

rising in the world, in the confidence of his fellow-citizens. He also believes thoroughly in party government, and that it is impossible to conduct the government of a new country without it. While an earnest advocate and upholder of the present connection with the mother country, he will always endeavour to maintain Canadian rights, and to bring Canada into prominence in the eyes of the world. Mr. Mackenzie's health has been weak for a considerable time, yet though physically far from robust he is as alert mentally as ever. Few men more than he have enjoyed in greater measure the confidence and esteem of all classes of the people. Mr. Mackenzie has been twice married. His first wife was Helen, daughter of William Neil, of Irvine, Scotland, who died on the 2nd January, 1852, leaving a daughter, who is now the wife of the Rev. John Thompson, Presbyterian minister, at Sarnia. On the 17th June, 1853, he again married the estimable lady who now presides over his household, Jane Sym, eldest daughter of the late Robert Sym, of Perthshire, Scotland. The Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, we may say in closing, was twice offered the honour of knighthood by Her Majesty, but on both occasions declined its acceptance.

JOHN DICKENSON,
North Glanford, Ont.

IN the Hamilton section of the province of Ontario, John Dickenson is a representative man, with a highly creditable record for energy and ability, displayed both in public and in private life. By birth, Mr. Dickenson is an Englishman, having been born at Hayden Bridge, Northumberland county, in 1847. His parents were Edward and Mary (Urwin) Dickenson, both of them also English. He is one of a family of seven, of whom three brothers and two sisters are living. In June, 1855, while John was but a lad, the family came to Canada and settled in the township of Glanford, where they have since made their home. Edward Dickenson was by trade a general mason and bricklayer. His son, John, having attended the public school in the neighborhood for some time, proceeded at the early age of twelve to learn his father's trade and assist him in his work. In this vocation he continued until he reached the age of twenty-two, when father and son formed a partnership under the firm name of E. & J. Dickenson. After a time, when Edward, jr., attained his majority, he also joined the firm, the name and style being changed to E. Dickenson & Sons. This continued until a few years ago, when there was a further change, the father retiring, and leaving his sons to carry on the business under the firm name of J. & E. Dickenson, which co-partnership still exists. In

business, Mr. Dickenson is well-known in various parts of the country, chiefly through the building contracts he has carried out, and additionally, and in a local sense, on account of the extensive manufacture of bricks the yards belonging to the firm having a capacity of a million a year. Among the buildings which the firm have erected are the residences and the East House (for refractory patients) in connection with the asylum for the insane at Hamilton; Orchard House, another branch of the same institution; the jail and registry office at Port Arthur, and the Toronto branch asylum buildings at Mimico—thirteen in all, covering an area of seven acres. The subject of our sketch is also known as the builder of the Barton-street road, connecting the city of Hamilton with Burlington Beach. In municipal affairs, Mr. Dickenson has for a number of years been a prominent figure in his own locality. In 1879 he was elected a councillor in Glanford township, and in 1887 was chosen reeve of the same municipality, an office he has held continuously ever since. At the opening meeting of the county council in January, 1891, he was chosen warden of Wentworth, a position which he fills with dignity and ability. In general politics, Mr. Dickenson is a staunch Reformer, and one of the active and influential supporters of his party. In religion, he is a Protestant, and one of the most liberal adherents of the Methodist Church. In 1871, Mr. Dickenson married Angela, daughter of Mr. David Young, a retired farmer of Seneca township, Haldimand county. By this union he has issue seven children, four sons and three daughters. The eldest son, Frederick Henry, assists his father in his building contracts; the others are being educated. Personally, Mr. Dickenson is a man of good reputation, both socially and in his business connections, and his numerous friends hold him in high regard.

GEORGE HAMILTON MILLS,
Hamilton, Ont.

AMONG those who took a prominent part in the affairs of the city of Hamilton away back in "the fifties" was Mr. George H. Mills, the subject of the present sketch. He was born in Hamilton, the 20th November, 1827. His father, James Mills, the son of a U. E. Loyalist, was a native of Philadelphia, and came to Canada in 1793, a few years after the close of the Revolutionary War, accompanied by the late Hon. John Wilson, of Grimsby, at one time Speaker of the old Parliament of Upper Canada. His mother, Christina, whose maiden name was Hesse, was the descendant of a well-to-do German family who have long held estates on