

Colonel in the sedentary militia. As young Robert grew up, he imbibed the same patriotic spirit which distinguished his father and grandfather, and when his turn came, in the rebellion of 1837, he was among the first to rally to the aid of the government, and with others marched to Chippewa to fight the rebels. As it happened, however, there was no fighting to be done, the insurgents having deserted Navy Island before the Hamilton contingent arrived on the scene. Mr. Lottridge held a captaincy in the militia in those days, and the highly-prized heir-looms of the family are his sword, now in possession of his son William, and his sash, of which his grandson, Dr. Cammer, of Cleveland, is the proud possessor. Among those whom Mr. Lottridge remembers in the rebellion days, and still speaks of in the kindest terms, are the late Sir Allan MacNab, Alexander Brown, of East Flamboro'; Captain Fields whose descendants live near Waterdown, besides the Fosters, the Griffins, the Springers and other families. In Mr. Lottridge's early days, the facilities for obtaining an education in Canada were necessarily very limited; the only systematic teaching he received was in a little log school-house, the presiding genius of which was an Irish school-master of the old stamp who, as the subject of our sketch humorously remarks, used to get "high" occasionally, and then birch the boys most unmercifully. He, however, gave them a sound, practical education. In 1829, Mr. Lottridge, who had, of necessity, been steadily working on the old homestead, married Sarah, a daughter of the late John Bates, of Saltfleet. Four years later he bought a farm in East Flamboro' and went into the lumber business, in which he continued for eleven years. During the succeeding twenty years he was engaged in the general store business at Waterdown, meanwhile operating a flour mill. During this period, his sons, of whom there were four—George, William Michael, John Wilson and James Murray—were growing up, and they in due time became established in the grocery trade in Hamilton, under the firm name of J. W. Lottridge & Co. Some years later, John W. and George died, and eventually Wm. M. confined himself to the wholesale trade; while James M. became the head of the retail firm of J. M. Lottridge & Co. Until about twenty-five years ago the father of the family continued in business, when he retired, and during the past ten years he has lived in Hamilton. In politics Mr. Lottridge has, from his youth, been an unswerving supporter of the Conservative party, in whose battles he has taken a leading part for the past sixty years in the counties comprising the old Gore district. His reminiscences of the time when he was accustomed to hitch up his team and drive

voters from loyal old Carlisle, in Wentworth, all the way to Palermo, in Halton county, are of a very interesting character, and so also are his recollections of such men as William Chisholm, Caleb Hopkins, Sir Allan MacNab, and other leading politicians of their day. In religion, Mr. Lottridge is a Protestant. From his childhood he has been connected with the Methodist Church, of which he is a devoted adherent, as was also his deceased wife up to the time of her death in February, 1886. Mr. Lottridge resides with his son James, and in his declining years the generous and kindly-hearted old gentlemen is surrounded by every comfort and loving attendance which affection can supply.

#### JAMES M. LOTTRIDGE,

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**JAMES MURRAY LOTTRIDGE**, son of Robert and Sarah (Bates) Lottridge, was born at the village of Waterdown, Feb. 7th, 1842. He was educated at the public and grammar schools in his native home, and his first business experience was as a clerk in the grocery establishment carried on by his brothers in Hamilton. Owing to the changes which subsequently took place in the business, he some few years later found himself at the head of the retail trade carried on by J. M. Lottridge & Co., and this he continued until Sept., 1872, when he withdrew to take the management of the extensive brewery establishment of Messrs. P. Grant & Sons, a position he has retained ever since. In alluding to the business he has managed so successfully, reference may properly be made to his father-in-law, the late Peter Grant, the founder of the firm, and at whose solicitation, shortly before his death, Mr. Lottridge took charge. The Spring Brewery was established in 1842, but it was not until 1849, when Mr. Grant obtained an interest in it, that it attained any considerable proportions. After a time he became sole proprietor, and for a few years prior to his death his son, the late Robert Grant, was in partnership. Peter Grant was a man of great business capacity as well as of the strictest integrity, and his career was an eminently prosperous one. But the legacy he left behind him did not consist merely in the large business he had built up, or the handsome fortune he had amassed. In reply to an address presented to Mr. George Roach by the Hamilton Agricultural Society in 1872, the latter gentleman said; "Bear with me yet a few moments in 'the performance of a duty to the memory of 'one whose name is inscribed upon our memories 'and alluded to in your address, and who was 'one of the supporting columns of our Society—'Peter Grant, Esq. He was my most intimate