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had six children, three of them dying in infancy. Mrs. Furby died in 1844, and he never married again. The children living are all married. Annie Sophia is the wife of Alex. Forsyth Scott, judge of the county of Peel; William Henry is a mechanic residing in Hamilton, and George, the elder son, is secretary and treasurer of the Port Hope Gas Company, and clerk of the Division Court. In 1856 he married Jane Peters, daughter of William Peters, an early settler in the township of Hope, and they have three children.

The father of William Furby was a printer, and descendants of the family are still engaged in that business in Bridlington, keeping also an extensive book and stationery store in connection with the printing office:

HON. JUSTICE M. C. CAMERON,

TORONTO.

MATTHEW CROOKS CAMERON, son of John McAlpin Cameron, was born at Dundas, Ontario, on the 2nd day of October, 1822. His father was a descendant of the Camerons of Fassifern, Scotland, and emigrated from Inverness-shire, to Upper Canada, in 1819, settling at Dundas, where he engaged in the mercantile business; subsequently discharged the duties of deputy postmaster, under Thomas Allan Stayner, then the Imperial Postmaster-General for Canada, at Hamilton, and also deputy-clerk of the Crown for the then Gore district; later he was student at law with Sir Allan MacNab, with whom he remained until he was appointed the first permanent clerk of committees in the Parliament of Upper Canada, which responsible position he retaine I until he entered the service of the Canada Company, in whose office in Toronto, he held an important position for many years. Coming to this part of the country as he did, when it was yet undeveloped, and but sparsely settled, and engaging in active life, Mr. Cameron became well and widely known. He died at Toronto, in November, 1866, aged seventy-nine years. The name of our subject's mother was Nancy *née* Foy, a native of Northumberland, England.

The primary education of Matthew Crooks, was obtained; first at a school in Hamilton, under a Mr. Randall, and afterwards the district school in Toronto, which he attended for a short time. In 1838 he entered Upper Canada College, where he studied until 1840, when, in consequence of an accident while out shooting by which he lost a leg, he had to retire; two years later he entered the office of Messrs. Gamble and Boulton, of Toronto, as student-at-law, where he remained until Hilary term, 1849, when he was called to the Bar of the Province of Ontario, (then Upper Canada). He engaged in Toronto in the practice of his profession, first, with Mr. Boulton, his former master; this firm continued until the law partnership of Messrs. Cayley and Cameron was formed, the senior member being the Hon William Cayley, an

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