

sat in the N. W. Assembly for Lethbridge in the Can. interest since g. e. 1891, and was apptd. a mem. of Mr. Haultain's Cabinet, N.W.T., Oct., 1897.—*Lethbridge, N.W.T.*

MAHAFFY, His Honour William Cosby, District Judge, is the 2nd s. of John Mahaffy, M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., and grands. of Rev. Arthur Mahaffy, late Rector of Bailieboro' and Fermanagh, Irel. B. at Bondhead, Ont., Mch. 1, 1849, he was ed. at Barrie High Sch. and at U. C. Coll., took honours at the Law Sch. at Osgoode Hall, and was called to the bar, 1876. He practised throughout at Bracebridge, and was apptd. 1st Dist. Judge of the united Provis. Judicial Dist. of Muskoka and Parry Sound, June 14, 1888. He was also for some yrs. R. O. under the E. F. Act. At the time of his appt. His Honour enjoyed the distinction of being the young judge in the Dom. He is a mem. of the Ch. of Eng., and m. Jesse Sarah, the very clever and accomplished dau. of Geo. Hughes, C.E., Iron Bridge Inspr. G. T. Ry., by his wife Jessie Nicholson, Lévis, P.Q.—*"The Rockies," Bracebridge; Sandy Bay Lake, Muskoka, Ont.*

MAIR, Charles, poet, is the s. of the late Jas. Mair, a native of Scot., who, coming to Can., became one of the pioneers of the square timber trade on the Ottawa River. B. at Lanark, Ont., Sept. 21, 1840, he was ed. at Perth Grammar Sch. and at Queen's Univ., Kingston. He likewise studied Med. for a time at the last-named institution. An early contributor to the press, on general subjects, he published, in 1868, a volume, entitled "Dreamland, and other Poems," which the late G. T. Lanigan pronounced "the first book in which a poet had used his own eyes and given his own sights and ideas, and this in language and in music of artistic beauty and of indubitable strength." His second volume, "Tecumseh, a Drama" (1886), was an effort in another direction, but "whether the book be considered as poetry, as history, or as a contribution to the right understanding

of the Indian character," it was, in the opinion of W. D. Le Sueur, "the most important addition which had been made for some years to Canadian letters." Since then Mr. M. has written "The Last Bison," and it is now understood that he has in preparation 2 works of even greater interest than those already published, viz.: "The Fountain of Bemini" and "The Conquest of Canada." Mr. M. suffered a severe loss during the first Riel rebellion in the N. W. T., in which he was an active participant on the loyal side, by the destruction by the rebels of many valuable MS. papers belonging to him. Prior to that event he was the correspondent, at Fort Garry, of the *Montreal Gazette*, and wrote a brilliant series of papers for that journal, called "Canada in the Far West." He served throughout the second rebellion in the N. W. T. as an officer in the G. G. Body Guard (medal). He lived formerly at Prince Albert, but subsequently went to the Okanagan Country, B. C., where he engaged in farming. In 1896 he returned to Prince Albert. Mr. M. was one of the founders of the "Canada First" party, 1870, and remains of the same way of thinking to this day. He is a Fellow of the Royal Soc. of Can. In religious faith, a Presb., he m. Sept., 1869, Miss Eliza Mackenney, niece of the late Sir John C. Schultz, K.C.M.G.—*Prince Albert, N.W.T.*

"His lyricism is of a lofty flight, and his eye for the picturesque, as exhibited in Canadian nature, is that of a born artist."—*John Leeperance.*

MAIR, David Beveridge, scholar, is the s. of the late Rev. Jas. Mair (Presb.), and was b. at Martintown, Ont., where his father was pastor for some yrs., Mch. 24, 1868. Ed. at Dollar Acad., near Stirling, Scot., and at the Univ. of Edinburgh (M.A.), he afterwards entered Christ Coll., Cambridge, where he became a foundation scholar. He proceeded to the B.A. degree, 1891, being placed 2nd wrangler in the Math. Tripos, Part I. He presented himself for Part II. of the same Tripos,