

ceived a business education at Ranelagh College, Athlone, and at the age of fifteen, went to Dublin, where he spent five years in one of the largest establishments of that city. The next ten years were spent in his native town, where he carried on business and was Clerk of a District Court. Coming to this country in 1869, he was in the agency and commission business till 1886, when he became a real estate agent. Mr. Gurd has taken a deep interest in West Toronto Junction, and was a member of the first Council of the town. He resides at present at the corner of Lakeview Avenue and Glendonwynne Road. Mr. Gurd is an official member of the Methodist Church, and for three years has been a delegate to Toronto Conference. He is connected with the A. O. U. W. (Granite Lodge), and Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, and is a Liberal in politics.

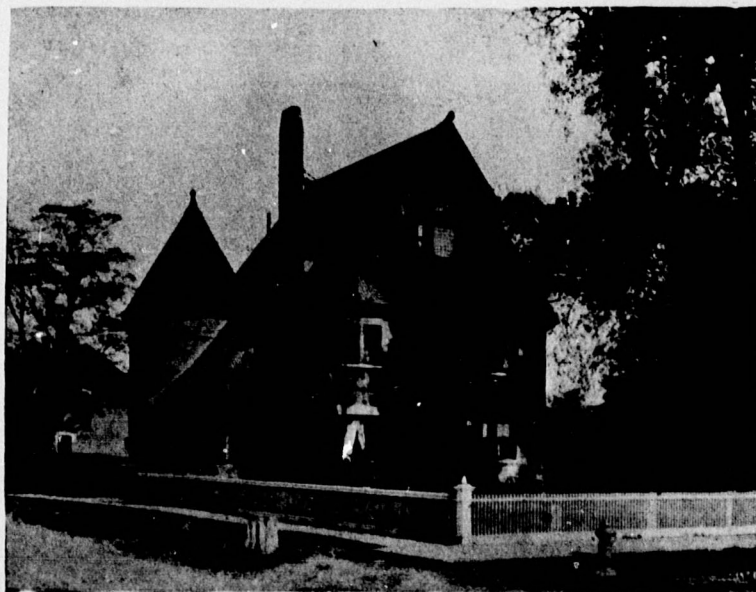
George Washington Clendenan, M.D. and C.M., one of the most popular as well as prominent physicians and surgeons at West Toronto Junction, was born in the County of Lincoln. He was educated at St. Catharines Collegiate Institute, where he received, besides an English education, a thorough grounding in the classics. Thus equipped he passed to the Toronto School of Medicine, where he graduated in 1882, receiving the degrees of M.D. and C.M. Dr. Clendenan at once came out to and settled at the Junction, and in a comparatively short time built up an appreciable practice, which is now one of the largest and most lucrative in that suburban town. He holds the office of Coroner, having received his commission in March, 1882. He is also Medical Health Officer, Chairman of the Public School Board, and President of the Mechanics' Institute, positions which he has held since the incorporation of the Junction as a town. Dr. Clendenan has always taken a deep interest in social and benevolent societies, being a prominent member of Stanley Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; a Past Master Workman of the A. O. U. W.; a Past Chief Ranger of the C.O.F.; and a member of the I.O.O.F. Dr. Clendenan is energetic and painstaking in the pursuit of his profession.

One of the most deserving of the city's charities, as well as one of the oldest, is the Protestant Orphans' Home, situate on Dovercourt Road, surrounded by ample playgrounds, the Home itself being a model one, and by its comfort and cheerfulness tending to soften the asperities and brighten the outlook of its orphaned inmates. Few of Toronto's charitable institutions appeal more urgently than does the Orphans' Home to the sympathy and support of the public.

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