

captain, and kept up his connection with the volunteers until 1882. He was a member of the school board of Trenton for fourteen or fifteen consecutive years, and assisted in building up the excellent system of graded and grammar schools; and was also in the town council eight years, and strove to promote the best interests of the town, being always known as a public-spirited man. In 1881, when Trenton was incorporated as a town, Dr. Day was elected its first mayor, and held that office for two years. In 1860 he was appointed coroner for Hastings, and in the united counties of Northumberland and Durham. He was also president of the Provisional Board of Directors of the Central Ontario Railway. Dr. Day is a Freemason, and has taken a very active part in the order. He has been master of the Blue Lodge, and he has also filled the chairs in the Chapter and in the Encampment, and is a past district deputy grand master and past district superintendent. He is a Methodist in religion. In politics he is a Reformer, and comes of an old reform family. He married on December 31st, 1857, Eliza Anne Purdy, of Ernestown, whose father was a native of Canada, and her mother of the State of New York. The doctor is full of public spirit and enterprise; is a skilful, successful and popular practitioner, and in the social circle has many well-wishers. He is one of the class of wide-idea men to whom communities for ever remain under obligation.

Kent, John, Toronto, the subject of this sketch, was born in the City of Toronto, on the 8th of December, 1836. His parents were Joseph Kent and Ann, *nee* Newton, of Caistor, Lincolnshire, England. His father was a brickmaker in Caistor, but in 1836, he left the old country and came to Canada, and settled in Toronto. Here he engaged in trading, afterwards opening a shop on King street, in the Chewitt building, and on the site on which the Rossin House now stands. He remained in business until about 1860, when he retired, and, in 1882, he died. John Kent was educated in Canada, and received a public school education. He learned carpentering with Robert Briggs, and, after mastering the trade, worked at the same in different shops in Toronto, continuing until 1870, when he entered into business with his present partner, Frank Hillock. These enterprising gentlemen commenced operations on Bay street, as lumber dealers, and remained there until 1873, when they removed, owing

to the increase of their business, to the corner of Albert and Chestnut streets, where they now have one of the largest lumber yards in the City of Toronto, and where they do one of the most extensive trades pertaining to their line in the Dominion. Mr. Kent has always given evidence of much public spirit. He has belonged to the 10th Royals, now Grenadiers, and held the rank of sergeant, and he went with his company to the front at the time of the Fenian raid. In 1866, he was elected school trustee for St. John's ward, and continued in that office until 1882, when he retired; also, in 1882 he was elected alderman for St. John's ward, and re-elected in 1883. In 1885, he was appointed a justice of the peace. At the time of the semi-centennial of Toronto, Mr. Kent was appointed one of the musical committee, and faithfully performed his duties. He is a Freemason, and holds the office of pastmaster in St. Andrew's lodge, No. 16, G. R. C. He has travelled a good deal through the United States and Canada; and in 1884, he took a trip to Britain, and visited the chief cities and places of interest. In religion he is a Methodist, and belongs to the Carlton street Methodist church. He is superintendent of the sabbath school, which office he has held for a number of years. He is also president of the Toronto Methodist Sabbath-school Association. In politics he is a Reformer. He was married, in 1858, to Mary Jane McCloskey, daughter of George McCloskey. Mr. Kent has a family of eight children, two girls and six boys, one of whom, Newton Kent, is attending the University of Toronto, intending, after graduation, to study the profession of law. Mr. Kent's career has been highly creditable to himself, and to those who bear his name.

Awrey, Nicholas, M.P.P., Binbrook, the subject of this sketch, was born in the township of Binbrook, County of Wentworth, Ontario, on the 8th of June, 1851. Mr. Awrey is descended from German-Scottish stock. His ancestors belonged to an old German family, who had settled in New England some years before the war of independence, and were possessed of considerable means, but when the colonies revolted, they sacrificed all, and took up their abode in a land where they could see the British flag wave in the breeze. His father was Israel Awrey, whose mother was a Miss Macpherson, a lady of Scottish descent, and his wife was Miss Rymal, a daughter of George Rymal. Young Awrey, attended in his earlier years the public schools of Went-