

“ that, as far as in us lies, we will endeavour to keep this country true to the old flag.”

It was not, however, by patriotic speeches alone that Mr. Kirkpatrick demonstrated his loyalty. At the time of the Trent affair he volunteered as a private in the militia, and continued in the active force, rising step by step to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. At the close of the American civil war, when the Fenians gathered along the frontier for the invasion of Canada, he went into active service at the town of Cornwall, as Adjutant of the 13th Battalion, Prince of Wales Own Rifles. He served at the front till the danger was passed and the troops were called home. As may be supposed, he has throughout his career taken a deep interest in militia affairs. He was elected president of the Dominion Rifle Association, and also commanded the Wimbledon rifle team in 1876. In parliament he was ever foremost in advocating the cause of the Volunteers.

In his business life Mr. Kirkpatrick has been no less fortunate than in the more public spheres of activity, through which we have followed him. He has acted the part of the faithful steward. Born to good fortune, he has increased it by a wisely directed enterprise, principally identifying himself with the larger industries of his native city, Kingston, the advancement of which he has always had at heart. His name stands foremost among the founders of many of its most important works. He was also a director of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway; president of the Kingston Waterworks Company, and president of the Canadian Locomotive Works at Kingston. He has held the offices of secretary and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Collegiate Institute of the same city, having been connected with that body since 1870.

In May, 1892, he was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, on the death of Sir Alexander Campbell, and assumed the duties of his office on the 30th of that month. Perhaps the best proof I could give of the estimation in which he is held, and the satisfaction which his appointment gave, would be to quote what the veteran Liberal Premier of Ontario, Sir Oliver Mowat, said when he received the news:—“ I consider it the best choice the government could have made. I am sure Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick will be acceptable to all parties, and I am glad the choice has fallen upon him. I was intimately acquainted with his father, a genial honorable man, and