

work has been done in the municipality of Dundas, he being in the council a number of years, and mayor in 1876, 1877 and 1878. His practical good sense and working qualities cropped out there as well as in his own shops. He has also been of good service at times on the school board, and is a justice of the peace.

Though not a rabid politician, nor in this respect very active, Mr. Wilson is an unwavering Reformer, and is president of the local association of his party, and has a high standing in its councils. In religion he is a Presbyterian, and has been one of the managers of Knox church for years. His character stands well, and in religion as well as secular matters is active and efficient.

His wife was Miss Agnes Jardine, a native of Renfrewshire, Scotland. They were married June 13, 1851, have lost two children, and have eight living. Charles, the eldest son, is married and lives in Dundas; Mary is the wife of John A. McMahon, of Kingston, and the rest are single.

ROBINSON LYON,

ARNPRIOR.

ONE of the best known men in the county of Renfrew, is Robinson Lyon, more than forty years a hotel-keeper in the Province of Ontario. He is a son of George and Elstet (Phillip) Lyon; and was born in Inverury, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, January 13, 1811. His father was bailie of that place for 49 years. In 1830 our subject married Miss Mary Ann Bank, of Bath, Eng., and six years afterwards came to Upper Canada, settling at Richmond, county of Carleton, where he was a farmer and hotel-keeper for four years. The next fourteen years he was in hotels in Ottawa and at Chaudiere Falls. In 1854 he was burnt out in the Exchange hotel at Ottawa, having no insurance, and losing not only his house, but stables and several valuable horses. For a number of years while keeping a hotel, Mr. Lyon, in company with John L. Wilkinson, ran a tri-weekly stage to Montreal and a daily one to Prescott. He had also the mail contract for seven years from Ottawa to Franktown.

After the great loss by fire, Mr. Lyon removed to his present home, purchasing his present house, known far and wide as Lyon's hotel. In 1859, on the completion of the railway from Brockville to Almonte, he ran a daily stage to that point, and was appointed the first ticket agent at Arnprior, holding that situation a year or two, never, however, relinquishing his hotel, which has always been a favorite resort of travelers.

The first wife of Mr Lyon died before he removed to Arnprior, after giving birth to ten children; and, in 1847, he married Miss Flora McMillen, from Glengarry, Ontario, by whom he has eight children. Only three by the first wife and six by the second are now living.