

Michael Costello, Vancouver Alderman – December 31, 1888

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#### MICHAEL COSTELLO

a representative of Ward 4, is an Irishman, and is rated a good fellow by all that know him. He brings new blood, grit, wit, and common sense into the Council for 1889, and is sure to ably second his colleague, G.S. McConnell, in carrying out the necessary measures for the benefit of the ward he represents. Mr. Costello was born in the County Galway, Ireland, in the year 1844, and emigrated when a boy of 9 years of age to the city of New York, where he learnt the tanning trade. From 1862 to 1863 he served in the ranks in the U.S. Army, and was present at the engagements of Harper's Ferry and Obistee. At the latter place he was captured and held prisoner of war for 300 days. On his release he rejoined under General Sherman and an armistice was arranged and the force was disbanded. In New York he received the major part of his education in the school in the district in which he resided. In the year 1873 Mr. Costello left New York and, in company with his brother, commenced farming near Farmington, Dakota County, Minnesota, which, however, he gave up and came to Victoria direct, having heard so much of our beautiful Province. For a term of five years Mr. Costello worked in his trade in the city of Victoria, but seeing in his mind's eye that the future metropolis of British Columbia was certain to be here on the mainland, he invested his savings in real estate in our townsite, principally in the ward he represents, and has no reason to regret his investments. Most of his property he bought before the fire of 1886. Although this is the first year that Mr. Costello lays claim to the title of Alderman, it will probably not be the last. His views on the ne-

cessity for general advancement in Vancouver are known to the public and the feeling prevails that, besides his colleague G.S. McConnell, no more fit or proper person could have been chosen to represent [Ward 5](#).