

knows Mr. J. B. Reed; and a very prominent gentleman said to the writer, "those who don't ought to." He is a quick, clear-headed business man, honourable and manly in his dealings, of large public spirit, and a favourite of all with whom he comes in contact.

Waller, William Henry, Registrar of the County of Carleton, Ottawa, was born at Castle Waller, County Tipperary, Ireland, on the 14th May, 1835. He is the eldest son of the late Robert Alfred Waller and Elizabeth his wife. The family of Waller is descended from Alured de Waller, of Newark, County Nottingham, who died in 1183, and from whom descended David de Waller, master of the rolls for thirty-six years to King Edward III. Henry Waller, of Hockerton, brother of David, was great great grandfather of John Waller, of Groombridge, Co. Kent, the latter being father of Sir Richard Waller who participated in the glories of Agincourt, where he made a prisoner of the Duke of Orleans, and was specially honoured by Henry V. for his brave and gallant actions in that memorable conflict. The subject of this sketch is a descendent of Richard Waller, of Groombridge, who went to Ireland in 1641, and left two sons; the elder, Richard Waller, of Cully, Co. Tipperary, who married Elizabeth Redmond, and dying in 1701, was succeeded by his eldest son Edmund, who, dying without issue, in 1711, was succeeded by his brother, William Waller, Esq., of Cully. This gentleman married Blanche Weeks, by whom he had six sons and a daughter Jane, who married Richard Mannsels, Esq. The eldest son Richard, succeeded at Cully or Castle Waller, the family seat, and died in 1758, leaving by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Admiral Holland, a son and heir, Richard Waller, who married Anne, daughter of Kilner Braizer, Esq., and had, with other issue, Richard Waller, of Castle Waller (the grandfather of the present Mr. W. H. Waller), who married Maria Theresa, daughter of Captain Burke. By this union there were six sons: Edward, William Henry, Robert Alfred, George Tyner, Theophilus and Rodger; and four daughters, Anna, Maria Theresa, Eleanor Ricarda and Bidina. Anna married Sir John De Burgho, of Castle Connell, Co. Limerick, and was mother of the late Sir Richard Donellen De Burgho, who was a first cousin of the subject of our sketch. The family arms are, Chequay or. and az.; on a canton gu., a lion rampant, double queue of the first. The

crest: out of a ducal coronet, a plume of ostrich feathers, the 2nd and 4th az., the 1st, 3rd and 5th, arg., surmounting an eagle claw gu. The motto is *Honour et veritas*; seat, Newport or Castle Waller, County Tipperary, Ireland. Our subject was educated at Newport, in the County Tipperary, Ireland. Through family reverses, he had to leave school when about fourteen years of age, with the rudiments of a general English education, which formed the basis of a more extensive culture, in spare hours, in after years. In 1853, with his father and other members of his family, he came to Canada and settled in the city of Toronto; entered the *Globe* office and remained there about seven years, acquiring a knowledge of "the art preservative of all arts." During this period, in spare hours, he studied shorthand. Soon by continuous practice became proficient. Was invited to the study by picking up a leaf of a reporter's note-book one day upon the stairs. In 1861 he left the *Globe* and went to Ottawa, obtained a position on the *Ottawa Union*, a tri-weekly newspaper, as local reporter; and after a short time, in that capacity, was privileged to use the mysterious "We" in editorial contributions. Remained on the *Union* until 1865, when it changed hands and name, and became the *Ottawa Times*. He then went into partnership with Mr. R. E. O'Connor, one of the proprietors of the *Union*. In 1871 he was elected President of the St Patrick's Literary Association, of Ottawa. In 1874-5 was elected a member of the Separate School Board; and during the same period represented St George's Ward as alderman in the City Council, occupying the important position of Chairman of the Finance Committee. He gave much attention to the office, and aided in putting the finances of the city in a satisfactory condition. In 1876 he was elected Mayor of Ottawa, after a sharp contest with C. W. Bangs, and in 1877 he was re-elected to the position by acclamation. He made himself very popular during the time of his Mayoralty by unostentatiously discharging the duties of the office; in a courteous bearing to officials and the public. He distributed several medals for meritorious acts; gave liberal contributions to all worthy objects demanding assistance, and made strenuous efforts to alleviate the condition of the working classes during the prevailing hard times. At the end of his second year's term as Mayor, he was entertained at a banquet by the citizens of Ottawa, and presented with