

rownness of view, and cannot be called a partizan. He is a man whose allegiance to his party could be counted upon to exist only as long as the principles advocated by that party maintained his respect and confidence. In the committee work of the Senate Mr. McMaster is one of the most active members, and his advice is always received with the highest deference. Indeed we may add that it is the presence of men like Senator McMaster that saves that institution from the iconoclastic hammer of the time. His course there is characterized by great breadth of view, by wide information, by judicial calmness, and by dignity. His career has been, on the whole, not alone highly honourable to himself, but a credit to the land of his adoption. It goes without saying that the Senator is a Baptist. He has no children.

Groves, Abraham, M. D., Fergus, Ontario, was born in the town of Peterboro', on the 8th September, 1847. He was a son of Abraham Groves, by Margaret, daughter of Gideon Gibson, one of the early pioneers of Canada, who served through the war of 1812-15, and fought at Lundy's Lane. Mr. Groves came to this country with his parents from the County of Wicklow, Ireland, about 1826, and settled in the vicinity of Peterboro'. In 1856 Mr. Groves removed to the County of Wellington, taking up his abode in the township of Garafraxa, where he pursued the occupation of farmer. He still lives on the old homestead. Mrs. Groves is also surviving. During the Mackenzie rebellion Mr. Groves took part on the loyalists' side. The fruit of the marriage was thirteen children, the subject of this sketch being the second eldest of the family. He at first attended the common schools, but afterwards entered the High school at Fergus. Some time after leaving school he resolved to study medicine, and in 1868 entered the Toronto School of Medicine, where he remained until 1871, graduating M.D. in the same year, from the Toronto University. After graduation he at once went to Fergus and entered into partnership with the late Dr. Munro, under the firm name of Munro & Groves, which partnership existed two years. After dissolution Dr. Groves practised for himself alone until 1874, when he took into partnership Dr. John Wishart, now lecturer at the Western University, at London, which partnership existed one year, Dr. Wishart then retiring. However, again in 1879, he took into partnership Dr. Thomas Chisholm, the association continuing for a year. In 1882

he again took another partner, Dr. J. F. McMahan, now of Toronto, but this combination too dissolved in 1883; and since that time Dr. Groves has continued alone in business, now having one of the largest practices in Fergus. In 1869 he graduated from the old Toronto Military school; in 1882 he was elected to the village council of Fergus, and was re-elected for the years of 1883 and 1884. He was elected reeve for 1885, but owing to his position of surgeon of the county poor house, he could not retain his seat. Dr. Groves is largely interested in real estate in the village, owning some of the finest buildings there, among which structures may be mentioned the Imperial Bank building, constructed of brown stone. He was also the builder, and is proprietor of the "Groves Roller Mills," which, when completed, will have a capacity of seventy barrels per day. He is a member of the Freemason Mercer lodge, No. 347; is surgeon and member of the Oddfellows' lodge No. 73, and has held all of the offices in that order. He is also a member of the Royal Templars, and physician to lodge No. 124. In 1878 Dr. Groves was appointed physician and surgeon to the Grand Trunk Railway at Fergus, which position he still holds. In 1882 he was appointed physician and surgeon to the Wellington county House of Industry, and this office he still likewise retains. In politics he has held aloof from parties, though sincerely interested in the welfare of the country. He is a member of the Church of England, and has been church warden for twelve years of St. James church, Fergus. He married in 1874, Jennie, daughter of the late William Gibbon, of Elora, and by this lady has a family of two children. Dr. Groves enjoys the repute of being a very skilful surgeon, and he was the first to perform in Canada the operation technically known to the profession as *supra pubic lithotomy*. His whole interests are bound up in his profession, and to this may be attributed the large measure of success which he has achieved.

Miller, John Stewart, Centreville, Ontario, was born on September 17th, 1844, in the township of Camden, County of Addington, Ontario, being the only son of Thomas Miller and Christian Madden. Our subject received a common school education in his native township, and graduated from the Ontario Commercial College at Belleville, in 1871. He was attached to No. 1 company, 48th battalion; lieutenant in 1879; and on the disbandment of the 48th battalion, attached to the 47th battalion. In