

In 1877, Mr. Keefer was appointed the Executive Commissioner for the Paris Exhibition, and, while in that position, was named a member of the International Jury, for class 66, architecture and engineering. He received the most flattering acknowledgments from both English and French for the successful manner in which he discharged the arduous and important duties committed to him. France showed her appreciation by conferring upon him one of the higher grades of the Legion of Honor.

Mr. Keefer is a member of the "Institution of Civil Engineers," London, and also the "American Society of Civil Engineers," New York.

As is here seen, the brief record of the life of Mr. Keefer is closely interwoven with the history of the internal improvements of Canada. The impress of his mind and hand is upon the grandest enterprises of the country, and his name will be remembered by future generations, as long as canals and railways are in use.

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ARCHIBALD McKELLAR was born in February, 1816, within about three miles of Inverary, Argyleshire, Scotland, his parents being named respectively, Peter and Flora (McNab) McKellar. In the spring of 1817, the family emigrated to Canada, landing at Quebec after a nine weeks' voyage across the Atlantic; it then taking as many weeks as it now does days to make the trip. From the old capital they proceeded to western Canada, and finally settled at Aldboro', in the county of Elgin, Ontario. They were amongst the early settlers of that part of the country, and like many others were called on to endure the attending privations of pioneer life. But hardy Scotch families are not easily discouraged by a rugged life, and they prospered in their new home.

The subject of this sketch spent his youth at home, alternately working on his father's farm and attending the common school at Aldboro' until 1834, when he went to Geneva, New York, where he spent about a year. In the fall of 1836, he returned and spent the following year at the grammar school in Niagara, taught by Dr. Whitlaw. This comprised the extent of his school education, as he shortly afterwards married and settled on a farm on the banks of Thames River, in the township of Raleigh, Kent, where he continued for thirteen years, a successful farmer. He, however, was not allowed to confine his attention exclusively to his farm, for from 1842 till 1849, he was a member of the council board for the united counties of Essex, Lambton and Kent, and also reeve of the township of Raleigh in 1846-7-9. From 1849, when