

in the Court of Queen's Bench, and is acting as custom house officer for Port Penetanguishine and other ports north and east. He was at one period a director of the Northern Railway, and was a returning officer for the county of Simcoe at the general election in 1872.

His politics are Conservative, and before becoming a Government officer, he was quite active, having a good deal of influence in his part of the county.

He is a Master Mason, a member of the Church of England, and a warden of St. Matthias' church at Coldwater.

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HON. C. F. FRASER, Q.C.,

BROCKVILLE.

HON. CHRISTOPHER FINLAY FRASER, Q.C., member for Brockville, and Commissioner of Public Works in the Executive Council of Ontario, is a native of Brockville, this Province, where he was born in October, 1839. He is of Scotch-Irish descent, his parents being John S. Fraser, a Scotch Highlander, and Sarah *née* Burke, of Irish extraction. His father early emigrated to Canada and settled at Brockville, where he engaged in business, and where his home has since been.

Our subject studied law with Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., of Brockville, and was called to the Bar, Upper Canada, Trinity term, in 1864; at once entered upon the practice of his profession in his native place, where he has continued to practise to the present time. In 1876, in recognition of his legal ability, Mr. Fraser was created a Queen's counsel.

Mr. Fraser early took an active interest in the political affairs of Canada, and at the first general election after Confederation, contested Brockville for the Provincial Parliament, but was unsuccessful. At the next general election, in 1871, was a candidate for South Grenville, but was again defeated. In March, 1872—to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the sitting member for the latter constituency, Mr. Fraser was elected. Subsequently, however, he was unseated on petition, but upon a new election taking place, in October of the same year, he was again successful, and on his appointment as member of the Executive Council, was returned by acclamation. At the general election in 1875 he was again re-elected for South Grenville, and in the last general election (1879), was elected for Brockville.

November 25, 1873, Mr. Fraser was appointed a member of the Executive Council, and held the offices of Provincial-Secretary and Registrar, from that time until the 4th of April, 1874, when he became Commissioner of Public Works.

He has always been an earnest Reformer in politics, and in the third parliament, he originated, advocated and had passed the Act giving to farmers' sons the right of suffrage. In supporting the Government Bills, and especially those placed under his immediate supervision, he