

guests to drink her Majesty's health. During the evening a great number of speeches were made. Mr. Fraser, in drinking *solus* the health of his guests, made a most pleasing and affecting speech, which was warmly applauded. Sir John A. Macdonald was called upon to reply for the guests, which he did in his customary style of happy lightness, combined with touching remembrances of the youth of his host, and of the manhood of his host's father, who had borne arms for his country in the old times. Sir John made more than one speech in the course of the evening, and in each he expressed the pride he felt in having had the happiness of appointing to office a man who for twenty-one years could retain in so cordial a manner the good will of the Bar of Ottawa.

"Speeches were made in reply to the toast of the Bench by Mr. Justice Gwynne and Mr. Justice Bourgeois; in response to the Bar of Ontario, by Hon. Mr. Cockburn; in response to the Bar of Quebec, by Messrs. Doutre and Carter; and in response to the Bar of Nova Scotia, by Messrs. Haliburton and Griffin. The festivity was prolonged to a late hour; but the last act was the most pleasing. At some time after midnight Mr. Robert Lees, Q.C., asking for silence, made a speech in which he said that the Bar had no idea of permitting Mr. Fraser to do all the kindness on the occasion, and that they desired to show their appreciation of Mr. Fraser by an address and a testimonial. The address was read, and the testimonial was produced. Of course the address was kindly eloquent, and the testimonial was beautiful. It consisted of a most elegant epergne and a silver desert service of many pieces, of great value, and of chaste design. Mr. Fraser was, *bona fide*, taken by surprise; he was confused; he was affected. He made a speech which was most affecting, and which, in its broken pathos, was more eloquent than any rush of words could be. We hope that Mr. Fraser may recover his health and see many happy returns of his official anniversary."

Mr. Fraser was first married in October, 1851, to Miss Bill, of Bytown (Ottawa), she dying December 2, 1857, leaving two children, Anna Maria and Alexander James. The son is in the Department of Justice. His second marriage was on the 26th of August, 1869, to Gordon Fraser, granddaughter of Abraham A. Rapelje, the late sheriff of the district of Talbot, Upper Canada, and daughter of Henry Van Allen Rapelje, of Simcoe, late sheriff of the county of Norfolk. By her he has four children: Mabel Gordon, Henry Van Allen Alexander, John Alexander Macdonald, and Murray Nairne.

The above sketch was written in February, 1879, and on the 5th of the next month Mr. Fraser died of the disease with which he had long been afflicted. His loss was deeply felt in Ottawa, of which city he had long been a useful citizen, and where he had many warm friends.

JOHN HORSMAN,

GUELPH.

JOHN HORSMAN, the oldest and leading hardware merchant in the city of Guelph at this writing (Nov., 1879), is a native of Birmingham, England, dating his birth July 18, 1827. His father was John Horsman, senior, many years a miller, and afterwards holding a Government office; and his mother, before her marriage, was Frances Philip. The son received a good English education; sufficient for all practical business purposes; served an apprenticeship at the hardware business in his native town; in 1848 came to Canada, and after halting a short time in Toronto, located in Hamilton, where he remained as a clerk in a hardware store until 1855, when he settled in Guelph. Here he has been in constant trade for nearly a quarter