

much interested in educational and other local matters, and is a member of St. Mary Magdalen church, and a delegate to the Synod of Ontario, being a man of excellent moral and religious standing.

On the 19th of February, 1858, Col. Bog was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide Hubbs, of Picton, and they have two sons: Edward A., who is in the Standard Bank, Picton, and William A., who is in the registrar's office, with his father.

WILLIAM MCCRANEY,

OAKVILLE.

WILLIAM MCCRANEY, leading business man of Oakville, and a member of the House of Commons from 1875 to 1879, was born in the township of Trafalgar, two short miles from Oakville, on the 15th of December, 1831. His grandfather, William McCraney, for whom he was named, was a U. E. Loyalist, leaving the States about the time of the Revolution, and settling at first at Caledonia, in the county of Haldimand.

The father of our subject was Hiram McCraney, who was born in 1801, in what is now the county of Brant, came with the family to Trafalgar, county of Halton, in 1805, and died here on the 10th of January, 1878. He is described by persons who knew him, as a noble specimen of the frontiersman, full of pluck and courage, enduring the privations and trials of a pioneer life with a resolute will and a cheerful heart,—frugal, economical, hospitable, kind to everybody and trusting in God for rest in a better world.

The mother of our subject was Louisa English, born near Belfast, Ireland, in 1800, and is in her 80th year. She is the mother of eight children, six of them, two sons and four daughters, still living. The other son is Daniel McCraney, M.P.P. for East Kent.

The subject of this notice was reared on his father's farm, receiving, meantime, such mental discipline as an ordinary country school could furnish thirty and forty years ago, subsequently adding largely to his stores of knowledge by private study, and thus fitting himself for his diversified pursuits and the several official positions which he has held.

With the exception of three years spent in mining and lumbering in California—1852-'55—he has been engaged in farming, manufacturing lumber, and building. Mr. McCraney has cleared and improved something like five hundred acres of land in the county of Halton; he has erected three saw-mills in this county, and one in North Simcoe, two of which he still runs; also planing mills at St. Catharines, which he continues to operate, and a large number of farm houses and other buildings near Oakville, and nearly twenty dwelling houses in the Corporation.

He embodies the true spirit of enterprise; is disposed to push business, and has done a liberal share of work in building up the town. He is a christian man, a member of the Metho