age 70.



Louis D. Taylor — Mayor of Vancouver 1910–1911

Louis Denison Taylor was born 1858 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and was educated in public and high school only in that state. On leaving school, he was employed as a collector, teller, accountant and auditor. In 1897 Taylor left for the west with the intention of going to Alaska, but on arriving in Vancouver he was persuaded to locate in British Columbia. He spent the best part of a year prospecting, living in the wide-open spaces of Northern BC, and was employed by the CPR at Revelstoke for a short period. Returning to Vancouver, Taylor joined the staff of the *Vancouver Province*, where he was employed for seven years, and then purchased the *Daily World* which he published up until 1914. He entered public life in BC in 1900 when he was elected to the office of *License Commissioner*. Taylor ran three times unsuccessfully for the office of Alderman in Vancouver. He then decided to run for Mayor, on the second attempt Taylor was elected, and served in that capacity in 1910–1911, 1915, 1925–1928, and 1931–1934. Louis Taylor died in Vancouver on June 4th, 1946, at the age of 88.



Robert Kelly — Kelly Douglas & Co.

Robert Kelly was born in Russell, Ontario, on August 15th, 1862, and attended the public schools of Russell until the age of fifteen. In 1887 Kelly arrived in Vancouver where he first became attached to the wholesale grocery house of *Oppenheimer Bros.* and soon became known all over BC from Vancouver Island to Kootenay and north into the Cariboo. In the early 1890s he opened a retail business of his own, but in a short time joined Mr. William Braid in a firm known as *Braid & Kelly*. Leaving that partnership, he was joined by Frank Douglas about 1896 and the new firm opened on Water Street. The initial success of the firm's business was achieved during the Klondike gold rush. *Kelly, Douglas & Co.*'s name soon became known from Vancouver to the mouth of the Yukon River. As head of *Kelly, Douglas & Co.*, Kelly was one of the coterie of able business men who laid the foundations of Vancouver's greatness. Kelly was a staunch Liberal in politics, and during the general elections for the *House of Commons* in 1900 he acted as representative and treasurer for the Liberal party in British Columbia, and was also Treasurer and Honourary President of the *Vancouver Liberal Association*. Kelly was also a prominent member of the Vancouver, Terminal City, and Western Clubs, and an active participant in the proceedings of the *Vancouver Board of Trade*. Robert Kelly died in Vancouver on June 22nd, 1922, at age 60.