

England. He is a member of the Church of England, and the Masonic Order, and is a Liberal in politics; represented the constituency of Humboldt, in the House of Commons 1904-1908. The subject of this sketch was a director of the Northern Bank and of the Saskatchewan Valley & Manitoba Land Company. He went originally to Winnipeg and embarked in the grain trade in 1883; was Secretary-Treasurer of the Manitoba Grand Company in 1896; removed to Rosthern in 1899; was largely instrumental in attracting American capital and settlers to that region, and while there organized Canadian Territories Corporation, of which he was President and Manager. This body holds the record for the value of its transactions among all the corporations existing in the west. Is an Anglican in religion and resides at 160 Mayfair Avenue, Winnipeg, and has also a residence at "Carberry Hill" Limona, Florida. His principal recreation is golf.

Diver, Frederick (Toronto, Ont.). Was born in London, Eng., and came to this country with his parents when a youth. Mr. Diver learned the business of electrotyping and stereotyping, engraving, designing and "The Art Preservative of All Arts," namely, printing. Some years ago, Mr. Diver established the Central Press Agency, Limited, of which he is the President. The head offices of the Company are situated at 110-16 York St., Toronto, and the Company has large business connections throughout the Dominion of Canada. Mr. Diver owes his success to his untiring industry, complete knowledge of the details of the various branches of the work of his Company, and to his practical business ability. His wife died a few years ago leaving her surviving children: Lt. F. G. Diver, who was since killed in action at the Battle of the Somme on Oct. 21, 1917; Ethel May, now wife of Halsey Wells of Detroit, U.S.A., and Victor Diver, Vice-President of the Central Press Agency, Ltd. Mr. Diver is a member of the National, Rosedale and Mississauga Clubs; of the Masonic Order, and also of the Church of England.

Bellemare, Adelard (St. Paulin, Que.). Was born March 2, 1871, at St. Paulin, County of Maskinonge, P.Q., son of Francois Bellemare and Delima Julien, both French-Canadians. His grandfather was a teacher in 1845. Was educated at Three Rivers Seminary. Was formerly professor for three years at the College de Joliette and St. Laurent. Married, Feb. 2, 1898, to Par-

melia, daughter of Edmond Bourgeois of Joliet, and is the father of six children: Hector Lucien, Maria, Albert, Jeanne and Cecile. Was lecturer for the C. N. d'Economie. Elected to the House of Commons at the general elections in 1911, as an Independent Conservative, to represent the constituency of Maskinonge. In religion Mr. Bellemare is a Roman Catholic.

Birkett, Thomas. Was born in Bytown (now Ottawa), February 1, 1844. He is the son of Miles and Elizabeth (Wren) Birkett, who came to Canada from Cumberland, England, in 1838, and who saw that he received a good education at the Public and Grammar Schools, and that he was thoroughly prepared for commercial business life. That their efforts were not in vain was shown at an early date, in the rapid and successful progress that greeted his efforts and ventures. But, and in addition, they had the good fortune to see their son make his mark in School, Municipal, Provincial and Dominion and other public affairs and to be elected to many public offices of trust where he distinguished himself in various ways and established an enviable record for progressive, reliable and lasting service. In every public office, to which he was elected he devoted the attention and care that was made so evident and pronounced in his private business with the result that he not only made good, but cemented and enlarged the confidence and esteem of those who had selected him as their representative. Whether as director or trustee of a public institution, as member of the city council, mayor of the city, or as member of Parliament, his conduct was the same and the result the same, viz., conscientious devotion to duty attended by successful results. Many a time it has been proclaimed, even by those who were politically opposed to him, that having rendered to the State the continuous and valuable public services that he did, and in a manner so effective, that he would long ago have been called to the Canadian Senate, and great has been the surprise that he has not been. But being still robust in health, mentally and physically, and his activities being as marked as they were in former years, it may not be out of place to say that a seat in the Senate will be honored by his presence at an early date. Having served as an apprentice in the hardware trade to Mr. Isaac, in 1866, Mr. Birkett opened a retail hardware store on Rideau Street, prospered, and soon had to remove to larger premises. For