

Mr. McDonald built a store twice after his first start here, each time on a larger scale, and traded in general merchandise for sixteen years. During most of this time he also dealt in grain, which he is still purchasing and shipping in large quantities. He also built a flouring mill at an early day, and run it until 1876, when he sold out.

In 1878 he built the McDonald house, which stands on the corner of two streets, with a hundred feet on each street, the building being of brick and three stories high. It has five stores in it, besides the office, dining-room, reading-room, sample rooms, etc., which are on the ground floor. The whole structure is put up in modern style, very high in the ceiling; has about forty rooms of all kinds, and is heated with hot air. Its cost was \$12,000 and it is rare that the traveler finds as elegant and excellent a public house in a town five or six times the size of Clifford.

Mr. McDonald has done some public work as school trustee, and was reeve of the village in 1877 and 1878.

He is a Reformer, firm and unflinching, and during an exciting canvass usually works very hard for his political friends. He is a man of much influence, a leader, in fact, in this respect, in the place.

November 11, 1857, Mr. McDonald married Mrs. Sarah Jane Haines, daughter of George Patterson, of Toronto, and she has had six sons and one daughter, losing one of the sons. The family attend the Presbyterian church.

MARTIN O'GARA,

OTTAWA.

MARTIN O'GARA, one of the leading barristers in Ottawa, was born in the county of Mayo, Ireland, October 28, 1836, being the son of Patrick O'Gara, a farmer. The maiden name of his mother was Catharine Duffy. Mr. O'Gara received a classical education in his native country; came to Canada in 1857; read law with Messrs. Mowat and MacLennan, barristers, Toronto, and was graduated LL.B., at the University of Toronto in 1861, being admitted to the Bar, and made a barrister the same year.

Mr. O'Gara settled at Ottawa, and has here been in steady practice nearly twenty years. He is the senior member of the firm of O'Gara, Lapierre and Lemon, who do an extensive law business in all its branches. Mr. O'Gara practises in all the courts of the Dominion. For a man of his age, he is very thorough in his legal studies, and extensive in his attainments, and he is a growing man. He has a logical mind, reasons clearly and strongly, and is an excellent advocate.