

Roman catholic, and has been for several years church warden. His official position has debarred him from taking a very prominent part in politics. He married, in 1854, Annie J. McElheran, who was a native of Cushendall, County Antrim, Ireland, and daughter of Alex. McElheran. By this lady he has four boys and one girl. His wife has been for some time dead. In private life Mr. McGuire is very genial, and has numerous friends.

Kennedy, Warring, Toronto. Like many others who have made their mark in Canada, the subject of our sketch, Warring Kennedy, is an Irishman, having been born in the County Down. When young in years he was taken to Londonderry, and placed in a school, where he received a good English education sufficient to qualify him for a business career. He commenced life in a dry goods store in the town of Kilrea, but at the expiration of his apprenticeship he went to Belfast, where he lived many years, earning for himself a reputation second to none for intelligence, individual application to and thorough knowledge of business, and enjoyed such an exemplary character that several positions of trust were conferred upon him. Finding that the harvest was not plentiful, and that labourers were far from few, Mr. Kennedy's natural inclinations, animated as they were by the laudable ambition of securing a prize in the race of life, prompted him in 1857 to emigrate to Canada. He arrived in Toronto at a time when not only Canada itself, but the neighbouring States, were passing through a crisis of unparalleled distress, and the prospects of employment were far from cheering. To Mr. Kennedy's stamp, however, the greater difficulties the stronger was his determination to completely overcome them. We find him, therefore, at the earliest moment, accepting a situation by no means commensurable, either in salary or position, with what his business qualifications fairly entitled him to expect. The opportunity thus seized has never been lost, and Mr. Kennedy's subsequent career has been one of unbroken success. "Doing with all his might what his hand has found to do," never putting off till to-morrow what he could do to-day," he has more than fulfilled the promise of his early youth. His inimitable energy, his untiring industry, his exemplary character, his devoted attention, his knowledge of, and regularity in his business, his abnegation of self in his studiousness for the interests of those whom he served, soon attracted the notice of com-

mercial men. His services were eagerly sought for, and he received rapid advancement, passing in succession from one employer to a more lucrative appointment under another, until at last we hear of him promoted to a yearly salary of four thousand dollars. Having climbed to the top of the ladder in the subordinate grades, Mr. Kennedy, in 1869, secured the co-operation and partnership of two of his former fellow-workers (in the store of John Macdonald & Co.), and with them established in Toronto a wholesale business, known as the firm of Samson, Kennedy & Gemmel (now Samson, Kennedy & Co.), and such is the estimation it is held in, and so great the confidence reposed in its management by retail merchants, that in less than ten years the annual sales amounted to nearly one million dollars, a result as unprecedented as it is well merited. Mr. Kennedy has been a candidate for civic honours, and been repeatedly solicited to accept nomination to a seat in parliament by the party of Reform. He was elected an alderman in 1871, and polled the largest vote on record up to that time in favour of any Toronto city alderman. He unsuccessfully contested the mayoralty in January, 1877. The unsolicited requisition to allow himself to be put in nomination, and the amount of support he received, notwithstanding the fact that he did not personally canvass a vote, clearly indicate the public opinion entertained of the man. High as Mr. Kennedy's position is in the business world, he occupies no less a conspicuous place in the circle of religion, for, irrespective of being a leading member of the Methodist church, he is also a local preacher, class-leader and trustee, and was superintendent of the Elm Street Sabbath-school from 1866 till 1878. He is also on several conference committees, and was a delegate in 1874, 1878 and 1882, from the Toronto district to the General Conference of the Methodist church, and took a prominent part in the debates of that important legislative body. He was also a member of the Toronto Annual Conference in 1884 and 1885. He was, in 1872, elected president of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society; in 1873, on the organization of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, he was chosen as its first president, a position to which he was for several years subsequently elected, and is now an honorary director. He is also a trustee of the Necropolis and the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, a director of the Upper Canada Bible Society and minute secretary of the board. Mr.