

Empire, and became chief ed. of that paper, then the principal organ of the Con. party in the Province of Ont., 1891. He edited "Memoir of Senator Gowan, C. M. G.," 1894. He was apptd. ed. of the *Printer and Publisher*, and the *Dry Goods Review*, 1895. He is chairman of the Press Comte. for the Brit. Assn. meeting to be held in Toronto, 1897. He organized McGill Graduates Soc., Toronto, 1895. He has advocated in mag. and newspaper articles the cause of Imperial Unity.—59 Borden St., Toronto; Albany Club.

"Has made a high mark in journalism."—*Ottawa Journal*.

CONANT, Thomas, so well known in connection with his notes of travel and other writings in the *Toronto Globe*, is descended from Roger Conant, who came to Ont. from Mass., 1786, obtaining grants of land from the Crown, some of which are still in the possession of the Conant family. S. of Danl. Conant, by his wife Mary Shipman, he was b. at Oshawa, Ont., Apl. 15, 1842. Ed. at the Grammar Schs. of Oshawa and Whitby, and at Eddytown Sem., near Geneva, N. Y., Mr. C. afterwards privately acquired a knowledge of most of the modern languages, a mental equipment which has been of considerable service to him in his journeyings in foreign lands. Although he has published no book, Mr. C. is probably better known to the people of Ont. by his writings than many of our voluminous authors. His contributions to literature have so far taken the form of historical sketches, critical essays, and notes of travel, nearly all of which have appeared, from time to time, in the *Toronto Globe*. Among these may be specially mentioned, notes of a camping journey of 550 miles through the Holy Land; sketches of the War of 1812; and articles on the Canadian poets; on Man. and the N. W.; on early settlers in Ont.; and on the experiences of the refugees from Mass. in the last century. No doubt a collection of his

various writings will be presented to the public in book form at some future day. In Sept., 1896, he left Can., intending to visit Australia and India. Mr. C. is an extensive land owner and capitalist. Politically, he is a Lib., with distinctively Can. aims and sentiments.—*Oshawa, Ont.*

CONMEE, James, contractor and legislator, is the s. of the late Matthew Conmee, by his wife, Rosanna O'Shaughnessy. B. at Sydenham, Ont., Oct. 13, 1848, he was ed. at Owen Sound Grammar Sch., and thereafter, up to the close of the Am. civil war, served in the 8th N. Y. Cavalry, under the late Genl. Custer. After returning to Can. he became a ry. contractor. He built a considerable portion of the C. P. Ry., as well as some important works in the U. S. He is now largely interested in the lumber trade, and in developing the mineral resources of Algoma. He was one of the founders of the Ont. Mining Inst., 1894, and became its first Presdt., and was elected Presdt. of the Ont. Mines Development Co., 1886. As a public man, he has held office as Mayor of Port Arthur, and has represented West Algoma in the Legislature, almost uninterruptedly since June, 1885. He was a. del. to the Deep Waterways Convention, Sept., 1894, and was an unsuccessful candidate in the Lib. interest for Nipissing (Ho. of Commons), g. e. 1896. Politically, a Lib.; in religious belief, he is a R. C. He is also a Freemason. He m. 1875, Emily Florence, dau. of Joseph Cox, St. Vincent, Ont.—*Port Arthur, Ont.*

CONNING, Rev. John Stuart (Presb.), is the s. of the late Jas. Conning, of Whitom, and was b. at Glasserton, Wigtownshire, Scot., June 4, 1862. Ed. at Oberlin Coll., and at Univ. Coll., Toronto, he pursued his theol. studies at Knox Coll., same city, where he graduated and was ordained, 1891. In the same year he accepted a call to Caledonia, where he still is. Mr. C. is a prominent Christian Endeavour worker.