

Bracebridge was incorporated; and then Mr. Dill was elected councillor of the village. He served as reeve for the years 1878, 1879, 1882 and 1883, and was appointed warden of the County of Victoria in 1882. In the fall of 1883, having received the nomination of the Reform convention for the District of Muskoka and Parry Sound, he contested the election for the seat in the Ontario Legislature—made vacant by the disqualification of the Conservative member, Mr. Farquhar, who had carried the riding with a majority of 200—with Gilbert Eachern, the Conservative candidate, defeating him by 127 votes. Mr. Dill is a Freemason, lodge No. 360, Muskoka, and has been secretary of the same; is also a member of A.O.U.W., and is treasurer of lodge No. 204, Bracebridge. He is a staunch Reformer in politics, and was president of the Reform Association of Bracebridge for some time. In religion, he is a Presbyterian, but at the same time liberal in his views, believing the conscience of each one should be the guide in all religious matters. But he regards it as the bounden duty of all persons to connect themselves with some church, since the churches occupy such a vital place in the moral and religious life of the people. Since 1875 Mr. Dill has taken an active interest in agricultural matters, and upon the organization of the Muskoka District Agricultural Society, he was appointed its treasurer. This position he still holds, and during 1881 he was chairman of the Muskoka Fire Relief Committee, in which he took a deep interest, owing to the sufferings of the inhabitants from bush fires being very great. Mr. Dill married in the fall of 1868, Mary Annie, eldest daughter of the late James Wright, of Penetanguishene, one of the oldest residents of that district, and has by this lady nine of a family. Mr. Dill is much devoted to manly games and pastimes, such as canoeing, shooting, fishing, cricket, and all the other healthful exercises. His energy of character is very marked, and he is admitted to be a capable and well informed member of the legislature.

Hudson, William Parker, Roslin, Ontario, M.P.P. for East Hastings, was born in the township of Thurlow, Hastings, on the 13th February, 1841. His father was Charles Hudson, and his mother Margaret, daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Armstrong, a Church of England minister. Charles Hudson was born in England, and came to this country with his parents about the year 1820, settling in Montreal. His father, Samuel T. Hudson, was a machinist, and erected the first steam engine in the

City of Montreal. He removed to Prince Edward county and built large mills by the lake on the mountain; and died in the County of Haldimand in 1877. Charles Hudson, his son, learned the blacksmithing trade, and continued at the same for a time, then retiring to his farm where he still resides. He has six of a family, the subject of this sketch being the eldest son. William P. Hudson received a common school education, and at the age of fourteen entered his father's shop as apprentice to the blacksmithing trade. He remained so employed until his twenty-fourth year, when his father retired and assigned the shop to him. That the enterprise and business abilities of Mr. Hudson may be seen, we may state that in two years from the time of his taking the premises, he had worked up a business of from \$2,000 to \$12,000 per annum. He continued in this business until 1885, when he retired from active life. In 1874 he was elected deputy-reeve of the township of Thurlow, Hastings county, and remained in office for three years, each year being elected by acclamation. In 1882 he entered the municipal council as deputy-reeve, and in 1883 contested the east riding of the County of Hastings against N. S. Appleby, the Reform candidate, defeating him by a majority of seventy-seven votes. Mr. Hudson is treasurer of the East Riding of Hastings Agricultural Association; is a Conservative, and president of the Conservative Association of his own riding. He is a Presbyterian, and an elder of his church in the village of Roslin. Mr. Hudson married on the 9th of January, 1866, Jane, daughter of James Fargay, a retired farmer of the township of Thurlow, and has by this lady three children. Mr. Hudson is not often heard upon the floor of the legislature, and it would be well if the same could be said of many of the members of the House. But he carefully watches and weighs questions, and is ready at the right moment with a well fortified opinion upon a given dispute. This quality, allied to his ceaseless industry, has begotten much respect for his judgment.

Lumsden, Hugh David, Montreal, Dominion Land Surveyor, and Provincial Land Surveyor for the Province of Ontario, and member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, England, was born at Belhelvie Lodge, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, on the 7th of September, 1844. He is the youngest son of the late Colonel Thomas Lumsden, C.B., of Belhelvie Lodge, Aberdeenshire, and Hay Burnett, his wife, second daughter of John Bur-