

error of the Montreal General Hospital, and also a life governor of Notre Dame Hospital of the same city. He is also a member of the Societe Historique de Montreal. He is and has been one of the Catholic School commissioners of the City of Montreal. In this position he felt more acutely than ever the great need of a good commercial education for our youth, and his energies were centred to effect that object. To give an impetus to the movement he generously founded the "Edward Murphy" prize of the annual value of \$100, in perpetuity, for the "encouragement of commercial education in Montreal." This prize consists in a gold medal of the value of \$50 and a purse of a like amount, and is open to all competitors. During these long years of arduous labour, Mr. Murphy has found time to cultivate his taste for scientific pursuits, and his public lectures, always delivered for the benefit of charitable objects, on "The Microscope and its Revelations," and on "Astronomy," have invariably met with a hearty reception by the public. He pursued these favourite studies in the few moments he could snatch from his pressing occupations, and the success that has attended his efforts is another proof of how much can be accomplished by well directed labour. A post of honour, entailing arduous duties as well, was conferred on Mr. Murphy, 1879, that of harbour commissioner, which he now fills. He (Mr. Murphy) was twice married, first to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Thomas McBride and Mary Price, of Dublin, Ireland, by whom he has two daughters living. Secondly, to Maria Georgiana, daughter of the late Hon. Judge Power, of the Superior Court of Quebec, and Susan de Gaspé, his wife, (daughter of Philip Aubert de Gaspé, seigneur of St. Jean Port Joly, the author of "Les Anciens Canadiens," and other works on Canadian history.) By this marriage Mr. Murphy has one son and two daughters, all living (1886). His eldest daughter was married to the late E. C. Monk, advocate, of Montreal, son of the Hon. S. Cornwallis Monk, one of the judges of the Court of Appeal for the Province of Quebec. As a successful merchant Mr. Murphy's word is as good as his bond in the commercial community. He is the patron of education, the noiseless toiler in scientific pursuits, a sincere and devout Catholic, whose name will ever be connected with St. Patrick's Church, its asylums and kindred institutions. His investiture as a Chevalier of the Sacred and Military Order of the Holy Sepulchre, in 1882, is a well

merited tribute to his worth by the ecclesiastical authorities of his church. We conclude Mr. Murphy's biography by saying that he is respected and trusted by his fellow citizens of all origins and creeds as a loyal and devoted son of Canada.

Orton, George Turner, M.D., Winnipeg, M.P. for Centre Wellington, is a son of Dr. Henry Orton, who came to Upper Canada from Leicestershire, England, and settled in Guelph in 1835. He was a county coroner for many years, and died at Fergus in 1869. The wife of Dr. Henry Orton, and the mother of the subject of this sketch was Mary Jerram, also a native of England, she died at Nottingham, England, in 1858. George Turner Orton is a brother of T. J. Orton, surgeon-major of the British army, who entered the service on 15th January, 1855. This brave officer served with the Royal artillery in the trenches before Sebastopol, in 1855, and at the assault of the Redan, on the 8th of September; receiving in recognition of his services, a medal with a clasp, and also a Turkish medal. He served with the Central India field force under Sir Hugh Rose in 1858, and was present at the siege and capture of Fort Chaudairee; at the siege and capture of Jhansi; at the battle of the Betwa; the action at Koonch; the actions of the 17th, 18th and the 21st of May at Golowlie, and at the capture of Calpee. He was subsequently engaged in various actions in the Bundelkund district, for which he received a medal. He accompanied the Perak expedition as principal medical officer of the force, and his conduct was mentioned in despatches; and he received a medal with clasp. George T. Orton attended the Grammar school at Guelph; studied German with a private tutor at Berlin, County of Waterloo, Ontario; and pursued his medical studies at the College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland, and at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, from which he was graduated M.D., in 1860. He was subsequently elected a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. Dr. Orton practised, for a short time, in England; but he soon resolved to ascertain what fortune had in store for him in Canada. He joined his brother in Ancaster, near Hamilton, and practised his profession along with him for some time, and in August, 1861, he removed to Fergus, and settled there. His ability, his professional skill, and his industry soon gave him a remunerative practice here. Dr. Orton was a captain of a volunteer company, formed soon after the Fenian raid of 1866; and