

an active and influential promoter. He has taken a deep interest in educational matters and is one of the trustees of the Stratford Collegiate Institute. He has abiding faith in the ability of the Conservative party, and believes that the policy of Sir John A. Macdonald's government has been, and must prove to be, advantageous to the public interests generally. His connection with secret societies has been confined to the Masonic order, of which he has been a member since 1864, having been worthy master of Tecumseh lodge in 1868. His religious views, in which he is steadfast, are those of the Church of England. Mr. Woods married, in 1870, Maria C., daughter of Thomas Hodge, formerly of St. Thomas, Ontario.

Clarke, James, Chemist and Druggist, Belleville, Ontario, was born in Belleville, on February 17, 1850, and died there on October 24, 1884, in the 35th year of his age, being the eldest son of Francis and Mary Clarke. The late lamented subject of this sketch received his education at the Belleville Grammar school, under the late Alexander Burdon, and was always regarded as apt and brilliant in his classes. Through life he was a faithful member of the Church of England, and an upright Christian man. He served his apprenticeship as chemist and druggist under the late C. G. Levisconte, and on the formation of the Ontario College of Pharmacy obtained a diploma of qualified chemist and druggist, which business (as senior partner of the late firm of James Clarke & Co.) he conducted successfully until his death. He took considerable interest in military matters, and was lieutenant in the Sedentary militia, and a member of the 49th battalion Hastings Rifles. He was a member of Belleville lodge, No. 123, A.E. and A.M., and Moira chapter, No. 7, Royal Arch Masons. He was always interested in out-door sports, being an active member of the Belleville Curling Club, and treasurer of the Bay of Quinté Sportsman's Club from its formation. He was also one of the first and most active members of the Bay of Quinté Yacht Club, and was its commodore for the year 1883. Mr. Clarke was one of Belleville's most successful and thorough business men, and was well known and beloved for his liberality and genial disposition. He was, as we have said, an ardent lover of manly sports, and was always ready to take a leading part in the formation of societies for their promotion and encouragement. His loss created a void in the community, where his memory will long remain fresh.

Hagarty, Hon. John Hawkins, Chief Justice of Ontario, was born on the 17th of September, 1816, in Dublin, and was a son of Mathew Hagarty, Examiner of Her Majesty's Court of Prerogative for Ireland. The lad was carefully trained in the private school of the Rev. Mr. Huddart; and when his course here was ended—being then in his sixteenth year—he entered Trinity College, Dublin, where he completed his education. He emigrated to the colonies in 1834, taking up his abode at Toronto. Here, in 1835, he entered upon the study of law in the office of the late George Duggan, being called to the bar in 1840. He at once began practice in Toronto, entering into partnership in 1846 with the late John Crawford. From his very first appearance at the bar it was manifest that the young advocate was endowed with far above the ordinary talent, and his reputation for ability soon made him master of a lucrative and important practice. Ten years after he had been called to the bar he was invested with the silken gown of counsellor by the Baldwin administration; and he still continued, as he had already been, to be one of the most brilliant members of the Canadian bar. In 1856 a vacancy occurred on the bench, and at once the eyes of the executive were turned towards the distinguished Queen's Counsel at Toronto; and he was offered the appointment, which he accepted. He was not less eminent among his brother judges than he had been in the midst of his associates at the bar, and when, in 1868, a vacancy occurred in the chief justiceship of Common Pleas, he was appointed to that exalted office. It suffices here to say that the Chief Justice Hagarty has always shown a wide knowledge of the law, a thorough grasp of principles, and a fearlessness in discharging his duty. His judgments show careful thought and elaborate research, and in all that the judge has penned or uttered there is a literary warmth and flavour, not usual in the parlance of courts. But the distinguished subject of this sketch calls for other treatment than as a judge when stock comes to be taken of his career. In letters his place is a high one, and if his name is not familiar to a large number of the lovers of *belles lettres* it is because he has fallen under the curse which so long rested upon native literature. In 1847 Dr. McCaul established a Canadian annual known as the *Maple Leaf*; and to this periodical the subject of this sketch contributed verse, much of which would have been creditable to any pen. We