PONTON, Lt.-Col. William Nesbitt, V. M., barrister, is the s. of Jas. W. Ponton, for 40 yrs. Depty. Regr., Co. of Hastings, Ont., and was b. at Belleville, Ont., 1856. Ed. at U. C. Coll. and at the Univ. of Toronto (B.A., and med. in Mod. Languages, 1877; M.A., 1878), he was called to the bar, 1881, and has practised throughout in Belleville, being now at the head of the firm of Ponton & Morden. He is one of the Executive of the Belleville Bd. of Trade, Treas. of the Belleville Public Lib.; and Presdt. of the Bay of Quinte Dist. Exhn. Assn. Lt.-Col. P. was one of the first assoc. eds. of *'Varsity*. Descended from military ancestors, he has always taken a strong interest in rifle-shooting in connection with the V. M. force. As a "crack-shot" he holds 3 medals, and the Championship Cup of the 15th Batt. He entered the batt. as lieut., 1882; was promoted capt., 1884; major, 1894; and became lt.-col. commanding, Oct., 1895. Among hon. positions now held by him are: V.-P. of the U. C. Coll. Old Boys' Assn., V.-P. for Ont. of the Can. branch of the Brit. Red Cross Assn., and V.-P. of the Can. Mil. Inst. Ind. in politics, he belongs to the Ch. of Eng., and was m. 1883, to Miss Sankey, Toronto.—*Belleville, Ont.*

POOLE, Henry Skeffington, mining engineer, is the s. of the well-known mining engr. and geologist of the same name, and was b. at Stellarton, N.S., 1844. Ed. at King's Coll., Windsor, N.S. (B.A., 1865; M.A., 1874), and at the Royal Sch. of Mines, London, of which he is an associate, he began to practise his profession at the coal mines in Cape Breton, and at the silver lead mines in Utah. He was Inspr. of Mines for N. S., 1872-78, and subsequently Genl. Mangr. for the Acadia Coal Co., and Chairman of the Bd. of Examrs. for Mining Certificates. He has written articles on Mining in various technical journals, and on Geol. in the "Trans. of the N. S. Inst. of Science," and the *Journal of the Geol. Soc.* Mr. P. is an hon. mem. of the Fed. Inst. M. E., a mem. of the Am. Inst. M. E., a mem. of the Can. Soc. C. E., and Presdt. of the Mining Soc. of N. S. He m. Florence, dau. of Col. the Hon. J. H. Gray, C.M.G., formerly Premier of P. E. I.—*Stellarton, N.S.*

POOLEY, Hon. Charles Edward, Q.C., legislator, is the s. of Thos. Pooley, of Upwood and Somersham, Huntingdonshire, Eng., by his wife, Sarah, dau. of Thos. Brighty, of "The Wight," same co. B. at Upwood, Feb. 9, 1845, he was ed. at the Huntingdon and Bedford Grammar schs., and proceeded to B. C. where he became Depty. Regr.-Genl., and filled other important offices in the public service. He was called to the bar, 1877, was elected a Bencher of the Law Soc., 1884, and was created a Q. C., by the Marquis of Lansdowne, 1887. Entering the B. C. Assembly, g. e. 1882, he has continued since to hold a seat in that body. He was Speaker of the Assembly from Jan., 1887 to Aug., 1889, when he joined the Robson Cabinet as Presdt. of the Council, and has retained that position in successive Cabinets formed since Mr. Robson's death. He declined the task of forming a Govt., 1892. Politically, a Con.; in religious faith, he is a mem. of the Ch. of Eng. He m. Nov., 1869, Elizabeth, only dau. of Wm. Fisher, formerly M. L. A. for Esquimalt. Their dau., Annie Beckerton Pooley, was m. to Lieut. the Hon. Victor A. Stanley, R.N., 2nd s. of the Earl of Derby, Nov. 25, 1896.—"*Fernhill,*" *Esquimalt, B.C.; Union Club, Victoria.*

POPE, Joseph, Dom. civil service, of Eng. orfgin, is the eld. s. of the late Hon. Wm. Hy. Pope, one of the "Fathers of Confederation," and afterwards a Co. Ct. Judge in P. E. I., by his wife, Helen, dau. of Thos. Des Brisay. B. in Charlottetown, P.E.I., Aug. 16, 1854, he was ed. at Prince of Wales Coll. there, and gave his early yrs. to banking. Entering the Can. C. S., 1878, he was for some time Private Secy. to