

work and was at one time Sunday school superintendent. He possesses the strong and sterling characteristics of his Scotch ancestry and his life record proves that prosperity and an honored name may be won simultaneously and that success is ambition's answer.

EBENEZER FORSYTH BLACKIE JOHNSTON, K.C.

Ebenezer Forsyth Blackie Johnston, K.C., barrister of Toronto, was born at Old Cambus, formerly an old Roman fortification on the east coast of Scotland, December 21, 1851. After coming to Canada he began preparation for the legal profession in 1872. He passed the necessary examinations and at the same time entered on a thorough and comprehensive preliminary reading and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1879, having passed as a solicitor two years previously. For a few years he practised at Guelph, removing thence to Toronto, in October, 1885, on his appointment as deputy attorney-general and clerk of the executive council, a position which he filled for about four years. Not satisfied with the limits of official life, he resumed the private practice of law and a liberal clientage was almost immediately accorded him. He acted for three years of his earlier practice in Toronto as Inspector of Registry Offices, but resigned that position in 1892.

He has frequently acted as Crown counsel at Provincial Assizes, being retained for the Crown on several important murder trials, and in such cases as the celebrated dynamite prosecution at Welland. In that capacity he has won distinction in his profession. He has also conducted with great success nearly all the important criminal defences for several years past, notably the Clara Ford and the Hyam cases, in which he was leading counsel, and in later years, the Sternaman, Sifton and Hammond murder cases. He marshals the evidence in a case with the precision of a military commander, turning aside no point that may possibly bear weight upon the decision, and never for a moment forgetting the important point upon which the decision in every case finally turns. He conducted the celebrated Gamey-Stratton case for the government and it is universally admitted that his efforts turned the scale in favor of his clients.