

attained his degree, his father was desirous that he should study law, but for the legal profession he had a strong distaste, and went instead to Texas, where he engaged in cattle ranching for five years. While riding across the plains his horse fell, and a pistol which he carried in his belt was discharged, the bullet entering his ankle. This accident has caused a slight lameness in his step. On the 1st July, 1875, he entered the Governor-General's office, and on July 1st, 1883, succeeded the late Colonel Stewart as chief clerk in the office of the Governor-General. His father, the late Ralph Jones, died of paralysis at Ottawa, in March, 1884. The deceased was the eldest son of Mr. Alpheus Jones, of Prescott, and belonged to a family who have borne a prominent part in the development of this province. He was a nephew of Mr. Justice Jones, who occupied a foremost place in the first judiciary of Upper Canada, and whose son, Mr. Ford Jones, of Gananoque, was for many years a member of parliament.

Martyn, John Piper, Banker and Broker, St. Thomas, Ontario, was born in the town of Beaud, Cornwall, England, on the 17th June, 1831. He is a son of John Martyn, who devoted himself to farming in Cornwall, and emigrated with his family in 1849, to Canada, settling in the township of Yarmouth, Elgin county, Ontario. His mother was Mary, daughter of Edward Piper, of Devonshire. Shortly after the arrival of John Martyn, he was taken ill and died, leaving his wife and two sons. John Piper was the youngest, and his brother James is now a prominent architect in London, England. After her husband's death, Mrs. Martyn resided with her son, the subject of this sketch, who had settled on a farm in the same township, and with him she remained till her death, which occurred in 1870, she then having reached the well-rounded age of 87 years. But to glance retrospectively at the career of our subject. He received a careful and comprehensive educational training in schools at Exeter, England, and obtaining a diploma, engaged in the work of teaching in the national schools of his native town. In 1849 he resigned his appointment, and sailed for Canada, entering the Normal school at Toronto. He was now in his twenty-first year, and took away from the Normal school a first-class professional certificate. Immediately he began to teach school in the township of Yarmouth, and continued so employed till 1866, when he gave up the profession and went upon the farm, giving

his entire attention to the cultivation of the same. However, in 1868, he went to the town of Strathroy, where he opened a bankers and broker's office, and conducted the same business until 1870, when he removed to St. Thomas, in which city he began a similar business. He has now built up a large and profitable business, dealing in all kinds of negotiable paper, lands, etc., also having, in connection with these operations, insurance and other projects. In 1869, Mr. Martyn was appointed a justice of the peace, and was a school trustee during several terms for the township of Yarmouth. In 1877 he was elected to the town council of St. Thomas, and held the position during the years of 1878-79 and 1880; and upon the town being incorporated in 1881 as a city, he was one of the first aldermen elected. He was re-elected for the years 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885, and this year (1885) is chairman of the finance committee. We might say that Mr. Martyn was one of the first promoters of the measure of the town's incorporation, and has always taken a warm interest in its welfare. He was the first officer appointed for the St. Thomas and Aylmer Gravel Road Company; he also organized and was the first manager of the South-Western Farmers and Mechanics' Loan Company, of St. Thomas, and this position he held for two years, when he retired. He is likewise a shareholder and director of the Star Loan Company, of St. Thomas; and is one of the largest stockholders in, and also a director of, the St. Thomas Street Railway Company. He is connected with various other important enterprises, and was one of the chief organizers of the Bronze Monument Company, and likewise of the Elgin Silver Mining Company, at Lake Superior, which promises, in time, to be one of the most valuable mineral properties in the Dominion. Mr. Martyn is manager and secretary of the Ontario Mutual Provident Society, incorporated in 1884; and he is a member of the order of Oddfellows. He has been president of the East Elgin Conservative Association for ten years, and is one of the most prominent party men in St. Thomas. He is a member of the Church of England, and a warden of St. John's church. He married in 1852, Hannah Mann, daughter of the late Noah Mann, of the township of Yarmouth, Elgin, one of the most prominent farmers of his time, who died in 1881. Mr. Martyn has eight children, Richard and Edmund holding responsible positions in the United States. Besides Mr. Martyn's extensive