

have them painted under a very heavy expenditure.

As pieces of art work they will rank with efforts of the best portrait painters on the continent.

Should this proposal be entertained the Historical Society will be ready to present the portraits, and have them unveiled with proper ceremonies.

As the pictures will become the property of the Hall Trust, it is of course understood, that all the lodges meeting in the Toronto Street Hall are expected to contribute to the fund, otherwise the Historical Society reserves to itself the right to withdraw this offer.

The Board at once took steps to notify the several Lodges, and have the terms of the agreement complied with.

M. W. BRO. LT.-COL. HON. J. M. GIBSON, M.P.P., P.G.M., &c.

Lt.-Col. the Hon. John Morrison Gibson, LL.B., Q.C., M.P.P. and Provincial Secretary for Ontario, was born in Toronto township, county of Peel, Jan. 1, 1842, and through his parents is of Scottish descent. Wm. Gibson, his father, was a native of Glamis, Forfarshire, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1827, shortly after which he married Mary Sinclair, whose family resided in Nelson township, Halton county. Bro. Gibson received his early education at the Central School, Hamilton, and soon became the leading student in the Hamilton schools. Subsequently he attended the Toronto University, where his career was one of brilliancy. In 1859 he passed his matriculation and during his University course distinguished himself by winning a number of scholarships with high honors. In 1863 he graduated as B.A., and was winner of the Prince of Wales' prize as the most distinguished graduate of the year. He also won silver medals in Classics and Modern Languages and prize in Oriental Languages. The following year M.A. was conferred on him. After leaving College he entered upon the study of law

in the office of Burton, Sadler and Bruce, and during the term of his articles he took the law course at Toronto University, receiving in 1869 the degree of LL.B. and the gold medal of the faculty. In 1867 he was called to the Bar, and a year later entered into partnership with Mr. F. MacKelcan, Q.C., with whom he has until recently been associated. At an early age Bro. Gibson took an active interest in politics as a warm supporter of the Liberal party and was for many years the Secretary of the Reform Association of Hamilton. In 1879 after one of the hardest fought campaigns he carried the riding of Hamilton for the Legislature although the same constituency was strongly Conservative in Federal issues. This seat Bro. Gibson has successfully held ever since. Bro. Gibson's ability was early recognized in the Legislature, and it soon became evident that he was one of the coming men for political preferment in the government of the Province. In 1884 he was elected chairman Private Bills Committee and in January, 1889, he was chosen to succeed the late Mr. Pardee in the cabinet of which he is still a member, holding the important portfolio of Provincial Secretary. At the time when the Trent affair (in 1861) threatened the peaceful relations between the Empire and the United States, Bro. Gibson was one of the first to enroll in the University Rifle Company. On leaving the University he joined the 13th Battalion, of Hamilton, as a private in the ranks and has since risen step by step, until in 1886 he succeeded Lt.-Col. Skinner as commander of the regiment a position he still holds. In 1865 he attended the military school at Hamilton, taking a first class certificate and about the same time received a commission as ensign. In 1866 he was with his battalion at Ridgeway. As a marksman Bro. Gibson has gained the reputation of being one of the best shots in the Dominion. He was a member of the Wimbledon teams in 1874-75 and '79, taking a foremost position on each oc-