

ship of Yarmouth, county of Elgin, receiving an ordinary common school education; learned the trade of a carpenter, joiner and builder; followed that business for several years; was a lumber dealer at St. Thomas for a period of eight years, and, in 1872, became a hardware merchant, his store being in the eastern part of the town, formerly the village of Millersburg. He has a remunerative trade, and has the name of managing his business with prudence and care. He built the Beaver block, the Smith block, and other buildings in St. Thomas east, and is very enterprising. He is a heavy stockholder in the Masonic block, and a director and stockholder in the Dexter and Whitwam Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Smith was a trustee of the village of Millersburg; was a member of the town council of St. Thomas for six or seven years, and in 1879 was elected mayor, receiving the largest vote ever cast in the town. He has first-class business talents and habits, is watchful of the interests of the town, and makes a very useful chief magistrate. He is a director of the Alma Ladies' College, and vice-president of the London and Port Stanley Railway Company.

In politics he is an out-and-out Reformer, and was formerly quite active as a partisan. As age progresses he grows less enthusiastic, but no less firm in his political sentiments, &c., belongs to the Commandery in the Masonic order, and has been master of the Blue Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas.

The wife of Mr. Smith was Miss Melissa McAfee, of Yarmouth, married in April, 1858. They have two sons, Eugene D., aged eighteen, and William H., aged 12 years. The family attend the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Smith is a member.

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## HON. TIMOTHY B. PARDEE,

SARNIA.

HONORABLE TIMOTHY BLAIR PARDEE, Commissioner of Crown Lands for Ontario, is a native of this Province, and was born Dec. 11, 1830, in the county of Grenville. His parents are A. B. Pardee and Jane *née* Elliot. The name would indicate that the Pardee family were originally French, but the grandfather of our subject was from the Eastern States. The subject of this sketch was educated partly in his native county, and afterwards at Brockville, Ont., at which latter place he began the study of law with the Hon. W. B. Richards. Before finishing, however, he broke off his studies and departed for California, where he spent two years, going thence to the gold fields of Australia, where he remained for about five years. Returning to Canada, he settled at Sarnia, Ont., and revived his law studies, finishing at the office of Joshua Adams; was called to the Bar at Hilary term, 1861, since which time his home and practice has been at Sarnia. He is a forcible and fluent speaker, a sound and cautious lawyer, possessing a remarkably keen insight into human character, with accurate, quick, and discrim-