

Welland; removed to Kincardine in May, 1862, and has since been in practice from that date, doing a thrifty business.

He is solicitor, notary public, commissioner for taking affidavits, conveyancer, solicitor for the Merchants' Bank of Kincardine, etc.

Mr. Brown has done good service in different positions in the municipality of the town; was a Trustee of the grammar school several terms, councilman two or three years, and mayor in 1876, 1877, and 1878, being the immediate successor of his father.

In politics he is a Conservative; is a Freemason, and was Master of Northern Light Lodge, two years.

January 28, 1870, he married Miss Estella J. Crable, a native of the county of Elgin, and they have two children living, and have lost three. The family attend the English church.

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### JAMES A. MACPHERSON,

#### KINCARDINE.

JAMES ALBERT MACPHERSON, mayor of the town of Kincardine, and the leading solicitor of the place, was born in the town of Perth, county of Lanark, October 10, 1843. His father is Malcolm Macpherson, a native of Perthshire, Scotland, born June 1, 1806, coming to Canada in the summer of 1815, with his parents. The family were on the ocean when the victory at Waterloo occurred, June 18th. The grandfather of our subject settled where Perth now stands, and felled the first tree on its site. Malcolm Macpherson was reared there; learned the carpenter and joiner's trade; built half the town in its earlier years, and for eight years was surveyor of the united counties of Lanark and Renfrew. The mother of James, before her marriage, was Elizabeth Macpherson, but no relation to her husband. Her father was a U. E. Loyalist, and settled at Ernestown, on the Bay of Quinté. She was the mother of eleven children, only six of them, five sons and one daughter, now living.

In February, 1854, Malcolm Macpherson moved his family to Penetangore, in the township of Kincardine, coming with teams, as there was no railroad to this point. In the covered sleigh in which the family rode, was a small stove, used for warming, and the novelty of the rig excited much attention along the way. At Arthur, in the county of Grey, where they stopped over Sunday, the stable was destroyed by fire, and they lost their deeds, papers, most of their money, bedding, &c., everything but the clothes they wore. They had had no fire in their sleigh for four or five days. To Mr. Macpherson it was like a shipwreck; but he had his energy and courage left. At Penetangore he built a saw mill and grist mill, and ran them with his second son, John Macpherson, until a few years ago. He was a councilor eighteen years, and reeve two or three terms. He is in his 74th year, and has fair health. His wife died in April, 1877.