

who only succeeded in defeating him by the small majority of seventy votes. In January, 1885, he was elected reeve of Alexandria, defeating the then reeve, D. A. Macdonald. In 1886 he was elected reeve by acclamation, and subsequently, on the 26th of January, at the first meeting of the council, was chosen warden of the united counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. Mr. McArthur has always been a staunch Conservative, and is president of the Conservative Association of the County of Glengarry. In religion he is a Roman catholic, although that was not the faith of his ancestors.

Hamilton, William L., Brockville, Inspector of Inland Revenue, Eastern Ontario, was born on March 26th, 1842, in the township of Tyendinaga, County of Hastings, Ontario. He is a son of Patrick and Margaret (Litchford) Hamilton. His father was born in the County of Antrim, Ireland, and his mother in the County of Limerick. They were married in Canada, and were among the pioneers of the County of Hastings, having settled on a farm there in 1830, where our subject was born. W. L. Hamilton was educated at the public school of his native place, and at the County Grammar school, Belleville. Mr. Hamilton commenced life as a public school teacher, when fifteen years of age, and taught school for seven years, during which time he held a first-class certificate. When he abandoned the profession he was head master of one of the public schools in Belleville. Mr. Hamilton was employed in the freight department of the Grand Trunk Railway as bookkeeper, at Belleville, Toronto and Detroit; and he was engaged as assistant with a surveying-party in the Madoc gold regions in 1867-8. He was for a number of years connected with the 49th Hastings rifle regiment, and at the time of his removal from Belleville was captain and quartermaster of the regiment. He commenced his official career in the Inland Revenue department at Belleville, in 1868. He was appointed deputy collector in 1873; collector in 1879, and inspector for Eastern Ontario in 1882. Nor has this promotion been obtained through the pulling of political wires, but in recognition of the industry, zeal and thorough fitness of the man in the discharge of his duties. The only society with which Mr. Hamilton has been connected is that of ancient, free and accepted Masons, of which he has been an active member since 1865. He is a past master of Eureka lodge, No. 283, Belleville, and a

past district deputy grand master of the Prince Edward district. He is a member of different branches of high grade Masonry, and holds the important office of grand minister of state of the Supreme Grand Council, A. & A. Scottish Rite, 33°, B. N. A., an Hon. VI° of the Rosicrucian society, and past grand representative general of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Royal and Oriental Freemasonry, 33°, 96°, 90°. He is a member of the Church of England by birth and education, and adheres to that faith; and he has always been a staunch supporter of the Evangelical party. During the existence of the Church Association he was recording secretary of the Belleville branch. Mr. Hamilton looks upon the action of the Ritualistic party, as fraught with danger to the church; and hence he is a zealous supporter of Wycliffe college. He married on November 3rd, 1869, Eliza Jane, second daughter of the late Thomas Beatty, of Peterboro', Ontario. There have been by this union three children, only one of whom, a daughter, is living. The lesson to be learned from the career of Mr. Hamilton is that there is much to be achieved by him who is industrious, and who never permits his hand to falter at the wheel.

Bethune, Angus, Cornwall, Ontario, was born on the 8th November, 1816, at Charlotteburg, Co. Glengarry. His grandfather, Angus Bethune, was a sergeant in the royalist army during the revolutionary war, under Sir John Johnson, and was a native of Scotland. After the war he settled in Charlotteburg, the birth-place of our subject, whose father was Duncan Bethune. The latter gentleman married Jane, daughter of William Rose, of North Carolina, a gentleman of Scotch extraction. Duncan had somewhat of the military spirit of his sire, and served when very young in the war of 1812, in the corps known as the Glengarry Fencibles. In the troubles of 1837-8 he also saw service under Colonel Fraser, with the 1st Glengarry militia. Angus, the subject of the present memoir, received his education at the district school, at Williamstown, and for some time afterwards remained on the farm with his parents. He settled permanently in Cornwall in 1848, obtaining an appointment as deputy-sheriff, which office he held until 1862, when he resigned to enter the business of milling, which engaged his attention for a decade or more. In 1875 he accepted the position of surveyor and paymaster on the C.P.R., at Port Arthur, from the Mackenzie administration, in which capacity he ser-