

McDonald and Co., in 1869, afterwards in the firm of Allan and Biggar, and for the last four years has been alone in general merchandise, being a straightforward, popular man.

He was appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits in 1874, and a justice of the peace in 1877; was the first reeve of the village, when it was incorporated in 1874; served two consecutive years, and after being out three years, is again (1879), holding the same office. As the head of the municipality of the village, he looks well to its interests, no other man in the place having its welfare more at heart.

He is a member of Knox Presbyterian church, an elder and the treasurer of the same, and an earnest christian worker. At one period he superintended the Sunday school of his church in the village, and now holds the same position in a mission school in the country. He is a strong temperance man, and an untiring advocate of total abstinence principles. Mr. Allan is a Reformer; very liberal in his political views, but a strong advocate of the claims of his political confrères when they are up for office, and is treasurer of the West Riding Reform Association.

He is Past Master of the Clifford Lodge of Free Masons, and an Odd Fellow.

The wife of Mr. Allan was Kate, second daughter of Noah Bullock, deceased, of Clifford, their marriage being dated June 9, 1871.

HENRY CROTTY,

INGERSOLL.

AMONG the few men now living in Ingersoll who have had a taste of pioneer life, is Henry Crotty, one of the first men to locate on the north side of the Thames river. He was born in the county of Tipperary, Ireland, January 12, 1812, his parents being Henry Crotty, gentleman farmer, and Mary Antony. His paternal grandmother was a Cashel, a somewhat noted Irish family. In 1831, Henry Crotty, senior, emigrated with his family to Canada, coming directly to Ingersoll. There was then a small village here on the south side of the Thames river, but only two log cabins on the north side, just east of Thames street. The family reached here in November, and the winter following young Henry and his older brother, Richard, made an opening of eight or ten acres in the forest, unbroken before. A small beginning at farming was made the next season: new openings and more extensive sowing and planting were made from year to year, and from that humble start in 1832 our subject has carried on farming to this date. He had two hundred acres in what is now the town of Ingersoll, and another hundred outside the corporation. No inconsiderable portion of the original farm in the town was divided into lots, and sold long ago; and latterly the disposing of such property, and the building and care of houses and shops on other lots has absorbed much of Mr. Crotty's time. The