

dist church of Canada, and Recording Steward of the same, and has been a generous contributor towards the building of several churches, both in the town and country. His heart is also in the temperance cause, in which he is an honest worker. In 1875 he was a delegate to the Dominion Prohibitory Convention.

Since 1868 Mr. McCraney has lived in Oakville, selling his last farm in 1878, and has been constantly in some civil office commencing with the next year, when he became a town councillor and high school trustee, holding those positions until 1872. He then held the office of mayor two years, being elected by acclamation; after which he went into the county council, and was there until January, 1876. Prior to this date, January 25, 1875, he was elected to the Dominion Parliament, having contested the riding of Halton in the Reform interest, and receiving a handsome majority. He was defeated for the same seat in September, 1878.

He has always taken a deep interest in county matters, encouraging enterprise tending to develop resources of every kind, and is an influential and popular man. He has been President of the Trafalgar Agricultural Society, and Director of the Trafalgar and County Societies at sundry times, taking a very active part in agricultural concerns. At one time he owned three or four farms.

On the 24th of May, 1857—the Queen's birth-day—Mr. McCraney married Miss Elizabeth Coote, daughter of Charles Coote, of Trafalgar, and of ten children, the fruit of this union, two sons and six daughters are living, most of them being engaged in securing an education.

Daniel McCraney, spoken of above, was born at Trafalgar, July 1, 1834; educated at the Oakville grammar school; studied law, and was called to the Bar in 1871, and is practising at Bothwell. He was first elected to the local Parliament in 1875 to represent East Kent, and was re-elected in June, 1879. Like his brother, he is a Reformer, thorough-going and unswerving, and ably supports the Mowat Administration.

GEORGE DUVAL,

OTTAWA.

GEORGE DUVAL, *precis* writer and secretary of the chief justice and the judges of the Supreme Court of the Dominion, was born in the city of Quebec, on the 19th of December, 1843. His parents were Joseph Duval, merchant, and Adelaide Dubuc, the latter now being the wife of John F. Duval, late chief justice of the Province of Quebec. George was educated at the Jesuits' College, Montreal, graduating in 1861; studied law first with Messrs. Holt and Irvine, then with L. B. Caron, advocate, being called to the Bar in 1865. He immediately entered upon practice in partnership with Mr. Caron, who has since been appointed judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec.