

forgiving goodness of heart, and was an enthusiastic and prominent member of the Mosaic body and the St. George's Society.

His son, R.W. Bro. R. W. Barker, received his education at the Kingston and Chatham Grammar schools.

On 27th November, 1857, he entered the Government service as a junior clerk in the Postoffice Department, rising step by step to the 3rd, 2nd, and 1st class; promoted Inspector in 1870, transferred to the 1st District in 1880, and in 1890 to the Inspectorship of Toronto district, from which, on 1st October last, he retired on the superannuation list, at his own request, having been forty years in her Majesty's service.

In private life Mr. Barker has been since early youth a valuable citizen wherever he has been stationed, entering heartily into every function conducive to the welfare and happiness of his fellow-men. Our space forbids us to enumerate a tithe of good acts that are chronicled of him; we must be content with a brief summary of the societies, etc., in which he takes a lively and earnest interest. As a member of the Church of England, he was warden of St. Paul's, Kingston; lay member to the Synod of Ontario from St. Paul's Cathedral, London, for many years, and member of its choir; was president of St. George's Society, Kingston, 1879, and in London held the same office for 1886, 1888, and 1887. Societies—W.M., T.U., London, A.F. and A.M., G.R.C., London, elected to the chair of Grand Senior Warden, G.L.C.; a member of the Chapter R.A.M. both in Kingston and London, and Scottish Rite, 14th degree. A member of the Royal Arcanum. Has always cheerfully assisted by his magnificent powers as a vocalist at all concerts and entertainments for benevolent purposes, many of which would but for his active help have proved failures. Mr. Barker, as a marksman, is in the front rank, as his scores at various target contests amply testify.

On the 26th of March, 1867, he was united in wedlock to Miss Simpson, daughter of the late Wm. Simpson, Esq., Kingston. Four children have blessed this union, three sons and one daughter.

We had almost omitted a pleasing incident in Mr. Barker's official life. As Inspector he was requested by the Chief of the Six Nation Indians to arrange a daily mail from Onondaga to Oshkewon, for the convenience of those residing there; as it incurred no great additional expense, Mr. Barker advised their request should be granted. In gratitude the Council appointed him a chief, and with due ceremony installed him under the euphonious appellation of "Karihon-tye," which, being interpreted into the vernacular, signifies "Flying Messenger."

We understand that the excellent, who is in the prime of life and excellent health, intends taking an active interest shortly in some monetary institution, where his standing is assured, and where his native intellect will find sufficient occupation.

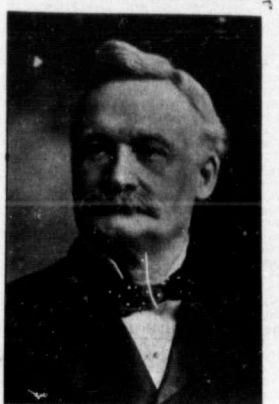
The above photograph is a correct likeness of Mr. R. W. Barker, who, though not so noted as a public man as his late father, inherits his abilities and his sympathetic and generous instincts.

**JOSEPH TAIT**

Was born at Kirkenbrightshire, Scotland, 21st October, 1829, and is the son of the late John Tait and his wife (nee Miss Williamson, clerk of that ilk. He received a Liberal English education at the parish school, which he served, then at Edinburgh, after which he served his apprenticeship to the baking trade, and subsequently worked as a journeyman in Edinburgh.

In 1871 he came to America, and the following year settled in Toronto, when he was at once engaged as manager of a large baking concern, which he ultimately bought out, and which he conducted for many years, until his appointment, when a company was formed to continue the business, and is still carried on as one of the leading bakeries of the Queen City, and known as the Tait-Bredin Company, Limited, of which Mr. Bredin is secretary and treasurer.

It was not long after his arrival in Toronto before his influence for moral reform became apparent, and his marked individuality at once stamped him as a leader among men. For five years



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he was president of the Master Bakers' Association. An active member of the Methodist Church, of which he is a local preacher, and a delegate to the General Conference. At the general anniversary services he is in constant attendance, his earnest zeal for the welfare of his fellowmen making his services in great demand. Was elected an alderman for Ward No. 3 in 1889, and to the Legislature of Ontario for the city of Toronto to the following year. His pronounced Liberalism, decisive and convincing oratory, and lucid arguments, had already prepared the way, and he at once took a front rank in the Assembly. Unfortunately for the country, at the general elections of 1894, he was defeated by the leader of the Opposition, though only by a small majority.

He is a member of the A.O.U.W., the Select Knights, and of the Board of Trade. In January, 1897, he accepted the appointment of Registrar of the Surrogate Court, York county, made vacant by the death of the late Gordon Brown, and although his friends cannot object to the well-earned rest this office affords to an active and well-spent life, still his practical common sense, his convincing oratory, and his fearless denunciation of error and wrong, will be missed from our forums for many years to come.

Mr. Tait was married in 1863, to Miss Lizzie McKie, of Dumfries, Scotland. She died in 1872, and four years later (1876) he married Miss Susan Stibbard, of Eglington, North Toronto. Although retired from the political arena, Mr. Tait still takes a deep and active interest in all appertaining to the moral and religious influences in the community in which his lot is cast.

**C. C. JAMES**

**DEPT. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.**

Was born at Napanee, L'nox county, Ontario, 14th June, 1852. His parents were both born in Canada. His paternal ancestors were natives of Waterford county, Ireland, while his mother is a descendant of the Canniff family, who among many other U. E. Loyalists came to Canada after the revolutionary war of 1776, and settled around the Bay of Quinte.

The subject of this sketch was educated primarily at the High school of Napanee, and subsequently (1873) entered the Victoria College, Cobourg, where, by close assiduity to his studies, he carried off the gold medal in natural science, and graduated with high honours as B.A. in 1883. From January, 1883, to January, 1886, he held the position of assistant master in the Coburg Collegiate Institute. While thus engaged he took up the post-graduate course of study in chemistry and mineralogy at Victoria University. He later took a short course in the Chemical laboratory of Harvard, under Dr. Richards.

In June, 1886, he received the appointment of professor of chemistry at the Agricultural College, Guelph—a position, it is needless to say, he most efficiently filled, his lectures being always listened to by the pupils with the greatest attention, owing, doubtless, to the clear manner, in which the professor illustrated the truths of chemistry and their practical application to scientific farming.

In 1891 the Hon. Mr. Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, who ever keeps a watchful eye on the college and experimental farm at Guelph, promoted Professor James to the responsible position he now occupies as Deputy Minister; the important duties of which, requiring incessant and watchful supervision, the clear-headed Minister was aware could be safely entrusted to him.

**CHAS. H. RUST**

**CITY ENGINEER.**

Was born at Great Waltham, Essex county, England, 25th December, 1852, and was educated at the Brentwood Grammar school in that county. In 1872 the family emigrated to Canada. His father, the late Henry Rust, Esq., purchased a farm in York township, near Toronto, which he cultivated, and on which the family resided for several years; he, however, subsequently retired, and removed to the city, where he died at the ripe age of 86, on the 13th of September, 1891, universally respected.

His son, Charles H., assisted on the farm until 1877, when he came to Toronto and commenced the study of his profession with the late Frank Shanly, then City Engineer. Four years later he was appointed one of the assistant engineers by Mr. Brough, then head of the department, and in 1883 by Mr. Sproat, his successor, was promoted to the full charge of the city's sewerage. On the resignation of the acting City Engineer, Mr. Cunningham, Council appointed Mr. Rust acting City Engineer.

Mr. Keating, shortly after he took office as head of the department in August, 1892, appointed Mr. Rust to the position of Deputy. His ability as a civil engineer and his care in supervision is readily gleaned from the complete and thorough manner in which his work has been finished under his charge and the entire satisfaction he has given to the several chiefs under whom he has been associated for the past seventeen years. On the resignation of Mr. Keating, Mr. Rust received his promotion as City Engineer.

As a private citizen he is greatly esteemed; is president of Prospect Park Bowling Club; a member of St. Andrews, No. 16 A.P. and A.M., G.O.; of St. George's Society; the Canadian Institute; the Albany Club, and of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers since 1887.

In 1879, Mr. Rust married Alice, daughter of J. Preston, Esq., of York township, by whom he has two sons and three daughters, all of whom who are old enough are still at school and college.

**Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.**

**ROBERT A. CAMPBELL, M.P.P.**

**Renfrew S.E.**

Was born in Lochiel Township, Glenora County, Ontario, 10th March, 1853. His father, the late Robert Campbell, Esq., M. P., early in this century came to Canada with his parents from Argyleshire, Scotland, who purchased land and settled in the above township.

