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Mr. Workman attributes his lengthened and successful life to his uncompromising detestation of intoxicating liquors, and his own strictly temperate habits; and the writer once heard him remark that he should like to leave this motto for his posterity: "Our ancestor, Alexander Workman, did not use strong drink, not even wine, neither will we ever do it." His history, briefly told, leaves its own wholesome lesson.

# ARCHIBALD MACDONALD,

### GUELPH.

A RCHIBALD MACDONALD, senior judge of the county of Wellington, is a native of this Province, being born in Cobourg, county of Northumberland, on the 7th of August, 1833. His father was Captain Macdonald, who was in the war against Napoleon, serving ten years in the British army. He was educated at Victoria College, in his native town; commenced the study of law there in 1840; practised his profession there from 1845 to 1854, when he was appointed judge of the county of Wellington, and settled at Guelph. His knowledge of law is very extensive, and when sitting on the bench he brings to bear on the decisions of cases a rich fund of common sense, and an intimate knowledge of the laws. He is a patient investigator, and very courteous to suitors and the Bar, and has had for years the reputation of being one of the best judges in Ontario.

Judge Macdonald was chairman of the board of education here for many years, and while in health took much interest in improving the character of the schools, and in trying to promote the general welfare of the town, now a city. Latterly he has been laid aside from official and all other duties, being a confirmed invalid, never leaving his room. He is very much respected in the county of Wellington, and wherever known.

In 1854 he married Jane Ann Wright, a native of Canada, and has four children.

# ADAM J. BAKER, M.P.P.,

#### METCALFE.

A DAM J. BAKER, who is serving his second term in the Ontario parliament for the riding of Russell, is of Holland descent, grandson of William Baker, a United Empire Loyalist, and son of William Baker, junior, formerly a merchant at Osnabruck, county of Stormont, where our subject was born September 22, 1821. His mother was Ann Eve Waldorff. He received such a preliminary education as the country schools furnished fifty years ago, adding to it by

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