

GEORGE PIRIE.

MR. GEORGE PIRIE was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on Feb. 28th, 1799, and died in Guelph, Ont., on July 22rd, 1870. He was twice married and had a large family by both wives. Jane Pirie, his second wife, died in Dundas on Oct. 24th, 1895, having survived him a quarter of a century. There are three children by the first wife living, and seven by the second. Mr Pirie published the *Guelph Herald* for twenty-two years, and was Secretary of the St. Andrew's Society of Guelph for twenty-one years. On his retiring from the Secretaryship of St. Andrew's Society he was presented with a service of silver plate. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie, a Scotsman like himself, although opposed to him in politics, said of him that he was one of the ablest writers in Canada. Mr. Alex. F. Pirie, proprietor and editor of the *Dundas Banner*, is a son of the late Mr. Pirie.

THE MURDER OF THOMAS SCOTT.

Mr. Mair, who was a prisoner with Scott, murdered by the miscreant Riel and his fellow-traitors at Fort Garry, says : " Scott was murdered in cold blood. He was placed in a kneeling position and shot, three balls entering his body, and he fell to the ground but not dead. Seeing that he still lived, one Parisen, a relative of the murderer of Sutherland, ran up and fired a revolver into his ear. The ball glanced between the scalp and skull. He was then transferred to his coffin, where he lay for over an hour, still quivering and alive."

IN MEMORIAM.

He fell not in breach nor in battle-field,
In the rally, the rout, or the raid ;
They bore him not back on his batter'd shield,
By the meteor flag overspread.