

ated with some of the most extensive and important corporate interests in the Dominion. He is the vice-president of the National Trust Company and director and treasurer of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, and director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, of the Western Assurance Company, of the Canada Life Assurance Company, of the Sao Paulo Light & Power Company, and of the Mexican Light & Power Company.

On the 15th of July, 1891, at Peterboro, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Agnes Euphemia Smart, and they have one daughter, Mildred P. S. Wood. He has pleasant social and club relations, but his time and energies are practically absorbed in business and his life demonstrates the possibilities that lie before a young man, energetic, industrious and clear headed. His record shows that one of the necessities for an important place in the business world is not necessarily age and years of methodical preparation, but rather a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to every day common sense. He is energetic, prompt and notably reliable and his course excites the respect of his business associates and the admiration of all who know aught of his history.

SIR WILLIAM RALPH MEREDITH.

The Hon. Sir William Ralph Meredith, whose unfaltering fidelity to principle as well as his marked intellectual force and professional ability has made him one of the most honored citizens of the province, is now Chief Justice of the Common Pleas of Ontario. He was born in the township of Westminster, Middlesex, Ontario, March 31, 1840, pursued his early education there and in the London district grammar school. His literary training was received in Toronto University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1872 and he studied for his profession under the late Thomas Scatcherd, Q.C., M.P., and was called to the Bar in 1861. He practised for some years in partnership with his former preceptor and as a pleader made a notable record, possessing the analytical faculty to an unusual degree, while his great powers in cross-examination, combined with the convincing earnestness of his presentation of his cause, soon made