

regular law course, he was admitted an attorney, and called to the Bar of Upper Canada in Easter Term, 1864, since which time he has resided and practised his profession in Hamilton, being at present the senior member of the well-known law firm of Messrs. Chisholm and Hazlett. He enjoys an enviable reputation as a lawyer of recognised ability, and has attained a high standing in the profession. One of his leading characteristics is to throw his whole energies into whatever he undertakes to accomplish, and being an indefatigable and untiring worker, and possessing more than ordinary powers of endurance, his labors have been as exacting and multifarious as his talents are diversified. Never having been ill, he has been, and still is able to endure great fatigue, even to working twenty-four hours a day if necessary, and it is doubtless largely owing to these qualities that he has been enabled to undertake, carry on and succeed in so many enterprises, and still seem, to the wonder of many, always fresh and vigorous both mentally and physically.

Mr. Chisholm has always taken an active interest in municipal affairs, and was elected a member of the city council in 1869, and again in 1870. In the following year he was elected Mayor, and re-elected in 1872, filling the office of Chief Magistrate with marked ability and satisfaction. In politics he has been identified with the Conservative party, though reserving independence of action. At the general election in August, 1872, he was elected to the House of Commons, for Hamilton, and retained that seat until the dissolution of Parliament in January, 1874, when he retired from that constituency, and was elected for the County of Halton as an independent candidate, though under the auspices of the Liberal-Conservative party. He retained this seat in the Commons until 1875, when, the election having been contested, it was declared vacant, and at the subsequent election, Mr. Chisholm was defeated, since which time he has taken no active part in politics.

He has long been identified with many prominent financial and other institutions, and is President of the Standard Fire Insurance Company, the Alliance Insurance Company, and the Canada Loan and Banking Company; a Director in the Mutual Life Association of Canada, the Ontario Camp Ground Company, and the Navy Island Fruit Growing Association; and has been President of the Burlington Literary Society of Hamilton, and Chairman of the Provincial Board of Directors of the Hamilton and North Western Railway Company. He has also taken some interest in militia matters, and is a Major in the Sedentary Militia of Hamilton.

The great cause of Temperance has always held in Mr. Chisholm an active, earnest advocate. He favors prohibition and total abstinence, and never having used intoxicating drinks in any form, he has been a consistent worker for this great moral reformation. As an able speaker and a ready writer, as well as by his exemplary habits, he has unquestionably done much to advance the work of temperance. He was the first President of the Hamilton Gospel Temperance Reform Club, which position he still holds, having been elected