

sented, with similar satisfactory results. In 1856 he was appointed one of the commissioners of mines, for Victoria; and in 1858 he was made a member of the Science and Prospecting Board. He was likewise, in 1861 appointed a commissioner for the Victoria International Exhibition. In Australia, Dr. Selwyn was held in the highest possible regard by the government; while the whole colony was ready to express its obligations for his services. He was a member of the Government Tender Board, and a member of the councils of the Board of Agriculture of the Royal Society, and of the Acclimatization Society up to 1869. In the latter year he resigned, and left Australia for Canada to succeed the late Sir William E. Logan, in the superintendence of the geological survey of the Dominion of Canada. In Canada, Dr. Selwyn placed the public under the same obligations as the people of Australia had been under. Sir William Logan had been a constant and painstaking worker, but since Dr. Selwyn's coming, the work of the geological survey has widened, and grown more arduous. Year by year, through careful consideration, the director is reducing the great and important work under his control to a system. Where everything had to be begun—where the material of which the staff operating in the various provinces was in the nature of things raw—the work of disciplining and perfecting has been very great. Add to this fact that in later years agriculture and settlement are coming to be conducted somewhat under the light of geological teaching, and this has brought what some short-sighted persons have been in the habit of regarding as an abstruse science into the region of practical, every day, utility. This then has added to the labours and the importance of Dr. Selwyn's department. It is gratifying for Canadians to be able to find that work so important, of such importance in actual achievement, and of such moment in promise, is in such competent and distinguished hands.

**Harper, Major**, Police Magistrate of Whitby, was born in the town of Whitby, Ontario, on the 1st of November, 1835. His father, Walter Harper, was a native of Cornwall, and his mother a native of Devonshire, England. Mr. Harper, senior, died in 1848, leaving the subject of this sketch utterly dependent upon his own exertions. Major Harper received his education in the town of Whitby, and the chief ambition of his young life, was to become a member of the legal profession; but for-

tune, as we have seen, had not been kind, and he was obliged to take a course other than that dictated by his inclinations. He therefore began to work on a farm, but after a time he found this vocation did not suit him, and he gave it up and learned the trade of carpenter and builder. In this trade he succeeded, and in a short time he became an expert machinist, and to-day may be reckoned one of the cleverest in the Dominion. But his close, and we might say, loving pursuit of his chosen trade, did not hinder him from taking an interest in certain public questions. A man of careful and comprehensive observation, the people of Whitby became desirous of having his services in their municipal council; therefore, in 1868, they elected him town councillor, and re-elected him to the same position for five successive years. He was then elected mayor, and held that office for a period of two years. Whilst mayor, he was appointed police magistrate of the town, and holds that office still. He joined the Masonic order in 1867, and the Odd-fellows in 1872. In politics he has always given his support in the cause of Reform, believing that the principles professed by that party, would, if carried into effect, prove best for the interests of our country. He married on November 4, 1856, Emeline Pierson, whose father was one of the earliest settlers in Northumberland county.

**Smith, James K.**, M.A., Galt, Ontario, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on the 11th April, 1827. His father, Alexander Smith, was a successful and highly respected merchant, and Burgess of Aberdeen, and his mother was Ann Johnston. There were four sons, all of whom entered the ministry of the Church of Scotland. John, after a brilliant course at college and in theology, died ere taking license. Another, William, after a distinguished course at college, was minister of a congregation in the Church of Scotland for several years in Blairgowrie, Scotland, where he was associated with the sainted R. M. McCheyne, of Dundee, and Dr. Macdonald, of Blairgowrie. Another, Alexander, is now occupying a mission field in Brandon Presbytery, North-West. The fourth is the subject of this sketch. James K. Smith spent five years at the Grammar school in Aberdeen, the two last under the celebrated Latinist, Dr. Melvin. Thereafter he took the four years' course at Marischal College, Aberdeen, obtaining a scholarship of \$45 (£9 stg.), at the entrance by competition, and taking the degree of A.M. at the close. He then pur-