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Thomas Galt spent his early life and received his school education in England and Scotland; in his eighteenth year he emigrated to Canada, and settled in Toronto, when he entered the employ of the Canada Company; remained in their office about six years, at the end of which time he became a student at law with the late Hon. Chief Justice Draper; was called to the Bar U. C. Easter Term, 1845, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession. For nearly a quarter of a century he occupied a prominent position at the Bar, and from an early period in his professional career, was entrusted with the solicitorship of various railways, insurance companies, &c. As a criminal lawyer, he stood in the front rank, having been engaged in very many of the most celebrated cases during his practice at the Bar:

In 1858 he was made a Queen's Counsel, and in Easter Term, 1869, his distinguished abilities were further recognized by his elevation to the Bench as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Ontario. That his appointment was a judicious one, has been fully verified by the experience of the ten years which have intervened since then. Judge Galt belongs to the Church of England, and is a constant attendant at the services in St. James' Cathedral. He was married in October, 1847, to Frances Louisa, daughter of James Marshall Perkins, and from this union there are nine surviving children, five sons and four daughters.

ROBERT J. GUNN, M.D.,

WHITBY.

ROBERT JOHN GUNN, thirty-seven years a Physician and Surgeon in Whitby, was born in the parish of Watten, County of Caithness, Scotland, February 14, 1815, his father being Rev. Alexander Gunn, a Minister of the Kirk of Scotland, and his mother, Elizabeth née Arthur. His maternal grandfather, Robert Arthur, was also a Minister of the same denomination. Robert was educated at a private school and at the University of Edinburgh; studied medicine in that city; became a Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; practised two years at Thurso, in his native county; in the autumn of 1842 he emigrated to Canada West, now Ontario, and settled in Whitby, and has practised here steadily, with the exception of three or four months, from that date, being a Licentiate of the Medical Board of Ontario. When he first located in this township, what is now the town of Whitby, with its three thousand five hundred inhabitants, was nothing more than a four-corners, with two or three stores, a post office, and a few mechanics shops. The country was thinly populated, the roads were poor, the streams rarely bridged, physicians scarce, and the Doctor had, from necessity, very long and tedious rides, often extending thirty miles northward through half-cleared forests. In a work like this we cannot enter into the details of the

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