

JAMES HENRY COYNE
County Registrar of Deeds

Born at St. Thomas, October 3, 1849. His grandparents on both sides were among the pioneers of Elgin. The Coyne's were originally from the Isle of Man. Henry Coyne settled in the Township of Dunwich in 1817 at the place since known as Coyne's Corners. Among the pioneers from Argyleshire who arrived in Aldborough in 1819 was Donald Patterson, who took up a farm near Eagle. Each had a considerable family. Two of Henry Coyne's sons, James and William, engaged in the business of general merchants at the then small village of St. Thomas, in 1839, under the firm name of J. & W. Coyne. James afterward removed to London. William carried on business for half a century at St. Thomas until shortly before his death in 1895. In 1846 the pioneer families were connected by the marriage of William Coyne and Christina Patterson. Of their seven children, Dr. Coyne was the third.

Dr. Coyne was educated at the St. Thomas common and grammar schools and the University of Toronto, graduating as B. A. with the gold medal in Modern Languages, a silver medal in Classics, the French essay prize, and the Prince of Wales' prize for general proficiency, after carrying off a number of scholarships and prizes during his undergraduate course. His fellow-graduates elected him in 1884 as a member of the University Senate, a position he still holds, having been re-elected in October, 1914, for a further term of four years. In 1905 the University conferred the degree of M. A. with honors and in 1909 Queen's University bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. In 1871 he was Head-Master of the famous Cornwall High School. At the expiration of his year, however, he resumed the study of law in the office of the late Colin Macdougall, Q.C. He completed his studies under the late James Bethune, Q.C., at Toronto, and was admitted to the bar in 1874, passing without an oral examination at the head of his class both as barrister and solicitor. He at once entered into partnership with Mr. Macdougall, under the firm name of Macdougall & Coyne. Leaving the firm in 1880, he became head of the firm of Coyne & Mann, which continued until 1889, when he gave up practice on his appointment to office.

Taking a somewhat prominent part in politics, he contested West Elgin unsuccessfully in 1886 for the Local Legislature, having previously filled the offices of President of the St. Thomas and later of the East Elgin Reform Associations. In January, 1889, he entered upon the duties of Registrar of Deeds for the County of Elgin and City of St. Thomas. Since 1892 he has held the additional office of Local Master of Titles under the Torrens system of land transfer.

In 1891 he founded the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute, of which he was the first and is the present president. In 1897 he was elected president of the Pioneer and Historical Association of the Province of Ontario. This Association he reorganized on a wider basis under the name of The Ontario Historical Society in 1898. He was president of the new society until 1902 and has been ex-officio, a member of its Council ever since.

Dr. Coyne has been connected with many public organizations both in the city and province. Since 1889 he has been a member of the Board and Executive of Alma College. For several years he was Chairman of the Executive. Among other positions he has held may be mentioned those of first president of the St. Thomas Children's Aid Society; President of St. Andrew's Society in 1883; of the Veterans' Association since 1906; of the Handel Choir in 1905-7; of the University of Toronto Alumni Association for the county of Elgin; Honorary President of the St. Thomas Operative Society and of the Philharmonic Choir. He was for some time a director of the Farmers' and Traders' Assurance Company; of the old Mechanics' Institute, and of the Free Library Board, and a member of the Executive of Convocation of the University of Toronto. He was also one of the original Vice-Presidents of the University of Toronto Alumni Association.

In 1866, as a lad of 16, Dr. Coyne served as a private in the St. Thomas Rifles, and was at the front at London, Port Stanley, Sarnia and Thorold. The camp at Thorold was under the command of Wolseley. For these services Dr. Coyne holds the Fenian Raid medal and the Veteran's land grant of 160 acres.

In 1892 he was a member of the Provincial Central Committee to celebrate the Centennial of Upper Canada. He is a member of the Committee of the Centennial Peace Celebration Association, a corresponding member of the Buffalo Historical Society, and a member of the Methodist Historical Society, the

American Historical Association and of the National Geographical Society of the United States. In 1906 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and in 1909 President of the English Section of the Society.

Dr. Coyne has contributed many articles on historical subjects to periodicals, and has also published the following: "The Country of the neutrals from Champlain to Talbot," "A Century of Achievement," "First Steps in the Exploration of Ontario," "Exploration of the Great Lakes by Dollé de Casson and de Galinee," "Richard Maurice Bucke—a Sketch," "The Talbot Papers," etc.

In 1877 Dr. Coyne married Matilda, third daughter of the late John George Bowes, formerly Mayor and M. P. P. for Toronto. Their family consists of four sons and two daughters.

WILLIAM R. JACKSON
Alderman; Real Estate

Born in St. Thomas in 1866. Educated in the public and high schools of St. Thomas and the Michigan Military Academy at Pontiac, Mich. In the year 1881 engaged in the jewelry business and established the widely known firm of Jackson's, Limited. Three years ago he retired as an active member of the firm and since has been engaged in the real estate business. Elected to the St. Thomas city council 1913-14. His fraternal affiliations are I. O. O. F. and he is a member of Trinity Anglican Church.

Married in 1889, Miss Jennie Ratcliffe, of Portland, Oregon. There is one boy and one girl in the family.

Residence: 5 Wellington street.

E. A. HORTON
Alderman; Wholesale Flour Merchant

Born June 11, 1867, at Frome; son of Andrew and Eliza Ann (Dougherty) Horton. Educated at the Frome public school and St. Thomas Collegiate Institute. Assisted his parents on the farm until 1895, in which year he came to St. Thomas and for three years was inspector for Ontario of the Old Providence savings' Life, of New York. He then purchased an interest in the Oriental Flour Company, and for two years represented the company as travelling salesman, at the end of which time he assumed the management. Has been very prominent in municipal, board of trade and fraternal circles. First elected to the city council in 1905 and after serving one term retired; was a candidate again in 1914 and elected; chosen chairman of the fire and light committee and in this capacity has rendered very valuable services to the city. Urged and secured the addition of an auto truck to the fire department equipment; has brought the department up to a high standard of efficiency and largely through his efforts the new system of lighting was installed on Talbot street. As president of the board of trade in 1912-13 headed a whirlwind campaign raising \$5,500 for use in advertising the city and the securing of new industries.

Canadian representative of Supreme Lodge K. of P. 1906-08 and 10. At the 1910 meeting in Milwaukee elected supreme master-at-arms and attended the convention in Denver, 1912 in his official capacity. In 1914 was sent as commissioner to the golden jubilee in Winnipeg. Member of St. David's Lodge A. F. & A. M. and Chapter: C. O. F.; W. O. W.; St. Thomas Club, Talbot Club and the Ontario Liberal Club Toronto. Member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Married in 1895 Miss Isabel Allison, of Southwold. There are two boys and two girls in the family.

Residence: Lynhurst.

ALFRED E. HOOKWAY
Alderman; Railway Conductor

Born, Aldborough township, 1871, son of Francis and Maria (Cavanaugh) Hookway. Educated in the public schools of West Lorne; worked on the farm in West Elgin until 1885; removed to St. Thomas, North Dakota, where he remained until 1889; returned to St. Thomas, Ont., and entered the service of the M.C.R. as brakeman 1889-1903; engaged in the cigar business in St. Thomas, 1903-06; re-entered the M.C.R. service as conductor, 1907, which position he still holds.

Has taken prominent part in advancing the interests of his fellow railwaymen and also an active part in civic life as alderman, to which position he was first elected in 1903 and several times since.