

sioner for the village of Longueuil, an office to which he was re-elected on the 13th July, 1877, and which he still continues to fill with such acceptance that he was elected president of the school commissioners in July, 1880, an honour which he yet enjoys. He has been treasurer and, later, president of the Benevolent Society of St. Antoine de Longueuil, and is at present treasurer of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of the same locality. Furthermore, M. Vincent has rendered valuable public service to his native town, having been elected municipal councillor in 1876, and again in 1878. It was during this interval that the Longueuil water works were constructed, and Councillor Vincent was chosen chairman of the committee, where his practical knowledge and business aptitudes proved of great assistance, and he was present at the inauguration of this important work in October, 1877. The reward for all these services was reached in 1880, when M. Vincent was elected mayor of the town of Longueuil. The increasing duties of his office as collector of Inland Revenue did not allow him, however, to occupy the civic chair more than one year. Like most French-Canadians, M. Vincent was born and bred a Roman catholic. On the 9th November, 1858, he married Philomene, daughter of Narcisse Bissonette and Therese Theroux. The fruit of this union was fifteen children, four of whom died in tender age. The eldest son, Louis Napoleon, died in his eighteenth year; and the third, Phileas Antoine, was cut off at the age of twenty-two, after having obtained his diploma as civil engineer at the hands of the Hon. G. Ouimet, superintendent of Public Instruction. He had followed the course of the Polytechnic of Montreal. Nine children are now living—three daughters and six sons.

Preston, Robert H., M.D., Newboro', M.P.P. for South Leeds, was born in the township of Bastard, Leeds, Ontario, on the 15th March, 1840. He is a son of Anthony and Margery (Lang) Preston, his mother being a daughter of the late Major Lang, an officer in His Majesty's service in the yeomanry of Ireland during the rebellion there of 1798. Major Lang came to this country about the year 1820, and settled in the County of Leeds as a farmer, where he died in 1854. Anthony Preston was born in the County of Mayo, Ireland, and came to Canada about 1820, and settled in the township of Bastard, Leeds, where he began farming, in which employment he continued until his death,

in 1876. He had been married twice, first to Miss Hannah, who died about 1833, leaving one son. During Mr. Preston's lifetime he was prominently before the public of his own county, and was one of her Majesty's justices of the peace. R. H. Preston, the subject of this sketch, was the second son of the second marriage, and received a thorough education, first at the common schools, and afterwards at the Smiths Falls Grammar school. In 1859, he concluded to study medicine, and attended first the Ann Arbor Medical College, Michigan, and graduated therefrom with the degree of M.D. in 1862. He then went to New York, and attended one session in Bellevue College, when he again returned to Canada, and entered the medical department of Queen's College, Kingston, graduating in the spring of 1864, and obtaining a licence from the governor-general to practice medicine in Ontario. He soon afterwards located, and began practice, in the village of Newboro', on the Rideau canal, where he has resided ever since. He has established a large and lucrative practice there, and as a surgeon is known as one of the most successful in that part of Canada. In 1868, he was appointed coroner for the united counties of Leeds and Grenville, which office he held until his first election to the legislature, in 1875, when he resigned. In the same year he contested the South Riding of Leeds in the Conservative interest, against the late Reuben Fields, Reformer, defeating him by a majority of 340 votes. In 1883, Dr. Preston contested the same riding against W. H. Fredenburgh, defeating him by a majority of 287 votes. Dr. Preston is president of the Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Marie Railway, which road, we may say, came into existence partly through the untiring exertions of Dr. Preston, who was one of the prime movers. The Dr. is a member of Freemasons' lodge, No. 157, A.F. & A.M., G.R.C., and district deputy grand master of St. Lawrence district. He is also a member of the Orange order, and has been county master of North Leeds. In politics he is a Liberal-Conservative, and is member of the Liberal-Conservative Union of Ontario. In religion he adheres to the Church of England, and is one of the delegates to the synod of the diocese of Ontario. He married, in 1868, Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Benjamin Tett, who was at one time M.P.P. for the County of Leeds, and a member of the old Parliament of Canada for the same county for many years. Dr.