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"A Hamilton girl (Miss McLlwraith) has written one of the brightest, best constructed and most entirely interesting bits of fiction, '*The Making of Mary*,' that the literary world has seen in many a long day." — *Colonies and India*.

MCLLWRAITH, Thomas, ornithologist, was b. in Newton, Ayr, Scot., Dec. 25, 1824. Ed. there, he went to Edinburgh, 1848, and, in 1853, came to Can., making his home at Hamilton, where he became mangr. of the gas works. In 1871 he embarked in business on his own account. He has sat in the City Council, been Presdt. of the Mech. Inst., and held various other local positions of honour and responsibility. He is, however, best known as a naturalist. After coming to Can. he gave his special attention to the birds of the country, and there being no published books to serve as guides to the identifying of the species he might find here, he prepared a paper on the subject with a list of such birds as he had obtained, and read it before the Hamilton Assn. The list appeared in the *Can. Journal*, July, 1860, and the paper in the same publication, Jan., 1861. These aroused the interest of Am. ornithologists, and, in 1865, he prepared, by request, an extended list of birds observed near Hamilton, which list was published among the papers of the Essex Inst. In 1883 he attended a meeting of the leading ornithologists of the U. S., held in N. Y., which was convened for the purpose of revising the classification and nomenclature of Am. birds. The gathering resulted in the formation of the Am. Ornithologists' Union, of which he has since been a mem. He was apptd. supdt. for the Dist. of Ont. for the Migration Comte. of the Union, and saw to the selection of assistants throughout the Province to observe the arrival and departure of migratory birds. Later, he prepared "*The Birds of Ont.*," being a list of birds observed in the Province,

with an account of their habits, distribution, nests, eggs, etc., which was published by the Hamilton Assn., 1887. A second ed. of this book, enlarged and revised to date, with illustrations by E. E. Thompson, appeared, 1894. Mr. McL. preserves and mounts his own specimens, and he now possesses a collection of native birds which is regarded as being singularly large and complete. Politically, a Lib.; in religious faith, he is a Presb. He m. Oct., 1853, Mary, dau. of Bailie Hugh Park. — "*Cairnbrae*," *Hamilton, Ont.*

"Canada's foremost ornithologist." — *M. Chamberlain*.

"His book the work of a master." — *Mail and Empire*.

McINERNEY, George Valentine, Q. C., legislator, is the s. of the late Hon. Owen McInerney, M. L. C., a native of Longford, Irel., by his wife, Mary, dau. of Danl. McAuley. B. at Kingston, N. B., Feb. 14, 1857, he was ed. at St. Joseph's Coll., Memramcook (M. A., 1875), and studied law at Laval, Harvard and Boston univs. (LL. B., 1878). Called to the bar, 1879, he was created a Q. C., by the Earl of Aberdeen, 1894. He practises in his own dist., N. B., and is especially noted for his success in criminal law. He has been clk. of the municipality of Kent since 1880, and is also U. S. consular agent at Richibucto. He contested Kent, N. B., for the Ho. of Commons, as an Ind. candidate, in 1878, 1882, 1883 and 1887, and as an Ind. Con. candidate, Dec., 1892. On the last occasion he was returned, and was again returned g. e. 1896. In 1893 he moved the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, and, in 1896, was elected a mem. of the Advisory Bd. of the Lib. Con. Assn. of the Dom. He delivered the alumni oration at Memramcook in 1888 and in 1895, and is favourably known as a public lecturer and platform speaker. In religious faith, a R. C., he m. 1882, Tena, only dau. of Hy. O'Leary, Richibucto. — *Richibucto, N. B.*