

of the council of the Dominion rifle association, and is one of the vice-presidents of the Ontario rifle association. Although having an aversion to political office, Col. Walker has by force of circumstances taken an active interest in politics in London and surrounding constituencies since 1874, on the Liberal side. At the elections for the Commons in that year he contested the city against the Hon. John Carling, and was elected by a majority of over seventy votes, but subsequently was unseated. He again contested the seat in 1878 and was defeated by Mr. Carling.

The wife of Col. Walker is Laura, daughter of Jacob Hespeler, of Hespeler, Ont., by whom he has one child—a daughter.

JOHN F. DEWAR, M.D.,

PORT HOPE.

JOHN FORREST DEWAR, physician and surgeon, was a son of John Dewar, advocate, Edinburgh, Scotland, and was there born, May 3, 1834. The maiden name of his mother was Elizabeth Burnet. The Dewars are an old Mid-Lothian family. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a surgeon in Edinburgh.

Dr. Dewar received his literary and medical education in his native city; walked several hospitals on the continent, with a special view of witnessing surgical operations; practised a short time at Turin, Italy, and in 1859 emigrated to Canada and settled in Port Hope, here practising until his demise, August 8, 1877.

Dr. Dewar stood very high in the medical profession in the Province, and was for one term President of the Medical Council of Ontario. Surgery was his favorite branch of the healing art, though he was in general practice, and had an extensive business. He was physician to Trinity College School from its foundation till he died, and took great interest in educational matters, serving as trustee of the public schools of Port Hope for some time. He did a great deal of business as consulting physician and surgeon, his judgment being superior as well as his skill, and was frequently called to a considerable distance from home.

Dr. Dewar was the first man at Port Hope to administer chloroform to patients, and for some time the only physician in this vicinity that made a practice of its use. In this direction as in every other, he was a success. He was a great reader, a thorough medical student all his days, and had one of the best medical libraries in these parts. His tastes and studies were decidedly scientific. A few years before his death, the Doctor met with a serious railroad accident, from which he never fully recovered.

He was a member of St. John's Episcopal church, and died as he had lived, strong in the christian faith. He was a liberal supporter of the Gospel, and of benevolent objects.