

instead of making any loss, stock-taking showed that he had made enough to cover losses during the first two years, and had also a nice little sum to the good. After this period things went on smoothly enough from year to year till 1864, when Mr. Spiers bought out the business. With the slender capital, he having only the savings from a small salary, he was obliged to watch very closely for the first two or three years. Ten years later, in 1874, he was induced to purchase the buildings, which he now occupies. The last ten years has been a continuation of the same business with little change, and William Spiers has always been able to pay a hundred cents in the dollar, and has never had a note protested. In politics Mr. Spiers takes considerable interest, but he is of too independent a turn of mind to give his allegiance to any party. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, or Covenanters, as that body is called. Up to the time of his leaving Scotland, he was a member of this communion, and the people preserve the memory of the old times by holding services still at Drumclog, where Mr. Spiers used to attend. The subject of this sketch has not married.

Dupuis, Thomas R., M.D., F.R.C. P.S.K., M.R.C.S., Eng., Kingston, Ontario, was born in the township of Ernestown, on March 25, 1833. He moved with his parents to Portland, Frontenac county, in 1834, where he was brought up. His father was Joseph Dupuis, who was born in the County of Maskinonge, Province of Quebec, being a descendant from an old Dupuis family, which was amongst the first settlers of Lower Canada. M. Dupuis, senr., enlisted in the Canadian militia when a young man, and was at the battle of Chrysler's Farm; came thence to Kingston, where he was discharged, and received his scrip for land. Dr. Dupuis' mother was Eleanor, a daughter of James Baker, who was born at Tarrytown, New York state, in 1767, and left there with his father, Samuel, on the breaking out of the revolution. After suffering much hardship, the family reached Nova Scotia, being known as U. E. loyalists. The son entered the British army and served seventeen years, sometime in Jamaica, but chiefly in the maritime provinces and in Newfoundland. He married, and his only child, Eleanor, was born in Halifax, February 25th, 1800. He afterwards moved to Kingston, where Eleanor Baker married Joseph Dupuis. Joseph Dupuis and wife lived for some time in Kingston, then settled in Ernestown,

where two sons were born to them, and afterwards bought a farm in the township of Portland, Frontenac county, where two other sons were born. Joseph Dupuis' family consisted of four sons, the eldest of which is a farmer, the second is our subject, the third is professor of mathematics in the University of Queen's College, and the fourth is dead. Thomas R. was brought up to farming, educated at the common school, before and during the commencement of Dr. Ryerson's common school system. He studied classics and mathematics at an academy in Kingston, and obtained a first-class certificate, taught school several years, and privately studied the various branches of a liberal education during that time. He entered the medical school of Queen's College in 1856, and graduated M.D. in the spring of 1860. He practised first for a short time at Harrowsmith; then at Odessa; and in the spring of 1872 moved to Kingston. In 1864 he spent a summer in the Armory Square hospital, Washington, D.C., as assistant surgeon, United States army. In 1870 he took a summer session in the Harvard Medical school, attending the Massachusetts and City hospitals in Boston, and studying diseases of the eye under Drs. Williams and Derby, of the eye infirmaries. In 1871 he received the diploma of Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Kingston. In 1881 he crossed the ocean, and took the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Dr. Dupuis was inspector of schools for Portland, Barrie, Clarendon, Hinchinbrooke and Kennebec, for the years 1859 and 1860; was trustee of the public school at Odessa from 1862 to 1869; was alderman of the City of Kingston from 1874 to 1880, and again in 1882. He has been surgeon of Kingston hospital since 1874. He joined the Orange order in 1858, but for certain reasons has never taken an active part in that body; he became a master Mason in 1873. He has always been a Liberal-Conservative in politics; and is a member of the Sons of Temperance. In 1878 he was solicited to offer himself as a candidate for M.P. for the County of Frontenac, on an independent ticket, but declined the honour, on the grounds of being a personal friend and staunch supporter of the Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, and of having no ambition in that direction. Dr. Dupuis has travelled considerably in the United States and the eastern parts of Canada. He has twice visited Great Britain and Ireland, France,