Owing to the death of his father, Mr. Robert Campbell was left at an early age with the responsibility and care of the maintenance of the family, which, with the energy characteristic of him throughout life, he successfully accomplished, engaging in the timber business; was for eighteen years the proprietor of the late Mr. Egan, and afterwards had charge of that vast estate for some years, until he commenced operations on his own account, principally on the Bonnechere, a tributary of the Ottawa river, acquiring not only wealth, but what is still more to be prized, the lasting esteem of all who knew him.

In 1873 he was nominated by the Liberal party for the Commons, to represent South Renfrew, but was unsuccessful. At the next general elections, however, (1882), he defeated the former member, Mr. Bannerman, and again in 1887 carried the Reform banner to victory for the same constituency. He died after a life of great usefulness, 12th June, 1888, deservedly respected. His youngest son, Robert, again in 1887 carried the Reform banner to victory for the same constituency. He died after a life of great usefulness, 12th June, 1888, deservedly respected. His youngest son, Robert, educated at the High school at Vank-leek Hill, Ont., in the vicinity of the

family homestead, and on the conclusion of his studies joined his father as partner in the lumber business, in which he has been engaged ever since. In 18— he, in partnership with Alex. D. McNabb, purchased a grist and saw mills at Douglas Village, which were burnt down in 1896, but were immediately rebuilt.

Mr. Robert A. Campbell has always taken an active and prominent part in politics. At the general elections for the Ontario Assembly in 1890, he contested South Renfrew in a three-cornered fight between the former mentioned, John Francis Dowling, M.D., Robt. Leach, and himself, and was defeated. The seat, however, was contested, and at the bye-election the year following, he was returned by a large majority over Dr. Dowling, and re-elected in 1894. As a member of Parliament, he has the reputation of being one of its most indefatigable workers, watching the course and drift of every act, both in committee and in the Assembly, and bringing all his shrewd business abilities to bear in promoting and defending the best interests, not only his own riding, but also of the whole province.

**HENRY BARR, EX-M.P.P.**

**For North Riding Renfrew.**

Henry Barr, ex-M.P.P. for North Riding of Renfrew, was born on 21st of March, 1844, at the family homestead, Township of Horton, County Renfrew, M.D. His father, the late David Barr, came to Canada in 1833 and purchased two hundred acres of primeval forest in the above township, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He died in 1866, deeply mourned and greatly esteemed. His wife, the mother of the subject of these notes, was a daughter of an officer in the British army, who fought in the Peninsula, and distinguished himself at Waterloo. In 1827 the family emigrated to Canada, and in 1836 his daughter was united in wedlock to the late David Barr.

Their son, Henry, the ex-M.P.P. for North Renfrew, was taught at the Renfrew Village Public school, where he received a practical education, after which for three years he held the position of school teacher of No. 5 Section, Horton Township. Subsequently he cultivated a rented farm in the same township for three years. On the event of his marriage in 1865 to Miss Emily, daughter of Mr. Ezekiel Cole, of Horton, he purchased a two-hundred-acre lot of wild land in the Township of Bromley, in the same county, which is now one of the most fertile and well-cultivated farms in that district. One daughter has blessed this union whose husband, T. B. Forrest, superintends the farm during his father-in-law's absence. Mr. Barr is a member of the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Liberal, and since early manhood has taken a deep and earnest interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the community. For eighteen years he served as township councillor. He was elected as representative for North Renfrew in the Assembly in 1894, and although rather brusque in his manner is presumably true at heart.

**THE CANADIAN MINER'S LUCK.**

Canada's certainty of future supremacy among the nations of the world is every year becoming more and more apparent to the thoughtful statesmen of all countries. Its self-reliant people of only five millions has more than once astonished them by its gigantic undertakings of public works for the development of their vast Dominion. The object lessons they have taught older nations in stock-raising, cheese and butter making; the high state of cultivation by scientific drainage and farming they have brought the agricultural districts already settled to; the perfect protection to life and property afforded by the laws; the excellence of the educational system are put a few of the attractions that are drawing yearly increasing thousands of the better class of emigrants to Canada, but although the abundance in millions of acres of arable fields and forests, and enjoys a climate that produces the choicest fruits, as well as the hardy cereals in perfection, the most important of her treasures are her inexhaustible mines. Striched from the Atlantic to the Pacific embedded in the bowels of the earth for count-