

the town of Bowmanville. Called to the bar, 1865, he has practised his profession throughout in the city of Toronto, and was for some yrs. a partner of the late Sir M. C. Cameron, afterwards Chief-Justice of the Common Pleas. He is now senior mem. of the firm of Hoskin, Ogden & Hoskin, and takes rank as one of the leaders of the Equity bar. He was created a Q. C. by the Marquis of Lorne, 1880. He is a dir. of the Ont. Mutual Life Assur. Co. In religious faith, an Ang.; politically, he is a Con. He m. 1869, Jessie, dau. of Wm. Williamson.—*Deer Park, Toronto; Albany Club.*

HOSKIN, John, Q.C., bro. of the preceding, was b. at Holsworthy, Eng., May, 1836, and received his ed. in London. He came to Can., 1854, and since his call to the bar, 1863, has practised in the city of Toronto, where he has attained a position of eminence at the Chancery bar. Since 1877 he has been a mem. of the firm of McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin & Creelman, and since 1874 has held the offices of Guardian *ad litem* and Official Guardian of Infants. Mr. H. was created a Q. C. by the Earl of Dufferin, 1873, and was first elected a Benchler of the Law Soc. of U. C., 1876. He is a Senator of Toronto Univ. (hon. LL.D., 1889), and was elected Chairman of the Bd. of Trustees of that institution, *vice* Hon. E. Blake, apptd. Chancellor, 1892. He is also intimately connected with financial and other corporations, being on the directorate of the Imp. Life Assur. Co., of the Bank of Commerce and of the Brit. Assur. Co., a V.-P. of the Can. United and National Invest. Co., and Presdt. of the Toronto Genl. Trusts Co. In 1895 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Vice-Chancellorship of Toronto Univ. He takes a warm interest in all Christian and philanthropic effort, and has been for some yrs. a V.-P. of the Prisoners' Aid Soc. He m. 1866, Mary Agnes, dau. of the late Walter Mackenzie, barrister-at-law,

of Castle Frank, Toronto.—“*The Dale*,” *Rosedale, Toronto.*”

“A man of great business experience, of fine ability and good judgment.”—*Globe.*

HOSMER, Charles Rudolph, telegraph manager, is the s. of the late Hiram P. Hosmer, and was b. at Coteau Landing, P.Q., Nov. 12, 1851, and ed. there. He learned telegraphy at the age of 14, and has followed the business ever since; was Supt. of the Dom. Tel. Co. at the age of 21, and became Presdt. of the Can. Mutual Tel. Co., 1881. In 1886 he was apptd. to his present position, Mangr. of the Can. Pacific Ry. Co.'s extensive system of telegraphs. He is on the directorate of the Postal Tel. Co. and of the Montreal Gas Co., and is a V.-P. of the Commercial Cable Co. In an article contributed by him to “Puck's Girle; or, Gleanings from the Postal and Telegraphic World” (1889), he recounts some of the leading features of his present charge—a charge which has been the means of working a revolution in the commercial life of all parts of Can. during the past 10 yrs. “In former days the Great N. W. Tel. Co. had undisputed control of the entire telegraphic business of Can., and so great was the power that it exercised for good or for evil that people began to seriously ask themselves whether such exclusive power should not belong alone to the Govt., and be subject to popular control. As was the case, however, with Eng. railways, so it was with the Can. telegraph system; relief from the danger was speedily found in competition. The engrs. who carried the ry. line across the continent also took with them the essential telegraph line, until in Nov., 1885, Can. found that she possessed not only a great trunk ry., but also a telegraph system bringing every section of the Dom. into the closest contact, and occupying the almost unique position of being practically operated as a portion of the Can. Pac. Ry. system.” But in its anxiety to beat records in the matter of distance, Mr. H. shows in the