

terprise tending to promote the interests of the village or county. He has at times, also been active in the politics of the Province. He sat for South Renfrew in the Ontario Assembly from the general election in 1867 until the general election in 1871, and in the House of Commons from September, 1869, until the general election in 1872, when he was defeated, and again elected in 1874. He was unseated by petition, September 9, 1874, and re-elected by acclamation on the 24th of the next month; was again unseated on petition, January 21, 1875, and re-elected thirty days afterwards. He was a Liberal, and supporter of the Mackenzie Administration. He favored compulsory voting and introduced a measure in that behalf in 1874; is a thinker as well as a scholar; has clear and firm convictions of duty, and will do it. As Auditor-General he has a good opportunity to serve his country, and is showing himself eminently fitted for the position assigned him.

The wife of Mr. McDougall is Marion E. Morris, daughter of Peter Morris of Renfrew, married September 7, 1870.

## DAVID STIRTON,

### GUELPH.

DAVID STIRTON, Postmaster at Guelph, and son of James and Janet (Crichton) Stirton, pioneers in the Township of Guelph, County of Wellington, was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, June 13, 1816. His parents were both natives of that county, and in 1827 emigrated to Upper Canada, and settled on a bush farm five miles from where the City of Guelph now stands. At that time, fifty-three years ago, there was not an acre of the present site of Guelph cleared, nor a finished house, nor a road formed. It was simply a dense forest of hard-wood timber.

The father of our subject took up 100 acres of land in the Township of Guelph, opened a farm, and there lived for some time. When he settled here, there were no public schools established—no schools, in fact, of any kind. David had gained some knowledge of the elementary branches before leaving the old country, and here finished by educating himself, acquiring a good knowledge of the several English branches most useful to a business man. He farmed in Guelph and Puslinch for forty-five years, including his boyhood labors, in chopping, logging and preparing the soil for the reception of seed. He early developed a liberal share of muscle, and was never, we believe, reluctant to use it in cultivating the fruits of the earth, or in any other honorable manner.

Mr. Stirton was connected officially with educational and municipal institutions as soon as they were organized in his township; was Reeve of Puslinch a long time, a magistrate for about thirty years, and represented South Wellington for nineteen consecutive years, under the old