

years of age, acquiring the rudiments of a sound practical education, which by diligence and application he greatly improved upon in after years. On leaving school he was articled as an apprentice to a carriage-maker in Glasgow, and served six years. During this time he utilized his spare hours in the pursuit of knowledge, attending the Mechanics' Institute evening classes and afterwards those of the Andersonian University for several sessions. Being possessed of a retentive memory, he made rapid and encouraging progress. In 1857 he left Glasgow and came to Canada, but after sojourning a few months in Toronto he returned to Scotland the following year, and again took up his abode in Glasgow. In the early part of 1860 he removed to London where he remained working at his trade until 1869, when he once more came to Canada, this time settling down in Hamilton. In 1876 he proceeded to San Francisco, but returned to the "Ambitious City" in 1880 and embarked in the grocery business, which he has carried on successfully ever since. Being a man of superior intelligence and taking considerable interest in civic affairs, he was, in 1884, elected alderman for No. 7 ward, which he has since, with the interval of one year, continuously represented. The interval was the year 1890, in which he was an unsuccessful candidate for the mayoralty, though he polled one of the largest votes ever cast for any candidate for that position. His term of service in the city council has been marked by well-directed and untiring efforts to conserve the interests of the city. For four years he was chairman of the market, fire, and police committee, and it was during this period that the fine new market building, the city hall, and the John-street fire station, all highly important works were erected. Altogether Mr. Kenrick's course as an alderman has been highly creditable to himself and distinctly valuable to the corporation. Politically, he has always been a Conservative, and always among the most active workers for the party in election campaigns. His views are very pronounced in favour of a protective policy for Canadian industry. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, which he joined several years ago, and takes a lively interest in the affairs of the Order. In religion he is a Protestant and a member of the Presbyterian Church, but is distinguished for his tolerant views towards other denominations. In 1861, during his residence in London, Mr. Kenrick married Christina, daughter of the late William Russell, of St. Andrew's, Fifeshire, Scotland. In his business dealings Mr. Kenrick enjoys the reputation of being a thoroughly upright and honourable man. His private character is without reproach, while he is universally respected.

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IN whatever enterprises this gentleman has been engaged since leaving school, he has never been content to remain where he started in, and, "forward" being his motto, has succeeded to an admirable degree. It is in insurance circles, however, that his abilities are most appreciated. He was born in Bowmanville, Ontario, April 14th, 1847, his parents being William and Jane (Stephens) McMurtry. The elder Mr. McMurtry was born in the county of Carlow, Ireland, and came to Canada in 1822, when a small boy, and soon afterwards took up his residence in Bowmanville. The mother of our subject was born in Cornwall, England, and came to this country with her parents in 1832. Major William J. McMurtry is the third eldest living of five sons and five daughters, three others died when very young. Those living are Sarah, wife of W. G. Perry, Toronto; Elizabeth, the next, is unmarried, and lives at home with her mother; Emily, wife of J. F. Eby, of the firm of Eby, Blain & Co.; Eva, wife of E. S. Meath, of Bowmanville. His eldest brother, John, resides in Bowmanville, where he continues to carry on the business established by his father over 50 years ago, and is assisted by his youngest brother, Herbert. Samuel Arthur, now with W. W. Ogilvie in Montreal, was manager of the Ontario Bank in Lindsay for 19 consecutive years, and while here married Miss Florence Ogilvie, daughter of Senator Ogilvie. John married Miss Maggie Lyall, (daughter of the late John Lyall, township of Clark), who died some few years ago. The old gentleman died on the 22nd of March, 1890—his 79th birthday; but Mrs. McMurtry, who is 75 years of age, is hale and hearty, and as active as most people of 60. Major McMurtry received his early education in the Bowmanville grammar school, under the tuition of M. J. Kelley, M.A., M.D., now inspector of schools for the county of Brant. After leaving school, he attended the Kingston military school during a portion of the year 1866, where he took both first and second-class certificates. This was in consequence of his being appointed adjutant of the 45th battalion of volunteers, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Cubitt, so that he might be the better prepared to fill the duties of his office. In the summer of 1877, he attended the cavalry school, Toronto, under Col. Jenyns, of the 13th Hussars, where he took a first-class certificate. When the Red River expedition was organized under General Wolseley, he was appointed lieutenant of the First Ontario Rifles, and served through the whole expedition, which lasted about fourteen months. For fourteen years he acted as adjutant of the 45th bat-