## HON. C. F. FRASER.

Brockville Recorder, May 20 It is not often that any constituency in Canada or any other country has the same reason to congratulate itself on the choice of a man to represent its interest in the legislative halls of the country as has the riding of Brockville, and seldom has any body of electors in any country been more ably or more

honestly represented in Parliament than have we in the person of Christopher Finlay Fraser, now Commissioner of Public Works for On-Born in the old town of Brockhis whole life has been spent here, and when, recognizing his worth and ability, the people among whom he had been born and reared decided to select him as their representative in the provincial Legislature, it is not surprising to find him giving of the very best that was in him to his

BIOGRAPHICAL

John S. Fraser, a Scotch shoemaker, settled in Brockville early in this century, and though a poor man, was a very intelligent one, and had the respect of a large circle of friends. He was married in 1838 to Sarah Burke, who came from county Mayo, Ireland, and they raised a large family of sons and daughters, though only two of the sons, C. F. and Oliver K. who is now a member of the law firm of Fraser, Reynolds & Fraser, are now living. Christopher was born in 1839, and his

another asylum for the insane, and that it would be located at Brockville. A Distinguished Brockvillian-Representative of Whom we may be difference between Mr. Fraser and most politicians for not until his election was over, not before the last bal-lot was handed in, did his most intimate friends here know that there was any intention on the part of the Gov ernment of which he was a distin guished member, to expend so large an amount of money in our midst.
When the announcement was finally authorized, the gratitude of his constituents, of both political parties, was openly expressed, as was also the general surprise at the high-mindedness so characteristic of him in refusing to use it as a campaign weapon. While the people whom Mr. Fraser represents in the Legislature duly appreciate his ervices in the matter of the asylum, it should not be lost sight of that this is only a part of the great advantage it has been to us to have C. F. Fraser in the Provincial Parliament, for on one other occasion he was instrumen tal in having removed from the shoulders of the ratepayers of Brockville and Elizabethtown, an indebtedness that would have been as a mill-stone about our necks and would have retarded our progress in many directions very materially. The case in question is now history, but Mr. Fraser's share in it is not generally known, as

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of the great service Hon. C. F. Fraser has rendered the Province of Ontario during his long incumbency of the office of Commissioner of Public Works it is not necessary for us to speak. His name is a household word all over Canada, and in the United States he is known as a brilliant example of the honest man in politics, and the erection of the Ontario Parlia-ment buildings—a work costing over million and a quarter dollars on which there were no extras-is significant of his ability and honesty as an administrator of public funds and is everywhere regarded as something almost unheard-of in the annals of governmental buildings, at least on this

In private life Mr. Fraser is known to his friends as a genial host and a brilliant conversationalist, through his failing health, due to too close attention to the work of his department for the past nineteen years, has of late years prevented him from taking so active an interest in social affairs and out door sports as formerly, his principal relaxation now being his annual hunt for the wary bass in the old St. Lawrence, on the shores of which he has a beautiful summer home at Union During the summer month when Mr. Fraser for a few weeks seek we have never heard of him saying a well-earned rest, he is once more "Chris." Fraser, the Commissioner of men conversant with the facts at the Public Works having been left behind time, we obtain the following account in Toronto.

Mr. Fraser was married in 1866 to Mary Lafayette, daughter of the late John Lafayette, and has a daughter

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his character in this respect. Mr. Fraser had been retained as counsel by a lawyer in a town west of Brockville on the country, and if Mr. Fraser had done nothing more for this riding ascrived he desired an interview which he brings to the prisoner. The result of the interview was that he became convinced or his guilt, and, though the chances were good to secure his acquittal, he refused to take the case and returned his retainer.

The reverend gentleman to whom the local lawyer related the circumstances said it was a revelation to him, as he thought all lawyers would take any case no matter how black it might be against the prisoner, if they were an an admitted to the local lawyer related the circumstances and it was a revelation to him, as he thought all lawyers would take any case no matter how black it might be against the prisoner, if they were paid for it; and he was ever afterward an ardent admirer of Mr Fraser, whom at that time he had never seen.

On the day after Mr. Fraser's last election as the member for Brockville, as the formed a few friends that the Government had decided to build from the local price of the province and in the contemporation of the province, and in view also of the province and view and the province a

confidence of the Legislature. He is a sound and clear financier, with a good grasp of the fundamentals of political economy, and a keen judgment of aid seeking projectors who come to the Government with gilded schemes. He has been a valuable member of the Mowat administration; and when the

has been a valuable member of the has been a valuable member of the Mowat administration; and when the history of Sir Oliver's long premiership is written, the part he has taken in the liberal and progressive legislation, and the honest and thrifty Government of the past twenty years, will be fully recognized."

Whether Mr. Fraser shall again represent us in parliament will depend to a large extent upon the state of his health. It has been said that the parliament buildings in Toronto will form a noble monument to his honesty and ability; and this statement has more than ordinary significance, for there is no use in disguising the fact work by the Commissioner of Public Works has been a severe strain on a constitution never too robust, and there is no use in disguising the fact that he is a delicate man. Should his health, however, warrant him continuing in public life for another parliamentary term, there can be no doubt of the wishes of his constituents in the matter, and it is very doubtful if the Conservative party would put up aman to oppose him. It would be a very graceful tribute to Mr. Fraser's services to this constituency to allow his return by acclamation should he seek re-election, and it is extremely likely this course would be followed.

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