

ected, defeating no less a personage than Sir John A. Macdonald, who had held Kingston as a "pocket borough" for a great number of years. Mr. Gunn was again elected at the last general election, and as time moves on he seems to become a greater favorite than ever with his friends of the Limestone City. In politics he has always been a steadfast Liberal, and it makes his election victories all the more important that he not alone defeated the Conservative chief, as we have already seen, but defeated him in the very centre of old Torydom. Mr. Gunn married, on the 13th October, 1864, at Kingston, Angélique Agnes Matthews, daughter of the late Robert Matthews.

Wigle, Lewis, Leamington, M.P. for South Essex, was born in the township of Gosfield, in the County of Essex, on March 10th, 1845. He is a son of Solomon Wigle, and Ann Iler. Mr. Wigle, senior, represented the County of Essex in the first Ontario Legislature, from 1867 till 1871, and who was a staunch supporter of Sandfield Macdonald. Solomon Wigle had the first contract, in 1860, for carrying the mails from Leamington to Windsor, and it will be interesting to state that Lewis Wigle carried it the first time it went over the road, and continued to do so for a year. He then left the rather laborious work, and took the position of clerk in a store for a year, when he returned to the farm, upon which he wrought in summer, and attended school in the winter. His father established him in a business at Leamington, in 1864, when he was nineteen years old; and there he has resided ever since, carrying on a business which has given him handsome profits. Mr. Wigle was reeve of the township of Mersea, from 1867 till 1875; was elected to represent South Essex in the Ontario Legislature, at the gen-

eral election 1875; but was unseated on petition, and re-elected in September, 1875, defeating his mother's brother on both occasions by a majority, first, of 47; and, subsequently, of 384. He was again elected at the general election in 1879, defeating, the present member, Balfour, by a majority of 159. He resigned his seat in 1882, and tried conclusions with the Dominion candidate, and was elected to the Commons, defeating William McGregor, ex-M.P., by a majority of sixty votes. Mr. Wigle is president of the Leamington and St. Clair Railway Co., and secured a subsidy for the same in the session of 1885, from the government, of \$3,200 per mile. Operations upon this road have just now commenced. Mr. Wigle is a member of four different agricultural societies, and belongs to the executive committee of the Conservative Union, Toronto. A staunch and able party-man, he has done considerable "stumping" in favour of the national policy; he took part in the bye-elections held in West Northumberland, in 1885; in East Simcoe, and in West Kent, 1885, and in the local bye-election held in 1885. In politics, Mr. Wigle is a Liberal-Conservative of the most pronounced type. He has always watched political questions closely, and the views that he entertains upon public matters are the result of close investigation. He has been always zealous in the furtherance of his party's interests, and when he sat in the Ontario Legislature, he was one of the Liberal-Conservative whips. He is regarded as a very useful member of the House of Commons, being active in watching the interests of his own constituency, and at the same time keeping himself well informed upon the general business with which parliament deals. Mr. Wigle is a Methodist. He married, on October 14th, 1868, Rebecca Hairsine.

